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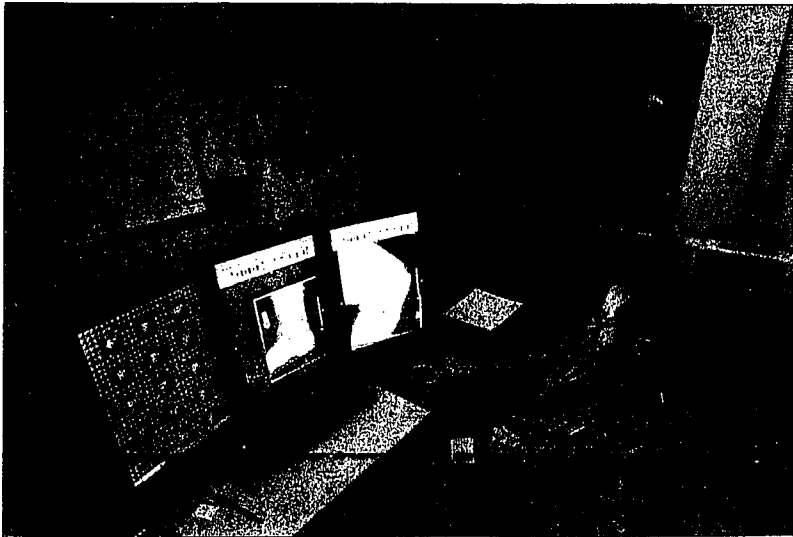
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DATE SET FOR GOODING HOSPITAL HEARING



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In a small room that used to be part of the cafeteria, Dr. G. Rick Albertson, a diagnostic radiologist, reviews a patient's X-ray Tuesday at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Courts to determine fate of nonprofit deal

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Gooding County residents will have one more chance to share their thoughts on creation of a nonprofit corporation to manage the county hospital.

The proposal, which would preserve the current taxing district, has been heavily marketed to county residents and received

"If the judicial review is approved, then we will have entered into the partnership agreement."

— Gooding County Memorial Hospital spokeswoman Shellie Amundsen

support from 86 percent of respondents asked in a hospital survey. First proposed last summer, the deal — a partnership with St. Luke's Health System — would provide the hospital a way to

raise the money needed for a new building without dumping the cost on taxpayers, officials said. Approval of the deal would make Gooding Memorial unique

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Body of Meridian teen pulled from Snake River Police say 17-year-old jumped from Perrine Bridge

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

The body of a Meridian teenager was pulled from the Snake River Canyon late Wednesday night after he jumped from the Perrine Bridge in a suicide, police said Thursday.

Authorities have yet to reveal the identity of the 17-year-old, whose body is being held at a Jerome mortuary.

Jerome County Sheriff's Office responded to a call of a possible jumper at the bridge about 10:45 p.m. Wednesday. From the bridge, deputies spotted a body at the base of the canyon.

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's search and rescue team was called to the scene and recovered the body. Lori Nebeker, a spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office, said Thursday.

The Jerome Sheriff's officials contacted Meridian police late Wednesday night, but on Thursday police in Meridian had few details on the incident beyond the identity of the teen, whose name they also declined to disclose.

The incident remains under investigation by the Jerome County Sheriff's Office. Contact the office, 324-8845, with more information.

Abortion foes in Kansas using the past to fight in the present

Nineteenth-century law allows for launch of grand jury investigations of clinics

By Roxana Hegeman
Associated Press writer

WICHITA, Kan. — Religious conservatives have dusted off a largely forgotten 1887 state law that allows citizens to launch grand jury investigations, and they are using it to help turn Kansas into one of the nation's biggest abortion battlegrounds.

A grand jury that was impaneled Jan. 8 by way of a citizen petition drive is investigating Dr. George Tiller, a Wichita clinic operator abhorred by anti-abortion activists because he is one of the nation's few physicians who perform late-term abortions. This is the second such citizen investigation of Tiller since 2006.

Philip Hargrett, counsel for the anti-abortion Life Legal Defense Foundation, said Kansas are invoking the 19th-century law because prosecutors are too soft on abortion.

"This is a right the people of Kansas have given themselves," he said.

But others say the law is a



This booking mug provided by the Sedgewick County Jail via the Wichita Eagle shows Dr. George Tiller, Aug. 3, 2007. A grand jury that was impaneled Jan. 8 by way of a citizen petition drive is investigating Tiller, a Wichita clinic operator abhorred by anti-abortion activists because he is one of the nation's few physicians who perform late-term abortions.

"This is a witch hunt — plain and simple," said Vicki Saporta, president of the National Abortion Federation, an abortion rights group. "It clearly demonstrates the inherent danger of empowering biased advocacy groups to impanel a grand jury."

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Luna trims pay plan to win Otter's support

\$14 million cut may not be enough for Gov.

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho public schools chief Tom Luna on Thursday scaled back his teacher pay-for-performance proposal in a bid to win Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's support.

Otter said he's not convinced yet, but that the changes have captured his attention.

Originally pegged at \$60 million, the plan would now cost \$46 million, Luna said in a presentation to the Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

The reduction is based on new estimates for how many of Idaho's 14,500 public school teachers will participate — 25 percent, as opposed to 40 percent in the original plan — and cuts in some proposed benefits for educators.

In his fiscal year 2009 budget, Otter didn't support Luna's original plan, called Idaho State Teacher

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Nevada rallies begin with Edwards

By Doug McMurdo
For the Times-News

ELKO, Nev. — Elko began its foray into the presidential campaign anti-candidate's Thursday as the first of four candidates arrived to a throng of cheering masses.

Former senator and Democratic presidential contender John Edwards called on Elko voters Thursday night to support him in Saturday's caucus in Nevada, distinguishing himself from the two other Democratic candidates whom he described as being bought out by large campaign donors.

Addressing a crowd of more than 100 at the Star Hotel and Restaurant, he drew the greatest applause for his policy on the war in Iraq. "The first year that I am president of the United States, I will end this mess of a war," he said.

He also drew applause for his criticism of the president's No Child Left Behind act and the inaccessibility of higher education for low-income families.

"Right here in Nevada, all (of) you can say 'we're going to speak up, we're going to rise up,'" he said, before asking audience members to support him at the caucus, and to bring five of their



Edwards

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TODAY'S FORECAST

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Today	Tonight	Saturday
High 30	Low 20	32 / 25

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Today:Morning clouds with partially clearing late day skies. Highs upper 20s.
Tonight:Increasing late night clouds and cold. Lows in the upper teens.
Tomorrow:Cloudy and chilly with developing late day and overnight snow showers. A high lower 30s, lows lower 20s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Second City, Chicago's comedy theater company presented by Company of Fools, 7 p.m., Liberty Theatre, Healthy, \$25 lower reserved seating and \$20 balcony reserved seating, 578-9122.

"You Can't Take It With You," a Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy presented by the Twin Falls High School Drama Department, and starring Danny Marona and the Advanced Acting Class, 7:30 p.m., TFSR Roper Auditorium, 1615 Filer Ave. E., tickets: general admission \$10, students \$5 and teachers \$5 (requires identification), proceeds to Danny Marona Performing Arts Scholarship Fund, 733-6551.
The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary public dance, 8 p.m., D.A.V. Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls, \$2 donation, 734-5208.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

The annual Kimberly PTSO Chili Supper and Raffle, sponsored by WinCo, 4:30 to 7 p.m. (Boys Basketball game to follow), Kimberly High School Commons Area, \$4 per person or \$16 per family, 423-6229.

St. Nicholas School Casino Night (for age 21 and older), includes baked potato bar, chili and beer, 6 to 7 p.m. dinner and 7 p.m. Blackjack and Texas Hold'em, Parish Hall, Rupert, \$20 in advance for dinner and entry fee, \$25 at the door or \$7 for dinner only, 436-6320.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Members of the Twin Falls High School graduating class of 1947 luncheon, open to all 1947 classmates, 1 p.m., Jaker's on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, Twin Falls, cost of meal, 733-7410 or 420-3435.

NEW Jr. Toastmaster class/club meeting, an eight-week class to become ongoing club sponsored by Magic Valley Toastmasters for interested youth age 12-18, 4 p.m., Idaho Plaza, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, no cost or obligation to buy food, 316-8534 or 736-2010.

FAMILY

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

GOVERNMENT

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

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Center and Blaine County Campus Gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 11 to 11:45 a.m., Oakley Fire Station, 315 E. Main St., Oakley, 737-5988.

Colorate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Apage, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-4667.

Al-Anon/Alateen family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hot-line: 1-866-592-3198.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Key Worlds/Saving the Night/Live Sky Tour" at 7 p.m. and "Lynday Skynryd: Fly on Frob Bird" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 733-8655.

SPORTS

Brunette Mia! Dance-Camp performance, 7:30 p.m. (during basketball game), Twin Falls High School Baun Gymnasium, \$5 for adults and \$3 for schooleage students (no cost for dance camp participants), 320-7990.

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@magicvalley.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.

MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE WORLD

WASHINGTON

Exit polls show even top candidates struggle to solidify appeal

John McCain and Barack Obama are struggling to win over their party's most loyal voters, and no presidential candidate has a firm hold on what may be the campaign's chief issue, the economy.

With the first presidential contests now history, voters appear to be telling the candidates: You still need some polishing. People in Iowa, New Hampshire and Michigan made clear in exit polls that the top contenders have reasons to hope, but also weak spots to patch. Here are insights from the first round of voting, which have left neither McCain nor Obama nor Republicans with clear front-runners.

As McCain's victory last week in New Hampshire failed into defeat in Michigan on Tuesday, exit polls for The Associated Press and the networks found that he has been unable to overcome the problem that cost him the 2000 nomination: a failure to win the GOP's crucial conservative, religious and loyal party voters.

The Arizona senator did credibly with independents and moderates in Iowa's Jan. 3 caucuses, finished a strong first with them in New Hampshire and prevailed again in Michigan. But his Michigan margin was modest, and far smaller than when he won the state's 2000 primary.

N. CAROLINA

Wife of Marine wanted in slaying knew of woman's death

JACKSONVILLE — The wife of the key suspect in the slaying of a 20-year-old pregnant Marine wanted almost 24 hours after learning of the woman's death to go to authorities, according to court documents released Thursday.

The sheriff's affidavit, which details the account Cpl. Cesar Armando Laurenz's wife gave to detectives, does not provide an explanation for why she waited. Police have a longstanding interest in her as a cooperating witness, and she does not face charges.

Laurenz told his wife, Christina, while driving to their attorney's office last Thursday that Lance Cpl. Maria Laurenz visited the couple's home on Dec. 15, demanded money and told him she planned to leave the area, according to the affidavit. Laurenz had accused Laurenz of rape in May, a charge he denied to military investigators.

Laurenz asked his wife whether she was "with him on this" and she had not told him that, according to the affidavit. She responded: "I do not know. Is there anything you have not told me that I should know about?" That's when Laurenz told her what had happened, the affidavit states.

He told his wife that he and Laurenz purchased a bus ticket for her to El Paso, Texas, but that she later returned to their home and they began to argue. He claimed Laurenz produced a knife and slit her own throat. Laurenz also told his wife he then buried Laurenz in the woods near their home, the documents state.

HOLLYWOOD

Directors union, Hollywood studios reach tentative deal

HOLLYWOOD DIRECTORS' reached a tentative contract deal Thursday with studios, a development that could ease the pressure on striking writers to settle their 2-month-old walkout that has



In this photo released by Sea Shepherd Conservation Society in Sydney today, Japanese whaling vessel Yushin Maru 2, background, is watched by members of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society in the Southern Ocean Tuesday. Australian coastguard ship, the Oceanic Viking, right, picked up two Australian activists, Benjamin Potts and Briton Giles Lane, who had jumped on board the Yushin Maru 2 two days earlier, prompting a tense standoff on the high seas. (See story below.)

idled production on dozens of TV shows.

"Two words describe this agreement — groundbreaking and substantial," said Gill Gates, chairman of the Directors Guild of America's negotiations committee. "There are no rollbacks of any kind."

Among other things, the agreement increases weekly wages and residuals for each year of the contract.

It also establishes guild jurisdiction over programs produced for distribution on the Internet and sets a new residual formula for paid Internet downloads that essentially doubles the rate currently paid by employers, the guild said. It also set residual rates for ad-supported streaming and use of clips on the Internet.

Payment for programs offered on the Internet is a key sticking point between the studios and striking writers.

The Writers Guild of America did not immediately respond to a small request for comment on the deal. Talks between writers and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which represents studios, broke off on Dec. 7.

NEW YORK

Filipino nurses face criminal charges after quitting jobs

RIVERHEAD — For months, the nurses complained that they were subjected to demeaning and unfair working conditions — not what they were promised when they came to America from the Philippines in search of a better life. So they abruptly quit.

But in doing so, they put more than their careers at risk: Prosecutors hit them with criminal charges for allegedly jeopardizing the lives of terminally ill children they were in charge of watching.

The 10 nurses and the attorney who advised them were charged with conspiracy and child endangerment — what defense lawyers say is an unprecedented use of criminal law in a labor dispute. If convicted of the misdemeanor offenses, they face up to one year in jail, fines of 15 counts, and could lose their nursing licenses and be deported.

The case has unfolded against the backdrop of a

chronic nursing shortage in the United States. All of the defendants were from the Philippines, which exported 120,000 nurses last year.

One defendant was a doctor back home and a top scorer on the country's medical board exams, but decided it was more lucrative to be a nurse in the United States. Others had respectable medical jobs back home and viewed their work in New York as a dream come true.

"Coming to the United States is like the fulfillment of your nursing career," said Maria Theresa Ibanes, who arrived on Long Island in 2004.

The nurses are backed by several Filipino organizations in the U.S., as well as both the New York and California state nurses associations, which are protesting nurses who quit their jobs could set a bad precedent.

ILLINOIS

Lawyer claims missing Stacy Peterson received racy cell phone text message; seeks sender

CHICAGO — Authorities investigating the disappearance of a former suburban Chicago police officer's wife have obtained a warrant seeking information to identify who sent a racy text message to her cell phone.

Drew Paterson's attorney, Joel Brodsky, said Thursday that a message sent to Stacy Peterson's cell phone in September shows she was having an affair and lends credence to Drew Peterson's contention she left him for another man.

"This is obviously sent by a lover of Stacy prior to her disappearance. Drew did not send it," Brodsky said of the text message he said was sent Sept. 28.

Stacy Peterson vanished Oct. 26. In November, police labeled the 23-year-old's disappearance a possible homicide and named Drew Peterson, a former Chicago police officer, as a suspect. He has not been charged and denies any involvement in her disappearance.

In the message, the anonymous author referred to Stacy Peterson in a two-sentence message as "my love" and thanked her for a sexual encounter the previous evening, according to a

transcript provided by Brodsky.

AUSTRALIA

Officials return activists who had jumped on board whaling ship

SYDNEY — A tense standoff in frigid Antarctic waters ended Friday when two activists who had jumped on board a Japanese whaling boat were returned to their ship by Australian officials.

Their return paved the way for the Japanese fleet to resume killing whales, and for their staunchest opponents to restart their campaign of harassment to stop them.

Paul Watson, head of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, said the two crew members were safely back on board the group's ship, the Steve Irwin.

Earlier Friday, an Australian customs ship picked up the two activists — Australian Benjamin Potts, 28, and Briton Giles Lane, 35 — who prompted the face-off when they leaped from a rubber boat onto the deck of the Japanese ship Yushin Maru 2.

The dispute underscored the high-stakes nature of the contest fought each year in the remote and dangerous seas at the far south of the world, thousands of miles from the possibility of regular emergency or rescue services.

It was Japan's foray into the Antarctica in November under a program that allows the killing of minke and fin whales for scientific research, despite the ban on international ban on commercial whaling. Opponents say Japan has used the loophole to kill nearly 10,000 whales over the past two decades and sell their meat on the commercial market.

Sea Shepherd had said the park wanted to deliver an anti-whaling letter and then leave, and accused the whalers of taking their members hostage. Japanese whaling officials said the activists were acting illegally.

An impasse emerged when Japan "demanded" Sea Shepherd pick up the men in a small boat, keeping the bigger anti-whaling ship Steve Irwin at a safe distance. The Sea Shepherd's head balked at any conditions set by the whalers.

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Salmon	110%	57%	80%	44%	
Big Wood	103%	54%			
Little Wood	96%	49%			
Big Lost	92%	47%			
Little Lost	92%	47%			
Henry's Fork/Teton	98%	51%			
Upper Snake Basin	88%	46%			

* A comparison of basin snowpack to the same day with a 30-year average.
 ** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in June.

Gooding

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Among Idaho's critical access hospitals — a designation for rural hospitals that specialize in acute care. No other critical access hospital in the state has tried creating a nonprofit from a hospital district, and the hospital board discussed the idea with lawyers for several months before taking it public.

It could take some time for the judge to make a ruling after the hearing, hospital spokeswoman Shelle Amundsen said. But judicial approval is the last thing the hospital needs to make the deal official, with both St. Luke's and Gooding having signed the contract for the deal in December.

"If the judicial review is approved, then we will have entered into the final agreement," Amundsen said.

And that means the hospital will be able to move forward with its construction plans. Officials are currently conducting land and environmental surveys and engineering studies of potential hospital sites in the Gooding area, Amundsen said. And the hospital's board of directors is weighing a new name for the facility — since it will operate separately from both St. Luke's and the tax-

ing district, it can't keep the current name or use St. Luke's in the title, she said. The board solicited a name idea as part of its community survey and received dozens of suggestions.

"You obviously want a health care-friendly name," Amundsen said, describing the process. "You also ... want people to have a general geographic location, where that facility is located. It's been an extensive process, and we've gone through a lot of names."

If the deal is approved by the courts, 84 percent of the nonprofit's board would be controlled by the Gooding County Memorial Hospital District, the hospital's current manager and the permanent owner of at least 51 percent of the board's seats. Amundsen, who has served in an advisory capacity throughout the process, would make up 16 percent of the board. The contract signed by the two was revised to include several concerns from the public, including a request to make the hospital's finances public records by handing them over to the board of the taxing district.

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Pay plan

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Advancement and Recognition System, or "ISiars." Instead, Otter has backed a separate 5 percent, merit-based increase for teachers that would amount to \$45 million in additional money for public-school employees, with about \$34 million of the total going to teachers.

"The governor's position on ISiars hasn't changed," said Jon Hanian, a spokesman. "However, we do believe that Superintendent Luna's modified proposal is moving in the right direction."

Since introducing it last year, Luna has promoted his proposal to lawmakers as the only way for Idaho to increase pay for teachers enough to keep them in the profession rather than jumping to better-paid administrative positions. He said he wants to shake up the existing pay schedule with something that rewards teachers who work hard and help improve student performance.

"Teachers work 13 years, they burn up against a ceiling, and the only control they have over making more money is they have to leave the classroom," he said. "We want to give teachers the opportunity to make more money, without forcing them

to leave the classroom." The plan calls for all teachers to be eligible for \$4,400 in pay increases, down from \$4,800 under the original plan. That's on top of base salaries ranging from \$31,000 to \$49,000, provided their students show growth or proficiency on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test, or if teachers instruct in subjects of great demand.

Those teachers who take an extra step of exchanging their existing "continuing contracts" job security for new contracts like those of school principals, who enjoy fewer job protections, could earn up to an additional \$6,600, down from about \$7,200 in the earlier proposal.

The new contracts are the most-debated portion of Luna's plan, with the Idaho Education Association opposing them on grounds of a union-busting tactic that puts teachers at the mercy of administrators who could dismiss them arbitrarily.

A pair of lawmakers, Sens. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, and Mitch Burdick, D-Idaho, are pushing an alternative, they're calling "We Teach" that would pay teachers more without forcing them to alter their contracts.

Luna told budget writers on Thursday that his plan has

been misinterpreted as an attack on job protections.

Before a teacher can be dismissed, Luna's plan requires administrators to make a fair, accurate evaluation, send a letter to the teacher outlining deficiencies, then give the teacher an improvement plan along with eight weeks probation in which to make necessary changes.

"If that does not resolve the issue, then a teacher can appeal to the local school board, and have individuals testify on their behalf," Luna said. "There are considerable protections. It's a pretty high hurdle that the administration has to get over to con-

vince a school board to remove a teacher."

Following Luna's presentation, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert and the panel's co-chair, said Luna should be commended for his effort. Still, "it may be too aggressive, in terms of what the state can afford," Cameron said.

Another lawmaker, Rep. Janice McGeachin, R-Idaho Falls, suggested that Luna might be wise to start with a pilot program in a single school district to help iron out any unanticipated kinks, as well as give the state a better idea what the full cost of the plan will be.

Kansas

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Normally, prosecutors decide whether to convene a grand jury to investigate something and bring charges.

Under the Kansas law, enacted during the Glided Age and the nation's great railroad boom to curb political corruption, the people can force an investigation if they collect signatures from a certain percentage of voters in a county. In small counties, that can be a few hundred signatures; in Wichita's Sedgewick County, about 4,000.

Five other states provide for citizen-petitioned grand juries: Oklahoma, New Mexico, North Dakota, Nebraska and Nevada, according to a Tiller attorney.

One of the most publicized grand juries convened by citizen petition was formed in Oklahoma after

the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, which killed 168 people. The investigation was prompted by suspicions that Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols had help in the bombing. But the grand jury found no evidence of a wider conspiracy or a government cover-up.

So far, no other state appears to have used the process to pursue a social and moral agenda as extensively as Kansas, which is attacking not just abortion, but pornography.

Since 2005, citizen petitions have forced several grand juries in Kansas to investigate whether adult bookstores should be charged with obscenity. Twenty states exist, indicted, said Phillip Cosby, executive director of the National Coalition for Protection of Children and Families. Most of the cases have not been resolved.

"The strategy? 'To strengthen the prosecutor's hand' and let authorities know that 'they are not alone — that we the people feel there is a very big problem,'" Cosby said.

The anti-abortion movement rediscovers the law when David Gitrich used it in 2006 to force an investigation into the death of a Texas woman who had an abortion at Tiller's clinic. Though the grand jury failed to return an indictment, people noticed: "I was inspired by God to use the grand jury."

This time, Tiller is under investigation on suspicion of violating a 1998 state law restricting late-term abortions. He has denied any wrongdoing.

Tiller has long been at the very center of the nation's abortion battle. His clinic was bombed in 1985, and

eight years later, a woman shot him in both arms.

"We see in Kansas a perfect example of a system which has virtually become active vigilantism," said Lee Thompson, an attorney for Tiller. "A very small minority number of people who have a specific agenda can force a criminal investigation, and I think that is a usurpation of the executive power of government."

Forcing a grand jury investigation requires signatures from 2 percent of the number of people who voted in the last general election in the county, plus 100 more names. In Tiller's county, activists gathered nearly 8,000, or twice as many as required.

Similarly, in December, a citizen-impaneled grand jury began investigating a Planned Parenthood clinic in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park.

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Elko

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at the caucus, and to bring five of their friends. "I'm asking you to be there."

The campaign appearances continue today. Here's a snapshot of their respective itineraries in chronological order. All times listed are Pacific Standard.

• Former Gov. Mitt Romney, Republican, 7:40 a.m. today at Adobe Middle School, 3375 Jennings Way off Mountain City Highway.

• Sen. Hillary Clinton, Democrat, 1 p.m. today at the Elko County Indian

Colony Gymnasium, 2250 Indian View Heights Drive. Additional details to be announced.


• Sen. Barack Obama, Democrat. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. today at Elko High School's Centennial Gym on Cedar Street. RSVP at www.barackobama.com or by calling former Lewistown campaign's Elko field officer, 738-9240.

Residents are encouraged to arrive early to all events.

Times-News writer Cassidy Friedman contributed to this report.

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EDITORIAL

Yes or no on nuclear plants? It's a complex question

Diana Obenauer was elected to the Jerome County Commission in part because voters didn't like the way her opponent, incumbent Veronica Lierman, had handled Sempira

Generations effort to build a coal-fired power plant in their county. So it's significant that the first-term Republican last week joined a campaign for a ballot initiative putting nuclear power plant siting decisions into the hands of voters statewide.

Under current law, commissioners decide whether a utility can locate a generating facility in their county. Obenauer argues — and we agree — that counties just aren't up to the task.

"More people besides commissioners need to be involved in the siting process," she said last week. "I wouldn't want a nuclear facility built in Wendell in Gooding County without a say, because I'm downwind."

So is everyone else in the Magic Valley? If Alternate Energy Holdings builds a nuclear plant in Owyhee County. Three people — Owyhee County commissioners Dick Ferrud, Jerry Hoagland and Hal Tolmie — will decide whether that happens.

Ferrud is a cop by profession, Hoagland is a rancher and Tolmie is a businessman.

None, as far as we know, has any specialized knowledge of nuclear safety.

We agree with Obenauer that whether — and where — a nuclear plant gets built in Idaho should be a statewide decision. But we think the job belongs to state government, not the voters.

Many states have special commissions that preside over utility siting. They're made up of government officials and folks from the private sector with specialized knowledge of the industry, transportation, water, air, soil and population growth patterns. Idaho needs one, too.

Alternatively, the Legislature could have the Public Utilities Commission make the call, with advice from expert advisers.

Idahoans aren't averse to the development of commercial nuclear energy — as shown by a recent Boise State University Public Policy Survey — as long as the electricity stays here.

But even those who see nuclear power as the best alternative for new energy should agree that we need expertise far beyond what a single county commission can muster when the impact of a bad decision could be felt far beyond the county line.

Our view: Idaho counties aren't equipped to make nuclear power plant siting decisions without help. But turning the job over to voters statewide doesn't make sense.

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Consider relationships in sex predatory registry

This letter is in response to the newspaper articles and news reports about the creation of a sex predatory registry.

Between the years of 2002 and 2006 (2007 statistics have not come out yet), there have been 293 statutory rape arrests in Idaho, which, in most cases, are young men between 18 and 21 that have had consensual sex and are given a felony record and placed on the state's sexual registry to face the same public stigma as a dangerous sexual predator. The age of consent in Idaho is 16 for girls so she can get birth control without permission, but she is considered a child (boy or girl before puberty) in Idaho if she has sex with a young man 18 or older.

more than three to five years age difference are not prosecuted. Stop spending taxpayers' money to prosecute and house these young men by sending them to already overcrowded jails. Idaho is not going to change these laws on this issue and society is going to punish them for consensual sex, then society needs to educate them that, in Idaho, you can actually go to jail and have a record for something I'm sure most teenagers don't even think about.

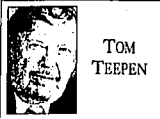
Time after time, we see drug dealers, drunk drivers and internet predators make deals and get second and even third chances, but they look tough on crime, they criminalize teenage sex. So if you go online and look to see who is in your neighborhood, think to yourself how many of these young men did nothing but have consensual sex with their girlfriend.

CINDY KAINIK
Jerome

Democrats, liberals should admit the surge is working

Democrats in particular and liberals in general — and, no, the overlap isn't perfect, as rightist blather would have you believe — will make a mistake if they don't acknowledge that the increase in U.S. troop strength in Iraq has made a difference for the better and don't ponder the implications.

There is a streak of opinion within the larger ranks of opponents of the Iraq war that points far beyond the critique asserted by most.



TOM TEEPEN

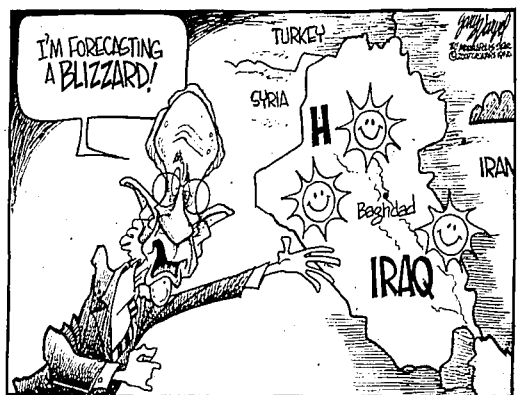
seems actually to covet U.S. failure in Iraq as somehow saving America right for the blunder of having gone in in the first place.

That is a malevolent righteousness that properly respects most Americans.

Yes, the polls reflect that a sizeable and apparently highly motivated group is troubled at permanent disillusionment with the war, concurring that the premise for it was flawed if not outright phony and that the civilian planning in the Defense Dept. was atrocious and the White House was gravely amiss.

But the right question now is not how fast can we get out but how best. This is a classic animation of the cliché. If you're handed a lemon, you can make a lemonade.

President Bush has handed the nation, and will all but personally hand his suc-



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cessor, a lemon. The recent improvements in Iraq do not alter the fact that our invasion and occupation were worse than useless. They arguably have denied us the demonstrative success we could have had concentrating on Afghanistan, the actual terrorist homeland.

Saddam Hussein wasn't a threat, he was just a stinker. Most opponents of the war have no business denying or even playing down the accomplishments to date of the surge. It is, after all, their own baby — a sadly delayed response to the criticism, going back to early days, which held that inasmuch as Bush had pushed us into Iraq, he at least should deploy enough troops there to prevail unequivocally.

The two leading Democratic contenders for the presidency, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, continue to emphasize troop withdrawal but also say that withdrawal has to be consistent with the goals of leaving a stable polity capable of sustaining itself.

Those goals per se rule out precipitous or complete withdrawal. (John Edwards has made himself hopeless on this by insisting we remove even the U.S. troops who are training the Iraqi military.)

The Iraq misadventure could prove irredeemable. The currently functional but inherently unworkable alliance the U.S. military has formed with Sunni militants could backfire. The sundry insur-

gents and terrorist remnants may just be lying low, awaiting the day when a U.S. drawdown reopens space for them to start shooting and bombing one another again in a civil meltdown. Iraqis police a buffoonery we may not end.

But the U.S. troop infusion has bought time and opened political working room. We need to begin hearing from Democratic candidates how they would use the resulting opportunities to best serve U.S. interests and, especially, the interests of the Iraqi population, which our invasion, has put at our mercy.

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The cost of Roe v. Wade after 35 years

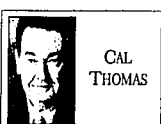
Thirty-five years after the Supreme Court unilaterally struck down state laws restricting abortion, the cost of that decision continues to increase our moral deficit, which will have far greater (and eternal) consequences than the economic challenges during a possible recession.

Depending on how one counts the number of abortions per year since 1973, more than 50 million people who might have been are not. These were people who, regardless of the circumstances of the women who carried them, had the potential to contribute to the country and to the world. But now they cannot, because they are not. Would we be fighting the battle over immigration had we not rid ourselves of a generation of humans who likely would have done the work for which we were now not hiring illegal aliens?

Actions have consequences. Roe and its companion case, Doe v. Bolton, took the question of embryonic development to "our Creator" and placed it in the hands of individual historians and their competing, often conflicting, theories of history.

History has shown what happens when humanity seizes such power for itself: political dictators, tyrannies, eugenics and scientific experiments unrestrained by any moorings to a moral code. Each becomes, in its own kind, rather than a giver, inverting the creation model into one of destruction and transforming the pregnant woman from life-giver to life-taker.

The social restructuring unleashed by the judicial fiat that was Roe created a cultural fissure that remains today. We moved quickly from acknowledgement of a right to life, to assertions of a right to die. In her essay "The Women of Roe v. Wade," Harvard professor Mary Ann Gleason calls to mind the novelist Walker Percy who prophesied two years before Roe that "Quilarians Centers" would spring up, "where, as one of Percy's characters explained, doctors would respect the right of an unwanted child not to have to endure a life of suffering." State governments, Percy suggested, might eventually recognize a right to die. Arrangements would be made for the sick and elderly to put to rest that which would transport them to a "happy dead" in Michigan, a "joyful elation" in New York, or a "lunational" in Hawaii. Percy's fiction increasingly resembles fact.



CAL THOMAS

Abortion on demand cannot be seen in isolation from social breakdown. In 1973, near the end of the

Vietnam War and the approaching resignation of President Nixon two years later, the focus on self-pleasure and convenience by Baby Boomers was at its height.

"Marriages easily dissolved as 'no fault' divorce laws were passed and an end-to-veedlock births were on the rise; 'unwanted babies' (who were labeled 'products of conception' to make it easier to deny the obvious) became an impediment to the pursuit of pleasure and material gain.

Abortion was not a cause, but a reflection of our decadence and deviancy. One does not begin to kill babies until other dominions have fallen.

And once they have fallen, it becomes difficult to set them aright because to do so would require an admission of something so horrible that it would offend the gods. For this fetal holocaust would have to acknowledge their sin and repent of it.

Such a thing is not a character trait of this most pampered generation.

In recent years there have been signs that things might be different, moving around — then moderating.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, abortion numbers have declined steadily since 1990, from a high of 1.2 million annually to fewer than 900,000. This is due, I believe, to the unrelenting commitment of the pro-life movement through pre-

nancy help centers, information by Internet, inures and this what appears to be a growing pro-life consensus among many women who reject the cavalier attitudes about life displayed by their mothers' feminist generation.

Hollywood has infused a pro-life subtext into films such as "Juno" and "Knocked Up." Might the "old-fashioned" become the new fashion?

Politicians and judges could help hurry Roe by requiring that pregnant women receive complete information about the nature of the life within them, including being required to view sonograms before electing abortion.

This would allow truth-in-labeling laws by fully informing and empowering women. Such an approach would satisfy the liberal demand to keep abortion "safe and legal" and the pro-life desire to make the most informed choice.

After 35 years of slaughtering our young, isn't it time to stop? That child born in 1973 could be a parent now. There are children who could have been born — then moderating.

Thirty-five years of killing has diminished and corrupted us all. Let's sum up the moral courage to stop it for our sake . . . and for theirs.

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Faith, freedom and bling in the Middle East

RYADH, Saudi Arabia — As a Saudi soldier with a gold sword high-stepped in front of him, President Bush walked slowly beside King Abdullah through the silvery gray mist enveloping the kingdom, following the red carpet leading from Air Force One to the airport terminal.

It took Bush almost his entire presidency to embrace diplomacy, but now that he's in the thick of it, or perhaps the thin of it—given his speed-dating approach to statesmanship—he is kissing and holding hands with kings, princes, emirs, sheiks and presidents all over the Arab world and is trying to persuade them that he is riot in a monogamous relationship with the Jews.

And, the sea calmed. That's what I reflected on: the calm you can find in putting your faith in a higher power.

Clearly, the man believes in miracles. *Maureen Dowd is a columnist for the New York Times.*



MAUREEN DOWD

When the two stepped onto the escalator, the president tenderly reached for the king's hand, in case the older man needed help. He certainly does need help, but not the kind he is prepared to accept.

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His message boiled down to: Iran had issued good, Iraq doing better.

Blessed is the peacemaker who comes bearing a \$30 billion package of the monetary aid for Israel and a \$20 billion package of 11 Humvees and guided bombs for the Arabs.

Like the slick Hollywood guy in "Annie Hall" who has a notion that he wants to turn into a concept and then

develop into an idea, W has resumed his mantra of having a vision that turns into freedom that could develop into global democracy.

W's peace train quickly gave way to the warpath, however, with Bush desiring a good chunk of time to the unfinished war in Iraq and the possibility of a war with Iran.

In meetings with leaders, he privately pooh-poohed the National Intelligence Estimate asserting that Iran had halted its nuclear weapons program in 2003. On Fox News, he openly broke with intelligence analysts, telling Grega Van Susteren about Iran: "I believe they want to be a weapon, and I believe that they're trying to gain the know-how as to how to make a weapon under the guise of a civilian nuclear program."

Less than a week after the president arrived in the Middle East, the violent eruptions uncovered how Sisyphus a task he has set for himself.

"This is one of the results of the Bush visit," said Mahmud Zahar, a Hamas leader, as he went to a Gaza hospital to see the body of his son, a militant killed in the battle. "He encouraged the Israelis to kill our people."

Arab TV offered an uncomfortable juxtaposition:

al-Arabia running the wretched saga of Gaza children suffering from a lack of food and medicine during the Israeli blockade, blending into the wretched excess scenes of W being festooned with rapper-level bling from royal hosts. Bush with gazillions from gouging us on oil.

W's 11th-hour bid to save his legacy from being a shattered Iran—even as the Iraqi defense minister admitted that American troops would be needed to help with internal security until at least 2012 and border defense until at least 2018—recalled MTV's "Gibbs."

It does not bode well for the president's ability to push the Israelis and Palestinians, who he has done, so little to push Musharraf on catching Osama, despite our \$10 billion endowment.

W was strangely upbeat throughout the trip even though back home the Republican candidates were running from him and clinging to Reagan.

The Saudi big shots I talked to are dubious about his attempts to denounce and isolate Iran.

As we don't use America to dictate our enemies to us, especially when it's our neighbor, said an insider at the Saudi royal court. The Saudis invited the Iranian president to their hajj pilgrimage last month.

Saudis and Palestinians grumbled that they find it hard to listen to the president's high-flown paens to democracy when he only acknowledges his brand of democracy. When Humas, Hezbollah and the Muslim Brotherhood want elections, W sought to undermine them. The results of the elections were certainly troubling, but is democratization supposed to be about outcomes?

They also think W's plan carries little weight. "The Israelis don't have to stop settlements if rockets are coming in from Gaza, and Abbas, the Palestinian president, can't stop rockets from going out of an area he does not control."

The president who described himself at Galilee as "a pilgrim" makes peace sound as easy as three faiths sharing, when history has shown that the hardest thing on earth is three faiths sharing.

Asked by ABC's Terry Moran what he was thinking when he stood on the site where Jesus performed miracles at the Sea of Galilee, W replied: "I reflected on the story in the New Testament about the calm and the rough seas, because it was on those very seas that the Lord was in the boat with the disciples, and they were worried about the waves and the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

U.S. news missing out on big story about FBI

While reading an article in a British newspaper online a few weeks ago, I noticed that most of the comments were from Americans, even to the point that a Brit questioned whether the availability of similar information that was scarce in America.

He has no idea. What have you seen about Sybil Edmonds and what she discovered during her six months as a Turkish translator for the FBI? Look hard.

On Jan. 7, Dave Lindorff in The Huffington Post reviewed an article from The Sunday Times (British) from Jan. 5 regarding Edmonds' discoveries when working for the FBI and her subsequent experience as a whistleblower.

Lindorff wrote, "...there is enough in just this one London Times story to keep an army of investigative reporters busy for years. So why... is this story appearing in a highly respected British newspaper, but not in the corporate U.S. media?"

Lindorff also writes, "If Edmonds' story is correct, it casts an even darker shadow over the mysterious and still unexplained incident last Aug. 30, when an B-52 Stratofortress, based at the Minot strategic air base in Minot, N.D., against all rules and regulations of 40 years' standing, loaded and flew off with six unrecorred and unaccounted for nuclear-tipped cruise missiles."

U.S. Navy and Air Force veterans say Defense Secretary Robert Gates' explanation of an "accident" is not believable.

Lindorff adds, "Incredibly, almost five months after that bizarre incident (which included several as yet unexplained deaths of B-52 pilots and base personnel occurring in the weeks shortly before and after the flight), no congressional investigation, no FBI investigation, and no FBI investigation."

Air Force whistleblowers who contacted the Military Times newspaper.

I salute those three and their partner-in-truth Edmonds!
STAYON METCALF Gooding

PSI faults aren't only fault of customers

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As the old saying goes, it takes two to tango.

So if you have a problem, let the customers know how

you want the trash to be put out. Don't just blame the customers.

Take a look at the big picture and don't point fingers. If you have a problem, find a way to fix it and do it. Quit pointing fingers.

TIM TAYLOR Kimberly

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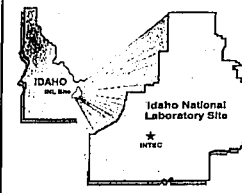
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Public comments sought for decommissioning of old spent fuel reprocessing facilities at INL Site



The Idaho Cleanup Project is seeking public comment through February 15, 2008, on a plan for decommissioning and demolition of historic fuel reprocessing facilities at the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory Site.

The plan is described in an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EECA) document agreed to by the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

Over the last several months, preparatory work has been under way on the fuel reprocessing facilities originally built in the 1950s at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center (INTEC), formerly known as the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant.

The fuel reprocessing facilities are actually two main structures, designated CPP-601 and CPP-640. The buildings were used for the dissolution, separation, and chemical retrieval of uranium from spent nuclear fuel—essentially a recycling process. The uranium reprocessing mission for CPP-601 was terminated in 1992, and no more uranium was introduced into the reprocessing system after that time.

Both buildings house numerous cells used for processing radioactive materials, with very thick reinforced concrete walls and shielding material, including lead in various shapes and sizes. The cells contained hundreds of vessels and piping used in the chemical processes to receive uranium from different types of spent fuels.

appropriate historical documentation.

DOE is seeking public comment on three alternatives for final disposition of the spent fuel reprocessing facilities at INTEC.

- Alternative 1, no action, is a hypothetical "baseline" established for comparison of the other alternatives.
- Alternative 2 includes removal of the top portions of the facility down to the tops of the process cells, approximately 11 feet above grade. Accessible void spaces in the process cells below that level would be filled with grout or other inert material. The resulting concrete monolith would be maintained and precipitation runoff managed until the installation of an earthen cover in conjunction with the closure of the surrounding INTEC facilities.
- Alternative 3 includes removal of the above-grade structure, including the top portion of many of the process cells down to grade level. Accessible void spaces in the process cells below that level would be filled with grout or other inert material. The resulting concrete monolith would be maintained and precipitation runoff managed until the installation of an earthen cover in conjunction with the closure of the surrounding INTEC facilities.

Alternative 2 is the recommended alternative. This alternative is consistent with the long-term strategy for cleaning up the INEL site, including capping, which ensures protection of workers, the public, and environment. Alternative 2 also eliminates unnecessary infrastructure and overhead cranes. Waste generated from this action would be disposed on-site at the Idaho CERCLA Disposal Facility, in accordance with the established waste acceptance criteria.

The Fuel Reprocessing Facilities EECA will be available on the Idaho Cleanup Project homepage at: <http://idohcleanupproject.com>.

The EECA is also posted to the INEL Administrative Record, and is available for public comment through February 15, 2008. The INEL Administrative Record can be found on the Internet at <http://www.inel.gov> and hard copies are available to the public at the following locations:

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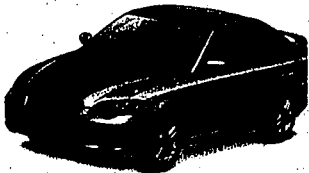
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Styline	1-3	6-6	Madison	2-5	2-14
Twin Falls	1-3	4-9	Idaho Falls	0-7	0-17
Class 4A					
Great Basin Conference West Division					
Burley	1-0	13-0	Jerome	4-0	17-1
Jerome	2-1	10-3	Burley	3-1	11-5
Minico	2-1	9-4	Minico	2-3	7-9
Wood River	0-3	5-8	Wood River	0-6	2-13
Class 3A					
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Buhl	2-0	6-5	Kimberly	7-0	16-0
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Class 1A					
Magie Valley Northside Conference					
Richfield	6-0	12-0	Richfield	10-0	16-2
Carey	6-1	11-2	Carey	6-3	9-6
Comm.School	4-2	8-2	Shoshone	6-4	7-12
Shoshone	3-3	5-7	Dietrich	4-5	11-7
Dietrich	2-4	4-10	Comm.School	2-7	6-11
Bliss	1-5	1-8	Camas County	0-7	3-9
Camas County	1-6	1-12			
Class 1A					
Magie Valley Southside Conference					
Hagerman	7-2	9-5	Hagerman	9-0	13-3
Oakley	5-2	5-5	Raft River	9-2	11-6
Murtaugh	6-3	8-4	Castelford	7-4	8-8
Hansen	5-3	5-8	Hansen	5-4	9-8
Castelford	4-4	5-8	Oakley	2-7	2-11
Raft River	3-4	5-6	Lighthouse Chr.	1-9	11-1
Lighthouse Chr.	2-5	3-9	Murtaugh	1-9	1-15
Magie Valley Chr.	0-8	2-10			
Independent					
Twin Falls Chr.		7-3			

Note: Records reflect games reported to the Times-News sports staff.

Cummins: Hard-working and unbeaten

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

Cory Cummins' resume is impressive. The Jerome junior is 23-0 on the wrestling mat this winter, with tournament wins at the Bear-Cat Invitational, the Buhl Invitational and last weekend's Duhle Invitational in American Falls. Those who know him laud his work ethic and leadership skills. And in the classroom, Cummins boasts a perfect 4.0 grade point average. But he's not ready to take a bow. While Cummins is happy with what he's accomplished, the goals he set for himself have yet to be checked off. And he's not about the rest until they're achieved. As his mother, Susie Cummins, puts it, "he doesn't let his success go to his head." What does Cory Cummins think about the 23-0 start to his junior season? "I'm feeling good about it so far,"



Cummins

he said. "But now's the time to start working even harder." "That will be a sight to see considering the effort he's already putting forth," Cummins coach, Des Case, says his standout 103-pounder "works hard, he listens, he's very coachable."

As a sophomore, Cummins topped the scales at just 95 pounds, but still qualified for state in the 103-pound class. This year, he's gained weight and added another essential ingredient for success. "I'm working a lot harder this year than last year," said Cummins. Each of his opponents can attest to that. While Cummins enjoys team sports (he also plays football for Jerome), he loves the individual nature

Magic Valley Prep Athlete of the Week

of grappling. "When you're out there, it's just you against the other kid and you've got to go out and do your thing—and nobody else can help you," said Cummins. Not that Cummins needs a lot of help. His domination inside the circle has folks talking about a state championship. "If he continues to wrestle the way he has been, the sky's the limit," said Case.

Idaho High School Boys Basketball Media Poll

Records through Tuesday

Class 5A

- Coeur d'Alene (3) 11-2 39
 - Timberline (2) 10-2 37
 - Yallivue (3) 10-3 21
 - Eagle (2) 10-2 16
 - Mountain View 10-2 14
- Others: Lake City 11, Highland 6, Idaho Falls 5.

Class 4A

- Burley (10) 12-0 50
- Century 10-2 40
- Jerome 9-3 22
- Minico 9-3 21

- Emmett 8-4 7
- Others: Bonneville 5, Skyview 1, Moscow 1.

Class 3A

- Fruitland (5) 13-2 38
 - Sholley (2) 7-3 31
 - Weiser 10-2 31
 - McCall/Donnelly (3) 9-1 27
 - Salmon 9-3 16
- Others: South Fremont 4, Snake River 3.

Class 2A

- Firth (5) 10-2 45

- Aberdeen (4) 9-2 41
 - Olana Ferry 10-4 29
 - Soda Springs 7-4 10
 - Wendell 10-5 9
- Others: West Jefferson 5, West Side 4, Rile 3, Valley 3, Grangeville 2, Metta 2.

Class 1A

- Richfield (10) 12-0 53
- Carey 11-2 31
- Lapwal 8-2 26
- Clark County (1) 10-2 22
- Genesee 8-2 15
- Others: Deary 4, Sho-Ban 4, Clark Fork 3, Cascade 3, Wilder 3.

- Voters:
- Greg Lee, Spokesman-Review
 - Mark Nelke, Coeur d'Alene Press
 - Mark Jones, Rexburg Standard-Journal
 - Dan Thompson, Idaho State Journal
 - Paul Kingsbury, IdahoSports.com
 - Jonathan Drew, Magic Valley Sports Talk
 - William Love, Idaho Press-Tribune
 - David Bashore, Times-News
 - Matt Barry, Lewiston Tribune

Idaho High School Girls Basketball Media Poll

Records through Jan. 15

Class 5A

- Centennial (7) 16-0 94
 - Coeur d'Alene (3) 16-1 86
 - Yallivue 13-3 46
 - Eagle 12-3 22
 - Lake City 13-4 20
- Others: Boise 18, Highland 8, Post Falls 6.

Class 4A

- Bonneville (10) 16-0 100
- Jerome 17-1 78
- Middleton 13-3 62
- Bishop Kelly 12-4 38

- Burley 11-6 14
- Others: Hillcrest 8, Century 2.

Class 3A

- Sugar-Salem (5) 15-1 90
 - Kimberly (5) 15-0 82
 - Fruitland 14-1 46
 - Priest River 14-1 46
 - Kellogg 12-2 16
- Others: Bear Lake 8, Shelley 6, Declo 2.

Class 2A

- Parma (4) 14-2 86
- Grangeville (5) 15-2 84

- Chace 13-2 48
 - Challis (1) 12-4 29
 - Valley 12-4 22
- Others: New Plymouth 12, Firth 4.

Class 1A

- Richfield (4) 15-2 88
 - Rimrock (5) 11-1 82
 - Garden Valley 11-3 48
 - Kendrick 13-2 34
 - Hagerman 13-3 30
- Others: Lapwal (1) 14, Lewis County 4, Cascade 2.

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Baghdatis pulls out 5-set victory over Safin; Federer earns sweep

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Marcos Baghdatis needed five sets to defeat Marat Safin 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 3-6, 6-2 Thursday at the Australian Open, evoking memories of his run to the 2006 final.

The marquee matchup of the night was packed with drama — long rallies, seemingly impossible winners and shifts in momentum.

Baghdatis appeared to be on his way to a straight-sets victory, looked down and out, then pulled himself together to set up a third-round meeting with another former No. 1, Lleyton Hewitt.

Earlier, Venus Williams overcame a lethargic outing, committing 44 unforced errors and dropping her serve four times in a row, to beat Camille Pin 7-5, 6-3, while top-seeded Roger Federer won two years ago, feuding in an ending friend Fabrice Santoro's recent 62nd Grand Slam tournament 6-1, 6-2, 6-0.

The merciful Safin, the 2005 champion who has slipped to No. 56 because of a rash of injuries, tossed his racket twice in frustration while falling behind, then broke it after dropping serve early in the fifth set.

Both players took tumblers on the court, with Safin making a lunging layout to pick off a passing shot for a winner and Baghdatis awkwardly doing the splits when he slipped on the dead run.

The 16th-seeded Baghdatis constantly rattled two years ago, feeding off the energy from vocal fans from Melbourne's large Greek community, before he lost the final to Roger Federer. His beard and ponytail are gone, but the support was there again, and Baghdatis fed off it.

Baghdatis in taking the first two sets, Baghdatis' game slipped at the same time Safin picked up his performance. The Russian broke Baghdatis early in the third and fourth sets, then fended off triple break point while serving at 5-



Marcos Baghdatis celebrates after beating Marat Safin during their men's singles second-round match at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia, Thursday.

wait a moment on match point, pointing to the scoreboard and smiling. The Swiss star got a chuckle out of it, too, then got in a serve-and-volley winner.

"It was a tough match for me," Santoro said. "I was not easy to have fun, but I tried to have some."

Despite the rout, Santoro was ready to take on Federer again.

"Because it's so beautiful, what he's doing," said the 35-year-old Frenchman, who had only four unforced errors. "At my age, you can be able to play your match and appreciate your opponent, too."

"Today, I feel like he's coming from somewhere else. I served quite good. I was moving well. I was fit physically. I was hitting the ball well. And I won three games."

Federer won the last 10 games, ended it with a serve-and-volley as Santoro edged in almost to the service line. He clambered over the net to embrace the Frenchman.

Dictating play, Federer ended up with 53 winners and 18 unforced errors.

"Obviously I always enjoy the match against Fabrice," said Federer, chasing his third consecutive Australian Open title and his 13th major. "First time I played him, he totally dismantled me. Showed I had a lot of things to work on."

"Today I was in great shape, could play aggressive. We always have great rallies together, because of his playing style, he does a great job of making you doubt. It's always a tricky match to fight him. But you know it's going to be fun. And this is what it's supposed to be, this game."

Williams looked stiff, sluggish and out of sorts, trading back to the baseline as he does a great job of making you doubt. Federer, however, was clearly trying to win points quickly, she ventured to the net 39 times and often went for high-risk winners.

Speedy test session has NASCAR buzzing about Toyota's improvement



DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — After a difficult one — some may even call it disastrous — inaugural season at NASCAR's top level, Toyota has made marked improvements in its Sprint Cup program.

The two weeks of pre-season testing at Daytona International Speedway showed that the 11 Camrys are fast and ready to challenge for wins.

Although Kasey Kahne posted the fastest overall speed in a Dodge, Toyota drivers Denny Hamlin and Kyle Busch had the next best speeds and Tony Stewart was 10th fastest. And in single-car runs, Camry drivers posted five of the top six speeds and 10 of the top 15.

It was a solid showing that had rivals wondering if a Toyota driver might score if the manufacturer's first Cup victory at the season-opening Daytona 500.

Toyota officials were pleased with the showing, but were cautious to take too much away from testing.

"If I told you how many times I have won testing in 40 years," said Lee White, senior vice president of Toyota Race Development, "it's just testing, and it's really hard for me to get all jazzed up over testing because you don't know what people are doing. And there's a month left before we race. That's a lot of time for people to tune up their programs."

It is difficult to accurately gauge just where the Toyotas

rank after one testing session on the 2½-mile superspeedway. NASCAR splits the session equally among single-lap runs and drafting, and nobody is certain what each team is even working on.

Some may be looking for qualifying speed, while others may be fine-tuning race setups.

"This is the biggest game of chess," Sprint Cup director John Darby said. "All these teams are toying with each other, and no one wants to show their full hand. Yes, the Toyotas have been very impressive. But it's hard to say for sure where they stack up against the competition."

But the improvement goes way beyond rankings on the speed chart. Across the board, the teams are far more prepared than they were this time last season, and their programs have shown tremendous advancement.

Some of that can be attributed to time — Hed Bull Racing and Michael Waltrip Racing were startups last season and simply ran out of time to accomplish everything before Daytona.

"When we were here last year, it was just trying to throw everything together as quickly as we possibly could just to be here," said Dale Jarrett, who drives for Waltrip. "Now a year has gone by, and a lot has happened in that amount of time to make us that much better."

Patriots vets Seau, Harrison face former Chargers team in AFC tilt

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — The last time Junior Seau played in an AFC championship game, his team was given little chance to beat the top seed.

In January 1995, the Steelers won their first playoff game in a row, while the Chargers eked out a one-point victory that set up the matchup between those teams the following weekend.

"Sitting in my hotel room in Pittsburgh and hearing all the cheers and pep rallies that were going around and all the Super Bowl videos that were being taped, everything was against us," Seau said. "The yellow Patriots linemen were flying around. It was definitely a time when we thought we were against the world."

But Seau won San Diego's 17-13 AFC Championship game on Jan. 17. Pittsburgh then went on to one of the toughest losses in Seau's 18-year career, a 43-26 rout by San Francisco in the Super Bowl.

Thirteen years later, the Chargers aren't given much of a chance against the perfect Patriots on Sunday, the day after Seau's 39th birthday.

But he knows expectations can fall short. Didn't the Patriots squander a 1-3 lead in last year's AFC title game and lose to Indianapolis, 30-17?

Seau and safety Rodney Harrison, a rookie on that 1994 Chargers team, are working hard to avoid an upset that can stop New England's unbeaten season one game short of another Super Bowl appearance.

"I tell the young guys, 'Don't take anything for granted because at any point in time it can be over with, whether it's a season, whether it's a game, whether it's your career,' the 35-year-old Harrison said Thursday. "I think I have a greater appreciation now that I'm older."

Seau sees many comparisons between his San Diego team and the one in 1994 — the last two Chargers elbigs to reach the AFC championship game.

"The major comparison is that they're confident," he said. "We look forward to moving on, grooving every day to the day it comes we have to go out and perform."

Seau and Harrison will play against each other for the first time in their long careers. Both missed last season's 24-21 upset playoff win at San Diego with injuries.

Sunday's game, then, should have some special emotions for them, especially since Seau is a native of San Diego. Right?



New England Patriots linebacker Junior Seau smiles as he listens to a reporter's question during a media availability at the team's facility in Foxborough, Mass., Thursday morning. The Patriots will play the San Diego Chargers in the AFC Championship game at Foxborough Sunday afternoon.

L.T. returns to practice for Chargers, Rivers sits out again

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Chargers are slowly getting back their injured players ahead of the AFC championship game Sunday against the undefeated New England Patriots.

Although quarterback Philip Rivers sat out for the second straight day with a sprained right knee, two-time NFL rushing champion LaDainian Tomlinson returned to practice Thursday after sitting out Wednesday to rest his hyperextended left knee.

"I think we're making progress," coach

Norv Turner said. "L.T. was able to practice and we had some guys moving around. I think we'll get a couple more guys practicing tomorrow."

Tomlinson and Rivers were hurt in Sunday's 28-24 upset win over Indianapolis.

Turner said Tomlinson looked good.

Rivers "was wanting to go out and throw some and take some drops today," but the team's trainer didn't think it was appropriate, Turner said. "So we'll see where it is tomorrow."

"I try not to get too Oprah with it and know that it's just another game and know that I'm so happy for the city of San Diego, my hometown," he said, but "it's going to be a challenge of the game of football, nothing more."

Harrison, a fiery, hard-hitter like Seau, also prefers to show his emotions on the field.

"It's just special to be in the AFC Championship," Harrison said. "I don't know necessarily facing the Chargers makes it any more special."

Harrison has spent the week building up the Chargers as the best team in the NFL, since Thanksgiving. They were 5-5 before the holiday but 0-0 since then.

New England coach Bill Belichick likes to point out that his team has won fewer games in that stretch, but that's

because they had a playoff bye and are 7-0 after Thanksgiving — but 17-0 overall.

San Diego coach Norv Turner isn't surprised that Belichick favored over the Chargers.

Everyone knows that New England right now is playing the best football in the league and it's going to be a real challenge for us," Turner said.

Tom Brady's 50 touchdown passes and Randy Moss' 23 scoring catches are NFL, single-season records. So are the 589 points the Patriots scored.

But the advanced age of their defense may be catching up. They allowed three scoring drives of at least 80 yards in last Saturday night's 31-20 playoff win over Jacksonville after giving up four touchdowns in a 30-35 win over the New York Giants in the regular-season finale.

Kleiza's 41 points lifts Nuggets against Jazz

DENVER — Linas Kleiza scored a career-high 41 points and Allen Iverson added 20 as the Denver Nuggets beat the Utah Jazz 128-109 on Thursday night.

Carmelo Anthony scored 23 points, and Marcus Camby had 24 rebounds and 11 blocks for the Nuggets, who snapped a two-game losing streak.

Aaron Williams had 23 points and led the Jazz, whose four-game winning streak ended.

Kleiza had 36 at the end of the third quarter, when the Nuggets held a 90-88 lead. He scored nine in the period, helping Denver grab a lead as large as 13 points.

The Nuggets quickly extended the lead in the fourth when J.R. Smith scored four straight points and fed Camby for a give-and-go

to make it 106-91 early in the period. The Jazz erred for closer than 15 the rest of the way, and Denver led by 21 as Kleiza scored 27 first-half points, 20 in the second quarter, to help give the Nuggets a 61-59 lead at the break.

CAVALIERS 90, SPURS 88

SAN ANTONIO — LeBron James scored 27 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat San Antonio 90-88 on Thursday night in the teams' first meeting since the Spurs swept the NBA finals last season.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 17 points, and Anderson Varejao scored 12 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for Cleveland, which has won three in a row.

Manu Ginobili scored 31 points for the Spurs, and Tony



Utah Jazz center Mehmet Okur, left, is fouled as he goes up for a shot by Denver Nuggets forward Linas Kleiza in the first quarter in Denver on Thursday.

Parker added 23 points but missed two free throws with 29.4 seconds to play that would have tied it at 98.

Tim Duncan scored 20 points and had 11 rebounds for San Antonio.

TBS to run NBA TV

NEW YORK — Turner Broadcasting System is taking over the NBA's TV and Web operations.

Turner Sports president David Levy and NBA deputy commissioner Adam Silver will jointly manage the venture, the league announced Thursday.

The deal will run through the 2015-16 season.

Turner will run NBA TV, the league's television network; NBA.com; NBA League Pass and the league's broadband and wireless businesses.

— The Associated Press

Stunner: Cleveland State takes down No. 12 Butler

CLEVELAND — Cedric Jackson scored 14 points as Cleveland State, a program in disarray for most of the past 20 years, stunned No. 12 Butler 56-52 on Thursday night for the Vikings' first regular-season win over an AP Top 25 team.

Nathan Bullock added 14 points, the last one coming on a free throw with 2.6 seconds left for Cleveland State (13-5, 6-0 Horizon League), whose students stormed the floor during the final hour.

"The Vikings came in 12 in games against ranked foes

1 Pac-10), coming off its only loss of the season at UCLA, broke open the game at the start of the second half, outscoring the Beavers 20-4 in the first nine minutes.

NO. 9 INDIANA 65, MINNESOTA 60

MINNEAPOLIS — The Indiana Hoosiers are so much more than Eric Gordon.

D.J. White had 17 points, and 10 rebounds and Lance Stender hit a crucial 3-pointer to lift the ninth-ranked Hoosiers to a 65-60 victory over Minnesota.

LOUISVILLE 71, NO. 13 MARQUETTE 51

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Terrence Williams scored 20 points and David Padgett had 17 points and 10 rebounds to help the Cardinals upset the No. 13 Golden Eagles.

SAINT LOUIS 68, NO. 23 RHODE ISLAND 61

ST. LOUIS — Tommie Liddel scored 22 points and Saint Louis held No. 23 Rhode Island to season-low points and shooting percentage in a 68-61.

— The Associated Press

NO. 6 TENNESSEE 80, NO. 16 VANDERBILT 60

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Wayne Chism scored a season-high 18 and had a career-high 18 rebounds to help No. 6 Tennessee win a matchup of the Southeastern Conference's best shooters.

NO. 8 WASHINGTON ST. 69, OREGON ST. 48

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Aron Baynes scored 17 points and Derrick Low had 15 for the No. 8 Cougars.

Washington State (15-1, 3-

then went 13-3 and manhandled Seattle in the snow globe of Lambeau Field last Saturday.

Coach Mike McCarthy was rained in Favre's riverboat gambler alter-ego just enough that he had one of his most efficient seasons. His leadership is unquestioned, particularly in respect to a generally inexperienced supporting cast, including young wide receivers and running backs.

"Well, in the middle of the game I'm not thinking that," lead runner Ryan Grant said of the legend of Favre. "There have been some times when people really bring it to my attention.

"But after the fact, after the game, maybe after a pass, I am thinking, wow, I am playing with Brett Favre, and that's something special, and I'm definitely honored to be a part of it. But when we're playing, he's another quarterback. He's a great leader for us and we just take advantage of it."

Leadership was not a word often used in conjunction with the younger Manning, even though the Giants made the playoffs the past two seasons with him at quarterback. They lost in the first round

both times.

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Garrett stays with Cowboys, Ravens keep searching

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The Baltimore Ravens have been forced to call an audible in their search for a new head coach.

Baltimore's top choice, Jason Garrett, spurned the Ravens in favor of keeping his job as offensive coordinator of the Dallas Cowboys.

"We did negotiate with Jason Garrett to become our head coach. In the end, he decided to stay in Dallas," the Ravens said in a statement Thursday. "We're continuing our search and will interview. We're excited with the candidates, and we're confident we will select the best head coach for the Ravens."

After being rejected by Garrett, owner Steve Bisciotti

called for a huddle at the team's training complex to discuss Baltimore's next move. Baltimore's next head coach Marty Schottenheimer.

Now that Garrett is no longer an option, there is no rush to fill the void created by the dismissal of Brian Billick on Dec. 23.

The bottom line is we want to make the right choice, and we haven't put a deadline on ourselves," team spokesman Kevin Byrne said.

The 41-year-old Garrett interviewed with Baltimore

on Tuesday and met with the Atlanta Falcons on Wednesday, then decided to stay in Dallas.

Heimerdinger rejoins Titans as coordinator

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans have hired Heimerdinger as assistant head coach and offensive coordinator. His second stint with the team after spending the last two seasons in Denver.

Heimerdinger, who interviewed with the team Thursday, enjoyed a successful five-year run as the Titans offensive coordinator from 2000-04. He has spent the past two seasons as assistant head coach and quarter-

backs coach for the Broncos. Heimerdinger replaces Norm Chow, who was fired Tuesday.

Eagles coach's son pleads guilty to DUI

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — A son of Philadelphia Eagles coach Andy Reid, already in jail on a road rage charge, pleaded guilty Thursday to DUI and drug charges stemming from a separate incident.

Brit Reid, 22, was charged with driving under the influence of a controlled substance and drug possession after he drove into a shopping cart in a parking lot in August.

— The Associated Press

Selig given 3-year extension

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Major League Baseball owners approved Commissioner Bud Selig's three-year contract extension through 2012 on Thursday, a move made two days after some congressmen were critical of his leadership in responding to the sports drug problem.

Selig, who has been in charge of MLB since 1992, had repeatedly said since December 2006 that he would retire at the end of 2009 and that his mind couldn't be changed.

"This is clearly it," he said after three months of negotiations in a unanimous vote on the final day of a two-day owners' meeting. "I could say this without equivocation."

Earlier this week, Selig and union head Donald Fehr testified before a congressional committee that both criticized baseball for steroids problem and praised the sport for strides made during the past three years. Selig's contract extension drew immediate criticism from Rep. Cliff Stearns, who had called on Selig to resign last month after the Mitchell Report

on drugs in baseball was released.

"The explosion in the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs occurred under Selig's 15-year tenure," the Florida Republican said. "I have found commissioner Selig's glacial response to this growing stain on baseball unacceptable and I have called on him to step down. This three-year extension of Selig's contract is a vote of confidence in his record, which includes taking minimal steps in ridding baseball of these drugs."

Selig in May will surpass Bowie Kuhn and become baseball's second-longest-serving leader behind Kenesaw Mountain Landis, who was the first commissioner from 1920-44. Despite previous Selig statements that he intended to retire, many in baseball called on him to step down. "I did wrestle with it. I spent a lot of time agonizing over it, mainly with myself," Selig said. "But they really convinced me."

Selig said he won't accept any more extensions — although that is what he said after the previous one.

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it seems like, from that. So the standpoint that we have in this is my fourth opportunity in a championship game, what I will say is that I appreciate it. I don't want to say that I savored the moment more, but four tries in 17 years, and to a certain degree that is better than most guys.

"But I am very proud of the fact that we have gotten this far."

It's somewhat stunning the Packers have gotten so far, if only because of where they were in early December 2006: 4-8. But they won their final four games of that season,

Tejada

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"I don't have any comment," said Tejada's lawyer, Mark Tueloy, who said he was unaware of the FBI's involvement. He was contacted by The Associated Press.

At issue are comments Tejada gave to House committee investigators in August 2005 when he was with the Baltimore Orioles. He denied during the interview that he used illegal performance-enhancing drugs or knew

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy to cloudy skies and colder than normal temperatures. Highs near 30.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies and cold, dry conditions. Lows in the 20s.
Tomorrow: Cloudy and breezy with developing late day and overnight snow showers. Highs low 30s, lows middle 20s

BURLEWOOD FORECAST

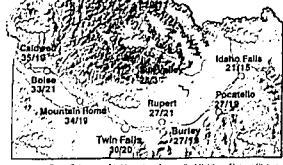
Today: Morning clouds with partially clearing late day skies. Highs upper 20s.
Tonight: Increasing late night clouds and cold. Lows in the upper teens.
Tomorrow: Cloudy and chilly with developing late day and overnight snow showers. Highs lower 30s, lows lower 20s

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Moody dry for today expect for a few mountain snow showers. Mostly dry tonight with increasing snow showers through the day. Saturday, Sunday cold with weekend with light snow likely. Stay dry.

BOISE
Cloudy to mostly cloudy for today, tomorrow and Sunday. Today and early Saturday will be dry. The chance of light snow will increase for late Saturday and early Sunday.

NORTHERN UTAH
Light snow showers in the higher elevations today. Otherwise, mostly dry through late Saturday. Snow likely on Sunday.



weather key: S: Snow; SH: Snow Showers; C: Cloudy; B: Breezy; W: Windy; H: Heavy Snow; R: Rain; T: Thunder; M: Mostly; P: Partly; D: Dry; F: Fog; O: Overcast; L: Light; M: Moderate; H: Heavy

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
The Law of Attraction attracts to you everything you need, according to the true nature of your thought. Your environment and physical condition are the perfect reflection of the thoughts that you hold in thinking. Thought rules the world.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 30, Low 20).

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

MOON PHASES



MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Moonrise, Moonset. Times: 6:27 PM, 6:47 AM.

U.V. INDEX

Low, Moderate, High. The higher the index the more sun protection needed.

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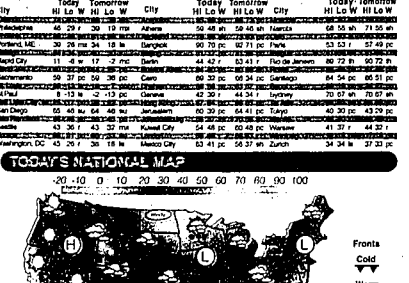
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



TRAHAN, GAMEZ TIED ATOP CLASSIC
PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — D.J. Trahan shot an 18-under 64, and Robert Gamez had a 65 Thursday to tie for the lead after two rounds of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

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Trahan began the day with a string of four birdies... Gamez turned in a bogey-free round... Trahan's quick start could have been even better... Justin Leonard, the 2005 champion, had a 64 at the Quainta and was one shot off the pace...

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Gooding judge pushes shooting case forward

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

GOODING — A local magistrate on Thursday found probable cause that Jesus Valencia-Bolanos was an accessory to first-degree murder and grand theft auto, against protests from Valencia's attorney that his client was a reluctant witness to a dangerous killer's plan.

Valencia has been in jail since early December, after police located victim Gustavo Flores' wife 1996 Pontiac Grand Am in Southern

California. Police arrested Valencia sometime later.

Still on the lam is Carlos Villanueva-Martinez whom Gooding County Prosecutor Calvin Campbell has said shot Flores execution-style on Nov. 8 alongside a river northwest of Gooding. The three men drove to the site in Flores' Pontiac to make a meth deal, then shot at cans with a rifle while they waited for someone to deliver the product, Valencia told police, who testified Thursday.

Villanueva and Flores exploded



into an argument when Villanueva accused Flores of cheating with Villanueva's wife. Villanueva shot

Flores in the back of his neck, police testified.

There are two versions of the events that followed, and nearly all the evidence hinges on statements made through a Spanish interpreter by Valencia.

Joe James, a Gooding County deputy public defender, said Valencia heard the pop of the gun, followed by a moan, while he was following himself down the embankment to the river. Valencia returned to the car where he found Flores dead on the ground with blood on

his face and Villanueva standing nearby next to the rear of the Pontiac.

Panicking, Valencia got behind the wheel and turned on the ignition, wanting to leave. Villanueva clapped on latex gloves and stole money from Flores' wallet. Then Villanueva told him to move aside, and that he would drive since Valencia looked too shaken. Villanueva also said he'd killed before.

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Health and Welfare supportive of deal for Gooding facility

Spokeswoman: Department waiting for business plan

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will support an effort to transfer ownership of a troubled Gooding nursing home, the prospective new owner of the facility has said.

Scott Burpee, president and CEO of Carefix Management Consulting out of Pocatello, said he received a call from the department Thursday offering their help in working through the transfer of the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center, currently owned by Chubbuck-based Northwest Bee Corp. Burpee also serves as Bee-Corp's vice president of finance and reimbursement.

Pending federal involvement, Burpee said, the deal would initially certify the home solely for state Medicaid reimbursements and not Medicare, an essential step.

"The message I got today is that (Health and Welfare) is on board to be as helpful as possible within their regulations to try and save the facility," Burpee said. "I thought it was very gracious of them."

Department spokeswoman Emily Simmitt, responding to concerns aired by Burpee, said in an article in Thursday's *Times-News*, said the department is waiting for Carefix and Bee-Corp to work out the details of the transfer before taking the next step. One of those concerns was that the state wouldn't be able to certify the home in a timely fashion, something Simmitt said is simply not true.

"We, as an agency, will do what we can do to ensure the health and safety of the residents of the facility," she said. "If that means going in and doing a survey, we will make that happen."

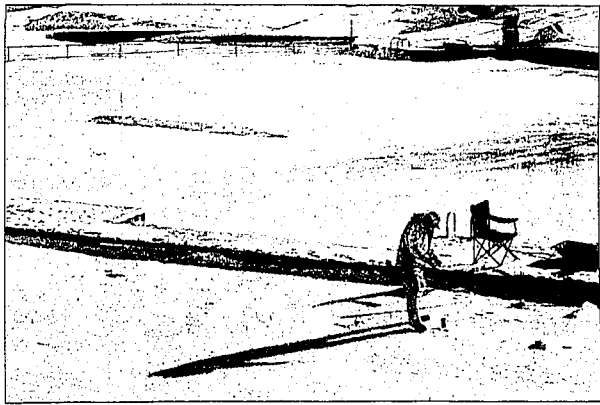
The department and the two companies plan further discussions over the next week to work out an agreement, Burpee said. The complicated change of ownership could allow the Gooding home to remain open and serving all of its residents after the department revoked its license Dec. 5.

"There're obviously lots of details that those companies will have to hammer out," Simmitt said. "They need to come up with their plan, and we're just waiting for that to happen."

If his company assumed ownership of the home, Burpee would still have to work out a way to certify the home with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which would allow federal Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements to resume. Those payments will be cut off on Feb. 4. CMS officials have said, and Bee-Corp officials have pledged to cover the home's residents while a solution is found.

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FISHING IN THE WINTER SUN



Stan Paulson of Twin Falls ice fishes Thursday afternoon at Dierkes Lake. Paulson says ice fishing is fun, but that fish don't seem to bite as much in the winter. Today's forecast for the Magic Valley is partly cloudy conditions with a high of 30.

ISDA tries again to charge drug companies

Funds to be used for livestock disease control

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — Keeping animals healthy could become a little more expensive.

The Senate Agricultural Affairs voted Thursday to print legislation that would charge \$800 per company that manufacture animal and veterinary drugs used in Idaho.

The same committee last year narrowly defeated a similar pitch that would have charged manufacturers \$50 per product when they registered products like drugs and supplements.

Lawmakers last year were against adding more regulations, just so the Idaho State Department of Agriculture could raise money.

Under the new proposal, in order for companies to sell animal drugs or similar materials in Idaho that must be registered or licensed under the state, the

companies would pay \$800 annually to the state. The money would be filtered to the agency's livestock diseases control and tuberculosis indemnity account.

This year's proposal, however, is slightly different and state officials are more optimistic.

Officials say the fees will raise about \$200,000 — the same as last year but that Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has promised to support matching funds from the general fund if the program is successful, said ISDA Animal Industries Administrator Greg Ledbetter. Last year, ISDA officials told senators that they've requested funds to add to the designated funds but have been denied.

He added that the money is to make up for the declining revenue from brand inspections as the agency's cost of services continues to increase. He said that because livestock is being transferred fewer times, fewer inspec-

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tions are being done — resulting in less money for the agency.

The department worked on the legislation with pharmaceutical companies and they do not have a problem with the legislation, Ledbetter said.

Otter's involvement might make the legislation more attractive to lawmakers, said Ag Affairs Committee Chairman Tom Gannon, R-Idaho.

"Otter's attitude is, 'if you want money from me, show me what you can do first and I'll see what I can do for you,'" Gannon said. He added that ISDA seemed to have drawn up legislation that is clearer than last year's on where the funding is directed.

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One resigns from Filer City Council

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — A little more than two months after being elected to a four-year term, Filer City Councilman Darin Stoddard submitted his resignation.

Stoddard said in a letter read during Tuesday evening's council meeting that he was resigning for personal reasons and would be moving outside the city limits.

Stoddard was initially appointed to the council to complete a two-year vacancy left by Bob Templeman, who was elected as mayor in 2005.

"We'll hopefully have someone in mind to appoint to the seat," Templeman said. "If anybody is interested, contact me so we can talk."

In other business, the council announced plans to participate with Twin Falls, Kimberly, Jerome, Paulsen, Rupert and Halley in the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization.

"What we need is someone with a business or real estate background who has the time to act as the city's representative," Templeman said. "We can't offer much in the way of compensation, except for mileage reimbursement, but this is something we should definitely be involved with, so maybe we could work something out."

SEIDO was established in 2001 to help Magic Valley communities strengthen their economies by attracting new businesses or expanding existing businesses.

"The whole process is client-driven by towns and cities trying to meet the concerns and needs of business," said Jan Rogers, executive director of SEIDO. "We're more involved in the soft side of relationship building by acting as a link between resources, creating deals and contracts, and clearly a responsibility of the city and business."

AROUND THE VALLEY

Holiday brings several closures around valley

Many offices and facilities will be closed Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Here's a rundown of what will be closed and open:

- Most city offices will be closed, including in Twin Falls, Jerome, Burley, Rupert, Halley and Gooding.
- County offices will be closed.
- State and federal offices will be closed.
- Post offices will be closed.
- Local banks will be closed.
- Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.
- The College of Southern

Idaho will be closed.

- YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool will be open regular hours.
- Magic Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Three collections will follow the regular schedule.

Office hours extended

Twin Falls Parks and Recreation has extended its office hours to meet the growing needs of the community.

New hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Information: Beth Pendergast, recreation coordinator, 736-2265.

County has openings for parks, waterways board

Twin Falls County is seeking members for the Parks and Waterways Advisory Board.

Five individuals are needed from the Castleford, Twin Falls, Kimberly-Hansen, Hollister and Murrumbidgee areas. Anyone who likes recreation in Twin Falls County, who wants to give input and help improve existing facilities or who is interested in further development of recreational opportunities in the county is encouraged to apply for a position on the board. Those interested should have a strong commitment to the community and a desire to improve recreation opportunities in the county.

Applications for the board membership are available from the county commission's office, 736-4068, or from the county's Web site, www.twinfallscounty.org. Resumes are encouraged. Deadline to apply is Wednesday.

BlueShield to offer online ratings system

Regence BlueShield of Idaho, which provides health insurance to more than 200,000 members in the state, announced Tuesday it will launch a user-feedback service on its Web site in March and April.

Regence members who visit

mytelgence.com will be able to evaluate and review information on physicians, dentists and other health care providers, leaving comments for other members. The service will be similar to other efforts by private health insurers such as Wellpoint and United Healthcare, as well as companies such as Microsoft and Google, Regence spokesman Mike Tuko said.

Health care providers whose patients leave evaluations will have an opportunity to respond online. Currently, members are already able to comment on their experience with Regence as a health plan through the Web site.

Regence members and guests will be able to view the

numerical portion of survey results in early March 2008. In April, Regence will make the comments and numerical scores available online to members. Both elements are available to providers as part of a feature preview period that began Tuesday.

In a study conducted among Regence members with the help of an independent research firm, 94 percent of the respondents indicated that having access to information about other individuals' experiences was important to their health care decision-making.

For more information: www.regence.com.

— Staff reports

Idaho courts want to expand security to justices

Funding for ISP detail remains unclear

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — Do the Idaho Supreme Court justices need James Bond by their side as they write opinions? The House Judiciary, Rules and Administration voted Thursday to introduce legislation that would expand government security detail by the Idaho State Police to include the state's Supreme Court justices. State law provides that ISP

duties include protection for the governor and state legislators. The proposed law would have one full-time officer oversee the Idaho Supreme Court, the Idaho Court of Appeals, and the Capitol Mall, the multi-block region of government buildings in Boise. "It simply extends their responsibilities to government's third branch," said Patti Tobias, administrative director of the Courts. The legislation was not

prompted by a particular event in the past year but is rather the result of an ongoing effort between ISP Col. Jerry Russell and Idaho's courts, Tobias said. The Supreme Court is a traveling body six times a year. In November, the justices heard cases over three days in Twin Falls County. But the proposal didn't

indicate any impact on the state's budget, and some lawmakers questioned whether that was the case. The ISP included \$129,500 for an additional full-time officer, but the funding was not included in Gov. C.L. "Buteh" Otter's budget proposal. Otter, however, is not opposed to the funding but wants to see the legislation pass first, Tobias said. Still, the legislation could pass without any funding for an additional officer, she said. Committee member Rep. Raul Labrador, Ft. Eagle, said that he wanted more infor-

mation on potential fiscal impact. He noted the distinction that courthouses often have electronic security machines while the Legislature is completely open to the public. "It'd be more comfortable if there was a fiscal impact," Labrador said.

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Gooding

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"First he was scared," James said. "He was scared for himself. He was scared of Carlos. He had never seen a dead body before. Valencia wanted to go home, but Villanueva told him it was too late: He was part of this. Valencia went along; he'd only known Villanueva for a short time and didn't want to disobey him. They remained together until Thanksgiving when their relation deterior-

ated and the two men finally split up. Valencia never went to the police. But when they caught him, he never resisted their interrogations. Campbell, the prosecutor, said fear of Villanueva wasn't what motivated Valencia to run away. Rather, he was afraid of going to jail, Campbell said. "This is actively avoiding the police," Campbell said. Valencia told police the 22 caliber semi-automatic rifle

with brown paint markings and the number 13 on its stock belonged to him. With Flores lying dead on the ground, Valencia's first instinct was to drive away in Campbell's car. Nearing the Perrine Bridge in the Pontiac, court records show, Villanueva wrapped the rifle in a sweater and tossed it from the car. When Villanueva handed him \$300 from the bills he had taken off the body, Valencia accepted. And

when the pair reached California, Valencia gave Villanueva a place to stay with his family. Campbell said these statements made by Valencia show he was an accessory and that he was involved in stealing the car. Casey Magistrate Robinson set Valencia's arraignment on Jan. 22. Cassidy Friedman can be reached at 735-3241 or cfriedman@magicvalley.com.

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Kick off rally planned for Mini-Cassia Relay For Life

RUPERT — Area volunteers are presently gearing up for the 2008 American Cancer Society Mini-Cassia Relay For Life. The Mini-Cassia Relay For Life "Kick Off Rally" will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Doc's Pizza in Rupert. The public is welcome to attend to hear about the new ideas and innovations planned for this year.

It will also be an opportunity for participants to register their teams and sign up to serve as Relay volunteers. Refreshments and prizes will also be offered to give the "Kick Off" a festive atmosphere in conjunction with the 2008 theme, "Hang 10 for a Cure."

The 2008 Relay For Life will again be held on the historic Rupert square June 6-7 and will celebrate the 10th anniversary of this event.

The event traditionally draws hundreds of participants who form more than 40 teams to walk the square all night to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Money received allows the American Cancer Society to continue funding cancer research, its state and national legislative advocacy efforts and the Society's many educational and community service programs.

For more information about the American Cancer Society Mini-Cassia Relay For Life Kick Off, to register a team, or to serve as a volunteer, Shirley Dayley at 434-8667 or Tracy Haskin at 679-3713.

Twin Falls Kick Off

The Twin Falls Relay For Life committee would like to invite interested participants including families, caregivers, cancer survivors, schools, or companies to a "Kick Off" for their annual Relay For Life 2008.

The event will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Bridgeview Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd. on the third floor.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is an overnight community celebration where individuals and teams camp out, barbecue, dance, and take turns walking around a track relay-style to raise funds to fight cancer.

For more information: Justin Ash, 420-5545.

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EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS

Justin Orban

FILER — Justin Orban, 15-year-old son of Michael and Cathy Orban of Filer. Will be presented with his Eagle Scout Award at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Filer LDS Church, 841 W. Midway St. in Filer.



Orban

Orban earned 32 merit badges and has qualified for bronze and gold palms. For his Eagle project, he assembled and installed three signs for the community of Filer. The project took 51 hours, assisted by members of his troop.

He belongs to Troop No. 172 sponsored by the Filer 2nd Ward of the LDS Church. His troop leader is Matt Burke. Orban is a sophomore at Filer High School. He plays varsity soccer and is on the junior varsity basketball team. He enjoys hunting, camping, and four-wheel driving and is currently president of the teachers' quorum in his ward at church.

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Borges

Borges earned 30 merit badges and has qualified for a bronze palm. For his Eagle project, he built Western Blue Bird houses for the Twin Falls Soil and Water Conservation District. The project took 71 hours to complete and he was assisted by Payden Hatch of Troop 72, family members and missionaries. Supplies were donated by Eureka Construction and Excavation, the Westcott family, and the conservation district.

He belongs to Troop No. 172 sponsored by the Filer 2nd Ward of the LDS Church. His troop leader is Matt Burke. Borges is a sophomore at Filer High School, has lettered on the varsity soccer team and served as freshman class secretary/treasurer. He was ordained into the Order of the Arrow and now serves as a representative for his troop. He has served as

senior assistant patrol leader of Camp Bradley and has participated in baseball and football.

David Butler

David Michael Butler, 18-year-old son of Bill and Connie Butler of Kimberly, will receive his Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 222 Main St. in Kimberly. He has completed 21 merit



Butler

badges. For his project, he organized a blood drive for the American Red Cross. He was assisted by members of his troop with donations from the community and with phone calls. Donations were from Sweetens, Bidley's and Maxie's Pizzeria. He is a member of Troop 43, sponsored by the Kimberly 1st Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His leader is Josh Olsen. Butler attends Kimberly High School and is active in wrestling and cross-country track.

BIRTHDAYS

Donna Ellen Blackwood

FILER — Donna Ellen Blackwood of Filer will celebrate her 80th birthday at an open house from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday at Filer Senior Haven, 222 Main St. in Filer.



Blackwood

Blackwood was born Jan. 19, 1928, in Rigny. She married Clinton Ross Blackwood on June 1, 1945. She has lived in the Magic Valley for more than 50 years and is an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints. Children include Clint (Sheri) of Filer, Rowdy of Twin Falls, Nancy Anthony of Philomath, Ore., Carl (deceased). She has many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The event is being hosted by her family.

Betty Sept

BUHL — Betty Sept of Buhl will be honored at an open house for her 80th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at First Christian Church, 1005 Poplar, Buhl. Betty Hamilton was born Jan. 18, 1928 in Minneapolis, Minn. She married Bob Sept June 13, 1948, in Twin Falls.

She has lived in the Magic Valley area for 60 years. She earned her teaching degree in 1971 and taught science for the Buhl School District from 1971 to 1996, when she retired. She is currently a board member for the West End Senior Citizen's Center.

Her children include Deborah (John) Knapp of Meridian and Christine Sept of Heyburn. She has two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Sept

Brennan Borges

FILER — Brennan Darrin Borges, 16-year-old son of Darrin and Rachelle Borg

Wendell holds parent teacher conferences

WENDELL — Wendell Middle School and Wendell High School announces that parents are encouraged to

pickup copies of students mid-term report cards and meet with teachers from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan.

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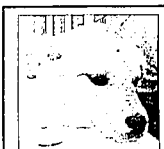


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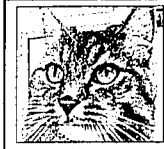
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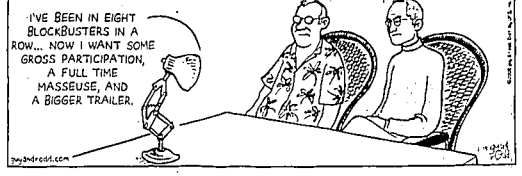
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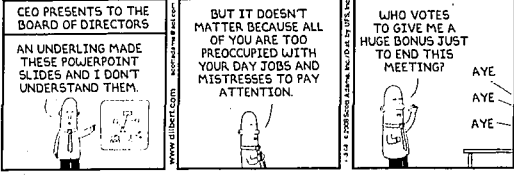
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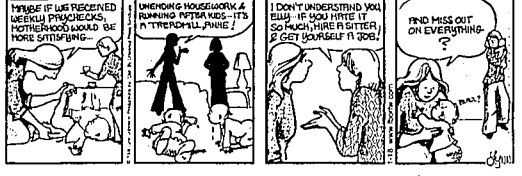
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Go get what you want, Leo

IF JAN. 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Don't play your cards too close to your chest in March when a sincere attitude and professional expertise might win you respect, a raise or promotion. With your drive into business activities next fall, remain appreciative of the friends and loved ones who have helped you succeed. Someone very deserving may need your help and attention. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19): It could be that you value most what you find is the hardest to acquire. You could become fixated on obtaining something just because it seems like a challenge. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Someone may gently ruffle your feathers in an effort to force you off your roost. It is a good weekend for joint activities that involve physical exertion. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Someone is waiting for you to make the first move, just because opposites attract does not mean that you have met your soul mate so don't make a new relationship. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22): It takes two to tango. Pay attention to subtle flirtations

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

and take the lead in a relationship. A minute of a minute won't satisfy the need for physical activity, so pull out your dancing shoes tonight. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Go get what you want. When the gas tank is full, there is no reason to delay the beginning of a journey. Your desires are dependable as the tides and can be counted upon to carry you safely to shore. **VIROGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Prevention is often better than the cure. Demands may be made on your piggy bank, but you will find there is a bit extra to spare. Balancing family needs and career requirements may pull you two ways at once. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pull a comforting blanket of charm over everything you do. Your desirability is accentuated by current conditions. Snuggle deeply into a relationship that offers exciting warmth and tingling tastes of passion. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may feel it is your

destiny to wield power. Your passions leave others bobbing behind in your wake like flotsam on the waves. A fleeting flirtation could become an unavoidable obsession. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Cut your desires are building to a crescendo and you need to guide the rhythm like a conductor with a baton. You may want what you can't have. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Turn on the charm like a light switch. Your friendly demeanor will delight and amuse a new friend, or earn you a genuine invitation to join a group. Amorous overtures may be courteous constructive activities. New goals may form that will keep your attention riveted. You may find the necessary inspiration to improve your surroundings. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Explore entertainment pleasures. The local theater group might offer a brief distraction, but your mood could be more suited to physical beauty. Your special someone might have amorous ideas.

Non Sequiter



Strange Brew



Beetle Bailey

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By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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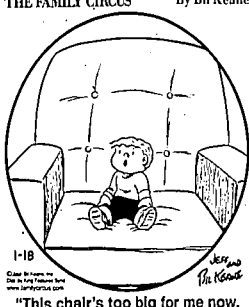
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Man professes love for woman his friends say not to marry



DEAR ABBY
Jeannette
Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'll be brief. I am in love with a woman who has multiple personality disorder. My friends tell me I'm a fool for falling in love with such a woman.

I love her with all my heart and soul, & I know I have a lot to handle, but my love for her is strong, and I know we can prevail. What do you think?

—TRUE LOVE TEXAN
DEAR TEXAN: I'll be brief. I think you had better be absolutely certain that you love every facet of her splintered personality before any or all of you make a lifelong commitment.

DEAR ABBY: I have I committed a social error? The 97-year-old I loved recently. The family asked that memorials be sent to the local hospice in her memory. I sent a sizable check, but because we loved her like our own mother, I went to our florist and personally selected a beautiful vase that I thought the daughter could keep, and had it filled with flowers.

After the funeral service, as I walked by the casket, the daughter said to me, "Mother-wanted memorials made to hospice." (Right? "Mother" was so out of it for several months that she didn't even know she was under hospice care.)

I spent a lot of money on

that funeral and don't regret it. But why did the daughter make me feel so bad? She lashed out at me for doing something out of love for her and her mother. When we left the church the flowers were sitting there with our card still attached. Obviously, they didn't want them or the vase, so I brought them home to enjoy and will give the vase to one of my daughters.

Should I say anything, or should I consider the source?

—DONNA
IN AKRON, OHIO
DEAR DONNA: You should consider the circumstances. People who are grieving are not usually at their best or most gracious. The daughter may have been under the impression that the family's wishes had been ignored, and you had sent flowers instead of donating to the group that had helped and supported the church in the manner during that critical time.

If the daughter hasn't already been notified about your generous gift (most organizations do inform the family of the deceased about donations received in their

loved one's memory. I see nothing wrong with straightening out the misunderstanding, but do it gently and without anger.

DEAR ABBY: I recently let a friend borrow a bracelet of mine. I left it at her house and asked that she return it the next time we saw each other. That was Sunday morning, and I even called ahead of time to make sure she remembered. When we met, she told me she had forgotten to bring it.

A few days later I was at her house again. When she gave me the bracelet, it had been completely destroyed by her cat. She apologized and said she would buy me a new one. "No," she replied, "my cat did it, not me." I decided not to push the issue. The bracelet wasn't too expensive, but I feel I deserve some sort of payment because the cat didn't know any better. What should I do?

—AT A LOSS IN MINNESOTA

DEAR AT A LOSS: The bracelet may not have been too expensive, but chalk this up as a valuable lesson. Your "friend" is irresponsible and not entirely truthful. Unless you're willing to risk losing what you lend her, refrain from making that mistake again.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2008. There are 348 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Jan. 18, 1912, English explorer Robert E Scott and his expedition reached the South Pole, only to discover that Roald Amundsen had beaten them to it. (Scott and his party perished during the return trip.)

In 1943, a wartime ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread in the U.S. — aimed at reducing bakers' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect.

In 1943, during World War II, the Soviets announced they had broken through the long Nazi siege of Leningrad (it was another year before the siege was fully lifted).

In 1957, a trio of B-52's completed the first non-stop round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted in Cambridge, Mass., of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed in prison in 1973.)

In 1971, William I of Prussia was proclaimed German Emperor in Versailles, France.

In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending World War I, opened in Versailles, France.

In 1936, author Rudyard Kipling died in Burwash, England.

Chicago and James Francis Stafford, the former archbishop of Denver. The motion picture "Titanic" won four Golden Globes, including best drama and best director. Lawyers nationwide, "Aly McBeal" beat out "Seinfeld" as the best TV comedy.

Five years ago: Top U.N. officials warned Iraq it was running out of time to cooperate and avoid war. Prostate cancer and overseas demonstrated in opposition to possible war in Iraq. Michelle Kwan won her sixth straight U.S. Figure Skating Championships title and seventh overall. Michael Weiss won his third U.S. men's title.

One year ago: Truck driver Tyrone Williams was spared the death penalty and sentenced in Houston to life in prison for his role in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants crammed in a sweltering tractor-trailer. The heated controversy at ABC's top show, "Grey's Anatomy," boiled over as the network rebuked co-star Isaiah Washington for an anti-gay comment and Washington issued a lengthy apology.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS



Costner. Director John Boorman is 75. Singer-writer B.B. King is 67. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 55. Actor-director Kevin

Costner is 53. Country singer Mark Collie is 52. Actress Jane Horrocks is 44. Comedian Dave Attell is 43. Actor Jesse L. Martin ("Law & Order") is 39. Rapper DJ Quik is 38. Rock singer Jonathan Davis (Korn) is 37. Singer Christian Burns (B-B-Mak) is 35. Actor Derek Richardson is 32. Actor Jason Segel is 28. Actress Samantha Mumba is 25.

THOUGHT

"Of all the liars in the world, sometimes the worst are your own fears."

— Rudyard Kipling, British author and poet (1865-1936)

Wisconsin Legislature to overturn 27-year ban on heated sidewalks

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Things are heating up in Wisconsin.

After the second snowiest December on record in the state capital — and with temperatures hovering around 20 degrees Tuesday — the Legislature abolished a statewide ban on heated sidewalks, stairs, entrances and pedestrian walkways.

The bill, which cleared the state Assembly in October and was approved

unanimously Tuesday by the state Senate, overturns a law passed in 1980s in response to the energy crisis of the 1970s. Wisconsin is the only state that had such a prohibition in the books.

Supporters of overturning the ban argue that with better technology, and the prospect of using less salt and saving money on snow removal, the ban had outlived its usefulness.

Phyllis Christensen, director of the Marathon

City library, said library officials hoped the bill would pass so they could build an outdoor stairway between a new parking lot and the library's entrance, which is about 17 feet up on a hill.

"Trying to keep a staircase like that cleared so it's safe during the winter, would be extremely difficult," Christensen said.

The bill now goes to Gov. Jim Doyle, who supports it, said his spokesman Matt Carter.

U.S. fugitives caught in Mexico spared death penalty, frustrating prosecutors

By Michelle Roberts
Associated Press writer

SAN ANTONIO — A methamphetamine dealer who gunned down a deputy during a traffic stop in Southern California. A man in Arizona who killed his ex-girlfriend's parents and brother and snatched his children. A man who suffocated his baby daughter and left her body in a toolbag on an expressway overpass near Chicago.

Ordinarily, these would be death penalty cases. But these men fled to Mexico, thereby escaping the possibility of execution.

The reason Mexico refuses to send anyone back to the United States unless the U.S. gives assurances it won't seek the death penalty — a 30-year-old policy that ruffles some American prosecutors and angers victims' families. "We find it extremely disturbing that the Mexican government would dictate to us, in Arizona, how we would enforce our laws at the same time they are complaining about our immigration laws," said Barnett Lortie, special assistant to the prosecutor in Maricopa County, Ariz., which includes Phoenix.

"Even in the most egregious cases, the Mexican authorities say, 'No way,' and that's not justice. That's an interference of Mexican authorities in our judicial process in Arizona."

It may be about to happen again: A Marine accused of

murdering a pregnant comrade in North Carolina and burning her remains in his backyard is believed to have fled to Mexico. Prosecutors said they have not decided whether to seek the death penalty. But if the Marine is captured in Mexico, capital punishment will be off the table.

Fugitives trying to escape the long arm of the law have been making a run for the border ever since frontier days, a practice romanticized in countless Hollywood Westerns.

Mexico routinely returns fugitives to the U.S. to face justice. But under a 1978 treaty with the U.S., Mexico, which has no death penalty, will not extradite anyone facing possible execution. To get their hands on a fugitive, U.S. prosecutors must agree to seek no more than life in prison.

Other countries, including France and Canada, also demand such "death assurances." But the problem is more common with Mexico, since it is often a quick drive from the crime scene for a large portion of the United States.

"If you can get to Mexico — if you have the means — it's a way of escaping the death penalty," said Isaac Unah, a University of North Carolina police science professor.

The Justice Department said death assurances from foreign countries are fairly common, but it had no immediate numbers. State

Department officials said Mexico extradited 73 suspects to the U.S. in 2007. Most were wanted on drug or murder charges.

Laila Parkinson, a spokeswoman for the Mexican Consulate in Houston, said Mexico opposes capital punishment on human rights grounds and has a particular obligation to protect the rights of people of Mexican descent who face prosecution in the U.S.

The U.S. government typically pays more attention to those entering the country from Mexico than it does to those trying to leave the U.S. But Texas authorities have begun making checks of vehicles and drivers heading south on the 25 international bridges that connect the state to Mexico.

The initiative, announced in October, was originally intended to catch drug smugglers taking cash or stolen cars into Mexico, but "we would hope it would be a deterrent for fugitives" as well, said Allison Castle, a spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Perry.

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School slayings of students down from 1990s, new U.S. report says; 16 die annually

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — About 16 students are murdered at U.S. schools each year, says a new government report that shows the number and rate of slayings has held steady and is lower than in the previous decade.

"Schools remain safe places for students," said report co-author Jeff Hall, of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC counted murders of students that occurred at elementary, middle or high schools, on school-sponsored trips, or while students were on their way to or from school. A total of 116 such

deaths occurred from July 1999 through June 2005.

That's a lower number and rate than in the years, which included the infamous shooting spree at Columbine High School in Colorado in April 1999 when 12 were killed. Overall, from July 1994 to June 1999, there were 172 student slayings at schools.

The new numbers show massacres remain rare and that 101 of 116 deaths involved single-victim incidents.

Researchers didn't study whether school-associated killings have dropped since the 1990s, but it may have to do with violence prevention measures, Hall said.

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Never follow your nose

Here each Friday, using photos and print, we encourage you to get up, get out, explore and discover. My co-writer, Russel Burbank, assures you that the couch will meditate quietly until your return. The following adventure, however, we wouldn't wish upon anyone.



ROWDY'S RENDEZVOUS
Ron Yates

Many Novembers ago I scouted with a friend who held a late-season buck permit. We were hunting south-east of Rogerson, and decided to scout two separate canyons. My canyon had a large, flat plateau of basalt. Snow furies and low clouds obscured familiar landmarks.

A strange rock formation had caught my attention, and I was curiously hiking toward it when I noticed an empty bullet casing.

Hair on the back of my neck stood up as I studied the casing. Something was very wrong. I feigned aloofness and scrutinized my surroundings, while at the same time I instinctually prepared to meet head on with whatever was lurking nearby. Ferie feelings are commonly produced by one's predetermined fears. This feeling, I tell you, struck me even before a thought process could begin.

I took a breath. It was well intentioned and logical, but still it was a pathetic attempt at swallowing fear. I bent over — it was more of a duck under — I grabbed the cartridge casing, spun around, bent two steps, and then took cover behind a large basalt rock.

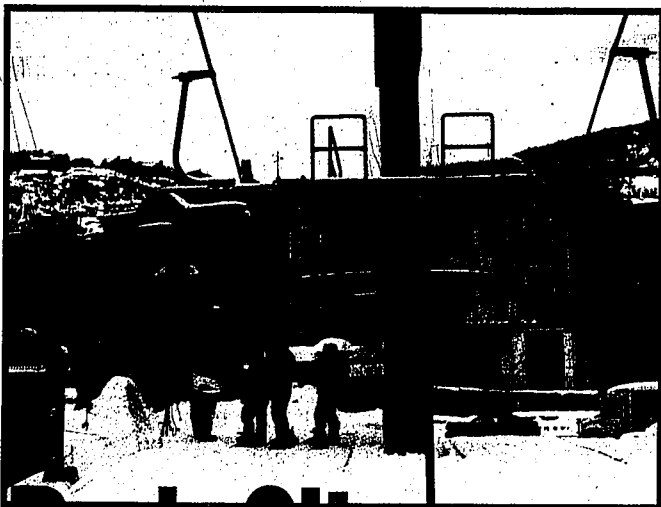
Now crouching behind the boulder, yet feeling less secure somehow, I read the casing's inscription upon its rim: W.R.A.G., 33 W.C.F. — a Winchester Repeating Arms munition that was obsolete after 1940.

I surveyed the land around me carefully and stood up. After three cautious steps a porcupine stepped toward my stomach. I turned, looking for its source, though knowing what it was. My eyes led me to a narrow, vertical crack in a basalt outcropping.

I removed my pack and squeezed into the crack. The passage way turned slowly to the right and the crack closed above me until it became only an inch wide. I found myself within a narrow, dimly lit cavern.

A back, its leather sole curved and shrunken, was pinned between the wall and a fallen rock. A few feet further, a shoe shooter in its holster lay barely exposed, almost covered by a sprawling pack and a sign reading "TERRY AND GARY LOVE YOU." The wide grin of a hat stuck out of the rim's nest above the

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Park City Utah's playground of the rich and famous ... and regular folks

Photos and story by Karla Barnes • Times-News correspondent

Park City, Utah, is one of the most alluring winter destinations in the world. This legendary playground of the rich and famous is home to three world class resorts on over 3,000 acres of the "Greatest Snow On Earth." It is this amazing magnitude of snow accumulation which draws young and old alike to the summits of the Wasatch Mountains every winter in search of unlimited winter recreation.

Inch for inch, Utah's snowfall out measures almost every other ski resort on the planet. Thanks to a phenomenon known as the "Lake Effect," the mountains of the Beehive State usually rack up an average of nearly 40 feet of snow from November to April each year. The western jet stream moves storm after storm across 400 miles of Nevada desert before it arrives at the Great Salt Lake. Once it encounters the warm waters of the lake, the fronts usually pick up speed and intensity before slamming into the Wasatch Mountains. The result is perfect powder, and lots of it.

As the season progresses, the challenges on the mountain intensify as do the performing art schedules in the historic mining town below. Park City is known to have the highest level of performing arts of any ski town in the country.

By late January, this winter wonderland is running full speed ahead.

The popular snow culture mingles with a delicious and entertaining combination of fine dining and a motion picture scene that rivals anything you might encounter in Hollywood, Calif. or Cannes, France.

Winter sports

Experienced skiers and boarders have flocked to



Beginning skiers take a lesson before hitting the slopes at Deer Valley.

Park City

Check out www.parkcityinfo.com for more information on Park City, or call the Park City Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-453-1360.

For ski conditions: www.skiutah.com/snow_report
Gongosa Tubing Park: 1-435-658-2848
The Sundance Film Festival runs until Jan. 27. For film schedules and more information check out <http://www.sundance.org/festival>

My first stop was the visitor's center at Olympic Park. Here, volunteer Renate Dalton, a native of Germany who has lived in Park City for years helped navigate the area. She suggested to take in the sights at the Olympic Park and then tour the resorts. Renate also recommended taking a gondola tour offered at The Canyons Resort.

"Many non-skiers enjoy taking the gondola ride to

the top then enjoying the scenery and a nice lunch up on top of the mountain," she explained.

Olympic Park is a great place to start the day. The park is free to visitors. Olympic Park was a competition venue for the 2002 Winter Olympics. Today, the 400-acre park is a training ground for recreational and high-performance athletes. Visitors can watch athletes in action, take a guided



Cross-country skiing is another popular sport near Park City.

tour, or if your pocketbook allows, you can take a ride on the 60 mph bobsled for about \$200.

Just down the road at Exit 141, families will want to check out Gongosa Park. This wonderful spot offers an unforgettable tubing experience. A variety of winter enthusiasts enjoy the beautifully maintained runs at the tubing park.

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Wintertime trail runners

Deep snow and icy trails are upon me here in Minnesota, my home state and an ideal proving ground for footwear made to take on winter. Specifically, over the past two months I've tested three winterized trail-running shoes, all water resistant and warm enough for cold days, but with enough spring to propel my stride adequately during nightly training runs and the occasional foul-weather race.



THE GEAR JUNKIE
Stephen Regenold

Of the three models I've been testing, the Salomon Speedcross 2s are most impressive. They 5.11 runners have a thick insulating upper and a unique sole with dozens of V-shape lugs made of a soft rubber.

Salomon's (www.salomon-sports.com) principle idea with this "Winter



Contagrip" sole was to employ pliable rubber that stays always soft — and thus always grippy — in the cold. In my tests, the concept proved true, as the shoes grabbed buy ground better than the other footwear in this review.

Designed for trail running, the Speedcross 2s have a big cushioning heel to dampen the blows when you land in the backseat. For me, this padding seemed overkill, making my stride slower if I didn't consciously avoid landing on my heel. It is a nice cushion against gravel while running downhill in bumpy terrain, however.

Like most Salomon footwear, the Speedcross 2s have a Keivar lacing system, which employs a slide-catch to tighten the shoe on your foot.

They weigh about 11 ounces per foot, which makes them the lightest and most nimble shoes — that is to say the fastest — in the bunch.

Second in line, La Sportiva's Ultramar GTX-XC2 are the best shoe for snow, as they come with ankle gaiters. These Gore-Tex shoes are what I use now for long trail runs and fast off-trail treks in snow.

Winter can't get in easily while tromping through slush, and snow stays out almost completely because of the company's (www.sportiva.com) slick Gaiter system.

The S125 shoes have a gummy toebox and an aggressive outsole for traction. They're comfortable and supportive, almost as rigid as a hiking boot.

For flat trails without deep snow, however, I preferred the Salomon's over the Sportivas, as the latter is stiffer, slower and about three ounces heavier per foot.

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New additions increasing Magic Mountain's profile

By Damon Hunziker
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN — The owners of Magic Mountain Ski Resort are very fond of you — yes, you. At least that's what it says on the menu in the lodge. Between the lists of hamburgers and soup, a sign reads "TERRY AND GARY LOVE YOU." They're the brothers, Terry and

Gary Miller, who purchased the resort three years ago and whose enthusiasm for the mountain promises to maintain and enhance its allure as a snow destination roughly 35 miles from Twin Falls.

It's a short and easy drive but one that, thankfully, leads to a place beyond the service of cell phones. All manner of methods to traverse the snow become quickly evident,

from snowshoes to sleds to cross-country skis to downhill skis to snowboards to rumbling machines with names like Bearcat — which are fun but conjure images of a genetic hybrid too disturbing to contemplate.

The newest feature is the tubing hill, and it's not just for children. Equipped with a user-friendly cable that pulls people to the top, it's short

but still exhilarates and provides a reprieve from having to consider such burdens as turning or stopping or getting old.

Every year, the High Desert Nordic Association offers its Free Cross Country Ski Day, which occurred this year on Saturday. With the sun threatening to melt powder but falling, the snow glistened and was easy to grab. For those who are

wondering if cross-country skiing is always free, the answer is yes — but the equipment is not. As one kid announced, "This is the best thing you can do."

"We provide everything you need, and we do it to promote the sport and bring skiers and snow lovers together," says Dan Cross, with the HDNA.

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MOOSE KILL

Share your outdoors tales or photos and you could be the talk of the town in next week's issue. Times-News Outdoors accepts the following:

- photos of big game/fish catches
- first-hand accounts (please keep these to 500 words maximum if possible) of hunting, fishing, hiking, etc. adventures
- suggestions for possible story ideas

All submissions should be sent to outdoors editor David Bashore at dobashore@magnumvalley.com, or at Times-News, P.O. Box 548; Twin Falls, ID 83303. Alternatively, photos may be brought to the Times-News at 132 Fairfield St. W.



Two-year-old Scott Earley, Jr., of Twin Falls kneels with the moose he harvested near Swan Falls in Unit 65 the day before Thanksgiving.

David Bashore

Magic

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The HDNA has been around for 20 years and, hidden amid the 30 miles of cross-country trails, even has a rental hut that sleeps seven people (www.khldna.org). Cress used to be a downhill skier but has embraced the relaxing nature of Nordic skiing.

"If I'm sweating, I'm working too hard," he said. "The downhill boots were just too uncomfortable, and I got tired of walking like a duck."

Other people who don't like to walk like ducks are snowboarders. Magic Mountain has recently installed runs with rails and jumps that accommodate the younger demographic. Magic Mountain is not as

much a resort as it is a winter buffet offering, and the options include the traditional ski lift, a rope-tow, cross-country trails, snowmobile access, the tubing hill, and the old-fashioned Poma lift. The Millers hope to replace the latter with a new ski lift this summer — which, despite the end of a nostalgic curiosity, is welcome, considering the Poma lift is a long pole with a plate-like feature that you place between your legs and get dragged rather slowly up a hill.

But remember — Terry and Gary love you.

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Elk bacteria not dangerous to humans, but still troublesome

Question: "I read today about some elk dying at a feed site near Ketchum. What happened there?"

Answer: You are correct, five elk in good health died at a private feed site in Timber Gulch between Ketchum and Hailey. Fish and Game and Department of Agriculture veterinarians confirmed that the elk died from a Clostridium bacterial infection. The remaining 2 elk are suspected to have died from the infection but were not tested.

According to Dr. Mark Drew, wildlife veterinarian with the Fish and Game Service, sudden feed changes or ingestion of large quantities of feed and anaerobic conditions can develop in the gastro-intestinal tract or other tissues that allow the clostridial organisms to grow and produce toxins which



ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Hompland

can cause acute deaths.

Feed sites can create conditions that enhance proliferation and transmission of bacteria and other disease agents among animals which are feeding and defecating in close proximity with one another.

The livestock industry faces similar issues in the dairy and cattle feedlot business. Manure or fecal material that accumulates as a result of prolonged confined feeding operations is a great environment to grow many types of bacteria. Animals

ingesting infected soil and fecal material mixed with their feed become infected with the bacteria.

There is little human safety concern with this infection. The Clostridium bacteria must be ingested for an animal to become infected and is not contagious to other elk through nose-to-nose contact. This infection is localized to only the Timber Gulch site and does not involve large numbers of elk.

Generally, the bacteria poses little hazard to the health of free ranging elk but once in a while a deadly bacteria infects healthy animals at feed sites and is fatal. Dairy and beef cattle in confined feeding areas are also subject to fatal varieties of these bacteria. Wild elk that come and go can not be effectively handled or treated to prevent the condition.

The Timber Gulch feed site is a privately operated program where approximately 120 elk are being fed. This is the second time elk at the Timber Gulch feed site have died from a Clostridium infection. In January 2006 an otherwise healthy cow elk died under similar circumstances.

According to Dr. Drew, recommendations for prevention of further problems at the feed site include discontinuation of feeding, changing feeding locations, and spreading the feed out over a long enough distance that all animals present can feed at the same time. Fish and Game personnel have relayed this information to the operators of this feed site.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has long discouraged private feeding of elk to minimize the risk of

disease transmission, reduce dependence of wild deer and elk on artificial feed, maintain natural seasonal migration patterns, and encourage use of traditional winter forage and winter ranges.

This is an example of when our concerns about feeding elk come true. Fortunately this infection is not contagious to other elk or transmissible to humans.

If you have any further questions you may call the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at (208) 224-4350 or e-mail us at the Fish and Game web site at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

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Episode No. 4: Do ancient hot springs exist?

Idaho is known for its abundance of hot springs. On a cold morning, they betray their locations with a wisp of steam that drifts upward and holds enough to test their waters with a warming embrace. But have you ever wondered what happens to these features once the waters evaporate and the steam stops rising? Much like us, these thermal outflows have a life cycle of their own. They're born, steam and bubble for a while, and eventually dry up and pass on, leaving a "tomestone" of bleached, altered, or decomposed rock to mark their final resting place.

One of the most distinctive actions of an active hot spring is the alteration, or changing, of a solid rock into another material. The hot water of the thermal feature interacts with the minerals in the surrounding rock and in so doing, creates new minerals that are more at home in the high temperature environment. One of the most common alteration minerals is clay. This is why you occasionally end up with a bubbling mud pot, like those seen in Yellowstone. The end result of all this bubbling, boiling, leaching and steaming is either a crumbly mass of light-colored, clay-rich material that, from a distance, looks similar to the original rock, or a fairly smooth patch of clayey ground that doesn't support much vegetation, if any. The lack of vegetation is due to the presence of steaming clay that very often spart making it difficult for plants to get a foothold.

Within the Sinker Creek drainage of Owyhee County, located between the towns of Murphy and Oreana, occurs a small area that appears to have experienced a great deal of thermal activity. Within a small tributary valley, one encounters both types of the aforementioned "tomestones." A first impression would suggest that this small tributary valley may have formed as a result of



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the geothermal system associated with a nearby hydrothermal dome which altered and weakened the original rock, making easy work for erosion.

Nearest the dome is an elongated knob of granite, which has been partially altered and decomposed on its valley floor. To look like a pile of sand yet retains much of its original appearance and strength on the valley wall side. Moving up valley away from the dome, one encounters three discrete patches of clay surrounding by less altered, purplish ash. These areas of clay occur on and adjacent to the axis of the valley floor with the less altered ash occurring higher on the valley walls and furthest from the dome up-valley. Drawing a line up the middle of the valley, one would note that the altered granite and clay-rich areas lie at approximately equal distances from this line, suggesting that there may have been some linear feature, such as a fault line, providing a conduit for the hot groundwater feeding the thermal features.

However, not all ancient hot spring locations will look the same. Depending on the original rock type, size of the linear feature, length of thermal activity, water chemistry, age of the hot spring, and other factors, the "tomestones" encountered in the field may share some common traits but, in all likelihood, will possess some differences as well. Take a look at the alteration occurring in the rock around an active hot spring the next time you visit one of these locations.

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OUTDOOR BRIEFS

Project WILD classes upcoming

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game released its Project WILD workshop dates for the winter season. Those participating in the programs can learn more about trout and how to raise them in the classroom, and about how mule deer survive in Idaho's rugged environment.

WILD about Mule Deer is being offered Feb. 22 and 23, and will be held at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional office in Jerome.

The classes will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday with the Saturday session going from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For the 15-hour workshop is \$20, and participants may opt to receive one hour of graduate or undergraduate credit for an additional fee of \$50.

To register, contact Kelton Hatch, Magic Valley Regional Conservation Educator at khatch@idfg.idaho.gov or (208) 224-4359, or download a registration form at http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/education/project_wild/.

Parks and Rec offers group ski rates

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering group rate packages for skiing and snowboarding through January and February.

Those who prefer both skiing and snowboarding on Saturday may take advantage of a special rate on Saturdays, Feb. 2 and 16, and March 1, at the Magic Mountain Ski Resort. The program is open between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Cost is \$65 per person. Registration deadline is today.

Magic Mountain is offering a shuttle bus on Saturdays; visit the Web site at <http://www.magicmountainresort.com> for pick-up times and locations. Ages 12 and up may ride alone.

For registration or more information contact the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department, 136 Maxwell Ave.; 736-2265.

Beginner fly-tying class offered at CSI North Side

Dry, wet, streamers and nymphs are just some of the different types of flies you will learn to tie in a "Fly Tying for Beginners" course to be held from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5 through March 4, at the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding. Experienced fly-fishing guide Scott Stanton will cover types of tools and materials needed and introduce different tying techniques to practice in class.

Cost is \$25, plus \$35 for a fly-tying kit (required) from the instructor at the first class. The kit includes everything needed for the class plus supplies to continue tying flies.

To register call 934-0678 or stop by the North Side Center.

Jerome Sporting Clays Shoot is Sunday

The Jerome Rod and Gun Club will hold a sporting clays shoot on Sunday at 10 a.m. This is a 100-target fun shoot and the public is welcome. Newcomers to the club get their first 50 targets free.

Cost is \$20 for members and \$24 for non-members. \$13 for juniors and sub-juniors and \$17 for non-member juniors and sub-juniors. Juniors are under the age of 18 and sub-juniors are under the age of 14.

Sign up starts at 9 a.m. The club is located 11 miles north of the junction of U.S. Highway 93 and I-84 at mile post 64.

For more information, call Kenny at 733-6045.

Blaine County Rec District offers 'Ski Free' day on Sunday

The event offers free skiing all day at Quigley Nordic. In addition to all North Valley Trails — including Galena Lodge Trails, the Harriman Trail, North Fork, Prairie Creek, Jilly's Bridge and Lake Creek Trails, Sturtevant in Hailey, in

partnership with Blaine County Recreation District Nordic instructors, will offer free skate ski mini clinics at Quigley Nordic in Hailey from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for first-time skiers.

Sarah Walker-McLaughlin will also be on hand with demo Nordic skis and boots from Salomon. Skiers must pre-register for the clinic and fee rentals by calling Sturtevant in Hailey at 788-7847. No trail pass is required to ski.

In addition, Galena Lodge and the North Valley Trails are hosting Free Learn to Ski Clinics on Saturday, Learn to Skate at 1 p.m. and Learn to Classic at 2:30 p.m.

There is no North Valley Trails pass needed for the lessons, but equipment is free as well. Here is another chance to try out those new skis or pick up a new sport. What a great way to experience winterline fun! Call Galena Lodge at 726-4010 for more information or to register.

For more information on either of these events, please call the Blaine County Recreation District at 788-2117.

Snakes and Lizard show in Hagerman

Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument will present Nick Peterson of the Uffert Center and his touchable snakes on Saturday, Jan. 26 at 1 p.m. in the Visitor Center, 221 N. State Street in Hagerman.

Peterson will bring an assortment of non-poisonous snakes and lizards for the adventurous to handle. All ages are welcome. Admission is free. Call 837-4733, ext. 5227 for details.

Twin Falls Trap Club hosting shoot

Twin Falls Trap Club will hold a Jackpot-20 Bird Draw Buddy Shoot on Sunday. The cost is \$10 per participant per shoot, and you can shoot as many times as you wish with a new partner. Team draws are at 10 a.m. with the shoot starting at 11 a.m. For more information contact 734-0639.

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Gear

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Finally, Vasque Footwear's Aether Tech SS shoe took a middle ground between the Salmon and Sportiva models, balancing speed with support.

The \$120 Aethers have a neutral midsole, meaning the arch area is pretty flat. I like this, as there is not a lot of heel padding or a rocker feel to the shoe, keeping you landing on your midfoot rather than slamming down on the heel with each stride.

The company (www.vasque.com) touts the Aethers as "weather-proofed" shoes for year-round trail running, which is nice. If you don't want to drop the money on a shoe that can only be used in the cold months, but this versatility makes them the least water-resistant, as the upper material must breathe warm weather use as well as the cold. Hold them under running water and it keeps right in.

Its lacing setup — the BOA Technology closure system — is fast and clean, letting you push down and twist a knob to secure the shoe in two seconds.

Compared with the other two models, the Vasque shoes were a bit large and wide for their size. They weigh about 13 ounces per pair in my size (13), and the grip is less aggressive in the bunch. I'd recommend a slightly snug or barely snug on snow or ice.

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Rowdy

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Hulstered six-pm. To my left saddle bags, bulging to their limit, were draped over an ornate Winchester that was positioned like a curtain rod, its barrel on a rock and the stock angled into a crack in the wall. I wondered: "Did the recipient of that casing's bullet lie hidden under this debris?" That's when I saw the rat.

The rat raced across the debris and leapt onto a rock ledge near my head. I was wearing a hooded sweatshirt, a heavy woolen coat and a cap. The rat, jumping toward me and freedom (which lay beyond) — shot into the hood of my sweatshirt.

The hood resisted the rat's initial thrust, but he broke forward into my neck where it dug in and leapt forward deep into the hood which again flung it into my neck. Again and again. I could feel his bushy tail tangling in my hair and its toes clutching me, each time it prepared to leap.

We exited the passageway together in a furious manner. I stumbled and fell forward over my pack, thus freeing the rat which then ran across the cavern. Idaho's vast remote wild lands leave no person hankering for better. Enjoyment of this land and its bounty by adventurers like me is sometimes taken a step too far, however. And no, I'm not going back to ripen cave, ever.

Park City

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Small children can pull their own tubes along a gated corridor before being hooked up to a rope tow and whisked to the top of the tubing hill, and parents will enjoy the ride just as much or more than their little ones. Runs are gauged from beginner to advanced. There are warm yurts located at the park where visitors can take a break between runs and enjoy a hot drink. Tubers can buy a single run pass, a two hour pass or four hour pass.

Park City is a popular place for beginners. Many of the resorts offer instruction to children with a focus on small creek sizes. This is a place where families can learn and

grow together. Kids that take lessons at the Park City Mountain Resort are guaranteed to have no more than five kids in each class. The reasoning behind this is obvious: more individual attention. The very popular Signature 3 Program blends two 75-minute ski instruction sessions in the Kids Corral with: educational activities, arts and crafts and constructive play.

More advanced skiers and boarders are sure to delight in the nearly 10,000 feet of rocky Mountain elevation with a vertical drop of 3,000-plus feet. There are over 350 natural and groomed trails and a total of 37 lifts between the three resorts.

Park City offers a free area-wide bus service between Deer Valley Resort, Main Street Transit Center, Park City Mountain Resort and the Canyons, making it easier and more fun to try out the many opportunities available in the area.

More opportunities

Visitors of every age and ability can find entertainment in Park City Skiing. Boarding, tubing and zooming down the bustling track are only a few options available in Summit County. Cross country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, sleigh rides, dog sled excursions and many more outdoor options are sure to entertain

everyone in your family. Fabulous four and five star restaurants and top notch art galleries also lure visitors to this charming Utah mining town year round.

Thousands of visitors will flock to Park City starting Thursday to Jan. 27 for the annual Sundance Film Festival. The historic city is the original locale to the largest independent cinema film festival in the U.S. The festival celebrates independent filmmakers and their work. Venues for films are now located in Park City, Salt Lake City, Ogden and at the Sundance Resort. Many of the celebrities come to town to enjoy the same things "normal people" love about Park

Dead elk found at private feed site

Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game

HAWLEY—Three cow and two calf elk were found dead last week at a private feed site near the Golden Eagle subdivision in Timber Gulch north of Tully. The six elk had no evidence of trauma, and were in good body condition when they died.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game personnel retrieved the three unseasoned cow carcasses for examination by wildlife veterinarian Mark Drew. Bacteriological samples indicated that the elk died from clostridial infections.

This is the second time elk have died from clostridial infection at the site. In January 2006 an otherwise healthy cow elk was found dead in the same location.

Clostridial organisms are commonly found in soil and feedstuffs. The organisms, especially ruminants like elk, deer and domestic livestock. In areas where animals are concentrated, soil disturbance and fecal contamination can lead to

higher levels of exposure to these bacteria.

With stress, sudden feed changes or ingestion of large quantities of feed, anaerobic conditions can develop in the gastro-intestinal tract or other tissues that can allow the clostridial organisms to overgrow or invade tissue and produce toxins which can cause acute deaths. Feed sites can create conditions that enhance proliferation and transmission of bacteria and other disease agents among animals who are feeding and defecating in close proximity with one another.

According to Dr. Drew, recommendations for prevention of further problems at the feed site could include discontinuation of feeding, changing feeding locations at the site on a regular basis, and spreading the feed out over a long enough distance that all animals present can feed at the same time. Fish and Game personnel have relayed this information to the operators of this feed site.

Showshoeing nature's solution to winter blues

By Sandra Bosteder

Times-Herald correspondent

Repeat the following: Winter is not bad. Cold air is invigorating to the body and mind. Rosy cheeks are happy checks.

Doesn't that feel better?

All too often the few nature lovers who really do enjoy cold weather whisper those phrases. They know as soon as the words hit icy air, invariably a frosty glare and frigid rattle of snowflakes will follow you have the cold so much why don't you move to Siberia? It should only snow in the mountains. Hence, the reason polar pioneers seek solace from hiker seeking seclusion in the tranquil silence of snowfall.

Not all powder pirates crave the rush of high speed skiing or extreme snowboarding. Many prefer the quiet solitude of snowshoeing.

Todd Schwarz, an avid mountain climber, said a recent winter folio: "There's nothing like moving quietly through snow-covered trees and landscape with any sound muffled by all that snow. You just can't experience that in the mountains and fall seasons. Add a good snowfall or some bright sunshine and it's really something to experience."

For anyone contemplating

a break from the humdrum of high deprivation during winter months, snowshoeing is an easy transition from the couch to the unrestricted world of the great outdoors. The transformation from couch potato to snow bunny is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. **Skis** advice. There are qualified instructors at nearly every outdoor sporting goods store. Ask for their suggestions on snowshoes and poles. Although one kind of snowshoe is better than none, it is wise to know if the desired location will have powder or packed snow. Also, depending on personal weight and the weight of a pack, choosing the correct length of snowshoe to dispel the snow evenly is important. Snowshoes should not be purchased until the adventurer has attempted the activity more than one time. Renting at the local outdoor program or from the outdoor store is advised.

2. **Wear** appropriate clothing and footwear. The last thing anyone wants to be when snowshoeing is cold and wet. That's equivalent to eating chalk. It's just nasty. Foot protection is of utmost importance. It is wise to wear what the avalanche dangers are at the chosen site. Snowshoes do not make us run faster or jump higher. Take food and water. There's

an adage that states, "Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink." Unless preparation is made to hold melted snow, it is highly recommended that a camel pack accompany any person in the outdoors. Dehydration is a real even when surrounded by snow. It is also dangerous.

Stay hydrated and take energy food in a fanny pack. If hiking with a backpack, be certain to distribute the weight evenly to avoid injury. Always tell someone where you are going and your expected time of return. Know the trail. Every trail is different in winter than summer.

Do not go alone. Snowshoeing or any outdoor activity is more enjoyable and safer with another person. Start walking slowly, look up, don't try to hop up, try not to walk on your own snowshoes or anyone else's and breathe deeply. Soon the wet or blues will be replaced with the azure blue of a crisp winter skyline and a perfectly white blanket of snow.

Margie Ankrum, another snowshoe enthusiast said: "What is best about snowshoeing is the sense of being in the wilderness and see country I don't normally see. Even if it's the same areas I like in summer, in winter it's even more beautiful."

Late-season waterfowl pursuit challenging but rewarding

By Rob Morris

Times-Herald correspondent

It was a balmy 17 degrees at 4:30 a.m. as my friend and I put in at Cedar Draw access on the Snake River on a January day, a few years ago.

"We only have a five-minute boat ride, but it's a good sport and I don't want anyone else to beat us to it," said my friend.

We loaded up the boat with decoys, shotguns and Rusty, a near 100-pound Chesapeake Bay retriever, and pushed off. As my friend tried to start the outboard motor, Rusty decided I'd make a nice insulated pad against the cold metal seat of the boat and tried to sit on my lap.

About five minutes passed as my friend, who shall remain nameless to protect his dignity, continued to pull on the starter cord, and we began to drift downstream, ever closer to Clear-Lakes rapids. At my somewhat panicked suggestion, I took over as designated rower as my friend, who was still in the boat, continued to pull on the starter cord.

I had rowed about 15 minutes and started to warm up in the foggy, pre-dawn cold when the outboard sputtered to life, and we began to motor up stream. It was then that it began to snow heavily, so heavily that visibility was close to zero.

Again at my suggestion, I crawled in the bow of the boat, armed with an oat and bird chum, starting into the refracted darkness, looking out for rocks that would spell disaster for us, should we hit one. I would point left or right with outstretched hands, or push-off the rock with the oar when there was no time to react.

All during this harrowing journey up-stream, Rusty, the Chesapeake, a dog the size of small grizzly bear and the disposition of a marshmal-

Editor's note:

Late-season waterfowl (ducks and geese) hunting is open in Twin Falls, Gooding, Cassia, Elmore, Jerome, Minidoka and Lincoln counties until Jan. 25. The Minidoka NWR and the Camas Creek drainage are closed to hunting.

low, decided I was in the perfect position for the occasional duck skein, whenever he could sneak one in.

It suddenly quit snowing, just as we arrived at the duck blind, and my friend was both pleased and surprised to find no one else there. I muttered that everyone else in the Magle Valley was smarter, and still in bed.

Just as we set up the decoys and took our positions in the blind, it turned out to be some of the best duck hunting I've ever experienced; flight after flight of mallards, widgown, gadwall and green-wing teal came within arm's reach, and we both had limits in an hour. Late-season waterfowl can be tough, cold and downright dangerous but it can also be productive.

One of the blizzard days of the fall and the all too often winter temperatures. By January, winter storms and cold temperatures have pushed the northern flights down our way, and the duck numbers are up. Colder temperatures set up the decoys and small water, forcing ducks to use the Snake River and spring creeks as resting water. Winter often brings flights of diver ducks: Goldeneye, Buffleheads, Bluebills and others that fly in the flocks in the middle of the river.

Tactics are pretty much the same as earlier in the season: set up a realistic decoy set in good, resting water and the ducks, and sometimes, the

geese, will land. Be aware that your quarry has been many a decoy set by the time they get to the water. It may be a decoy missing a little point on its bill that would be harmless in October will flare an entire flock of late migrating, educated mallards or widgown.

Many decoy manufacturers now produce decoys with "flocked" heads, coated with non-reflective fuzz that looks very realistic and seems to work much better than late season ducks. Flocking kits can be purchased at most sporting goods stores to upgrade your decoys, but beware; the process can be a bit messy. As an added note, mix in some other species of decoys rather than all mallards; widgowns, wood duck, blue-wing teal, and even reluctant mallards as well as those of their own kind.

By January, many migrating duck has heard all the overtures; call sparingly with a few solitary quacks and flight decoys pull in to bring them, flying many.

Many ducks, such as pintail and widgown, don't quack but whistle. Using a widgown whistle to go along with those decoys will add realism to your decoy set. Use a few solitary quacks and flight decoys pull in to bring them, flying many.

Another added note: don't forget that the flocks that you see in November is totally gone and the reflection off your glasses or even your bare face can flare ducks; use a mesh face net, such as used by turkey hunters, and your success rate will go up. Watch the temperatures drops and the small, static water freezes, ducks and geese will often feed and roost on small, spring feed creeks that don't freeze up. Both ducks and geese will feed on waterfowl,

duck potato and other aquatic plants that remain available throughout the winter. Use such waterfowl such places are usually on found on private land, and it can be tough to get access. Find one and you usually find waterfowl.

Don't be afraid to use your upland dog as a retriever in such situations. Many a pointer or setter owner has discovered their charges are excellent at retrieving waterfowl. If your dog has been trained to lay at heel, have him sit on the shore along the creek. If not, have a hunting buddy walk behind you with pup on a leash, and alternate shooting. Jump hunting can be both productive and fun, and is truly an art.

It is rare that a hunting party doesn't occur in the state of Idaho due to waterfowl hunting boats are too often overloaded with decoys, dogs and hunters.

Know the limitations of your craft and waterfowl retrieval devices. Many light weight, camouflage pattern floatation devices are available that are barely noticeable when wearing. My favorite is a rip cord operated inflatable retrieval model that uses a CO2 cartridge.

Retrieving waterfowl in big water in winter is tough duty, so be a kind master and get a neoprene vest for your dog. These vests add floatation and help keep your dog's core body temperature stable. Don't be afraid to wrap your dog in a wool blanket between retrievals, because even Chesses get cold.

Know the signs of hypothermia in your dog; extreme shivering, unresponsiveness to your commands, sluggishness, lethargy and disorientation. If you see any of these signs, quit hunting and get your dog in a warm place. Have fun, be safe and good hunting!

The changing face of Mars

Mars, like the other blued-eye planets in our solar system, has been known throughout antiquity. Over the centuries, improving technology has changed our view of the Red Planet dramatically.



Chris Anderson

To the unaided eye, Mars is a pale orange "star" whose brightness varies widely from year to year. At its peak, it outshines the brightest stars.

At its faintest, it's comparable to the stars of the Big Dipper. Without optical aids, the ancients could note only its capricious change in Mars's brightness, but little else.

With the invention of the telescope, Mars began to show detail. Early observers correctly interpreted white spots at its poles as frozen northern extremes as polar ice caps. Its surface showed vague dark markings, which were easier to see when Mars was closest.

Some astronomers let their imaginations run wild, play out their theories, and try to interpret the markings as Martian civil engineering projects. Every few years the planet's features disappeared, suggesting a global dust storm.

And one of the polar region occasionally turned white, leading to speculation that it was a snow-capped mountain. (It is a volcanic mountain—called Olympus Mons—but its white color is from seasonal cloud cap, not snow.)

This view prevailed until 1965, when the Mariner 4 probe flew past Mars, returning pictures of a cratered surface resembling nothing so much as our moon.

After a series of returned images of land-

Sky Calendar through Thursday:

Planets:
One hour before sunrise: Jupiter: SE, extremely low Venus: SE, very low Saturn: WSW, mid-sky One hour after sunset: Mercury: WSW, very low Mars: E, mid-sky
Moon: Very close to Mars tomorrow night, Full moon Tuesday, 6:35 a.m.

forms that had been shaped by flowing water in Mars's past.

The Viking landers arrived in the mid-70s, followed by the Sojourner rover in 1997, and the wildly successful Opportunity and Spirit, still wandering the planet today. These robotic surface explorers have transformed Mars from a distant dot to a real place, with rock-strewn hills and sinuous gullies and wind-eroded dunes that would hardly look out of place right here on Earth (perhaps even in Idaho).

Next week: Target Mars...or Earth.

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Bush wants tax rebates, business tax breaks in stimulus package

Bernanke sees need for increased aid

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — United for urgent action, the White House and Congress raced toward emergency steps Thursday to rescue the national economy from a possible recession, including tax rebates of \$300 or more for many Americans.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke endorsed the idea of

putting money into the hands of those who would spend it quickly and boost the flagging economy.

All the talk of rescue efforts failed to soothe Wall Street. The Dow Jones Industrials plunged 205.95 points, underscoring a deepening concern about the country's economic health.

The sudden scramble to take action came as fears mounted that a severe housing slump and a painful credit crisis could cause people to clean up on their spending and businesses to put a lid on hiring, throwing the country into its first recession since 2001.

President Bush told congressional leaders privately he favors income tax rebates for people and tax breaks for businesses, officials said. Bush spoke with congressional leaders as House aides worked behind the scenes on an emergency package that could also include more money for food stamp recipients and the unemployed.

The president did not push for a permanent extension of his 2001 and 2003 tax cuts, many of which are due to expire in 2010, one official said. That would eliminate a potential stumbling block to swift action by Congress, since most

Democrats oppose making the tax cuts permanent.

Bush planned to lay out his position Friday, but he wasn't expected to go into specifics. Press secretary Dana Perino said he would demand that any package be effective, simple and temporary.

Bernanke voiced his support for a stimulus package in an appearance before the House Budget Committee. He stressed that it must be temporary and must be implemented quickly — so that its economic effects could be felt



Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke discusses the economic outlook while testifying before the Congressional Joint Economic Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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New home construction falls 24.8 percent in 2007

South-central Idaho less affected by slump, but still feeling the pinch

Times-News staff and wire reports

Housing starts



SOURCE: Department of Commerce, AP

Housing starts in south-central Idaho declined in 2007, primarily due to external factors such as nationwide credit problems and housing slow-down in most metropolitan areas.

Less than 260 permits for single-family homes were issued by the City of Twin Falls in 2007 — sliding more than 50 percent compared to 2006 when 547 permits were issued.

The City of Jerome noticed less of an impact on home construction activities in its area.

Building officials in Jerome issued 137 permits in 2007, compared to 147 the previous year.

City officials say that Jerome was insulated from a steep decline in housing starts because the city had fewer homes in inventory and the regional market began to slow down.

Although all communities are feeling the pinch from a decline in the housing market and new home construction, south-central Idaho has remained largely unaffected by inflated home prices that are gouging other parts of the nation.

The prolonged slump in housing pushed construction of new homes in 2007 down by the largest amount in 27 years with the expectation that the downturn has further to go.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that construction was started on 1,353 million new homes and apartments last year, down 24.8 percent from 2006. It was the second largest annual decline on record, exceeded only by a 26 percent plunge in 1980.

Rents throughout West climb as home prices crumble

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press writer

Apartment rents throughout the western United States climbed last year while home prices crumbled in many markets, a contrast apparently driven by the growing number of people who don't want or can't qualify to buy a house.

South-central Idaho has experienced strong demand for apartments and rental homes during the past seven years — a demand fueled primarily by short-term tenants such as prospective homebuyers and students at the College of Southern Idaho.

Three apartment complexes interviewed by the Times-News said they haven't noticed an increased demand in 2007, however, they said they also currently have little to no units available for rent.

One apartment complex — the Rivercrest Apartment community on Canyon Creek Drive — recently completed an expansion

that increased its number of rental units by about 35 percent to meet demand.

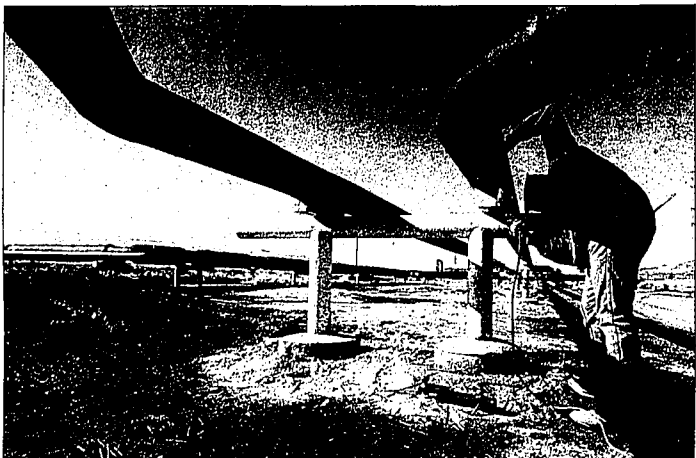
Although the average cost of renting an apartment in Twin Falls increased about 1 percent, the average cost of renting an apartment rose in all 20 major Western metropolitan markets covered in a quarterly survey by the released Thursday by real estate research firm RealFacts Inc.

In many cases, last year's rent increases were well above the inflation rate. Apartment dwellers in the San Francisco Bay area, Salt Lake City and Seattle were all particularly hard hit as their average rents rose between 8.6 percent and 10.8 percent during 2007, RealFacts said.

Rents in Portland and Los Angeles area also increased by at least 5 percent.

The changes were less dramatic in most other Western markets, with rent increases ranging from 1.4 percent to 4.4 percent.

Warm energy



Todd Ebers, a welder with Industrial Builders, works on a pipeline last March at the Raft River geothermal project.

IPUC approves geothermal project; Raft River facility will be able to sell up to 45.5 MW

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission approved a sales agreement between the Idaho Power Co. and the Raft River Geothermal facility, which is owned by Boise-based U.S. Geothermal.

The sales agreement will allow the geothermal facility, which is located about 15 miles southeast of Malta, to deliver 13 megawatts of electricity in its first phase and 45.5 megawatts when the three-phase project is complete.

Before the recent agreements, a contract under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) between Idaho Power and the Raft River project limited electrical generation to 10 megawatts.

Gene Faldness, public information officer for the IPUC, said the project is unique because it started as a PURPA project and eventually became Purchase Power Agreement.

However, he said the case doesn't set a precedent for small energy producers to seek approval from the IPUC for a Purchase Power Agreement.

"Idaho Power needed to have more renewable energy such as the geothermal energy, and U.S. Geothermal plans to produce more than the limit laid out under PURPA."

According to the IPUC, the recent sales agreement will benefit Idaho

Power ratepayers because the rates Idaho Power must pay for the geothermal power under the sales agreement are less than they would have been under a PURPA contract.

PURPA requires utilities such as Idaho Power to buy energy from small renewable power projects at a rate set by state commissions.

By transferring the Raft River project from a PURPA project to a more traditional power purchase agreement, Idaho Power will be able to accept more energy from the developer.

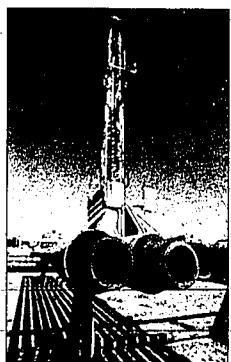
Idaho Power claims that the price of the geothermal energy under the 25-year agreement will be about \$20 per megawatt hour less than prices set under the PURPA contract.

Idaho Power estimates that the power purchase agreement in 2032 will be about \$73.92 per MWh compared to about \$93.14 per MWh under a PURPA agreement.

The commission denied Idaho Power's request to have all the costs from the project passed on to customers through the company's annual Power Cost Adjustment process.

Typically, the entire cost of PURPA projects is passed on to customers while the cost of power purchases from larger generators is divided between customers and utility shareholders, with customers paying 90 percent and shareholders paying 10 percent.

The commission said Idaho Power



A well is drilled last March at the Raft River geothermal project.

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Suspected suicide blast at mosque in Pakistan kills at least three

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — A suspected suicide attacker detonated a bomb at a Shiite mosque in the northwestern city of Peshawar late Thursday, killing at least three people and injuring 20, police said.

The blast comes as minority Shiite Muslims prepare to mark the Ashura festival, which in previous years has been marred by sectarian violence involving rival Sunnis. Dawn TV cited witnesses saying six people were killed. It reported the Imambarah Qasim Baig mosque was crowded with worshippers at the time of the attack. Footage showed men loading a wounded man into an ambulance on a narrow street.

A crowd of enraged Shiites, crying and beating their chests, prevented an Associated Press reporter from reaching the scene of the attack.

Police official Abdulhali Khan said the bomb went off as police stopped to search a man before entering the mosque.

"It was apparently a suicide attack," Khan said. A senior Interior Ministry official confirmed it was reported to be a suicide attack. A police officer in Peshawar said three people had been injured and 20 wounded.

The police officer at the Interior Ministry official spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information. Tens of sectarian violence erupted in response in Pakistan. Suspected Islamic militants have launched a wave of suicide blasts against security forces and politicians in recent months as the nation gears up for crucial parliamentary elections Feb. 18.

Police crack down on Kenyan protesters

By Todd Pittman
Associated Press writer

NAIROBI, Kenya — Police cracked down fiercely on a second day of protests across Kenya on Thursday, firing bullets at opposition supporters and tear gas at a hospital.

At least five people were killed. The United States blamed President Mwai Kibaki and opposition leader Raila Odinga for the violent demonstrations and clashes that have killed more

than 600 Kenyans since a disputed Dec. 27 presidential vote. Kibaki insists he won the election, but international and local observers say the vote count was rigged.

"It is beyond time for them to come together and open those channels of communication and focus all of their efforts on trying to reach a political accommodation," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said.

Frustrated by the failure of international mediation,

which could not even get the two rivals to meet, Odinga called three days of protests that started Wednesday.

Throughout the country, the crowds were tiny compared to the tens of thousands of protesters who turned out in the week after the announcement that Kibaki had won another five-year term by a razor-thin margin.

Odinga accused the police of being "on a killing spree," but police spokesman Eric Kiraithe denied it.



A resident douses a fire set alight by protesters with water in Kibera slum, Nairobi, Kenya, Thursday.



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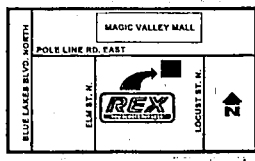
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Suicide bomber strikes again at Shiites: 11 dead on eve of religious events

BAHJLAD (AP) — A suicide bomber struck Shiites as worshippers prepared Thursday for their most important holiday, killing at least 11 at a mosque in violent Dycala province one day after a similar attack by a woman in a nearby village.

Police and eyewitnesses said one of the victims had intercepted the bomber when he saw him making his way through the crowd. "Stranger, stranger," he shouted as he grabbed the bomber, who instantly detonated the blast.

A spike in bombings in recent weeks is chipping away at Shia gains made over the past six months, when levels of violence dropped nationwide. Many of the attacks have targeted Sunnis who have turned against the main insurgent group, al-Qaida in Iraq.

Authorities fear the Shiite religious events — marking the death of a 7th century Shiite saint — could increasingly fall into the cross-hairs of Sunni extremists.

Iraqi officials stepped up security across much of the country to protect the Shiite processions for the holiday period, culminating in events known as Ashura. In Baghdad, a 38-hour ban on heavy vehicles swept into effect, and Iraqi army troops and police were out in greater numbers on patrols and checkpoints.

The heaviest security was in the holy city of Karbala south of Baghdad, where some 30,000 Iraqis watched over hundreds of thousands of pilgrims performing Ashura rites.

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2008 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY MINIVAN

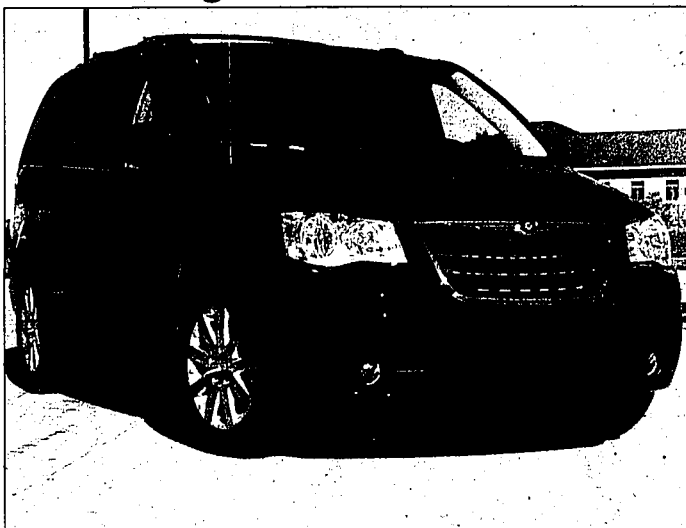
Elegant Innovator!

RoadWorthy!
By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corporation

First, innovative and still the luxury leader in the segment, Chrysler takes the wraps off the all-new front-drive Town & Country minivan for 2008. Setting a new standard for the minivan segment, the 2008 Town & Country boasts some 35 new or improved features that make it the best vehicle to transport both people and cargo.

Offered in LX, Touring, Limited models, the Town & Country has an all-new exterior design and sheetmetal with styling that is more contemporary with an athletic appearance. Now wearing the "face of Chrysler" front grille featuring the Chrysler winged badge, the new Chrysler minivan features a wider, solid and more stable stance on the road with better aerodynamics.

The newest ingredient for functional family seating is the all-new Swivel 'n Go seating system. Swivel 'n Go offers second-row seats that swivel 180 degrees to face the third-row with a removable table that installs between the two rows, covered storage bins in the floor of the second-row, third-row uncovered storage and fold-in-the-floor third-row seating. Chrysler's industry-exclusive Stow 'n Go seating and storage system is still part of the Town & Country's winning combination. For 2008, both seating systems



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offer a one-touch power folding third row seat.

Power for the all-new Town & Country is generated by one of a trio of engines: an E-85 capable 3.3L V6, tried and true 3.0L V6 workhorse and an all-new 4.0L V6 powerhouse. Torque is communicated to the street through a 41TE four-speed automatic for the 3.3L V6 and a new 62TE six-speed automatic for the 3.0L and 4.0L V6 engines.

Behind the wheel, the new Chrysler minivan is responsive and easy to drive -- a smooth, solid performer with a good balance of power and control. A utilized steel body is the foundation for Town & Country's control hardware. Up front, an independent MacPherson strut configuration features coil spring over gas-charged shock absorbers and a stabilizer bar with an isolated suspension cradle. At the rear, a twist-beam-

axle works with coil springs, track bar and gas-charged shock absorbers. Self leveling shock absorbers are included with the optional Trailer Towing Packages.

The new and innovative things Chrysler built into this minivan are amazing. The dual sliding doors now have power windows -- meaning the glass rolls all the way down in the silders for the first time. Previously the glass was fixed in the doors. The gear

selector that was on the steering column is now on the dashboard to the right of the steering wheel. Seating is comfortable, versatile and functional -- without having to remove any of the seats when it is time to haul cargo. Nooks, crannies, cupholders and plenty of storage are still the norm, combined with a long list of standard and optional creature comforts and entertainment choices.

2008 Chrysler Town & Country minivan by the Numbers

PRICING:
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2008 Chrysler Town & Country minivan starts from \$22,400 for the LX with \$35,810 for the Limited. Destination charges add \$730.

WHEELBASE:
122.2; overall length: 202.5; width: 76.2; height: 66.9 -- all vehicle measurements are in inches.

ENGINE:
3.3L V6 -- 175 hp at 5,000 rpm and 205 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 3.0L V6 -- 197 hp at 5,000 rpm and 230 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 4.0L V6 -- 240 hp at 6,000 rpm and 253 lbs-ft of torque at 4,100 rpm.

TRANSMISSION:
four-speed automatic or six-speed automatic.

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
3.3L V6 -- 17 city/24 hwy; 3.0L V6 -- 16 city/23 hwy; 4.0L V6 -- 16 city/23 hwy.

CARGO CAPACITY:
144.4 cu. ft.

TOWING CAPACITY:
3,600 lbs.

SAFETY FEATURES:
Dual front airbags, side curtain airbags, electronic stability program, tire pressure monitoring system, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-locks, brake assist, engine immobilizer, remote keyless entry and traction control, towing odds fog lights, garage door opener, automatic headlamp control and power adjustable pedals. Limited adds alarm system, remote control engine start, high-intensity discharge headlamps, power adjustable pedals with memory, rear parking sensors and rearview monitor.

Optional safety features include Uconnect communications system and navigation system.
WARRANTY:
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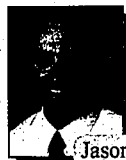
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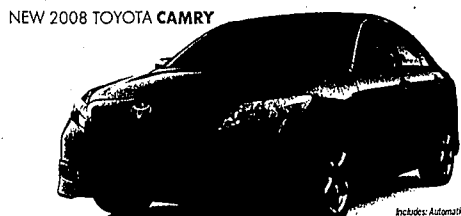
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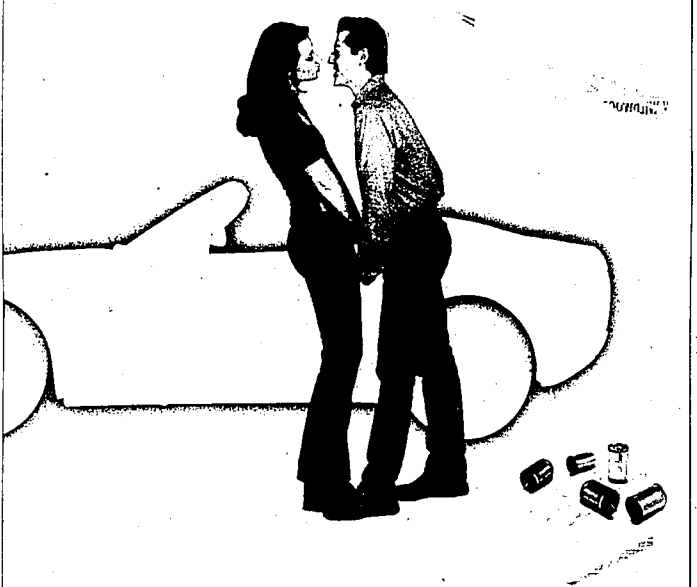
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LEGAL NOTICE
In accordance with IDAPA 13.01.16750.02, Governing the Trapping of Predatory and Unprotected Wildlife and Taking of Fur-bearing Animals provides that the 2007-2008 take season for river otter shall remain open until a total of 20 otters have been harvested in the Magic Valley Region. This quota has been met. Therefore, pursuant to authority delegated by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, the Secretary of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission hereby orders that the 2007-2008 river otter take season in the Magic Valley Region, effective immediately. A toll-free number, 1-800-323-4334, may be called for current information regarding season status around the state.

For further information, contact the regional furbearer biologist in the Magic Valley Region, Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM at 208-324-4359.

Copies of Order 08-03 are available at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Headquarters, 600 South Walnut, P.O. Box 25, Boise, Idaho 83707.

DATED this 11th day of January, 2008
IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
Ida/Gal Green, Secretary

PUBLISH: January 17 and 18, 2008

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
HENDERSON LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on May 2, 2008, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, in the LOBBY of ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW, 611 FALLS AVENUE EAST, SUITE 315, TWIN FALLS, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for the satisfaction of a certain First Deed of Trust, payable at the life of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereinafter referred to as the "PROPERTY"): ALL INTEREST OF THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, to-wit: LOT 1 IN BLOCK 3 OF GOLDEN RILEY ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN BOOK 2 OF PLATS AT PAGE(S) 4, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 291 VAN BUREN ST., TWIN FALLS, ID 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without warranty or guarantee regarding title, possession or encumbrances to strictly the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of attorney contained in the Deed of Trust executed by DANIEL D. REICHEL, an UNARMED PERSON, as Grantor, to ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION II, as Beneficiary, dated 7/20/2005, recorded 7/21/2005, and amended by No. 2005-05869, Mortgage records of TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, the beneficial interest of which is presently held by HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-106(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the deed of Trust No. dated 7/20/2005. THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 7/20/2007 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS IS MADE. LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of December 31, 2007, Quarterly Payments from July 25, 2007 5 payments at \$787.52 each, \$3,937.60 (Of 25-07 through 12-24-07) Late Charges: \$199.40 Beneficiary Advances: \$0.00 Suspense Credit: \$0.00 TOTAL: \$4,137.00 All delinquencies up to now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$25,351.98, together with interest thereon at 8.580% per annum from 6/25/2007, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at a public hearing by bringing a lawsuit to restrain the sale. DATED: 1/22/2008. PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC Trustee by: Amy L. Howles, Assistant Trust Officer, C/O REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: 206-462-1200 Fax: 206-462-1201 <http://www.trustee.com> ASA#P 050338

PUBLISH: January 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2008

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CITY OF TWIN FALLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008, 6:00 P.M.

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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For the Purpose of Hearing Public Comments Regarding the Increase in Fees Charged for Events Held in Recreation and Pool Admission Fees

Beyond the Limits Prescribed by Idaho Code Section 63-1311A

The Proposed Fees Exceed 105% of the Fees Last Collected

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, will hold a public hearing for consideration of proposed fee increases, said hearing to be held at 305 3rd Avenue East, City Hall, Twin Falls, Idaho at 6:00 p.m. on January 22, 2008

The City of Twin Falls has proposed to increase the following fees by an amount that exceeds one hundred five percent of the current fee. The proposed increases would have the following impact on current fees:

SEE	CURRENT RATE	PROPOSED FEE	% INCREASE
*Field usage fee for private youth organizations (baseball/softball)	\$15 per player participating in program	\$0	<100%
*Field usage fee for private youth organizations (baseball/softball)	00	\$25 per field preparation	100%
Youth Sports-In Twin Falls City Limits (basketball, baseball, softball, soccer)	\$12.00	\$15.00	25%
Youth Sports-Out of Twin Falls City Limits (basketball, baseball, softball, soccer)	\$15.00	\$25.00	67%
Youth Jerseys	\$5.00	\$10.00	100%
Adult Sports-Men's Softball-City Run	\$122.00	\$150.00	23%
CATEGORY OF FEE <th>CURRENT FEE</th> <th>PROPOSED FEE</th> <th>% CHANGE</th>	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE	% CHANGE
Daily Admissions (Includes Tax)			
Infant (under 4)	\$1.00	\$2.00	100%
Youth (4 yrs-17 yrs)	\$2.00	\$3.00	50%
Adult	\$3.00	\$4.00	33.33%
Annual Pass/Monthly (Plus Tax)			
Youth Pass (6 yrs-17 yrs)	NEW \$165.00	NEW \$170.21	NEW 3.16%
Adult Pass	\$225.00	\$260.00	15.56%/14.00%
Annual Pass Set Up Fee	\$25	\$50	100%
Summer Only Pass Discount (June 1-August 31)			
Youth Pass	NEW	33.33%	NEW
Adult Pass	NEW	33.33%	NEW
Family Pass	33.33%	33.33%	None
Pool Facility Rental Rates (Minimum 2 Hours)			
Pool Only	\$100.00	\$120.00	20%
Floating Toys	\$25.00	\$35.00	40%

*On the field usage fees noted above, there would be a decrease in revenue if the new fee were to be implemented. The proposal is to have the proposed fee increase, and implement a surcharge for each field preparation. In 2007, the new calculation would have yielded \$2,150 to cover the expenses of field preparation. The old calculation would have yielded \$4,150.

*Organizations operating under contract shall receive discounted rates from the above schedule and existing contracts shall be honored.

* Any change in less greater than five percent (5%) will require prior approval of the Twin Falls City Council and will follow the public hearing process as required by Idaho Code.

The increased revenue from the other recreation programs and jerseys is necessary to defray the costs of providing those programs and uniforms.

The fees listed above at a new allowable rate that may be charged for admission to the City Pool. It does not change the current fees but allows pool management to come before City Council for approval to increase fees under the limits set above.

All said hearing all interested persons may appear and show cause. If any have, why said proposed increases should not be adopted.

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Apply immediately. Application and additional information are available on-line at www.tffid.org, or call for information (208) 735-7268.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolf

"Down went the owners — greedy men whom hope of gain allured: Oh, dry the starting tear, for they were heavily insured."

— W.S. Gilbert

On today's auction North's cuebid in hearts showed a good club fit. South then used Roman Key-Card Blackwood since he was willing to attempt a grand slam in clubs if North held both the heart ace and the club king. When North showed only one of these cards, the auction came to a halt in six clubs. How would you play this contract when West leads the diamond King?

Declarer won with the bare diamond ace and crossed to the heart ace to run the 10 of trumps. On this card won the trick, he continued with a trump to the queen and drew East's last trump with the ace. All that remained was to pick up the spade suit for one loser. If declarer had carelessly begun with the ace of spades, there would have been no way to recover. However, since the contract was a slam, he gave the matter his full attention and saw that he could cope with a 5-0 break on the left by starting with a low spade toward dummy's nine.

West won with the 10 and East showed out. After declarer ruffed the continuation of the diamond queen and cashed the ace and king of spades, his foresight paid off. He was now able to take a ruffing finesse in spades, leading the jack from J-8 through West's remaining Q-7. West covered with the spade queen, but declarer's 8-4 of spades were then established and the slam was made.

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NORTH 01-14
♠ 9 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ 8 7 4 3
♣ 10 7 5 4

WEST ♠ 10 7 6 5
♥ 5 3
♦ K Q J 9 5
♣ 6

EAST ♠ K Q J 10 9 7 4
♥ 10 6 2
♦ A
♣ K 9 2

SOUTH ♠ A K J 8 4 3
♥ 6
♦ A
♣ A Q J 8 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
2♠ Pass 2♥ 3♥
3♠ Pass 3NT Pass
4NT Pass 4♥ Pass
4NT Pass 5♦ Pass
6♠ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ 10 7 6 5
♥ 5 3
♦ K Q J 9 5
♣ 6

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

ANSWER: It is not clear that you are forced to bid here, but with such good diamonds, it seems right to bid five spades, hoping that either your contract or theirs has good chances of making. Here, you are quite likely to buy a singleton heart in dummy, after which you must be respectably close to making your contract.

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