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Senate passes grocery tax credit

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — The Senate passed a bill 27-8 on Thursday to increase the grocery tax credit in Idaho, overcoming warnings from some legislators that doing so will cause fiscal shortfalls in the future.

The decision almost ends nearly two years of squabbling between Gov. CL "Butch" Otter and lawmakers. Addressing the sales tax on groceries has been a priority for

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legislators since they increased the tax to 6 percent about two years ago to compensate for property tax relief.

The House voted 62-8 in favor of

the measure. It now goes to Otter, who last year vetoed a similar bill.

The bill's passage came after an unsuccessful motion by Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, to have the bill amended. It failed 25 to 10.

Currently, most Idahoans receive \$20 in annual credit and seniors get \$65. The multi-year measure, sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Russ Fulcher, R-Meridian,

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OUT OF BOUNDS



Bob England, 22, throws a disc Thursday afternoon during a disc golf game with family members at Thomsen Park in Twin Falls. England's father-in-law, Mark Mills, and other family members worked hard to get sponsors for the disc golf course. They also helped build it — from setting cement slabs that mark hole numbers to installing metal baskets. But because of complaints from neighbors, the course is scheduled to be torn down in April.

Disc golf problems force city to pull course

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

The majority of disc golfers knew exactly where to draw the line.

When a local father and son obtained city approval to open a disc golf course more than one year ago at Thomsen Park, that line was distinguished as the fence dividing private homes from a disc golf course.

But after "numerous" complaints from neighbors about disc golfers leaping over their fences, crushing their gates, even crawling on roofs and interrupting a wedding to retrieve lost Frisbees, the city has decided to tear down the park in April.

The course has become hugely popular with disc golfers — and not just from Twin Falls. Groups have traveled

from Oregon, Washington and Utah to play the course. The course has hosted one tournament already and before it shuts down, Boy Scouts are holding a second tournament.

"Here in the Magic Valley there really isn't a big spot to put it," said the father Mark Mills. "It's really kind of devastating. They pretty much ruined it



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Watch a video interview with the disc golfers

for everybody. They are individuals that had no respect or courtesy at all."

With money raised by private citizens, the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department approved the plan to install the disc golf course.

Mills and others raised money for baskets, metal nets on poles. And when neighbors began

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Flood weary

For Midwesterners, raging rivers, rising floodwaters have become familiar

By Christopher Leonard Associated Press writer

FENTON, Mo. — With more than a dozen people killed by floodwaters, and rivers still rising, weary Midwesterners on Thursday weighed not just the prospect of a sudden cleanup but the likelihood that their communities could be inundated again.

Families in some areas have been forced from their homes multiple times in the past few years, making the routine of filling sandbags and rescuing furniture into a familiar drill.

"We've been through this before," said Michelle Buhlinger, who works for the school

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Idaho Senate challenges House to act on road bills

By John Miller Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Senate Transportation Committee unanimously passed a plan Thursday for the state's performance auditor to evaluate Idaho Transportation Department operations.

The panel then said the House of Representatives should get moving on bills that would raise money to fix thousands of miles of battered roads.

Before the hearing, House leaders demanded the Senate pass the plan as a condition for House action on higher taxes on gasoline sales and car rentals, increases in car and truck registration fees and other bills.

Transportation officials say flat federal highway funding and stagnating state

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New construction projects halted in Camas County

Moratorium in place until legal issue is resolved

By Nabe Poppino Times-News writer

All new construction is on hold across Camas County, the latest step in an ongoing legal battle over the county's attempt to rezone more than 20,000 acres.

Following a failed attempt to appeal an injunction against the county's new zoning ordinance, revised in March 2007, county commissioners have passed an emergency moratorium prohib-

ing the filing of any new land use applications or building permits. The moratorium was approved by the commission March 10, the same day 5th District Judge Robert J. Elgee expanded his Dec. 28 injunction to cover the county's old zoning ordinance as well.

The 182-day moratorium originally stopped work on all existing permits, but was adjusted after Elgee indicated his injunction did not affect those already approved, court documents show.

But George Martin Jr., a builder who sued the county over what he said is an illegally developed ordinance, said he is concerned the moratorium is unnecessary, too broad and could hurt the county later.

After the December injunction, which prohibited the county from using the newer ordinance, Martin pushed to hold the county in criminal contempt of court, saying it

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Robin Harrison steadies a ladder for his boss, Duane Englestadt. Englestadt's project isn't affected by the county's moratorium, which applies only to projects outside Fairfield's city limits in Camas County.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

Weather forecast for Twin Falls: Today (Partly cloudy, breezy with seasonal High 49), Tonight (Partly cloudy with less wind Low 29), Saturday (A nice start to the Easter weekend 50/30)

MINI-CASSIA: Today: Partly cloudy with breezy west to southwest winds. Highs in the upper 40s. Tonight: Partly cloudy with not quite as breezy. Lows in the upper 20s. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with near-average temperatures and light winds. Highs in the upper 40s. Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT: Pianist Angela Jia Kim in Concert, sponsored by the Mini-Cassia Community Concerts Association, 7:30 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley, cost by season membership: \$40 adults, \$20 students and \$110 families, 678-7798 or 678-7447. The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary public dance, 8 p.m., D.A.V. Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls, \$2 donation, 734-5208.

BUSINESS: "Achieving Success in a Changed Market" by Rick DeLuca, presented by Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Greater Twin Falls Board of Realtors building, 1162 Eastland Dr. N., Suite 1, Twin Falls, \$60 at the door, open to all Idaho realtors and real estate licensees; walk-ins accepted, stevens@cableone.net or 733-6421.

CHARITIES AND FUNDRAISERS: The 32nd annual Lost Wages Night, hosted by the Optimist Club of Twin Falls, an evening of fun with gaming, raffles, silent auctions, food, beverages and many prizes (includes Athenian diamond, Sit and Sleep set of furniture and a 42" Plasma HD TV), 7 to 10 p.m., Turf Club, Twin Falls, proceeds to "coats for kids" program, 736-5076.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: Members of the Twin Falls High School graduating class of 1947 luncheon, open to all 1947 classmates, 1 p.m., Jaker's, 1598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, cost of meal, 733-7410 or 420-9435.

EXHIBITS: "For Want of a Horsehoe: Cultural and Natural History of Horsehoes," exploring the history and evolution of the horse and its shoes, hosted by Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Visitor Center, Hagerman, no cost, (208) 837-4793 ext. 5227. Sally MacHitts' "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, 733-2954 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, 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 Pro 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 Pro Exercise Class, 11 to 11:45 a.m., Oakley Fire Station, 315 E. Main St., Oakley, no cost, 737-5988. Free yoga classes, for teens and adults at any level of skill led by instructor Suelein Buhidar, 4:30 p.m., Shrimy Shakti, 124 Main Ave. N. (upstairs in old Paris building), Twin Falls, no cost, 733-5257. Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Agape, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 269 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-4667. Al-Anon/Alateen family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hotline: (866) 592-3198.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES: Chaparelle House 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt, includes Bunny raffle, 3 p.m., Chaparelle House, 1880 Harrison St. N., Twin Falls, 733-7511. Adult egg hunt, sponsored by the Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce, includes 1,000 Easter eggs with prizes and giveaways in each egg, begins at dark (bring flashlight), Hagerman City Park, Intersection of State Street and Spring Street West, 8:57-6249.

MUSEUMS: Faulkner Planetarium "Icy Worlds/Saving the Night/Live Sky Tour" at 7 p.m. and "Izz Zepplin: Maximum Volume 1" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

MORNING BRIEFING



West Enders are Idaho's mysterious noise experts

You'd have a tough time convincing residents of Twin Falls County's West End that the recent late-night mysterious noises aren't coming from the Air Force... The eastern edge of the Idaho Training Range is only 40 miles from Castletro and Buhl, and a supersonic jet travels 40 miles in 3 minutes... So West Enders are accustomed to things that go bump — and go bump loudly — in the night.

"Usually we hear the explosions when the air is humid and cold, thus transmitting sound easier," said Filler farmer Bill Blitzenburg... "Many times in the summer you see flashes then hear nothing, because of the warm thin air"... In March 1997, a sonic boom was blamed for damaging the Castletro High School gym — \$150,000 worth of damage... The Air Force denied it was responsible and refused to pay compensation... But the incident transformed many Castletro farmers into amateur sonic boom experts, packing stopwatch-

es so they could keep track of sonic bombs and correlate them with reported training sorties out of Mountain Home Air Force Base... They had good reasons: From 1995 until 2002, for example, Mountain Home was the home of B-1B bombers, which roar overhead at up to 115 decibels... Your lawn mower, by contrast, chugs along at less than 100 decibels...

CSI'S BEEN PROMOTED! College of Southern Idaho President Jerry Beck must have more clout with the Legislature than we thought. Sports Illustrated columnist Luke Winn this week was gushing about Reggie Larry, the CSI alum who has led Boise State to its first appearance in the NCAA men's basketball tournament since 1994... The 6-foot-6, 225-pound forward from Newark, N.J., spent two years at a junior college, the University of Southern Idaho, before landing in Boise and emerg-

ing as a force in the WAC." Winn wrote... "The University of Southern Idaho... Like the sound of that... Actually, it wouldn't be the only community college in the country to call itself a university... The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, to which the CSI women's basketball team lost Wednesday night at the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament in Salina, Kan., is a two-year program transitioning into a four-year school... It's supposed to join NCAA Division II in 2009... And CSI's old nemesis in men's basketball, NCAIA tournament veterans Vincennes University of Vincennes, Ind., has been a two-year institution — and a university — since 1889... Technically, a university is supposed to be an institution of higher education and research that grants two-year, four-year and postgraduate degrees in a range of subjects... But the word itself comes from the Latin term for a "community of teachers and scholars"...

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"That's 'scholars,' not 'students'... No pressure intended, though..."

RULES OF THE ROAD

From Les Nelson of Kimberly: "Drivers most likely to be speeding and/or inattentive: "In town and on rural roads: "1. Over 60 and wearing dark sunglasses... "2. Women using cell phones (most of them, usually)... "3. Teen girls using cell phones (all of them, all of the time)... "4. Teen boys with one or more teen passengers... "5. "Driving 'look-at-me' on freeways: "1. All of the above... "2. Cars with Utah plates... "3. Left-lane aficionados..."

Steve Crump is the Times-Herald opinion editor.

AROUND THE WORLD

WASHINGTON: Obama, Clinton argue over Mich. as primary re-do plan collapses

WASHINGTON — The drive for a second Michigan presidential primary collapsed Thursday, and a fresh dispute broke out between Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton over the fate of the state's 128 national convention delegates... Obama's campaign said a fair resolution would be to split them evenly with Clinton, Aides to the former first lady instantly rejected the idea and said they would consider a mail-in primary — even though Obama has raised concerns about the security of a vote by mail organized so quickly... Obama leads the overall competition for convention delegates, and Clinton has been leading the effort to hold a revote in Michigan, eager for a chance to close the gap on her rival... The state held a primary in January, so early in the year

that it violated party rules. As a result, it was stripped of its delegates. Obama and several other Democratic candidates removed their name from the Michigan ballot and all Democratic candidates agreed not to campaign there.

FLORIDA: 75-pound stingray leaps from water, kills woman on boat

MARATHON — A 75-pound stingray killed a Michigan woman Thursday when it flew out of the water and struck her face as she rode a boat in the Florida Keys, officials said... Judy Kay Zagorski, of Pigeon, Mich., was sitting in the front seat of a boat going 25 mph when the spotted eagle ray, with a wingspan of 5 to 6 feet, leaped out of the water, said Jorge Pino, spokesman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission... The 57-year-old woman's father was driving the boat on the Atlantic Ocean side of Vaca Key, Pino said.

"He had absolutely no warning. It just happened instantaneously," Pino said... The collision knocked Zagorski backward onto the floor of the boat, Pino said... The impact likely killed the woman, and she did not appear to have puncture wounds from the ray's barb, Pino said. An autopsy is planned, Pino said... Zagorski's sister was standing next to her when the stingray appeared but was not injured, Pino said... The stingray landed in the 25-foot boat and died from the impact, officials said... "Rays jump to escape a predator, give birth and give parasites," said Lynn Gear, supervisor of fishes and reptiles at Theater of the Sea in Islamorada. "They do not attack people."

his portrayal of Sir Thomas More, in the 1966 film "A Man for All Seasons," has died. He was 86.

Scotfield, who had been suffering from leukemia, died Wednesday in a hospital near his home in Sussex, England, his agent, Rosalind Chatto, said in a statement... An admiring Richard Burton once said of the tall, craggy-faced Scotfield, whose stage roles included Hamlet, King Lear, Macbeth and Othello: "Of the 10 greatest moments in the theater, eight are Scotfield's."

Scotfield, praised by critic Kenneth Tynan for "his power to enlarge a role until it fits him, as a hatter will stretch a bowler," originated the role of More, the morally courageous 16th-century chancellor of England who defied King Henry VIII, in Robert Bolt's "A Man for All Seasons" on the London stage in 1960.

BRITAIN: Oscar-winning actor Paul Scofield, 86, dies

Paul Scofield, one of the giants of the British stage who won an Academy Award for

assault on military targets in Baghdad and other cities. The House approved a \$2.2 billion budget embracing President Bush's tax-cutting plan... One year ago: Former Vice President Al Gore made an emotional return to Congress as he pleaded with House and Senate committees to fight global warming; skeptical Republicans questioned the science behind his climate-change documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today Is Good Friday, March 21, the 81st day of 2008. There are 285 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: On March 21, 1605, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.

ON THIS DATE: In 1907, U.S. Marines used Handguns to protect American lives and interests in the wake of political violence.

In 1960, some 70 people were killed in Sharpeville, South Africa, when police fired on demonstrators.

In 1963, the Alcatraz federal prison island in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates at the order of Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

In 1965, more than 3,000 civil rights demonstrators led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. began their march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

In 1985, police in Langa,

South Africa, opened fire on blacks marching to mark the 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings; the reported death toll varies between 29 and 43.

Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II began a visit to Nigeria with the Vatican pressing the African nation's military regime to release dozens of prisoners, including prominent opposition figures and journalists.

Five years ago: The United States launched a ferocious, around-the-clock aerial

Nowpac Levels: Seasonal Percentage table for various locations like Waterhead, Salmon, Big Wood, Little Lost, etc.

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# Grocery

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would increase the credit to \$50 next year for the poorest Idahoans, and \$30 for the rest. It would increase \$10 yearly until it reaches \$100.

If the state's economy suffers in the future, a legislative resolution or governor's executive order would stop the yearly increases.

"This is only on autopilot if we choose it to be," Fulcher told senators. "It gives us an incentive to take some of that money off the table. Because you know what? It's not our money."

But the bill carries a \$22 million price tag for this year's budget — \$122 million through 2016 — and with the nation's shaky economy and the state's declining revenue, Cameron insisted senators choose another route.

He said next year's budget-writers will have a tougher time than this year, and might need to raise taxes or cut

budgets. He said that current projects next year show a 1 percent increase for state employees and teachers, an 8 percent increase in health benefits, and that the legislation will propel the state into a \$45 million beginning deficit.

"If you don't want to release prisoners and you don't want to cut education and you don't want to cut health and welfare, you've got about 10 percent to play with," Cameron said. "Education receives more than half the state budget."

The state's budgeting panel already approved \$10 million to fix water issues, \$12 million for college scholarships and \$11 million in surplus money for substance abuse.

Senators said they'd prefer cutting the sales tax on groceries altogether, but the bill was written to satisfy as many people as possible.

Others said that bypassing the grocery tax would be hyp-

ocritical after they approved tax exemptions Monday for the Arava, the French-based nuclear company looking to build a \$2 billion plant in Idaho.

"We just took the sales tax of unjust enrichment and now we have to decide whether to give some relief to Idaho's families," said Sen. David Langhorst, D-Boise. "I think there's been an article of faith ... that we would do something about grocery tax."

Not lifting the grocery sales tax entirely means the state will still receive revenue from tourists, illegal immigrants and travelers. The credit does not apply to people on food stamps.

Sen. Chuck Collier, R-Twin Falls, was among the lawmakers who supported Cameron's motion but then voted in favor of the original bill, likely recognizing there was no alternative this session.

# Camas

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allowed applications for five-acre parcels — something only allowed under the new ordinance. Pointing out that the new ordinance had not been declared void, Elgee decided to pause permits entered under both ordinances until the resolution of the court case. The case is set for trial starting May 20.

"In the Court's view, the applicable zoning in Camas County governing land use applications cannot change in the case at hand progresses," Elgee wrote in his judicial order.

The judge, Martin said, was very clear that his injunction was in essence a moratorium. The injunction, he added, never mentioned building permits — just any land use planning made using the ordinances. And, he said, such moratoriums can't be used more than once in a year's time, meaning if the county loses the court case, it won't be able to rely on one in some time. The county already used one such moratorium just after adopting the new ordinance in March 2007, he said, leaving him unsure whether the current

one is legal.

"If (Elgee) unwinds it, to be able to put the brakes on, they've just eliminated that possibility," Martin said.

Only two people attended the public hearing, Martin said, including himself. He said the proposed moratorium document wasn't available until moments before the hearing began. According to a public records request he made, no records exist on the hearing. Elgee criticized the county's poor record-keeping in the first injunction.

County planning and zoning officials and commissioners could not be reached this week to respond to Martin's concerns. But on March 14, Planning and Zoning Administrator Dwight Butlin said the moratorium reflected the judge's injunction and that the county is now waiting for Elgee to issue a decision regarding the revised plan. The moratorium on new construction, he said, hasn't affected his workload too much.

"I still have plenty to do," Butlin said. "It gives me a little break to go ahead and get things caught up."

Bob Rodman, a former

planning and zoning commission member who claimed he was thrown off the board when he brought up concerns about the new plan two years ago, said he's concerned the county is receiving bad legal advice. The county failed to present any evidence supporting its arguments until the final of five hearings, he said. Stephanie Bonney, the county's attorney, is from Boise firm Moore, Smith, Buxton and Turcke, which advised Blaine County and the city of McCall during cases both lost over jail funding and a contract to fix a sewer system, respectively. The latter eventually led to the threat of bankruptcy for McCall.

"Their defense has been kind of a whiny, 'You shouldn't pick on us because we're the county commissioners and we know what we're doing,'" said Rodman, the only person besides Martin to attend the emergency public hearing.

The planning and zoning commission is set to discuss the zoning ordinance and map, county comprehensive plan and land-use map at a 7 p.m. meeting on Tuesday.

# Golf

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complaining of trespassers, Mills placed signs over the fences warning against uninvited guests. Some of the nets located closer to the fences were relocated farther away.

But the problem persisted.

"We were really surprised a disc could fly that far off course," said Dennis Bowyer, who heads the city's parks and recreation department. "But some people can throw it 60 to 70 yards. The wind catches it. It dives. It hooks. It can go off course."

Bowyer said the majority of users respected neighbors' privacy and had truly come to love the course.

As Bowyer looks for a new site to move the course, there may be no good alternatives to the 13-acre sprawl of lawn, Mills said.

Bowyer has suggested moving the course to Dierkes Park, which is hemmed in on the south side of the Snake River Canyon east of Twin Falls. But the location has concerns, ranging from sea-

sonal admission charges and a non-central location. It's also crowded with people and crusted in lava rock, Mills said.

That leaves only the College of Southern Idaho, Mills said, which has not agreed yet to accept the course.

And it leaves disc golfers like Mills counting down the days until April.

"We got the baskets now and nowhere to play," he said.

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# Roads

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revenues will leave Idaho about \$240 million short of what is required to meet the need for road and bridge work. Nearly all lawmakers concede something must be done, but bills to raise more money have become political kickbacks.

"The Senate has done its part," said Sen. John McGee, R-Caldwell and committee chairman, after sending the \$50,000 audit bill to the full chamber. "We're anxiously awaiting their bills for funding Idaho roads."

In February, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter suggested raising \$202 million by 2011 state car registration fees to \$150 from as low as \$24. He withdrew the plan days later amid objections from House leaders, including Transportation

Committee Chairwoman JoAnn Wood, R-Tigby, who said it was too expensive.

After the Senate panel approved the audit, Wood said she was pleased.

Nothing the House passes will approach Otter's original proposal, she said.

Several other proposals have emerged.

- Sen. Tim Corder, R-Mountain Home, a trucking company owner, and Shawn Keough, R-Sandpoint, have introduced legislation centering on a 4.5 cents-a-mile surcharge to increase revenue from commercial trucks by about \$57 million.
- A slimmer, competing proposal from Wood to increase registration fees for commercial trucks would raise an additional \$8.5 million.
- A Republican-backed

plan would add \$24 to automobile registration fees, raising \$30.2 million. The owner of a car built in 1993 would pay \$48 in state fees, double the current cost, and on new cars the figure would jump to \$72. Counties add additional fees.

- Two separate bills would charge an extra \$10 each for the state's 104,000 specialty license plates, missing \$1 million a year, and assess a 4 percent tax on rental cars, raising about \$1.3 million.
- Three bills introduced Thursday by a minority Democrats would raise a total of \$100 million — \$30 million in car registration, \$20 million by boosting receipts from commercial trucks and \$50 million from a proposed 2 percent sales tax on motor fuel in addition to the existing 25 cents a gallon.

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# Floods

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district in Valley Park in suburban St. Louis. "We're expecting the levees to hold up, but we don't want to take any chances."

The first day of spring brought much-needed sunshine to some flooded communities, but many swelling rivers were not expected to crest until the weekend in Arkansas, Missouri, southern Illinois, southern Indiana and Kentucky.

The worst flooding happened in smaller rivers across the nation's midsection. Major channels such as the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio rivers saw only minor flooding.

In Fenton, another suburb, Jeff Rogles joined dozens of volunteers to fill sandbags and pile them against downtown businesses near the fast-rising Meramec River, which was expected to reach more than 20 feet above flood stage in some spots near St. Louis.

"I think we have enough volunteers out here to stave off disaster," said Rogles, 27, who joined the effort because he remembered the devastating Great Flood of 1903.

Parts of Missouri got a foot of rain over a 36-hour period this week, causing widespread flash flooding and

swelling many rivers. Five deaths have been confirmed in Missouri and hundreds of people were forced from their homes. Many families will return to find their property badly damaged or destroyed.

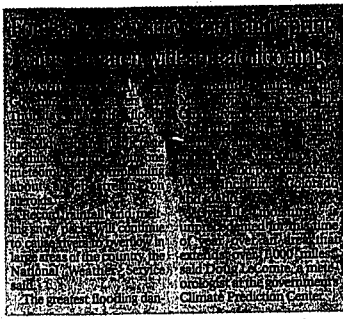
Valley Park is protected by a flood levee completed in 2005, but the projected 40-foot crest there on Saturday would reach within three feet of the top of the levee. As a result, many homeowners, merchants and even schools were moving to higher ground.

In southwest Indiana, Todd Ferguson has spent the past three days building a sandbag wall around his sister-in-law's Evansville home.

Pigeon Creek normally flows about 200 yards from Valerie Ferguson's house, but the water had crept to within 10 feet and was not expected to crest until Sunday.

In 2006, the Fergusons piled more than 1,000 sandbags around their home and still sustained about \$1,000 in damage. This time, they don't have help from Valerie's husband, Tim, who is serving in Iraq with the Indiana National Guard.

"We won two years ago, but I don't know if we're going to win this one," Todd Ferguson said. "Only



Large areas of the country are being inundated by flooding. National Weather Service/Climat Prediction Center

time will tell, I guess." High water also closed the eastbound lanes of Interstate 70 for about 4 miles in central Ohio's Licking County, state police said. The floodwaters were receding by midday but there was no estimate of when the lanes would reopen.

Levee breaches in southeast Missouri forced hundreds of people from their homes and left many major roadways impassable. The Coon Island levee near Poplar Bluff, Mo., broke around noon Thursday, and authorities were preparing to conduct water rescues if necessary.

President Bush declared a major disaster in Missouri on Wednesday night and ordered

federal agencies to assist state and local authorities in flooded areas.

The Black, Big and St. Francis rivers in Missouri were also expected to flood significantly. Minor flooding was predicted on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers.

At least 15 deaths have been linked to the weather over the past few days, and three people were missing.

Searches were under way in Texas for a teenager who was washed down a drainage pipe, and two people were missing Thursday in Arkansas after their vehicles were swept away by rushing water on Tuesday.

# Stress-related gene may help explain who suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder

By Lindsey Tanner  
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Ground-breaking research suggests genes help explain why some people can recover from a traumatic event while others suffer post-traumatic stress disorder.

Though preliminary, the study provides insight into a condition expected to strike increasing numbers of military veterans returning from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, one health expert said.

Researchers found that spe-

cific variations in a stress-related gene appeared to be influenced by trauma at a young age — in this case child abuse. That interaction strongly increased the chances for adult survivors of abuse to develop signs of PTSD.

Among adult survivors of severe child abuse, those with the specific gene variations scored more than twice as high (31) on a scale of post-traumatic stress, compared with those without the variations (13).

The worse the abuse, the stronger the risk in people

with those gene variations.

The study of 900 adults is among the first to show that genes can be influenced by outside, nongenetic factors to trigger signs of PTSD. It is the largest of just two reports to show molecular evidence of a genetic influence on PTSD.

"We have known for over a decade, from twin studies, that genetic factors play a role in vulnerability to developing PTSD, but have had little success in identifying specific genetic variants that increase risk of the disorder," said Karsten Koenen, a Harvard psychologist doing similar

research. She was not involved in the new study.

The results suggest that there are critical periods in childhood when the brain is vulnerable "to outside influences that can shape the developing stress-response system," said Emory University researcher and study co-author Dr. Kerry Ressler.

The study appeared in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

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# Science and the Bible agree: It's better to give than to receive

By Randolph E. Schmid  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Bible counsels misers that it's better to give than to receive. Science agrees.

People who made gifts to others or to charities reported they were happier than folks who didn't share, according to a report in Friday's issue of the journal *Science*. While previous studies have shown that having more money can increase happiness, the researchers at the University of British Columbia and Harvard University wondered if the way people spent their money made any difference.

Lead researcher Elizabeth W. Dunn, an assistant professor of psychology at the University of British Columbia, said she wasn't surprised that doing something for others made people happy.

But she was struck by how big the effect was and that how people spent money was more important than how much money they had.

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"This work suggests that even making small alterations in how we spend money on a daily basis can make a difference in happiness."

— Elizabeth W. Dunn, assistant professor of psychology at the University of British Columbia

even making small alterations in how we spend money on a daily basis can make a difference in happiness," Dunn said in a telephone interview. "That doesn't mean go get a high paying job so you can spend tons of money on others. The message is, given what you have, how can you make little alterations to do something for others," she said.

And, she added, "there's nothing special about money," giving can involve time or special skills to help other people.

The report didn't surprise Sue Citro, senior digital membership manager for the Nature Conservancy:

"We do hear from our members and our supporters that the do get a real feeling of satisfaction from knowing

their giving is doing good," she said.

The researchers started by asking a sample of 632 Americans, 55 percent of whom were women, to rate their happiness on a scale of 1 to 5, the higher the number the happier.

Then they asked the participants to report their annual income and estimate how much they spent on paying bills, buying gifts for themselves, buying gifts for others and giving to charity.

The first two were considered personal spending and averaged \$1,714-a-month, the

### Happy helpers

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**MONEY'S DIFFERENCE:** How people spent money was more important than how much money they had, noted the researchers from the University of British Columbia and Harvard University.

second two were termed "prosocial" spending and averaged \$146-a-month.

"Personal spending was unrelated to happiness," said the researchers. "But higher prosocial spending was associated with significantly greater happiness," they found.

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## State Department fires two for accessing Obama's passport files

By Glenn Kessler  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The State Department said Thursday night that it had fired two contract employees and disciplined a third for accessing Sen. Barack Obama's passport files.

Obama's presidential campaign immediately called for a "complete investigation."

State Department spokesman Tom Casey said the employees had individually looked into Obama's passport file on Jan. 9, Feb. 21 and March 14. To access such a file, the employees must first acknowledge a pledge to keep the information private.

The employees were each caught because of a computer-monitoring system that is triggered when the passport accounts of a "high-profile person" are accessed, he said. The system, which focuses on politicians and celebrities, was put in place after the State Department was embroiled in a scandal involving the access of the passport records of then-presidential candidate Bill Clinton in 1992.

"The State Department has strict policies and controls on

access to passport records by government and contract employees," Casey said.

The department uses contract employees to help with data entry, customer service and other administration tasks. The employee involved in the March 14 incident has only been disciplined so far, because the investigation of that incident is still continuing, an official said.

Though the workers were caught by a computer system that focuses on high-profile people, Casey said that a computer report is generated on every access to passport records and that spot checks are taken to ensure that employees are not violating the Privacy Act.

"This is an outrageous breach of security and privacy, even from an administration that has shown little regard for either over the last eight years," Obama spokesman Bill Burton said in a statement. "This is a serious matter that merits a complete investigation, and we demand to know who looked at Senator Obama's passport file, for what purpose, and why it took so long for them to reveal this security breach."

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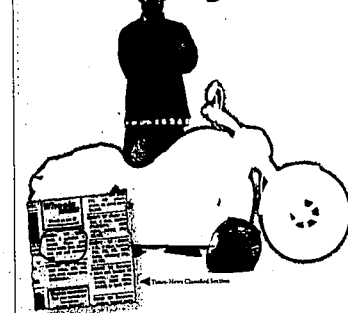
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EDITORIAL

# Twin Falls shouldn't have to resort to inventive funding

Enough creative financing: It's time to let Idaho cities and counties make reasonable spending decisions without bending the Idaho Constitution.

That's what the City of Twin Falls is trying to do by seeking a partnership with the private, nonprofit Region IV Development Association to build a public-works complex. The facility would house the water and golf departments, as well as centralized office space making it easier for the public to find public works administrators. The city would partner with Region IV Development Association, which would build the structure and lease it back to the city for 20 years at the cost of \$4.5 million.

The Development Association would borrow construction money from a bank. To circumvent Idaho laws forbidding cities from entering into long-term agreements and to provide security for the association, the city would lease the land to the association for 40 years and have it returned after the 20-year building lease. The leases would be negotiated year-to-year so future councils could opt out at any time.

Let's be clear: This a public project to be used for justifiable public purposes. If the city can make the case that it's necessary to a majority of voters, it should be able to build it without needing to get two-thirds of taxpayers to agree.

The fact that it can't proceed without a supermajority stems from a 2006 Idaho Supreme Court ruling that "ordinary and necessary" expenses must have voter approval unless municipalities are in an emergency. There's a proposed constitutional amendment in the state Senate State Affairs Committee that would change that, but its prospects are uncertain.

If passed by two-thirds of the full Senate and House, the amendment would go before the voters in November. A majority would have to approve.

The measure would change the supermajority requirement to 50 percent-plus-one for facilities funded by voluntary fees, such as parking or recreational facilities. It would also authorize public hospitals to pay for projects, sign leases and incur debt without voter authorization if no tax revenue is involved.

And it would permit governments to enter into contracts or leases shorter than five years, or if they're paid only by user fees.

The taxpayers would get a better deal on the public-works building if the city could take the direct route and fund it on the basis of a majority vote. Taking the circuitous route is more expensive because there are extra parties, lenders, interest rates and associated costs that must be paid. This newspaper long supported the two-thirds requirement, which has existed as long as there's been an Idaho.

But it was enacted in an era when the growth rate was 3 percent per decade; now it's 3 percent a year. Local governments simply need more flexibility to add public services when they need them.

Twin Falls is doing what it has to do to deal with growth.

But it shouldn't be this hard.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Nothing mysterious about nighttime thunder

Regarding today's (March 20) headline story, a little nighttime thunder may be unusual, but it is not mysterious. In fact, the mystery is

why anyone would believe the National Weather Service's denial. We all know it cannot get a forecast right and, in this case, it even botched the after-cast.

FRANCIS GIDEON  
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# McCain finds himself in an Iraq minefield

WASHINGTON — These are salad days for John McCain, touring world capitals with his buddies Joe Lieberman and Lindsey Graham, meeting foreign leaders and returning to Washington with his nomination secure and polls confirming that he is well positioned to challenge either Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama.

But I have a hunch that the senator from Arizona may look back on his stopover in Baghdad on Sunday and Monday as a missed opportunity.

It is obvious that the Democrats are planning to run against McCain by linking him as tightly as possible with President Bush, the instigator of the Iraq War and the captain of a seriously shaky economy.

As a member of the minority party in a largely dysfunctional Senate, there is little McCain can do to rescue the economy.

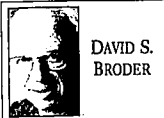
But the Baghdad visit offered him a chance to deal with the other big barrier to his election — his close identification with the Bush policies in a war now into its sixth wearying year.

In the public mind, McCain is closely bound to Bush's most consequential gamble, because he has been a vocal and consistent supporter of the decision to invade Iraq, and because he has been perhaps the most outspoken defender of the troop surge that has, thank goodness, reduced U.S. casualties and brought stability to some parts of the country.

But as much as McCain is linked to Bush on Iraq, he is even more closely tied to Gen. David Petraeus, the commander who devised and executed the counterinsurgency strategy that McCain is calling for long before Bush endorsed it.

When I read Petraeus' comments to *The Washington Post*, just days before McCain landed in Baghdad, I thought, "What an opening he has created for McCain. Cameron W. Barr, who interviewed the general for the *Post*, quoted Petraeus as saying that "no one" on either the Iraqi or U.S. side "feels that there has been sufficient progress by any means in the area of national reconciliation" or the provision of basic services.

Petraeus told Barr that he



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and Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker had "repeatedly noted that it's crucial that the Iraqis exploit the opportunities we and our Iraqi counterparts have fought so hard to provide them."

That clearly opened the door for McCain, as a prospective president, to signal the government of Nouri al-Maliki that his patience with the political impasse is not inexhaustible.

That impasse has blocked the needed oil law and incessantly delayed setting a date for provincial elections that could lead to a federal system — empowering Sunnis and Kurds.

Bush and Maliki have both called these steps vital benchmarks, but Bush has refused to threaten any consequences for Iraqi obduracy. If McCain had told Maliki that he cannot continue to dither, he could have accomplished two important goals.

Because Clinton and Obama have publicly committed to a quick start in reducing U.S. combat forces in Iraq, if either becomes

president, a warning shot from McCain — even without a timetable — would put the Iraqis on notice that the next president would not be as accommodating as Bush.

And politically, it would send a dramatic message that McCain is not in lockstep with Bush, while once again aligning him with Petraeus.

So far as I can judge from the few public statements McCain uttered while in Baghdad, the senator said no such thing.

When CNN's John King asked him during his visit to comment on Petraeus' "frustration with the pace of political progress," McCain gave a bland response.

"Well," he began, "General Petraeus has actually said he is pleased with some of the progress. All of us are frustrated with some of the progress they haven't made, particularly provincial elections. That needs to happen."

McCain went on to say, "So, they need to pass the oil revenue-sharing — the hydrocarbon law. They need to have a better functioning gov-

ernment in many ways. They have got too many ministries. They have got too many bureaucracies."

McCain concluded with the thought that "I will be glad to stake my campaign on the fact that this has succeeded and the American people appreciate it."

For a man with a reputation for "straight talk," that sounds suspiciously like pulling his punches. My sense is that voters would be more willing to give McCain the open-ended commitment he desires in Iraq if they thought the Iraqis were fulfilling their part of the bargain. McCain had a chance to deliver that message publicly in Baghdad, and as far I can see, he missed it.

Instead, he twice mistakenly said that Iraq was aiding the Sunni-based al-Qaida in Iraq, not the Shiite militants — until corrected by Lieberman, thus denying his claim to expertise in the region.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Don't risk a meltdown with nuclear reactors

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As your neighbor in rural Twin Falls, I am very concerned about the nuclear power plant proposed for Bruneau. Please visit our Web site at [www.MylidahoEnergy.com](http://www.MylidahoEnergy.com). There is vital information in the right-hand column I am hoping you will read. In particular, the link to the Department of Energy quotes on nuclear terrorism, from foreigners and disgruntled employees, and criminal activity and safety flaws from 2002, at the Ohio Davis-Besse nuclear plant. An unforced leak had for years, going through the metal reactor vessel, and only three-eighths of an inch of containment was left! The nuclear industry decided to lie to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, risking a meltdown for the sake of profit.

Luckily, it was discovered in time, and that nuclear engineer is now in jail. But it reveals the modern safety problems, and the human factor, that is denied by Mr. Gillispie's presentations in Owyhee County. Idaho has no need to risk a meltdown and a forced evacuation with our abundant renewable power in Idaho! Gillispie says that a meltdown is impossible, but I paste below the 2006 DOE/NRC document on containment flow scenarios that can lead to "catastrophic failures!"

Quotes from Page 147 of Page 166/206 on Web pages at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/contract/cr6906/cr6906.pdf>: "One of the most important behavior questions is that it is not known with certainty whether a boiling failure will reach an equilibrium state or if it will lead to a catastrophic failure."

Please revoke your permission for Gillispie to seek an NRC permit. Please deny the tower permit, until you hear "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." DR. PETER RICKARDS  
Twin Falls

#### Lawmakers stay in dark over greenhouse gases

On March 5, 20 of the 35 members of the Idaho State Senate rejected Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 128. The resolution asked the state to compile a report on greenhouse gas emissions. The data requested would have provided a baseline to determine changes in levels of Idaho's greenhouse gas emissions in the future, but these 20 senators prefer to remain in the dark.

Sen. Shirley McKague explained that she and 19 of her colleagues aren't convinced humans contribute to climate change, missing the point of the resolution.

Not one of the 20 members who voted against the resolution is a scientist, much less a climatologist, yet each is unwilling to consider the position, as stated in the resolution, of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, a highly prestigious body of scientific experts.

The 20 senators who rejected the resolution prefer to take refuge in their personal beliefs rather than determine the facts through scientific measurement.

Their decision was not based on scientific evidence but simply a belief system driven by political ideology. Do they fear the results of a methodical scientific study?

This cultivation of ignorance on the part of our leaders must not be tolerated. I urge everyone to not support future re-elections of these 20 senators who voted against the resolution: Bair, Bastian, Broadsword, Cameron, Darrington, Davis, Fulcher, Goedde, Hammond, Heinrich, Hill, Jorgenson, Keough, Lodge, McGee, McKague, McKenzie, Pearce, Richardson and Siddoway, as well as Robert L. Geddes, a signatory of the debunked "Global Warming Petition Project."

Please support the 15 senators who recognize the wisdom and responsibility of making informed decisions: Anderson, Bilyeu, Burkett, Colner, Corder, Kelly, Langhorst, Little, Mallepell (Sagehen), Schroeder, Siegner, Stennett and Werk. See: <http://www3.state.id.us/ios/SCRI29.html>. JIM SYLVA  
Hansen

# The brutal reality of prostitution

**R**eading between the sheets, the world of "Kristen" and Eliot Spitzer may seem relatively benign. She may have been abused as a child, and tangled with drugs and homelessness, but she was also a consenting adult who apparently kept half the cash that customers paid for her.

That's a dangerously unrepresentative glimpse of prostitution in America. Those who work with street prostitutes say that what they see daily is pimps who control teenage girls with violence and threats — plus an emotional bond — and then keep every penny the girl is paid.

"Sometimes I meet a really good girl who has a good pimp — he beats me only with an open hand," said Rachel Lloyd, a former prostitute who runs a program for underage prostitutes in New York City.

"Many of the girls are the pimps as boyfriends, but violence is integral to everything that happens in the sex industry. That's how you get punished for not bringing in your quota for that evening, or for looking your pimp in the eye."

Bradley Myles, who works in Washington for an anti-trafficking organization called Polaris Project, says it is astonishing how similar the business model is for pimping across the country. Pimps crush runaway girls with a mix of violence and



NICHOLAS KRISTOF

affection, degradation and gifts, and then require absolute obedience to a rigid code: The girl cannot look the pimp in the eye, call him by his name, or keep any cash.

Every evening she must earn a quota of money before she can sleep. She may be required to tattoo the pimp's name on her thigh. And in exchange he may make presents of clothing or jewelry.

It's complicated: What keeps her isn't just fear, but also often an emotional connection.

"When somebody yields power over you to kill you and doesn't, you feel this bizarre thankfulness," Myles said. "It's trauma bonding."

When a middle-class white girl ends up controlled like this — think of Elizabeth Smart, the Utah girl who was kidnapped in 2002 and apparently did not try to escape — then everybody is outraged at the way the kidnapper manipulated her. But when the girls are black, poor and prostituted, there is either indifference or an assumption that they are consenting to the abuse.

"It's about race and class," said Lloyd, who is bewildered when she sees Amber alerts for abducted children. Last year she worked with 250 teenage girls who had been prostituted, and not one of them ever merited an Amber alert.

"If I served 250 white girls from upscale middle-class homes, we'd be rolling in money," she added, "and I wouldn't be changing the law." Changing the law is on the agenda: The House of Representatives passed a landmark bill in December, by a vote of 405-2, that would make the federal authorities much more involved in cracking down on pimps and trafficking.

But the Justice Department is fighting the House bill, and Sen. Joe Biden, who is chairman of a crucial subcommittee, has dangled on it. A broad coalition of anti-trafficking leaders from left and right sent the Justice Department a furious letter scolding it for being soft on pimps.

That may be the only letter in history signed by both Gary Bauer and Gloria Steinem, by executives of the National Organization for Women and the National Association of Evangelicals.

Of the 100,000 prostitution-related arrests each year, the great majority of them are of women and girls; pimps and johns are much less likely to be arrested.

All those girls will never

get a tiny fraction of the attention of the Elizabeth Smarts or Natalee Holloways, who fill the cable television air time for a "missing blond" series. So let's not let "Kristen" displace the broader reality.

Sure, there are young women who voluntarily sell sex; some of them have posted lately on my blog, [nytimes.com/ontheborder](http://nytimes.com/ontheborder). Reasonable people can disagree about whether the police should devote resources to such cases.

With prostitution as with narcotics, no legal model has worked perfectly. I've argued that the approach with the best record is the Swedish model — decriminalizing the sale of sex, while making it an offense to pimp or to buy sex.

But whatever one thinks of legalizing prostitution, let's face reality: The big problem out there is the teenage girls who are battered by their pimps, who will have to meet their quotas tonight and every night, who are locked in car trunks or in basements, who have guns shoved in their mouths if they hint of quitting.

If the Spitzer affair causes us to lose sight of that, then the biggest loser will be those innumerable girls, far more typical than "Kristen," for whom selling sex isn't a choice but a nightmare....

Nicholas Kristof is a columnist for The New York Times

# 'Spring break' is just a synonym for 'drunk'

**T**his month, millions of young people will congregate on sunny beaches as far from home as possible in order to relieve themselves from the stresses of academia. Their methods? Around-the-clock binge drinking and lively cultural activities such as near-naked girl-against-girl wrestling matches held in giant vats of pudding.

The Fort Lauderdale, Fla., version of spring break was originally made famous by the 1960 film "Where the Boys Are," but spring break is now thought to be the best experienced in places like Cancun, Mexico, where the drinking age is 18 and four companies build packages almost exclusively around access to alcohol: \$100 proceeds a wristband that grants admission to clubs offering unlimited free alcohol.

Meanwhile, in news of the "no dud" variety, the American Medical Association released figures about sex and alcohol use during rowdy spring break vacations. The poll, which surveyed female college students and graduates ages 17 to 35, found that 74 percent of original women used drinking — an excuse for outrageous behavior; 83 percent "had friends who drank the majority of nights while on spring break"; and 12 percent "felt forced or pressured into sex" during spring break.

And no wonder: The Journal of American College Health has reported that women partying at spring break hot spots consume an average of 10 alcoholic drinks per day, and men consume an average of 18. Quessy yet? I know I am. A few years ago, I went to Cancun during spring break to research a magazine arti-



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cle. I was hoping to arrive at some grand psychological and existential reason as to why many of today's college women (who, after all, were presumably pursuing higher education because they wanted to be more than sex objects) seem so happy to let men lick tequila shots off their body parts.

I didn't exactly succeed. But after a week of talking to people in various states of undress and intoxication, I can tell you this much: What's happening on spring break beaches isn't just boys being boys and girls going wild. It's young people, women especially, deciding that the way to measure their readiness for the adult world is not in terms of education or emotional maturity but sexual desirability.

The raunchy contests and general inebriation were something that the women had prepared for, almost as though for a final exam. They'd logged hours at the gym, in tanning booths and at body wax salons. They'd save up money for breast implants and then attend the surgery so they'd be healed by spring break. Some seemed to have practiced drinking, experimenting with different alcohol combinations to see what afforded the fastest buzz. And the most ancient of calories and dollars spent. One word I heard again and again, oddly, was "confidence." As they psyched themselves up for wet T-shirt

contests or debated whether a given guy was worth flirting with, a lot of women told me that they saw spring break as the proving ground for their attractiveness. "If I can be considered hot here, I'll be hot anywhere," a rather morose woman sitting on a bar stool in a bikini and high heels told me. "I'm here to get confident."

That's sad, but it's not exactly irrational given the context (no one was there, after all, to participate in a chess tournament). But the more women I talked to, the more it became clear that hotness was, for them, the larger factor in the equation of their self-worth. When they talked about what they wanted to do with their lives, they spoke not of jobs or grad school but of looking good, of having the right equipment and experience to ensure a place in the raunch-obessed pop culture they'd come to see as the real world.

And why not? These days, miniskirts the size of cocktail napkins are considered appropriate mail attire for 14-year-olds. Local newscasters seem to regard see-

through shirts as proper on-air attire. And illiteracy appears to have spread to the point at which parents, can put a T-shirt on a 2-year-old without realizing that the words "Future Hoopers Girl" are printed across the front. With girl power like that, can we really blame these women for seeing their sexuality as their only currency?

Of course, despite the fact that an estimated 170,000 kids are expected to descend on Cancun this season, there are many more who have better things to do than pass out on the beer-stained floor of Congo Bongo. But every March, when the spring drinking statistics get trotted out like so many vodka shots lined up on a bar, I'm reminded of how much they reveal about everyday life. Revelers may tell themselves that whatever happens in Cancun stays in Cancun, but in some ways, the party never ends.

I'm feeling less confident already.

Los Angeles Times columnist Meghan Daum can be reached at [megand@latimes.com](mailto:megand@latimes.com)

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## YMCA CEO built a solid foundation

YMCA Chief Executive Officer Karen Jachimiowski Sharpnack has accepted a CEO position at a larger, out-of-state YMCA. Jachimiowski Sharpnack had a vital role in providing quality management at the YMCA. Karen has completely turned the "Y" around during her five-year tenure. We once were struggling, but she built a solid foundation for future growth in this community.

The YMCA Board has hired Chris Talkington as an interim CEO while it does a national search for a new CEO with the help of the YMCA of the USA. Talkington, formerly Juvenile Services administrator for Twin Falls County as well as previous Twin Falls mayor and councilman, will assume the interim position this week. Jachimiowski Sharpnack will continue her position over the next several weeks and will also be available to consult as needed after her departure.

Karen said, "I appreciate the fact that the YMCA of Twin Falls and the Magic Valley community welcomed me with open arms five years ago and gave this 'Y' the opportunity to grow programs and memberships with the help of great staff and dedicated board members. I am sad to leave this family-oriented community, and I wish the YMCA the best."

Many of the board are saddened by Karen's leaving. Luce Welch, board member and a past president, stated, "Karen is an extraordinary business person who has taken this YMCA from rock bottom to a thriving business with three facilities, more than 6,000 members and a multitude of programs to benefit the Magic Valley. Any YMCA will be lucky to have her as their leader."

YMCA of Twin Falls Inc.

provides youth, individual and family health and fitness programs from three locations: the main facility on Elizabeth Boulevard near Harmon Park, a new Canyon Ridge facility on Pole Line Road and the joint Twin Falls City-YMCA swimming pool location on Locust Street North. MIKE PREECE  
Twin Falls  
(Editor's Note: Mike Preece is the president of the board of directors of the YMCA of Twin Falls.)

## Be careful when letting salesmen inside house

On Feb. 27, a carpet company came to my door asking to vacuum my carpet. I said OK.

One gentleman got out; he was 22 years old. After brushing against me a few times, I got very uncomfortable.

I have Parkinson's Disease and a brain tumor. I am 61 years old. After he brushed against me, I thought it was just an accident. I sat down with my small dog on the couch.

When he was ready to go, he came around the table to shake my hand and said it was nice meeting you. Mrs. Larson, and out of nowhere, he grabbed my breasts and pushed me back on the couch. I screamed, "Get off me," and he ran out the door. His ride was already there. I called the carpet company, and they said to call the cops. I did call the cops, and they caught them leaving town. The two officers came back and had me fill out a police report.

My advice to others who let carpet companies or other salesmen who come to your door: Make sure your husband or another person is with you. Also, he ran out the door. His ride was already there. I called the carpet company, and they said to call the cops. I did call the cops, and they caught them leaving town. The two officers came back and had me fill out a police report.

MARY LARSON  
Hagerman

# Congratulations...

- Dawson Becker, 5 yrs.  
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- Cynthia Sanchez, 9yrs.  
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A big hurray thank you to all the kids who entered our Easter Coloring contest. You all did a wonderful job!



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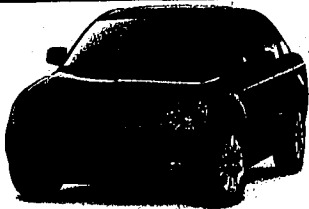
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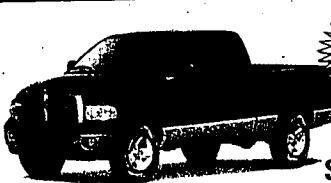
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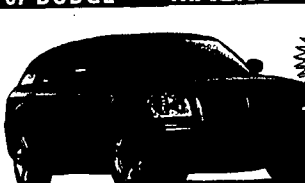
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**INSIDE:** It was the same old story for BYU in first-round NCAA tourney loss to Texas A&M, B2



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## BSU faces Louisville, tourney vet Pitino

By Ben Walker  
Associated Press writer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — When it comes to the NCAA tournament, there are a few fixtures — bracketology, buzzer beaters and Rick Pitino.

Hard to believe, but it was 25 years ago when he first took a team to the tourney. Back then, he was a brash New Yorker simply glad to be invited. It's different now: His jet-black hair is flecked with gray, he's got wrinkles around his eyes, his suits are more expensive.

"Some things, though, never change. Popping gum throughout practice Thursday, the Louisville coach was as intense as ever.

"We're all very hungry," Pitino said. Pitino hopes to add to his sparkling



Pitino

March resume on Friday when the third-seeded Cardinals take on 14th-seeded Boise State.

This marks Pitino's 13th year in the tournament, and his 32-11 record includes the 1996 championship with Kentucky. He remains the only coach to take three different teams to the Final Four.

"The thing I admire about Coach as much as his record and how well he's done, I really look at people who bring new things to the game," Boise State coach Greg Graham said. "He brought the 3 to the game early when he was

### NCAA Tournament

Today's featured TV games on local CBS affiliate KMVT

Gonzaga vs. Davidson, 10:25 a.m.  
San Diego vs. Connecticut, 12:50 p.m.  
Oregon vs. Mississippi State, 5:25 p.m.  
Boise State vs. Louisville, 7:30 p.m.

with Providence. And at Kentucky he started all the pressing and different things.

"He's an innovator," he said. "Coach has been like that forever."

Seems like forever, certainly. Pitino began coaching in 1974 as a graduate assistant at Hawaii, and the path later took him through Boston University and the New York Knicks. Over the years, he's seen most every-

thing on and off the court.

"That's what you get with somebody who has been coaching as long as he has," senior captain David Padgett said. "He's been to five Final Fours and he's on the NBA level and college level."

The Cardinals went 24-8 this season and lost their last two games, finishing with an overtime loss to Pittsburgh in the Big East tournament.

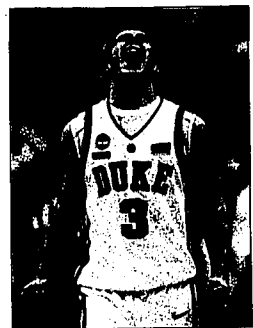
Boise State (25-8) won the Western Athletic Conference championship game, beating New Mexico State in triple overtime.

The Broncos are 0-4 overall in the NCAA tournament, losing to Louisville in their last appearance in 1994. That was the only time the

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Boise State head coach Greg Graham yells to his players during practice at the NCAA East Regional in Birmingham, Ala., Thursday.



Duke guard Greg Paulus yells in the closing minutes against Belmont during a first round NCAA West Regional game Thursday in Washington. Duke defeated Belmont 71-70.

## Duke survives versus Belmont

By Howard Fendrich  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — There it was, plain as could be on the overhead scoreboard, orange numbering on a black background: As the closing seconds ticked away

**INSIDE:** Read that again, slowly: No. 15-seeded Belmont was beating No. 2 Duke, Belmont, the Atlantic Sun Conference school with zero NCAA tournament wins to its credit, was leading Duke, the Atlantic Coast Conference school with three national championships on its resume.

And yet it was not to be. Using every last one of Gerald Henderson's 21 points, including the go-ahead basket with 11.9 seconds left, and one key steal by DeMarcus Nelson, Duke, barely avoided what would have been a monumental upset, edging Belmont 71-70 in the first round of the West Regional.

"The last two or three minutes, I was sitting there thinking, 'We're really in this game.' We were so close to winning," Belmont's Henry Harris said. "There's a bit of amazement in your brain, just sitting there." "Wow!"

Tenny Belmont was long past wondering

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## NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

# CSI earns trophy bid

### Golden Eagles take down Jefferson in fifth-place semis

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

SALINA, Kan. — The Golden Eagles earned one more game in the Black and Gold.

The seventh-seeded College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team will play for its third trip to the NCAA Division I National Championships under head coach Randy Rogers after topping sixth-seeded Jefferson College (Mo.) 62-58 Thursday afternoon at the Salina, Kan., Bicentennial Center.

"The Golden Eagles will play for fifth place at 2 p.m., MDT, Saturday, against an opponent to be determined in Thursday's semifinal action. For a 32-3 squad, it's one more chance to play together and one more chance to get the attention of NCAA Division I scouts.

"We are really glad we got one more game," CSI freshman LaCale Pringle-Buchanan said. "We know that it's important for our sophomores. They need extra games for the exposure. Plus, we can't just come home and not place. That wouldn't be like CSI."

Pringle-Buchanan snapped out of a mild tournament funk with a solid 14-point, eight-rebound effort against the 28-3 Vikings, while sophomore Anita Burdick continued to improve her stock at the next level with a team-high 18 points to go with five rebounds. Maddy Plunkett added nine points and 10 rebounds as the Golden Eagles held the trigger-happy Vikings to 29 percent shooting from the field.

The outcome of Thursday's game was never clear until the contest's waning seconds, though it didn't have the feel of a tight elimination game.

"It didn't feel nearly as close as it was," Pringle-Buchanan said.



College of Southern Idaho center Soana Lucret puts up a shot over Jefferson College defenders Danielle Adams (23) and Diana Vorvora Thursday at the NCAA women's national basketball national championship tournament at the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kan.

"It just seemed like every time we needed a stop, we got a stop. It did feel close at halftime when Coach was talking to us because No. 23 (Danielle Adams) played some amazing basketball."

The Golden Eagles led 37-31 at the break despite surrendering 22 first-half points to Jefferson's Adams, who took 18 of the Vikings' 38 field-goal attempts in the period. CSI took Rogers' half-

time speech to heart though, holding Adams to seven second-half points, as the freshman finished 10-for-29 from the field. CSI

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## Battle of Golden Eagles this weekend

CSI baseball serves as CEU's 1st visitor of '08

By David Bashore  
Times-News writer

The similarities between the College of Southern Idaho and College of Eastern Utah baseball teams don't stop with the mascot.

CSI played 17 games away from home due to weather concerns before playing any at Skip Walker Field, and this weekend the team will venture to Pricer, Utah, for the home opener for CEU which played its first 25 games away from home.

Head coach Boomer Walker's team has enjoyed success on the road against CEU recently, and against the Utah outfit slumping to a 5-

Today: CSI (15-13, 6-6 SWAC) at Eastern Utah (5-20, 3-9 SWAC), DH, 1 p.m.

On the horizon: Both sets of Golden Eagles finish off their series with a noon, Saturday doubleheader. CSI then heads to Henderson, Nev., for a four-game set at Southern Nevada Community College next Friday and Saturday.

**CSI season leaders**  
(Through Colorado HW series, minimums apply)  
**Batting — Average:** Tyler Chism .341, Garrett Wolf .302. **Hits:** Chism 28, Judd Jensen 23, 2B: Jensen, Andrew Reyes, Nate Robertson, Matt Deacon 4, 3B: Chism 4, Wolf 2, HR: Victor Spencer, Jensen 1. **RBI:** Chism, Jed Hanson 17, Wolf 14. **Runs:** Chism, Jensen 16, Reyes, Deacon 14, SB: Chism 12-12, Deacon 11-13.  
**Pitching — Record:** Jason Oatman 3-2, 3.07 ERA, Jake Draeger 2-1, 1.57 ERA. **ERA:** Draeger 1.45, Justin Smith 1.93. **CG:** Smith 4, SV: Draeger, Tyler Barrett, Brandon Henn 1. **IP:** Smith 37 1-3, Oatman 29 1-3, SO: Smith 36, Oatman 26, Draeger 25. **Opponents' average:** Smith .195, Draeger .237.

20 mark so far, there's no superficial reason to expect anything else but more of the same. Walker, however,

believes that playing at home will boost CEU's game.

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## CSI softball visits CNCC for series

Eagles face 'grind-it-out' weekend

By David Bashore  
Times-News writer

Last Friday's opening game of the doubleheader against Salt Lake Community College was the dark cloud for the College of Southern Idaho softball team. Now comes the silver lining.

Fresh off Tuesday's emphatic nonconference sweep of Treasure Valley Community College, the 25-10 Golden Eagles head to Grand Junction, Colo., for a four-game set today and Saturday with Scenic West Athletic Conference bottom-feeder Colorado Northwestern Community College.

The Spartans typically play in Rangely, Colo., but weather moved the series to Grand Junction. The weather is just another thing to

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## Eagle Eyes

Today: No. 14 CSI (25-10, 11-3 SWAC) vs. Colorado NW (1-24, 0-14 SWAC), DH, at Grand Junction, Colo., 1 p.m.  
On the horizon: The Golden Eagles and Spartans finish off their series with a noon, Saturday doubleheader. CSI then heads north to Coeur d'Alene for a four-game set at North Idaho College next Friday and Saturday.

**CSI season leaders**  
(Through Salt Lake series, minimums apply)  
**Batting — Average:** Megan Zimmerman .417, Rochelle Noren .351. **Hits:** Zimmerman 43, Noren 34, 2B: Katelyn Warren 7, Stephanie Holmes 5, 3B: Zimmerman, Noren 2, six Steve 3, RBI: Zimmerman 25, Holmes 24. **Runs:** Zimmerman 28, Noren 27, SB: Noren 15-16, Zimmerman 9-10.  
**Pitching — Record:** Jody Zilner 9-4, 2.72 ERA (12 starts), Holmes 5-2, 1.45 ERA (6 starts). **ERA:** Holmes 1.45, Desi Thomson 1.65, CG: Zilner 9, Holmes 5, SV: Holmes, Thomson, McKelvey Hillstead 1. **IP:** Zilner 64 1-3, Thomson 59 1-3, SO: Zilner 58, Thomson 46. **Opponents' average:** Holmes .219, Thomson .241.



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GAME PLAN

LOCAL COLLEGE BASKETBALL: CSI at Eastern Utah, D.I. p.m. COLLEGE SOFTBALL: CSI at Colorado NW, D.H. p.m.

TV SCHEDULE: ESPZN - Middleweights, Andy Lee (14-0) vs. Brian Vera (15-10) at Unswicville, Conn.

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Patners/Zednik skates briefly for first time since neck surgery

SUNRISE, Fla. — Richard Zednik joined the Florida Panthers for a brief trial team picture...

Zednik skated alone for about 5-10 minutes Wednesday before his teammates practice...

Zednik says his recovery is going well, though doctors still haven't cleared him to work out...

Sports Shorts

Jerome adult softball meeting news: JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District will hold a meeting at 6:15 p.m., April 3...

Winter College Report info needed: TWIN FALLS — The Times-Herald is seeking information on former area high school athletes who participated in 2007-08 winter sports...

Boys and Girls Club tourney news: TWIN FALLS — Entries are being accepted for the Ninth Annual Boys and Girls Club Basketball Tournament April 4-5 in Twin Falls...

Frontier Road. The tournament begins at 4 p.m., April 4, and proceeds between the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley.

T.F. Muni ladies open season: TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Muni Ladies Golf Association is kicking off their season with a brunch at 10:30 a.m. on April 27...

Rupert CC holds scramble: RUPERT — The Rupert Country Club will host its annual 5-person Scramble on Saturday, March 22. Teams will be flighted by the low handicap index on the team and there will be gross and net payoffs in each flight.

Gooding holds best-ball tourney: GOODING — The Gooding Golf Course Two-man Best Ball will be held April 5-6. The entry fee is \$120 per player...

# Celtics down Mavs, earn Texas sweep

DALLAS — Ray Allen returned from a three-game injury absence and a long time on the bench in the fourth quarter to nail a go-ahead 3-pointer with 31.7 seconds left, lifting the Boston Celtics past the Dallas Mavericks 94-90 Thursday night to complete an impressive sweep in the Lone Star State.

No team had gone 3-0 in San Antonio, Houston and Dallas since the Sacramento Kings in November 2001. Boston's streak is amazing because they play the Spurs their first home loss in six weeks, ended Houston's 22-game winning streak, then gave the Mavericks just their sixth home loss.

Allen, recovering from a jammed left ankle, scored 21 points in 31 minutes. His clutch jumper came on his only shot of the final period. He spent the first 10:06 on the bench, then went back in after Dallas had just gone ahead 88-87.

Paul Pierce had 22 points and a season-high 13 rebounds and Kevin Garnett added 20 and 13. Boston upheld its NBA best record to 55-13, while winning for the 14th time in 15 games. This was the Celtics' first win in Dallas since 2000, ending a seven-game skid.

Dirk Nowitzki had 22 points and 19 rebounds, and Jason Kidd had nine assists, 11 rebounds and two points, but Dallas fell to 0-7 against teams with winning records since Kidd arrived. Josh Howard added 24 points and Jerry Stackhouse had 17 for Dallas, which led for most of the second half but couldn't pull it out at the end.

Neither team led by more than seven and the intensity escalated. Things got snippy in the fourth quarter, especially between Nowitzki and Garnett, although nothing ever escalated beyond tough play.

The Mavericks went up 75-68 early in the fourth, but the Celtics wiped

that out with a 16-5 burst. Nowitzki put Dallas back in front with a pair of free throws after Boston center Kendrick Perkins' sixth foul with 1:54 left, then both teams struggled to score until Allen swished his jumper from the left side.

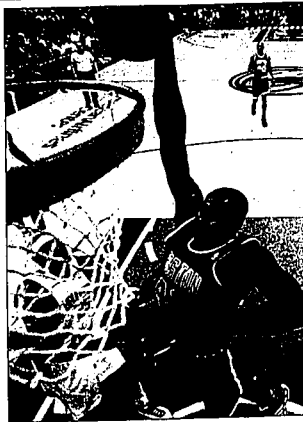
## SPURS 102, BULLS 80

CHICAGO — Tony Parker scored 23 points and Tim Duncan had 22 to go with 10 rebounds as San Antonio ended a four-game losing streak.

The defending NBA champs avoided their first five-game losing streak since the 1996-97 season — the one before Duncan's rookie year. And they had such an easy time of it that Duncan and Parker were able to rest in the fourth quarter.

Luol Deng led the sagging Bulls with 18 points and Drew Gooden added 16 as Chicago fell 14 games under .500.

— The Associated Press



Boston Celtics center Kendrick Perkins (43) dunks the ball as Dallas Mavericks center Erik Dampier, left, looks on in the first half of an NBA basketball game in Dallas, Thursday.

# Red Sox arrive in Japan for MLB season-opening games with A's

TOKYO (AP) — All Daisuke Matsuzaka and his teammates were interested in was getting a little sleep.

The Boston Red Sox arrived in Tokyo early Friday after an 18-hour flight and the resolution of a last-minute dispute that threatened their season-opening trip to Japan.

Matsuzaka drew the most attention from a large group of Japanese photographers that greeted the Red Sox at the airport. There were few fans on hand for the early morning landing and the Red Sox headed straight for their hotel.

"It was a long flight but we're happy to be here," Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said. "The players are tired but are looking forward to playing some baseball."

The Red Sox and Athletics each play two exhibition games against Japanese teams on March 22 and 23. Then they face each other in Major League Baseball's regular-season opener on March 25, the earliest start in MLB history, and again on March 26.

For a while, it looked like the World Series champions might not make it.

The players threatened to boycott their final preseason game in Florida on Wednesday and their travel plans for Tokyo unless a dispute over paying coaches for the trip to Japan was resolved. A settlement was



Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz, right, smiles to photographers upon his team's arrival at Haneda International Airport in Tokyo early Friday. The Red Sox will meet the Oakland Athletics in their two season-opening games of the Major League at Tokyo Dome on March 25 and 26.

reached after talks among players from the Red Sox and Athletics, Major League Baseball, and the players' association.

"It was just a misunderstanding," Lucchino said. "Everything has been settled now." Matsuzaka is scheduled to be the opening-day starter at Tokyo Dome next week against Oakland.

Boston has exhibition games on Saturday against the Hanshin Tigers and

Sunday against the Yomiuri Giants.

Ace right-hander Josh Beckett did not make the trip because of a back injury.

Boston and Oakland will be the third set of teams to open the regular season at the Tokyo Dome, following the New York Mets and Chicago Cubs (2000), and the New York Yankees and Tampa Bay (2004). A scheduled 2003 series between Oakland and Seattle at the Tokyo Dome was canceled

because of the threat of war in Iraq.

The AS arrived a few hours earlier at Narita Airport.

Several Oakland players including Bobby Crosby and Travis Buck stopped to sign autographs for a small group of fans who greeted the players.

"Put me on the front page," said Joe Blanton, the opening-day starter for the AS, when his photo was taken by Japanese photographers.

## NIT ROUNDUP

# Flynn, Syracuse shred Maryland

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Jonny Flynn had 23 points to lead four Syracuse starters in double figures as the Orange advanced to the quarterfinals of the NIT with an 88-72 victory over Maryland on Thursday night.

Ariane Onutaku added 14 points and 14 rebounds for Syracuse (21-13), which will play the winner of Saturday's second-round matchup between Massachusetts and Akron. Paul Harris added 19 points and Dante Greene tossed in 16.

Top-seeded Syracuse used a 15-5 spurt late in the second half to pull away from Maryland (19-15), which got 23 points and 11 rebounds from James Gist before he fouled out in the final minute and a career-high 21 from Bamibe Osby.

The Terps, a fifth seed, pulled ahead of the Orange to start the second half on three consecutive baskets by Osby. When Osby converted a 3-point play with 1:26 to go he gave Maryland a 54-53 lead. But Syracuse regained the lead for good with its spurt, taking a 68-50 lead on Flynn's basket with 8:52 to play.

## Women

### BOISE STATE 77, IDAHO STATE 54

BOISE — Jenna Harris had 17 points and 11 rebounds and Boise State used a dominating second half to beat Idaho State 77-54 in the first round of the Women's National Invitational



Syracuse's Paul Harris takes the ball to the basket past Maryland's Grevis Vasquez, right, during the second half of an NIT second-round game in Syracuse, N.Y., Thursday. Syracuse won 88-72.

## Tournament.

Jenna Gatassi added 10 points and 11 boards for the Broncos, while Jamie Malone scored 18 and Jackie Lee added 11. Sierra Moeller pulled down 11 rebounds for BSU, which outscored the Bengals 45-26 after intermission to blow things open.

The 24-6 Broncos visit 21-11 TCU at 5 p.m. Sunday.

Idaho State got a 17-point, 13-rebound effort from Natalie Dofa, while Andrea Ligitto chipped in 16 points and six boards. But after trailing just 32-28 at intermission, the Bengals couldn't keep pace with the host Broncos.

— Staff and wire reports

# Phillies closer Lidge impresses in return

## Nats release John Patterson

The Associated Press

New closer Brad Lidge might be ready to start the season with the Philadelphia Phillies. John Patterson is looking for a job after he was released by the Washington Nationals.

Lidge pitched in a minor league intrasquad game Thursday at Clearwater, Fla., retiring four of the five batters he faced with three strikeouts and a walk. The right-hander, who had arthroscopic knee surgery last month, looked sharp enough that he just might be available for the NL East champions on opening day.

"I felt great with everything from warming up to throwing in the game," Lidge said. "There is nothing better than facing hitters and that was a lot of fun."

In a surprise move, the off-injured Lidge was out by Washington a little more than a week before the season begins. He was thought to be a candidate to start for the Nationals when they open their new ballpark March 30 against Atlanta.

"I thought things were going well," the right-hander said.

Elsewhere, the Los Angeles Dodgers made their Cactus League debut, beating the Chicago White Sox 8-2 in Phoenix. The Dodgers are spending the rest of spring training at the Oakland Athletics' complex after saying goodbye to Davenport, the Vero Springs, Fla. home in Vero Beach, Fla., since 1948. They plan to move into a new facility in nearby Glendale, Ariz., next year as long as construction is completed.

"It feels strange," Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda said. "Everywhere I go, I feel strange. In Vero, everything's right there. I don't know how it's going to be."

Lidge, the key offseason acquisition



Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Brad Lidge throws during an intrasquad spring training baseball game in Clearwater, Fla., Thursday.

for the Phillies, threw 19 pitches, including 11 strikes. The only major league he faced was teammate Jayson Werth, who walked on five pitches. Lidge threw fastballs, sliders and a two-seamer. Pitching coach Rich Dubois said Lidge's next outing will come against minor leaguers on Sunday.

"My goal is to get ready for the season no matter where they put me," Lidge said. "I feel mentally that's going to be the case. I don't want to jinx myself, but I feel real comfortable with where I'm at right now and I feel I need a few more outings to get ready."

Lidge went 5-3 with 19 saves and a 3.36 ERA in 66 games last season with the Astros. But he also blew eight save chances and temporarily lost his closer's job to Dan Wheeler during the season.

Injuries contributed to some of Lidge's problems last year. He was sidelined from mid-June to mid-July because of a pulled muscle in his left

side, and he had surgery on Oct. 1 to repair torn cartilage in his right knee.

Convinced he was fine, the Phillies sent outfielder Michael Bourn, reliever Geoff Gentry and minor league third starter in Mike Costello, a former first-round draft pick, to Houston for Lidge and utilityman Eric Brantlett.

But Lidge re-injured his knee when he caught a spike in the mound on his first pitch of batting practice this spring.

He didn't get a chance to make a fielding play Thursday, but feels comfortable that he can get off the mound and cover first base if necessary.

"I wasn't worried about it," he said. Patterson was Washington's opening-day starter in 2007. But he missed much of the last two seasons because of right forearm problems, limiting him to 15 starts in 2005 and 2007 combined. He had surgery in September to repair a nerve problem.

"We spent spring training evaluating him, and we came to the conclusion it was better to give our younger kids a chance to start," Nationals manager Manny Acta said by telephone from the team's camp in Viera, Fla.

"It's a rehabilitation-in-progress," Acta added, "and we can't afford to do that every five days."

Patterson was called into general manager Jim Bowden's office Thursday afternoon to get the news. "I knew that it was possible, but it was a little bit of a surprise," the pitcher said. "They didn't feel like I was 100 percent yet."

He, on the other hand, said his arm feels OK.

"I've been able to throw every day," Patterson said. "I've been able to throw every day." The 30-year-old Patterson hasn't been able to recapture the form he showed for Washington in 2005, when he was 9-7 with a 3.13 ERA and 185 strikeouts in 198 1/3 innings.

# Raiders agree to deal to finalize Hall trade

## NFL

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Raiders and DeAngelo Hall agreed to terms Thursday on a \$70 million, seven-year contract that cleared the way for the former Pro Bowl cornerback to be dealt from Atlanta to Oakland.

Hall arrived in the Bay Area to meet with Raiders owner Al Davis, coach Lane Kiffin and other team officials Wednesday and the deal was completed the following day. Hall will be guaranteed a little more than \$24 million in the new deal, a person familiar with the contract said on condition of anonymity because terms were not released.

"I'm excited to be joining the Raiders," Hall said in a statement released by the team. "To come out here and see all of the Hall of Famers walking around, their names posted on the wall, the championships, it's an amazing feeling to be a part of that history and to be a part of making history."

The Raiders wanted to sign Hall to a new contract before completing the deal with the Falcons in order to make sure they would have Hall for more than one year. Oakland sent a second-round pick, the 34th overall, in next month's draft, and a fifth-round pick in 2009 to Atlanta in the deal.

Oakland has only one pick in the first four rounds of the draft, the fourth overall selection in the opening round. The Raiders previously traded their third-round pick to New England for the pick used to select offensive lineman Mario Henderson in last year's draft, and its fifth-round pick to Denver for defensive tackle Gerard Warren.

## Steelers release WR Wilson following arrest

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers released wide receiver Cedrick Wilson on Thursday, hours after he was charged with punching his estranged girlfriend in the face at a suburban restaurant.

The 29-year-old player was arraigned on charges of simple assault, harassment and disorderly conduct and freed on \$10,000 bail.

"We're extremely disappointed with this incident," team chairman Dan Rooney said. "The Steelers do not condone violence of any kind, especially against women."

Wilson apologized and said he will be treated for anger management.

— The Associated Press

GOLF ROUNDUP

# For a day, Ogilvy and Jimenez keep in front of Tiger

DORAL, Fla. (AP) — The way Tiger Woods has been playing, former U.S. Open champion Geoff Ogilvy figured he would have to stay ahead of him each day if he wanted to win the CA Championship.

Never mind that he was tied for the lead.

With one round on the Blue Monster in the books Thursday, Ogilvy was two up on Woods.

Ogilvy continued to shake off the rust by playing bogey-free in a round of 7-under 65, taking advantage of a generous shift in wind that turned the fearsome 10th into a pushover. He hit wedge into 8 feet for one last birdie, and Miguel Angel Jimenez also birdied the final hole to join him atop the leaderboard.

"You know starting the week if you want to win the tournament, you're going to have to beat him because you know he's going to be in contention come the last nine holes here on Sunday," Ogilvy said. "It's just one of his happy places, obviously, if I can just be one in front after every round, that will be pretty good."

One shot out of the lead was Stewart Cink, who has played in the final group at three tournaments this year and is playing more consistently than anyone but Woods.

Woods wasn't all that bad. Undefeated since September, he made a late charge as the sky darkened



Geoff Ogilvy of Australia, looks out from a sand trap before hitting to the No. 16 green during the first round of the CA Championship golf tournament in Doral, Fla., Thursday. Ogilvy finished the round at 7-under-par.

and rain began to fall, making three birdies over four holes to get within one shot. His day ended bitterly, however, when he three-putted from 70 feet for a 67.

All is right in his world, with six official victories over the last six months, but Woods lives for the moment, and his lasting memory of Thursday was missing a 5-foot par putt. He said nothing during a long, winding walk up the stairs, forcing a smile and reaching for his pen when a security guard asked

for his autograph.

And how about that 67? "I didn't really do anything all that special today," Woods said. "I just kind of hung in there and took care of the par 5s, and made a couple of other birdies here and there. But all in all, just kind of ground it out."

If it wasn't anything spectacular and he still was only two shots bad, that would seem to bode ominously for the rest of the 78 players gathered at Doral for this World Golf Championship.

But there was a sense after one day that no one was going to lay down.

Phil Mickelson milled from a double bogey in the water with four birdies over his final six holes to match Woods at 67, and they were joined by Adam Scott, who is No. 5 in the world and won the Qatar Masters earlier this year with a 61 on the last day.

After two days of practice in ferocious wind, it slowly switched during the first round and made the course as easy as it plays. Only two

## Canyon Springs Amateur tee times

Below are Saturday tee times for the Canyon Springs Amateur tournament at Canyon Springs Golf Course.

9 a.m.: Ron Rutter, Fred Saltz, Jack L. Hansen, Dan Grubbs; 9:10: Brandy Stanger, Matt Meador, Arnulfo Quintero, Tyler Kuhn; 9:20: Eric Peterson, Marc Rhoades; Cody Wolfenbarger; Eren Quintero, Jr.; 9:30: Dean Park, Brian Smith, Mark Danco, Lee Reed; 9:40: Brett Rupert, Carl Funk, Alan Ward, Michael Rowe; 9:50: Norris Dancer, Pat Ingalls, Dan Pickens, Sam Davis.

10 a.m.: Chase Schantel, Mike Hamilton, Chuck Conn, Chris Ingalls; 10:10: Jason Rice, Chris Tarter, Chad Urie, Sean Standley; 10:20: Mike Pirzynski, Eren Quintero, Sr., Jeff Rolig, Earl Patterson; 10:30: Doug Mackay, Victor Velasquez, Tony Wilson, Brian Atkinson; 10:40: Chris Schmah, Hank Clark, Ward Garrett, Tom Bernick; 10:50:

dozen players failed to break par, and the average score was 70.9.

Anything in the 60s was to be expected.

"This is a happy place for Woods, and it has become a lucrative tournament. He has won the last two years at Doral, and he has won this WGC event six times in eight years.

Four days after shaming

his cap to the birdie to celebrate a 25-foot ground putt to win at Bay Hill, he rarely broke a smile. Woods started strongly, with an easy two-putt birdie on the par-5 opening hole and a 20-foot birdie down the fast green at No. 3. He made birdie on two other par 5s, one by missing an eagle putt from 20 feet, the other with a wedge inside a foot.

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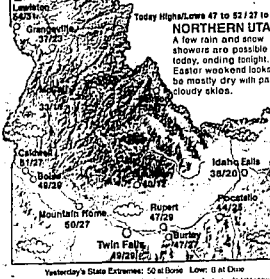
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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Scattered snow showers are possible today with minimal additional accumulations. Winds will be a bit breezy at times. Partly cloudy skies are expected Saturday. Clouds increase on Easter Sunday.

BOISE Will be mostly cloudy today, but more sunbath will be found on Saturday. Easter Sunday looks to see an increase in clouds, but it will remain dry.



Yesterday's State Average: 50 at Boise. Low: 31 at Owyhee. Weather key: Partly cloudy, B: Breezy, H: Heavy rain, A: Snow, S: Snow to rain, D: Drizzle, W: Windy, V: Variable, I: Variable, W: Windy.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY: Philosophy is most best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes in the way we shape our lives and the steps that we take. We are responsible for our own responsibility.

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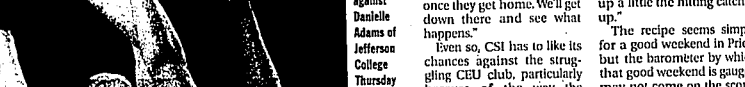
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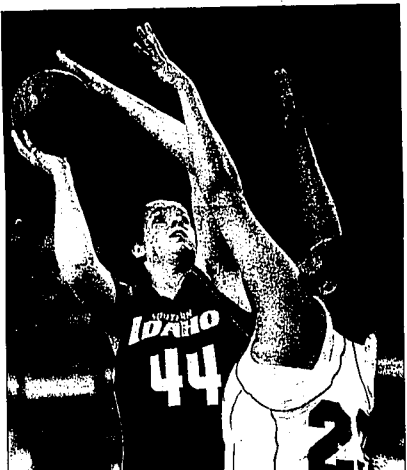
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Nationals

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also did a solid defensive job on Jefferson's LaToya Johnson, who scored seven points on 2-for-21 shooting.
For Burdick, Saturday's chance to win a trophy will be special, as she admitted that winning the Region 18 Tournament was the first major win of her career.



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Baseball

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"Eastern Utah has spent its whole season on the road so far, and they'll be anxious to be home," he said. "Everyone plays better at home, so everything you've seen from them all year could change once they get home. We'll get down there and see what happens."
Even so, CSI has to like its chances against the struggling CEU club, particularly because of the way the offense has started to come around.

Softball

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consider for CSI, as the team tries to continue matching Salt Lake by sweeping Colorado Northwestern.
"It's one of those take care of business' weekends and move on," said CSI head coach Nick Baumer. "With the long trip, that makes it kind of a grind-it-out weekend but we should be alright."

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## Resident seeks federal dollars to tell M.V.'s cultural story

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

Former park ranger Mary Inman knows there's something magic about this valley — something she wants preserved and showcased. In the past few weeks, she's spoken with more than 400 residents about designating Magic Valley as a National Heritage Area under a National Park Service program that could provide millions of federal dollars for museums, interpretive centers, arts festivals and trail systems. Magic Valley's small towns, agricultural roots and independent culture combine to

### TELLING OUR STORY

People interested in designating the Magic Valley as a National Heritage Area are invited to a meeting at 7 p.m. on March 27 at the Harrett Center on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

tell a story unlike any other in the nation, she said. It's a story worth documenting, a story worth sharing. "I think a big part of our heritage is our small farms and our small communities," she said. "I mean that's what it's all about — our American story of the taming of the West."



### On the Web

Visit <http://www.nps.gov/history/heritage/> to learn more and see a map of National Heritage Areas.

The program provides money to towns, non-profit groups and private-sector interests to protect cultural resources, build interpretive centers and for other projects that tell the story of an area. Since 1984, the NPS has established 37 heritage areas, mostly east of the Mississippi River. The closest NHA to the Magic Valley is the Great Basin National Heritage Area in Nevada and Utah. Established in 2006, the

Great Basin NHA includes state parks, American Indian reservations, frontier towns and a Pony Express museum, among other sites, where visitors learn more about an area. And spend money. NHAs can bring tourist dollars to a regional economy, Inman said. "What could be better for the Magic Valley, for our little towns that need an economic boost?" she asked.

First, though, an area must petition Congress for the designation, which requires preparing a feasibility study that could take as long as two years to complete. Once the dollars are disbursed, money could be spent to host cultural and ethnic festivals, give tours or build museums. Locals, not the federal government, decide how the money is used. Inman has scheduled a meeting for later this month to discuss preparing a study, and she invites anyone to attend. *Matt Christensen may be reached at 735-3243.*



## Gov. Otter issues first veto of session

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter issued his first veto of the 2008 Legislature on Thursday when he nixed \$16.8 million in substance abuse treatment funding.

Otter vetoed five item vetoes on two bills that set aside funding for statewide substance abuse treatment programs, efforts that legislators have made a priority in recent years. South-central Idaho has been a major benefactor.

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## Villanueva-Martinez waives hearing, pleads not guilty

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

After Carlos Villanueva-Martinez's probable cause hearings were delayed three times at the Gooding County court house, the defendant has waived the hearing and pleaded not guilty in district court.

The probable cause hearing scheduled for Thursday morning was vacated.

Villanueva, who was charged Nov. 29 with grand theft, is accused of stealing a car from Gustavo Flores-Quintana, 37, of Hiley. Immediately after Flores was shot execution-style through the back of his neck Nov. 8 in a vacant lot by the Big Wood River. More than once, however, Gooding County Prosecutor Calvin Campbell has indicated Villanueva was the triggerman. It was on that basis that Campbell has kept him in jail on a \$100,000 bond.

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## Senate OKs constitutional amendment on incurred debt for municipalities

Times-News

The Senate voted 34 to 0 on Thursday in favor of a constitutional amendment that would create exemptions for when municipalities need voter approval to incur debt on projects as long as taxpayer money isn't used.

The legislation stems from the 2006 decision of City of Boise vs. Frazier that ruled "ordinary and necessary" expenses had to have voter approval unless municipalities were in an emergency. The bill would, among other things, allow cities to enter into contracts for fewer than five years without voter approval if there's not taxpayer money used.

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Joe Stegner, R-Lewiston, said the amendment is needed because the ruling has kept governments from certain funding obligations, whether it is buying computers or new fire trucks.

"There has been a slow in the ability of cities to engage in those transactions for a little while. And that's why we're here," he said on the floor.

The measure heads to the House, where it must receive two-thirds support, plus two-thirds of voter approval in November.

Ken Harvard, executive director of the Association of Idaho Cities, said "we've got some work to do."

# NATIONAL NEED CRITICAL CONSEQUENCE



Volunteer members of the Quick Response Unit in Buhl pose in front of the Buhl Fire Department Thursday night. Many units in the area are currently facing a shortage of volunteer EMTs. From left, back, Amy Miller, Diane Clemens, Susan Sowers and Rocky Adams. From left, front, Mary Kelly and Alice Wolf.

## QRUs still face volunteer shortages

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

Three years ago, the Buhl Quick Response Unit had 18 volunteers and was begging for more. Today it has 17. And despite a brief bump along the way, nothing much has changed.

"It seems like just volunteering in general seems to be on the decline," said Megan Myers, a Buhl Fire Department administrative assistant who also serves as a QRU emergency medical technician, or EMT.

It's something many such units are reporting across the nation: The past few years have been hard on groups that depend on

volunteers to survive. For the QRUs, the volunteer shortage could one day have dire consequences. Made up of volunteer EMTs certified by the state, such groups provide basic emergency medical care in rural areas farther away from large hospitals and other amenities. That includes much of south-central Idaho.

Overworked, thinly staffed volunteers can suffer from burnout and the need to be in two or three places at once, said Charles Butcane, one of five members on the Richfield QRU. The unit boasted 16 volunteers just a couple of years ago, he said.

Sometimes it means the unit has

### LEARN MORE:

Several Magic Valley QRUs either currently run EMT trainings or plan to within the year. To learn about a QRU in your area, contact your city fire department or other emergency services.

no one available for a call, he said, though his unit has been able to skirt that.

"Usually, at least we can get one member there, and sometimes two or three," Butcane said.

Much of the problem, unit volunteers said, sits centers on funding. EMT trainings can cost at

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### On the Web

For more stories about the Idaho Legislature, a blog by political reporter Jared S. Hopkins, a Who's Who in the Idaho Legislature and more, go to [magicvalley.com](http://magicvalley.com) and hit the Legislature 2008 button.

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Mysterious sounds go unrepeated Wednesday

Mysterious rumbling sounds that hundreds of witnesses across the Magic Valley reported hearing at the exact same times Monday and Tuesday nights were not reported Wednesday night.

Some said the noise which occurred at 11:23 p.m. both nights and caused some homes to shake, was an earthquake. But an earthquake was not likely the source, Don Blakeman, an analyst with the National Earthquake Information Center told the Times-News on Wednesday. Others pointed to top-secret military programs.

### Earlier this week, Air Force officials said the noises were likely caused by training missions. Involving simulated mortar attacks near the Mountain Home Air Force Base, but officials later said it was unlikely the simulations would cause such widespread rumblings — or what some instances was described as a boom.

What the sounds were was still not confirmed Thursday evening, but an Air Force spokesman told the Times-News that the training missions at the base ceased Tuesday night. Go to [magicvalley.com](http://magicvalley.com) to cast a vote in an online survey on what you suspect caused the sounds.

### Curbing repair begins Monday on Pole Line

TWIN FALLS — A maintenance project to seal and repair curbing on west Pole Line Road from Blue Lakes Boulevard to Grandview Drive will begin Monday through Friday during the three-week project. Work will begin in the westbound lanes near Blue Lakes Boulevard and proceed to eastbound lanes. The ITD encourages drivers to use caution while driving in

the area, obey temporary traffic control devices, and watch for workers throughout the project.

### Kutran, Gorbenko indicted by grand jury

Stepan Kutran and Inna Gorbenko were both indicted by a grand jury Wednesday on involuntary manslaughter charges in the fire death of their baby. The couple left their two children inside a home that burned Feb. 19. The manslaughter charges arose after their daughter Jasmine S. Gorbenko, 2, died around 6 a.m. the following day at a Salt Lake City burn center. Third-degree burns had covered 85 percent of her body.

### Applications sought for Power County judge

Members of the Sixth District Magistrate Commission are seeking qualified attorneys to apply for the position of Power County Magistrate that will become vacant on June 30. Honorable Mark A. Beebe will be retiring from that position and will serve as a senior judge for the Idaho Supreme Court. In order to apply, an attorney must be 30 years old, be admitted to the practice of law at least five years, and be currently licensed to practice law in the State of Idaho. A magistrate judge shall also be a qualified elector of the state and, after appointment, reside in the county for which the magistrate judge is appointed. The applicant may be assigned to hear cases throughout the judicial district, preside over problem-solving courts, and may also be assigned outside of the district by the Idaho Supreme Court. Salary is \$103,700 per year plus state benefits. Application forms are available from Trial Court Administrator Suzanne H. Johnson at 236-7071 or [suzj@hannockcountys.com](mailto:suzj@hannockcountys.com). The deadline for applications is 5 p.m., March 26.

— from staff reports





# NEW BOOKS - KIMBERLY

**KIMBERLY** — New materials that arrived at the Kimberly Public Library, in February include:

**ADULT FICTION**

"The Appeal" by John Grisham; "L. A. Outlets" by J. Jefferson Parker; "The Secret Between Us" by Barbara Delinsky; "Light of the Moon" by Luanna Rice; "Stranger in Paradise" by B. Parker; "The Seventh" by James Patterson; "The First Patient" by Kate Jacobs; "The New Year's Quilt" by Jennifer Chiaverini; "Below the Surface" by Michael Harper; "The First Patient" by Michael Palmer; "Wizard's Daughter" by Catherine Coulter; "The Perfect Bride" by Brenda Joyce; "Snowfall at Willow Lake" by Susan Wiggs; "Treasurers" by Nora Roberts; "Firefly Lane" by Kristin Hannah; "Hand of God" by J. A. Jance; "Ice Tea" by Romy Sewell; "Indivisible" by Sydney Bauer; "A Thousand Splendid Suns" and "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini; "Slipping Home" and "Fareless Love" by "A Slice of Heaven" by Sherry Woods; "Sizzle and Burn" by Jane Ann Krentz; "Beverly Hills Doodle" by Stuart Woods; "Prepared for Rags" by Dana Stabenow; "Blood Dreams" by Kay Hooper; "Dragon Harper" by Anne and Todd McCarty; "Phantom" by Terry Goodkind.

**CHRISTIAN FICTION**

"Hidden Places" by Lynn H. Austin; "Seven Sacred Things" by Ann Tabor; "One More Sunrise" by Michael London Jr. and Tracie Peterson; "Crimson Eve" by Brandy Collins; "Just Jane: A Novel of Jane Austen's Life" by Nancy Moser; "Where My Heart Belongs" by Tracie Peterson; "Whispers of the Bayou" by Mindy Stamps Clark.

**ADULT FICTION**

"Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Reilly; "Smoke, Mirrors, and Murder: And Other True Cases" by Ann Rule; Betty Louie; "The Naked Truth About Pregnancy and Childbirth" by Jenny McCarthy; "The Boredom Circle: Caring For Creatures and Creation" by Michael W. Fox; "War and the Soul: Healing Our Nations' Veterans From Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder" by Edward Titch; "Concentration: An Approach to Meditation" by Ernest Wood; "The Movable Path: A Gentle Way to Awareness, Concentration, and Serenity" by John Cianciosi.

**JUVENILE FICTION**

"Peter and the Secret of Rundoon" by Ridley Pearson and Dave Barry; "The Fire Within," "Fire Star" and "Icefire" by Chris D'Lauro; "The Nuke's Song" by Tony DiTerlizzi; "The Lebound Land" by Ian Flanders; "Almanac" by Sharon Creech; "Eddie" by Kathryn Laszky; "Peek a Boo's Easter Day" by Krista Simmetz; "Garfield, the Easter Bunny?" by Jon Watts; "Lizards for Lunch" by Conrad J. Stardi; "The Very Best Easter Bunny" by Ann Broopkop; "Easter Parade" by Irving Berlin; "The Easter Bonnet Parade" by Monique Z. Stephens; "Silly Tilly and the Easter Bunny" by Lilly Hoben; "Kittens in the Kitchen" and "Tabby in the Tub" by Ben M. Baglio.

**JUVENILE FICTION**

"Tracks" by Ian Gibbons; "Kid Style Nature Crafts" by Dawn Dietz and Ery Krutowski; "Fashion" by Jon Jones; "Lincoln" by Tim Ashby; "A Child's Book of Miracles and Wonders" by Mirinda A. Tuck.

# Burley man turns 100

**BURLEY** — Alva Temple celebrated his 100th birthday on March 3.

Temple was born in 1908 in Cheopra, Kan., and has lived in Burley since 1937. He was married to Viola Hayden Temple in 1928 until her passing in 1986. During his lifetime, he farmed in Malta, rented houses, worked on the railroad and did roadwork, and drilled wells for 30 years.

Children, Norma and Chris Dietz, Virgil Temple, Doris Gibson, Alvin and Marlene Temple, Paul and Colleen Temple, and

Melvin and Mary Temple donated \$100 each to the Burley Senior Citizens in honor of their father's 100th birthday at a luncheon held on his birthday.

On March 8, the Temple family held a family gathering at the Burley Senior Citizen Center to celebrate his life. The event was hosted by grandchildren, Ron and Denise Dietz and Dan and Patti Temple with close to 100 people in attendance. He has six children, 16 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren (two deceased), and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

# HONOR ROLL

Xavier Charter School's first semester Honor Roll.

**High honor**  
8th grade  
Andrea Cervantes; Cole Meyerhoeffer; Veronica White

**7th grade**  
Sophia Carpenter; Kalise Hudson; Natalie Lemon; Anna McCreary; Jessie Sumison; Rebecca Watts

**6th grade**  
Kaitlyn Albrecht; Dolaney Bergens; Aligha Bink; McKaylee Bronson; Madeline McCreary;

Alveta Meyerhoeffer

**Honor roll**  
8th grade  
James Adamson; Kiril Albrecht; Jared Allen; Katie Clark; Michael Di Lucca; Alexa Johnson; Michael Schroeder

**7th grade**  
Angelina Chares; Ryan Ordes; India Haake; Mary Lovell

**6th grade**  
Chloe Case; Hanna Kern; Harley Nickels; Sierra Starley; Makalya Stevens

# HONOR ROLL

Lighthouse Christian School's first semester honor roll.

**12th grade**  
3.50 to 4.0  
High honor  
Heidi Aaranda; Staci Beukers; Chris Bulcher; Kevin DeKroy; Eric Gillette; Jeffrey Heath; Taylor Haddock; Nicole Thom; Sean Thomas; John VanNiet; Scott Baxter; Yigit Gedikoglu; Joshua Payton; Michelle Vert

**11th grade**  
Steve Kim; Amanda Coggins  
Lindsay Li; Sunny Chen; Kelsey DeBano; Teasha Jimenez

Kevin Coggins; Aaron Berhardt; Leah DeKroy; Jana Jessen; Joseana VanVleet; Cora Aaranda; Trish Meacham; Sarah Hibert; Jordan Scott; Chelsea Dille; Britany Schulz

**9th grade**  
Jenny Dawson; Corinne Vandenberg; Kaitia Hederman; Kari Bulcher; Andrew Christ; Alex Vothoven; Kasey Anderson; Shelby DeBoard

**8th grade**  
Caleb Heath; Joshua Pridley; Erynne Pryor; Becca Vothoven; Logan VanderStoll; Jenni VanVleet; Daniel Hamilton; Brad Wall

**7th grade**  
Dana DeKroy; Kyle Vandenberg;

Matthew Wallin; Eli Bernat; Dillon Faulstich; Drew Swager; Kade Evans; Alex Laro

**6th grade**  
Kyle Burck; Tyler Brutke; Malina Eden; Rebecca Storm; Deana Swigger; Thom Thom; Brooklyn Vargers; Christa Vothoven; Tasia Turner; Kaylee Bolster; Aaron Aardam; Riley Brown; Caitlyn Aslett; Logan Boma

**Honor, 3.0 to 3.49**  
**12th grade**  
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**11th grade**  
Juan Cho; Jeff Joo; Rachel Wendland;

Will Lehrs; Ryker Fairbanks; Ariel Silties

**10th grade**  
Erion Nowland; Matthew Storm; Kevin McCullough; Julie Strucek; Alex Nixon

**9th grade**  
Seth Newbery; Nathaniel Payton; Branson Claborn

**8th grade**  
Garrett Goettlie; Kaitlyn Ruder

**7th grade**  
Brody's Holman; Jesse Peterson; Andrew Duxley; Donnie Aaranda; Taylor VonWeller

**6th grade**  
Veronica Kennedy; Coleman Claborn; Caleb Schwarz

# Veto

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There was no press release or formal announcement of the vetoes.  
Cameron said lawmakers can re-open the budget or override the veto. Senate Assistant Majority Leader

Joe Stegner, R-Lewiston, said another possibility is raising the beer and wine tax, an idea that was rumored earlier in the session.  
Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum,

said the vetoes will hurt the state's ability to continue working on community-based treatment programs rather than relying on prisons.  
"These are two things that were doing right," he said

upon leaving the Capitol Annex. "That's remarkable (Otter would veto)."  
Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, said the two chamber's leadership teams will work together on a solution.

# QRUs

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least \$400 per person, and while many units cover their members' costs, that's not always enough. The shortage is based on demographics like Buhl's, where most volunteers have served for 10 years or more.  
"I can only apply for grants to cover so much," Wendell QRTU member Crystal Houser said.

have added to the training EMTs must receive, and the state can provide some funds for training and equipment. But much of the shortage is up to local units to fix, she said.  
"They run their agency," Larsen said. "We can't run it for them."  
And those units definitely have different needs. Rhonda Bench, who volunteers with

Oakley's QRU, said her unit's problem is that not enough of its seven members work in town, leaving those who do with the bulk of the work. Those seven people are enough for the two or three calls her unit gets a month, she said, compared with And Oakley, Bench said, isn't shy about helping out.  
"The town is pretty gener-

ous when it comes to donating to us."  
Nate Poppino can be reached at 735-3237 or npoppino@magicvalley.com.

# Air controllers alerted military to unresponsive airliner

**HONOLULU (AP)** — Sleeping pilots? A communications breakdown in the cockpit? A medical emergency? Highjacker?  
Fearing the worst, air traffic controllers alerted the military about a commercial jet flying from Honolulu to Hilo at 21,000 feet with 40 passengers that missed its landing and failed to respond to nearly a dozen calls.

"If we don't get it now, what about next week when somebody does hijack a plane?" he said. "All that tells you is that Hawaii is wide-open for a terrorist attack."  
Flight 1002, which left Honolulu on Feb. 13 at 9:16 a.m., ended up overshooting Hilo International Airport by 15 miles, according to the FAA.

Despite a silent cockpit on go airlines Flight 1002 over a span of 17 minutes, fighter jets were never scrambled to assist or escort, raising questions about a possible breakdown in security measures.

The pilots are being investigated by the FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board for possibly falling asleep on the brief, 214-mile flight. They have also been grounded by go's parent company, Phoenix-based Mesa Air Group.

"Didn't we learn our lesson from 9/11?" asked Joseph Gutheinz, a former inspector for the Federal Aviation Administration and the U.S. Transportation Department. "Why is it that there wasn't an interceptor up there trying to find out what was going on

with that plane?"  
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In air traffic control recordings obtained Thursday by The Associated Press, the controller is heard repeatedly trying to contact the pilots and even talked to the pilot of another go airlines flight in hopes of reaching Flight 1002.

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# Plead

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The first suspect arrested and charged with accessory to murder and grand theft in Flores' death is Jesus Valencia-Bolanos. Valencia also points to Villanueva as the triggerman.  
After the shooting the two men drove the white 1996 Pontiac Grand Am to Southern California where police arrested them on a warrant, court records show. Villanueva was arrested after returning to Twin Falls. Villanueva's trial is scheduled for June.

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# Conservation groups sue over planned burn of sagebrush habitat

BOISE (AP) — Two conservation groups have sued the U.S. Forest Service, contending the agency's planned burning of sagebrush in the Targhee Forest is illegal.

The Alliance for the Wild Rockies and the Native Ecosystems Council filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Boise on Wednesday, asking a judge to stop the prescribed burn of a mosaic pattern across 1,200 acres of sagebrush habitat near Dubois.

The Forest Service's plan states the burn is necessary to improve wildlife habitat in the Berry Creek area, but the conservation groups contend it will kill off the healthy sagebrush in the region, destroying the habitat used by sage grouse, Brewer's sparrows, pygmy rabbits and other wildlife.

The conservation groups and the Forest Service have sparred in court before over other portions of the Targhee National Forest Revised Forest Plan. Nick Woychick with the U.S. attorney's office in Boise said he hadn't seen the lawsuit and that as of Thursday no attorney had been assigned to the case.

Sara Johnson, director of the Native Ecosystems Council, said sagebrush habitats are in jeopardy in the West, and that the loss of sagebrush is mainly from intentional burning on public lands to increase forage for livestock.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has found that about half of fall sagebrush habitats have been eliminated, and the other half has already been altered, Johnson said in a prepared statement. "Once lost to a fire, it takes many decades for sagebrush habitat to return, if at all."

# Groups work to bolster N. Idaho wild steelhead run

LEWISTON (AP) — State and local agencies and northern Idaho landowners are working to bolster a run of wild steelhead that persists in the Potlatch River and its tributaries despite what biologists call harsh conditions.

The groups started the project to try to make stream flows more dependable than what now ranges from flash floods to going completely dry. Officials say there is also a shortage of woody debris and spawning habitat.

The run of wild fish is not augmented with a hatchery program.

"These creatures are pretty damn amazing for their ability to subsist in what we think

is a pretty hostile environment," Ed Schriever, the new Idaho Department of Fish and Game's fisheries chief, told the Lewiston Tribune.

Others taking part in the program are the Latah Soil and Water Conservation District, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Idaho Office of Species Conservation, and the Idaho Department of Lands. Some landowners also participate, including farmers and the Potlatch Corp., a lumber company.

The 60-mile-long river flows through private land in its lower section, and public and private land in its upper sections.

Brett Bowersox, a biologist with Fish and Game, said monitoring of Big Bear and Little Bear creeks, both Potlatch tributaries, have found 80 to 300 adult steelhead returning each year and producing some 9,000 to 12,000 juvenile fish.

"We've been really surprised by the number of adult steelhead that come back and the number of juvenile fish they produce," he said.

He said the department recently started monitoring steelhead on the East Fork

and West Fork of the river where they join to form the main stem of the Potlatch.

The river is a tributary to the Clearwater, a renowned fishing stream among steelhead anglers. The Potlatch is closed to steelhead fishing in the spring when the fish are in the river, Bowersox said.

Restoration efforts have focused on restoring riparian habitat. In the lower part of the river that has meant using the federal Conservation Reserve Program to leave some fields unplowed and planted with native species. Biologists say that will help absorb more runoff from

melting snow as well as spring rain, releasing that water more slowly over the summer so the river doesn't go dry.

"Before agriculture you would have had more of a sponge effect on the Palouse," said Bowersox. "More rain and snow was absorbed and seeped out through springs. Now it's more of a sheet flow across bare ground."

In the upper portions of the river, woody debris is being put in the river and work is planned to form pools and riffles with gravel beds, which steelhead use for spawning.

# E. Idaho woman faces prescription drug theft charges after stealing from assisted-living center

REXBURG (AP) — An eastern Idaho woman accused of gaining entry to an assisted-living center and area homes, sometimes with her 3-year-old son, and stealing prescription medication from residents has been charged with two counts of burglary.

Angelique Elizabeth Smith, 29, of Rexburg, was charged Monday in 7th District Court. She was released from jail on \$30,000 bond.

Rexburg police Detective Dave Hope said an investigation began after a resident at Village Community Gardens in Rexburg noticed some medication was missing after Smith's visit.

Hope said Smith had surgery done about a year ago and afterward received a prescription for hydrocodone, a pain killer.

He said Smith allegedly was after more hydrocodone or other pain killers she was familiar with, such as methadone or oxycodone.

"Desperate people do desperate things," he said.

Hope said Smith got into individual units at assisted-living centers by volunteering to visit lonely residents. Once inside he told residents she was looking at apartments because some family members were interested in moving in.

"She'd go into the bathroom, look through the items in there, and also the kitchen area and go through the cabi-

nets," said Hope.

He said she also started going to homes to visit people who recently had surgery, taking along her son.

"She would tell the homeowner that her son needed to use the bathroom and that would give her access into the bathroom area," said Hope. "When you start using a fami-

ly member to get access into the home, then that could lead up to some serious problems."

It is unclear how many homes Smith might have visited.

Smith's attorney, Ron Blvd, did not immediately return a call to The Associated Press on Thursday.

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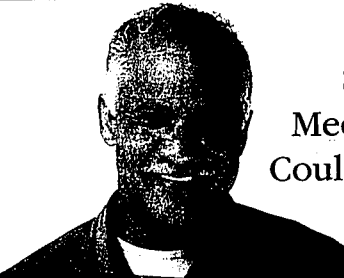
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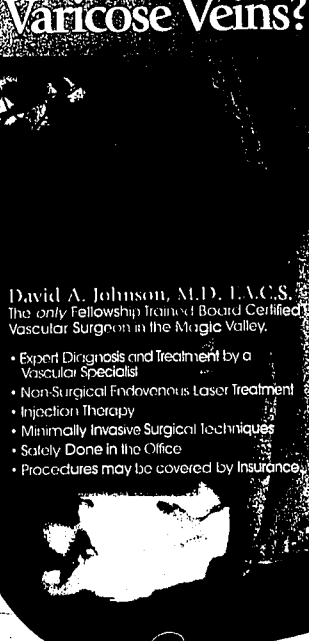
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# At the N.Y. state Capitol, sometimes it seems like spring break on the Hudson

By Michael Comley  
Associated Press writer

ALBANY, N.Y. — Of all the wisecracks heard in the legislative halls of New York's Capitol after Gov. Eliot Spitzer's downfall in a call-girl scandal, one jest enlightened as much as it stung: Spitzer's got to be the only guy in Albany who PAYS for sex.

It is an open secret that there is a lot of fooling around going on at the statehouse. And at other statehouses, too.

In fact, Gov. David Paterson, in an extraordinary news conference on Tuesday, his first full day on the job after taking over from Spitzer, acknowledged he had had extramarital affairs with a number of women while he was a state senator.

At night, legislators, young staffers, younger interns, lobbyists and reporters mix at two or three bars just blocks from the Capitol. And there are numerous receptions, campaign stops and caucuses where lawmakers, straight and gay alike, often have many opportunities for a hook-up.

Up until just a few years ago, lawmakers would go "window shopping" for interns at the start of every legislative session. In a practice that went on for decades, the interns would be corralled in a Capitol room so that legislators could pick their office help based on their looks, not their resumes.

The hanky-panky even has its own lexicon: There's the "Bear Mountain Compact," which says that what goes on north of the state park just outside New York City stays there. Lobbyists, staffers and reporters who seek to enhance their influence by bedding powerful lawmakers are known as "big game hunters." And the men who sleep with the women lawmakers are "boy toys."

"Unfortunately, many of the people who seek public office are flawed people to begin with and the environment in Albany just tends to



New York State Gov. Eliot Spitzer makes a statement during a news conference on March 10 in New York, in which he apologized to his family and the public after a report that he was involved in a prostitution ring.

conduct at a bar. He said he engaged in "consensual" but "inappropriate" conduct. Accusations of sex and politics have taken down congressmen and senators, and nearly brought down President Clinton in 1998. A sex scandal was the undoing of New Jersey Gov. James E.

Clayne, former district attorney in Albany.

Clayne issued a scathing report in 2004 on the internship program at the Capitol, famously saying he would never let his daughter become an intern. The report led to reforms in the program, including an end to the fraternization between lawmakers and interns outside the office.

"There was a lot hitting on us and boundaries being crossed," said one young woman lobbyist who was part of that scene for years. In truth, the phenomenon is not new, and it's not confined to Albany. By all accounts, the same thing goes on at other state capitols, particularly where the statehouse is far from the main population centers and lawmakers stay overnight several times a week. Men and women outside politics are prone to some of the same behavior when they go on business trips.

"One of the things about Washington and every state capital is for some people it's like going to a convention," said state Assemblyman John McEneny, an Albany Democrat and former Albany County historian. "What happens is you get individuals who work and behave the same way if they had the disapproval of friends and neighbors keeping an eye on them."

In Colorado, state Rep. Michael Garcia resigned this year after a female lobbyist accused him of sexual mis-

conduct just days after the 48-year-old married man was identified by federal authorities as Client 9 of a high-priced prostitution ring.

"It really is not anything new," said Tom Fiedler, who covered Hart's downfall as a reporter with The Miami Herald and is now a visiting lecturer at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. "I would have no reason to believe any public officer is any less susceptible to temptations of the flesh than any one who is not in public office."

But the New York state capital — a place of larger-than-life personalities like Theodore and Franklin D. Roosevelt and big ideas like the Erie Canal — seems to have an ostentatious history of sexual conduct and misconduct. Last week, Spitzer's career

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**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

WHAT DO I NEED TO SHOOT TO FINISH THIS TOURNAMENT IN THE LEAD?  
THE OTHER PLAYERS.

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

**Baby Blues Proverb**  
Don't put all your eggs in one omelette.

BUT I SAID I WANTED MORE ONION! YUCK! ONIONS!

**Baldo** By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

IF I HAD A MILLION DOLLARS, I'D INVEST IT.  
IN WHAT STOCKS? GO? RARE COLLECTIBLES?  
PLEASE, BALDO, I'M WAY SMARTER THAN THAT.  
I'D BUY A MILLION LOTTERY TICKETS.

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THE FOMMER IS OUT, BUT HOWARD HERE IS GOING TO BLOW BUBBLES IN YOUR CAFE AU LAIT UNTIL IT'S A CAPPUCCINO.

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CATBERT: EVIL DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
IS THERE A COMPANY SPONSORED PROGRAM FOR REGROWING MY LOST SOUL?  
NO, BUT I'D BE HAPPY TO BAT YOUR DRIED-UP HEAD UNTIL IT SNAPS OFF.  
I HAVE TROUBLE SAYING NO TO FREE STUFF.

**Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau

MOM! I'VE STRIPPED YOUR ROOM!  
DUN DUN DUN! YOU'VE JUST MADE YOURSELF A STRANGER TO YOUR ROOM!  
YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT I'M NOT A PLEASANT PERSON. I'M AN ANGRY PERSON. I'M AN ANGRY PERSON. I'M AN ANGRY PERSON.  
NO AS SPECIAL AS OUR BOND OF COURAGE. NO ONE IN THE WORLD IS MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN MY BABY GIRL.  
MOM! I'VE STRIPPED YOUR ROOM!  
IS IT STOP STRIPPING MY ROOM? (GARRIED INTRACHE)

**The Elderberries** By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Mr. Winkler, I can't allow you to keep this outside your door.  
And why not?  
If you may do considered a nuisance to some of our residents.  
Why? Because he's a cracker?  
No, because he gets a negative light on the North American Community.  
Well, how 'bout an outfit I'm with one of the Polynesian Hawaiian shirts and some of the Tiki God for Sunday Worship?  
Oh.

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

DEAR DAVE, ANTHONY AND FINALLY TALKED ABOUT GETTING MARRIED. I GUESSED WE'D BOTH BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT FOR A LONG TIME.  
WE'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR A KING (OR QUEEN) WHO MUST ADMIRE US AND WANT TO WEAR US!  
WE HAVEN'T GET A DATE YET... BUT WHEN THE TIME COMES I WANT YOU AND SHAWNA MARRIED TO BE MY BRIDESMAIDS.  
THAT'S RIGHT, DUDES... IT'S PAYBACK TIME!

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

SPRING TRAINING CAMP  
HAVE YOU EVER THROWN SPITBALLS?  
NOT SINCE THE LEAGUE STARTED TESTING SALIVA.

**Luann** By Neal Adams

MOM, WHEN I PICK UP TONI FOR THE BALL, SHOULD I TAKE SOME FLOWERS?  
THAT'S A VERY SWEET THOUGHT, BUT DON'T FORGET TO BRING SOME FLOWERS.  
BUT TONI ISN'T A REAL 'GIRLY' GIRL. IS SHE?  
RIGHT. SHE'S KIND OF OF AN ENDS-OR-STARTS, RIGHT?  
I KNOW! I'VE GOT A TUNE-UP KIT!  
Y'KNOW, CARTRIDGES AREN'T VERY 'GIRLY'.

**Mallard Fillmore** By Bruce Tinsley

D.C. HAS HAD A GUN BAN FOR 30 YEARS...  
AND REMAINED ONE OF THE TOP U.S. CITIES FOR VIOLENT CRIME!  
AS A PROFESSIONAL MUGGER, THAT'S WHY I MOVED HERE...  
AND CONSIDER ENDING THE GUN BAN A SERIOUS CONTRACT BREACH!

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

AT 'EETAZEEB' HEADQUARTERS  
Good morning, valued workers. Today we have meetings. Discuss your salaries.  
God morning, Meester CEO. I would like talk first.  
Why you want talk first?  
To keess butt of you.  
He go far...

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

KIDS TODAY AREN'T BEING TAUGHT TO RESPECT THEIR ELDERLY.  
IN SOME CULTURES THEY TREAT THEIR ELDERLY AS NATIONAL TREASURES, BUT NOT HERE.  
I WOULDN'T MIND BEING TREATED AS A NATIONAL TREASURE FOR A CHANGE.  
HOW ABOUT IF I DON'T WANT YOU NEXT TIME YOU LEAVE YOUR DIRTY SOCKS ON MY PILLOW?

**Rose Is Rose** By Pat Brady

DID YOU MENTION THE FABULOUS WEATHER?  
AND THE GORGEOUS SCENERY?  
WHAT ABOUT THE FOOD?  
I GUESS SHE'S NOT INTERESTED IN HEARING ABOUT OUR WINTER VACATION!  
YEAH, SHE'S ALL ABOUT GETTING RIGHT BACK TO THE CHAIR!

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

YANK!  
THANK!  
OH!

NEXT TIME JUST HAND ME THE GROOMING SCISSORS, OKAY?

**Good Friday good for relationships, Taurus**

IF MARCH 21 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, your affairs will develop by leaps and bounds during the year ahead. Because you are likely to have a lucrative offer or a challenging upswing in career during December, it is a good idea to get in perfect physical shape right now. Join a health club or start walking every day. Your improved stamina will serve you well next winter when a lucky break might entail some long hours and burning the candle at both ends.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Pay your dues. This full moon might point out that you have not accomplished everything you set out to accomplish. Work hard to gather necessary experience and polish.

**TAUROS (April 20-May 20):** Good Friday could be good for your relationships. A minor skirmish with a friend or partner can have a peaceful ending. You may be letting someone else influence your daily decisions too much.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Spend time wisely. Use the next four weeks to reassess, re-evaluate and rehabilitate your aspirations. You are about to enter a new learning cycle.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):**

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

This full moon may bring to your attention just how important your standing in the community is to your happiness. Stay during the month ahead to achieve recognition by working a bit more diligently.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Today's full moon may bring into focus the ways in which you have squandered your pennies on entertainment and pleasures. You may wish to form a resolution to learn how to handle your finances better.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Real success might come from what you do, but whom you know is just as important. Today's full moon can illuminate the problems, as well as the benefits, of sharing your dreams and plans.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Put things in perspective. This full moon may point out how much you and a loved one differ about joint ambitions. Find ways to strike a compromise and accomplish mutual dreams.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You must focus on the job at hand before you can notice the imperfections. Adjust to a change of pace with good grace, but do not finalize a business transaction. Let things simmer over the weekend.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** All's well that ends well. Tiny tensions may have hit their peak. Plan to finalize crucial transactions after the holiday when others will be more cooperative. You need to take a good, long rest.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Pop the cork. Bottled up emotions may explode if you don't release them. Use your insights into human nature to handle your own foibles; rather than trying to calculate how to affect others.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Hit the information superhighway running. It may come to light just how much confidential information is available online—or you may find it easy to investigate an idea. Use brainpower.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Bask in the limelight. With gentle Venus in your sign, you may attract a fair share of adoring fans. This full moon may place an emphasis on finances.

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

DADDY, IS IT TRUE THAT YOU LEARN MORE FROM YOUR MISTAKES THAN FROM YOUR SUCCESSSES?  
I THINK SO, SWEET.

AND HOW ABOUT... WHAT DOESN'T KILL YOU MAKES YOU STRONGER?  
WELL, THAT'S A BIT MORE INTERESTING, BUT IT HAS SOME YALPITY.

END OF DADDY SAYS IT'S ALL LEARNING CURVE.  
MOM, WHY?

END IN HAPPY PLACE. I'LL BE WITH YOU IN TWO MY FACE.

Thank God His Life Creates Period

**Strange Brew** By John Deering

Thank God His Life Creates Period

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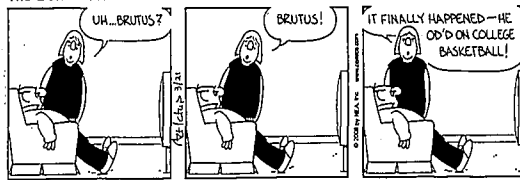
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



# Co-workers' endless chatter drives impatient listener mad

DEAR ABBY: My problem is, I have lost the art of listening. When someone is too long to get to the point, or includes irrelevant details, I completely lose patience. I work in a medical office with the same small group of women every day, and I like my job. However, I find myself trying to keep "extra busy" to avoid the boring, mundane chatter about things I don't care about.

Am I becoming an antisocial snob, or is there a way to participate in a conversation while resisting the temptation to roll your eyes at a diminutive person along with my hands?

I am not particularly chatty, and I don't divulge many details of my personal life—so is it wrong to no longer care about the details of everyone else's?



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I had our first child, a beautiful baby girl, nine months ago. We chose a name for our daughter while I was pregnant, but my in-laws refuse to use her first name. They insist on calling her a diminutive of her middle name. Now the whole family is doing it.

At first they claimed that some distant cousin (whom we have never met) had the same name. Now they say, "We don't like her first name, so we're going to call her [I]." How can we convince them to call her by her given name?

—NEW MOM IN AUSTIN

DEAR NEW MOM: Your in-laws' behavior is rude and disrespectful. Tell them that unless they're prepared for their grandchild to call them "UNCLE Charles and AUNT Martha," they should get used to calling your daughter by the name you chose for her. If they refuse, limit their time with her until she's old enough to understand who she is so they won't confuse her.

In North Carolina," whose letter you published on Feb. 23. Thank you for printing it. You will be happy to know that after the length of time you suggested, I did contact "Bethany." I mailed it. She did, in fact, go back to her boyfriend. I'm OK with it, but what is disappointing is she broke up with me by e-mail. I guess she didn't have the courage to face me.

After I wrote to you, I decided I wouldn't sit around and wait like a "sad puppy." I've been on a few dates and have met a lot of great women, but haven't settled yet. That's the thing: I'm not going to "settle."

There are so many times when "we men" can't open up and share how we feel. Thank you for being someone that "we" can talk to (even if it's not really a conversation).

—NO LONGER TROUBLED IN JACKSONVILLE, N.C.

DEAR NO LONGER TROUBLED: You're welcome. I'm pleased I could be a sounding board for you. I'm also pleased you jumped right back into the dating pool. Although Bethany may have had many admirable qualities, the fact that she took the easy way out and ended the relationship by e-mail rather than facing you is a clue to her character. You deserve better, and you shouldn't settle for less.

DEAR ABBY: I'm "Troubled

## Workers find thousands of shekels in sewage plant

JERUSALEM (AP) — Something didn't sit quite right with a pile of cash discovered Thursday at a sewage purification plant in northern Israel.

Shocked workers at the Tiberias plant found about 7,000 shekels (\$2,000) of the dirty money all in 200 shekel

bilis among the smelly sewage. Israeli TV showed the bills sizzling out of sewage and stuck in pipes. The bills were cut in half.

"I called the police but they didn't believe me. At first they thought I was playing a prank," plant manager Haim Cohen told Israeli reporters.

"When police did arrive, they didn't believe me and left," Cohen said. "Later on, different officers came and sifted through the sewage to see for themselves."

Israeli media speculated that the trash might have been the result of a domestic dispute.

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## ALL OUT

Event and season titles handed out at 48Straight slopes events

For the Times-News

SUN VALLEY—Through 20 years of age separate the two, only a few inches stood between South Lake Tahoe's Shaun Palmer and Girdwood, Alaska's Callan Chythlooh-Sifos as they stood atop the podium together as season champions at today's snowboard cross finals of the Jeep King of the Mountain competition at the 48Straight sports, music and entertainment event at Sun Valley last Friday.

Palmer, the extreme sports legend who had already captured wins at the first two races of the season in Telluride, Colo., and Squaw Valley, Calif., had a chance to complete the season sweep but finished just behind his roommate and longtime rival, Squaw Valley's Nate Holland.

While Holland earned the individual event title, second place was good enough to secure the overall crown for Palmer, marking yet another milestone in a season that includes two, second place World Cup finishes and an appointment to the "A" squad of the U.S. Snowboard team.

"This has been a great season, and after I got the first two wins I wanted to complete the sweep," said Palmer, who competed in his first snowboard competition in 1988, approximately one year before Chythlooh-Sifos was born. "Hats off to Nate in earning the victory, as he deserved to win today. Now it's all about the 2010 Olympics and trying to secure one of those few spots. This finish sure doesn't hurt."

The final run of the day offered a glimpse of the Americans' dominance in men's snowboarding. Palmer, with five snowboarding World Championships and countless X Games medals under his belt, faced off against Holland, who just completed an illustrious three-peat gold medal at the X Games.

The field was so deep that hometown favorite Graham Watanabe of Halley, a former Jeep King of the Mountain Champion who recently won his second career World Cup title and Seth Wescott of Farmington, Maine, an Olympic gold medalist, found themselves in fifth and sixth place, respectively.

"It was really tight out there all day, and with the new snow that arrived during the race, you really had to stay in your tracks," said Holland.

In the first women's run of the day, Vermont's Lindsey Jacobellis, the X Games gold medalist and Olympic silver medalist with four titles in World Cup competition this season, jumped out to a huge lead over her competitors and seemed destined to coast into the finish.

Unexpectedly, the defending Jeep King of the Mountain champion took a tumble, opening up the opportunity for South Lake Tahoe's Dena Waller and Lynn Neil to advance. Chythlooh-Sifos, the 19-year-old who is already a member of the U.S. Snowboarding team, found herself matched up against teammate Marini Yamada of Seattle, Wash., along with American Lynn Out of Bend, Ore., and Jennie Anderson of South Lake Tahoe, a 2007 X Games gold medalist.

In the championship heat, Chythlooh-Sifos started behind the pack but quickly caught up and made her push, reaching the finish line with little room to spare and landing her biggest win in a brief yet impressive three-year career.

The only snag of the weekend for Chythlooh-Sifos involves her prize earnings. In addition



A skier tries to remain in control after hitting the last of a series of bumps on the skier cross course March 15 during the 48Straight ski festival that made Sun Valley its final stop in the national tour.

to a generous winner's check, the Alaskan, with no driver's license to her name, earned the keys to a new Jeep Liberty.

On Saturday, Canadian racers Chris Del Bosco and Julia Murray earned their first career wins and stole the show against the world's elite in the skier-cross competition.

Del Bosco, who has been competing for the past eight years, has earned numerous podium finishes at the X Games and other top events, but had never been able to capture the top spot. That changed on Saturday, as he ousted the world's No. 1 ranked racer, Tomas Kraus of the Czech Republic — as well as Daron Rahives, the most accomplished speed-event racer in U.S. history, and Canadian teammate Stanley Hayer who won the inaugural Ski Tour event in 2007, in the championship heat.

"I felt great all day on this course and throughout training, but I knew it was going to be tough," said Del Bosco.

Kraus, who finished behind Del Bosco, earned the Jeep King of the Mountain season championship based on his third place finish at the first race in Telluride, Colo., and his first place finish at the previous race in Squaw Valley, Calif.



Bald Mountain is shrouded in a veil of snow behind skiers preparing their equipment for the skier cross races on top of Dollar Mountain during 48Straight Jeep King of the Mountain March 15 in Sun Valley.

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## Field test: Norway's Romsdal Alps, Part 1

High above a fjord, on a mountain face battered by wind, my skis cut a subtle line on a blank canvas of white. It's 1 p.m. on Kirketaket, a 4,721-foot peak in Norway's Romsdal Alps, and I'm heading up-mountain on a ski tour.



THE GEAR  
JUNKIE  
Stephen Regendoll

The group, a mix of American and Norwegian skiers, is halfway through the day-long ascent. My gear arsenal includes: a pair of alpine touring skis and boots, prototype wool apparel, new avalanche safety equipment, an altimeter watch, and outerwear to protect against the fierce elements of coastal Norway.

My ski setup — which I wrote about in this column last month — includes Black Diamond Kilowatt skis (\$539, [www.bdel.com](http://www.bdel.com)) mounted with Fritschi Diamir Freeride Plus bindings (\$425); Black Diamond's Ascension ski skins (\$122); and a discontinued pair of adjustable-length poles from Indigo.

On my feet are SCARPA's Spirit 4 boots (\$669, [www.scarpa.com](http://www.scarpa.com)), a four-buckle model for serious alpine descents, though with a "walk" mode to add flex while ascending.

Overall, this gear works well, especially going downhill, where the powerful Kilowatt skis slice hard-packed snow and ice. But for the uphill, which is the meat of the adventure on a peak like Kirketaket, I am less impressed.

Everything works as promised — my boots flexing, skis gripping the snow, the bindings pivoting to provide an effective free-heel stride — though it is a heavy and clunky train of motion. Next time I'll choose lighter gear, banking on a bit less performance heading downhill and more efficiency for going up.

Stowed away in my pack are two pieces of to-be-released safety gear from Backcountry Access ([www.backcountryaccess.com](http://www.backcountryaccess.com)) that I fortunately will never touch on this trip. The Tour shovel — made for digging fast through snow — arrived after an avalanche — costs just \$39 and at 1 pound, 2 ounces is among the lightest of its type ever made. Its aluminum shaft and blade come apart for stashing in a pack and measure about 24 inches long when assembled.

The Carbon snow probe (\$80) is comprised of a foldable, seven-section carbon-fiber tube. It weighs almost nothing — just seven ounces — but clicks together to create a solid 8-foot pole for searches in the snow.

For personal safety, I keep Backcountry Access' Tracker DTS avalanche beacon (\$290) strapped to my body. This beacon bleeps out my location at all times via radio signals and has an easy-to-use LED interface enabled during a search.

As a backup parachute, I employ Black Diamond's Cover 32 AvalLung backpack (\$270), which is a day-trip-size pack with built-in sleeves, straps and pockets for a shovel, probe and other gear. But what makes this ski pack special is its integrated AvalLung, an air-line apparatus that can help a skier breathe buried in a snow slide.

Heading up Kirketaket, I keep the AvalLung's valve extended and ready for use. But the snow is safe on our trip, and we ski up the mountain with few concerns, the white peak above, slate-blue fjords thousands of feet below, a long and gorgeous day in the coastal Alps of Norway.

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Skiers head up Kirketaket, a 4,721-foot peak in Norway, during a ski tour.

## When it comes to the hunt, practice makes perfect

By Rob Morris  
Times-News correspondent



Bradson Capps of Twin Falls readies himself at the 'Incoming Geese' station at the Jerome Gun Club's sporting clays course.

It's a typical warm, mid-Morning upland bird opening morning as a lone hunter and his bird dog walk across a parcel of BLM land. The dog, a young German shorthaired pointer, quarters back-and-forth in front of his master, sniffing the slight breeze and occasionally stopping to look back for direction as they hunt across the fenced parcel.

It's been a busy summer of training for both, working on pointing, retrieving and steadiness to wing and shot. With the sun quickly climbing above the horizon, it's already warming-up fast. This will be a short hunt.

Finally, at the opposite end of the parcel, the young dog's tail starts to wag and he locks into a

solid point, very low to the ground, as if straining for every molecule of the sweet scent of game-birds on this hot, dusty morning. The hunter hurries to get in front of his dog, knowing that the birds, most likely larks, can sneak away from a dog's point far too easily. He sprints in an arc in front of his dog's rock solid point and walks directly toward the dog when a covey of fawns take flight, chirping and chattering. Startled, he misses an easy shot on a rising bird. He works the action on his shotgun, picks out another bird from the large covey and misses again, and then yells again.

The young dog has not moved. He has followed the flight of the birds and watched as his master missed the birds. No bird fell, no

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# Reinstating doe hunts a helpful herd-boosting tool

**Question:** "My whole life I've heard fish and game talk about buckless ridges. I'm not disagreeing with the importance of this statistic but you can have a 10-1 ratio with 1,000 bucks to 10,000 does just as well as 10 bucks to 100 does. Unit 54 has had a great increase in deer populations since the doe hunts were eliminated. I drew this unit in '07 and would say it's the best I've seen it since the devastating winter of '92-'93. I'm concerned reinstating doe deer hunting will reduce the quality of this population."

**ASK THE OFFICER**  
**Randy Smith**

**Answer:** Controlled hunt permit levels for deer are based on population estimates and trends. Your example was correct; the herd composition ratio is the same whether you have 10,000 bucks or 1,000 bucks. However, the real question is "In an area capable of supporting only 1,000 deer would you prefer to have 950 does and 100 bucks or 700 does and 250 bucks?"



The reinstatement of antlerless deer hunts is something the Idaho Department of Fish and Game believes will help boost the quality of the local deer population rather than harm it.

winter ranges, installing guzzlers for wildlife water, and riparian regeneration projects are all designed to improve the habitat's ability to support wildlife, or carrying capacity.

Mule deer populations achieve optimal reproduction — meaning they produce the maximum number of fawns — when they are managed below the carrying capacity. With the use of hunting as a management tool, we can manipulate the population to maintain the health of the population of both does and bucks.

Antlerless harvest is a valuable management tool, and one that we continue to recommend when we believe it will help achieve our population management objectives. Some objectives include managing deer numbers below carrying capacity in order to improve survival of adult does and optimize reproductive potential.

Hunting antlerless deer is also used to reduce the magnitude of die-offs like occurred in 1992-'93 as well as stimulate sluggish bucks to rebuild more quickly.

Following the 1993 mule deer decline, antlerless harvest successfully stimulated reproduction and population growth in the Magic Valley. In the Bennett Hills, antlerless deer hunting stabilized deer numbers and allowed recovery of winter habitat after years of high deer numbers and overuse. The result was an improvement in winter range conditions and a deer herd that increased substantially within three to four years.

Some Idaho mule deer populations that have not and antlerless harvest since 1993 remain depressed with low fawn production. Antlerless harvest may be considered to help stimulate these herds toward recovery and increased production.

Every three to five years, mule deer populations are counted using a specially designed helicopter survey. During the interim years, we conduct surveys to track the proportion of fawns, does, and bucks in the population. Additionally, every year a sample of fawns and adult does is radio-collared to monitor survival in each Population Management Unit. We use these data and harvest estimates from the mandatory harvest report to monitor population status and trends.

If you have any further questions you may call the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at (208)324-4350 or visit our Web site at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

Randy Smith is a regional wildlife manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

# Despite challenges, spring steelhead season has rewards

By Roger Phillips  
The Idaho Statesman

BOISE — Spring steelhead fishing is a like a big Catch-22. You're waiting for warm weather to raise river temperatures a few degrees and get dormant fish moving again.

But the snowpack looms like a weak, leaky dam that hot weather or rain will erode and send a torrent of water downstream and turn prime fishing water into running current. No one ever claimed steelhead fishing was easy, in fact the challenge is part of the draw.

Steelhead anglers drive for hours, camp in the rain and snow, line up shoulder to shoulder on the river's edge, or stand thigh-deep in frigid water and cast like maniacs hoping that a steelhead will take their offerings.

When it happens, there's an electric jolt like you just tapped into Mother Nature's power main. A leaping, thrashing, line-stripping steelhead can battle like few other fish, and when you've tattered into that energy, the river doesn't seem so cold, the drive so far or the weather so bad.

Despite the challenges of spring steelhead fishing, it does have its advantages over fall when fish are dispersed in large rivers.

Steelhead move into headwaters in spring, where they are concentrated in the smallest sections of the rivers. There's excellent bank access, and when conditions are right, you can actually see the fish you're trying to catch.

Fly fishing guide Dave Tucker of Parma has gotten many trophies hooked into their first steelhead. Tucker owns and operates Dreams on the Fly and guides for steelhead and trout in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. He will be guiding this spring on the upper Salmon River near Stanley.

Despite the unpredictability of spring fishing, Tucker said it is a good time to learn about steelhead fishing.

"It's probably the best chance for a trophy fisherman to catch a steelhead," Tucker said. "They're a little easier to get to, and you don't need a lot of technical gear."

You can catch steelhead with a heavy trout rod, like still 6-weight or a 7-weight rod, but steelhead are fish you can cast a nymph or an egg pattern and an indicator can usually get them fly to a steelhead.

Gear fishermen also have excellent spring fishing by drifting shrimp or roe, or treading water with scud. Bobbers and jigs also are popular, especially in slow, deep holes where fish often congregate and rest during their upstream migration.

Whatever your fishing method, the spring steelhead will test your patience, but it also will give you a chance to catch a fish that will dwarf even the largest trout.

Here are four rivers that will test your skills and patience:

The Little Salmon River — The Little Salmon can provide some of the best spring fishing in the state, but it is steep and shallow, so it can be tough to fish at higher water. Anglers tend to congregate at the deeper holes in the river, so they can get crowded. But there's lots of places to access the river anywhere when steelhead are moving upstream. Bring lots of fishing gear. The Little Salmon is infamous for snagging tackle. Many anglers fish with just a steelhead hook and yarn and some scent on it. The Little Salmon parallels U.S. 95 between New Meadows and Riggin.

The Grande Blonde River — This river in northeast Oregon is popular with steelhead anglers because it has good road access and can be waded in most areas. It's about a five-hour drive, but much of that is on freeways. Take I-84 to LaGrande and have a road map from there. The river isn't hard to ford, but it is easy to miss a turn to the river. The Grande Blonde is in a picturesque canyon with abundant wildlife, including deer, elk, bighorn sheep, turkeys, bald eagles, geese, and more. The river can be difficult to fish in spring, but when it does, you can still fish the Willowa River, which is a tributary.

The South Fork of the Clearwater River — This tributary stream has a big run of leechy steelhead and features the large "B" run fish that normally weigh 10 to 15 pounds. The South Fork can get crowded, especially at prime fishing holes, but it also has good road access to a long stretch of river. So you can find places to escape the crowds. The best way to access the South Fork is by taking U.S. 95 to Grangeville and Idaho 13 to the river. You will run into more private property in the lower end and more public land in the upper river.

The Upper Salmon River — The headwaters of the Salmon provide over 100 miles of steelhead water from the Salmon area to the river. This section of the river is much narrower than the river near Riggin, so it's easier for bank anglers to fish. There are also sections you can float in a river-worthly boat. But make sure you know the river section, as there are treacherous rapids in some stretches. The spring season runs well into April as fish make their final push to the Sawtooth Hatchery. To get there, take Idaho 55 to the banks to Lowman Highway and head to Stanley.

# Nome woman is youngest yet to finish Ilditarod

NOME, Alaska (AP) — Melissa Owens drove her dog team down Front Street to a cheering hometown crowd who welcomed the youngest woman yet to complete the world's longest sled dog race.

Owens, who turned 18 just 13 days before the Ilditarod Trail Sled Dog Race starts in Willow, arrived home Thursday morning just in time for breakfast.

Her finish was the second-best among the rookies. Only William Kleedhen, who has twice finished second in the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race, did better, coming in 28th and getting rookie-of-the-year honors.

Owens, who had just six dogs left in harness at the finish, used trail markers as ski poles for the last 70 miles to help her dogs reach Nome. She drove her team down Front Street and then guided her lead dogs Yoda and Kiwi through a mob of people to complete the 1,100-mile race.

Come on, bring 'em home," Mike Owens yelled into the microphone to cheer for his daughter.

Owens, who is still in high school, finished her rookie race in 30th place to take home \$1,800. But she'll have to deduct about \$30 of that for breakfast at Fat Freddie's, a local restaurant, after losing a bet with Ed Stielstra of McMillan, Mich., on who would complete the finish line first. Stielstra finished the race in 29th place, one position ahead of Owens.

Catching Stielstra's team was nearly impossible, so Owens focused on getting her dogs home safely. Piko limped coming out of White Mountain and ran out of gas on the ice.

So Owens loaded Piko into her sled and gave him a ride home.

Dozens of friends and family filled the crowd at the finish line to welcome Owens, a scene that matched, if not surpassed, the arrival of two-time defending Ilditarod champion Lance Mackey early Wednesday.

"I was so happy she wasn't concerned about his daughter traveling 1,100 miles from Willow to Nome. He ran the Ilditarod in 1987 and 1990 and raised his daughter with hopes that someday she



Ilditarod rookie Melissa Owens leads her team up Front Street past fans as she arrives in her home town of Nome, Alaska, to finish the Ilditarod Trail Sled Dog Race on March 13. The 18-year-old high school student from Nome was the youngest musher in this year's field and became the youngest woman to finish the race.

could accomplish the same thing.

"This has been a dream come true," he said.

Melissa's parents know her as the food drop baby. While Mike prepared to run the 1990 Ilditarod, his wife Pat was pregnant with Melissa. But Melissa's due date never coincided with the food drop deadline. Despite the discomfort that comes with

being pregnant, Pat helped Mike put together his food drops.

"You can't have that baby unless you get these food drops done," Mike said.

Melissa arrived 24 hours later, in time to attend the Ilditarod banquet in Anchorage with her daddy, who held 11-day-old Melissa in his arms while he drew his bib number.

# OUTDOOR BRIEFS

**CSI outdoors show still has booths available**

A few merchandise display spaces are still available in the College of Southern Idaho's Sports and Leisure Show that will be held in the Eldon Evans Expo Center May 4 through 5.

The exhibition will be sponsored by students in CSI's International Business Club and will feature exhibits of camping, boating, off-road motor sports, sporting goods, and more. Students will use proceeds from the show for educational enrichment opportunities.

Booth spaces run from 10 by 20 to 45 by 45 feet and range in price from \$250 to \$700. The show will run from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 1 and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3.

For more information on

reserving exhibit space, contact CSI's business Professor and club advisor Dennis Heiner at 723-6411 or at [dheiner@csi.edu](mailto:dheiner@csi.edu).

**CSI Mini-Cassia to offer new GPS classes**

BURLEY — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center enrichment program recently added two new class sections to the spring line up.

Practical GPS Uses will be 7-9 a.m. on Tuesdays, April 8 and 15 or April 22 and 29. These 4-hour courses are designed for individuals who have a GPS and want to learn to use it enjoying the outdoors or traveling.

Instructor John McDonald will cover the basics including plotting locations, following and retracing a trail, reading the screen, waypoints, elevation, topographic and street maps, using a compass

and downloading data programs. Participants will go outside and put their navigational skills to work during class.

The cost per section is \$20.

**Construction of new Old Faithful visitor center set for May**

Groundbreaking for a new \$27 million Old Faithful Visitor Education Center at Yellowstone National Park is set for May.

The two-story, 26,000 square foot structure will be built on the site of the small, outdated visitor center that was demolished last summer.

A temporary visitor center is in place while construction is under way. The new facility is expected to open to the public by the fall of 2010 and serve 2.6 million visitors

every year.

It will feature new exhibits and host new programs to help visitors understand and appreciate geysers, hot springs, and other hydrothermal features in Yellowstone. The building will also contain an auditorium, research library, multi-purpose classroom, and educational bookstore.

**Ducks Unlimited hits Jerome Gun Club**

The Jerome Ducks Unlimited Chapter will be holding a Sporting Clays Fun Shoot April 26 at the Jerome Gun Club. Registration begins at 10 am and the shoot begins at 11.

Awards and free lunch follow the shoot. For more information please call Amanda Pfitzer at 420-3890 or Randall Rector at 280-5425.

**Southern Idaho Learning Center hosts Men's Night Out**

The Southern Idaho Learning Center will host a Men's Night Out event, featuring a wild game feed, auction, and celebrity roast, at the Turf Club on March 29.

Gregg Middlekauff of Middlekauff Motors takes the lead in getting underway by the valley's funniest funny man, Danny Marona and his hand-picked, stick-a-fork-in-him-to-see-if-he-is-done, hilarious roasters.

Auction Items include an African safari, a wicker wren, a pedigreed and trained English Pointer puppy, a 42-inch plasma TV and many more items.

Tickets are \$50 person and can be purchased at Everybody's Business, Run's a Cook's Paradise, Dick's

Pharmacy or by calling the Southern Idaho Learning Center at 734-3914.

**South Hills Strutters to host banquet**

The South Hills Strutters will hold their fourth annual couples' banquet 5 p.m. on April 5 at Radio Rodeo, 241 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Cost is \$80 for couples, \$55 for singles and \$25 for "Jakes," those age 17 and under. The price includes dinner and one membership.

The night will feature a dinner catered by Kirt Martin of Snow Day restaurant. There will be silent auctions, games, raffles, prizes and a sponsor's table.

Space is limited. For more information contact John Howard at 734-9116.

— staff and wire reports





**Stocks rebound from sell-off**

(AP) Wall Street capped a volatile week with a big advance Thursday, rebounding from a steep sell-off as investors sought bargains and cheered a milder-than-expected drop in a regional manufacturing report.

**Down Jones Industrials**

**12,391.32**

**Nasdaq Composite**

**2,268.11**

**Standard & Poor's 500**

**1,329.81**

**Russell 2000**

**681.42**

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# BUSINESS

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## Idaho Power proposes rate increase of 1.4%

### Additional revenue would cover cost of new plant construction

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

The Idaho Power Co. is proposing to increase customer rates by about 1.4 percent to pay for a new natural gas plant near Mountain Home. According to a Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Idaho Power is seeking to

recover from customers \$64.9 million in expense for the 170-megawatt plant, which is scheduled to be in commercial operation by June 1. Idaho Power will use about \$57.7 million to help cover plant construction and \$7.3 million for additional transmission and interconnection expenses to connect the new

plant. "The plant is basically needed to meet the growing demand," said Gene Fadness, public information officer for the IPUC. "Natural gas and coal are generally things you try to steer away from, but this was found to be the most economical way meet demand."

Fadness said total transmission expense is anticipated to be \$26.6 million, but due to delays in construction, Idaho Power is asking to recover \$7.33 million now and to recover the remaining cost in a subsequent application. To meet the total request in addition to the company's authorized 8.1 percent rate of return, Idaho Power officials say the company will need to increase its annual revenue by \$9 million. The company proposes to increase customer rates for all customer classes and for Idaho Power's three large contract customers by 1.39 percent. For a residential customer who uses about 1,050 kWh

**Be heard**  
Comments on the proposed rate increase will be accepted via e-mail by accessing the commission's homepage at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) and clicking on "Comments & Questions." Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

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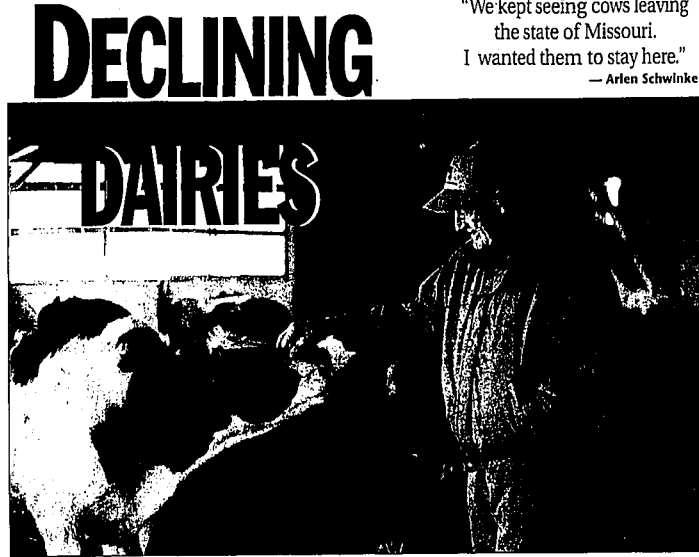
## Small businesses find ways to get relief from rising costs of mailing and shipping

Although the price of a first-class postage stamp is going up a penny on May 12, small businesses will get a break for the first time on Express Mail and Priority Mail costs. That will help many companies, but business owners who do a lot of mailing and shipping say there are plenty of additional ways to cut expenses if you shop and ask around. The U.S. Postal Service, making itself more competitive with commercial mailers and shippers, is taking some steps away from what it calls a "one price fits all" policy that had customers paying the same price for all pieces of mail in certain classes of service. For example, Express Mail has had one price whether a piece of mail was sent 10 miles or 1,000 miles. Express Mail will be priced based on zones, allowing customers sending mail nearby to pay less. Customers can also get volume discounts or save money by purchasing Express Mail online or through corporate accounts. Meanwhile, customers who use Priority Mail can save an average of

**SMALL TALK**  
Joyce M. Rosenberg

3.5 percent if they use electronic postage or meet other requirements and there will be discounts on Parcel Select and Parcel Return Service. Shipping and mailing costs have been going up lately along with the price of gasoline and diesel, so the Postal Service is clearly trying to win away some business from its commercial rivals. Shipping and mailing services are all feeling the pain of a slower economy, and they're hungry for business — and savvy company owners know how to turn a difficult situation to their advantage. "Negotiate, negotiate, negotiate," said Nancy Baughn, owner of eBiz Auctions, a Raleigh, N.C.-based online auction service. She said she's been able to get a better rate from shipping companies by telling them what their competitors are willing to do for her.

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Arlen Schwinke, a retired dairy farmer who rents his cows to other farmers and retains ownership of the offspring, pets one of his Holsteins while on a walk through his farm Monday near Morrison, Mo. Although milk production is up nationwide, several states like Missouri, with a history of small, family-owned farms, are seeing declining numbers of dairy operations despite efforts to expand the industry.

## Missouri looks for ways to curb industry's steady downturn

By Betsy Taylor  
Associated Press writer

MORRISON, Mo. — At age 77, Arlen Schwinke might be getting too old for the twice-a-day milkings that come with working a dairy farm, but he's still deeply committed to Missouri's dairy industry. Rather than sell off his cows when he decided to stop milking, Schwinke rented them out to other farmers. "We kept seeing cows leaving the state of Missouri," he said. "I wanted them to stay here."

Missouri is one of several Midwest states where the numbers of dairy farms, many of them family-owned, are declining, despite efforts to bolster the industry. The state is also seeing a decrease in its dairy cow population and its milk production.

Missouri had as many as 1 million dairy cows by the

end of World War II. The numbers declined in subsequent years, but cows were more productive, so the reduction didn't always translate into less milk being produced. However, the state has seen rapid declines in its dairy herd in recent years. By 2007, Missouri was home to 154,000 dairy cows. The number dropped more than 25 percent last year, to about 112,000 cows. As the herd dwindled, Missouri's milk production fell. The state produced about 2.3 billion pounds in 2006. Production dropped to 1.7 billion pounds last year. Missouri now imports about 1.7 billion pounds of milk a year. The loss of cows and dairy farms has economic ramifications, particularly in rural areas. There are fewer jobs related to feed and supplies,

hauling, milk processing and veterinary care. Dave Brennan, executive director of the Missouri Dairy Association and the Missouri Dairy Growth Council, said a University of Wisconsin study found "one dairy cow is worth almost \$14,000 in economic activity." Missouri is fighting to reverse the downside of its dairy industry. The growth council assists existing farmers, encourages expansion and tries to attract new farmers. A state-hosted summit this month focused on grass-based dairy production practices. Missouri is well-positioned to capitalize on grazing pastures as an alternative to feed costs, officials say. Gov. Matt Blunt is calling for \$200,000 this fiscal year to provide grants for dairy parlor renovations. The

money would be used to upgrade facilities where cows are milked. Farmers who pay for 50 percent of the improvements would be eligible for grants up to \$10,000. Another proposal would offer grants to dairy farmers to cover the costs of consulting with professionals about business planning and possible expansion. In another effort, the state is considering a proposal to create a program to link new farmers, including dairy farmers, to those who are about to retire. Schwinke said more needs to be done to help Missouri's dairy farmers. He and his wife, Kay, have converted two guesthouses into a bed-and-breakfast business on their farm, which is about 95 miles west of St. Louis. They still raise heifers that aren't producing milk, have a beef herd and grow hay.

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**Visa stock soars in market debut**  
SAN FRANCISCO — Visa Inc. shares soared 26 percent in their stock market debut as investors bet an accelerating shift to electronic payments will enrich the world's largest processor of credit and debit cards. After being priced above expectations at \$44 per share in an initial public offering that raised nearly \$18 billion, Visa shares finished at \$56.50 on the New York Stock Exchange. The run-up gives the San Francisco-based company a market value of about \$45 billion. Visa generated \$5.2 bil-

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NEW YORK — A gauge of future economic activity dropped for the fifth consecutive month in February, suggesting that the weakening U.S. economy could, indeed, be slipping into recession. The Conference Board said Thursday that its index of leading economic indicators fell 0.3 percent last month to 135.0 after dipping a record 0.4 percent in January to 135.4.

## Filer Mutual benefits from capital investments

**Company hopes to increase customer base**

By John E. Swayne  
Times-News correspondent

FILER — An audit for the 2007 fiscal year shows that Filer Mutual Telephone Company is in solid financial shape after making about \$1.7 million in capital investments in 2006.

Daniel Owens, from the Minnesota based accounting firm of Olsen Thelen and Company, gave an overview Tuesday during the company's annual meeting. Owens said the company's operating revenue increased \$800,000 from \$4.3 million largely because of capital improvements in property, plant and equipment, which increased about \$1.7 million from \$19 million in 2006. "There's a benefit in

increasing your fixed assets because they're improving your customer base," Owens said. "The more you have in service, the more revenues you receive." Some of the plant and equipment additions include about 15.5 miles of fiber optic wire, which will serve seven residential subdivisions being developed to the north and south of Filer. A Motorola canopy wireless broadband system was also

added to allow the company to provide the communities of Buhl, Curry Castleford and Wendell internet service. Filer Mutual is a co-op owned by about 3,000 customers offering a range of services including traditional land-line and cell phone access, DSL internet and digital television packages. Interim General Manager Steve Cowger, who stepped

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# U.S. war victims fund seeks to aid Iraqi civilians — and America's image

By Bradley Brooks  
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — The jagged scar on 9-year-old Mustafa's scalp tells two stories of the Iraq war.

One begins last August. His father was driving toward a U.S. checkpoint near Baghdad's airport and became confused by commands to halt given in English. The soldiers opened fire, hitting the boy just above his right eye.

Then another chapter starts. The boy's life was saved by surgery paid for by a U.S. fund that includes help for civilians injured by American military action.

As the war enters its sixth year, programs like the \$40 million war victims fund represent an increasingly important focus for Washington:

How to soften its image on the streets and try to probe backing for insurgents' and militia factions?

Emphasis on "soft power" — such as aiding rebuilding and education and taking responsibility to help those caught in the crossfire — is expected to expand as violence declines and Iraq's rival groups take tentative steps toward national reconciliation.

But it's a slow and difficult task among average Iraqis who often view American forces with fear — or have firsthand experience of how any moment can turn tragic.

"At first, I assumed my son was dead," said Mustafa's father, Firas. "I was ready to go around the city and kill every American I could find."

The boy was first treated at the U.S. military hospital in Baghdad's Green Zone and then at the Balad Air Base north of the capital, as well as at a few Iraqi hospitals. But they did not stop a potentially fatal infection.

His last surgery, performed



Firas holds his nine-year-old son Mustafa on March 5 in Baghdad. Mustafa was shot at a U.S. checkpoint while riding in the back of his family's car last August. His father drove toward the checkpoint, confused by the American soldiers' commands that he should halt, but the boy's life was saved by a surgery paid for through an American government program mandated by Congress to give relief to innocent victims of U.S. military action.

in October in Jordan, managed to halt the infection. The cost was covered by the war victims fund, named for Marla Ruzicka, an American humanitarian activist killed by a car bomb in Iraq in 2005.

He is still facing more operations to try to save the sight in his left eye, which was also damaged in the shooting.

Mustafa, who shyly hid his face behind his hands when he asked questions, said he is scared every time he sees a U.S. soldier on the street outside his home. But the boy — who wants to be a doctor when he grows up — also said he liked the Americans who helped him.

His father, too, said he has mixed feelings toward Americans. "Of course, there is a conflict inside of me about this, having my son shot by American forces but receiving help from the U.S.," Firas said in a recent interview in Baghdad. "But the existence (of the fund) is correcting some of the coalition's mistakes and brutal actions

against the people in Baghdad."

The fund is overseen by the U.S. Agency for International Development, or USAID, and distributed by four non-government agencies that cover different regions of the country. The U.S. military plays no direct role in the fund, which is separate from a Pentagon-run program that allows compensation for deaths, injuries or property damage blamed on U.S. forces.

Gavin Helf, who oversees the war victims fund for USAID, said the program "builds up credibility in places where we haven't been before, places where trust is really low."

"Whether or not the funds are purely altruistic is not for me to say," said Leslie Gonzales, an official for the International Relief and Development, which distributes the war victims' fund in the Baghdad area.

"Does it help win over hearts and minds toward the U.S.? ... Yes, in many cases it

does. But it also tremendously affects the lives of individuals," said Gonzales.

Winning over those caught up in this war is not always easy. Ala'a, a 9-year-old girl, was shot in the genitals by a stray American bullet as troops battled insurgents outside her family's home in December 2004. She declined to speak about the incident, though her mother tried coaxing her into describing her feelings.

A beautiful girl wearing a green hijab and a yellow Bert and Ernie sweat shirt, she slowly shook her head and fiercely flashed her amber-colored eyes when asked if she could ever forgive the Americans — despite the money from the victims fund that paid for the last of her five surgeries.

"Of course there is room for forgiveness, this is part of the Arab tradition," the girl's mother, Fatima, said after her daughter made her own feelings known. "I can forgive the American forces for what they did to my daughter."

# McCain meets with British Prime Minister

By Kim Murphy  
Los Angeles Times

LONDON — Sen. John McCain on Thursday conceded that the British public is "frustrated" over the war in Iraq, but warned that the battle is not won despite recent improvements in the security situation.

"The fact is, al-Qaida is on the run. They are not defeated; they are not defeated. And we're going to have to continue training Iraq military and doing what we've been doing," McCain said after meeting with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown in the midst of a foreign policy swing through the Middle East and Europe.

The meeting was seen in Britain as a chance to build bridges with a U.S. presidential hopeful who in the past has been critical of Britain's troop drawdown in southern Iraq.

McCain was not openly chastising in his public remarks, instead expressing gratitude for Britain's contribution to the war effort. But there are growing signs of doubt in London about how fast Brown might be able to withdraw troops. Britain plans to begin reducing its force from the present level of 4,100 soldiers toward the new target of 2,500 troops this spring.

"There's a huge amount of progress still to be made in Basra, and without a transformation of the political scene in Basra and a transformation of the Iraqi police, the goal of economic rebirth of Basra, and therefore of Iraq as a whole ... will be difficult to achieve, and it is certainly unfulfilled at the moment," James Arbutnot, chair of

Parliament's select defense committee, told foreign reporters this week ahead of McCain's visit.

He said Brown's announcement in October of the troop withdrawal left "leeway" for enough delay to ensure that remaining troops are sufficient to defend themselves and train Iraq police and army forces.

"We're nowhere near 2,500 now, and quite when we will get there is intended to be left vague, clearly," he said.

McCain last month was quoted in Britain's Daily Telegraph as saying that the British decision to pull back to a single base at Basra airport was premature.

"Obviously I would like to have seen them stay longer and larger. At the time, I didn't think it was a good idea, but I understand the domestic British political situation," McCain said then.

On Thursday he declined to be drawn out further despite persistent questioning.

"I fully appreciate that British public opinion has been frustrated by sometimes a lack of progress in both areas," he said, referring to Iraq and Afghanistan. "But all I can do is express my gratitude to the British government and people, especially the brave young people who are serving."

McCain also would not lay out distinctions between his own foreign policy and that of President Bush, emphasizing that his trip was not as a candidate but as part of a Senate Armed Services Committee delegation, with Sens. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

Later in the day, McCain briefly put back on his campaigning hat for a \$1,000-a-plate fundraiser for Americans living in Britain at the elegant Spencer House, the only 18th century private palace surviving in London, built by an ancestor of the late Princess Diana.



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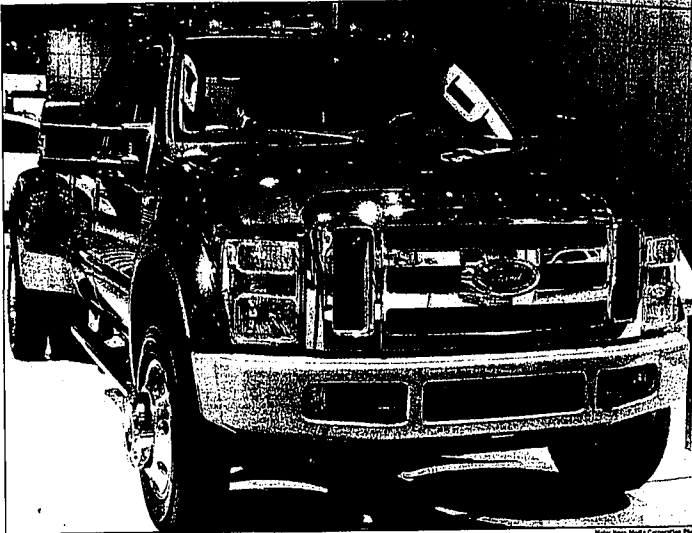
Road Worth!  
By Ken Chester, Jr.  
Motor News Media Corporation

It is the biggest, toughest most versatile Super Duty pickup ever manufactured. Offering industry leading towing capacity in excess of 24,000 pounds and a maximum payload of more than 6,000 pounds, the F-450 is the first-ever Class 4 pickup truck straight from the factory.

Building on Ford's full-size truck capability leadership, the F-450 Super Duty is only offered as a four-door Crew Cab with an eight-foot cargo bed and dual rear wheels. Trim levels for the new over-the-top Super Duty pickup include XL, XLT, Lariat and King Ranch.

Available in two- or four-wheel drive power for the Ford pickup is generated by a new 6.4L V8 Power Stroke twin-turbo diesel -- the only engine offered. Torque is communicated to the ground through a heavy-duty six-speed manual gearbox with overdrive or optional TorqShift five-speed automatic transmission.

The 6.4-liter Power Stroke® Diesel utilizes Ford Clean Diesel Technology, which includes among other features; a high-pressure, common rail fuel system, Piezo-electric fuel injectors and an advanced diesel particulate filter system to deliver strong performance while reducing particulate output by more than 90 percent and meeting emissions numbers on par with gasoline



engines. High-tech, series sequential turbochargers provide improved response and better low-end performance.

The all-new F-450 Super Duty is loaded with industry-first features like the integrated Tailgate Step, a pull-out step inside the tailgate along with a pop-up assist handle that makes getting in and out of the truck bed simple and easy. When not in use, it stows out of the way and does not interfere with the cargo bed.

Other industry-leading

features include Ford's TowCommand system with Integrated trailer brake controller and the PowerScope power-fold, power-telescoping trailer-tow side mirrors.

Each chassis in the Super Duty truck family is custom-tailored to provide the utmost in strength, flexibility and durability. The Super Duty frame is also E-coated for improved corrosion protection. The new fully boxed front section was optimized to meet the government's standards for

vehicle compatibility without the need for an added blocker beam. The unique front frame horn design lowers the frame by seven inches, improving vehicle cooling and providing a solid footing for the hydroformed body structure.

Robust 6.7 mm steel out rails utilize cross members that were modified to help with powertrain noise isolation. Super Duty's cross members are riveted and welded for added strength. Reinforcements were added to several areas for increased cargo and towing capacity.

Control hardware for the F-450 combines a proven front suspension with an all-new leaf-spring suspension to deliver a more refined and confident ride without compromising on capability.

Inside the cabin is a brand new interior that redefines what Ford calls "Tough Luxury." Class-exclusive Quiet Steel technology provides the base for the truck's quiet interior. The F-450 was engineered to do double-duty, serving as everything from an on-site office to the cabin of a long-haul family cruiser.

### 2008 Ford F-450 Super Duty by the Numbers

#### PRICING

The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2008 Ford F-450 Super Duty pickup truck starts from \$39,405 for the XL up to \$50,555 for the King Ranch 4WD. Destination charges add \$925.

#### WHEELBASE:

172.4 overall length: 262.4; width: 95.5; height: 79.8 - all measurements are in inches.

#### ENGINE:

6.4L V8 turbo diesel - 350 hp at 3,000 rpm and 650 lbs-ft of torque at 2,000 rpm.

#### TRANSMISSION:

six-speed heavy-duty manual or TorqShift five-speed automatic.

#### PAYLOAD:

6,120 lbs.

#### TOWING:

24,500 lbs.

#### SAFETY FEATURES

Dual front airbags, four-wheel anti-lock brakes, side-intrusion door beams, front tow hooks, full-size spare tire and integrated trailer brake controller. Lariat adds engine power door locks, remote keyless entry and automatic headlamp control. King Ranch adds power adjustable pedals. Optional safety features include navigation system, garage door opener, rear parking sensors, rear-view monitor, and traction control.

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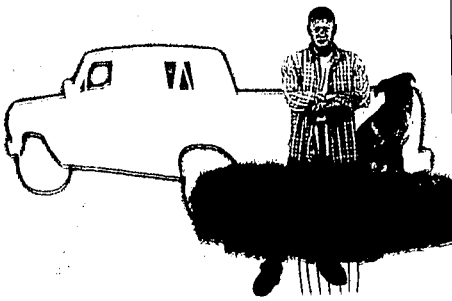
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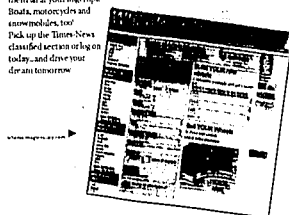
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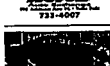
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IN THE INTEREST OF:
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By: /s/ Larry Roberts
Larry Roberts, President
A parcel of land being part of the Tom Kalango survey located in the SE1/4NW1/4 of Section 10, Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Boise County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of the NW1/4 of said Section 10 which point bears South 09°02'00" East a distance of 2645.99 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 10;

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A petition has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate Division of District Court of Jerome County, Idaho, by the Procuring Attorney, alleging that the above-named children come within the purview of the Child Protection Act and that the said children and you, Luis Saucedo-Martinez, are hereby detected. As a party to the matter, you are hereby notified that you are summoned upon you, as the parent, guardian, or custodian, of the respective children depicted or described in the attached petition.

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9x9 grid puzzle with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

MEDIUM #30

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 50 Log & Found
101 Lost & Found
102 Cards of Thanks
103 Personals
104 Hobbies
105 Special Notices
106 Pregnancy Alternatives
107 Professional Services
108 Child Care Services
109 Health & Wellness
110 HomeHealth Care
111 Entertainment Services
112 Child Care Services
114 Miscellaneous Services
115 Community Events

101 Lost and Found

FOUND dog, neutered male, 2008-2536.
LOST Black Hills Gold woman's ring on 3/16 at Knart.

107 Pregnancy Alternatives

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Accounting

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Construction

CONSTRUCTION Experienced Concrete Finishers & Laborers to start immediately.

Construction

CONSTRUCTION Framers wanted. Must have tools & transportation.

205 Dairy

DAIRY Exp. Hard Person needed on Dairy school in Al.

206 Drivers

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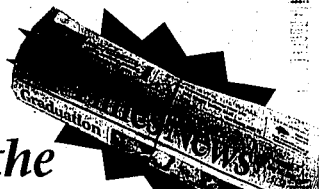
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