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## THE DAY THE EARTH SHOOK

6.0 quake strikes  
northern Nevada,  
southern IdahoBy Kate Poppo and Matt Christensen  
Times-News writers

Thursday dawned bright and cold in Wells, Nev.

Children readied for school. People drove to work.

Then the earth moved.

Houses rattled, pictures fell, chimneys crumbled and people panicked.

In Jackpot, 68 miles from Wells, Twin Falls resident Scott Palmer said he and some friends had just settled into gambling at Barton's 93 Club. Slot machines began to sway and walls rippled, he said. Gamblers ran from the building into the streets.

"It felt like we were on a treadmill, kind of," Palmer said.

In Burley, 85 miles from Wells, the quake rocked the brick foundation home of Barbara Corning and threw tools out the front of a nearby woodshed.

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A damaged building on Front Street in the historic district is seen after a 6.0 earthquake hit Wells, Nev., at 7:16 a.m. Thursday.

## Quake could be one of most recorded in history

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

Days like Thursday, when a 6.0 magnitude earthquake sent shock waves into southern Idaho, are the days that Phillips dreams of.

He harbors no ill will, of course, toward the 1,300 residents of Wells, Nev., who today are cleaning up their town in the aftermath.

It's just that earthquakes are Phillips' business.

He's a research geologist at the

Idaho Geological Survey who sees "a silver lining" in Thursday's cloud of destruction. Because of a National Science Foundation program called EarthScope, the Wells quake could be one of the most recorded in history. Scientists like Phillips should be able to use information from hundreds of seismographs recently placed in Idaho, Nevada, Montana and Utah to learn more about how and why earthquakes happen.

"This earthquake will have been



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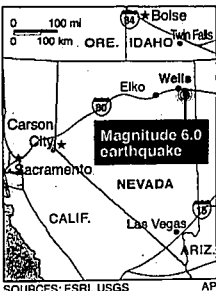
- See video and photos of earthquake damage.
- Watch an interview with a geology professor about the quake.

recorded by hundreds more seismographs than normal," he said from his Moscow office Thursday morning, about three hours after the quake struck.

The NSF program is moving hundreds of seismographs west-

ward every 18 months in an ongoing effort to map the country's seismic activity. By chance, the bulk of those meters were placed near the epicenter of Thursday's quake.

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SOURCES: ESRI, USGS

## Significant earthquakes in recent Idaho history

Source: Idaho Geological Survey

1. Nov. 10, 1884

Paris, Franklin County

The earthquake damaged houses considerably in Paris, about 62 miles southeast of Pocatello, in the southeast corner of Idaho.

3. May 13, 1916

Boise

The earthquake wrecked several brick chimneys in Boise and sent residents rushing into the street.

5. Sep. 11, 1963

Central Idaho

Plaster fell in buildings at Redfish Lake, south of Stanley in Custer County; a window pane was broken at a fire station in Challis National Forest.

7. March 28, 1975

Eastern Idaho

In the Riggsdale area of the sparsely populated Pocatello Valley, this quake shifted several ranch houses on their foundations and toppled many chimneys. Total property damage was estimated at \$1 million.

9. Oct. 28, 1983

Borah Peak, Custer County

The Borah Peak earthquake is the largest ever recorded in Idaho — both in terms of magnitude and in amount of property damage. It caused two deaths in Challis, and cost an estimated \$12.5 million in damage in the Challis-Mackay area.

2. Nov. 11, 1905

Near Shoshone, Lincoln County

Cracks formed in the walls of the courthouse and schools in Shoshone, and plaster fell from ceilings in almost all the buildings. Felt from Salt Lake City to Baker, Oregon.

4. Dec. 19, 1957

Northern Idaho

Timbers fell and mine walls collapsed at the Galena Silver mine near Wallace, Shoshone County.

6. April 26, 1969

Ketchum, Blaine County

Cracks formed in concrete floors of structures in Warm Springs and Ketchum. Plaster was cracked at Livingston Mill, 12 miles south of Clayton.

8. Nov. 27, 1977

Cascado, Valley County

Property damage was reported only at Cascado, a few miles east of the epicenter, near Cascade Dam. Also felt in Oregon.

## Angry Serbs set fire to U.S. Embassy

Mob protests Kosovo independence

By Slobodan Ladic  
Associated Press writer

BELGRADE, Serbia — Angry Serbs broke into the U.S. Embassy and set fire to an office Thursday night as rioters rampaged through Belgrade's streets, putting an exclamation point of violence to a day of mass protest against Western support for an independent Kosovo.

At least 150,000 people rallied in Belgrade, waving Serbian flags and signs proclaiming "Stop U.S. terror," to denounce the bid by Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority to create their own state out of

what Serbs consider the ancient heartland of their culture.

The United States strongly criticized the violence and the Serb response. White House spokesman Dana Perino said the embassy "was attacked by thugs" and Serb police didn't do enough to stop it. State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the U.S. warned Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica and Foreign Minister Vuk Jeremic that it would hold them personally responsible for further damage.

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The U.S. embassy in Belgrade burns after masked attackers broke into the building and set an office on fire at the end of a massive protest against Western-backed Kosovo independence, in the Serbian capital, Thursday. More than 150,000 Serbs gathered at the rally today to retake the territory, which is viewed as Serbia's heartland.

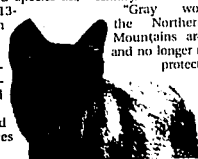
Federal authorities will  
remove gray wolves  
from endangered listBy Matthew Brown  
Associated Press writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — Gray wolves in the Northern Rockies will be removed from the endangered species list, following a 13-year restoration effort that helped the animal's population soar, federal officials said Thursday.

An estimated 1,500 wolves




now roam Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. That represents a dramatic turnaround for a predator that was largely exterminated in the U.S. outside of Alaska in the early 20th century.

Gray wolves in the Northern Rocky Mountains are thriving and no longer require the protection of the

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## TODAY'S FORECAST

## TWIN FALLS

Today	Tonight	Saturday
		
Cloudy with a chance of snow	A slim chance of snow	Partly cloudy
High 42	Low 31	46/31

## MINI-CASSIA

**Today:** A chance of rain and snow showers. Breezy in the morning. Highs reaching the upper 30s.  
**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of a snow shower. Lows middle 20s.  
**Tomorrow:** Partly cloudy. Perhaps a snow shower. Highs near 40.

Complete weather report: See page B6

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Sweetheart Dance, featuring the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers, 7 to 10 p.m., West End Senior Center, 1010 Main, Buhl, open to the public, \$5 per single, \$9 per couple, 543-4577.**  
**Combined Junior-Senior High School Band concert, including Gooding, Shoshone, Wood River and Wendell schools, 7 p.m., Shoshone High School gym, no cost, (208) 886-2281, ext. 351, or rossgode@shoshone.k12.id.us.**  
**Dr. Amy Hunsaker in concert, in conjunction with Burley Junior Music Vocal Festival, 7 p.m., Minico High School auditorium. Rupert and Masterclasses, 5 p.m. and 8:15 p.m., in the choir room, M.H.S., Rupert, \$4 per person or \$10 per family, 532-4626 or 678-3664 (to sign up for classes).**

## CHURCH

**Lenten Luncheon, with homemade soups, sandwiches, pie and drinks, noon, St. Jerome's Church, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome, \$5, everyone welcome, 324-3129 or 324-8794.**  
**Cowboy Church-Jerome, 7 p.m., Northridge Fellowship Church, 456 Golf Course Road, Jerome, (3.5 miles south of Wal-Mart, exit 168 of I-84), 644-1480.**

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

**Jr. Toastmaster club meeting, ongoing club sponsored by Magic Valley Toastmasters for interested youth age 12-18, 4 p.m., Idaho Pipe, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, no cost or obligation to buy food, 316-8534 or 736-2010.**

## EXHIBITS

**Sally Machlis' "Books of a Talwan Autumn," 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, no cost, 732-6655.**

## FAMILY

**Traditional Storytime, stories and songs for preschoolers, 10:30 a.m., Storytime Kiva, Twin Falls Public Library, 733-2964 ext. 110.**

**"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, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 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, no cost, 737-5988.**

**Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 11 to 11:45 a.m., Oakley Fire Station, 315 E. Main St., Oakley, no cost, 737-5988.**

**Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Agile, 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: (866) 592-3198.**

## MUSEUMS

**Faulkner Planetarium "Icy Worlds/Saving the Night/Live Sky Tour" at 7 p.m. and "Kynnyd Skynnyd: Fly On Free 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, 732-6655.**

**To list an event, 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.**

## WHAT'S NEW ONLINE

See video and a photo gallery of the aftermath of Tuesday's earthquake in Wells, Nev., and hear a video interview with a geology professor about how rare the quake was and its impact on Idaho.

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## MORNING BRIEFING

say ... Steve Crump

## Lou Dobbs talks back to the Valley

There's just so much about Rupert's own Lou Dobbs that's curious than life ...

Did you know, for example, that his dad was Hank Hill (the cartoon character from Fox's "King of the Hill")? ... Dobbs was born in Childress, Texas (population 6,630) where his father was a propane dealer ... The family moved to Idaho after the business failed ...

And did you know that when Dobbs' dad took him to the station in the summer of 1983 to send Lou off to Harvard University—the dad had not been out of Texas—Dobbs was wearing a Stetson, Levi's and Acme boots when he climbed aboard the train? ...

Today Dobbs favors \$1,200 suits and \$300 wing-tips, and he's about to launch a three-

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hour, five-day-a-week radio talk show. In the Magic Valley, Twin Falls' KTFI-AM will broadcast it at 1 p.m., starting March 3 ...

At 62, Dobbs is easily the most prominent pundit Idaho has ever produced ... He's the Bill O'Reilly of America's radical center—tough on immigration, tougher on corporations ...

From his platform on CNN's "Lou Dobbs Tonight," he's watched by about 800,000 people seven nights a week ...

Dobbs, who once bucked hay on Mindoko County farms and whose \$25 application fee to Harvard was

paid by teachers at Minico High, now earns \$6 million a year at CNN and lives on a 300-acre horse farm in New Jersey ...

"Dobbs sometimes seems oddly formal," Ken Auletta wrote in a profile in *The New Yorker* last year ... "He does not roll up his sleeves, and he puts on a jacket when he leaves his office area. In conversation, he does not harbor much doubt."

"Everything I believe, I believe unequivocally," Dobbs told Auletta ...

Sounds like a radio talk show host ...

FROM OUR ONGOING quest to discover the real story of Red Cap Corner, located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 30 and Idaho Highway 50 north of Kimberly, come two more intriguing bits of lore from readers ...

• Red Cap was so called after a service station on the site, part of a chain that included stations in Utah and elsewhere in Idaho ...

• The building had a red roof and a statue not front of a cartoonish, red-topped gas station attendant, who did not check your oil ...

Next up: the natural history of Ketchum's Gezer Alley.

Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

## AROUND THE WORLD

## CALIFORNIA

**USDA inspectors say staff shortages threaten safety of meat supply**

LOS ANGELES — Sometimes, government inspectors responsible for examining slaughterhouses for mad cow disease and other ills are so short-staffed that they find themselves peering down from catwalks at hundreds of animals at once, looking for such telltale signs as droopy ears, stumbling gait and facial paralysis.

The ranks of inspectors are so thin that slaughterhouse workers often figure out when "surprise" visits are about to take place, and make sure they are on their best behavior.

These allegations were raised by former and current U.S. Department of Agriculture inspectors in the wake of the biggest beef recall in history—143 million pounds from a California meatpacker accused of sending lame "downer" cows to slaughter.

The inspectors told The Associated Press that they fear chronic staff shortages in their ranks are allowing sick cows to get into the nation's food supply, endangering the public. According to USDA's own figures, the inspector ranks nationwide had vacancies of 10 percent or more in 2006-07.

## WASHINGTON

**Obama wins Democrats' abroad global primary, 11th straight victory**

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama won the Democrats' Abroad global primary in results announced Thursday, giving him 11 straight victories in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

## HANG IN THERE, OWLET



A 1-month-old neotropical screech owl clings to a piece of wood as it feeds by a worker at the Endangered Wildlife Rescue Center near Alajuela, Costa Rica, Thursday. Two neotropical screech owlets were brought to the center after their nest fell out of a tree.

The Illinois senator won the primary in which Democrats living in other countries voted by Internet, mail and in person, according to results released by the Democrats' Abroad, an organization sanctioned by the national party.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has not won a nominating contest since Super Tuesday, more than two weeks ago.

More than 20,000 U.S. citizens living abroad voted in the primary, which ran from Feb. 5 to Feb. 12. Obama won 65 percent of the vote, according to the results released Thursday.

Voters living in 164 countries cast votes online, while

expatriates voted in person in more than 30 countries, at hotels in Australia and Costa Rica, at a pub in Ireland and at a Starbucks in Thailand. The results took about a week to tabulate as local committees around the globe gathered ballots.

## ARIZONA

**Curiosity didn't kill this cat: Kitty heads home after journey in locker**

PHOENIX — A cat who took a three-week cross-country ride to Arizona in a storage container is headed home to Florida.

Arizona Humane Society

officials say the 2-year-old gray cat crawled into the locker in Pompano Beach, Fla., while a man loaded it for a move to Phoenix.

The container spent time in a Florida warehouse and on a semitrailer before being delivered to a Phoenix facility.

A worker heard a cat meowing inside the container Tuesday. The cat, named Meatloaf, was hungry and thirsty but unharmed. The man who was moving remembered a similar cat near his old apartment. Meatloaf's owners had put up posters around their neighborhood. The apartment manager remembered them when Humane Society called.

Meatloaf's will give Meatloaf time to recover before flying him home.

## LIBERIA

**Bush completes 'exciting' Africa trip**

MONROVIA — The five-nation African trip President Bush completed Thursday was all about political progress, success in fighting the scourges of HIV/AIDS and malaria, and economic growth. Besides Liberia, he visited Benin, Tanzania, Rwanda and Ghana over six days.

The journey was "one of the most exciting" of his presidency, Bush told reporters on the flight home. It offered "a chance to herald courageous people in their efforts to deal with hopelessness."

"I would hope that the country never says, 'Well, it's not worth it over there, what happens over there,' or 'It says, 'Well, we've got to take care of our own first, exclusively,'" Bush said. "My answer is, we can do both. We're a generous country."

— The Associated Press

## COMING TOMORROW

## God's menu

Many faiths have dietary restrictions, and some followers eat with religion in mind.

## SATURDAY IN RELIGION



## Nowpack levels

Watershed	% of Area	% peak
Salmon	112%	83%
Big Wood	105%	80%
Little Wood	103%	77%
Big Lost	104%	74%
Little Lost	116%	81%
Henrys Fork/Teton	107%	80%
Upper Snake Basin	97%	73%
Oakley	107%	84%
Salmon Falls	104%	79%

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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"I can resist everything except temptation."

— From "Lady Windermere's Fan," by Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

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# Quake

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"I grew up a cowgirl," she said. "It was like being on a bucking bronco."

Many Wells residents couldn't find words to describe the quake. Mike Bennett, a teacher at the town's junior high, was driving to work at 7:16 a.m. when the 6.0 magnitude quake hit. He didn't feel it, but he knew something was wrong when he reached downtown and saw the flashing lights, the crumbled buildings and residents in tears.

"There were two or three people who just walked up to me and needed a hug," he said. "Everyone was extremely upset. A lot of people didn't feel safe in their houses because things were flying off the walls."

Nearly every building in town, about 700 structures, sustained damage. At least one building collapsed. Many others are threatening to fall.

Downtown, especially, resembled a war zone moments after the quake. Bewildered residents wandered out of homes and businesses, where bricks littered the streets and debris jutted from snow-covered sidewalks. A white sedan on Lake Avenue had been crushed by concrete chunks fallen from a nearby building. Roof shingles were everywhere. Fractures splintered across the walls of some buildings, like cracks in porcelain bowls.

The sounds of ringing telephones — people frantically

trying to reach their relatives — echoed over the police sirens.

"We're asking residents to put signs in windows telling us they're OK," said Tom Turk, a regional forester with the Nevada Division of Forestry and the public information officer at the scene.

Elko County Commissioners quickly declared a state of emergency, and officials urged people to avoid doing business.

At most stores, employees spent Thursday cleaning up.

"We have beer and wine all over the floor and pallets leaning and about to fall over," said Heidi Schmitt, an employee of Great Basin Beverage.

"The office is a mess." At least three water main breaks prompted authorities to shut off water service in the town of 1,300. Late Thursday, power outages were widespread. Schools were closed for the day.

Interstate 80 and Highway 93 remained open, but off-ramps into the city were closed to non-residents, Turk said. Identifications will be checked by law enforcement positioned at off-ramps.

Amazingly, no serious injuries were reported, said Wells Mayor Rhonda Tybja. At least one person broke an arm, and several residents were treated for head wounds.

"It took everything pretty good," he said.

The 6.0 magnitude quake appeared to have been caused by a fault line about 12 miles



An unidentified man rests the shelves of a hardware store in Wells, Nev., Thursday after an earthquake hit the town.

AP/WIDEWORLD

east of Wells, said John Bellini with the U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center in Denver.

The bulk of damage occurred in Wells, but the quake awakened residents, spooked pets and sparked first response crews into action in neighboring states, including Idaho.

Local agencies reacted exactly as they should have, said Jackie Frey, Twin Falls County's director of emergency services. "This is the kind of thing we plan and prepare for," she said.

Public utilities and state agencies began inspecting power lines, bridges, roads and dams just moments after the quake.

By 10 a.m., about three hours after the initial rumbling, the Idaho Department of Transportation declared the Perrine Bridge and other infrastructure had suffered no damage. Idaho Power Co.

reported no major harm to electric lines and systems.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources reported a computer model showed no likely damage at southern Idaho dams from a 6.0 quake. But the department ordered inspections of 16 southern Idaho water facilities after the model showed possible damage from an 8.0 magnitude quake. By early afternoon, most dams had been declared safe.

By mid-morning, Frey had received only one southern Idaho damage report: a cracked ceiling.

Cleanup continues today in Wells, however, where some reeling residents are afraid to return to their damaged homes. Shelters have been established for the displaced, officials said.

Aftershocks continue to threaten buildings. At least 14 aftershocks had been registered in the first six hours after the quake, said Sgt. Kevin

McKinney of the Elko County Sheriff's Office, which is limiting access to damaged structures. More aftershocks could strike in the coming days.

"Most of the buildings are so old, they might never be structurally sound again," McKinney said.

With the exception of books tossed around and some shelving toppled, Wells Elementary School, which was used as the central evacuation center for the American Red Cross and the overall command post for the disaster, suffered no structural damage. The same can't be said for the building housing grades 7 through 12. The gymnasium is likely to be condemned and various other damage has rendered the school closed indefinitely.

Elko County Sheriff Dale Latspach said a rough estimate to replace the building would be upward of \$40 million.

Elko County Superin-

tendent of Schools Antoinette Cavanaugh, assisted by Steve Bowers, supervisor of maintenance and operations for the school district, and spokeswoman Beth Kern, is working on interim plans to resume school for the 135 students who are now displaced. Options being considered include identifying alternate locations within Wells to temporarily hold classes, but this is proving difficult as the obvious choices are also in need of repair to varying degrees.

Wells' buildings, including homes, probably aren't insured for earthquakes, said Ron Bingham, an insurance agent with State Farm in Twin Falls. Standard insurance policies don't cover damage from earthquakes, and most people in the area probably haven't bought special earthquake policies, which can sometimes double premiums. Bingham said he's sold just one earthquake policy in the past 10 years.

Insurance companies usually place a 30-day moratorium on new earthquake policies after an event, meaning it's too late to buy insurance to cover damage from aftershocks.

Officials say the community will take a significant economic blow — a small price to pay, however, for a quake that claimed no lives.

"We're pretty lucky," McKinney said.

The Elko Daily Free Press contributed to this report.

# History

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That's a godsend to scientists in the Interior West who don't have as much data on area earthquakes as scientists near legendary faults such as the San Andreas in California. Little is known about area fault lines in southern Idaho and northern Nevada compared with faults in California that have been studied for decades after major quakes, he said.

"It's a pretty rural area that

just hasn't been studied as much," he said.

Scientists do know, however, the potential for quakes exists here. Idaho and Nevada both rank in the top five among states for earthquake risks, according to the Idaho Geological Survey.

Small quakes have been reported in Idaho as recently as last month, and the Wells quake struck "in an area in Nevada with known active faults," Phillips said.

The fault line that triggered the quake, known as a "normal fault," winds near the Wood Hills mountain range, said Shawn Wiltsey, a professor of geology at the College of Southern Idaho.

There are thousands of similar faults in the area, though none are likely to trigger major quakes like those seen in Southern California.

Hot volcanic rock below the Snake River Plain dampens most area trembles, which

means they're more likely to happen in surrounding areas, such as the Sawtooth Mountains or Yellowstone National Park, Wiltsey said.

"Where we live, (the rocks) don't break and snap like cold, brittle rocks do," he said. "They tend to flow and deform."

Thursday's quake was triggered more than five miles underground and was felt as far away as Tucson, Ariz., according to U.S. Geological

Survey reports. Aftershocks could ripple through the area for days, but could "foreshocks" have signaled an imminent quake?

Perhaps, Phillips said, though earthquakes are even less accurate than forecasts of volcanic eruptions.

"It's a hotly debated field," he said. "Most scientists don't think earthquakes are predictable."

Scientists from the Nevada Seismological Lab in Reno

traveled to the Wells area Thursday to examine the meters and look for an actual chasm caused by the quake. But two feet of snow on the ground could delay them.

It'll likely be late this spring before scientists can draw conclusions from the Wells quake, Phillips said. But that's better late than never.

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## Wolf

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Endangered Species Act," said Interior Deputy Secretary Lynn Scarlett. "The wolf's recovery in the Northern Rocky Mountains is a conservation success story."

The restoration effort, however, has been unpopular with ranchers and many others in the three states since it began in the mid-1990s, and today some state leaders want the population thinned significantly.

The states could allow hunters to target the animals as soon as this fall. That angers environmental groups, which plan to sue over the delisting and say it's too soon to remove federal protection.

"The enduring hostility to wolves still exists," said Earthjustice attorney Doug Honnold, who is preparing the lawsuit. "We're going to have hundreds of wolves killed under state management. It's a sad day for our wolves."

Plans submitted by Idaho, Montana and Wyoming indicate the states will likely maintain between 900 and 1,250 wolves for the foreseeable future, federal officials said.

The Idaho Fish and Game

Commission will meet early next month to discuss Idaho's plan for managing wolves.

Wolves have increasingly preyed on livestock as they expanded into new territories. At the same time, ranchers and wildlife agents have made more wolf kills, which are allowed under the Endangered Species Act in response to livestock conflicts.

Since the late 1990s, 724 wolves have been killed legally, and it's estimated roughly the same number have been killed illegally by poachers.

Despite that, the overall population has continued to grow at the rate of 24 percent a year.

"We've been managing wolves pretty aggressively for livestock problems, but there are still a ton of wolves over a big area," said Ed Bangs, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist who led the wolf recovery effort.

The wolf was nearly wiped out in the West through a government eradication program in the 1930s that included widespread poisoning of wolves. In the late 1980s the wolf had just 200 square miles of territory around Glacier National Park, in Montana

near the Canadian border.

Wolves were listed as endangered in 1974, and the government has spent more than \$27 million on recovery efforts in the Northern Rockies.

Since 66 wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho in the mid-1990s, their population has grown rapidly. The wolf's territory now covers an estimated 113,000 square miles, Bangs said.

Public hunting could significantly decrease the size of the wolf's range. It could also reduce the chance of wolves spreading to neighboring states such as Utah, Colorado, Oregon and Washington.

However, an independent wolf biologist said he would be "shocked" if the animal again ends up on the endangered list.

"The last thing any of the states want is for wolves to be re-listed by the federal government," said Daniel Pletscher, director of the University of Montana's wildlife biology program.

That's the goal in Idaho, said officials who helped develop the state's proposed plan, which calls for managing wolves well above the threshold for listing.

Times-News writer Matt Christensen contributed to this report.

"The enduring hostility to wolves still exists."

—Earthjustice attorney Doug Honnold, who is preparing the lawsuit

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## Serbs

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Protesters burned American flags and the mob that attacked the embassy tore down the U.S. flag there. Crowds also ransacked a McDonald's, looted stores and fought with police in front of other diplomatic compounds in a display of the resentment seething in Serbia over the secession of what has been its southernmost province.

A charged body was found in the U.S. Embassy after the fire was put out, but all still were accounted for, embassy spokeswoman Brian Harris said. Belgrade's Pink TV said the body appeared to be that of a rioter.

At the mass rally earlier, Kosutic attacked the U.S. and others for supporting Kosovo's independence. "Is there any other nation on Earth from whom the great powers) are demanding that they give up their identity to give up our brothers in Kosovo?" he told the crowd.

Coming after smaller outbreaks of violence in Belgrade as well as attacks on a United Nations building and police checkpoints in Kosovo, the surge of rioting underlined the determination of Serbs not to give up Kosovo quietly.

The Serbian government has said it won't resort to military force, but the street violence could be a tactic to slow moves by more countries to follow the U.S., Britain, Germany and France in quickly recognizing Kosovo's independence.

Russia and China lead the states standing with Serbia, worrying that Kosovo's example could encourage separatist sentiment elsewhere.

The Kremlin has underlined its displeasure by hinting it might back separatists in pro-Western nations such as the former Soviet

republic of Georgia.

Serbian officials dismissed violence earlier in the week as "insignificant," and no police were guarding the U.S. Embassy compound even though it had been targeted previously. American officials said the offices had been closed at midday because of security concerns.

Milorad Veljovic, a top Interior Ministry official, said that security forces had the situation under control and that mobs had been broken up.

Masked men smashed their way inside the compound's consular building, tore down the U.S. flag and tried to throw furniture from an office. They set fire to the office and flames shot up the building.

The State Department officials said no protesters got into the embassy's main chancery section, a separate area that was manned by a U.S. Marine guard unit and some security personnel.

Police arrived about 45 minutes after the blaze broke out, and after the rioters left the building. A half dozen fire trucks also appeared and quickly doused the flames, leaving the front facade and two police guard posts on the sidewalk smoldering.

It was the first attack on a U.S. Embassy since Sept. 12, 2006, when Syrian security guards stopped an attempt to blow up the compound. The last time a mob broke into one was the Iranians' seizure of the U.S. Embassy on Nov. 4, 1979, taking the American staffers hostage.

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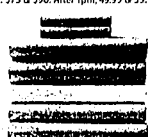
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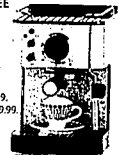
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## EDITORIAL

High-tech crime busting  
hits the wall in Idaho

It's 775 miles from Las Vegas to the Idaho State Police's crime lab in Meridian. They might as well be on different planets. Vegas, of course, is the setting for the highly rated TV crime drama "CSI," about all of the high-tech ways forensic scientists solve crimes. But in Meridian — and at the ISP's other labs in Coeur d'Alene and Pocatello — they're lucky to get a DNA test done before the evidence has to be used in court.

The problems not that there is no Gil Grissom in Idaho; the issue is an acute lack of manpower.

Gov. Butch Otter wants to change that by giving the ISP \$640,000 to hire six new staffers. On Tuesday, the legislature's budget-writing Joint Finance Appropriations Committee said no.

That was a mistake; the committee should reconsider.

State police asked for the extra employees to reduce a testing backlog of DNA samples, fingerprints and other evidence. ISP says only 43 percent of DNA tests were completed on time last year.

Demands on the laboratories have increased at the same time as the state's population and crime rates have risen.

Violent crime in Idaho has grown 17 percent in the last 10 years. The number of rapes jumped by 68 percent since 1997.

At the crime labs, requests for DNA testing rose from 47 in 2006 to 65 in 2007, a 38 percent increase. The number of DNA tests completed within the 90-day target fell from 77 percent to 43 percent.

In 2004, Francisco Ferrer was murdered in Jerome. Within days, police arrested two men in connection with the slaying and charged one, Irvy Vasquez, with first-degree murder.

Blood scrapings, clothes and boots were sent to the crime lab in Meridian for comparison to the victim's blood samples.

The results weren't returned to Jerome in time, so charges had to be dismissed. Vasquez was back on the street.

We understand it's a tight year, but it's hard to believe that \$640,000 in efficiencies can't be found elsewhere in a \$3 billion budget. Having an effective crime lab that does its job on time is no longer a luxury in Idaho.

"In reality, justice delayed is justice denied," said Sen. Elliot Werk, D-Boise, a JFAC member.

Francisco Ferrer's family would agree.

**Our view: It's a crime that the Legislature won't spend enough to give the Idaho State Police effective forensic labs. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

## The great American consuming machine

WASHINGTON — In the 20th century, American production was the marvel of the world. In the 21st century, American consumption is the marvel of the world. As news goes, this is both big and bad.

It was American production, after all, that won World War II. It was the exports of American manufacturing and agriculture that revitalized postwar Europe and Asia — indeed, one of the Marshall Plan's goals was to ensure that Europe had enough funds to buy America's products.

HAROLD MEYERSON

In today's world economy, however, we have become the consumers of last — and first — resort. No nation with an advanced economy consumes at anywhere near our level. In 2006, our purchases constituted 70 percent of U.S. gross domestic product. Britain ranked second among nations in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, at 61 percent, then came Italy, at 59 percent, with Japan, Germany, France and Canada all hovering around 55 percent.

In 19th-century England was a nation of shoppers, and our role in the world economy is to buy what other countries — or U.S.-based corporations with factories in other countries — make. It was not ever thus. In the four decades following World War II, our largest employer was General Motors; for the past decade, it's been Wal-Mart. GM followed in the footsteps of Henry Ford, who by 1913 had concluded that it was to pay his workers enough that they could afford to buy a new Ford. Wal-Mart, by contrast, pays its workers so little that they are compelled to shop at Wal-Mart.

But even if Wal-Mart weren't a downward force on

wages throughout much of the economy, consider the implications of a nation whose chief economic activity is personal consumption — more particularly, personal consumption at a time when incomes are stagnant. The only way such a nation can get along is to go into debt, which is precisely what Americans have done.

This transformation of America from manufacturer to shopper was anything but accidental. In the early 1980s, the rise of Japan and the decline of U.S. manufacturing spurred unions and liberals to advocate domestic content requirements for products, such as autos, sold in the United States. A few years later, unions and liberals were promoting industrial policy — that the U.S. government should make strategic investments in certain key industries to keep them afloat. (Just think: champions pushed for auto and steel; "new economy" advocates plumped for investments in high tech.) In the late '90s, unions and liberals opposed permanently normalizing trade relations with China. But orthodox economists and even more orthodox editorialists headed scorn on all these ideas, which died quiet deaths — even as the governments of

nations that have supplanted us as the world's manufacturers (most notably, China) adhered to domestic content regulations and invested heavily in strategic industries, to the betterment of their citizens.

Today, 20 years after we decided not to have an industrial policy, we have an industrial base that employs an ever-smaller number of Americans. What has kept us afloat during the current decade hasn't been our productive capacity but the inflation of our assets — the rising value of our homes, against which we've borrowed to purchase the things we could not afford out of our stagnant paychecks. To the extent that the United States has a macro-economic strategy, it was Shop Till You Drop.

So we've shopped. And now we've dropped. One of the crucial differences between the two parties this year is that Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama have both revived the idea of a national industrial strategy — better late than never — while John McCain still acts as if banks and corporations, left to their own devices, would revive our economy through their investments. Problem is, we've left banks and corporations to their

own devices for decades, and they've funded the rise of low-wage, high-profit East Asia.

Nonetheless, McCain calls for across-the-board corporate tax cuts, though that money may well be bound for Shanghai. Clinton and Obama, by contrast, call for the public sector to take up the slack created by the private sector's reluctance to invest in the United States. Each proposes a construction, transportation and manufacturing strategy to retrofit America and create millions of "green" jobs. Each advocates public health insurance when private employers decline to cover workers. Each wants to make it easier for workers to boost their incomes by joining unions (and our economy still has 50 million private-sector jobs that can't be offshored in such industries as construction, transportation and health care).

The Democrats' incomes-and-industrial policy won't bring back, say, Big Steel, but it will raise wages and put more Americans to work actually making things. As a national economic strategy, that sure beats shopping.

Washington Post columnist Harold Meyerson is the editor of *The American Prospect*.



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Continuation of levy vital to T.F. school district

As you examine issues surrounding the upcoming March 11 vote in Twin Falls for continuation of the Twin Falls School District's 10-year plant facilities levy, it is important to focus on the uses (and importance) of the plant facilities tax levy.

This tax commitment has been supported by patrons of the Twin Falls School District for 50 years and, in that time, funds from the plant facilities levy have been used to maintain school buildings, repair and replace roofs, provide for security and safety upgrades, and allow for better access to school district facilities. The fact that the school district still utilizes a number of buildings more than 40 years old (Bickel School is more than a century old) is a testament to a longstanding practice in the school district to repair and renovate buildings in order to use them as long as possible for safe and effective places of learning. The Twin Falls School District does not own and operate "throw away" buildings, and this prudent practice has ultimately lessened the tax burden on its patrons over

the past four decades. Twin Falls School District spent more than \$31 million from 1998 to 2008 repairing and maintaining its current facilities and, given the increases we all experience due to rising costs in fuel, building materials and labor, its target of \$33 million over the next 10 years does not seem unreasonable. It is a sure bet that if school facilities are allowed to deteriorate because the school district is not able to support an ongoing maintenance program, the eventual cost to taxpayers will be far greater. A renewal of the plant facilities levy, as it is currently planned, will not raise taxes for Twin Falls School District patrons, but it will provide for maintenance and repairs of existing school facilities that will extend their useful life far into this century.

Continuation of the 10-year plant facilities levy is necessary to maintain the safety and quality of buildings within in the Twin Falls School District, and it is a fiscally sound approach to address the repair and upkeep of aging buildings. I urge you to vote yes for the Twin Falls Plant Facilities Levy on March 11. JERRY MEYERHOEFFER Twin Falls

## I feel I must respond to the headline "T.F. pushes consolidation" which appeared in Tuesday's Times-News.

I have never advocated for consolidation and do not feel it is the responsibility of the Legislature or individual legislators to be involved in such decisions. This inflammatory headline and several misstatements in the article have caused unnecessary concern in some of our local communities. I feel it was irresponsible for the *Times-News* to frame the discussion in this manner.

House Bill 505 in no way pushes consolidation. It simply creates the framework for the appointment of a transition board of trustees when districts choose to consolidate. The bill designates the



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superintendent of public instruction as the overseer of the board selection not the selector. The trustees of all the consolidating districts select the trustees of the new board in a procedure relying on seniority that is outlined in statute. It is complementary legislation to the bill House Minority Wendy Jaquet and Senate Pro Tem Bob Geddes passed last year that provided incentives for school districts that decide

to consolidate.

Several years ago Richfield, Dietrich and Shoshone spent time investigating consolidation and decided against it. One of the issues was the lack of a trustee board with equal representation for each community and this bill was designed to create such a transitional board. Two of the communities have since moved ahead with plans to expand their facilities. I grew up in Richfield and appreciate the sense of community that exists between the schools and the citizens. I respect local decisions and would never suggest any other course.

The Education Committee recommended some minor corrections with wording, but were most concerned

that using the equal representation method of choosing the transition board would not meet the proportional representation (one person, one-vote) criteria. I was given a week to make changes. An attorney general's opinion on the legality of the plan is in the works.

I regret the angst caused to community members and I feel this opinion piece will go far in educating individuals as to the bill and what it does. If you have any additional questions please contact me at (208) 332-1271 or e-mail [dpence@house.idaho.gov](mailto:dpence@house.idaho.gov).

Rep. Donna Pence, a Democrat, represents Gooding, Lincoln, Blaine and Camas counties in the Legislature.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Twin Falls Care Center served in time of need

In 2006 after a long and terminal illness, my beloved wife, Betty, passed away in the Twin Falls Care Center, which had given her excellent care as a patient. I am eternally grateful for its wonderful care and kindness given to her and my family during her stay in this facility. I was able to spend every

day with her during her time there and could see for myself the excellent condition and staff of this care center.

After a long illness, even with the fine care provided her by doctors, in-home care by nurses and hospice, it became obvious that full-time professional care was necessary. Much as it saddened me, I was finally convinced by caregivers and family to place her in a

care facility.

Before moving her, my family and I investigated nursing homes both in Boise and Twin Falls. We finally determined that Twin Falls Care Center here in Twin Falls offered the best facility, personnel and care available.

My children and grandchildren moved us from Boise to Twin Falls, where Betty was accepted by the care center and I was able to

find an apartment close by so I could spend my days with her.

I have remained living in Twin Falls, which I have found to be an excellent city with fine and caring residents and businesses.

I certainly thank the Twin Falls Care Center and recommend its facility. Kelly Spiers and his staff to anyone needing the services of Twin Falls PHILIP M. MIER Twin Falls

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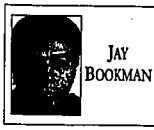
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# Do the math: Obama has nomination in the bag

ATLANTA—Even though Mike Huckabee lost Wisconsin by more than 15 percentage points, he has vowed to press on to Ohio and Texas. But it would take a miracle for him to win his party's nomination.

The exact same thing can be said of Hillary Clinton. She too lost Wisconsin by more than 15 percentage points; she too needs a miracle. And while she too vows to press on, the race is over and she has lost.

Thanks to substantial defeats in Wisconsin and Hawaii—giving her a losing streak of 10 in a row—Clinton has now fallen behind Barack Obama by more than 140 pledged dele-



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gates. With 981 delegates still to be elected between now and early June, it might at first glance seem possible to overcome that gap.

But it's just not so. To pull ahead of Obama in elected delegates, Clinton would have to win every one of the 16 remaining contests by margins of 15 to 20 percent points. There is no sign that such a sweep is possible.

Clinton's only other hope for a miracle lies with her

party's 800 superdelegates, who have the right to vote for the nomination because they hold elective office or high positions in the party.

However, those superdelegates show no sign of wanting to get into the miracle business, nor should they. They understand the outrage that would result if unelected delegates try to overturn the verdict of Democratic primary voters, particularly when the candidate the voters have chosen is a black man.

Denying Obama the nomination under these circumstances would alienate not just black Democrats, but also the many young people drawn into politics by Obama. It would tear the Democratic Party apart and

doom its chances not just in 2008, but in 2012 and 2016 and perhaps beyond.

That is particularly true given the lingering bitterness in the party over the 2000 presidential elections. Many party regulars believe that race was settled by the Supreme Court, not by the American people. They would not accept party elders altering the outcome of a vote in a similar manner.

Obama's victory has to impress and to a degree even frighten Republican political professionals. Try as they might, the Republicans have not been able to heat the Clintons. They couldn't beat Bill, and in two Senate elections they couldn't beat Hillary either.

Between them, the Clintons have been regarded as two of the smartest, most fearsome politicians of their generation. And yet Obama, coming out of nowhere, has now beaten them both, in a campaign in which Hillary had all the initial advantages.

A lot of Republicans who might have rushed to the polls to vote against Clinton—a payoff for the party's 15-year investment in Hillary hatermongering—won't be quite so motivated to vote against Obama.

Together, those trends could elect a lot more Democrats in down-ticket races this fall, which in turn could help Obama make good on his pledges of change.

In his campaign, Obama has talked fervently of a new spirit of cooperation and post-partisanship in Washington. He has been criticized by some as naive for those statements, but I suspect there's hardheaded calculation behind the rhetoric.

Obama knows that the best way—the only way—to overcome partisanship in Washington is to have a lot more votes on your side than the other guy does.

And while November is a long way off, he seems well-positioned to make that strategy pay.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Plant facilities levies provide great benefits

My name is Randy Rutledge, and I have been the principal of Sawtooth Elementary School for the past 20 years. In that time, I have seen the tremendous benefits to all of our schools in the Twin Falls School District because of the 10-year plant facilities levies.

We have seen many benefits to our school specifically. These include upgrading the restrooms, enclosing the library, putting in a computer lab, adding storage in the classrooms, upgrading the heating and air conditioning, replacing old carpets, fresh paint throughout (numerous times), replacing old desks (many of which were inherited from the old Washington school), and along with our PTO, refurbishing the playground.

The building that houses our school is more than 33 years old, but because we have the funds to keep up on the maintenance many, people passing through have no idea of the building's age. We have many older homes in Twin Falls and, as many homeowners know, these homes need maintenance to stay safe and functioning. Our school is like our home away from home, and we have more than 750 to 900 people moving through here on a daily basis. Needless to say, there is a lot of wear and tear on the building that would be very difficult, if not impossible, to keep up with without the levy.

I am grateful, as a building principal, to know that I can rely on the funds from the levy when things need to be done at our school to keep it updated and safe.

I urge you to support the plant facilities levy. Help us maintain a safe and secure environment for all of our children.

RANDY RUTLEDGE  
Twin Falls

proper trees for highway rights-of-way, appropriate trees and procedures when power lines are in the vicinity, etc. This committee is an advisory board made up of volunteer people with a firm knowledge of trees.

I have owned and operated a successful tree business for several years now. Feeling that I would have a lot to offer, I gladly accepted this volunteer position. After filling in the five required volunteer positions, the Twin Falls County Tree Commission was formed. Every year, we wanted to plant trees in a county or city park. Last year, we planted trees in the Hemlock City Park, which happens to also be the residential town of one of the county commissioners. I have volunteered time and money to this worthwhile if I thought cause.

Now after 2 1/2 years, the Twin Falls County commissioners have informed me that I can no longer be on this committee because I do not actually live in Twin Falls County. I actually live 300 yards from the Twin Falls County line. However, I still own a home in Bull and pay property taxes on that home which all go to Twin Falls County line; 90 percent of my business is conducted in Twin Falls County.

They can't take my money, but they won't accept my time and expertise on trees on this volunteer taxes on that home which all go to Twin Falls County line; 90 percent of my business is conducted in Twin Falls County.

Since I do not live in Twin Falls County and got kicked off a volunteer committee, that must mean that all paid employees of Twin Falls County must live in Twin Falls County, right?

CHUCK STEELE  
Hagerman

## The triumph of America's know-nothings

"The mind of this country, taught to aim at all objects, eats upon itself." Ralph Waldo Emerson offered that observation in 1837, but his words echo with painful prescience in today's very different United States. Americans are in serious intellectual trouble.

In danger of losing their hard-won cultural capital to a virulent mix of anti-intellectualism, anti-rationalism and low expectations.

This is the last subject that any candidate would dare raise on the long and winding road to the White House. It is almost impossible to talk about the manner in which public ignorance contributes to grave national problems without being labeled an "elitist," one of the most powerful pejoratives that can be applied to anyone aspiring to high office.

Instead, our politicians repeatedly assure Americans that they are just "folks," a patronizing term that you will search for in vain in important presidential speeches before 1980. Such exaltations of ordinariness are among the distinguishing traits of anti-intellectualism in any era.

Columbia University historian Richard Hofstadter saw American anti-intellectualism as a cyclical phenomenon that often manifested itself as the dark side of the country's democratic impulses in religion and education. But today's brand of anti-intellectualism is less a cycle than a flood.

Dumbness, to paraphrase the late Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, has been steadily defined downward for



SUSAN JACOBY

several decades, by a combination of heretofore irresistible forces. First and foremost is video. The decline of book, newspaper and magazine reading is by now an old story. The drop-off is most pronounced among the young, but it continues to accelerate and afflict Americans of all ages and education levels.

Reading has declined not only among the poorly educated, according to a report last year by the National Endowment for the Arts. More than 40 percent of Americans under 44 did not read a single book—fiction or nonfiction—over the course of a year. The proportion of 17-year-olds who read nothing more than doubled between 1984 and 2004. This time period, of course, encompasses the rise of personal computers, Web surfing and video games.

There is no evidence that focusing on a screen is anything but bad for infants and toddlers. University of Washington researchers found that babies between 8 and 16 months recognized an average of six to eight fewer words for every hour spent watching videos.

The inability to concentrate for long periods of time seems to me intimately related to the inability of the public to remember even recent news events.

No wonder negative political ads work.

Not knowing a foreign language or the location of an important country is a manifestation of ignorance; denying that such knowledge matters is pure anti-rationalism.

The shrinking public attention span fostered by video is closely tied to the erosion of general knowledge.

People accustomed to hearing their president explain complicated policy choices by snapping "I'm the decider" may find it

almost impossible to imagine the pains that Franklin D. Roosevelt took, in the grim months after Pearl Harbor, to explain why U.S. armed forces were suffering one defeat after another in the Pacific. In February 1942, Roosevelt urged Americans to spread out a map during his radio "fire-side chat" so that they might better understand the geography of battle. In stores throughout the country, maps sold out; about 80 percent of American adults tuned in to hear the president.

This is a portrait not only of a different country and citizenry, according to a 2006 survey by National Geographic-Roper, nearly half of Americans between ages 18 and 24 don't think it's necessary to know the location of other countries in which important news is being made.

Worst of all is arrogance about lack of knowledge. The problem is not just the things we do not know (consider the one in five

American adults who, according to the National Science Foundation, thinks the sun revolves around the Earth); it's the alarming number of Americans who have smugly concluded that they do not need to know such things in the first place.

Call this anti-rationalism—a syndrome that is particularly dangerous to our public institutions and discourse.

Not knowing a foreign language or the location of an important country is a manifestation of ignorance; denying that such knowledge matters is pure anti-rationalism.

The toxic brew of anti-rationalism and ignorance hurls discussions of U.S. public policy on topics from health care to taxation.

It is past time for a serious national discussion about whether, as a nation, we truly value intellect and rationality.

If this indeed turns out to be a "change election," the low level of discourse in a country with a mind taught to aim at low objects ought to be the first item on the change agenda.

Susan Jacoby's latest book is "The Age of American Unreason." She wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

### Volunteer kicked off board because of residence

Approximately 2 1/2 years ago, I was contacted by the Twin Falls Parks and Waterways. It informed me that it was trying to form the second county tree commission in Idaho. The purpose for the tree commission is to inform people on planting of

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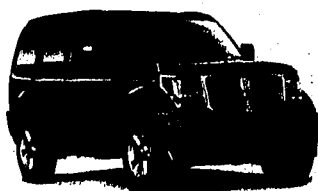
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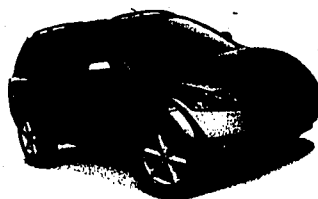
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## Minico, Twin Falls start strong at state

By Zach Kyle  
For the Times-News

NAMPA — Eight Minico Spartans won their opening matches at the Class 4A state wrestling tournament Thursday, including top seeds David Burgara, Nate Crane and Josh Ramirez.

However, Minico coach Brad Cooper said the Spartans are fourth overall and just five points behind Blackfoot because the wrestlers that lost in the first round stayed alive and earned points in the consolation bracket.

"That first round we dropped

a few that we didn't expect, but for the most part, the kids that lost came back and wrestled tough," Cooper said. "So far we're hanging in."

Burgara remained undefeated by beating Moscow's Eric Frisbey in the 130-pound class in a 5-2 decision. Minico's three-time state placer and one-time champion said Frisbey locked him up with a leg-riding technique to burn time and to keep the match close.

"I'd never wrestled the kid before," Burgara said. "The first

match is always the hardest one for me."

Jerod Hammond, Corbin Bowers and Miles Bishop all survived the opening day of the tournament for Burley, which is 16th overall. Hammond, who placed the past two years at 152 pounds, pinned Sandpoint's Sam

Sisson. Hammond said he likes his chances, but tries not to look too far down the bracket.

Burley coach Clint Milliron said Hammond picked a good time to return to top form.

"Jerod looked really good on top," Milliron said. "That's the best he's looked in a while, so that was good to see."

"Like I always say, you've got to win the first one to get to the next one," Hammond said.

Jerome's Cory Curnin, a favorite at 103 pounds, earned a 6-3 decision over Matt Gallegos of Blackfoot.

At the 5A level, the Bruins had a solid opening day. Twin Falls senior Brent Martinez pinned Tom Matthews of Highland to advance in the championship bracket. Seniors Chance



Twin Falls wrestler Chance Requa grapples his way to a win over Skyline's Chase Winterbottom in their 145-pound match Thursday during the Class 5A state tournament in Nampa.

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## JUAN AND ONLY



College of Southern Idaho sophomore forward Juan Pattillo is one of the top players in junior college basketball, and part of the reason the top-ranked Golden Eagles are 26-0 heading into this weekend's pair of games against No. 4 Salt Lake Community College in Twin Falls.

## Uniquely gifted, CSI's Pattillo strives for a bright future

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

You see the showman. He's Las Vegas in a College of Southern Idaho basketball jersey. There's that first step, wildly long, dramatic as a magician's flourish as he reveals the prestige.

You see him climb, climb, climb like some freakishly athletic Cirque du Soleil acrobat. But there's no rope, only those sinewy legs to propel him upward.

Watch him cock back that big right arm, the ball loaded in his palm like the bullet in a gangster's gun. See him explode.

He assaults the rim with one of

those windmill dunks you've seen on television, but there are no pixies, no filters, no slow-mo TV magic. This is live. This is larger. This is louder. This is ... real. Right?

Listen as that shrill whistle signals another timeout. The opposing team is letting go of this one and its coach knows it. Watch as No. 32 slowly walks to the CSI bench, yellow mouthpiece half-hanging out of his mouth, almost too muscular. Almost larger than life.

You see the showman, but you don't see Juan Pattillo.

You don't get to see the kid. Not that easily. There are layers of protection. The iPod turned up, the black do-rag, the gray CSI hood covering it all today. They're the trappings of the young, black man, the dour styling of the juco thug. The showman plays the part.

"He didn't have the easiest home life growing up," Pattillo's former high school coach, Daryl Brannham said. "The area of town his mom lived at is probably not the best. When he got home, he stayed inside. He didn't go out unless he was going to play basketball. He wasn't the thug or anything like that."

Wait, did you think the layers were protecting you from him? Maybe, because the story has been told before. Dad wasn't around as mom struggled, sometimes going under, while facing the demands of raising and providing for a small family in North Las Vegas. Pattillo, a

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## CSI men ready for Jackson, Salt Lake

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

This weekend isn't completely about stopping DeVell Jackson. Then again, maybe it is.

As the top-ranked College of Southern Idaho team with the highest-scoring offense in men's college hoops readiness for two scenic West Athletic Conference games with the rival Salt Lake Community College Bruins, the 26-0 Golden Eagles have No. 10 in mind. It's the number on the front and back of the 6-foot-1 sophomore point guard's jersey, a number that CSI's guard corps saw blaze a trail to 32 points and five assists in a ravenous 84-78 win over the Bruins earlier this season.

Beating a 25-1 Bruins team with a No. 4 national ranking and one of the stingiest defenses in the nation requires more than stopping Jackson. CSI did those things, including harassing sophomore sharpshooter Brian Green, the last time these teams met. Do them again, and CSI leaves Jackson as the lone wildcat.

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## CSI women one win away from SWAC title

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

It takes a certain sort to laugh in the face of tremendous pressure.

College of Southern Idaho head women's basketball coach Randy Rogers is a certain sort, to say the least. Sitting in his office Wednesday afternoon, minutes before leading his team through preparations for the Golden Eagles' two most critical conference games of the season, a shy smile crossed Rogers' mouth.

Take in the focus of that smile. His fourth-ranked team, undefeated in Scenic West Athletic Conference play is about to play its most bitter rival, the 20-6 Salt Lake Community College Bruins. The 1-1 Golden Eagles have a perfect conference record, to protect against a Bruins team that took them to overtime before falling 75-66 earlier this year in Salt Lake City. Oh, and one win over the Bruins will bring the Region 18 Tournament to Twin Falls.

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## Trojans nip Pilots for Canyon title

By Diane Philbin  
Times-News writer

WENDELL — The Wendell Trojans are headed back to the Class 2A boys hoops state tournament after rallying for a thrilling win over the visiting Glens Ferry Pilots in the Canyon Conference Tournament championship, 63-60.

Trailing 60-57 with 1:12 left, Wendell junior Jordan Lancaster hit a 3-pointer to tie the score at 60-60. With both teams fouling and sending each other to the foul line in the last 54 seconds, the Trojans were able to convert on 3 of 7 free throws while the Pilots finished 0-for-3 down the stretch.

"I would rather that we would have made more of the free throws instead of making it so

difficult," said Wendell coach Ryan Jarvis. "Our boys persevered and kept it together in the end."

Wendell fell behind after the first quarter 16-13 and trailed by a single point at the break, 36-35. By the end of three quarters, the Pilots extended their lead to six, 51-45.

Wendell outscored Glens Ferry 18-9 in the final period but it came down to the all-important made free throws by seniors Devin Hosack, Eric Lopez and Lancaster, who all finished 1-for-2 at the charity stripe during the game's final minute to clinch the Trojans' win.

"I was so proud of the boys, the way they were able to fight back after being down," said Jarvis. "It shows this team has guts and never says die."

Dusty Vanderham took two charges late in the game as Jarvis thought the junior's defensive play was a key to the Wendell win.

"It was a great defensive effort by Dusty. We were able to get the ball back and kept them from scoring," said Jarvis.

Vanderham said he felt he should take the charges at the time.

"You just get in there and get in the way and hold your ground," said Vanderham.

Hosack and Glens Ferry senior Aaron Crane put on a shooting clinic in the first half. Hosack scored 17 of his game-high 26 points while Crane scored 15 first-half points, including four 3-pointers before finishing with a

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Wendell High School's Jordan Lancaster (23) shoots over Glens Ferry's Hollister Jones (4) during the Canyon Conference title game Thursday night in Wendell.





# Indiana mum on Sampson's fate after alleged violations



Indiana coach Kevin Sampson reacts to a call against Purdue in Bloomington, Ind., Tuesday, Indiana was 77-68.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Indiana could have a new head coach when the 15th-ranked Hoosiers travel to Northwestern on Saturday.

School officials met Thursday to consider the future of embattled coach Kevin Sampson, who has been accused by the NCAA of five major recruiting violations over improper telephone calls to high school players. The university was reviewing the allegations and had set a Friday deadline for a report and recommendation on action.

University spokesman Larry

MacIntyre and members of the board of trustees denied reports Indiana had decided Sampson's fate and would make assistant coach Dan Dakich the interim head coach.

"I don't believe the athletic director has even given the recommendation to the president yet," trustee Patrick Shoulters said Thursday.

Another trustee, Philip Eskew Jr., told The Associated Press he had been notified by e-mail that Indiana would have an announcement on Sampson's status Friday but did not have details. MacIntyre said late Thursday afternoon nothing had yet

been scheduled but called an announcement likely.

"We have some plans, but we don't have a definite time and we don't have the OK to go ahead yet," MacIntyre said.

The team met with athletic director Rick Greenspan on Thursday night. Almost the entire team left en masse after the meeting about 7:45 p.m. and declined comment as they got into their cars and left.

Meanwhile, university officials and athletic department officials spent Thursday reviewing options.

President Michael McRobbie had

a lunch meeting with university counsel Dorothy Frappwell and faculty representative Bruce Jaffee in the president's office. Frappwell and Jaffee were two of the three people asked to conduct the school's second investigation into the allegations. The third, Greenspan, could not be seen through the office's glass doors and Frappwell and Jaffee left through a back entrance to avoid reporters.

At Assembly Hall, Sampson spent the morning in his office, presumably looking at tape of Northwestern before leaving the building at about 2:15 p.m.

## Cavs land Wallace, Szczerbiak in 11-player, three-team trade

(AP) — The Cleveland Cavaliers gave LeBron James the help he wants — maybe enough to compete for the ring he craves.

The Cavaliers took part in the biggest trade of deadline day, landing center Ben Wallace and swingman Wally Szczerbiak on Thursday in a three-team deal with Chicago and Seattle.



Chicago Bulls forward Ben Wallace, center, was part of a three-way trade involving the Cleveland Cavaliers, Chicago and the Seattle SuperSonics.

Wallace provides the Cavs with rebounding, shot blocking and plenty of playoff experience. Szczerbiak's outside shooting could make teams pay for double-teaming James, the NBA's leading scorer who hoped his team could pull off a move.

"When you have a superstar like LeBron James, it's important to be able to put shooters around him," Cavaliers general manager Danny Ferry said. "When you have guys who make the extra passes, having somebody to knock down that shot is big."

There were four other deals, ending a busy trading season that included the earlier blockbuster involving Paul Gasol, Memphis's O'Neal and Jason Terry. Those players all went to Western Conference powers, and the New Orleans Hornets completed a deal they hope proves they are one of them.

The Hornets acquired Bonzi Wells and Mike James from Houston, adding depth to their bench for the stretch run. New Orleans dealt Bobby Jackson to the Rockets, where he was reunited with Rick Adelman, his old coach in Sacramento. Adam Haskins also went to Houston in the deal, which also included Memphis.

The boldest move was made by the Cavs, who stepped into the NBA finals last year but are well behind Boston and Detroit in the East this season.

The Cavaliers sent guard Larry Hughes, forwards Drew Gooden and Cedric Simmons, and guard Shannon Brown to Chicago for Wallace, one of the game's top inside enforcers, and forward Szczerbiak.

Cleveland acquired the sharpshooting Szczerbiak and guard Delonte West from Seattle for forwards Ira Newble and Donyell Marshall. The SuperSonics

will receive guard Adrian Griffin from the Bulls.

"I don't think we were good enough to win the championship," Ferry said, explaining his motives for the move. "I thought we had a very good team, but I do believe if we have a chance to make ourselves better we should try."

"Was it a risk in doing so? Yes, it was a risk. But we're going to have to make some decisions that have some risk in them if we want to continue to build and grow."

Wallace was a disappointment after leaving Detroit, where he was the defensive anchor of the 2004 NBA champions, to sign a \$60 million, four-year contract with the Bulls in 2006. The trade allows Chicago to get out from under some of that.

"He was a great teammate," Chicago's Ben Gordon said. "I think he definitely helped us to get to the second round of the playoffs last year. I guess management felt that they didn't reach expectations that they wanted

## Spurs nip T'Wolves

MINNEAPOLIS — Manu Ginobili hit a jumper from the top of the key with 6.2 seconds left for the last of his 44 points, leading the San Antonio Spurs to their fourth straight win with a 100-99 victory over Minnesota on Thursday night.

Minnesota had a chance win, but Sebastian Telfair's long jumper clanked around the rim and out as the buzzer sounded.

Tim Duncan added 24 points and 14 rebounds for San Antonio. Al Jefferson scored 20 points to lead the Wolves.

## ROCKETS 112, Heat 100

HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady scored 23 points, Yao Ming added 21 and Houston won its 10th straight game and handed Miami its 10th loss in row.

Houston has won 14 of its last 15 games and the winning streak is its longest since the championship season of 1993-94 when the team opened with 15 straight.

— The Associated Press

him to. That's part of the business."

Hughes also struggled to live up to the big contract he signed in Cleveland, and was hurt last year when the Cavs reached the finals. The Sonics continued their goal of trying to build for the future.

Also Thursday:

• The Toronto Raptors acquired center Primoze Breeze and Josh Smith from the Detroit Pistons for guard Dionte Green.

• The Minnesota Timberwolves traded seldom-used swingman Gerald Green to Houston for shooting guard Kirk Snyder.

• The Portland Trail Blazers acquired guard Von Wafer from the Denver Nuggets for guard T.J. Ford.

Denver was hoping to do something bigger to compete with the top teams in the West, but apparently all the big deals were already done.

## Eagle Eyes

Tonight's No. 4 Salt Lake City (25-1, 10-1 SWAC) at No. 1 CSI (26-0, 11-0 SWAC), 7:30 p.m.

After the game: A Friday postgame function is planned at the Twin Falls Outdoor Steakhouse.

Last time they met: Then ranked second in the nation, the Golden Eagles defeated the then third-ranked Bruins 84-78 in Salt Lake City behind Juan Pattillo's 33-point effort.

On the bulletin: The Golden Eagles and Bruins will struggle for the last time during the regular season at 3 p.m. Saturday. CSI finishes its regular-season schedule next Friday and Saturday, taking on Colorado Northwestern Community College in Rangely, Colo.

On the radio: This weekend's games will be broadcast live by Jonathan Drew on 1270 AM KTRI.

## CSI season leaders

(Minimums apply; Averages, made/missed in parentheses.)

Points: Joey Shaw 454 (7.5), Juan Pattillo 408 (17.7).

Rebounds: Art Parakhouski 199 (7.7), Pattillo 168 (7.2).

Assists: Kevin Galloway 216 (8.3), Reggie Guyton 99 (3.8).

Steals: Harvey Perry 69 (2.7), Galloway 65 (2.5), Blocks: Parakhouski 34 (1.3), Galloway 27 (1.0). Field goal percentage: Parakhouski .621 (33-52.9), Deedon Montreal .578 (95-167). 3-point percentage: Guyton .424 (28-66), Shaw .387 (72-185). Free throw percentage: Shaw .829 (122-146), Hansen .818 (27-33).

## No. 10 Xavier wins big over Duquesne

CINCINNATI — Derrick Brown and C.J. Anderson had double-doubles Thursday night and No. 10 Xavier rolled to its ninth straight victory, 75-40 over Duquesne.

The Muskies (23-4, 11-1) solidified their hold on first place in the Atlantic 10 with one of their more impressive performances.

For the third straight game, point guard Drew Lavender moved tentatively and shot sparingly because of a sprained left ankle. Lavender played only 14 minutes and had five points.

B.J. Raymond went 5-of-6 from the field for 13 points, making all three of his shots from behind the arc in the first half as Xavier took a 45-26 lead.

## NO. 17 WASHINGTON ST. 59, ARIZONA ST. 47

PULLMAN, Wash. — Derrick Low scored 15 points and Washington State relied on the Pac-10's best defense to shut down Arizona State.

Aron Baynes and Taylor Rochestie both had 10 points and six rebounds for Washington State (21-5, 9-5),

which won its fourth straight, the longest current streak in the conference. The Cougars swept the two-game series with Arizona State for the second straight season.

Freshman James Harden, who averages 18 points per game, had 10 points to lead the Sun Devils (16-9, 6-7), who were held 21 points below their season average.

## NO. 21 NOTRE DAME 82, PITTSBURGH 70

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Luke Harangody had 23 points and 12 rebounds and Tony Jackson added 16 points and 13 rebounds for Notre Dame, which overcame an 11-point deficit in the second half.

The Fighting Irish rolled 51-40 when Sam Young hit a 14-foot jumper with just under 14 minutes left. But Notre Dame responded with a 21-10 run, tying the game at 61 with a 3-pointer by Kyle McAlarney with 5:39 left. Harangody then scored six points, Ryan Ayers had five and Jackson three as the Irish took control with a 14-3 run that made it 75-64.

— The Associated Press

## Kinghorn leads ISU past Montana State

POCATELLO — Matt Stucki scored 21 points, Logan Kinghorn had a double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds, and Idaho State shot its way into sweep the season rivalry for the second straight year.

BYU (21-5, 10-1 Mountain West) had not won both regular season meetings on consecutive seasons since 1979 and 1980. The Cougars took revenge for a huge discrepancy at the foul line to clinch the season sweep.

Lee Cumard had 14 points and 11 rebounds and Jimmer Fredette scored 14 for the Cougars, who were congratulated after the game for the new school record for consecutive home wins. BYU was tied with the previous high of 44, which was broken in 2003 by Utah.

The Utes (15-9, 6-5) couldn't quite end the streak again, although they stayed in it until the final minutes despite missing center Luke Nevill for much of the game because of foot trouble.

Johnnie Bryant led Utah with 15 points and Lawrence Borha added 12 points and seven rebounds.

— The Associated Press

## Late Wednesday

BYU 67, UTAH 59

PROVO, Utah. Jonathan Tavernari scored five of his 20

more excited to see how far juan can go as a player and as a person."

How far will Pattillo go? The showman has the skills to make it to the NBA, but the make it will have to get him there.

You say all these things, and you look at it and say, "Wow, he could get even better," Peery said. "Juan's potential for improvement is really, really big."

People have taken notice of the showman. Pattillo has made in becoming an all-around player. Oklahoma Sooners head coach Jeff Capel watched a CSI practice earlier this season. Ever since, the Sooners message boards have been buzzing over Pattillo. Regardless of where he plays during the next two seasons, Pattillo's work ethic on the court and in the classroom will ultimately determine his success and his prospects of playing professionally.

If it wasn't for basketball, I wouldn't be here, in college," Pattillo said. "It's most important to me because I'm trying to get my family in a better place. I don't really think about having to make money with it, but it has gotten me here."

See the showman. You see the kid. Watch him fight for something more.

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## Men

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standing behind it and a conference title.

"A point guard probably has to play a special game, we think, to have a chance to win (against us)," CSI head coach Barrett Peery said. "He did have a special game, and they still came up a bit short."

Averaging 13 points and nearly three assists per game, Jackson is the mentor that makes the Bruins' offense go. Compact and muscular, the former high school football player's game is seemingly tailor-made to face CSI's gambling defense that is at times susceptible to dribble penetration. With his fearless forays to the hoop, Jackson connected on 12 of 21 field

goals and earned 16 free-throw attempts in his earlier standout performance against CSI. While Jackson connected on only seven of those 16 attempts at the line, a CSI squad that has tightened up its interior help defense in recent weeks would rather keep Jackson out of the lane this weekend than chance another 70 percent free-throw shooter.

"We did a pretty good job against (Eastern Utah) with their point guard, and we did a pretty good job with (Snow's Rene) Farias over the weekend, not letting him get in the middle and make plays," Peery said. "We'll have to do that again this weekend with DaVell."

he could go as far as he wanted to with this game."

With an interior game in fine order and academics in a fine mess, the surefire NCAA Division I talent found his way to CSI.

The thing you miss while watching the showman is the smile.

It doesn't show up often on the basketball court but there's a little Vegas there, too. The kid can be playful, and when he is, there's that million-megawatt smile, wide and bright as the Vegas strip.

On Tuesday, it comes out as Pattillo talks about his mind-set. A turbulent past behind him, and two years at a major NCAA basketball

power rivaling the NCAA Division I President's Cup. America selection starts with living in the present.

"You learn from the past when you look back at it but you don't live in it," Pattillo says. "I try not to look too far ahead or too far behind."

He thinks of CSI head coach Barrett Peery, about the Golden Eagles' pursuit of a perfect season, and the smile shines out.

"You know, I talk a lot about taking things as they come and one game at a time," Pattillo says. "He stole that from me. I need to get that — get my smile back."

That saying comes out on good days, when Pattillo is loud and gregarious, a joy to

be near. But there are bad days, too, the smile disappears, though they've been less frequent. Averaging 17.7 points and 7.2 rebounds, Pattillo is CSI's most productive player, but he's missed three games, mainly due to a few early-season clashes with Peery as he adjusted from being a freshman role-player to his All-America sophomore status.

"He's had a bull's-eye on his chest ever since he was talked about as being a pre-season All-America type player," Peery said. "I think he's had ups and downs with it as far as handling it. But I think he's really grown as a player and as a person, and I'm excited to see how far we can go with Juan, and I'm

## Juan

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high school player of seemingly limitless potential, bounced around, living with his mom, relatives, basketball coaches. Wherever was safe at the time.

He started his high school career at Vegas' Valley High before transferring as a junior to the newly-opened Canyon Springs High and Branham's first-year Pioneers program. With a build nearly as imposing as his current 6-foot-7, 205-pound frame, he became one of the program's first stars.

"He was a tremendous talent," Branham said. "... We told him that with his body and the athleticism, if he was willing to work hard enough,

GOLF ROUNDUP

# Woods advances easily at Match Play

MARANA, Ariz. (AP) — Tiger Woods barely broke a sweat. Steve Stricker went into overtime for the second straight day. They had only one thing in common Thursday in the Accenture Match Play Championship, which ultimately was all that mattered.

Both are still playing. One day after a stunning comeback to survive the opening round, Woods built a quick lead against Aaron Oberholser and never gave him much hope in a 3-and-2 victory.

The thrills belonged to Steve Stricker, who made a 10-foot birdie putt on the 19th hole to extend the match, then beat Presidents Cup teammate Hunter Mahan with a birdie putt just inside 50 feet. It was the second straight day Stricker won in 20 holes.

"I'm getting my money's worth out of this event," Stricker said.

It was the second straight year that Phil Mickelson was given a long weekend off.

Fresh of a victory at Riviera, he couldn't make enough birdies to keep up with Stuart Appleby, who couldn't miss. Appleby's ninth birdie came on the 17th hole, and it was enough to send Lefty packing with a 2-and-1 loss.

"It was a good match, but unfortunately, I just didn't shoot low enough," said Mickelson, who has never made it past the quarterfinals in this tournament. "I wanted a chance on 18, but unfortunately, I didn't get it."

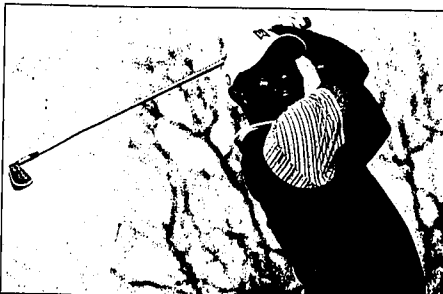
David Tomlin didn't have any chance at all.

His back flared up late in his first-round victory over Masters champion Zach Johnson, and the pain was such that he had to withdraw before facing Aaron Baddeley, giving the Australian a day off.

Next up for Baddeley is a third-round date with Woods.

Woods had to play his final five holes in 5-under par to rally against J.B. Holmes in the first round. He had so much success against Oberholser, playing in his first tournament of the year because of a shoulder injury. He hit his second shot into the desert to lose the opening hole, and didn't win a hole until a birdie at the 12th.

"Match play is an animal that's all about the moment," Woods said. "It's not about playing well, you're going home. You'd better get organized quick and get off to a quick start and never give holes away. That's one of the things that I did



Tiger Woods watches his tee shot on the No. 14 hole during the second round of the Accenture Match Play Championship at The Gallery Golf Club at Dove Mountain, in Marana, Ariz., Thursday.

today versus yesterday. I never gave Aaron a hole. He had to earn holes."

Match play delivered some key moments on a sunny day amid saguaro and sagebrush.

• K.J. Choi was even par through 19 holes and advanced. Hunter Mahan was 2 under over 20 holes and lost.

• Sergio Garcia was cruising against Boo Weekley, going 2 up with an eagle on the 10th, then his putter started acting up. He bogeyed three of the next four holes and was headed home.

• Adam Scott missed three putts inside 10 feet over his last four holes and lost to Woody Austin, the seventh straight year that Scott was beaten in the Match Play by an American.

The most bizarre match was the final one of the second round. Defending champion Henrik Stenson was 4 up through eight holes against Trevor Immelman, but it took him 17 more holes to win — and only after it appeared that he had lost.

## Wie starts strong at Fields Open

KAPOLEI, Hawaii — Michelle Wie got off to a promising start in her first tournament of the year, shooting a 3-under 69 in the Fields Open to finish five strokes behind first-round leader Jeong Kang.

Showing no signs of the wrist injuries that plagued her last year, Wie broke 70 for the first time since the Evian Ladies Masters in July 2006, a tournament

where she tied for second and earned her largest LPGA Tour check.

Jang, the 2005 British Open champion, opened with an 8-under 64, making nine birdies in a spectacular 16-hole stretch. Paula Creamer shot a 66, birdieing the last three holes for a 5-under 31 on the back nine.

Annikka Sorenstam, trying to complete a Hawaiian sweep after winning at the season-opening SBS Open at Turle Bay for her 70th LPGA Tour title, opened with a 70.

The 18-year-old Wie looked relaxed and confident playing on her home island of Oahu in front of a familiar gallery that ballooned as she moved up the leaderboard.

## Merrick leads at Mayakoba

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mexico — John Merrick holed a 50-foot putt on his final hole for a 6-under 64 and a one-stroke lead in the Mayakoba Golf Classic, while course designer Greg Norman opened with a 70 at El Camaleon.

The 18-year-old Norman dropped two strokes on the 16th hole when he needed three shots to escape a greenside bunker, then three-putted for a bogey on the next hole.

Larry Mizzy, Robert Damron, David Lutterus and Kenneth Perrie shot 65s, and John Daly, Brian Gay and Tommy Gainey had 66s.

— The Associated Press

# Tulowitzki: from wide-eyed rookie to established star

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Troy Tulowitzki pulled up to Hi Corbett Field in a shiny black Maserati GranTurismo sports car, backed into his parking spot under the high desert palms and stepped out with a smile as big as the engine.

"A lot can change in a year," said the 23-year-old budding star who was tooling around in an SUV in this time last spring training.

Back then, he was hoping to skip Triple-A altogether and break camp with the Colorado Rockies. But there was no guarantee he'd beat out Clint Barmes for the starting shortstop job.

Now, he's the marquee player on a young team that is coming off its first NL pennant, one fueled by his phenomenal performance in the field, at the plate and in the clubhouse. He became a respected leader among established veterans including Todd Helton and Matt Holliday despite having played barely a year in the minor leagues.

Tulowitzki led big league shortstops in fielding percentage last year, got to many more balls than anyone at his position and even turned an unassisted triple play, just the 13th in major league history.

He also set an NL rookie record for home runs by a shortstop (24) and batted .291 with 99 RBIs as the Rockies surged to their first World Series.

The crowds at Coors Field began a rhythmic chant for Tulowitzki, and Colorado set a big league record for fielding percentage.

"He made some plays that were jaw-dropping, eye-opening, take-your-breath-away," manager Clint Hurdle said Thursday. "He showed some leadership traits for a



Colorado Rockies shortstop Troy Tulowitzki is poised for a big season after a stellar rookie year.

young player that I hadn't seen before on the field in the heat of battle. Some big swings of the bat late in games that you don't count on.

"But about two-thirds of the way through the season, nothing he did after that kind of surprised us. He threw a lot at us in a hurry."

His meteoric rise even took Tulowitzki by surprise.

"I think I came a long way in a year," Tulowitzki told The Associated Press. "Last year I came in just competing for a job. This year I come in and it's a whole different spring training for me."

Despite having one of the best years ever by a National League shortstop, Tulowitzki was edged by Milwaukee slugger Ryan Braun for Rookie of the Year honors, and Philadelphia's Jimmy Rollins won the NL Gold Glove.

## SPRING TRAINING ROUNDUP

# It's the early show for Ramirez — Manny arrives on time for Sox

(AP) — Manny Ramirez is in midseason form.

The big bopper in his own style — on and off the field — showed up at camp Thursday, marking the first time in three seasons he's beat Boston's deadline for reporting to spring training. Right on cue, he came out with a curious comment.

"I might be late two years in a while," Ramirez said with a straight face, "but I'm always on time."

Whatever, his latest Yogiism came in Fort Myers, Fla. Plus, there was his first pronouncement: "I want to finish my career here."

MVP of the 2004 World Series, Ramirez helped the Red Sox win another championship last fall. The star left fielder is entering the final season of his eight-year, \$160 million contract that has team options for 2009 and 2010 at \$20 million each.

"I want to stay here, but it's up to them if they want to bring me," Ramirez said. "But if they don't want to bring me back, that's fine. I know I'll be a free agent after '08 so that's another thing that I'm looking forward to."

He added: "It's up to them to say, 'OK, we're going to take the option.' It's not up to me to go into the office and demand a four-year deal, whatever. No, I'm going come here to play the game, finish my year. If they want me to come back, I'll come back."

General manager Theo Epstein also prefers to wait.

"We're focused on 2008," Epstein said. "Manny's contract provides for the first of his options to be decided upon at the end of the year and there's a time for that, but it's certainly after the season. And we're looking forward to Manny continuing to work hard and have a great year."

Manager Terry Francona



Boston Red Sox left fielder Manny Ramirez arrives at the team's spring training facility in Fort Myers, Fla., Thursday.

isn't too worried about Ramirez losing his concentration over future contracts.

"Once he steps in the batter's box, that isn't an issue," Francona said. "Or if there's something that is an issue, when those two feet get planted in the batter's box, he's ready to go."

Ramirez is coming off one of his worst offensive seasons — a .296 batting average with 20 homers and 88 RBIs. He's 28th on the all-time list with 490 homers and should move into the Top 20 this year.

Ramirez wasn't moving

much on Thursday. Francona merely laughed when asked about Ramirez skipping the team's conditioning drills.

"I give Manny credit for being smart enough to sneak out of here," Francona said.

At Dunedin, Fla., Frank Thomas said he's not ready to call it a career or a switch from a year ago when retirement was on his mind.

"Not at all, not at all," he said. "I take care of myself and work hard. I still have my hand-eye coordination and can see a baseball great. Those are the things that make guys retire."

Thomas hit .277 with 26 home runs and 95 RBIs last season in the first year of a two-year deal with the Blue Jays. Toronto holds an option for 2009.

At Surprise, Ariz., Texas Rangers right fielder Milton Bradley practiced for the second day without limitations on his surgically repaired right knee.

It's his long, doing outfield drills and running," manager Ron Washington said.

Bradley had offseason surgery after tearing up his knee on Sept. 23 when his manager, San Diego's Bud Black, spun him to the ground while trying to keep him from going after an umpire.

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## DON'T MISS OUT ON THE BASKETBALL MATCHUPS OF THE YEAR.

The Lady Golden Eagles look to lock up hosting rights for the Region 18 Tournament today at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. against Salt Lake CC.

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Field Dedication starts at 12:30 p.m. today.

Game times are today at 1:00 p.m. and Saturday at Noon against North Idaho College. Admission is free on Saturday.



The top-ranked men, undefeated at 26-0, host 4th-ranked Salt Lake CC at 7:30 p.m. today and 3 p.m. Saturday.

An after-game function tonight for CSI Boosters and teams will follow the men's game at Outback Steakhouse.



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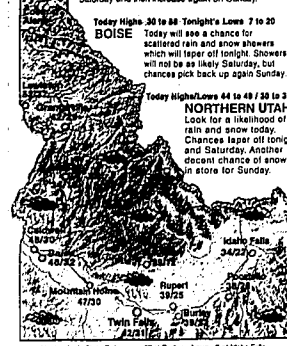
**Today:** A chance of rain and snow showers. Breezy in the morning. Highs reaching the lower 40s.  
**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of a snow shower. Lows near 30.  
**Tomorrow:** Partly cloudy and a touch warmer. Highs middle 40s.

### BOISE: FOUR C.A.'s

**Today:** A chance of rain and snow showers. Breezy in the morning. Highs reaching the upper 30s.  
**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of a snow shower. Lows middle 20s.  
**Tomorrow:** Partly cloudy. Perhaps a snow shower. Highs near 40.

### IDAHO: FOUR C.A.'s

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
 Snow showers, possibly mixed with rain in the valley, will be scattered about today. Chances back off Saturday and then increase again on Sunday.



### REGG MIDDLEKAUF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Attitudes control our lives. Attitudes are the power. Working 24 hours a day for good or evil. Attitudes are the power. Working 24 hours a day for good or evil. Attitudes are the power. Working 24 hours a day for good or evil."

### TWIN FALLS: FIVE DAY FOUR C.A.'s

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Cloudy with a chance of snow	A slim chance of snow	Partly cloudy	A chance of mixed rain and snow	Slight chance of rain or snow showers	Less clouds and likely dry
High 42	Low 31	46/31	43/30	48/28	49/25

### ALMANAC: TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 42 Yesterday's Low: 31 Normal High/Low: 48/28 Record High: 87 in 1977 Record Low: 8 in 1958	Yesterday: 0.00 Month to Date: 0.37 Normal Month to Date: 0.37 Normal Year to Date: 0.87	Yesterday's Humidity: 80% Yesterday 20:05: 80% Today's Maximum: 80% Today's Minimum: 67%	5 pm barometer: 30.1 Yesterday 20:05: 30.1	Today: Sunrise: 7:22 AM, Sunset: 6:20 PM Saturday: Sunrise: 7:23 AM, Sunset: 6:21 PM Sunday: Sunrise: 7:24 AM, Sunset: 6:22 PM Monday: Sunrise: 7:25 AM, Sunset: 6:23 PM Tuesday: Sunrise: 7:26 AM, Sunset: 6:24 PM

### MOON PHASES

Today	Tomorrow	Next Day	Full Moon
Mar 7	Mar 14	Mar 21	Mar 28

### MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Today	Tomorrow	Next Day	Full Moon
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### NATIONAL FOUR C.A.'s

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## One-mile CAFO testimony bill heads to Senate

Same Bill died in House last year

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — For the second consecutive year, the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee approved a bill that would allow people living more than a mile from a proposed confined animal feeding operation to testify in permit hearings.

The bill, which heads to the full Senate, amends an old law and permits public testimony from "affected persons," which would include nearby businesses, school districts or people with secondary residences. Current law provides only for primary homeowners, but counties can change the terms themselves.

Last year, the Senate passed the same bill — with CAFO disputes in Jerome County named as the driving force — but the bill languished in a



House Committee.

The one-mile dispute emerged at its strongest point in November when the commissioners denied a feedlot application made by Big Sky Limited Partnership. "If it's going to affect our way of life, why shouldn't we have the right to testify?"



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Jerome County resident Dean Dimond told the committee Thursday. Dimond was one of the strongest supporters of allowing written testimony because his father owned property near the Big Sky site, but lived more than a mile from it and could only provide limited testimony.

Thursday's committee work bore little resemblance to last year's two-hour hearing that had to be held in a large conference room to accommodate a crowd that included almost a dozen people who testified.

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## Buhl School Board strips clerk title from Frey

Busmann named as replacement

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

Buhl School Board trustee Jackie Frey was named board clerk earlier this year, but already her title has been stripped from her, with Lynn Busmann named as her replacement.

The action came during Tuesday night's board meeting after Frey accepted a petition requesting the recall of Chairman Gene Clemens earlier that day. According to Idaho code, the board clerk is responsible for accepting recall petitions. But there was some confusion as to who the correct person would be to handle the issue, since Frey held the title of board clerk but most duties were being performed by Busmann, a district clerk.

"The petition was turned in to (Frey) as required by law," said resident Linda Billingsley, who is helping to organize the recall.

Clemens said the motion to remove Frey as board clerk was not intended as a punitive measure for accepting the petition, but because of the confusion associated with her position. He also said it isn't uncommon for school districts to have someone other than a board member to perform clerk duties. Busmann, he said, was already completing some duties of the board clerk.

"It was brought to my attention that there was a certain amount of confusion as to who would fill the role of clerk and this action will clear that uncertainty," he said. "As I was looking over the responsibilities of the clerk of the board, I found most of them were already being taken care of by Lynn."

"One person," Clemens said, "was doing the job of clerk while one person only had the title."

The motion to name Busmann as the new board clerk was met with support by trustees Jay Anderson and Ken McDonald.

The recall petition, however, is now at the district office and will be canvassed soon. If the petition proves to have the 20 needed certified signatures, a special election will be scheduled for Clemens' recall.

Another change in status during Tuesday's meeting involved McDonald, who was named as the board's new vice chairman, a position previously held by Steve Highbarger, who recently resigned from his trustee position.

Despite concern from some audience members, as well as Frey, about appointing a new vice chairman before filling the trustee position, Clemens said he felt it was important to make the move "as quickly as possible."

## DOG DAY AFTERNOON



Hanging out with his pack, Stub the dog relaxes in the back of a pickup Thursday while their owner stops for coffee in Hagerman. "What a molley crew I got here," said Wade Gridley as he greeted his five dogs before jumping into the truck.

## Dunn appointed to Filer City Council

By John E. Swartz  
Times-News correspondent

**FILER** — A new face has been added to the Filer City Council.

Richard Dunn, 53, was appointed to the council by unanimous vote Tuesday evening and will complete a four-year term left vacant by the resignation of Darin Stoddard. Stoddard resigned from the council for personal reasons last month.

Dunn, who challenged Stoddard for his council seat in the November elections, has more than 20 years of experience in construction and planning and zoning, which he believes can help the city meet its demands of growth.

"If you don't plan for growth by building a solid infrastructure of roads



Dunn

and businesses, you can get run over," he said. "We live in the community and it's important to make an investment. I'd like to see us use some of this city's great old buildings by bringing in more businesses and improving our economic base."

Dunn holds an associate's degree in business administration from Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Neb., and works in an administrative capacity overseeing both Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning and the Building Departments. He admits to a lack of experience in public office or politics, but said his career has

allowed him to work directly with city councils and other agencies concerning building issues.

"I currently serve as president of the Utah Desert Chapter of Building Officials," he said. "There are five chapters state-wide and ours extends over the Magic Valley and up into Blaine County."

Mayor Bob Templeman said he believes Dunn will be a valuable asset to both the City Council and Filer community.

"His expertise will certainly be useful to us," Templeman said. "Right now, he's been assigned to our city planning and zoning and rural development committees."

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## County attorney Loeb announces re-election bid

Times-News

Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loeb announced Thursday that he will seek re-election in the county that he calls "the murder capital of the state."

Loeb, a Republican, has served as the county's top

prosecutor since he was appointed in 1997. He was elected by voters in 1998 and re-elected in 2000 and 2004, both times running unopposed.

"My office is now facing the largest and most complex caseload in Twin Falls history," he said in a news release. "We have a lot of

tough trials ahead of us this year. I have confidence that the attorneys and staff in my office will continue to be up to the challenges they face. While the homicide cases are the most dramatic, we still have a lot of other work to do."

His re-election announcement focuses on the many

homicide cases in the county, even stating that "Twin Falls County finds itself the murder capital of the state."

Loeb also said he is committed to fighting drugs, a problem at the core of many criminal problems, he said, and cited a concern for the continuing high juvenile crime rate.

## Midwives want licensing option

Doctors, nurses say they lack training

By Simon Shifrin  
Associated Press writer

**BOISE** — Midwives who help in home births asked Idaho lawmakers on Wednesday to create a licensing system that would let them administer medications.

Doctors and nurses oppose the move, saying midwives don't have the training or equipment to save a mother or child if something goes wrong.

A bill before the House Health and Welfare Committee would create a board that would establish rules for the licensing of midwives.

Proponents say midwives have provided safe birthing assistance for centuries and that expanding their privileges when it comes to dispensing medications, including intravenous fluids, antibiotics, painkillers and emergency oxygen, will boost the value of their services. They say this will especially help people in less-populated areas around the state.

A roughly five-hour hearing on the bill ran too long for a vote, and the panel opted to continue testimony next week before voting on whether to send the bill to the full House. Lawmakers said that 24 states have some form of midwife licensing.

Idaho's version would create a voluntary licensing system that would still allow unlicensed birth assistants to practice even if they didn't have the same qualifications.

Should the bill pass, a midwife examiner board would be created to set rules governing licensing. To qualify, midwives would have to be certified by the North American Registry of Midwives, a national organization that governs the profession; take continuing education, including training in child cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and pay a \$500 fee.

Carmie Walcott, a certified nurse-midwife who currently practices at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome, traveled to Boise Wednesday to testify in favor of the bill. The voluntary licensing, she said, would give licensed midwives more legitimacy and make it easier for them to work with other health care providers, while still preserving the network

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"In this current form, it doesn't cover all what we hoped it would."

— South Central Public Health District spokesman Bruce Fox

## LEGISLATIVE BRIEFS

### Sponsor pulls bill to make milk official state beverage

Rep. Brandon Durst, D-Boise, pulled his bill Thursday that would have made milk the official state beverage of Idaho.

Durst said on the House floor that the legislation was

encouraged to decrease childhood obesity by encouraging milk consumption over soda pop. Then he asked for unanimous consent to return it to committee. Afterwards, he told reporters that there was a misconception that he was pandering and promoting the dairy industry.

At least 18 other states

have designated the dairy product as its official drink. But Durst said he received almost 50 e-mails, mostly from people in the Magic Valley, and that none were supportive.

"My job as a legislator, I have to be responsive to the public trust," he said. But he added: "There were people who felt it was a waste of

time. I took umbrage to that."

### House tax panel OKs bill for tax breaks for geothermal energy

The House Revenue and Taxation Committee approved Thursday a bill that would give the same tax

breaks to geothermal energy companies the same that lawmakers approved last year for wind energy producers.

The legislation was pitched by U.S. Geothermal Inc., whose plant south of Malta produces enough electricity to power about

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## Marjorie J. Newman

**JEROME** — Marjorie J. Newman, 86, of Jerome, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, at her home.

Marjorie Jean Folkman was born in Jerome on Oct. 6, 1921, to Heber Nephil Folkman and Kathryn Nealla King. She was the sixth of seven children. She attended schools in Jerome and graduated as salutatorian from Jerome High School in 1939. She worked at Tingwall's Department Store for a time until she married H. Thomas Newman on May 21, 1943, in the Salt Lake Temple. They lived and farmed north of Jerome until their deaths. She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings, including Young Women leader, Relief Society, and was a teacher of the spiritual living lesson in Relief Society for many years.

She and her husband served in the Boise Idaho Temple from its dedication until 1988, when they received a mission in the California Fresno Mission in Merced, Calif., to the Shing and Laotian people. She was a loving and dedicated homemaker. She enjoyed canning, cooking and was an accomplished seamstress, sewing dresses for her children and grandchildren. She was an avid reader and journal writer. She had a quiet nature and quick wit that was caring and appreciated by all who knew her.

Marjorie is survived by her



children, Marcy (Lonnle) Ambrose of Jerome, Tim (Frank) Newman of Jerome, Cathy (Stan) Lott of Jerome, Sharyn (Denny) Thurston of Meridian, Kerry (Dave) Randall of Jerome and Janell (Bryce) Berry of Sandy, Utah; 26 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, H. Thomas Newman in December 2007; her parents and her brothers, Harold Folkman, Fred Folkman, Kenneth Folkman and Robert Folkman; and sisters, Catherine Crouch and Miriam Burdette.

The family would like to thank Dr. Sugden and staff, Idaho Home Health and 26 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, Rhonda Randall, for her care in her final months.

A service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Jerome Idaho LDS Stake Center, 25 N. Tyler Drive, with Bishop Dave Davis officiating. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, and one hour prior to the funeral at the church. Internment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

## Leroy 'Pete' Stowe

**BUHL** — Leroy "Pete" Stowe, 70, of Buhl, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was born Sept. 13, 1937, in Sutter County, Calif., the son of Dano Ralph and Odette Roberts Stowe. He married Jacque Stowe on Sept. 28, 1965, in California.



They had two sons, Gregg and Kent, and moved to Buhl in March of 1972. Pete spent much of his working life as a mechanic. He owned Pete's Auto and Truck Repair in Buhl. The years before he retired, he worked with his two sons as an electrician. Pete loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting and riding his four-wheeler. He loved his family, all his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He lost his wife, Jacque, on Dec. 19, 1995. He found a new love in Linda, and they got married

in 1990. She brought much joy to his life with traveling, celebrations with family and living life to its fullest. Pete will be remembered as being caring, sensitive and honest, and he was never late. He has touched many lives with lending a helping hand, showing friendship and support.

Pete is survived by his wife, Linda Stowe; his son, Kent (Shannon) Stowe; Gregg's wife, Anna Stowe; other children, Lila (Jim) Atkins, Mary (Randey) Wilson, Teresa (Nick) Roberts, Darin (Gina) McGuire and Mark (Shannon) McGuire; and sisters, Alice Anderson, Jerry Cox and Bessie DeSilva; brother, Donald (Jeri) Stowe; 16 grandchildren; one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by wife, Jacque Stowe; son, Gregg Stowe; parents, Dano and Odette Stowe; and sister, Barbara Harris.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the First Christian Church in Buhl.

## Harold Hunt Stiles

**CALDWELL** — Harold Hunt Stiles, 87, died at his home in the early morning of Feb. 19, 2008.



Harold was born April 21, 1920, in Twin Falls, to Floyd and Ruth Stiles, who came to Idaho from Grenola, Kan. Harold attended school in Filer. Harold married Elizabeth Shouse of Filer on July 14, 1938. Harold began working for the *Times-News* in 1932 as a paper carrier. He worked his way up and eventually became circulation manager and continued in the employ of the *Times-News* until 1968. He was much respected by his paperboys and their parents. Harold subsequently worked for newspapers in Kennelwick, Wash.; Idaho Falls and in Boise for the Idaho Statesman.

Harold's passion for motorcycles began as a young boy and led him on many adventures throughout his life. He and his wife, Elizabeth, rode to Dearborn, Mich., in 1942 to pick up a new cat. Later, he preferred BMW motorcycles and generally riding alone, with his brother Herb, or one or two friends. Harold also made some rides with his son, Harold. His sister, Maxine Mogensen, and his granddaughter, Kristin Jarvis, also accompanied him on events.

ful rides. He became an ambassador for the BMW Owners of America and attended many rallies during his retirement years, finally hanging up his helmet when he was 81.

Harold served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, serving as a navigator and attending on B-29s. He was about to ship out when the war ended. Harold was also active in the Masonic Lodge of Twin Falls and was a member of the Lion's Club. He collected a few gold trophies during the way. He skied with his children at Magic Mountain and Sun Valley.

Harold is survived by his wife, Elizabeth of Caldwell; his son, Harold L. (Valentina) of Caldwell; daughters, Deanna Jane (Glen) Jarvis and Linda (Tom) Moore of Idaho Falls; two sisters, Maxine Mogensen and Donna Scott, both of Wendell; five grandchildren, Bob (Kim) Guyon, Stephanie Guyon, Mark (Elizabeth) Kreslin (Michael) Haverly and Alan Stiles; and nine great-grandchildren, Kaley, Kaycee, Payton, Colton, Caiden, Liam, Tyler, Callie and Ryan. Harold was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Ruth Stiles; his brother, Delbert Calvin Stiles (who died in infancy); and Herbert E. Stiles; and a sister, Dorothy Pauline Kimball.

A semi-private family gathering will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, in Caldwell.

## Jasmine Gorbenko

Jasmine Gorbenko, 2, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road

in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. The family requests donations be made to Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301, to help defray expenses.

## DEATH NOTICES

## Francis W. Towns

Francis Wilbur Towns, 65, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008, at his home after a battle with cancer.

A celebration of life ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at the mortuary.

## Betty E. Anderson

Betty Ellen Anderson, 82, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

## Elaine Schmidt

Boise — Elaine Schmidt, 70, of Boise and formerly of Kimberly, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at an assisted living home in Eagle.

Arrangements will be announced by Potter Funeral Chapel in Emmett.

## Richard L. Jacobsen

**BURLEY** — Richard Lee Jacobsen, 72, of Burley and formerly of Burns, Ore., died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, at the Parkview Care Center. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

## Adrian F. Human

Adrian Francis Human, 81, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at his home in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

## Alfred A. Fuller

**FILER** — Alfred A. Fuller, 87, of Filer, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

## Elmer G. Reichert

Elmer G. Reichert, 84, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

## Juanita Bolinger

Juanita Bolinger, 86, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

## Ernest A. Green

**ELKO, Nev.** — Ernest A. Green, 65, of Elko, Nev., and formerly of Burley, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, at Sunbridge Nursing Home in Payette from complications of cancer.

Arrangements will be announced by Zeyer Funeral Home in Nampa.

## Roy D. Ghan

Roy D. Ghan, 75, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

Arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

## Zikrija Sioic

Zikrija Sioic, 42, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at his home in Twin Falls.

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

## William "Bill" Hinrichs

**PAUL** — William "Bill" Hinrichs, 62, of Paul, passed away Feb. 19, 2008, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Bill was born March 3, 1945, in Fairbury, Neb., to Frank E. and Evelyn Veatch Hinrichs. He moved from Fairbury at the age of 7 to California and, in 1957, moved to Rupert. After graduating from Minier High School and attending college at Pocatello and Moscow universities, he moved to Alaska.

He moved back to Idaho in 1989. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and was discharged in May of 1974. He married Sandy Pierce, and they had two children. They later divorced. He married Jackie Pfeiffer in 1989. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Boise Temple.

Bill was an extra hard worker with a strong work ethic. He was a journeyman electrician since the age of 18 and was dedicated to his job. He was proud of his electrical accomplishments and enjoyed helping people. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in various priesthood positions. He also

was a member of the Back Country Horseman Association Shooters. Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, cowboy shooting and riding his four-wheeler. He loved to sing and play the guitar. Bill leaves fond memories with his children of traveling to Hawaii, camping and the like.

Bill is survived by his wife, Jackie Hinrichs; children, Kathleen (Emil) Therianos, David Hinrichs, Sheila (David Shaw) Pfeiffer, and Corral (Glen) Pfeiffer; and his grandchildren, Staci Rae Coster, Kallie O'Neal, Andraya, Jonathan and Quintan Ward; four step-grandchildren; and two adopted grandchildren, Katie and Tracy Foreman. He was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn; and grandparents.

The funeral will be 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., with Bishop Doug Harley officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, and one hour prior to the service Monday at the mortuary. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Countryside Care and Rehabilitation in Rupert.

The family would like to thank Dr. Saurey and the emergency staff of Minidoka Memorial Hospital.



## Alisabeth Rockwell

**MERIDIAN** — Alisabeth Rockwell, infant daughter of Paul and Tera Rockwell of Meridian, passed away Friday, Feb. 15, 2008, at a Boise hospital.

You were in our lives for just a short time, but you touched our hearts. You will be missed.

Alisabeth is survived by her parents; two brothers, Tristan and Leoland; and twin sister, Layla of Meridian; grandparents, Richard Rockwell, Teresa Rockwell, and Chris Rockwell, of Twin Falls, and

Philip Warren of Boise; great-grandparents, Doris Rockwell, Billy and Fern Warren, Gary and Nancy Roland, and Pat Pletz, all of Twin Falls; aunt, Liz Warren; uncles, David Rockwell, both of Twin Falls, and

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at the Meridian Cemetery in Meridian, with Pastor Lee Galway officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bowman Funeral Parlor in Garden City.

## SERVICES

**Norman A. Hanks** of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

**Paul Jay West** of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from noon to 12:45 p.m. today at the mortuary.

**David Mack Belliston** of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hazelton LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 531 Middle Ward Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

**Evarado Ramos Hernandez** of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS West Stake; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert

Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the service Saturday at the church.

**Melba Lou Ellen Wilkins** of Boise, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Flahiff Funeral Chapel, 624 Cleveland Blvd. in Caldwell.

**Willard D. Ihler** of Twin Falls, celebration of life with potluck at 1 p.m. Saturday at Valley Christian Church (formerly Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

**Shun Lee** of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation one hour before the service Saturday at the mortuary.

**Warren Paul Crane** of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Acquila LDS Ward Chapel; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Saturday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

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## Adult trivia night scheduled at O'Leary

A local Modern Woodman Service Club, the O'Leary PTSD and Intermediate Resource Classroom students are combining their efforts and sponsoring an Adult Trivia Night to be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at the O'Leary Junior High cafeteria, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls.

Trivia night will be a fun, friendly competition where teams of five people play against other teams to see who has

the greatest knowledge of trivia. Categories include sports, TV history and more. The event will have 10 rounds of play, each with 10 questions. Advance registration by Feb. 25 is preferred. Advance registrants will receive a complimentary dinner the night of the event from New York Burrito. The cost to enter is \$10 per person or \$50 per team. The community is invited to watch the event for a \$1 entrance fee.

There will be concessions for sale and door prizes for all in attendance. Proceeds will go towards the O'Leary Intermediate Resource Classroom students field trip to Boise and to help the PTSD purchase classroom supplies. Businesses who would like to contribute prizes for the competition are welcome.

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## Public comments sought for CSI nursing accreditation

**TWIN FALLS** — The accrediting agency, which is evaluating the College of Southern Idaho's two-year nursing program, is accepting public comments through early March. It also invites anyone who would like to attend a public meeting to come to room 276 of CSI's Taylor building starting at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 5.

Public comment is an important part of the program evaluation, which occurs every eight years, said Janet Sandy, chairwoman of the CSI Registered Nursing Department. Written comments are also welcome and may be sent to Sharon Tanner, executive director, The National League for

Nursing Accrediting Commission, 33 Broadway, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10006. Comments may also be e-mailed to [stanter@nlac.org](mailto:stanter@nlac.org). About 1,400 students have graduated from CSI's Registered Nursing program since 1971. The program's accreditation has been continuous since the early

1970s. The program now graduates between 50 and 60 RNs each semester, a number that will increase when the program acquires more room in the college's new Health Science building, expected to be ready by fall 2009.

For more information: Sandy at 732-6734 or at [jsandy@csi.edu](mailto:jsandy@csi.edu).

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## Bill

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Instead, only four people testified, none in opposition.

"I think everyone knew what the outcome was going to be ahead of time so they kept the testimony short," Committee Chairman Brent J. Hill, R-Rexburg, said after the meeting. The bill is expected to pass.

The only opposing vote was Sen. Jeff Siddoway, R-Terretion, an elk rancher who last year was one of four senators to oppose the bill on the Senate floor. He said the issue should be settled by counties, and that a better bill would include the entire public, not just "affected" people. He cited rules the Legislature

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— Sen. Jeff Siddoway, R-Terretion

often adopts during crowded hearings, such as time limits. "Do you have a better way to give the testimony?" he asked. "Do you just let the meeting run all the rest of the evening and into the next morning and just keep going until everybody has said everything they want to say or do you somehow

limit it?" Siddoway recently said he helped kill last year's bill in the House with Rep. Lenore Barrett, R-Challis. Barrett could not be reached for comment Thursday. After the bill failed to get a hearing last year, Jerome County allowed oral testimony from people living farther

than one mile of proposed CAFOs but has not allowed written testimony, despite promises to do so more than eight months ago.

Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, the bill's sponsor, said that he's hopeful the bill will receive a hearing in the House once it passes the Senate.

"To me it's not constitutional. And it's certainly un-American," he said after the meeting. "We're going to keep bringing it until this aberration in Idaho code goes away."

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## Midwives

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of unlicensed midwives who she said are still competent.

"If we don't make it voluntary ... they will end up being criminals," she told the *Times-News* Thursday morning.

The debate, she said, is especially important given that 40 percent of births in the U.S. are done by cesarean section. Licensing, she said, would make it easier

for people to become midwives and ease what she described as a huge backlog of patients.

"As a woman, that terrifies me," Wolcott said of the cesarean rate. "As a scientist, I am appalled."

The bill has faced opposition from hospital and physician groups, and even public health agencies aren't sure how they feel about it. South Central

Public Health District spokesman Bruce Fox said on Thursday that the bill is one the district has been watching.

"In this current form, it doesn't cover all what we hoped it would," he said.

Idaho medical doctors and nurses who testified against the bill said creating a licensing system that still allowed uncertified birth assistants to practice could

confuse unsuspecting members of the public who wouldn't know the level of training of their care provider.

They also said the rules would allow midwives to do things that registered nurses aren't allowed to do on their own.

*Times-News* writer Nate Poppino contributed to this report.

## Briefs

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9,100 homes. The company wanted to pay a production tax of 3 percent of its gross earnings in lieu of other taxes.

CFO Kerry Hawley said that his energy production could increase up to three times with possible expansion.

"The state of Idaho has vast, untapped geothermal energy sources," said House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley. "I think it's a net gain for Cassia County."

Bedke said that tax revenue for Cassia County will increase, not decrease.

### Otter returns after hip surgery

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter made his first public appearance Thursday presiding over the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners. Later in the day he met with senior GOP lawmakers at the Borah Building.

House Majority Leader Mike Moyle, R-Star, said that the governor looked healthy, adding that he's "engaged" in negotiations regarding grocery tax credit.

"He looked good," he said. "He wasn't hobbling around." Since his hip surgery Jan. 29, Otter has been recovering

and working from his home in Star. He has not made any public appearances, but has been conducting business via telephone.

### House committee approves two bills

The House Business Committee approved a bill Thursday that would increase the size of land eligible for financing with a deed of trust from 40 acres to 80 acres. The bill is consumer-friendly because it eliminates some paperwork and costs that are assessed to homeowners, according to its sponsor, Rep. Jim Patrick,

R-Twin Falls.

The committee also approved legislation that would amend 20-year-old legislation related to surveyors and engineers in Idaho. Among changes that concerned lawmakers were requirements that would require monument caps be metal, not plastic, and increase monument sizes from 1/2-inch by two-feet long to 5/8-inch by two-feet long.

The legislation also increases administrative penalties from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

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# Missile hit on satellite boosts American credibility, experts say

By Greg Miller  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The successful U.S. missile strike against a failing spy satellite 133 miles above the Earth on Wednesday bolstered the credibility of America's long-troubled missile-defense system, according to military experts.

U.S. military officials have sought to play down the strategic value of the operation, saying that it was solely intended to take out a malfunctioning satellite with a tank of toxic rocket fuel.

But the power and precision of the strike also provided a demonstration for North Korea and other potential adversaries that the United States has deployed a sea-based missile-defense system that can be adapted to multiple targets with relative ease.

"This is the latest indication among several that we've made a lot of progress on interception of simple ballistic objects," said Loren B. Thompson, a military expert at the Lexington Institute, a think tank in Virginia. "What this shows is that the United States has a modest capability to destroy large satellites in very low orbits."

Hours after the missile was fired from the U.S. Navy cruiser Lake Erie positioned in the Pacific Ocean, officials at the Pentagon showed footage of a fireball created when the missile struck the satellite and expressed "high confidence" that the fuel tank was destroyed.

Gen. James E. Cartwright of the Marines, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the Pentagon was "100, 90 percent sure that the tank was breached."

He said it could take up to two days for final confirmation but noted that imagery of the collision showed that the missile struck the satellite "right in the area of the tank" and that an ensuing vapor cloud probably was caused by the release of the hydrazine that served as the spacecraft's fuel.

The 5,000-pound satellite — which was operated by the nation's largest spy agencies, the National Reconnaissance Office — failed shortly after its launch in December 2006. Since then, it has been drifting toward the Earth's atmosphere.

Officials said they could not yet rule out the possibility of fragments striking populated areas but noted that the force of the explosion left little but a wake of debris.

"Right now we're seeing

nothing bigger than a football," Cartwright said. "So, by all indications, we're on a positive path that this was a successful intercept."

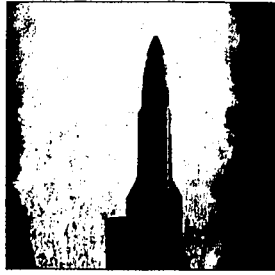
The operation marked the first time that the Aegis system, designed to intercept missiles in mid-air, was used

to strike a satellite. Such spacecraft always have a limited life-span but in most cases can be guided toward oceans — and away from population centers — as they plummet to Earth.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates, who gave the order

for the missile shot aboard a plane from Washington to Hawaii, said afterward that the exercise showed the system had worked.

"I think the operation speaks for itself in that respect," Gates told reporters Wednesday.



A Standard Missile-3 launches from the USS Lake Erie, on its way to hitting a malfunctioning spy satellite 133 miles over the Pacific Ocean, Wednesday. U.S. Navy photo



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## China asks U.S. for satellite downing data

BEIJING (AP) — China asked the U.S. on Thursday to release data on the missile hit on an ailing spy satellite, while the Communist Party's newspaper blasted what it called Washington's callous attitude toward the weaponization of space.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said the United States is determined to be open about the U.S. operation and told reporters during a visit to Hawaii that "we are prepared to share whatever appropriately we can."

Earlier Thursday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said Beijing was asking the U.S. to "provide to the international community necessary information and relevant data in a timely and prompt way."

The overseas edition of People's Daily excoriated Washington for opposing a recent Russian-Chinese proposal on demilitarizing space.

"One cannot but worry for the future of space when a great nation with such a massive advantage in space military technology categorically refuses a measure to prevent the militarization of space," the paper said.



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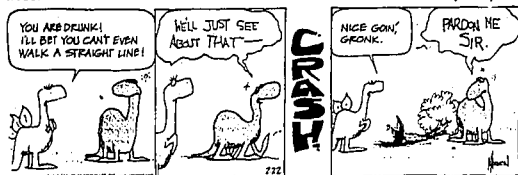
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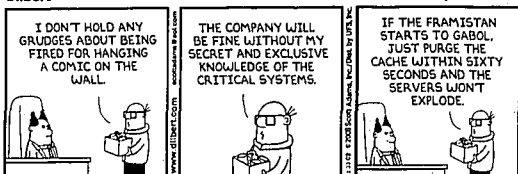
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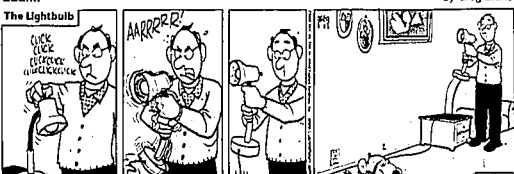
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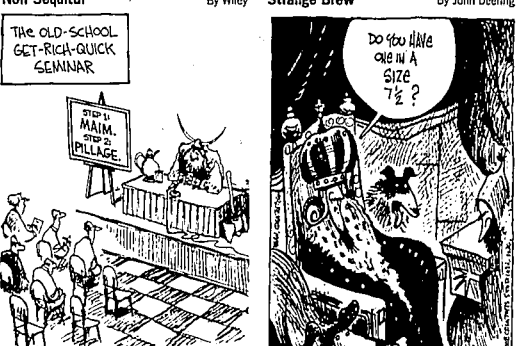
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# Weigh your options with a list, Libra

**IF FEB. 22 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You may question whether the glass is half full or half empty as you develop an ambition that goes hand in hand with greater responsibility this year. It is important to get plenty of rest and take good care of your physical body because you may drive your self too hard. You can achieve your goals through some type of apprenticeship that will give you solid experience. Hold off on making crucial decisions between March and the end of June.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't take a chance with a sizable investment. It is tempting to take advantage of others when they are willing to believe anything that is said and ignore the fine print.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** The person who makes you feel secure and who is completely predictable is your best bet this evening. Cuddle closer to an old flamer and commiserate about current events.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** The grass isn't greener on the other side of the fence, and even if it is there could be pitfalls hidden beneath the surface. Don't make new com-

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Jeraline Saunders

mitments, promises or agreements.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't toss it now. You have just as much chance of winning as of losing. The odds are not in your favor for initiating a new project or taking on a fresh commitment.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Flattery could be a sign that someone is trying to influence your opinion for their own gain. Someone might taunt you by parading their success with something of little real value.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** It is tempting to risk all on a new romance, project or deal. Before you commit yourself to a major change, remember how peaceful it is just paddling along without making waves.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** A list of pros and cons can't always help you make a decision. The blinders may come off; you may eventually take a dim view of someone who is passionate but unprincipled.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.**

**21H):** A significant other is anxious for close encounters of the romantic kind. Steer clear of forming a new attachment this weekend, as there could be unpleasant complications.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** If you must delegate authority, get right to the point. You may seem mysterious and alluring to the new guy or gal on the block, but this is not a good time to pursue a fresh hook-up.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** If you accept a proposal or begin a new relationship, you might get more than you bargained for or less than you expected. Keep a cool head on your shoulders.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You can gauge your happiness by the mood of your companions. Just because there is money in your pocket doesn't mean you must hurry out to spend it tonight.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Consider your principles an asset and steer clear of items and ideas that might merely be fool's gold. You should stall for time if asked to make an important commitment or promise.

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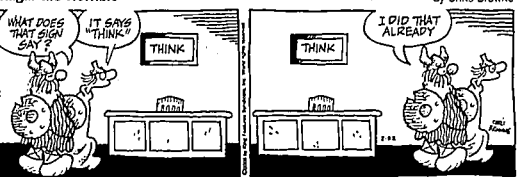
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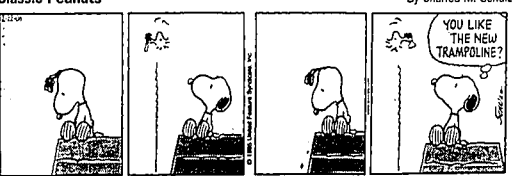
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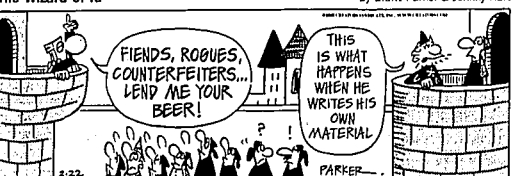
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# Girlfriend's weight doesn't mean she'll never find love

DEAR ABBY: Although I agree with you that "Dec-Voted Friend in D.C." (Dec. 26) needs to stop lying to her friend and building up false hopes, I think you missed the mark with the rest of your advice.

Believe me, Dee knows she's overweight and that it's negatively affecting her social life. She's just not ready to deal with it.

"Dec-Voted" didn't indicate that Dee has even asked for her advice or help, so maybe she should consider her own motivation. Does she really just want to help her friend, or does she want Dee to conform to her standards?

Abby, friendship is acceptance. If she's truly a friend, "Dec-Voted" will simply enjoy Dee and remain supportive until that special guy who can appreciate her comes along. Believe me, he's out there.

—G.D.

IN BOZEMAN, MONT.

DEAR G.D.: You make a valid point. Although most of those who responded disagreed with my advice to "Dec-Voted," I feel it is important to address the issue of the health risks —



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne  
Phillips

she'd want to be with them anyway.

—CHUBBY AND LOVED, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

DEAR ABBY: There's no way to delude yourself into thinking you're not fat if you are. Dee is reminded of that fact when she goes to the mall and shops in plus-size stores and departments. She knows what's reflected in the mirror.

I've been fat all my life, and I have never lacked for male companionship when I really wanted it. Dee needs to be brave. She's beautiful, talented and funny, and that she is worthy of love and respect, no matter what size her jeans are. When that happens, she'll find "Mr. Right."

—PLUS-SIZE AND HAPPY

DEAR ABBY: Many cultures embrace being plus-sized as a beautiful thing. As a man, I would choose a larger woman over a "twig" any day of the week. Dee is beautiful regardless of weight. One day someone like me will come along and prove that she is loved for who she is.

—ERIC IN COLORADO

heart disease, diabetes, stroke, joint pain — related to people who are overweight or obese. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a chubby person myself, I'm sick and tired of the myth that extra pounds mean you can't find love. I have never been a thin person, but I've rarely been a single person.

I firmly believe that there is a shoe for every foot, and finding that shoe has more to do with having confidence and being true to yourself than being thin. I have known many women who have lost 50 pounds or more only to find the problem wasn't their appearance. It was something much deeper in themselves.

If Dee is striking out with the men in her life, my advice is to look in a different social circle for a date. If the men she's aiming for can't see past her size, I'm not sure why

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2008. There are 313 days left in the year.

### Today's highlight:

On Feb. 22, 1732, the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born at his parents' plantation in the Virginia Colony.

### On this date:

In 1819, Spain agreed to cede Florida to the United States under the Adams-Onís Treaty.

In 1862, Jefferson Davis, already the provisional president of the Confederacy, was inaugurated for a six-year term as president following his election the previous November.

In 1865, Tennessee adopted a new constitution that included the abolition of slavery.

In 1889, President Cleveland signed an omnibus bill to admit the Dakotas, Montana and Washington state to the Union.

In 1892, "Lady Windermere's Fan" by Oscar Wilde was first performed at London's St. James' Theatre.

In 1924, President Coolidge delivered the first radio broadcast from the White House as he addressed the country over 42 stations.

In 1935, it became illegal for airplanes to fly over the White House.

In 1967, more than 25,000 U.S. and South Vietnamese troops launched Operation Junction City, aimed at smashing a Vietcong stronghold near the

Cambodian border.

In 1973, the United States and China agreed to establish liaison offices.

In 1980, the U.S. Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets at Lake Placid, N.Y., 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

Ten years ago, Abraham A. Ribicoff, the former Connecticut governor and senator who served as President Kennedy's secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, died in

Riverdale, N.Y., at age 87. The Czech Republic defeated Russia 1-0 to win men's hockey at the Nagano Winter Olympics came to a close.

Five years ago, Jessica Santillan, the teenager who'd

survived a botched heart-lung transplant long enough to get a second set of donated organs, died two days after the second transplant at Duke University Medical Center in North Carolina.

One year ago of Britain's Ministry of Defense announced that Prince Harry, a second lieutenant in the British army, would be deployed to Iraq. (Officials later reversed the decision because of insurgent threats.) The U.N. nuclear watchdog agency said Iran had ignored a Security Council ultimatum to freeze uranium enrichment, and instead had expanded its program by setting up hundreds of centrifuges.

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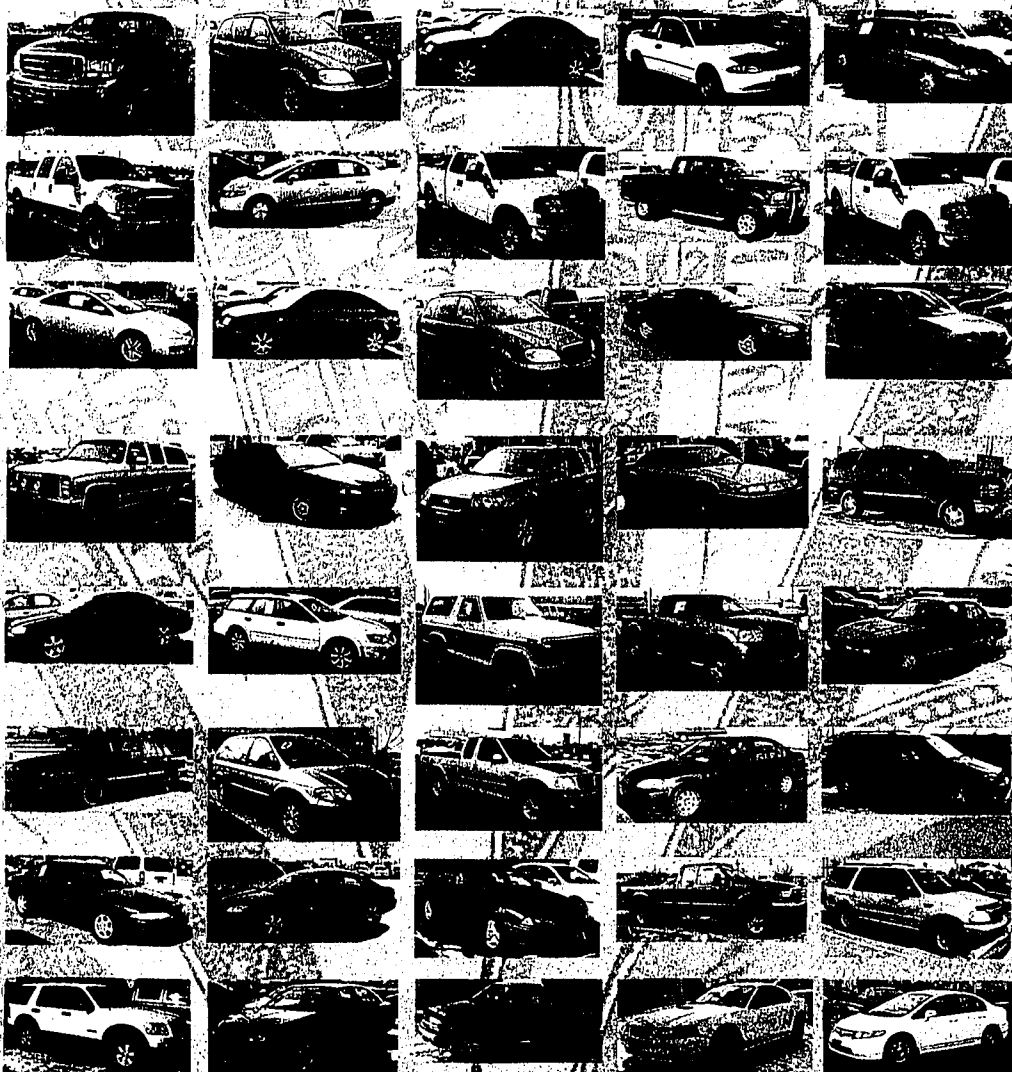
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## Timberland Rime Ridge snow boot earning more respect

The humble snow boot has historically been footwear for low-action winter pastimes like tobogganing, igloo making, ice fishing and snowman construction. These boots — at least the lace-ups and Moon Boots of my childhood — were over-insulated and ill-fitting, often slippery-soled and ineffective for little more than shuffling uphill while pulling a sled.



THE GEAR JUNKIE  
Stephen Regenold

As such, I have eschewed snow boots for a decade or more, trading bulk and warmth for the performance and good fit of a stout mountain boot. Timberland pulls characteristics from technical wintertime footwear as well as from the realm of the snow boot.

But this year Timberland (<http://www.timberland.com>) changed my mind. The company's pricey Rime Ridge boot pulls characteristics from technical wintertime footwear as well as from the realm of the snow boot.

At \$190, the boots are not something most people will buy for tromping around the yard. You'll want to employ the Rime Ridge for snowshoeing, hiking, and even easy mountaineering in deep snow.



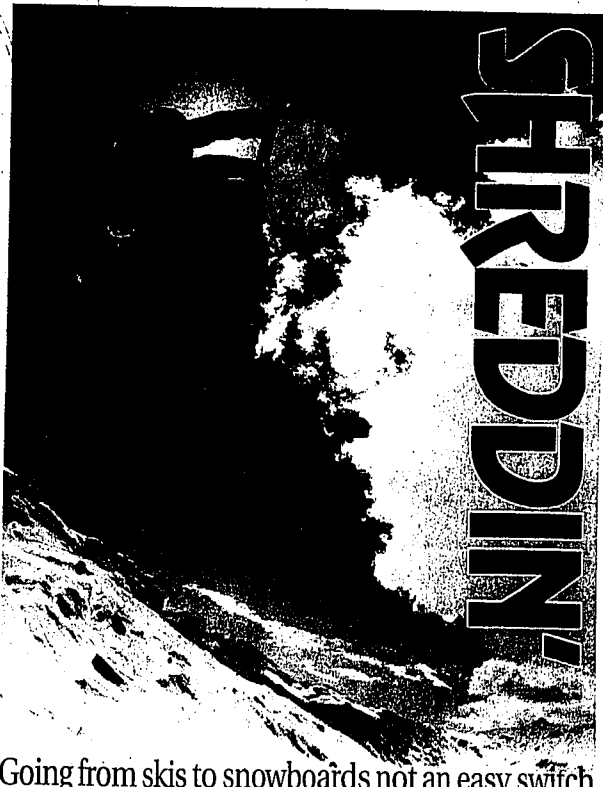
The fit is such that the Timberlands can pull off these kind of adventurous tasks. On my foot, the boot hugged and cradled, fitting more akin to a running shoe than a Moon Boot. This is thanks in part to its fancy BOA Multi-Adjust Lacing System, which is a cinching pattern of thin lines that ratchets tight across the front foot and calf area at the twist of a knob. A removable insole with arch support helps, too. The boot has a Gore-Tex membrane, making it waterproof and somewhat breathable. A cushy helping of 3M Thinsulate — about 200 grams of it — is stuffed into the boot walls for warmth. A nice extra feature is the closure along the boot's top collar, which lets you seal off the foot from above via an elasticized cord to keep snow out. This renders gaiters unnecessary.

Grip? While it's pretty slick as is, the BOA closure system could be better. I had to crank the tiny knob hard to get a tight fit around the leg.

My test model had a two-tone orange color scheme, announcing the boots' presence wherever I went. It comes in black, gray and blue, which are perhaps better fashion moves.

The Rime Ridge's price is high. You need to be a dedicated snow person to put down nearly \$200 on these boots. However, at sites like <http://www.petegreen.com> this model sells for around \$150.

Overall, the Rime Ridge is a fine boot for the snow. It's easy on, easy off. The soft-rotter tread grips great. It's tough and has enough performance to stand in as footwear for a range of wintertime activities, from snowshoeing to hiking to, if need be, taking out the trash.



## Going from skis to snowboards not an easy switch

Story by David Bashore / Graphic by Bradley Guire  
Times-News

Odds are if you've gone to a ski resort in the past 10 years, you've seen a lot of snowboarders shredding snow up and down the mountain. You've probably even noticed that most of them are in their teens or 20s, and there are far fewer older boarders.

There are a number of perfectly good reasons for this. Snowboarding is much like skateboarding, which has again picked up in popularity in the last decade or so. It's harder on the ankles and knees than skiing is. And above all else, switching from skiing to snowboarding is just plain tough to do.

Much like riding a bicycle, snowboarding is pretty easy once you get the hang of it, but it takes a lot of bumps, bruises, thrills and spills to achieve the goal of making a successful conversion. The most important thing to realize, however, is that the change is possible no matter how hard it

is or how much time it takes. And there are a few relatively easy steps to get on the road to learning how to snowboard.

A new snowboarder's biggest challenge presents itself before even setting foot on the mountain. Anyone who wants to learn how to snowboard must be prepared to take a beating — both physically and mentally. You will fall, and it will probably hurt. A knee or wrist might get tweaked in the process. But being able to bounce back and keep at it despite innumerable spills along the way, so long as the rider remains free from injury, is essential.

Someone who has mentally prepared for that inevitability has a leg up on the perseverance necessary to be successful. A rider is considered reasonably successful if he or she can make it through a mountain run with just a few falls after a couple

hours of practice.

After ensuring the proper mental preparation, it's advisable to sign up for a snowboarding lesson before venturing out onto the mountain. Most resorts offer ski school group lessons every couple of hours daily, while also having professionals on-hand for paid individual lessons. Those typically run around \$40 but will guarantee one-on-one instruction. In either case, a lesson is a must for beginners.

For those who are more adventurous and don't feel a lesson is absolutely necessary, it is still recommended to stick to the "bunny hill" for awhile until finding your foot on the board. While snowboarding is reasonably similar to skateboarding, the snowboard is far more sensitive to balance and far more difficult to control.

The bunny hill is pretty flat, but shifting weight from side to side can generate a little bit of speed

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## Winter tenting too much? Try a yurt instead

By Pete Zimowski  
The Idaho Statesman

IDAHO CITY — The outside temperature is in the teens, and snow has smothered the Boise Mountains northeast of Idaho City.

The trees are laden with snow. There's a stillness that is deafening. A wood-burning stove crackles, while a pot of melting snow sizzles. Light from two propane lanterns cause the room to glow. You're snuggled in your sleeping bag and the temperature is about 70 degrees.

The backcountry yurts near Idaho City provide a comfortable way to spend a night in winter's backcountry. Snuggle up and read on.

Allyson and Dustin Labrum watched as heavy snow fell in the mountains between Idaho City and Lowman. It was coming down so

hard that it was constantly covering a freshly shoveled path to the outside.

But the Labrums, of Nampa, were snug and warm in the Rocky Ridge Yurt high above the Crooked River drainage of the Boise Mountains. They are confirmed yurters.

It doesn't matter that you have to haul food, clothing and sleeping bags about two miles to get to the yurt. It doesn't matter that you have to dig your way into the outhouse after a stinging snowstorm. It doesn't matter that you have to haul firewood from the shed to the yurt or melt snow for drinking and cooking water.

It's part of that pioneering and trekking spirit and the rewards of spending a night in a backcountry



The Rocky Ridge Yurt near Idaho City, owned by Allyson and Dustin Labrum, sits nestled in the Boise Mountains.

## Finding the balance between dark and light

Photography is about capturing light. The range of color and intensity in the visible spectrum of light is what makes photography so exciting and challenging. In photography, dynamic range is defined by the range of light a camera can capture. For cameras, light is measured in "stops." A typical camera can "see" about five or six stops of light. The human eye, in contrast, can see the equivalent of 12 to 13 stops of light. Photographers therefore, have to understand the limitations of the camera's "eye" compared to his or her own and make the proper exposure adjustments to create great photographs.

Setting the proper exposure for a given amount and intensity of light is one of the primary challenges in photography. There are many subtle variations in natural light, and learning to expose properly in different situations can take a lifetime of practice. Setting the proper exposure beneath the light of a full moon requires different considerations than shooting in the bright light of a summer day. Photographers can spend a lifetime trying to perfect the art of exposing correctly for the given light.

Rather than attempt to discuss a range of topics related to exposure, I wanted to address a fairly common challenge encountered while taking photos in the natural world. As the sun moves through the sky, it throws shadows across the landscape. These areas of dark stand out in stark contrast to the sunlit faces of mountain peaks, or river valleys. The human eye with its broad dynamic range can pick out detail in the shadows while still appreciating the brightly lit portions of the landscape. A camera, however, has a narrower dynamic range and photographers must take this into account when setting their exposure for scene split by dark and light.

This month's photograph illustrates this fairly common situation. While taking the image I was able to pick out colors in the skier's clothing with my naked eye. Since a camera is more limited in what it can "see," a

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Two skiers cross the 4th Bench Lake in the Sawtooth Wilderness.

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# ATVs can't replace legs during the hunt

Question: I have encountered upland bird hunters using all-terrain vehicles to follow hunting dogs. When a dog would go on point the hunter would stop the ATV, get off and shoot the birds. Once the birds were picked up they would climb back on the ATV and continue after the dogs. Is this legal?

Answer: What they are doing could be a violation of a couple of hunting rules.

According to Idaho Statute 36-101(b) I it is unlawful to hunt game animals and birds from or by the use of any motorized vehicle. The presence of an ATV is a completely different rule and this law makes no distinction whether a hunter is on or off a road. When the hunters are on their ATVs following their hunting dogs, they are not hunting. They are only following the dogs, though they shoot at the birds when they are off

## ASK THE OFFICER

Meghan Roos

of the ATVs.

A careful distinction must be drawn between hunting and non-hunting travel. This law does not prohibit hunters from using motorized vehicles or ATVs to fully access hunting areas but it does prohibit their use for hunting. A friend of mine puts it simply, "If the vehicle takes the place of your legs during the hunt, then it is unlawful to hunt."

A second rule that applies to hunting big game, game birds, and upland game in several big game units prohibits off-road use of a motorized vehicle when used as an aid to hunting. This rule is more restrictive than the previous statute and pro-

hibits all off-road use of motorized vehicles when used for the aid of hunting.

I suggest sportsmen try to objectively examine what they are doing through someone else's eyes. If it would appear they were using their ATVs in the act of hunting while off-road, they would be in violation of this rule.

In units containing this rule, motorized vehicles are restricted to roadways capable of being traveled by a full-sized vehicle weighing more than 1,500 pounds. There are some exceptions for retrieval of game, transporting equipment, private land, and handicapped individuals (please refer to the motorized vehicle restriction rule on page 14 of the 2007 big game regulations for these exceptions).

Handicapped hunters may qualify for a special permit

that exempts them from some of those motorized vehicle rules. However, handicapped sportsmen, even with a permit, may not go off road unless rules from the land management agency allow it and not be allowed to shoot from or across a public roadway.

Finally, all other state, federal and local laws must be followed. For example, in the Jarbidge area there is a Wilderness Study Area that has been designated by the BLM. In this area all motorized travel is allowed only on existing roads. The BLM has also closed all burned areas to cross country travel.

Reference Idaho Code 36-1101(a) and 36-1101(b)1 and IDAPA 13.01.08411.

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# Code to the .270 Winchester, Part I

A friend stopped at the other evening while I was away, and as promised, left a small package inside the door way. Scooping up the paper sack along with the newspaper, I absent-mindedly dropped both on the easy chair and headed to the kitchen for my belated supper.

Pressed inside the crumpled paper sack was a zip-lock plastic baggie filled with rifle brass. Fishing around in the baggie I found a single cartridge that evening exposed a folded yellow Post-it note. Scrawled on the crumpled sheet were the instructions, "Fill 'em up just like you did last year, Rich."

The note was signed, "Your hunting hero, Paul."

Plucking one of the cases from the bag, I plopped down in the easy chair, switched on the television and began twirling the casing slowly through my fingers. While the political commentators droned on endlessly about "promises made, promises broken," I returned in my mind's eye to the fishing above Tonalhah Valley and watched that wonderful 5-

## SHOOTING THE BULL

Rich Simpson

by-5 bull pitch onto his nose after catching that minuscule 140-grain Swift A-Frame bullet in the neck.

Feeling more than a little proud for having concocted that lethal wad of myself, I tilled the base of the cartridge toward the rubbing stone and the television and silently mouthed the words embossed on the head stamp — Super X .270 Winchester. Paul's one and only big game hunting round was none other than Winchester's geriatric pride and joy: the .270 WCF (Winchester Center Fire).

One of the most highly acclaimed big game cartridges in North America today, the .270 Winchester also remains one of the most controversial for certain big game applications. Envisioned by its designers back in 1925 as a long-range slayer of light/medium game, the .270 was conceived by simply necking the phenomenally popular .30-06 down from .30 to .27 caliber. A .27 caliber represents a bore measuring 27 inches in diameter.

From its inception, the .270's sprightly 130-grain bullet was viewed in hunting circles as both curious and contempt. Conventional wisdom of the day suggested that any bullet under .30 caliber and weighing less than 150 grains would be as effective as a waffle ball on any game animal heavier than a wet spaniel. The New Haven, Conn., firm's first factory offering featured a stoutly jacketed 130-grain bullet (the famous Pointed Soft-Point Expanding) at an unheard-of price of \$1.00 per round. The skinny little missile represented to many pure "Hellfire and Damnation" blasphemy!

They say that every underdog deserves a champion and one of the first to step forward to prove the new round's mettle was a bespeckled professor of English from the University of Arizona, Jack O'Connor. Unbowed one of the first Winchester Model 54s owners of the 20th century, Model 70 and the premier rifle chambered in .270 to arrive in Arizona, Jack mounted a Lyman 40 receiver sight on the rifle and went deer hunting. Through the aperture of his open sights, Jack claimed that he was able to cluster five rounds of factory ammo into sub-two-inch groups at one hundred yards — more than adequate hunting accuracy.

Reminiscing years later about those first seasons afield with his new pet, Jack fondly wrote, "Everything I hit well with it (and there were times that I didn't hit well) went down like a ton of bricks. It kicked a little less than the '06 I had been using, made about the same amount of noise, and shot noticeably flatter." Tiring in time of the 54's creepy trigger pull, minimal stock design, and weight capability for a scope sight, Jack replaced the Winchester with a commercial flat-bolt Mauser action inflected into one of Al Lindens' sleek custom stocks.

Living in Tucson gave Jack easy access to the hunting fields of the Mexican state of Sonora. Game abundant. The hunting seasons were long and bag limits liberal. Jack and his wife, Elsie, hunted the Sonoran desert. "I have never seen a more sudden kill on deer, sheep, and antelope. I also shot a lot of coyotes and jackrabbits with that combination. By the time I retired the rifle, I had gone through three barrels and had put over 20,000 rounds through them."

In 1939 Jack hired on with Outdoor Life magazine and began penning a monthly column called, "Getting the Range." Month after glorious month, devoted readers accompanied Jack along narrow, crumbling North American and Asiatic sheep trails, boomed alongside him in dust-choked safari cars with that relentless African sun beating down overhead, and shivered in the pre-dawn cold while the shrill whistles and guttural grunts of rutting Rocky Mountain bull elk echoed off the canyon walls around them.

Though Jack used and wrote favorably about many different calibers and cartridges during his lengthy tenure as hunter and author, none has been so inextricably linked with him as the .270 Winchester. In fact, he became known in time — perhaps for all time — as Ole Mr. 270. This was a title he, no doubt, derived more than a little satisfaction from.

With each flourish of his pen, sales of .270 Winchester rifles escalated. Even today, the trend shows little sign of abating. As we speak, the .270 WCF shares the collective spotlight with the 7mm Remington Magnum, .30-06, and 300 Winchester Magnum as the firearms manufacturers' big four in national sales. The undersized upstart has also garnered unbridled devotion from hunters across the "Big Bend." The .270 has truly become an international standard for medium-sized big game.

Is this flattering reputation justly deserved? Next time we'll rummage through the data and see if the .270 Winchester is a legitimate "big game basher extraordinaire" or an overstated "Magnum wannabe" best reserved for the smaller stuff. Let me know about your positive or negative experience with the .270 Winchester. It will be of use to me in the next installment. Till then, good shooting and keep politically-informed about your sport and its electoral advocates.

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## Share your outdoors tales

Share your outdoors tales or photos with the Times-News. The Outdoors section accepts the following: • photos of big game/fish catches; • first-hand accounts of hunting, fishing, hiking, etc. adventures; • suggestions for possible story ideas. All submissions should be sent to outdoors editor David Bashore at dbashore@timesnews.com, or at Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Ideally, photos may be brought to the Times-News at 132 Fairfield St. W.

# Traps help keep South Fork a habitat for native fish

POCATELLO (AP) — Every day, a Swan Valley man contracted by the state walks to the lower sections of several major tributaries of the South Fork of the Snake River to sort live fish trapped by Idaho Fish and Game.

He releases native Yellowstone cutthroat trout upstream of barriers used to divert the fish into the concrete and mesh metal boxes. He removes invasive rainbow trout and cutthroat-rainbow hybrids, which are then taken to a children's fishing pond in Victor.

The barriers, called weirs, are placed on the Snake River, Burris, Palisades and Blainy creek tributaries. Some physically divert the fish while others use electricity to coax the trout into the traps. The South Fork weir program began in 1997.

The weirs are part of a large-

er Fish and Game effort to protect the genetic purity of the Yellowstone cutthroat. Every spring is rainbow eggs are hatching, high pulses of water are released from Palisades Reservoir upstream to flush away the fry. In addition, Fish and Game has removed limits on the number of rainbow trout anglers are allowed to keep in order to thin the population of the species.

Jim Fredericks, Idaho Fish and Game fishery manager for the Upper Snake River region, said finding a weir that works year around has been a matter of trial and error.

"We're really been trying to find a design that is effective and efficient," Fredericks said. "It's not hard to trap fish in the summer and the fall when water levels are high and low, but in the spring when

rainbows and cutthroat migrate, trapping can be very difficult."

The newest of the weirs, located on Palisades Creek, diverts fish using a series of four electrodes that span all but a small channel of the waterway leading to the trap. It was built last year after floating and picket type weirs, which sieve the stream, proved ineffective because they are often damaged by debris during high water months. In fact, Fredericks said the picket weir on Pine Creek was shut down last year for that reason.

This year, Fredericks hopes to replace the floating weir on Burris Creek with a velocity barrier, which is a steep concrete slope that diverts trout up a fish ladder and into a trap.

Fredericks said it is still too

early to empirically gauge the success of the weir program.

He said while the barriers don't prevent rainbows from interbreeding with cutthroats also the main river, it does block them from reaching the spawning areas on the tributaries. That is paramount because most of the pure cutthroats migrate to those tributaries to reproduce.

"The idea is to ensure that rainbows don't continue to invade those tributaries," Fredericks said. "The South Fork cutthroat population is one of the last remaining strongholds of Yellowstone cutthroat trout in the West. Preserving them is important not only from a fishery standpoint but also from a species conservation standpoint, to maintain the genetic purity of the fish. The South Fork cutthroat is at risk because of the cutthroat trout."

## 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 Tuesday and Saturday at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional office in Jerome. The classes will run from 4 to 9 p.m. tonight with the Saturday session going from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Project WILD is a wildlife-oriented, multi-disciplinary set of activities developed for educators, youth leaders, or anyone working with the youth. The activities develop

awareness, knowledge, and skills concerning the relationships between humans, wildlife and the natural world. Wildlife concepts are taught through science, mathematics, language arts and other subjects and do not take time away from established curricula.

The workshop actively involves participants in the learning activities and demonstrates techniques for integrating the supplementary materials into classroom and informal learning settings. Cost 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.

Young people are fascinated by the study of wildlife, opening windows of learning into wildlife management. Project WILD is used in 50 states and seven countries,

and is based on the premise that young people and their teachers have a vital interest in learning about the earth as home for people and wildlife.

More than 70 percent of Idaho teachers currently incorporate Project WILD activities into their curriculum. To register, contact Kellon Hatch, Magic Valley Regional Conservation Educator at khatch@idf.gov or (208) 324-4359, or download a registration form at [http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/education/project\\_wild/](http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/education/project_wild/).

### Elk foundation to host fundraiser

The Magic Valley chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will be hosting an elk camp fundraiser at the Idaho Rodeo on 241 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls on

Saturday, March 1st.

To help celebrate the 20th anniversary this year a RMEF Commemorative Buck hunting knife will be giving to each new member or renewing member (one per family) that attends this banquet.

The event features games, raffles, silent and live auctions to raise money for elk and wildlife habitat.

Ticket information is available from Steve Westphal at 426-6085 or Mike Harrison at 731-5527.

### Jerome Ducks Unlimited banquet set

The Jerome Ducks Unlimited will be having their Annual Couples Banquet on Saturday at the Jerome Fair Grounds. It will be catered by the Snake River Grill. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. For more information, please call Handall Rector at 280-5425.

# Big game season planning meetings set for Jerome, Burley

Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game

JEROME — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will host two big game season planning meetings to discuss proposed changes and listen to suggestions hunters have for season modifications.

The first meeting will be held on Feb. 27 at Fish and Game's Regional Office in Jerome at 319 S. 417 E., located two miles north of the Flying J on Highway 93. The second will be held Feb. 28 at the Burley City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave. Both meetings will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

These meetings will set the stage for the next several years as the Department begins to implement the new Idaho Mule Deer Management Plan. An important portion of this comprehensive plan is to align mule deer hunting opportunities with the desires of Idaho

deer hunters.

"The input received from hunters has been clear," said Randy Smith, Magic Valley Region wildlife manager. "Most hunters want to hunt mule deer every year, they want more deer and they want more opportunities to hunt for mature bucks. These are rather tall orders but Idaho's new plan provides the guidance and direction for making it all happen."

In the Magic Valley Region, hunters have generally been pleased with the mix and diversity of hunting opportunities provided. Half of the 14 game management units in the region provide general rifle deer hunting, and half provide "quality" opportunities with controlled hunts. Twelve units provide general archery hunting, and six units provide controlled muzzleloader seasons.

Hunting season proposals include:

- A muzzleloader hunt in



- Units 47, 54, 55, and 57 from Nov. 1-14.
- Changing Unit 44 from a quality hunt to a high-quality hunt. Buck permits will be reduced from 225 permits to 75 permits, and the season would be lengthened by 30 days to run from Sept. 15-Nov. 30.
- Change Unit 45 from a High-Quality hunt to a Quality hunt. Buck permits will be increased from 75 permits to 225 permits and the season would be lengthened by 20 days to run from Sept. 15-Oct. 31.

- Elimination of the two-point region in Unit 56.
- A 33 percent reduction in antlered elk permits in Unit 49.

If you are unable to attend one of the meetings but would like to provide input on the proposals, you may contact Fish and Game at 324-4350.

Individuals with disabilities may request meeting accommodations by contacting the Idaho Department of Fish and Game directly at 208-324-4359 or through the Idaho Relief Service at 1-800-377-2529 (TDD).



# D4 BUSINESS

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## U.S. jobless claims fall Improvement seen as only temporary

By Martin Crutsinger  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The number of newly laid off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits fell last week, but the larger-than-expected drop was seen as only a temporary improvement.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that the number of jobless claims dropped by 9,000 last week to a total of 349,000.

While that was bigger than the decline that had been expected, analysts noted that claims offices in California, the largest state, were closed for one day last week for a

### How does Idaho compare?

The Idaho Department of Labor will release its report on jobless claims next week.

To see if the state's unemployment claims have also risen, read about it Tuesday in the *Times-News*.

state holiday, giving laid off workers one less day to file claims.

The four-week average for claims, which gives a better picture of labor market trends, rose to 350,500, which was the highest

level since claims spiked in October 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Analysts said the rise in the four-week average was depicting a labor market that is coming under increasing strains because of the slowing economy.

The Federal Reserve released a revised economic forecast on Wednesday that slashed growth prospects for this year but still maintained that the country could avoid a recession.

However, many private economists believe the country has already entered a downturn that began this quarter and will last through the

spring. They are forecasting that the overall economy, which skidded to growth at a barely discernible annual rate of 0.6 percent in the final three months of last year, will turn negative in the first and second quarter this year. The classic definition of a recession is two consecutive quarters of negative economic growth.

President Bush last week signed a \$168 billion economic stimulus bill which is designed to provide rebate checks of \$600 for individual and \$1,200 for couples with the checks scheduled to begin arriving in mailboxes this spring as a way to give the economy a boost.

But even with the rebate checks, which Bush called a "booster shot" for the economy, analysts are forecasting a period of slower growth, reflecting the blows that have been dealt by a prolonged downturn in housing and a severe credit squeeze, which has made it harder for consumers and businesses to get loans.

The economy shed 17,000 jobs in January, the first monthly job loss in more than four years. Analysts believe that the unemployment rate, which currently stands at 4.9 percent, will rise to 6 percent before the current slowdown has run its course.

## WORKING OUT THE PROBLEMS

Plan meant to put police, bar owners on 'same page'

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls Police Department is taking a new approach to working with local establishments that serve alcohol.

Twin Falls police began working with David Woodhead, a local property owner, to develop a plan that puts bar employees and city police "on the same page" to prevent criminal behavior, said Staff Sgt. John Wilson.

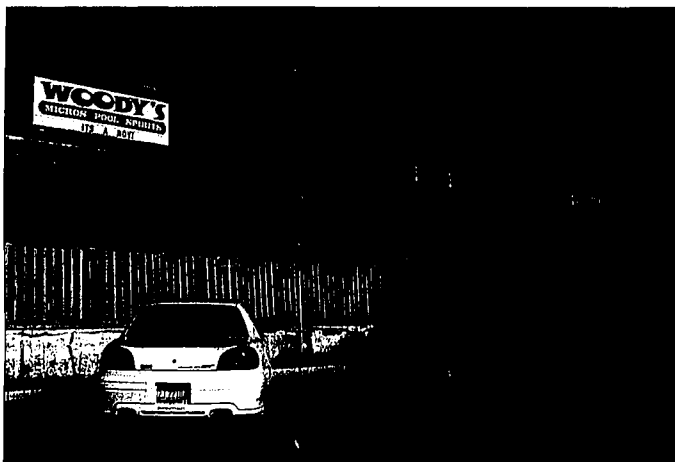
Although police began working with Woodhead because he is combining three bars into one of the largest in Twin Falls, the new approach to preventing escalating problems may become commonplace for establishments that serve alcohol.

"The purpose is to put us all on the same page, so that (bar) employees know what we're there to do when we show up," Wilson said. "And sooner or later in a place that serves alcohol, we will have to show up."

But the purpose also appears to be an attempt to cut criminal behavior stems from alcohol-related incidents.

In 2007, police responded to 68 calls for service at Woody's, which included battery, theft and fights.

In a memo obtained by the *Times-News*, Capt. Matt Hicks from the Twin Falls



David Woodhead owns property that houses two bars. Twin Falls Police and local bars will be working together in an effort to help prevent criminal behavior.

"The purpose is to put us all on the same page, so that (bar) employees know what we're there to do when we show up."

— Staff Sgt. John Wilson

Police Department underscored the numbers during a planning and zoning meeting when Woodhead requested a special use permit to serve alcohol.

"There is not mention of the numbers of calls for service that the TFPD responded to at Woody's and

Sidewinders in 2007," Hicks wrote in the memo to the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission.

Local bar owners have grown reluctant to call police to resolve disputes because they fear their alcohol licenses will be revoked.

"I think it's something that

some (bar) owners worry about, which is sad because (the police) are there to help out," Woodhead said. "I don't think that I've every felt that way, but I know it's a concern."

Woodhead and other business owners said they support the new approach to work with police before problems occur — saying that it will give them the opportunity to train their own staff to deal with problems.

Several establishments that serve alcohol use in-

house security during large events.

"Sooner or later there is going to be a problem in a place where people are going to drink, so the police department isn't going to blame the business owner," Wilson said.

He added that the department hopes to work with other business owners to prevent problems and to develop a closer working relationship with them.

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### Burley firm protests rent increase

By Sven Berg  
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Kodiak Northwest owner Brek Pilling said Wednesday that Burley has "no legal basis" for raising Kodiak's rent payment for its city-owned facility next to Albertson's Supermarket on Pomerelle Avenue.

At their Feb. 5 meeting, city councilmen voted to raise Kodiak's monthly rent payment from \$1,400 to \$1,900 if Pilling, also a clinical psychologist, continues to see clients at the Burley facility. Councilman Jay Lenkersdorfer proposed the rent hike, saying Pilling's use of the building to see clients was not included in Kodiak's lease agreement.

Kodiak took occupancy in the Burley facility in October 2007. The building is used as an assembly site for snowblowing machines the company manufactures.

Kodiak's lease agreement, signed by Pilling and Burley Mayor Jon Anderson in November 2006, allows Kodiak to sublet "all or portions" of the building "with the written approval of the Landlord."

Pilling said Wednesday when he submitted his request to the city for approval of a sublease, he "thought it was basically a formality because the contract says I can sublet it, period."

Furthermore, Pilling said he believes the Kodiak lease agreement would prevent the city from raising his rent in the case of a sublease.

The lease agreement does not specifically state the city cannot raise Kodiak's monthly payment, but the only language that mentions a rent increase provides for a 5 percent yearly increase after the first 10 years of the lease have expired.

Lenkersdorfer said Wednesday he had intended the \$500 increase as an amendment to Kodiak's original lease agreement. But he acknowledged a change that raises the company's monthly payment might require Kodiak's consent.

"We approved it for manufacturing," Lenkersdorfer said. "If they want to use it for an office, I don't see anything wrong with that, but if they're getting additional value out of it, then we should get some additional payment."

Next week, he said, councilmen are planning to tour the Kodiak facility. He said he will use the opportunity to assess Pilling's operations.

"We're just going to go and take a look, and I think at that time we'll decide what to do about it," he said. "It may turn out to be a non-issue."

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Ameristar reports fourth-quarter earnings

Ameristar Casinos, Inc. reported that its adjusted EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) for the fourth-quarter of 2007 increased 2 percent from a year ago.

Although Ameristar casinos, such as Cactus Pete's and The Horseshoe in Jackpot, generated strong revenue within their markets, profits were offset by construction costs and pre-opening expenses for casinos in Chicago, Ill. and St. Charles Mo.

Fourth-quarter adjusted

EBITDA for 2007 was \$66.8 million, similar to the \$66.6 million during the same quarter in 2006.

Net revenues for the fourth quarter were \$302.8 million compared to \$244 million for the fourth quarter in 2006.

### Wal-Mart expects increased profit

Defying the gloom that many retailers are feeling, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. expects a more profitable year as sales from penny-pinching shoppers after its renewed focus on low prices paid off over the holidays with a 4 percent rise in fourth-quarter profit.

The world's largest retailer,

emerging from a yearlong turnaround effort after sales stumbled in 2005 and 2006, said Tuesday that aggressive holiday discounts and improvements in its more than 4,000 U.S. stores boosted sales despite consumer worries.

### Hershey plans to build distribution center in Utah

OGDEN, Utah — Ogden is getting sweeter. With a financial incentive from the state of Utah, The Hershey Co. says it will build a distribution center in Ogden.

The center will create about 125 full-time jobs.

Hershey is expected to invest \$38 million.

The Pennsylvania company is the nation's largest candy maker. Hershey had nearly \$5 billion in revenue last year and employs about 13,000 people worldwide.

Construction will start in spring. The incentive offered to Hershey is worth as much as \$2.6 million.

### Studio development seeks tax breaks

BOISE — A proposed film studio and residential development slated to be built near Kuna wants the Idaho Legislature to pass property tax breaks to ease the pro-

ject's financing.

In legislation introduced Thursday, county commissioners would be allowed to offer up to five years of property tax relief for projects like Allen's that invest at least \$3 million.

Kon Burgess, a lobbyist working for Allen, says the bill extends to other kinds of manufacturing in rural areas — in an effort to boost the number of potential beneficiaries and spur economic development.

The project would include film production offices, prop workshops, a restaurant and commercial center with a New York street scene.

— wire reports

## STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	21.80	▼ .31	Dell Inc.	19.27	▼ .48	Idacorp	30.54	▼ .77
Lithia Mo.	10.03	▼ 4.46	Micron	7.38	▼ .43	Supervalu	28.36	▼ .21

## COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	91.93	▲ .15	Apr. Oil	98.23	▼ 1.47
Mar. gold	946.60	▼ 11.50	Mar. Silver	17.820	▼ .060

## COMMODITIES REPORT

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## Precious metals futures hit record-highs

**By Stevenson Jacobs**  
**Associated Press writer**

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**NEW YORK —** Precious

metals prices soared Thursday, with gold, silver and platinum hitting record highs after a drop in the dollar led traders to shift funds into hard assets as safe-haven investments.

Other commodities traded

mixed, with crude oil retreating from \$100 a barrel and agriculture futures rising.

The dollar's decline versus the 15-nation euro has been a major driver of precious metals, which are seen as safer alternative investments used to hedge against inflation and economic and political uncertainty. Platinum has gained 38 percent this year, gold 38 percent and silver 19 percent.

John W. Cramer, chief

Exchange, after earlier touching an all-time high of \$958.40, Gold broke the \$950 barrier for the first time Wednesday, raising expectations that the metal could breach the psychologically important \$1,000 mark in coming weeks or months.

Silver rose to its highest level since 1980, with the March contract hitting a record \$18.075 an ounce on Tuesday before settling at \$17.955.

Every day there's a new reason to worry, and there seems to be a drive toward owning hard assets such as

precious metals," said George Gero, senior vice president at RBC Capital Markets Global Futures in New York.

The dollar fell Thursday against the euro, which fetched \$1.4810 in trading in New York. A weaker greenback encourages U.S. investors to turn to gold

Africa. An ounce of platinum for April delivery surged \$49.40 to settle at \$2,180.20 on the Nymex, after earlier pushing to an all-time high of \$2,194.80.

Nymex copper for March delivery added 10.20 cents to settle at \$3.8105 a pound after falling back from a record \$3.8465.

# Victorious Pakistan parties to join forces

By Laura King  
Los Angeles Times

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The two main Pakistani opposition parties announced Thursday that they would work to form a coalition government, after declaring the party of President Pervez Musharraf a brutalist defeat in this week's elections.

But it was unclear whether the two would jointly seek to oust Musharraf in the wake of Monday's vote, which was widely viewed as a devastating verdict on his performance as Pakistan's leader.

Neither the Pakistan People's Party of assassinated former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto nor the Pakistan Muslim League-N, led by former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, won enough votes to govern on its own. But together they have a comfortable parliamentary majority.

The two parties appeared ready to paper over differences, at least for the time being, in order to move to assemble a governing coalition.

But more talks lie ahead before the coalition's final composition is determined and a candidate for prime minister is put forward. Details of the tentative accord between the two sides also remained unclear.

"In principle we have agreed to stay together," Bhutto's widow, Asif Ali Zardari, who leads her party, told a news conference in Islamabad.

"We have to support each other," said Sharif, seated beside him.

According to Sharif, the two

sides agreed that dozens of judges fired late last year by Musharraf should be reinstated. The Supreme Court had appeared poised to invalidate Musharraf's election to a second presidential term when he declared a state of emergency in November and ousted Chief Justice Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry.

Zardari previously has said that the new parliament should decide whether to

bring back the deposed jurists — a step that could cause complications for him as well as the president. Zardari still faces corruption charges dating to Bhutto's two terms as prime minister.

The two opposition leaders also left ambiguous whether they would push for the impeachment of Musharraf, who has been considered a crucial U.S. ally despite his deep unpopularity at home.

Sharif, who was overthrown and jailed by Musharraf in 1999 before being sent into exile, declined anew that the former general must step down or be forced out.

Zardari, however, has not ruled out allowing Musharraf to serve out his new five-year term as president. He appeared to indicate, however, that his party would not ally itself with the remnants of Musharraf's.



Nawaz Sharif, head of the Pakistan Muslim League-N party, right, shakes hands with Asif Ali Zardari, co-chairman of the Pakistan Peoples Party, after their meeting in Islamabad, Pakistan, Thursday.

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## Three senators in emergency landing in Afghanistan

By Andrew Miga  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A helicopter carrying three senior U.S. senators made an emergency landing Thursday in the mountains of Afghanistan because of a snowstorm.

Sens. John Kerry, Joseph Biden and Chuck Hagel were aboard one of two helicopters that made emergency landings, Kerry said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from Turkey. Staffers were on the second chopper, Kerry said.

No one was injured, Kerry said. The senators and their delegation returned to Bagram Air Base in a motor convoy, and left for Turkey. They had been visiting some forward firebases in Afghanistan before the emergency landing.

"The weather closed in on us," Kerry said. "It went pretty blind, pretty fast and we were around some pretty dangerous ridges. So the pilot exercised his judgment that we were better off putting down there, and we all agreed."

Kerry, the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee, said the group waited for about three hours until a conveyer with American troops took them to Bagram Air Base. There was a perimeter guard and an F-16 fighter overhead providing cover, he said.

Kerry said the lawmakers were lucky because there happened to be a road nearby.

"We sat up there and traded stories," Kerry joked. "We were going to send Biden out to fight the Taliban with snowballs, but we didn't have to do it."

Added Kerry: "Other than getting a little cold, it was fine."

The lawmakers were on a trip this week that included stops in India, Turkey and Pakistan, where they observed the elections earlier this week.

Kerry is from Massachusetts and fellow Democrat Biden is from Delaware, while the Republican Hagel is from Nebraska.

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2008 HUMMER H3 SUV

## New Model, More Performance!

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

The folks at HUMMER continue to expand the H3 SUV franchise of rugged, durable, extreme machines with the debut of the H3 Alpha. Joining the midsize H3 and the urban-inspired H3x that was introduced last year, the H3 Alpha is the newest model in the performance-bred Alpha series. This can-do HUMMER on steroids is outfitted with a new 5.3L V8 engine and hotted to a Hydra-Matic 4L60-E electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission.

Base power for the H3 is provided by a Vortec 3.7L in-line five cylinder engine with dual overhead cams and variable valve timing. The prime mover is bolted to the standard five-speed manual gearbox or optional Hydra-Matic 4L60-E four-speed automatic. The H3 is equipped with a two-speed, electronically controlled, full-time 4WD system. A fully locking electronic rear differential is available in the optional Off-Road Adventure package.

Other changes and enhancements for the entire 2008 H3 lineup include standard head curtain side airbags and available Rear Vision system.

Smaller does not mean weaker when referring to the H3. This is the only SUV in the midsize segment that can climb a 16-inch vertical wall, scale a 60 percent grade, transverse a 40 percent side slope and

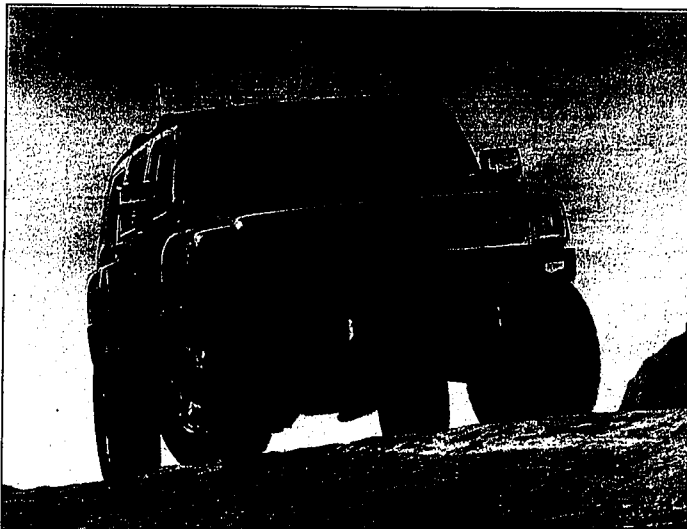
operate in 24 inches of water and do it fully loaded at its maximum cargo capacity.

The H3 shares much of its underpinnings with GM's Chevrolet Colorado/GMC Canyon midsize pickup trucks. The H3's formidable foundation starts with a three-piece, modular, welded ladder-type frame. The frame includes high-strength steel side rails and cross members for durability and enhanced off-road capability. Suspension hardware includes a Short-Long Arm (SLA) independent front

suspension and a hitchhiss design, dual-stage, leaf spring rear suspension.

The front suspension uses an aluminum-forged upper control arm and a cast modular iron lower control arm, providing robustness and strength when off-roading. Microcellular urethane jounce bumpers are used in the front and rear to prevent the suspension from hitting the frame in rough terrain.

Inside, the airy cabin is ruggedly tasteful -- a clean, honest presentation of displays,



### 2008 HUMMER H3 SUV by the Numbers

#### PRICING:

The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2008 HUMMER H3 starts from \$30,150 for the Base model, \$38,455 for the H3x and \$38,725 for the H3 Alpha. Destination charges add \$615.

#### WHEELBASE:

111.9; overall length: 186.7; width: 85.6; height: 73.0 -- all measurements are in inches.

#### ENGINE:

3.7L five-cylinder -- 242 hp at 5,600 rpm and 242 lbs-ft of torque at 4,600 rpm; 5.3L V8 -- 300 hp at 5,200 rpm and 320 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm.

#### TRANSMISSION:

five-speed manual, four-speed electronically-controlled automatic.

#### EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

3.7L five-cylinder -- 13 city/18 hwy. (manual); 14 city/18 hwy. (automatic); 5.3L V8 -- 13 city/16 hwy.

#### CARGO CAPACITY:

55.7 cu. ft.

#### PAYLOAD CAPACITY:

1,150 lbs.

#### TOWING CAPACITY:

6,000 lbs.

#### SAFETY FEATURES:

Dual front airbags, head curtain airbags with rollover sensing system, OnStar communications system, remote keyless entry, StabiliTrak vehicle stability system, traction control, battery rundown protection, daytime running lights, tire pressure monitoring system, alarm system, fog lights, automatic headlamp control, full size spare tire and four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock. Alpha adds garage door opener. Optional safety features include navigation system and rearview mirror.

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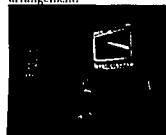
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controls and switching.

The cloth seats are both comfortable and supportive. Two power points are located at the bottom of the center stack. The rear seat is comfortable and versatile. The seat cushion has a hard plastic cupholder that flips open, as needed.

In addition, the 60/40 split fold-down seats add cargo handling capabilities to the H3 although they do not fold flat with the cargo floor. Access to the rear cargo area is by a door at the rear of the vehicle as opposed to a hatch arrangement.



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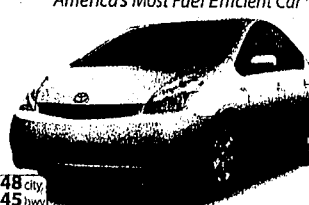
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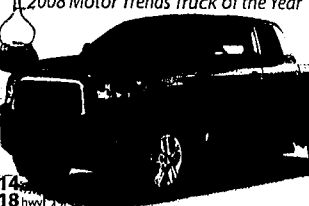
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MEDIUM #24

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page E-10.

## General

**AUTOMOTIVE**  
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**EDUCATION**  
Boise State University Magic Valley MSW and BSW Program Coordinators Boise State University School of Social Work seeks 2 full-time faculty members familiar with Magic Valley social agencies to serve as program/faculty coordinators for new MSW and BSW programs based in Twin Falls at the College of Southern Idaho. Positions include teaching, program coordination and practicum coordination. Qualifications: MSW degree (Ph.D. preferred) and minimum of five years of professional practice and/or college level teaching. Salary: low \$50s plus benefits. Program information: http://www.boisestate.edu/socwork/ Send letter describing your interest and skills/experience that you believe would qualify you for the position, resume, and contact information for three professional references to: Donna Deason, School of Social Work, Boise State University, 1910 University Drive, Boise, Idaho 83725-1940. E-mail: donna.deason@boisestate.edu. Review of applications will begin March 28 and continue until the positions are filled. Boise State University is an EOE/AAE Employer. Vets preference.

## General

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## General

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Security Officers Needed immediately for Wendell area. Days Call Mon-Fri 9am-5pm 208-318-0188 or 208-734-8229

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## Financial

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**THE ACES ON BRIDGE®**

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"For every inch that is not fool is rogue."

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Sometimes the play to trick one of a suit contract will involve producing an unnaturally high or low card to create a false impression about a side suit, hoping declarer will misplay later on.

Here is a famous example of this genre. The setting was rubber bridge, hence the rustic nature of the auction. (If you are looking for a more sophisticated way to describe the North hand, consider using the jump to four diamonds over the Stayman response to set hearts as trump in a balanced hand, with a subsequent bid of four no-trump as Blackwood. A direct four-no-trump bid would then be quantitative.)

West had an awkward choice of leads against six hearts, but he opted for the club two. Declarer sniffed the air cautiously and rose with dummy's ace, pinning his hopes on the heart finesse. Reasonable enough, and a line that was destined to succeed if Liza Shaw (East) had not been equally on the ball.

Under the club ace she deposited the king, and now declarer had a real problem. If it was East, not West, who was short in clubs, it was imperative to draw trump while keeping West off play because of the threatened club ruff. Accordingly, declarer executed the perfect safety play of leading ace and another trump. Nothing could go wrong... unless East could win the heart king and give her partner the ruff. And so it was.

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