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Bills shelved after Otter rejects transportation package

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — A bill aimed at ending the 2008 Legislature might have done so — just not the way lawmakers had hoped.

GOP House leadership scrapped any efforts at raising significant funding for transportation after Gov. C.L. "Dutch" Otter switched his stance Thursday on a revenue-raising bill, frustrated it

falls short of the \$200 million he said the state needs.

"Simply put, there is a shortage of vision and political will within the Legislature to do what needs to be done this year," Otter said in a statement. "But the problem doesn't go away with the 59th Legislature. I will continue working with experts and stakeholders alike to develop a long-term solution for the 2009 session."

The legislation, which was



sent to the House floor Thursday without a hearing, was called a "going-home" bill by House leaders. It included \$22.5 million from registration fee increases for cars; \$18 million from raising



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fees on trucks; and \$27 million from raising the state fuel tax from 25 cents to 28 cents.

"We're not going to try a transportation bill this year," House Majority Caucus Chair Ken Roberts, R-Donnelly, said shortly after Otter issued his

statement. "There's something in it for everyone to hate."

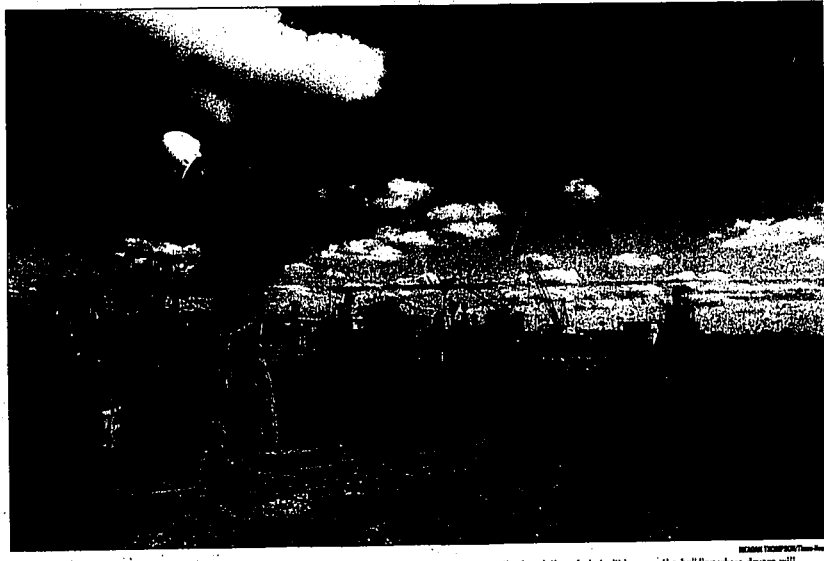
Senate Transportation Committee Chairman John McGee, R-Caldwell, agreed. "You can pull the plug on that one," he said. Lawmakers

said they'll spend the summer brainstorming out new ideas but cautioned any funding shortfall will simply increase over time.

On Wednesday, Otter supported the bill as a "first step," according to an aide. But on Thursday, his spokesman said Otter prefers a package worth \$200 million, finds a fuel tax hike isn't "prudent" and felt the Legislature had

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MIGHTY MICROPOLITAN



Greg Huddleston, a construction worker with Scott Jackson Excavation, works Thursday afternoon on setting the foundation of what will become the building where dryers will extract water from raw milk for Idaho Milk Products in Jerome. The plant is part of the growing dairy industry in south-central Idaho.

Twin Falls, Jerome counties rank 13th in growth among small urban areas

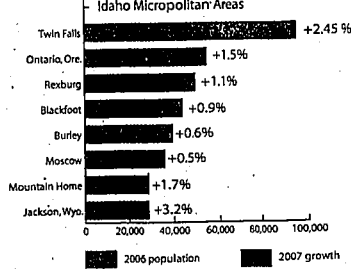
By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

A regional economy fueled by manufacturing and the dairy industry has made the counties of Twin Falls and Jerome one of the nation's fastest-growing small urban areas.

According to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, the population of the two-county area grew by more than 2,200 between June 2006 and June 2007. The Census Bureau reported the population of the two-county area grew 2.4 percent to more than 93,000.

That made the Twin Falls and Jerome micropolitan area the 13th fastest-growing of 576 micropolitan areas nationwide. A micropolitan area is defined as an urban area around a core city or town

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ranging in population from 10,000 to 49,999.

Idaho Department of Labor officials credit a strong regional economy based on manufacturing and milk.

"The theory is that good jobs and higher pay, such as those in manufacturing and dairy processing, will attract more people to an area," said Bob Fick.

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Iraqi PM vows to fight militias in Basra to the end

Thousands demand that al-Maliki resign

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki pledged "no retreat" Thursday in the fight against Shiite militias in the south-

ern city of Basra, as thousands of protesters demanded he resign over the crack-down and extremists fired rockets into the U.S.-protected Green Zone.

Shiite militia leader Muqtada al-Sadr called Thursday for a political solution to the burgeoning crisis and an end to the "shedding of Iraqi

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Bush gives upbeat assessment of Iraq. See page B4

"We have made up our minds to enter this battle, and we will continue until the end. No retreat."
— Iraq Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki

blood." But the statement, released by a close aide, stopped short of ordering his Mahdi Army militia to halt attacks on the Green Zone or stop fighting in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city.

In a sign of the deteriorating security, gunmen in Baghdad seized a high-profile government spokesman from his home in a

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BSU prof: Aircraft likely caused booms

Says source was 'acoustic,' not quakes

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

A Boise State University seismologist says the first strange noises heard over Magic Valley last week were not caused by "mud quakes," as he first suspected.

Instead, Jim Zollweg, a professor of earthquake seismology, said evidence points to an acoustic source, most likely aircraft, and not to the geological phenomenon caused by shifting mud.

Zollweg's conclusions contradict Air Force statements in which military officials suggested earthquakes were responsible for a series of loud, bizarre rumblings heard from Castleford to Burley at 11:20 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday nights last week.

"When the other reports started coming in," Zollweg said, "I thought they'd all have to be related to the same thing."

According to Zollweg, the common thread is an acoustic source — not earthquakes, mud quakes, blasting, bombing or artillery.

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Well water depths under scrutiny

State announces massive measuring campaign to gather data for aquifer model

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

State officials could soon be dangling tape measures down private and public wells under a new program to better understand the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, the underground drinking water and irrigation source for Magic Valley.

Beginning next week, the Idaho Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Geological Survey will measure water depths in 1,300 southern Idaho wells. The data will help the state recalibrate a controversial aquifer model IDWR uses to track underground

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Saturday
More wind than precipitation expected High 51	Scattered clouds Low 29	Partly cloudy and cooler 43 / 27

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Increased clouds, likely dry, but windy conditions are expected. Highs, lower 50s.
Tonight: Scattered clouds and calmer winds. Lows, upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and cooler. Highs, 40s.

Complete weather report: See page C8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Jazz trio debut, with Brent Jensen on sax, Justin Nielsen on piano and Aaron Miller on bass, 6 to 9 p.m., Rudy's A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, no cover charge, 733-5477.
"Planting the Seeds of Talent," Builders Club of Buhl Middle School annual talent show includes vocal (solo and group); dance; instrumental; and comedy and skits. 6:30 p.m., Buhl High School auditorium, suggested donations: \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and \$5 for a family (pop and cookies on sale during intermission), 543-8292.
The Paul Tillotson Trio in Performance, jazz entertainment to benefit music scholarships at Shoshone High School, 7 p.m., Shoshone High School gym, 61 E. Highway 24, \$5 for students with ID Cards, \$10 for adults, \$15 for couples, and \$20 for families (blocks of tickets available for school music departments and piano studios), 886-7643 or 308-3185.
Placita Angela Jia Kim in Concert, sponsored by the Minicassia Community Concerts Association, 7:30 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley, cost by season membership: \$40 adults, \$20 students and \$10 families, 678-1798 or 678-7447.

BUSINESS

Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley Ribbon Cutting, for grand re-opening of ReStore and new office, 1:30 p.m., 669 Eastland Dr. S. (south of Pepsi Plant), Twin Falls, 735-1233.

CHURCH EVENTS

Paul United Methodist Church annual chicken noodle dinner, 5 to 7 p.m., at the church, 127 W. Clark St., Paul, freewill donation, 438-5530.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

"Open Season" Friends of Stricker, Inc. no-host dinner, update on 2008 plans and tours, 7 p.m., Idaho Joe's Restaurant, 598 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, 736-1882.

EDUCATION

Brown Bag Lecture Series, with Don Morishita on "From Weed to Shining Weed," noon, Program Room, Twin Falls Public Library, bring lunch or order lunch to go, 734-2787.

EXHIBITS

"Lincoln and Idaho" Traveling Exhibit, focusing on the life and presidency of Abraham Lincoln and his relationship with Idaho, during library hours, Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., no cost, open to the public, (208) 878-7708.

FAMILY

Traditional Storytime, stories and songs for preschoolers, 10:30 a.m., Storytime Kiva, Twin Falls Public Library, 733-2964 ext. 110.
KBC (Kids, Books and Crafts), children in K-5th grade are invited to read and create crafts, 4:30 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, no cost, 733-2964 ext. 110.
"Youth Options," activities for young people ages 13-19 only, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, 52, 733-8720.

GOVERNMENT

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

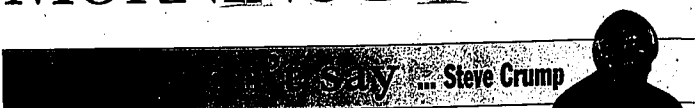
HEALTH AND RECOVERY

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Center and Blaine County Campus gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center gym, no cost, 732-6475.
Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.
Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 11 to 11:45 a.m., Oakley Fire Station, 315 E. Main St., Oakley, no cost, 737-5988.
Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Agave, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-4667.
Al-Anon/Alateen family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hot-line: 1-866-592-3198.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Blow Away: The Wild World of Weather," at 7 p.m. and "Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume 2" 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.
The 4th annual Video to Families fundraiser all-night stargazing event, with presentation of Charles Messier and his catalog of deep-sky targets, live image viewing and telescope viewing from Stargazer's Deck—hosted by Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences, College of Southern Idaho and the Magic Valley Astronomical Society, 7 p.m. today to 6 a.m. (29), Rick Allen room, Herrett Center, Twin Falls, warm clothes and coats recommended, no cost, cander@csi.edu or 732-6653.

MORNING BRIEFING



Steve Crump

Veteran entertainer Marona teaches Magic Valley to stand and deliver

A funny thing happened to Danny Marona recently ... The 61-year-old Twin Falls resident, who retired his music-and-comedy act a year and a half ago, was asked by the College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center to teach the Magic Valley how to be funny ...
"The first of Marona's Friday night Stand-Up Comedy classes is today from 6-8 p.m. in Room 119 of the Fine Arts Center on the CSI campus in Twin Falls ... There are still openings; cost is \$99 for the course ... "I never in the world thought anybody would ask me to do something like this," Marona said last week. "Can you teach comedy? I don't know, but there are techniques, there are tricks of the trade, and I can share them ..."
On April 25, five students will get their own stand-up gig at the Turf Club ...
"Stand-up takes courage," Marona said. "More courage, probably, than anything else going into battle. You stand at a microphone and

look at a room full of strangers and if you wonder how in the world you're ever going to make a connection ..."
Marona's toughest room was also his favorite: the Gala Showdown at Cactus Pecos Resort Casino in Jackpot, where he performed on and off for 22 years ...
"I opened on a Monday night, and most of the audience was made up of four groups which would come down from Canada or somewhere on the bus," he said. "I felt like I couldn't get out of there fast enough ..."
"But you know, by Friday of that week I had learned to love the place," he said. "Magic Valley audiences are wonderful ..."
Marona, a musician by training who adopted stand-up as part of his act, used to be offended when someone called him a comedian ...
"I told my manager, Georgia Lund, 'I'm not a comedian, I'm an artist,'" he recalled. "She laughed and said, 'If you keep thinking like that, maybe you can play at Holiday Inn someday.'"
Marona did it a lot better

than that ... A Nevada show-stopper, he had stood nearly half-century career ...
"When you stand up in front of an audience and make them laugh, it's the greatest feeling ever," he said. "It's like an aphrodisiac ..."
But even the best stand-up comics — Bill Cosby and Lewis Black are Marona's favorites — skirt humiliating failure every night ...
"George Carlin used to say 'in this business, if you make the audience laugh, they say you killed. If you bomb, they say you died.'"
"Either way, somebody's gonna be dead tonight." ...
For more information about Marona's class, call 732-6442 ...

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But bring your own swimming suit ...
This, by the way, is the 40th anniversary of the Jacuzzi hot tub ... The company says its inventor was **Fred Jacuzzi**, a third-generation Italian-American whose father built the first enclosed-cabin biplane and patented pump technology that's still widely used in the Magic Valley ... Other members of the Jacuzzi family — long since fractured by quarems over money — claim **Roy** took credit for this, he didn't do ... In any event, Webster's Dictionary calls a bathtub that incorporates jets of water to massage the body a Jacuzzi ...
If your name is Jacuzzi, that must be almost as cool as being a Ford, a Dell or a Kleenex.

Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

AROUND THE WORLD

IDAHO

Anti Wolf leader pleads not guilty in alleged assault

CHALLIS — An anti-wolf activist from eastern Idaho has pleaded not guilty to assault and battery stemming from an encounter near Stanley with wolf supporter. Ron Gillett, head of the Anti Wolf Coalition, appeared in court in Custer County Tuesday hours after an alleged tussle with Lynne Stone, a long time wolf advocate, the Idaho Statesman reported.

Custer County Sheriff deputies say Gillett and Stone crossed paths in Stanley Tuesday morning, had an exchange of words, then Gillett became angry after Stone began taking pictures. According to a police affidavit, Gillett grabbed the woman by the throat and shoulders, shook her violently and causing a cut on her hand to get the camera.

BRAZIL

Dengue death toll rises to at least 54
RIO DE JANEIRO — A

dengue epidemic has claimed at least 54 lives in Rio de Janeiro state since January, health officials said Thursday.

Hospitals have reported a total of 114 deaths from the mosquito-borne disease, but 60 of those cases are still being investigated.

Brazilian Health Care Secretary Jose Noronha said that 1,200 soldiers from the army, air force and navy would be deployed next week to set up three field hospitals, while an additional 500 would spray insecticide and place netting in standing puddles of water where the mosquitoes breed.

"The intensity of the epidemic has brought intolerable death tolls," Noronha told reporters after a meeting with the armed forces commanders.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, March 28, the 88th day of 2008. There are 278 days left in the year.
Today's highlight
On March 28, 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pa.
On this date
In 1854, during the Crimean War, Britain and France declared war on Russia.
In 1898, the Supreme Court ruled in United States v. Wong Kim Ark that a child born in the United States to Chinese immigrants was a U.S. citizen.
In 1939, the Spanish Civil War effectively ended as Madrid fell to the forces of Francisco Franco.
In 1941, novelist and critic Virginia Woolf died in Lewes, England.
In 1953, athlete Jim Thorpe died in Loma, Calif.
In 1959, W.C. Handy, the "Father of the Blues," died in

NEW YORK

Obama wants tighter watch on Wall Street

NEW YORK — Democrat Barack Obama said Thursday a firmer government hand is needed on Wall Street and a \$30 billion stimulus is needed to rescue homeowners and the jobless. Rival Hillary Rodham Clinton called for a new job retraining program to remedy what both candidates derided as Republican indifference to a sputtering economy.

Both Obama and Clinton argued that Republican non-investing John McCain isn't ready or willing to handle the economic emergency.

"The phone is ringing, and he would just let it ring and ring," Clinton said, echoing the "3 a.m. phone call" TV ad she used earlier to suggest she was more qualified than Obama to handle a national security crisis. Speaking in Raleigh, N.C., she chastised McCain for opposing government intervention in the nation's credit and mortgage crisis.

NEW YORK

Clinton focused on job insecurity and said the government needed to take more responsibility for helping displaced workers. The state holds its primary May 5.

VIOLIN could fetch up to \$1.5 million at auction

NEW YORK — A Stradivari violin that was owned by violinist and pianist Barbara Penny is to be auctioned and could fetch up to \$1.5 million.

Christie's auction house said Thursday that the 1700s violin, known as The Penny, will be offered on April 4 as part of its fine musical instruments sale.

Penny, who died last year, was the first woman accepted in the strings section of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

— The Associated Press

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New York at age 84.
In 1969, Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th president of the United States, died in Washington at age 78.
Ten years ago, President Clinton, during his visit to South Africa, went to Soweto, a landmark in the bloody uprising against apartheid, to honor South Africans "who answered the call of conscience" and defied their country's system of white supremacy.
Five years ago, American-

led forces in Iraq dropped thousands-pound bombs on Republican Guard units guarding the gates to Baghdad and battled for control of the strategic city of Nasiriyah.
One year ago: Iran aired a video of 15 captured British sailors and marines; the lone female captive, shown in a white tunic and a black head scarf, said the British boats had "trespassed." (The crew members were released April 4, 2007.)

nowpack levels

Waterbody	% of Avg.	peak
Salmon	106%	102%
Big Wood	100%	94%
Little Wood	103%	90%
Big Lost	91%	86%
Little Lost	106%	97%
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Oakley	104%	102%
Salmon Falls	100%	97%

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Bills

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 rejected his leadership. Earlier in the session, Oter proposed raising registration fees to \$150, a concept legislators dismissed after outcry from voters.

"Sixty-eight million does not fill up a \$200 million hole," said Oter spokesman John Hanian. "He's willing to compromise and be persuaded, but it has to be a persuasive argument."

Oter had mixed appearing at a public event Thursday and was expected to speak with reporters.

The bill was presented by Idaho Transportation Department Director Pam Lowe but said to be crafted with lawmakers and Oter's office. House leadership said it'd help alleviate the state's annual investment made in GARVEE. But they conceded that raising taxes during a slow economy — and in an election year — made it difficult to pass the House.

House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, called \$200 million "heavy-lifting" and said there

was disagreement among parties over whether the shortfall was even \$200 million — or maybe less. He said there needs to be buy-in from all legislators and a sound figure to agree on.

"If that, then we have got to agree on a method to raise that money," he said.

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, co-chairwoman of the state budgeting panel, said House members were comforted by the \$550,000 performance audit of ITD that has passed the Legislature, but were also skeptical of raising the cost of fuel.

"His view was obviously not ours," said Bell. "I don't agree, but I respect his feelings. If the governor thinks he can meet with the experts — who are obviously not us — all the more power to him, but \$150 for registrations fees is not going to cut it."

Democrats said Thursday's turn of events showed political problems within Oter's governing.

"The governor's statement indicated his lack of ability to

get these groups working together on the same page to develop a transportation plan with the Legislature," said Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Scitcam.

Meanwhile, killing transportation might not translate into adjournment. GOP Lawmakers say a number of issues could force the session into next week, including two proposed constitutional amendments: a bill to reform medical benefits for retired state workers; a plan to create a modified open primary system; and overriding Oter's veto of \$16.8 million for substance abuse treatment.

The Senate overrode the veto Wednesday and the House could try today. On Wednesday, Bell and Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Lupert, who chair the budgeting committee, e-mailed legislators information about why the funding is justified, according to a copy obtained by the Times-News.

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Growth

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 public affairs officer for Department of Labor. "The population growth then fuels things like retail sales and services in the health care industry, and that creates more jobs."

However, the region still lags behind the rest of the state and the nation in terms of pay, the Department of Labor said.

For example, the average hourly wage in south-central Idaho (excluding the Wood River Valley) has grown less than \$4 in the past five years while the rest of the nation has seen an increase of more than \$5. Still, the 2007 reporting period marks the second consecutive year that the Twin Falls micropolitan

area has been among the national leaders in its size category.

The area ranked 19th in population growth the previous year.

"Without question, we have been experiencing significant growth, but I think it's because we're able to create synergy between the two communities," said Travis Rothweiler, Jerome city administrator. "For example, we have a lot of people who live in Jerome, but they work in Twin Falls at places like Jynco."

While growth has slowed along with the national economy, state officials note that the area has a thriving agricultural base that is now enjoying record commodity prices.

"The area is really quite different from other areas because of the way it grows and maintains itself," said Fick. "Clearly things have changed since then as the economy has slowed down, but you will probably not see a lot of people moving out of the area."

Nationally, more than 200 micropolitan areas reported no growth; 59 posted population gains of fewer than 100.

Statesville-Mooresville in west-central North Carolina was the lead micropolitan area with a population increase of more than 5,200, or 3.6 percent.

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Booms

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 Seismograph data reviewed by Zollweg are similar to data registered about 10 years ago when the space shuttle passed over the area. Sometimes meteor showers will produce similar data. But neither has happened near the Magic Valley in the past two weeks.

"My suspicion is that the Air Force is doing something," he said.

Under unusual atmospheric conditions, aircraft

activity could produce data that match that reviewed by Zollweg, he said, though it is very unusual for normal aircraft to show up on a seismograph.

The Air Force said atmospheric conditions may have carried the sounds of their jets flying 30 miles west of Twin Falls across the valley on Monday morning, when witnesses reported hearing sounds similar to those that shook houses last week. But the National Weather Service in Boise reported no

bizarre atmospheric conditions during the time of the first rumbles.

"The Air Force isn't giving much credence to Zollweg's reports."

"There's nothing substantive for us to comment on," said Lt. Matthew Stines, a public affairs officer at Mountain Home Air Force Base, about 80 miles west of Twin Falls.

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Wells

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 flows and resolve water disputes.

"We call it a mass measurement," said Sean Vincent, a hydrology section manager at IDWR.

USGS will do the actual measuring, sometimes with a steel tape, sometimes with an electronic water-level meter.

Officials, who will carry letters from IDWR and government identification onto private property, may ask private well owners about recent changes to wells and pumps.

The government will measure wells again in the fall for comparison data, and continue taking spring and fall measurements every five years under the new program.

The agency's last large-

scale measuring campaign was in 2002.

This year's measurements are funded through a special fiscal-year 2008 legislative appropriation of \$557,000. IDWR will spend just a portion of that amount, Vincent said. Future measurements may be financed by a \$20 million appropriations package for water projects.

Some in the water community have criticized the accuracy of the department's model, saying it led the state to over-appropriate water.

"It's not perfect," Vincent said, "but the model is the best tool we have."

The new measurements and a recalibration may quell some of those concerns, Vincent said. Besides making the model more accurate, "It helps us to assess and gives us a baseline to see changes in the aquifer," he said. "The next calibration will be a major change in the model."

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Idaho senator kills bill on child deaths

BOISE (AP) — Idaho will remain the only state in the nation with no system for reviewing child deaths after the chairman of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee blocked legislation.

Sen. Pat Anne Lodge, R-Houston, asked the Senate to return the bill to her committee, where it's now dead. It passed the House on March 17 on a 63-5 vote, and it had previously cleared Lodge's committee on a voice vote

after a public hearing. Lodge said Idaho doesn't need to review child deaths because other states are already doing that. "We can use the information that they've gathered," she told *The Spokesman-*

Review for an article published Thursday. "If they're already doing it, what could be different in a child death in Utah or Montana that we wouldn't have here? Why reinvent the wheel all the time?"



Mahdi Army fighters stand in Basra, Iraq, Thursday. Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki defiantly vowed to keep up the fight against Shiite militias in Basra Thursday despite protests by tens of thousands of followers of a radical cleric and deadly clashes across Baghdad and the oil-rich south.

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Shiite neighborhood, killing three of his bodyguards and torching his house. In a bid to curb the violence, Iraq's military ordered vehicles and pedestrians off the streets of the capital until Sunday morning.

As Americans and Iraqis scrambled to cope with a newly violent Iraq, the State Department ordered all personnel at the U.S. Embassy not to leave reinforced structures because of continued incoming rocket or mortar fire from suspected Shiite extremists angry over the Basra crackdown.

The campaign to rid Basra of lawless gangs and Shiite militias — some believed tied to nearby Iran — is a major test for al-Maliki, a Shiite, and for the Iraqi military. The ability of Iraqi leaders and security forces to control situations like this one is key to U.S. hopes of withdrawing its forces from the country.

The prime minister put his credibility on the line by flying down to Basra and issuing a weekend deadline for the surrender of Mahdi Army militia members loyal to al-Sadr. But the militias were still controlling Basra's streets Thursday and the security operation has triggered a violent response among al-Sadr's followers in Baghdad and cities throughout the Shiite heartland of southern Iraq.

In the Baghdad neighborhood of Karadaia, thousands of al-Sadr's followers denounced al-Maliki as a "new dictator" as they carried a coffin bearing a crossed-out picture of the U.S.-backed prime minister. Thousands more also rallied

in Sadr City, Baghdad's main Shiite district.

"We call on our brothers in the Iraqi army and the brave national police not to be tools of death in the hands of the new dictatorship," a Sadrist member of parliament, Falah Shanshal, said. However, al-Maliki showed no sign of wavering.

"We have made up our minds to enter this battle, and we will continue until the end. No retreat," al-Maliki told Basra area tribal leaders in a speech broadcast nationwide on Iraqi state TV. Al-Maliki said Iraq had become a "nation of gangs, militias and outlaws" and he was undertaking a "historic mission" in Basra to restore "the law of the land." But the Sadrists have been angry over recent raids and detentions, saying U.S. and Iraqi forces have taken advantage of their 7-month-old cease-fire to crack down on the movement.

"They have accused rival Shiite parties, which control Iraqi security forces, of engineering the arrests to prevent them from mounting an effective campaign for provincial elections expected this fall. The Sadrists expect to make major electoral gains at the expense of rival parties, including those that maintain close ties to the United States.

American officials have acknowledged that the unilateral cease-fire declared by al-Sadr last August played a major role in reducing violence in Baghdad. U.S. and Iraqi officials have insisted that they are not targeting al-Sadr's movement but simply going after renegades, criminals and extremists with ties to Iran.

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Ky. mother killed her kids before brandishing gun at college, police say

By Brett Barrows
Associated Press writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — In a neighborhood of neat lawns and backyard swing sets, two young bodies were carried out of a red brick Cape Cod-style house, past a small statue of two children playing with a bicycle.

Police say Gail Lynn Coontz, a widowed single mom and college student, killed her son and daughter before going to the University of Louisville on Thursday and brandishing a gun in a counselor's office.

The bodies of Greg Coontz, 14, and Nikki Coontz, 10, were found after the campus incident when city officers responded to a university police request to check on the children. Both died of multiple gunshot wounds, Louisville police spokesman Officer Phil Russell said.

"It appears they were shot in their sleep," said Jo-Ann Farmer, the chief deputy coroner for Jefferson County.

Gail Coontz, 37, was charged with two counts of murder. She was also charged with one count of terroristic threatening for pointing a handgun at an officer in the campus incident, university police Maj. Kenny Brown said.

"It just all seems like it's going to be a bad dream and I'm going to wake up from it," said Patty Schneider, who lives across the street from the family.

She said Greg would run from the school bus to the house every day, while Nikki would arrive home later, get the mail and stretch inside. Coontz was arrested after giving her handgun to a counselor at the health services building, Brown said.


"When we were able to open the door and go in, the student and the counselor

were both sitting on the couch," Brown said.

Coontz was taken to a hospital psychiatric ward, said university President James Ramsey, and later transferred to the Louisville jail. Officials there did not know whether she had a lawyer.

"It just all seems like it's going to be a bad dream and I'm going to wake up from it." — Patty Schneider, who lives across the street from the mother who killed her son and daughter in Louisville, Ky., Thursday

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One-time rivals, McCain, Romney campaign together

By Liz Sidoti
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — In a show of Republican unity, one-time bitter foes John McCain and Mitt Romney raised money and campaigned together Thursday for a single goal — getting McCain elected president.

"We are united. Now our job is to energize our party," the Arizona senator said in an airport hangar, flanked by Romney and Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr., an early McCain supporter. Both have been mentioned as potential vice presidential picks, and McCain praised each.

Romney lauded McCain and promised to do all he can to help, saying "He is a man who is proven and tested" and without question the right man to be president.

In February, Romney won 90 percent of the vote in Utah to McCain's 5 percent. Romney's ties to the state run deep, from his Mormon faith to his work overseeing the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City.

"Look, that wasn't the only state I lost to Governor Romney in — it was just the largest loss," McCain said chuckling. He joked that it was subject humiliation but understandable, given Romney's Utah links. "I was at least hoping to break into double digits though."
"I think he did just fine in New Hampshire, South Carolina, Florida, California ...," Romney said, laughing about states McCain won.

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Cooler heads prevailing on repeal of business tax

The state Senate on Thursday ran the impact of phasing out Idaho's personal property tax through a calculator and decided it was too high a price to pay. So senators unanimously backed a compromise measure that would exempt businesses from paying taxes on the first \$75,000 of personal property.

The tab: \$15.5 million, paid to counties which would lose personal property tax revenue. The measure would eliminate business taxes for 86 percent of Idaho businesses.

But not for Idaho Power and Micron Technology, which stood to gain tax windfalls from a total repeal. Businesses hate the tax on everything from office equipment to forklifts, saying it's unworkable to calculate and crimps investment in new equipment.

The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, the muckpuck for big business in the state, immediately vowed to defeat the compromise when the bill goes back to the House of Representatives.

If that's the case, so be it. As Idaho's economy sours, this is a lousy time to be shifting taxes to homeowners. And that's exactly what would happen if business taxes were totally repealed. That's because while the tax value of the affected equipment and supplies would continue to grow during the proposed five-year phaseout, compensation to counties would.

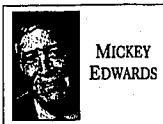
Homeowners would have paid the difference in higher property taxes. The original repeal measure would have cut a portion of the personal property tax annually as long as state revenue growth met that 5 percent threshold. If it didn't, the tax still would have been eliminated all at once in 2015.

Idahoans don't elect legislators to protect the interests of big business. They want lawmakers to do what's best for the citizens of Idaho. On Thursday, that's just what the Senate did. We hope the House will rediscover its conscience before the Legislature adjourns.

Our view: The state Senate did the right thing Thursday by voting for a compromise bill reducing Idaho's personal property tax. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Cheney's jaw-dropping arrogance

For at least six years, as I've become increasingly frustrated by the Bush administration's repeated betrayal of constitutional — and conservative — principles, I have defended Vice President Cheney, a man I've known for decades and with whom I served and made common cause in Congress. No longer.



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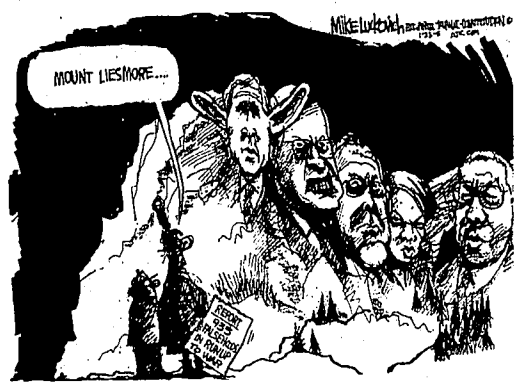
I do not blame Dick Cheney for George W. Bush's transgressions; the president needs no prompting to wrap himself in the cloak of a modern-day King. Nor do I believe that the vice president so enthusiastically supports the Iraq war out of a loyalty to the oil industry that his former employer serves. By all accounts, Cheney's belief in "the military option" and the principle of president-as-decider precludes his affiliation with Halliburton.

What, then, is the straw that causes me to finally consider a man I served with in the House Republican leadership to the category of "those about whom we should be greatly concerned"?

It is Cheney's all-too-regular convention this week with ABC News correspondent Martha Raddatz. On Monday, reminded of the public's disapproval of the war in Iraq, now five years old, the vice president shrugged off that fact (and thus, the people themselves) with a one-word answer: "So!"

"So," Mr. Vice President? Policy, Cheney went on to say, should not be tailored to fit fluctuations in the public attitudes. If there is one thing public attitudes have not been doing, however, it is fluctuating: Resistance to the Bush administration's Iraq policy has been widespread, entrenched and consistent. Whether public opinion is right or wrong, it is not to be cavalierly dismissed.

I recently had the opportunity to address a group of high school students visiting Washington with Presidential Classroom, an organization that teaches



A portion of the interview between ABC News correspondent Martha Raddatz and Vice President Dick Cheney, conducted in Ankara, Turkey, on March 24.

Raddatz: "Two-thirds of Americans say it's not worth fighting, and they're looking at the value gain versus the cost in American lives, certainly, and Iraqi lives." Cheney: "So?" Raddatz: "So — you don't care what the American people think?" Cheney: "No, I think you cannot be blown off course by the fluctuations in the public opinion polls. Think about what would have happened if Abraham Lincoln had paid attention to polls, if they had had polls during the Civil

The conversation

War. He never would have succeeded if he hadn't had a clear objective, a vision for where he wanted to go, and he was willing to withstand the slings and arrows of the political wars in order to get there. And this president has been very courageous, very consistent, very determined to continue down the course we were on and to achieve our objective. And that's victory in Iraq, that's the establishment of a democracy where there's never been a democracy, it's the establishment of a regime that respects the rights and liberties of their people, as an ally for the United States in the war against terror, and as a positive force for change in the Middle East. That's a huge accomplishment."

citizenship and encourages participation in the public sphere. One student asked me what, in my 16 years in Congress, had been my most difficult decision.

It was not a question that required much reflection: In 1990, as chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee and the ranking Republican on the Appropriations Committee's subcommittee on foreign operations, I played a leading role in gaining congressional authorization for the Persian Gulf War.

The decision to go to war, I told the students is the single most difficult choice any public official can be called upon to make. That is precisely why the nation's founders, aware of the deadly risks of Europe, deliberately withheld from the executive branch the power to engage in war unless such action was expressly approved by the people themselves, through their

representatives in Congress. Cheney told Raddatz that American war policy should not be affected by the views of the people. But that is precisely whose views should matter: It is the people who should decide whether the nation shall go to war. That is not a radical, or liberal, or unpatriotic idea. It is the very heart of America's constitutional system.

In Europe, before America's founding, there were rulers and their subjects. The founders decided that in the United States there would be no subjects but citizens. Rulers tell their subjects what to do, but citizens tell their government what to do.

If Cheney believes, as he obviously does, that the war in Iraq is vital to American interests, it is his job, and that of Bush, to make the case with sufficient proof to win the necessary public support.

That is the difference

between a strong president (one who leads) and a strong presidency (one in which ultimate power resides in the hands of a single person). Bush is officially America's "head of state," but he is not the head of government; he is the head (one branch) of our government, and it's not the branch that decides on war and peace.

When the vice president dismisses public opposition to war with a simple "So!" he violates the single most important element in the American system of government: the people rule.

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Why did we turn control of Wall Street over to the geeks?

One year ago, with spectacular timing, a Wall Streeter named Richard Bookstaber published a book on financial engineering. He called it "A Demon of Our Own Design," and his argument was that a new breed of "quants" — or "quantitative" number-crunchers like him — had created a system too complex to be manageable. The risks embedded in swaps and options were understood by only a handful of math geeks, and a miscalculation in one corner of the markets could send shock waves globally. Until a week ago, Bookstaber seemed unduly gloom. But in the wake of Bear Stearns, modern financial engineering has become harder to defend.



SEBASTIAN MALLABY

Bookstaber seemed too pessimistic because he understated the ability of Wall Street players to check and balance one another. Yes, modern finance had an alarming tendency to load debt upon debt, so the effect of a mistake was magnified. But the financial engineers who created these tottering cash towers had an incentive

to stop building before the whole thing keeled over. If a bank borrowed too much, lenders would shut off the taps and clients would refuse to buy its swaps, options and synthetic bonds: Nobody wants to do business with a bank that is one stock away from bankruptcy. So financial engineers would prevent them from overdoing it.

Even a year ago, reasonable people disagreed about whether these checks and balances were sufficient. After all, they failed periodically. A decade ago, a hedge fund named Long-Term Capital Management borrowed so much that it could not withstand the shock of Russia's default, and the Federal Reserve had to organize the fund's fire sale

to its bankers. Two decades ago, a fancy new product known as portfolio insurance promised investors protection from a crash. But when the crash came in 1987, the insurance not only failed but also contributed to its severity.

So the case for financial engineering depended on a fine balancing of risk and reward. The risk was that Bookstaber's demons could wreck serious chaos. Mercifully, the economy had recovered rapidly after Long-Term Capital and the '87 crash, and neither episode cost taxpayers a dime. In contrast, disasters involving little or no financial engineering, to wit, the savings and loan crisis, but perhaps the next time would be nastier. Bookstaber was reporting from inside the laboratory, and he was right: Sometimes, what was about to blow. It seemed crazy not to listen.

On the other hand, financial innovation also yielded rewards. Most of the time it controlled risk, reduced the cost of capital and helped businesses and consumers.

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Securitized mortgages allowed banks to spread the risk of lending and therefore to charge less for loans, lowering barriers to homeownership. Swaps could make certain types of risk virtually disappear. In a financially primitive world, an American exporter to Europe and a European exporter to the United States each shoulders exchange-rate risk. But thanks to swaps organized by banks such as Bear Stearns, the two can trade their currency exposures so that they can lock in future profits in their home currencies.

But whatever the balance of risk and reward was a year ago, it is now a couple of shades gloomier. It's not so much that we face a property bust and a recession that tumbled down to excessively loose monetary policy from 2002 to 2004 and a failure to regulate low-tech abuses such as no-doc loans with no down payments. Rather, the blow to the case for financial engineering comes from the implosion of Bear Stearns — and from the Fed's necessary response. Those crucial checks and balances have been weakened.

from the Fed, the lenders now look comfortable. Equally, Bear clients who had bought swaps and other derivatives faced the prospect of their contracts, being rendered worthless, that danger has receded.

Moreover, the Fed has announced that it is ready to provide emergency loans to other investment banks. The incentive for private lenders and buyers of derivatives to monitor banks' risk has to some extent been blunted. This is a subtle shift, not a dramatic revolution. Lenders and derivatives traders have been budgeeined in recent months; it's not as though they have zero reasons to be cautious. But the shift is disturbing nonetheless. The case for financial engineering was questioned by serious people even before we landed in this mess. And we have no good way of turning back the clock.

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Home is where the school is

During a break in a high school debate tournament that ran long ago, my 17-year-old son struck up a conversation with a student on the rival team from a New Jersey public school. "Where's your school?" asked the boy. When my son replied that he was home-schooled, the student probed.

"How do you socialize when you're at home all the time?" he asked.

"Well, for one thing, I'm here, right?" my son laughed.



GREGORY MILLMAN

through communities that believe public schools were threatening their moral values.

The boundaries between the counter culture and Christian home-school traditions blurred through the 1990s and 2000s, as home-schoolers from various backgrounds came to discover how much they actually have in common.

Today, a well-established and widespread infrastructure of home-schooling groups, Web sites and networks has made home-schooling accessible to a broader population, people who wouldn't consider themselves either particularly countercultural or particularly religious.

Studies have shown that home-schooled children outperform the conventionally schooled not only on standardized academic tests but also on tests of social skills. This, I believe, isn't because home-schoolers do things better than schools do them but because we do better things than schools do.

Home-schooled students' high performance continues into college. Admissions officers at IUPUI, a joint-venture urban campus of Indiana University and Purdue, and at Georgia's Kennesaw State University, have tracked the performance of admitted home-schoolers and found that they earn higher GPAs than the general student population.

Conventional schools are like the nation's Rust Belt companies, designed in the 19th century but struggling to meet the standards of international competition today. School boards and administrators should be concentrating on ways to make schools more like home-schooling. People who are free to find for themselves usually get together and find solutions that are better than what bureaucrats can devise.

Those are the kinds of principles that gave us California's Silicon Valley. Let's hope that someday soon, home-schooling will be perfectly legal there once again.

Nonetheless, home-schooling is booming. In 2003, the National Center for Education Statistics estimated that the home-schooled population nationwide was 1.1 million. And the National Home Education Research Institute estimates that it may be growing at double-digit rates.

There's no denying that the modern home-schooling movement was born of the desire to shake off stultifying school bureaucracies and to sidestep the uncertain mission of public schools, which is set by adults with often conflicting priorities for children. A century of ideological struggles has defined the hodge-podge taught in schools, and they persist to this day. Will schools teach evolution or intelligent design? Offer safe-sex or abstinence-only instruction? Encourage art and dance or treat them as distractions from No Child Left Behind tests? Home-schoolers can make our own decisions based on what's best for our children.

Contrary to most popular belief, home-schooling isn't the hand of religious fanatics. It actually got started in the counterculture of the 1960s. In his landmark 1964 book, "How Children Fail," teacher and education reformer John Holt accused schools of "enslaving" and "causing students to fail; eventually, he came to advocate a sort of "underground railroad" out of compulsory schooling. It wasn't until the end of the 1970s and into the 1980s that the movement spread

Gregory J. Millman is co-author, with Martine Millman, of "Home Schooling: A Family's Journey" to be published in August. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

Time to end mining industry welfare

SEATTLE—Writing 136 years ago, Mark Twain managed to accurately describe how mining companies are allowed to treat America's public lands and its taxpayers in the 21st century.

"Imagine a stranger staking out a mining claim among the costly shrubbery in your front yard and calmly proceeding to lay waste the ground with pick and shovel and blasting powder."



JOEL CONNELLY

He wrote these words as Congress was passing the 1872 Mining Law, still in effect today. It is a high point of corporate welfare even for America.

The law signed by President Grant, allows patents for hardrock minerals on public lands to be mined for \$2.50 or \$5 an acre.

Former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt recalls signing away deeds of public ownership on 62 acres on Alaska's Prince of Wales Island. Uncle Sam was paid \$155 for mineral resources worth \$80 million.

A memorable battle was fought 10 years ago on the borders of Yellowstone National Park. A Canadian company, Noranda, started to privatize national forest land. Its planned gold mine would have fouled streams flowing into the Eden-like wildlife habitat at the park's northeast corner.

The federal government had to pay \$65 million to the mining company to stop the project.

Two Northwest lawmakers, Sens. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., and Ron Wyden, D-Ore., have set out to reform this relic of the Gilded Age. Appropriately, they've picked a time when America is enduring another era of lax regulation and the pillaging of public lands.

Cantwell and Wyden have invited colleagues to sign a letter to the chairman and ranking Republican on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, as the panel begins work to "update" the 1872 law.

"Sensible policies are long overdue and urgently needed because the threat to our public lands is growing exponentially," the senators write.

"For example, in the past five years, mining companies have staked more than 800 claims at the edge of the Grand Canyon, and with the price of gold and other metals increasing the number of mineral claims continues to grow."

Cantwell and Wyden propose a modest use of intelligence toward federal mining policy.

"They would protect national parks and monuments from mining. They would put mining on a par with other uses for public lands, instead of treating it as the highest and best use. They would establish environmental performance and reclamation standards, and prevent degrading of water quality.

Other abuses need be addressed. Land sold for \$2.50 an acre has not always been used for mining. Taxpayers have subsidized ski resorts, housing subdivisions and even a Nye County, Nevada, whore-house.

The U.S. House of Representatives has already passed legislation, opposed by the Bush administration, that would regulate mining companies and require that they pay royalties.

The Senate is a tougher nut to crack. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nevada, comes from a state that mines 90 percent of the country's gold. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-New Mexico, senior Republican on the energy committee, is a long-time mining industry satrap.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, has adopted a broad stance against meaningful reform of the law.

In the late 1990s, a successful Babbitt used existing law to put through a limited set of reforms.

He deployed a provision of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act that outlaws "unnecessary and undue degradation of public lands," to deny claims in environmentally sensitive areas.

Babbitt required "bonding" improvements, making hardrock mining operations put up money to cover cleanup and reclamation in case of bankruptcy.

The Bush administration, with a mining lobbyist installed as undersecretary of the interior, quickly scuttled its predecessor's reforms. It axed regulations requiring re-vegetation, control of erosion and protection of surface as well as groundwater.

The mining industry could finally be of a mind to accept reform, rather than risk a Democratic president and Congress, or even John McCain in the White House.

Cantwell and Wyden emphasize that they support "reasonable access for responsible mining companies."

In return, argue the senators, the industry will have to swallow "the protection of critical public lands" and safeguarding of water quality, plus "much-needed taxpayer protections."

The industry has reaped billions of dollars worth of minerals while sticking taxpayers with billions in cleanup costs.

All bad things must end, however.

After 136 years, it's time.

Joel Connelly is a columnist for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer

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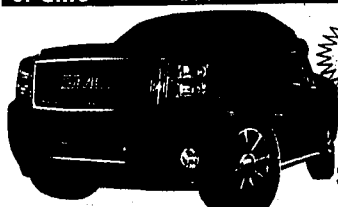
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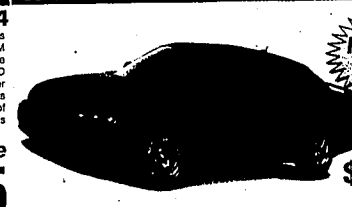
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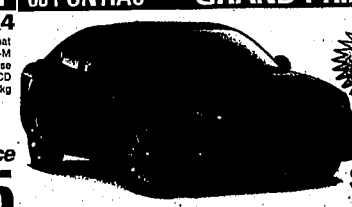
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T.F. Sheriff's budget back in the red

Tousley says situation will worsen in '08

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousley is on course to exceed his budget and it's probably only going to get worse in the second half of the budget year, he warned county commissioners on Thursday.

"It's going to get critical pretty soon," Tousley said. With Commissioner Terry

Kramer absent, Commission Chairman Tom Mikesell and Commissioner George Urie heard the sheriff's warnings. Mikesell said Tousley's department could still remain "on line" with its budget if the sheriff runs it "in a very efficient manner."

By March, with seven months before the budget year ends, the sheriff had exhausted \$151,999 of his \$170,000 budget for fuel,

maintenance, oil and equipment.

On overtime, the jail has already spent \$46,989 of an appropriated \$65,000, while the patrol division has spent \$32,246 of \$65,000.

Tousley points to his proposed budget needs not getting met by commissioners. Commissioners rolled over a \$65,000 debt in the sheriff's budget from last fiscal year into the current fiscal year. The commissioners also approved eight new deputies, four in the jail and four in the

patrol division, for this fiscal year.

With high gas prices, deputies are encouraged to cut their car patrols short, and to patrol on foot. The sheriff ended on a foreboding note, and a distinctly different tone than the light admonition expressed by Mikesell.

The sheriff said, "And we haven't even got to our busy time of year yet."

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Gooding Co. tabbed for regional jail

More studies will be made for a new site

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

GOODING — Four counties agreed Thursday that Gooding County should be the location for a planned regional jail.

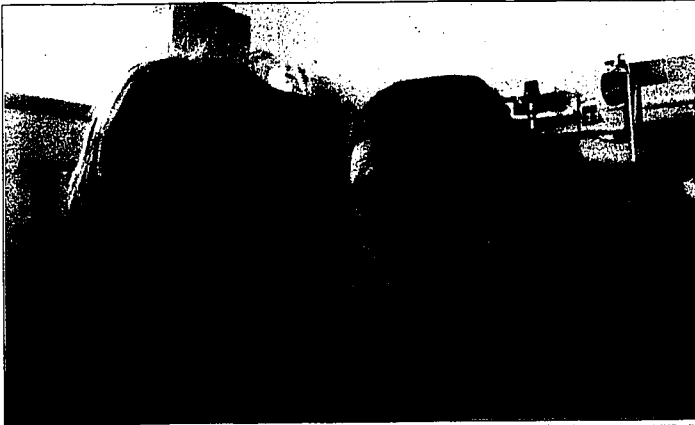
That caused Gooding County Commission Chairman Tom Faulkner to brace for the dubious task of finding the right spot for the new facility.

"Some citizens don't want to see a jail in Gooding with state inmates coming and their families moving into the community," Faulkner said after a hearing held in Gooding. "Others see it as a

good economic opportunity with the jobs it would bring." Sheriffs and one commissioner from each of the four counties involved — Lincoln, Jerome, Camas and Gooding counties — reached the consensus that Gooding County be the jail's home. No disputes arose upon discussion. Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver, who had previously advocated that his county build its own, more costly jail, was noticeably absent from Thursday's meeting. Weaver will not run for re-election this year.

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DOGS IN DISTRESS



Dr. Nichole Halverson, a volunteer at the Mustard Seed Wellness Clinic in Twin Falls, checks a patient Thursday evening at the clinic.

Fear of liability prevents some from volunteering at free clinic

By Kate Poppino
Times-News writer

He shouldn't be called a health care provider, Dr. David McClusky said. He's a caring human being, and so are his fellow volunteers.

Nurses, interpreters and other staff join 32 physicians to offer for free what they charge for during the day at the Mustard Seed Wellness Clinic.

The 120 volunteers handled 2,100 visits last year. From 1,900 people, saving the community an estimated \$250,000. Every dollar donated is equal to \$10.40 of services rendered, McClusky said last week.

The clinic, volunteers say, could do even more. But doctors who otherwise might volunteer are scared to do so because they aren't sure a state statute's protection against frivolous lawsuits extends to them.

Liability insurance doesn't necessarily transfer to work outside a physician's main clinic, said Dr. Nick Sandison, one of the doctors who helped

form the Mustard Seed clinic in 2005. Local docs don't know the odds of getting sued by patients at a free clinic. But the fear of even one lawsuit is keeping some volunteers away, he said, and haunting others who do participate.

"No matter what the odds are, the fear will prohibit a lot of people from getting in," Sandison said on Monday.

That fear was news to some members of the Governor's Select Committee on Health Care, which stopped in Twin Falls on March 19 for one of several statewide meetings. Dr. Karl Watis, a committee member who runs a free clinic in Boise, said then it was his understanding that federal and state law protects volunteers. But the federal law applies only to federally funded community health clinics.

"It's a huge issue across the nation," Watis said. "You still have to do all you can to protect your volunteers."

In Idaho, protection seems to rest on a section in Title 39, Chapter 77 of Idaho Code. The section, regarding volunteer health care provider immun-

Learn more
The Mustard Seed Wellness Clinic runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Services are free, though the clinic does take donations. For more information, call 734-2610.

ty, states that any health care provider who volunteers at a free clinic is immune from liability for any civil action arising from the clinic. An exception is made for intentional or grossly negligent acts or services performed outside a provider's scope of practice.

The section seems to address the Mustard Seed's needs, said Joyce McRoberts, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's special assistant for health care. But to be sure, she's checking with lawyers in the governor's office; the Idaho Medical Association and the state attorney general's office.

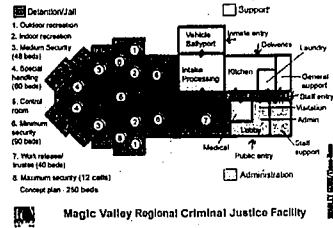
The issue is one the Idaho Medical Association has visited before, and that group helped pass the section of code quoted by McRoberts.

CEO Susie Poullot said. But restricting liability to cases of gross or intentional negligence doesn't stop people from alleging it, she said, and she suggested physicians should have their own liability policies in place. Including the Mustard Seed and Watis' clinic, three free clinics operate in Idaho.

"I think most lawyers would say that no immunity provision is absolutely airtight," Poullot said.

Confirmed protection, Sandison said, could mean a significant increase in volunteers, including specialists such as dentists. And it would reassure those already volunteering — especially when it comes to less-common procedures that the volunteer doctors could perform, but usually don't because they come with higher liability concerns.

"You'd send (these patients) somewhere else because you just don't want to deal with lawyers and just don't want to think about that," Sandison said, an option that isn't available at the free clinic.



Police: Fitness center thefts could be related

By Kate Poppino
Times-News writer

By all accounts, it was a normal Monday. Janet Burdick went to her morning fitness class at the Canyon Rim Y. As usual, she left her purse in the bottom of her clothes bag — the same place it had always safely stayed.

Except this time it didn't. When Burdick came out of her class that day, she found her whole bag missing, as well as her green 2001 Audi convertible. It was the first of two fitness-center vehicle thefts that city and county law enforcement suspect may be connected.

Along with Burdick's car — later recovered in the parking lot of Independent Meat in Twin Falls — a silver 2004 GMC Yukon disappeared from Yukon's Gym at about 1 p.m. Tuesday. On Wednesday night, Twin Falls police found some credit cards from the Gold's that during a routine traffic stop. Police currently have several people in custody on unrelated drug charges, Capt. Matt Hicks said. But neither he nor county officials, who are handling the Canyon Rim case because the center sits outside city limits, are sure whether both incidents could be related.

"We're working with (the county)," Hicks said, adding that the department has some "very good leads."

In the Gold's Gym case, the victim's keys were apparently stolen from a communal

How to help

Twin Falls police are still searching for a vehicle stolen from Canyon Gym Tuesday night. The vehicle is a silver 2004 GMC Yukon with license plate 2T K4180. Anyone with information about the theft can call 341-735-4357.

key basket, the first time Hicks said he'd heard of such a thing.

"It's obviously a practice that we discourage," he said. Y.M.C.A. Executive Director Karen Jachimowski Sharp-nard said Thursday she had just heard of the other theft and wasn't aware of any connection between the two. Gold's Gym declined to comment.

Someone did try to cash one of Burdick's checks, said Lori Nebecker, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office. Burdick, the former director of support services for the Twin Falls School District, said the theft was "pretty disconcerting." But her car returned intact, as did school supplies — she still volunteers for the district — and her clothes returned to Canyon Rim the next day.

That last detail just encouraged concerns running through her mind as to who pulled off the heist.

"Somebody must have known my routine, because there really wouldn't be a way of knowing that my keys were there," she said.

P&Z hears Lighthouse Christian plans for lights, sound system

By Damon Huzarke
Times-News correspondent

The primary goal of Lighthouse Christian Fellowship is to foster faith in Jesus Christ, but it also has a football team to consider.

The school wants spectators to see and hear the games — but the new building and field on Eastland Drive are located in a residential area, which presents potential problems with sound and lighting.

The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission, on Tuesday heard a preliminary presentation about the private school's plans.

Brent Wallin, with Infinity Engineering, spoke on behalf of the school. "They want the fans to be able to hear what the play was, what the foul was," he said. "We've tried to develop a public-address system that will minimize impact on surrounding areas."

According to Wallin, the 60-foot-high light poles will be equipped with hoods that will prevent glare from illuminating the school's neighbors.

After Commissioner Bonnie Lezantz asked how many night games will be played, ICF athletic director Nick Karavedas said there

would be about four or five games each year. But Lezantz then asked if other schools would be using the facility. Karavedas, who is also the football coach, acknowledged that it will become a community facility for other schools and then revised the number. "Probably 12 to 15 games," he said. Other night events, such as graduations, will also be held at the school.

Commissioner Gerardo Munoz was mainly concerned about the noise, but he also wondered if the light poles would reach houses in



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Members of the Lighthouse Christian High School football team practice last September on their new field in Twin Falls.

Phyllis Elaine Lusk Anderson

BURLEY — Phyllis Elaine Lusk Anderson, 81, of Burley, died Good Friday, March 21, 2008, at Sunbridge Care Center in Meridian.



Phyllis was born Dec. 10, 1926, in Emporia, Kan., the second of five children born to James C. and Beatrice Booth Lusk. She graduated from Osage High School in 1944, then, barely out of high school herself, she taught in a one-room schoolhouse. Phyllis later attended Emporia State Teachers College.

Phyllis married the love of her life, Gleason D. (Andy) Anderson in Denver, Colo., on Sept. 1, 1951. The couple moved to Pocatello, where their daughter, Sandy, was born. They moved to Twin Falls in 1954, where she gave birth to Michael and Jana. She was a stay-at-home mom until she returned to school in 1969. The family moved to Burley in 1971 when Andy was appointed magistrate judge. Phyllis graduated with the first registered nursing class at the College of Southern Idaho in 1972. She worked a short time on the pediatrics floor at Magic Valley Regional Hospital in Twin Falls and worked the remainder of her career in the surgical department at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley; she finally retired at age 75.

Phyllis was an active member of the Burley United Methodist Church, PEO, Iris Better Homes Club, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and Cassia Gardeners Club. Phyllis and Andy were instrumental in starting the Southeastern Idaho Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Phyllis was a devoted wife, a wonderful mother and a dedicated worker. She was a true friend and brought joy to

everyone around her. She was an avid reader and a Master Gardener with specific interests for roses. Phyllis and Andy enjoyed "dancing cheek-to-cheek" and playing pinocchle with the same group of friends for 35 years. She enjoyed snow skiing with her children and golfing with Andy. Nothing brought a smile to her face quicker than the sight of a story about her grandchildren or great-grandchildren. Phyllis was a fabulous cook. Her pies were always in high demand at family and church gatherings; she made the "world's best" lemon meringue pie.

Surviving Phyllis are two daughters, Sandy (Jim Magill) of Meridian and Jana (Fred) Florence of Boise; her older brother, Harold (Ann) Lusk of Osage City, Kan.; six grandchildren, Jason Sater, Ellie (Mark) Elli, Abbie (Dominic Casey) Florence, Jacob Sullivan, Jennifer Sullivan and Phyllis Florence; and five great-grandchildren, Flinn and Dillon Stuer, Olivia and Madeline Elli, and Paige Casey.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Gleason D. Anderson; her son, Michael D. Anderson; her parents, James and Beatrice Lusk; two sisters, Caroline (Richard) Schomburg and Joann (Tom) Gustafson and one brother, James (Patry) Lusk.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 19, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. in Burley. A private burial will take place at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, Ustick Chapel in Meridian. The family suggests memorials be made to the Burley United Methodist Church or, in lieu of a memorial, suggests planting a tree or a reforestation in Phyllis' memory.

Pilar 'Pili' Bilboa Guerricabettia

SHOSHONE — Pilar "Pili" Bilboa Guerricabettia, 92, a resident of Shoshone, died Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at the Shoshone Rehabilitation and Living Center in Shoshone.



Pilar was born in Italy on June 10, 1915, and attended school in Shoshone and Dietrich. She met and married Andres "Andy" Guerricabettia on Dec. 1, 1934. They lived on a farm and sheep ranch for 36 years prior to moving to town. Pilar cooked for many years for the blind men. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Shoshone.

Pilar was a loving mother and is survived by three daughters, Christina Arrate, Gloria Vaughn and Isabel Fata. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was

preceded in death by her husband, Andy Guerricabettia after 61 years of marriage; her parents, Gergora Berriehoa and Simon Bilboa; three sisters, Eloise Guenecha, Susy Lete and Mildred Urrutia; and one brother, Julian Bilboa. The family wishes to thank Shoshone Rehabilitation and Aspen Grove Hospice Care for all the kind and loving care they provided their mother.

A viewing for family and friends will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 28, at Demary's Shoshone Chapel. Scripture vigil prayers will be recited at 7 p.m. Friday at the chapel. Celebration of funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Shoshone, with Deacon John McKinley officiating. Burial will follow in the Shoshone Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Pilar's name to the American Cancer Lymphoma Society, 26776 S. Vista Ave., Boise, ID 83705.

DEATH NOTICES

Clyde Axtell

RUPERT — Clyde Axtell, 88, of Rupert, died Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 31, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; visitation one hour before the service; burial at 4 p.m. Monday in the Mountain View Cemetery in Mountain Home.

Lula May Young

HEYBURN — Lula May Young, 90, of Heyburn, died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at Valley View Skilled Nursing in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Theodore L. Brower

BURLEY — Theodore Lamont Brower, 80, of Burley, died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Robert W. Gagnon

SHOSHONE — Robert W. Gagnon, 72, of Shoshone, died Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Saturday fundraisers in Magic Valley

Josiah Sullivan

A benefit dinner and auction for Josiah Sullivan will be held Saturday at Valley High School. The auction will begin at 5 p.m. and the Italian dinner will be from 6 to 8 p.m.

Sullivan is a young man who was severely injured in an automobile accident. He sustained a broken neck and was hospitalized for two months. He is now in a wheelchair and paralyzed from the chest down.

For more information: Carol Johnson at 829-4289 or 829-5316, Pastor Sergio and Viann Aristizabal at 829-5862 or Sue Baker at 829-5634. For tickets: Michelle Johnson at 829-5324 or 829-5316. Tickets will also be available at the door.

March of Dimes

A March of Dimes fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble Bookstores. Activities will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and include clowns, face painting, balloons, games and story time. For more information: Mary at 734-2142.

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Scholarship applications are available now from Minidoka County Beet Growers.

A \$500 Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from the Minidoka County Beet Grower Association area or to a current college student.

Applicants must not have received the Beet Grower Scholarship previously, as this scholarship is awarded to a student on a one-time basis.

Application deadline is April 30, and the winner will be notified on or before May 31. Applicants must be majoring in a field that promotes or is beneficial to agriculture. The successful applicant will receive the award (check) upon notification of enrollment in the school of his or her choice.

Applications are available at Minico High School or by calling Brad Rogers at 431-5528.

For more information: Debbie Klug at Kimberly High School, 423-4170, ext. 3144 or www.clyokimberly.org.

The Diabetes Center Foundation is awarding a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior with diabetes or to a diabetic college student pursuing an advanced degree. The scholarship must be used at an Idaho college, university, or trade school.

Applicants will need to describe how diabetes has impacted their lives, and will need written and documented evidence of educating other people about diabetes. They will also need to inform the Foundation about which Idaho school they plan to use the scholarship at, along with their current career plans.

The deadline to apply for this scholarship is May 1. For more information or to obtain a scholarship application: e-mail diabetes@cedfoundation.net or write to Diabetes Center Foundation, 5651 US Highway 93, Jerome, ID 83330.

Kimberly Mayor David Overacre recently announced that two \$500 Community Service Scholarships will be awarded in May. The deadline for

CASSIA ALTERNATIVE H.S.



Abie Martinez, Amber Thomas, Jennifer Parker, Marcos Zamudio, Amber Gowen and other Cassia Alternative High School students with good grades and good behavior participated in an activity for community service. Students made valentines during Random Acts of Kindness Week to be placed on trays during lunch at area rest homes.

Kimberly accepting applications for new mayor's youth council

KIMBERLY — Kimberly Mayor David Overacre is currently accepting applications for the newly formed Kimberly Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. Kimberly High students in grades 8-11 are encouraged to apply for open positions on the executive board. For more information and applications: www.cityofkimberly.org or Kimberly City Administrator Polly Hulseay, 423-4151.

SERVICES

Terrell "Terry" Kenton Peterson of Mountain Home, funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at the Mountain Home Church of the Nazarene, 950 N. Seventh E.; interment at 3 p.m. today at the Idaho Veterans Cemetery in Boise (Rust Cemetery Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

Lilly Elsie Geier of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. today at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Kenneth George Reid of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Don Worthington of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Springdale LDS Church, 559 E. 200 S. in Burley; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Patrick Oral Grenz of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Melvin Corbridge Nielsen of Pinedale, Wyo., funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Pinedale LDS Church in Pinedale, Wyo.; visitation one hour before the funeral at the church; graveside serve at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Logan Cemetery in Logan, Utah. (Covill Funeral Home in Pinedale, Wyo.)

Albert McBurney Thomas of Paul, graveside service at 2:30 p.m. today at the Paul Cemetery; visitation at 1

p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Sara Opal Moffett Tolman, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 355 N. Center Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

William L. Towne Jr. of Ely, Nev., and formerly of Dietrich, graveside memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Shoshone Cemetery in Shoshone (Demary Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel).

Vernon J. Wageman of Heyburn, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the mortuary.

Pak Hong Lai of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday at the mortuary.

George Larry Kay of Gainesville, Va., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 4 p.m. Saturday at Cedar Cross United Methodist Church, 1210 132nd St. S.E. in Mill Creek, Wash.

Lols Elizabeth Barrington of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Church of the Brethren in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

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Lighthouse

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the area if any of them fall over. "I mean, I know they're not going to fall," he said. "I hope they're not going to fall; I pray they're not going to fall."

Neither Wallin nor Karnavas addressed the matter.

Munoz pointed out the absence of a standard noise ordinance in the neighborhood and suggested it would be necessary to establish a maximum decibel level, which would provide a rule to enforce in case neighbors complain.

"It also depends on which way the wind blows," Chairman Carl Younkun said, referring to who and how many could be affected by the noise.

Wallin agreed to determine a reasonable level, which will be presented at the public hearing on April 8.

The commission also approved a non-conforming building expansion, as well as a variance, for Moser Machine Shop on Hankins Road South.

Moser has been trying to

buy additional land for nearly a decade in order to expand his business while still complying with landscaping and parking ordinances. "I think he's done all he can possibly do," Younkun said.

Commissioner Cyrus Ward provided a blunt summary of why Moser's requests merited approval: "If he had more land, he'd use it, but he don't."

Damon Humzeker may be reached at (208) 420-4637 or humzeker@aol.com.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Larry LaRocco to open T.F. County Field Office

Former U.S. Rep. and Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate Larry LaRocco will attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for his new Twin Falls County field office Monday in Twin Falls.

The ceremony, hosted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, will be at 4 p.m. at 184 Gooding St. W.

"Idahoans have had enough," LaRocco said. "They're tired of politics as usual. They want leadership that focuses on the issues - how we responsibly get out of Iraq, how we work toward energy independence, how we help people keep their homes, and how we help the tens of thousands of working Idahoans who can't see a doctor or get health insurance."

LaRocco will give an update on the current momentum of his campaign and address questions about Idaho's future. Refreshments will be served. To RSVP or for

more information: (208) 345-5678.

Paul woman dies in Interstate rollover

A Paul woman died Thursday morning after a single-car rollover caused extensive damage to her spine. Mindkoka County Under-sheriff Vic Watson said.

Venesca Gasaway, 30, was traveling eastbound on Interstate 84 near milepost 211 at 7:44 a.m. when she lost control of her 2001 Toyota Sienna, overcorrected and rolled the car into the median, according to a report filed by Deputy John Stumph.

Gasaway was trapped and had to be extricated from the upside-down car. Stumph listed excessive speed as a possible factor in the crash.

Watson said Gasaway died "shortly after arrival" at Mindkoka Memorial Hospital.

Gasaway is survived by her husband and four children, ages 2 and older, said Christina Mamata, who

works with Gasaway's husband.

CARES recognized by state pediatric group

St. Luke's Magic Valley's Children At Risk Evaluation Services has been recognized for its work on the front lines of child abuse, the hospital announced Monday.

The Idaho Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics paid tribute to the group, along with five other Idaho organizations that make up the Idaho Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, during Pediatric Day of the Idaho Perinatal Project winter conference in February. All six organizations work to evaluate and treat victims of child sexual abuse.

"Taking care of vulnerable children in times of crisis requires a highly educated and dedicated staff to meet the physical, emotional and legal needs of their children," AAI Executive Director Sherry Iverson said.

— From staff reports

Jail

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Rocky Mountain Corrections will spend the next six months working with the counties to arrange financing for the estimated \$18.8-million, 250-bed jail. The firm will establish rental contracts between the counties and hopefully from the state and federal governments. It will also attempt to locate a number of possible sites from which Gooding County must choose.

Faulkner said it was unlikely that any county residents would want the north side's largest jail next to their home. So Faulkner said commissioners plan to arrange public hearings within the next two months. Commissioners also plan to assign a siting committee, and a poll may also be conducted.

April Lee, general manager of Rocky Mountain Corrections, said given the eagerness shown by all four counties' commissioners to begin building, builders could break ground as early as this year.

"Man, you guys are easy," Lee said. She'd expected battles between counties over the location of the jail.

Lee said her company will present on April 2 to the Idaho Department of Correction the possibility of it renting bed space at the planned jail for state prisoners.

The idea to place the jail in Gooding County originated from an analysis by Rocky Mountain Corrections. Researchers immediately ruled out Lincoln and Camas as being too small, and lacking adequate infrastructure to handle emergencies at the jail.

Researchers called the Walker Center, a private local drug and alcohol treatment center in Gooding "a big bonus." And researchers favored Gooding County

Sheriff Shaun Gough, who has provided crucial support for the project, to run the jail over the Jerome County Sheriff's Office. Gough, who is running for re-election, has been a crucial supporter of the project whereas the Jerome County Sheriff is outgoing.

A follow-up meeting is scheduled for next month.

Cassidy Friedman may be reached at 735-3241.

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Magie Valley Ag employers are encouraged to attend.

Dr. Holt will address realities Idaho farmers and day-laborers face with respect to the availability of an adequate legal work force. He will also address the importance of enacting an emergency bill that would provide relief this season to agricultural employers facing labor shortages.

including employers of workers in jobs not currently eligible for the H-2A program, such as dairies.

Labor: Issues and Options for Agriculture by Dr. James Holt
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JFAC doles out \$400,000 for legal dispute

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — During the last week of February, the state's budgeting committee approved the Department of Administration budget for next year. It was a quiet affair, with little discussion that received scant media attention.

But the department is poised to receive \$400,000 to cover legal costs in a pending, complicated legal dispute the state has been embroiled in for the past five years.

The Joint-Finance Appropriations Committee approved \$200,000 in a supplemental budget for this year's budget and \$200,000 for funding in fiscal year 2009.

The budget passed the House and Senate and awaits the signature of Gov. CL "Butch" Otter.

At issue is a botched contract from 2003 to construct the Bio-Security Level-3 Laboratory at 2220 Penitentiary Road in Boise, where the Department of Health and Welfare has laboratories. Almost \$350,000 in liabilities to contracted attorneys has already been spent, according to the state's budget office.

"It's a difficult situation," said JFAC Co-chairman Dean Cameron, R-Burley. "The building was not built to specifications. In my opinion the contractor knew then...what was going on."

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Construction LLC, alleging the state violated the contract.

The state later counter-sued on the grounds that the contract was nullified.

With just 5 to 10 percent of the project left, the state brought in Washington Group International for an independent analysis, and the firm found more problems and ruled the project had to be entirely redone, said Phillip S. Oberrecht, a Boise attorney representing the state.

He said the state seeks to recover \$2.6 million.

The litigation has been long and arduous; at one point, about half a dozen state employees were sued, although those suits were later dismissed. The state

has also since sued the architectural firm that designed the project.

"This is a very important biological safety lab and we just have to make sure it was built properly," said Oberrecht. "There were a lot of issues that arose during the project."

Cameron said the Legislature typically does not appropriate money for court cases outside of the attorney general office budget, but the funding is "absolutely" necessary.

"We believe the state will be successful," he said. He added that the state has now paid twice for the construction and is still not finished.

A jury trial has been scheduled for October, said Oberrecht. There have been two attempts to settle.

"We're just trying to get it resolved in the best interests of the state," said Jan Frew, deputy administrator for the Division of Public Works.

Thomas A. Larkin, a Portland, Ore.-based attorney representing Hobson, declined comment.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls city DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Russell T. Hays, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, second offense; costs waived; 90 days in jail, driving privileges suspended for 365 days.

Josh L. Kumpfy, Jr., Twin Falls, driving under the influence; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, credit for one day; 12 months probation; no alcohol; 12 months probation; no alcohol. Chad M. Rogers, 20, Twin Falls, driving under the influence; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, credit for one day; 12 months probation; no alcohol; 12 months probation; no alcohol; \$3,603.64 restitution.

Cheryl A. Richards, 47, Burley, driving under the influence; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; 45 days in jail, credit for two days served, eight days house arrest; 12 months probation; no alcohol; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

MIDWINTER SENTENCINGS

Rhodes, Mike, Post Falls, 26, alcoholator; one count, inattentive/careless driving; \$75.50 costs; 45 days in jail, credit for 30 days served; one count failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$75.50 costs; 45 days in jail, credit for 30 days served; one count failure to appear; 45 days in jail, credit for 30 days served.

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Bush gives sunny assessment of Iraq

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE — President Bush said Thursday that the yearlong increased U.S. troop deployment in Iraq had allowed the country to "re-start political and economic life" and take on a greater role in its own reconstruction while building a modern democracy on "the rubble of three decades of tyranny."

But he made clear his readiness to delay this heralding of U.S. forces, saying that as he considered his next steps, he would remember that "the progress in Iraq is real, it's substantial, and it is reversible."

And in an apparent jab at political critics who he said have reflected the "misgivings he sees, the president said that "now that political progress is picking up, they're looking for a new reason" to call for retreat.

Accusing some members of Congress of "hectoring" Iraq leaders, he said, "They claim our strategic interest is elsewhere, and that if we would just get out of Iraq, we could focus on the battles that really matter...." "If America's strategic interests are not in Iraq... then where are they?" he said.

The speech was Bush's third over the past three weeks intended to present a broad look at U.S. policy in Iraq, the course of the war and the conditions on the ground five years after the United States invaded to overthrow Saddam Hussein.

Bush spoke to about 1,000 people, many of them Air Force personnel, at the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, on the outskirts of Dayton, He stood between an F-86 of Korean War vintage and a current fighter jet, the F-22, with a Predator drone displayed from the ceiling of the museum hangar and a B-52s menacing presence to the side.

VIRGINIA

Gunfire on I-64 revives fears of deadly sniper spree; 2 hurt, 2 sought

CHARLOTTESVILLE — Gunfire that struck several vehicles and injured two people along a stretch of mountain highway had motorists and police on edge Thursday in a region where a recent spate of deadly Beltway snipers still haven't faded.

Authorities were seeking at least two people suspected of firing shots the night before at their two cars, a van, a tractor-trailer and an unoccupied jump truck on Interstate 64 just west of Charlottesville. Two people were injured, but not seriously.

state police superintendent, would not characterize the shooting as the work of snipers, calling it "random firing."

And there were other differences from the sniper spree of nearly six years ago, including the fact that those attacks targeted people who were standing outside their cars.

Nevertheless, Flaherty conceded the 2002 attacks, in which 10 people were killed and three wounded in Maryland, the District of Columbia and northern Virginia, were on investigators' minds as they sought those behind Thursday's spree.

"It reminded us of a lot of emergencies we've had," said Flaherty, whose agency also dealt with last April's Virginia Tech shootings.

Residents, too, were mindful of the crimes of John Alan Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo, who were convicted in the 2002 shootings. Christy Lucado, who drives through the area on the way to work, said she immediately thought about the sniper shootings Thursday morning when a friend called and told her the news.

"I thought, well, Lord, my car's out in the driveway, my keys are in it and I'm up on the mountain by myself," said Lucado, who waits tables at Duncan's restaurant in Ivy, near the exit where one of the latest shootings happened.

WASHINGTON

Gates orders inventory of U.S. nuclear arms, materials after mistake

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates has ordered a full inventory of all nuclear weapons and related materials after the mistaken delivery of ballistic missile fuels to Taiwan, the Pentagon said Thursday.

Gates told officials with the Air Force, Navy and Defense Logistics Agency to assess inventory control procedures for the materials and to submit a report within 60 days.

Earlier this week, Gates directed Navy Adm. Kirkland H. Donald to take charge of a full inventory of which four cone-shaped electrical fuses used in intercontinental ballistic missile warheads were shipped to the Taiwanese instead of the helicopter batteries they had ordered.

It was the second uncorrelated mistake involving the military that has been revealed in recent months. In August an Air Force B-52 bomber was mistakenly armed with six nuclear-tipped cruise missiles flown from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., to Barksdale Air Force Base, La. At the time, the pilot and crew were unaware they had nuclear arms aboard.

CALIFORNIA

Regulators vote to lower target for zero-emission vehicles

SACRAMENTO — California air regulators on Thursday slashed the number of battery-powered and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles that must be sold in the state, a setback for environmentalists and health advocates.

The decision is expected to affect 12 other states that had adopted California's target for zero-emission vehicles.

The California Air Resources Board voted to lower by 70 percent the number of those vehicles that automakers must sell here and in the states that intend to follow California's target for zero-emission vehicles.

Board chairwoman Mary Nichols described the move as a major step toward putting cleaner cars on the road. The plug-in hybrids envisioned by the air board have yet to be designed, she said.

"We're introducing a whole new category of vehicles to the public," Nichols said. "I don't think it's a step backwards in the real world." In essence, the air board took two steps on Thursday: it cut the number of zero-emission vehicles it wants on the road by 2014, while at the same time offering an alternative — the gas-electric hybrids.

Environmentalists and health advocates criticized the lowering of the zero-emission goal for vehicles. They said the threats posed by global warming, combined with rising gasoline prices, lends urgency to greatly reducing vehicle emissions.

"We are disappointed. We think this proposal doesn't take us on the road to meeting the state's long-term global warming goals," said Spencer Quong, a senior vehicles analyst at the Union of Concerned Scientists.

IDAHO

Senate votes to trim business-equipment tax relief 35-0

BOISE — Senators late Thursday unanimously backed a plan to exempt businesses from paying taxes on the first \$75,000 of their personal property.

The upper chamber decided to completely eliminate the tax by 2015, foregoing \$120 million in annual state revenue, wasn't possible against the backdrop of a slumping economy.

Before the 35-0 vote, the Senate significantly amended the House-passed proposal that sought to phase out the entire tax over five years starting in 2010, as well as Idaho's general fund revenue grew by 5 percent a year. The House passed the original 39-31.

The Senate's decision now goes back to the House. Businesses hate the tax on everything from office equipment to forklifts, saying it's unwieldy to calculate and crimps investment in new equipment.

Sen. Brent Hill, R-Boise, said that dumping the tax on the first \$75,000 of personal property will exempt 66 percent of Idaho businesses from paying any personal property tax, while helping larger businesses too. The state plans to reimburse local governments the roughly \$15.5 million they stand to lose with the exemption, should it become law.

"I feel like we can go home feeling like we represented the people of Idaho very well," Hill said.

While large companies such as utility Idaho Power Co. and computer chipmaker Micron Technology Inc. won't see as big a benefit as small companies, they'll still get something, he added.

"That savings may not mean as much to a big corporation as to the local store downtown, but they're getting just the same benefit as everybody," Hill said.

One big reason senators balked at dumping the entire tax was concern about Idaho's economy. Revenue projections for the current fiscal year and the 12 months starting July 1 have been pared by \$120 million by state economists who fear Idaho won't be immune to a national slowdown or recession.

The original measure would have cut a portion of the personal property tax annually as long as state revenue growth met that 5 percent threshold. If it didn't, the tax still would have been eliminated all at once in 2015.

Some lawmakers hope to revisit the issue in coming years if the economy enjoys a resurgence.

"Like many of you, I would have preferred to proceed with the original bill. But as the old saying goes, politics is the art of the possible," said Sen. Curt McKenzie, R-Nampa. "Here, we can go a little ways down the road. I hope in the future we can keep going down this road."

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Late trey lifts Xavier to overtime win

By Bob Bann
Associated Press writer

PHOENIX — In a span of 48 critical seconds late in overtime, B.J. Raymond made more 3-pointers than the entire West Virginia team did all night.

He went from "non-factor" to nonplussed, calmly knocking down two long-range jumpers that lifted Xavier past coach Bob Huggins' Mountaineers 79-75 Thursday night in the West Region semifinals.

Third-seeded Xavier (30-6) milled from a six-point deficit in overtime, and will seek its first Final Four appearance

Men's NCAA Tournament

Thursday's Scores

West Region
Xavier 79, West Virginia 75, OT
UCLA 88, Western Kentucky 78

East
North Carolina 68, Washington State 47
Louisville 79, Tennessee 60

Today's Games

South Region
Texas vs. Stanford, 5:27 p.m.
Memphis vs. Michigan State, 8 p.m.

Midwest Region
Dakotian vs. Wisconsin, 5:10 p.m.
Kansas vs. Villanova, 7:40 p.m.

See page C4 for coverage

when it plays the UCLA-Western Kentucky winner on Saturday.

Raymond, who scored all eight of his points from overtime, hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key to put the Musketeers ahead 75-74 with 1:18 to play. He then shook

loose on an inbound play, took a crossover bounce pass from Stanley Burrell and made a 3 with the shot clock expiring for a 78-74 lead with 30 seconds left.

"I was kind of a non-factor for the first 40 minutes," Raymond said. "I knew when I

got back in there, I had to make something happen."

The second 3 was the dagger.

"It wasn't a great play that I drew up," Xavier coach Sean Miller said. "It was a terrific pass by Stanley Burrell and an amazing shot off the bounce by B.J."

Huggins said his defense clogged up the intended play but "somebody fell asleep" to allow the wide-open 3.

Josh Duncan scored a career-high 26 points despite foul trouble to lead Xavier.

Xavier, which led by 18 early in the game, rallied from a 71-65

Please see XAVIER, Page C4



Xavier's B.J. Raymond reacts after making the second of his overtime 3-pointers against West Virginia in an NCAA men's basketball tournament West Regional semifinal in Phoenix.



Kimberly's Nick Wright (15) slides into third base while Buhl's Matt Hamilton (23) attempts to make the out during their doubleheader Thursday afternoon in Buhl.

Tribe's kiddie corps snags SCIC win

Buhl rallies past Kimberly

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

BUHL — For stretches in the early part of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference tilt between Kimberly and Buhl, it seemed like the Bulldogs were going to have their way and the Indians could do nothing right.

But that's why high school baseball lasts seven — and in Thursday's case, eight — innings.

Buhl returned a 9-4 sixth-inning deficit with two runs in the sixth and three more — all unearned — in the seventh to tie the game. The Tribe won it on a bases-loaded walk in the eighth as Kimberly's collapse gave the Indians a 10-9 victory in a marathon game that went nearly three hours. With it the Tribe took the early lead in the SCIC race — only the opening game of each dou-

bleheader between SCIC rivals counts toward the conference standings.

It might be considered something of a lucky result given the way the tables turned so quickly, but Buhl's players proved themselves worth the win by not hanging their heads after J.D. Leckenby was touched for four runs in the fifth inning, stretching a 5-4 Kimberly to a five-run margin.

"These kids are starting to believe in themselves. They've played together a long time, but they're young and inexperienced," said Buhl coach Troy Ruhter. "To get to extra innings against a team like that, you're already feeling pretty good about yourselves. When you squeeze out the win, it's icing on the cake."

Dylan Brooks, who might have won it in the seventh but was gunned down trying to score from third base on a sacrifice fly, picked up the win for the Indians by tossing two innings of relief action. Evan

Jerke took the hard-luck loss for Kimberly after tossing five-plus innings of sparkling baseball in relief of starter Blake Lawson.

Said Jerke: "We just went cold, and made a few crucial errors, but you have to bounce back and get ready for the next game. It's frustrating, but that's baseball."

Mich Carter's double in the seventh kick-started the tying rally, even if it nearly ended in disaster. He would have had a triple, but Leckenby got hung up between third and home, forcing both runners to retreat.

They both scored on the next play when the ball rolled between the legs of a Kimberly fielder, allowing Jack Hamilton on Brooks then singled, and Hamilton tried to advance to third and would have been thrown out but for an errant throw that ended up in the dugout, allowing him to score the tying run.

"We committed a lot of errors

(early in the game), but we kept believing," Carter said. "Once we started hitting, we kept hitting. It just took us a while."

The Bulldogs got their revenge in the second game behind a no-hitter from Anthony Merkle, as Kimberly routed Buhl 12-0 in five innings.

A.J. Schroeder clubbed a two-run home run to lead the victory.

Kimberly (3-1, 0-1 SCIC) is at Wendell today, while Buhl (3-3, 2-0) is at Mountain Home on Tuesday.

Game 1
Buhl 23, Kimberly 9, eight innings
202, 140-00 — 21-3

Kimberly
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Buhl
Said Lawson, Cecil Carter (2), Wes Wright (8) and Nick Doran.
Cage Owen, J.D. Leckenby (5), Dylan Brooks (7) and Jack Hamilton. W: Brooks. L: Carter.

Line base Ma — 2B: Kimberly, A.J. Schroeder; Braden Osborne; Eric Leckenby; Mitch Carter. 2B: Kimberly, Jerke.

Game 2
Kimberly 12, Buhl 0, five innings
184 21 — 57-0
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Kimberly
184 21 — 57-0

Buhl
Anthony Merkle and Wally Martin; Mitch Carter; Dylan Brooks (7) and Matt Hamilton. W: Merkle. L: Carter.
Strikeouts Ma — 2B: Kimberly; Braden Osborne 2; HR: Kimberly, A.J. Schroeder.

Streaking Eagles to challenge S. Nevada

Times-News

For a College of Southern Idaho baseball team that has won eight of its last nine games to improve to 18-14 on the season, the next three weeks hold one certainty: The Golden Eagles will be challenged.

Starting with today's 2 p.m. MIT doubleheader against the 18th-ranked College of Southern Nevada in Henderson, Nev., the Golden Eagles will face off against their three primary rivals for the Scenic West Athletic Conference regular season title. That stretch includes this weekend's four-game series against the 22-9 (11-5 SWAC) Coyotes, followed by a home series against No. 20 Salt Lake Community College and a road swing to Carson City, Nev., to take on Western Nevada College.

The immediate task at hand will be dealing with a statistically superior Coyotes team that's hitting for a collective .288 average and holds a .284 team ERA, both of which are best in the SWAC. The CSN offense is led by explosive sophomore catcher Braden Schlehber, who's hitting .385 with five.

Please see BASEBALL, Page C2

CSI softball meets NIC in Lewiston

Times-News

Six days after making program history by scoring 46 runs in a doubleheader sweep of Colorado Northwestern in Grand Junction, Colo., the No. 11 College of Southern Idaho softball team is looking to accomplish a more important historical feat today and Saturday in Lewiston.

The Golden Eagles scored a program-high 26 runs in last Saturday's first game against a Spartan squad that was the only Scenic West Athletic Conference foe CSI completed a season sweep of last season. This weekend, the 25-10 Golden Eagles will look for their first season sweep of in-state rival North Idaho College.

CSI enters the weekend with a 4-0 record against the 15-14 Cardinals, and likely needs a sweep to maintain its one-game SWAC lead over No. 7 Salt Lake Community College, which travels to Ephraim, Utah, to take on 5-27

Please see SOFTBALL, Page C2

Kimberly softball wins SCIC opener over Buhl

By Diane Phillips
Times-News writer

BUHL — Kimberly had to push across two unearned runs in the top of the seventh in to notch its first Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference win, 7-5, after being pushed the entire game by a young Buhl team.

Entering the top of the seventh inning with the score 5-5, Kimberly freshman pitcher Nellie Makings hit a one-out single to left and hustled into second on a Buhl miscue. Jade Jackman then walked and after a fly out by Alex Pfeifferle, sophomore Jandy Altomero reached on a fielder's choice.

Christina Silva, Kimberly's No. 9 hitter, followed with a hit to the right side of the Buhl infield that was mishandled, scoring Makings and Jackman.

Buhl struggled on defense, committing four errors, but did have six hits off Makings including a three-run homer

by sophomore catcher Bailee Montgomery.

"We just made some errors in some critical times," said Buhl coach Shelly Hart. "Some of our mental errors are because we are young and lack experience. But I thought we did hit the ball well against a good pitcher."

After both teams put a run on the board in the first inning, Buhl was able to string together a pair of singles by sophomores Mercedes Pearson and Mollie Bourner, followed by Montgomery's home run in the bottom of the third to take a 4-1 lead.

"(Makings) pitched me right down the middle," said Montgomery. "I have never hit her but I was feeling it. I haven't been hitting lately so it felt good. Our team stepped up today and played pretty well."

Kimberly was held to only two hits

Please see BULLDOGS, Page C2



Kimberly's Nellie Makings pitches during the Bulldogs' softball matchup against Buhl Thursday afternoon in Buhl.

SCOREBOARD

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GAME PLAN

Series, post qualifying for Goody's College Orange 500

LOCAL

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

CSI at North Idaho, Lewiston, Thru, 3 p.m.

BASEBALL

Bucks Bear Spring Classic, Boise

GOLF

PGA Youth Classic

BASEBALL

European PGA Tour, Open d'Andalucia, second round

BASEBALL

Champions Tour, The Jim Chapman's, first round

BASEBALL

PGA Tour, Zurich Classic of New Orleans, second round

BASEBALL

PGA Tour, Salway International, second round

BASEBALL

WGN - Pression, Chicago Cubs vs. Seattle Mariners

BASEBALL

NCAA Division I tournament, Davidson vs. Wisconsin and Kansas vs. Villanova

BASEBALL

College Baseball Invitational, All-Time Best

BASEBALL

Championship Series, Boston Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay Rays

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Championship Series, New York Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox

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Championship Series, St. Louis Cardinals vs. New York Yankees

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MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

Love leads UCLA past Hilltoppers

PHOENIX — Nothing comes easy for UCLA these days.

With Kevin Love scoring a career-high 29 points, the Bruins nearly frittered away a 21-point halftime lead and hung on to defeat Western Kentucky 83-79 in the NCAA West Region Thursday.

Top-seeded UCLA (34-3) will play No. 3-seeded Xavier on Saturday for a trip to its third consecutive Final Four.

Love also had 14 rebounds, five hit 10-of-14 shots from the floor and helped rescue the Bruins for the second time in as many games.

Love wasn't the only Bruin to notch a double-double. James Keefe had 18 points and 12 rebounds, both career highs, and Russell Westbrook had 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Tyrone Brazleton scored 31 points — 25 in the second half — and Courtney Lee added 18 for 12th-seeded Western Kentucky (29-7).

Early on the Bruins bore little resemblance to the bunch that sweated out a two-point victory over Texas A&M in the second round, blitzing the Hilltoppers with a 23-4 run midway through the first half.

UCLA led 41-20 at halftime, but Western Kentucky wouldn't go away. The Hilltoppers began pressing, and the Bruins started to unravel. They had 12 turnovers in the first 15 minutes of the second half.

Taking advantage of sloppy play by the Bruins, the Hilltoppers went on a 19-6 run to whittle the lead to 61-57 with 6:56 to play. Tyrone Brazleton capped the run by scoring eight consecutive points in less than a minute, on back-to-back 3-pointers and a layup.

The Bruins appeared in trouble when point guard Darren Collison fouled out — for the first time this year — with 5:39 to play.

But then Love scored from close range and Josh Shipp, an erratic long-range shooter, hit a 3-pointer to push UCLA's lead to 69-59 with 4:30 to play. The Hilltoppers wouldn't draw closer than six points the rest of the way.

East Regional

LOUISVILLE 79, TENNESSEE 60

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Louisville's suffocating defense has coach Rick Pitino a step away from a sixth trip to the Final Four.



Western Kentucky guard Ty Rogers, left, fights for the ball with UCLA guard Josh Shipp during the second half of a West Regional semifinal, Thursday in Phoenix.

Earl Clark scored 17 points and had 12 rebounds, and Pitino's mix of defenses made life miserable for Tennessee to put the third-seeded Cardinals in the East Regional final.

Pitino, who has won two NCAA titles and has taken three schools to the Final Four, has Louisville playing its best basketball of the season when it counts the most. After two blowout wins last weekend, Pitino's signature zone and pressure limited the high-scoring Volunteers to 34-percent shooting. The regional semifinals and secured a date with top-seed North Carolina on Saturday night.

Terrence Williams and Andre McGee each added 13 points and David Padgett had 10 points and eight rebounds for Louisville (27-8), which nearly blew all of a 16-point first half lead, only to take control midway through the second half and keep alive its hopes for a second Final Four berth in four years.

Chris Loftson scored 15 points for Tennessee, but hit only 3 of 15 shots in

his final game with the Volunteers (31-5), who have never advanced beyond the round of 16.

NORTH CAROLINA 68, WASHINGTON STATE 47
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tyler Hansbrough scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half and the top-seeded Tar Heels, not known for their defense, held Washington State to 32-percent shooting.

North Carolina is back to the NCAA round of eight for the second straight season.

Danny Green had 15 points to help the Tar Heels (35-2) set a school record for victories in a season while continuing their dominant tournament run.

North Carolina improved to 24-1 in NCAA games played in its home state, and for the first time in this tournament, the Tar Heels didn't crack 100 points. It didn't matter.

Washington State's perimeter scorers, Derrick Low, Kyle Weaver and Taylor Rochestie, couldn't get their shots to fall. They combined for 26 points on 10-for-37 shooting for the Cougars (26-9).

— The Associated Press

Wisconsin's turn to try to corral Curry

DETROIT (AP) — Stephen Curry went off for 70 points — 70 points! — in the first two games of the NCAA tournament. Against two of the stingiest defensive teams in the country, no less.

Big deal. That was sooo last weekend.

Instead of kicking back and savoring his accomplishment, Curry is prepping for the toughest test of all. To keep it all together, Wisconsin is 5:20 p.m. wonderful ride going, Curry is going to have to figure out a way around the Wisconsin Badgers and their relentless defense. First up Friday? Michael Flowers, who might just be playing the best defense in the country these days.

"They play long. They play physical. They play quick. But I think the most important and significant aspect of their defense is they play like a team," Davidson coach Bob McKillop said Thursday. "If you beat one of them, which doesn't happen often, you're then going to have to face someone else because they really react to each other very well."

"Steph has a very big challenge in front of him. Outlets is a big challenge in front of them."

By now, most people have heard how 10th-seeded Davidson, the exclusive liberal arts school with the free laundry, knocked off Gonzaga and Georgetown to reach this weekend's Midwest Regional semifinals. Not only were the victories the Wildcats' first over ranked teams in more than 30 years, they put Davidson (28-6) in the round of 16 for the first time since 1969.

The folks back in Davidson, N.C., were so excited, forward



Davidson's Stephen Curry (30) points upward after scoring in his team's upset against Georgetown in Raleigh, N.C., Sunday.

Thomas Sander got a standing ovation when he was spotted pumping gas. Point guard Jason Richards got a lift to class from someone on the campus maintenance crew.

And the Board of Trustees added to bus fare, hotel rooms and tickets for any students who wanted to go to Friday night's game.

"It's been one of the greatest weeks of my life," Curry said. "It's just been crazy for us."

But don't think the Wildcats are simply the NCAA tournament's latest warm-and-fuzzey story. They played a schedule that would make any team cringe, taking on North Carolina, Duke and UCLA. All three were losses, but the Wildcats gave the Tar Heels everything they could handle. Ditto for Duke. They hung 74 points on a Georgetown team that came into the game allowing only 57.6 points on 37 percent shooting.

Curry is the fourth-leading scorer in the nation at 25.7 points a game, and is first with 152.3-pointers.

Stanford bigs ready to face little Longhorns — and their fans

HOUSTON (AP) — At some point Friday night, perhaps as early as pregame layups, the chants will start.

"Texas! the burnt-orange throng on one side of the stadium will holler.

"Fight!" the other side will answer. Brook Lopez and his Stanford teammates will notice, of course — 25,000 people tend to make a lot of noise. And with their hands locked in the hook 'em Horns gesture, their arms pivoting in unison, it'll be quite a sight, too.

Yet Cardinal players insist it won't bother them, even when the Orangebloods gang up and turn against them. After the catcalls they heard at UCLA and the edgy jabs

spewed at Oregon State, they're convinced playing Texas in an NFL stadium in Houston will be just another road game.

"Same thing," Lopez said. "Just a bigger arena."

Bigger stakes, too. Texas and Stanford are playing in a South Regional semifinal, with the winner becoming among the eight teams still vying for the national title. The third-seeded Cardinal (28-7) hasn't gotten this far since 2001, while the second-seeded Texas Longhorns (30-6) already have gotten a round farther than they did last year with superstar freshman Kevin Durant.

The matchup is a classic case of opposites: Stanford and its big guys,

7-foot twins Brook and Robin Lopez, vs. Texas and its little guys, 40-in-all guard D.J. Augustin, and

vs. Stanford shooting ace A.J. Abrams.

Analysts can fill a school's worth of chalkboards with strategies and counterstrategies about exploiting those differences. But the X factor might be how both teams will react to the Longhorns-loving crowd.

After all, the pressure of trying to please family, friends and fans can be a burden for guys in their late teens and early 20s.

"We don't want them distracted from the fact that we have to get ready to play a basketball game

against an outstanding team," coach Rick Barnes said.

Texas has done just fine in recent years, going 6-0 in NCAA tournament games played in the Lone Star State since 2002. That includes a trip to the Final Four in '03 that was sealed by a pair of regional-round wins in San Antonio.

Back then, the Alamodome was more raucous than a neutral site is supposed to be. Longhorns fans could make it even louder this time, mainly because there will be even more of them. The Reliant Stadium configuration can hold around 40,000 fans and Houston is home to the one of the largest group of Texas

fans.

"It's going to be great, man," said

swingman Damon James, among nine native Texans on the roster. "I'm excited, the fans should be excited. And I want you to put this: We really appreciate them to come out and support us. Keep cheering."

Go ahead, said Stanford coach Trent Johnson, who considers it such a moot point he doesn't plan to talk to the club about it.

"This is a mature, experienced basketball team," he said. "The one thing I've told them that the crowds get bigger and the magnitudes in question in the game gets bigger, but it's still a game itself, and your ability to relax and do what you've done all year long is going to put you in situations where you can be successful or not."

Villanova, Reynolds have reasons to feel thankful

DETROIT (AP) — Scottie Reynolds might not be here today if a woman he has never met had made a different decision years ago.

Villanova's star guard reflected Thursday — a day before the 12th-seeded Wildcats played top-seeded Kansas in the Midwest Regional semifinals — on the pivotal choice his high mother made 20½ years ago in Alabama.

The woman, who Reynolds knows only by name, later gave him up. Rick and Pam Reynolds adopted Reynolds, raising him in Virginia and Illinois.

"Yeah, sometimes I sit back and think about where I am right now," Reynolds said quietly in an interview with The Associated Press. "Without that decision and without the parents I have right now, I wouldn't be in this position and I might not even be alive right now."

Reynolds has made the most of his opportunity in life, just as he and his Villanova teammates have taken advantage of slipping into the NCAA tournament as one of the final teams to get a bid from the selection committee.

The Wildcats' unexpected presence in the second round of the tournament is expected to end late Friday night at Ford Field against the Jayhawks, who are double-digit favorites.

"We've been in that position before," Villanova's Dwayne Anderson said. "Everyone expected

us to lose against Clemson. That's something we have, an underdog mentality.

"We're going to approach this game the same way."

The Jayhawks' average margin of victory this season is a nation-high 20 points, including runs in the first two rounds, but they don't sound around or look cocky about their

vs. Kansas chances of 7:40 p.m. CBS

advancing. "At this point, you know, every game's gonna be tough. It's going to be tougher than what it looks like," Kansas' Russell Robinson said. "We just try to stay humble and grounded because nothing is guaranteed."

In the NCAA tournament, Jayhawks coach Bill Self knows that well.

Self — widely regarded as the best coach without a Final Four appearance — is a win away from advancing to the regional final for the fifth time since 2000.

He almost shed the unwanted title last year with Kansas and in 2004, his first season leading the storied program, after advancing to regional finals in back-to-back years at Illinois and Tulsa.

"The thing that stands out first and foremost is how hard they play and how hard they compete," Self said. "They steal extra possessions for their team."

"They're not good defensively. I think they're great defensively."

Rose vs. Lucas focal point for Memphis-MSU match

HOUSTON (AP) — Everyone knows about the freshman guard who does everything. It's Derrick Rose of Memphis, and the biggest question about his NBA future isn't whether he'll go, but whether he'll have an NCAA championship in tow when he does.

But there's another good one in this South Regional. His name is Kalin Lucas, the penetrating point guard for Michigan State, who will be trying to stop Rose — or at least neutralize him — when the fifth-seeded Spartans meet top-seeded Memphis today.

"He was noticeable. He was very noticeable," Rose said of his memories of Lucas from their meetings over the past few years in AAU games. "He didn't just pop into the limelight. He's been there."

The NCAA tournament ramps things up a bit, however, and when Lucas scored 19 points in Michigan State's second-round win over Pitt last week, this week's freshman-on-freshman guard matchup became an obvious story line for this game.

Pretty much everyone knows Rose, who is projected as a No. 1, 2 or 3 pick if he bolts college for the NBA after this season, as expected.

Not as many know Lucas, and those who do don't seem to appreciate him all that much. He was steady this season, averaged 10 points and four assists, but was left off the Big Ten list of all-conference newcomers.

"Miffed would be a wrong word," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said

of the snub. "I was disappointed that he wasn't, hoping that especially coaches would see what this kid has done for us, instead of maybe just choosing the guys with the highest scoring average or things like that."

Izzo recognizes, of course, that none of the newcomers named to that team are playing anymore. (OK, Ohio State's Kosta Koufos is still alive in the NET.)

But Lucas is. He combined with senior Drew Neitzel just week to score 21 of Michigan State's final 25 points to help the Spartans pull away from Pitt.

While Neitzel was jacking up 38, Lucas was taking the ball to the rim, something he did with ease when he was in high school, an all-everything player in Michigan, but that took some refining once he got to the next level.

"Coming from high school, it was more getting into the lane and making a lot of layups and stuff like that," Lucas said. "In college, you have to adjust to 7-footers and big guys in the lanes."

The adjustment wasn't automatic. After starting five games at the beginning of the season, Izzo saw his freshman struggling.

The coach urged his freshman to watch more film, analyze the rights and wrongs of his game more. Lucas got the starting job back in February and now has his team in the regional semifinals for the seventh time in Izzo's 13 years.

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deficit in overtime. Joe Alexander scored 18 and had 10 rebounds for the seventh-seeded Mountaineers (26-11) before fouling out in the overtime.

West Virginia missed four of six free throws in the overtime. Alexander missed one with 14.2 seconds left in regulation that would have given his team a 65-64 lead.

Xavier shot 11-for-19 on 3s while West Virginia was 1-for-11 from long range. The Mountaineers had only one worse performance on 3s this season, going 1-for-22 in a loss to Cincinnati.

"I don't know what we are shooting on the year," Alexander said, "but it is definitely better than 10 percent. In a close game like that, if we would have shot even half of what we normally shoot, it would have made a big difference."

Going into the game, West Virginia had shot 35 percent from 3-point range.

Duncan was 3-of-4 on 3s, Drew Lavender 3-of-6 and Raymond 2-of-4.

"I shot that shot probably 100,000 times in my life," Raymond said of his late 3s. "It is easy once you've shot it so many times."

DaSean Butler added 16 points, 14 in the second half for West Virginia. Butler also fouled out in the overtime.

Xavier has been in a regional final only once, in 2004.

A baseball monument for DC: Washington opens Nationals Park

WASHINGTON (AP) — The man most responsible for bringing baseball back to the nation's capital stood on the front row of the bleacher seats beyond right-center field, his right hand on the railing, a blue Washington Nationals cap on his head and one of his trademark bow ties complementing his tan trench coat.

Before him lay one of his biggest legacies, Nationals Park, where the sounds on a beautiful sunny day included a lawn mower traversing the outfield grass and the pounding of hammers in the upper deck as workers rushed to finish work before opening day.

"It's like looking from the top of a mountain after a really hard climb," former District of Columbia Mayor Anthony Williams said. "There's a real sense of accomplishment."

When commissioner Bud Selig & Co. turned baseball into hardball during the relocation of the Montreal Expos, then-Mayor Williams did the unpopular thing and kept playing, convinced he was doing the right thing for his city. After negotiations that twice nearly derailed the grand plan, baseball now has a secure home in Washington: a 41,888-seat riverside ballpark with dark blue seats, cherry trees beyond the left field wall, a view of the Capitol from the upper deck and a glass, steel and concrete design in keeping with the city's historic monuments.

The stadium has a dress-rehearsal exhibition game Saturday and its coming-out party Sunday night, when the Nationals host the Atlanta Braves in the National League opener. President Bush will throw out the first pitch.

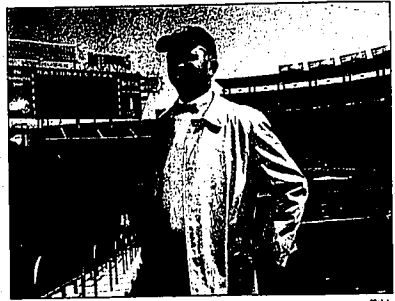
There ought to be two balls thrown — by the president of the United States and the former mayor that got

this done," said Mark Tuohy, the former chairman of the D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission who took part in many of the baseball negotiations. "This is Tony Williams' baby."

Added Williams: "I would never say that."

No one knows better than Williams the many twists and turns that led to Nationals Park. The Expos needed to be moved, but Major League Baseball wanted someone to foot the bill. Washington was a natural choice — a major metropolitan area without baseball since 1971.

But some lawmakers and more than a few citizens howled when Williams crafted a plan for the city to build a \$511 million stadium. After all, the area's other recent sports facilities — a stadium for the Redskins, an arena for the Wizards and Capitals — were paid for mostly by the team owners.



Former District of Columbia Mayor Anthony Williams tours the new Nationals Park in Washington on Thursday. Williams was instrumental in bringing baseball to D.C.

GOLF ROUNDUP

Angela Stanford shoots 10-under to take Safeway International lead

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN, Ariz. — Angela Stanford shot a career-best 10-under 62 on Thursday to break the Prospector Course record and take a three-stroke lead over defending champion Lorend Ochoa in the Safeway International.

Stanford, the 2003 Shopliffe LPGA Tour Classic winner, had a bogey-free round at Superstition Mountain Golf and Country Club. She had six birdies in a front-nine 30 and birdied the final two holes for a back-nine 32.



Angela Stanford celebrates her birdie on the 18th hole, finishing with a course record 62 and a first-round lead, at the Safeway International golf tournament at Superstition Mountain Golf and Country Club, Thursday in Superstition Mountain, Ariz.

"It happened so slowly," Stanford said. "I'm still in a fog. It's just one of those days you can't even get in your own way."

The 30-year-old Texan broke the course record of 63 set by Cristie Kerr in 2004, and topped her previous best of 64 in the first round of the 2006 Canadian Open.

Ochoa, the Mexican star who won the tournament last year for the first of her eight 2007 titles, had nine birdies and two bogeys. She won the HSBC Champions on March 2 in Singapore for her 18th LPGA Tour title.

"I'm going to try to be aggressive (Friday) and try to catch her. Maybe I can beat that," Ochoa said after congratulating Stanford on her third round.

Sheri Steinhauer was third after a 66, Karen Staples, Lee Young Lee and Yanli Tseng and Heather Young shot 67s, and Michele Redman, Sophie Gustafson and Na Yeon Choi followed at 68. Three-time HSC Champions on March 2 in Singapore for her 18th LPGA Tour title.

"I finished strong and got a little momentum," said Steinhauer, who shot the first 59 in women's tournament history in her 20th victory at Mountain Valley. The 70-time LPGA Tour winner also won in 2004 and 2005 at Superstition Mountain.

Stanford wasn't pleased with her 3-wood approach on the par-5 18th, but put it

on the green from 236 yards to set up a two-putt birdie. "Hook. Chunk. Duck. It was just bad," she said. "But I was adding topspin to make it to the green."

Stanford said she sensed a special round coming when she got up-and-down for par from a greenside bunker on No. 1.

Stanford's lone victory came 114 starts ago and her best finishes since her in 2006, when she was second twice.

"I'm not even going to think about it (winning)," Stanford said. "I want to, but I'm just not going to."

Ochoa shot a 5-under 31 on the front nine, but three-putted the par-3 12th for a bogey and also dropped a stroke on the par-4 15th

when she hit a wedge over the green and into a bunker. "Two silly mistakes," she said. "I'm OK. It's a great way to start."

The 45-year-old Steinhauer had eight birdies and two bogeys.

Wilson shoots 66 to lead Zurich Classic

AVONDALE, La. — Refreshed after a couple weeks off, Dean Wilson birdied three of the last four holes in windy conditions Thursday for a 6-under 66 and a one-stroke lead after the first round of the Zurich Classic.

Wilson played eight straight tournaments before taking the break. "I've struggled a little bit,"

Wilson said. "I took a couple weeks off and just went home and tried to clear my brain and just play golf rather than maybe sit on the range and fiddle with my swing. I think that helped."

Bjorn Baird, Peter Lonard and Chez Reavie opened with 67s.

Baird got to 6 under with an eagle on the par-4 sixth and a birdie on the par-5 seventh, but finished with a bogey on No. 9 to drop back to 5 under.

On the sixth, he holed out from 208 yards with a 5-wood.

Steve Elkington, Vaughn Taylor, Jay Williamson, Cameron Beckman and John Mallinger opened with 69s. Woody Austin topped a group at 69 and defending champion Nick Watney had a 71 on the TPC Louisiana.

For a lot of players there is a lot more on the line than the \$1.16 million winner's check. For 116 of the players teeing it up, this is a chance — for some the final, for some the best — to make it into the Masters in two weeks.

"Twenty-five players in the field this week have qualified for the Masters, including defending champion Zach Johnson (72) and defending British Open champion Padraig Harrington (71).

Westwood in front at Andalucia Open

PUERTO BANUS, Spain — Defending champion Lee Westwood shot a 7-under 65 to take a first-round lead in the European tour's Andalucia Open.

The Englishman had a one-stroke lead over 20-year-old amateur Danny Willett, also from England, and Norway's Jan-Erik Larsen on the Aloha Golf Club course. Spanish star Jose Maria Olazabal, playing his first tournament after a nine-month layoff because of rheumatoid pain in his shoulders and groin, opened with a 71.

— The Associated Press

Indians say goodbye to spring in Florida

Jeter homers; Smoltz, Beckett enjoy outings

The Cleveland Indians lost their final spring game in Florida while the New York Yankees dropped one on their renamed Grapefruit League field. Boston didn't play and Atlanta lost but both teams got encouraging news about key starting pitchers.

Carlos Pena hit one of Tampa Bay's three home runs and the Rays beat the Indians 9-7 in 10 innings Thursday in the Indians' final spring game in Winter Haven, Fla.

Minor league infielder Andy Gonzalez hit a grand slam for the Indians, who extended their 16-year stay at Chain of Lakes Park by 30 minutes with a ninth-inning rally to tie it at 5.

Steinbrenner helped pull the cover off a new sign above the scoreboard in left field. His wife, Joan, threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

"It was great," George Steinbrenner said. "It was a great ceremony."

Atlanta's John Sholtz and Boston right-hander Josh Beckett also felt good after encouraging outings.

Smoltz threw in the bullpen for about 20 minutes and called the session his "best day" of the spring.

Smoltz said he is on track to make his first regular-season start on April 5 and said he had no recurrence of the shoulder stiffness he suffered on Friday, forcing him to be held out of a scheduled start.

"I just needed some time for it to settle down. It has settled down," Smoltz said in Kissimmee, Fla. "Now I'll approach it like anything else. I'll take two days off, come down here and throw and just have my eyes on my next start on Sunday."

This was no ordinary get-away day. Moving vans replaced Cadillac limos in the players' parking lot. Fans piled with players to sign one last autograph in the Florida sunshine.

"One fan held up a sign that read 'Go ahead and call security. I don't want to leave.'"

In Tampa, Fla., Derek Jeter homered but the Yankees lost 5-2 to the Pittsburgh Pirates in the first game at George M. Steinbrenner Field.

The Yankees' spring training home, formerly Legends Field, was renamed in honor of the owner in a pregame ceremony. The Tampa City Council and the Hillsborough County Commission recently approved resolutions calling for the name change.

"Well deserved," Jeter said. "They could have named it for him when they opened the field. What he's meant, not only to the Yankees organization, but what he's done for the community of Tampa. A special day. I'm very happy for him."

Beckett, who missed Boston's trip to Japan because of back spasms, pitched four shutouts in a minor league game in Florida. He threw 47 pitches, allowed one hit, didn't walk a batter and struck out six.

Boston manager Terry Francona, in California for three exhibition games against the Dodgers, said he spoke with Beckett afterward and was told he felt fine.

"It's good because he's healthy. He's just trying to get ramped up for the season," Francona said. "Everything's gone great there, so that's why there's not a lot of anxiety from that standpoint."

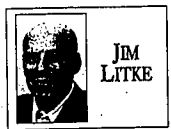
Francona will pitch again in Florida on Tuesday, then is scheduled to join the team for the April 4-6 weekend series in Toronto. Francona said he may pitch there, but "that's not etched in stone."

The only whistle Jose Canseco blows this time is his own

Whoever said everybody has at least one book in them forgot to add that some people should never write one. Jose Canseco is one of those people. The only whistle we can rely on him to blow is his own.

At least with Canseco's first effort, "Juiced," there was a trade-off. All that was missing catching put cash in his pocket and his mug back on TV, but it also helped shame baseball into acknowledging its own performance-enhancing ills.

Canseco might have seemed miscast as the only honest man in the halls of Congress three years ago, considering he cheated and then lied his way through a 17-year pro career. But that's the way things work sometimes. Everybody else in the game was so busy covering their tracks that a convicted



criminal and shameless publicity hound like Canseco became a voice of authority by default.

It didn't hurt that more than a few of his claims, inflated as they were, turned out to be true. Apparently that's why Canseco decided to title his second book, "Vindicated," though it's also possible he did so because "The Greatest Story Ever Told" was already under copyright.

As a rule, the best sequels succeed by going back to the well and digging deeper. But depth is a word you would

never have encountered in the same sentence with Canseco until this one.

He didn't do much homework the last time around, but fortunately the people who put together the Mitchell Report did. So Canseco, in fact, that as author Pat Jordan writes, the report "jagged" all those repressed memories Canseco had tucked away "of the many PED (performance enhancing drug) abusers he'd led out of 'juiced.'"

Make sure to read Jordan's exceptional long-form essay on Deadspin.com before you go out and buy the book. It will be the best money you never spent.

Jordan has few peers in the sports-writing business and he spent the past three months trying to interview Canseco for a magazine profile. As a result, he was privy to the goings-on as an

increasingly desperate Canseco, his girlfriend-publisher and agent-enabler scrambled to find a writer and publisher. Jordan's report reads like "The Grifters," especially the part about Canseco trying to extort \$5 million from former White Sox teammate Magglio Ordonez — first reported by the New York Times — in exchange for leaving him out of the latest book.

Since Canseco settled on the same ghostwriter who gave us O.J. Simpson's "If I Did It," perhaps the title of this book should be "Vindicated: Maybe, Maybe Not." And judging by the excerpts it's clear that he has dripped out so far, even that might be a stretch.

In an interview with ABC's "Nightline," Canseco is asked about his claim that Alex Rodriguez approached him

and asked to be hooked up with a steroids supplier. Beyond identifying the supplier as "Max," Canseco refuses to provide additional details. Pressed for more, Canseco finally says, "Let's see how Alex reacts. Let's see if they all call me a liar again. How's that for you? Let's see if all of a sudden they're going to call me a liar again."

Ordonez issued a non-retaliating denial regarding his steroid use. Rodriguez, on the other hand, stated categorically that he had never taken steroids or human growth hormone. Given Canseco's track record, neither one may get the benefit of the doubt.

Roger Clemens, meanwhile, has been begging for just that since the Mitchell Report was issued without much success, but at least he's got Canseco on his side. Canseco goes on at some

length in the interview about trying to swap information with Clemens about performance-enhancers but performed away empty-handed every time.

"So do you believe Roger Clemens has used steroids?" he was asked.

"If I were an investigator and I had to go on pure evidence that I have on Roger Clemens or deal with Roger Clemens over time," Canseco replied, "then I would say no."

The most revealing bit of information to come out of all this so far could be something Canseco's agent told "Jose is one step from home-lesse."

If so, it couldn't happen to a more deserving guy.

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Economy nearly sputtered out at end of 2007

By Jeanine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The economy nearly sputtered out at the end of the year and is probably faring even worse now amid continuing housing, credit and financial crises.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that gross domestic product increased at a feeble 0.6 percent annual rate in the October-to-December quarter. The reading — unchanged from a previous estimate a

month ago — provided stark evidence of just how much the economy has weakened. Economy clocked in at a sizzling 4.9 percent growth rate.

The gross domestic product (GDP) measures the value of all goods and services produced in the United States and is the best barometer of the country's economic health.

Many economists say they believe growth in the current January-to-March quarter will be even weaker than the 0.6 percent figure of the previous

quarter. A growing number also say the economy may actually be shrinking now. Under one rough rule, the economy needs to contract for six straight months to be considered in a recession. The government will release its estimate for first-quarter GDP in late April.

"The economy just kept its head above water" in the fourth quarter, said Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist at Global Insight. "We think that GDP will decline, albeit slightly, during the first half of 2008," he said. "The first half

outlook is bleak."

On Wall Street, stock were down in morning trading. In another report, fewer people signed up for unemployment benefits last week, although that didn't change the broader picture of a deteriorating jobs market. The Labor Department said jobless claims fell by 9,000 to 366,000, a better showing than many economists were forecasting. Still, unemployment is expected to rise this year given all the problems clobbering the economy.

The newly released fourth-

quarter GDP figure matched analysts' expectations.

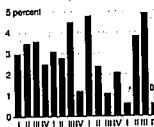
Thursday's report underscored the damage to the economy from the collapse in the housing market, which has dragged down housing prices, pushed home foreclosures up to record highs and has led to a glut of unsold homes.

Against that backdrop, builders slashed spending on housing projects by a whopping 25.2 percent on an annualized basis in the fourth quarter, the biggest cut in 26 years.

GDP

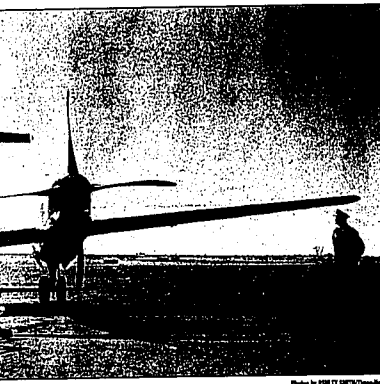
The gross domestic product measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States.

Annualized quarterly change



SOURCE: Department of Commerce AP

25 years of flight



ABOVE: SkyWest Airlines captain Tracy Woodbury inspects a Brasilia EMB120 Thursday at the Twin Falls airport. The St. George, Utah-based airline has been flying into Twin Falls for 25 years. TOP: Russell 'Chip' Childs, president and chief operating officer of SkyWest Airlines, speaks Thursday during an event marking 25 years of service at the Twin Falls airport.

SkyWest celebrates a quarter century of service

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls airport has seen airlines come and go, but SkyWest has stuck it out for 25 years — the last remaining commercial airline to provide service at the small regional airport.

So on Thursday afternoon, city officials, business owners

and other residents of Twin Falls gathered at the Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport to thank SkyWest for keeping the community connected to airports elsewhere.

"Without SkyWest we wouldn't have much. In fact, Twin Falls probably wouldn't even be on the map," Councilman Lee Heider said. SkyWest has provided flight

service in Twin Falls since 1983 when it started out with two employees. The airline now employs 37 people at the Twin Falls airport.

Despite difficulties in the airline industry, Russell 'Chip' Childs, president and chief operating officer for SkyWest Airlines, said small communities like Twin Falls are part of the airline's busi-

ness strategy.

"Our market is centered around small communities and small planes," Childs said. "And although we are in a brutally competitive industry, it works because of places like Twin Falls." SkyWest connects passengers to Delta Airline's international flights via five daily round trips to Salt Lake City.

How much time off work do I get to spend with my new baby?

By Tali Arbel
Associated Press writer

Q: We just had a baby. Do we get time off to spend with the newborn?

A: The U.S. says new parents — both moms and dads — get 12 weeks. Upalad.

But the federal government's Family and Medical Leave Act does not apply to about 40 percent of non-government employees, according to a 2000 Department of Labor study. An organiza-

Good Question

This is a regular feature that will run each week in the Business section. Tali Arbel, who covers business for The Associated Press, will answer questions about issues that affect small businesses.

Questions must have at least 50 employees and workers have to have worked at least one

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The fight against alfalfa beetle

Insect-killing worms found to control beetle that has plagued crops

By William Kates
Associated Press writer

GREAT BEND, N.Y. — Each spring, tens of millions of alfalfa weevil beetles rise from the soil to continue their slow, methodical march across upstate New York, laying waste to fields of alfalfa in a single growing season.

Now, after 20 years of research, Cornell University scientists have discovered a pair of microscopic, insect-killing worms that prey on the beetle, an invasive species that has

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Alfalfa beetle larva appear in this 1992 file photo provided by the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Rutland, N.Y. After 20 years of research, Cornell University scientists have discovered a pair of microscopic, insect-killing worms that prey on the beetle, an invasive species.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

ConAgra profit soars, sells trading unit

OMAHA, Neb. — ConAgra Foods Inc. said Thursday its third-quarter profit soared 60 percent as it raised prices and improved sales, but a long Wall Street estimates, and increased its financial outlook for the full year.

It also said that it will sell its commodities trading group to the Osprey Special Opportunities fund for \$2.1 billion in cash and stock.

ConAgra's shares soared Thursday \$1.37, or 6.3 percent, to \$23.25 in morning trading.

In the third quarter ended Feb. 24, ConAgra reported net income of \$309.1 million, or 63 cents per share — up from \$192.6 million, or 38 cents per share, a year ago when results were depressed by a recall of its Peter Pan peanut butter.

Revenue rose to \$3.53 billion, up from \$2.9 billion a year ago.

Analysts polled by Thomson Financial expect earnings of 39 cents per share on revenue of \$3.17 billion.

ConAgra boosted its outlook for its 2008 fiscal year to between \$1.80 and \$1.05 per share, excluding unusual items.

Texas judge orders banks not to interfere with buyout

SAN ANTONIO — A Texas judge issued a temporary restraining order barring banks from interfering with or thwarting the closing of the proposed \$19.5 billion buyout of Clear Channel Communications Inc., the nation's largest radio station operator.

The order by Bexar County Judge John D. Gabriel was issued just hours after Clear Channel and the private equity buyers, led by Bain Capital and Thomas H. Lee Partners LLC, filed suit in Texas and New York to force the banks to lend money promised in the deal first proposed 18 months ago.

If the deal closes, the banks could take \$3 billion to \$4 billion in writedowns.

They are likely to have trouble reselling the debt in a credit market that has seized up.

— Staff and wire reports

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	23.45	▲ 1.56	Dell Inc.	19.47	▼ .69	Idacorp	31.95	▼ .68
Lithia Mo.	10.45	▼ .78	Micron	5.52	▲ .02	Supervalu	28.82	▼ .03

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	88.62	▼ 1.53	May Oil	107.58	▲ 1.68
Mar. gold	948.80	▼ .20	Mar. Silver	18.57	▲ .16

COMMODITIES REPORT

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Building Permits: Gooding County, Milne Smith, 2724 Ritchie Road, Hagerman; new house, \$186,068.

Question: Continued from page C6. For many small-business employees, part-time workers or new hires, tough luck. These are covered by the FMLA.

How To Read The Market Report: Name: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name. (not the stock's ticker symbol). The first column shows the stock's price at the beginning of each letter's list.

Worm: Continued from page C6. Infested 500,000 acres in nine counties — nearly 14 percent of the state's cropland — since it was first identified in 1933.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with strong winds at times. Highs near 50.
Tonight: Likely staying dry with a few clouds overhead. Lows near 30.
Tomorrow: Below average temperatures and partly cloudy. Highs, lower 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

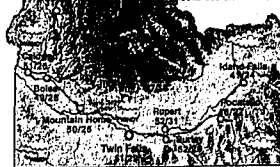
Today: Increasing clouds, likely dry, but windy conditions are expected. Highs, lower 50s.
Tonight: Scattered clouds and calmer winds. Lows, upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and cooler. Highs, 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A Pacific cold front moving through later today will bring more scattered to widespread mixed showers and snow to the region. Off and on snow or mixed showers will linger through the weekend.

BOISE
The wind will change today ahead of the next cold front. This front will not bring as much, if any, precipitation. It will, however, bring in cooler temperatures for the weekend.

NORTHERN UTAH
It will be breezy and a touch warmer today, but there still could be some light mountain precipitation. Saturday looks cooler.



Yesterday's State Estimates: 45 in Lewiston, Low: 7 at Starbuck.
Weather kept to forecast, except for heavy snow at Starbuck. No snow in most areas. No wind gusts, but some gusty in Burley, Rupert, and Idaho Falls.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Opinions are found in doing."
"Opinions are found in possessing."

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes icons for weather conditions and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists weather for various cities including Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Burley, etc.

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

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for March 2008: Last, New, First, Full.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Twin Falls.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. index levels: Low, Moderate, High.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, etc.

NATIONAL FORECAST

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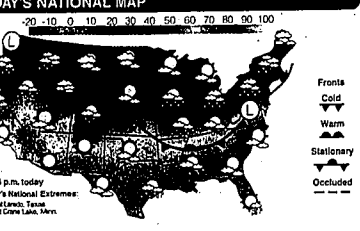
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CANADIAN FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Ultimate fighting now includes children as young as 6

CARTHAGE, Mo. (AP) — Ultimate fighting was once the sole domain of burly men who beat each other bloody in anything-goes brawls on pay-per-view TV.
But the sport often derided as "human cockfighting" is branching out.
The fights are now attracting competitors as young as 6 whose parents treat the sport as casually as wrestling, Little League or soccer.



Eli Lindsey, eight, top, spars with Gage Bloomer, eight, during practice at Garage Boys Fight Crew in Carthage, Mo., on Wednesday. Lindsey and Bloomer train at the facility in southwest Missouri for ultimate fighting events.

"It looks violent until you realize this teaches discipline. One of the first rules they learn is that this is not for aggressive behavior outside (the ring)."
— Police officer Larry Swinehart, who has three children in an ultimate fighting club

The changes were evident on a recent evening in southwest Missouri, where a team of several young boys and one girl grappled on gym mats in a converted garage.
"Two members of the group called the 'Garage Boys Fight Crew' touched their thin martial-arts gloves in a flash of sportsmanship before beginning a relentless exchange of sucker punches, body blows and swift kicks.
No blood was shed. And both competitors wore protective gear. But the boys reflected the decidedly younger face of ultimate fighting. The trend alarms medical experts and sports officials who worry that young bodies can't withstand the pounding.

or cage fighting, has already spread far beyond cable television. Last month, CBS became the first of the Big Four television networks to announce a deal to broadcast prime-time fights. The fights have attracted such a wide audience, they are threatening to surpass boxing as the nation's most popular pugilistic sport.
Hand-to-hand combat is also popping up on the big screen. The film 'Never Back Down,' which features a young Karate Kid for the YouTube generation, has taken in almost \$17 million in two weeks at the box office. Another current mixed martial arts movie, 'Flash Point,' an import from Hong Kong, is in limited release.
Bloomer said the fights are no more dangerous or violent than youth wrestling. He watched as his sons, 11-year-old Skeler and 8-year-old Gage, kicked arms and legs and wrestled to the ground with other kids in the garage

in Carthage, about 135 miles south of Kansas City.
The 11 boys and one girl on the team range from 6 to 14 years old and are trained by Rudy Lindsey, a youth wrestling coach and a professional mixed martial arts heavyweight.
"The kids learn respect and how to defend themselves. It's no more dangerous than any other sport and probably less so than soccer," Lindsey said.
Lindsey said the children wear protective headgear, shin guards, groin protection and martial-arts gloves. They fight quick, two-minute bouts. Rules also prohibit any elbow blows and blows to the head when an opponent is on the ground.
"If they get in trouble or get bad grades, I'll hear about it and they can't come to training," he added.
In most states, mixed martial arts is overseen by boxing commissions. In Missouri, the Office of Athletics regu-

lates the professional fights but not the amateur events, which include the youth bouts. For amateurs, the regulations are done by sanctioning bodies that have to register with the athletic office.
The rules are different in Oklahoma, where unauthorized fights are generally a misdemeanor offense. The

penalty is a maximum 30 days in jail and a fine up to \$1,000.
Joe Miller, administrator of the Oklahoma Professional Boxing Commission, said youth fights are banned in his state, and he wants it to stay that way.
"There's too much potential for damage to growing joints," he said.
Miller said mixed martial arts uses a lot of arm and leg twisting to force opponents into submission. Those moves, he said, pressure joints in a way not found in sanctioned sports like youth boxing or wrestling.
But Nathan Orand, a martial arts trainer from Tulsa, Okla., said kids are capable of avoiding injuries, especially with watchful referees in the rings. He thinks the sport is bound to grow.
"I can see their point because when you say 'cage fighting,' that right there just sounds like kids shouldn't be doing it," Orand said.
"But you still have all the respect that regular martial arts teach you. And it's really the only true way for youth to be able to defend themselves."
Back in the Carthage garage, Bloomer said parents shouldn't worry about kids becoming aggressive from learning mixed martial arts. He said his older son was picked on by bullies at school repeatedly last year but never fought them, instead reporting the problem to his teachers.
And fighters including his 8-year-old son got along once a bout is over, Bloomer said.
"When they get out of the cage, they go back and play video games together. It doesn't matter who won and who lost. They're still little buddies."

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A couple talks near Dollar Mountain during the Jeep King of the Mountain event held during the 48th Straight ski and music festival March 16 in Sun Valley. While the weather in the Magic Valley is warming up, area ski resorts are trying to bring as many skiers in as possible while their plentiful snowpacks.

Closing time?

Area slopes trying to draw visitors as ski season winds down

Times-News

There still might be the odd bit of snow flying around the Magic Valley, but the signs everywhere are pointing to spring.

That means that, while warmer weather outdoor events are just around the corner, area ski resorts hope to take advantage of their lingering snowpacks in the hopes of drawing in as many skiers as possible before the close of the season.

For the potential customer, that leads to a variety of special deals offered by the resorts designed to attract attention.

The closest ski resort to Twin Falls, Magic Mountain, closed March 19, but here are a few area places to consider

If you're still trying to satisfy the powder jones.

Soldier Mountain, Fairfield

The last day of winter operation is Saturday. All lift tickets on closing day will cost \$10. The resort will round out the winter season with a bang, offering giant slalom races and other games as well as a discounted menu.

Dollar Mountain and Bald Mountain, Sun Valley

Through the end of the season, skiers get extra value for special season passes. 20/20 Please see SKING, Page D3

FLOWING IMAGES

Capturing blurred water one of many methods to great water photos

The snow is beginning to melt from Central Idaho's high peaks, and spring is just around the corner (at least at 6,000 feet). It is the time of year to start thinking about running rivers. Floating or hiking along the bottom of a canyon puts you in close contact with a fascinating photographic subject: water.

I have a friend who recently floated the Grand Canyon and it made me think about one of my favorite water images. This month's photograph (at right) was taken at the bottom of Havasu Canyon, a famous tributary to the Colorado River. I captured this image of water cascading over the travertine walls of Mooney Falls in the low light of afternoon.

Just as water has the ability to take many different forms (liquid, solid and vapor) there are numerous ways to think about photographing water. Our eyes have the ability to observe the instantaneous motion of water, but our senses and the real-time world we live in tell us that water is in constant motion.

Photographs generally capture an instant in time. Water is a challenging subject, because pictures of "frozen" water may look strange to the human eye while capturing an action shot that suspends water in mid air can also be a visual treat. The image of Mooney Falls on Havasu Creek provides an example of a photographic technique that captures the motion we see when watching water cascade downhill.

In order to create an image that captures the blurred motion of water, you will have to shoot in relatively low light. The hours before sunrise and after sunset are generally the best. Sometimes it is best to scout your locations prior to setting up your window of opportunity may be limited.

A tripod is absolutely necessary to create these images. Holding the camera still so the landscape surrounding the blurred water is crisp cannot be done with a hand held camera. Low ISO film between 50 and 100 is ideal for blurred water images. Digital camera users can manually change their ISO speed to the desired setting. Finally, in order to gain the maximum exposure time (depending on the available light and your needs) adjust the camera's aperture so it is as small as possible (F22 or higher). A smaller opening limits the amount of light entering the camera which allows for longer exposure times.

Once you have decided on a composition, set the tripod and adjust your lens one final question remains: how long to expose the film or sensor.



This photo of Mooney Falls on Havasu Creek in Arizona's Grand Canyon National Park was taken with a Canon Rebel G using an eight-second exposure.

As you play with more of these compositions, I suggest creating several images with different exposure times so you can develop your understanding of how it affects the image.

If the available light allows for both long and short exposures, here are a few things to consider:

- Don't overdo it: Opening the shutter for long periods of time (15, 20, or even 30 seconds) can result in "overblurring." Capturing too much movement in a single photograph can overwhelm the composition, especially if cascading water composes a majority of the image.
- Don't underdo it: Not enough blur (less than one second) can leave the water looking strange, somewhere between frozen in time and without enough motion.
- Estimate your exposure: If possible estimate your exposure time by tossing a stick or leaf into the top of the falls and noting how long it takes to reach the bottom.

As you experiment with these compositions, you will become clear that faster moving water will require less time to create the desired effect than slow moving water.

As you play with blurred water images, keep in mind the many other ways to create pictures of water. Look for opportunities where fast shutters speeds and "frozen" water will augment your image. Reflections in glassy water, and refraction of colorful light on the surface of water can offer infinite possibilities. A polarizing filter can cut the surface reflection and emphasize the clarity of mountain streams and rivers. Finally, experiment with close-up shots that completely fill the image frame to create abstract compositions.

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President Bush welcomes anglers in sporting White House tradition

By James Gerstenzang Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — If you can hit, drive or pedal better than anyone else, you've probably been invited to the White House and had your photo taken with President Bush. To football players, race-car drivers and Lance Armstrong, add this: anglers.

Tuesday, Bush's Oval Office champions were two prizewinners in bass-fishing tournaments. With Alton Jones, who won \$500,000, on one side and Judy Wong, who won \$50,000, on the other, the president sought the right words to sum up their achievements.

"I thought it was important to welcome these champs here to the White House so that — you know, to encourage people to fish. There's

"The cool thing about being president is you can call anybody and they'll come."

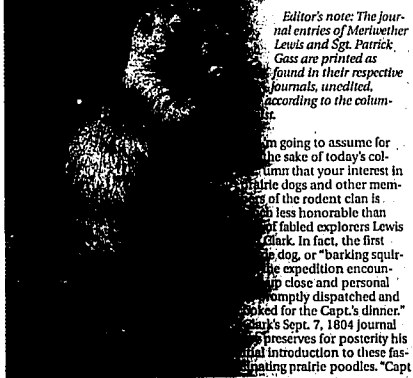
— Ron Kaufman, a longtime friend of the Bush family

nothing better than fishing," said Bush, a sometimes fisherman who stocks a pond on his land in Crawford Texas.

Presidents have regularly invited sports lions to the White House, in a tradition that dates back at least to the 1920s, when the Washington Senators were a winning baseball team and Calvin

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Remove pesky rodents with sure-shot rimfire rifles



Editor's note: The Journal entries of Meriwether Lewis and Sgt. Patrick Gass are printed as found in their respective journals, unedited, according to the column.

...in going to assume for the sake of today's column that your interest in prairie dogs and other members of the rodent clan is less honorable than that of failed explorers Lewis and Clark. In fact, the first dog, or "barking squirrel," the expedition encountered close and personal. I promptly dispatched and cooked for the Capt's dinner. The Sept. 7, 1804 Journal preserves for posterity his first introduction to these fascinating prairie poodles. Capt

SHOOTING THE BULL Rich Simpson

Lewis & my Self...discovered a Village of those animals that burrow in the ground. The Village of those animals Cover's about 4 acres of Ground...and Contains great numbers of holes on the top of which those little animals Set erect make a Whistling noise and when alarmed Slip into their hole." Anxious to secure a specimen to be sent downriver the following spring to their sponsor and commander-in-chief, Thomas Jefferson, the captains put their stags together and devised a clever, but labor-intensive,

plan of capture. According to Sgt. Patrick Gass: "Having understood that the village of those small dogs was at a short distance from our camp, Captain Lewis and Captain Clarke with all the party, except the guard, went to it; and took with them all the kettles and other vessels for holding water; in order to drive the animals out of their holes by pouring in water; but though they worked at it the business till night they only caught one of them." One was sufficient. Lashed with enough care to survive not only the long winter among the Mandans on the upper Missouri, but also a protracted 4,000-mile, four-month voyage to Washington D.C. via New Orleans, the lucky rodent — along with four magpie companions — spent several weeks greeting startled visitors of state in Jefferson's White House meeting chamber. Official dudes

fulfilled, the quartet were retired to noted biologist Charles Winston Peale's Museum in Philadelphia, where they happily lived out the remainder of their days. It's often said that familiarity breeds contempt and I know lots of local farmers and ranchers — all too familiar with the burrowing activities of these "pasture poodles" and other varmints — that harbor considerable contempt. It is not only the loss of valuable livestock feed or crops that troubles these working folk, but the real dangers to life, limb, and machinery posed by the complexes of holes and tunnels excavated by these critters. Though wide-scale poisoning and trapping programs have effectively decimated large pest populations in many areas of the West, the amount of collateral damage

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Fault lines evidence of old earthquakes

The earthquake that severely damaged Wells, Nevada and shook Twin Falls in late February of this year served to remind us that we live in a part of the North American continent that is being stretched. The geological term is extension. The exact mechanism causing this to happen is unclear, but the result is that from the Sierras on the west to the Wasatch Front in Utah, the crust is being pulled like taffy. These two ranges may actually be hundreds of miles further apart than they were before the current period of extension began.



Offset along one of the minor east-west faults has dropped the light colored ash to the left. The tilted vertical face is the fault line.

direction that is to say some day the distance between Twin Falls and Burley will be more than it is today. But how does this happen without the surface breaking open in a series of gashes like you see in the movies? There are a number of factors involved; however, we will look at just one of them.

To visualize, very crudely, what happens during extension, place a deck of cards on the table and slowly push the deck from one side. Notice how the area covered by the cards expands, but no gaps open up between the individual cards (unless you pushed them too hard). Instead, they slid one past the other in a tilting fashion. When traveling down Highway 93, or along the margins of the Snake River Plain, notice that many of the rhyolite-covered areas have this tilting appearance.

Many, but not all, of these tilting blocks are that way because of faulting. But when looking for the fault line, you almost never find

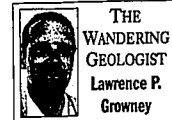
one. This forces one to seek other clues to the presence of such a feature. Fault gouge rock that was ground up to a fine powder in the fracture as the two sides moved against each other is one clue. The alignment of springs may be the result of a fault line. Adjacent differences in the rock or soil may suggest the presence of a fault line. There are other clues, as well.

In the rare case where a gash-like opening does occur at the surface, the fracture may become filled with material transported by water or wind. Continued movement may widen (dilate) the fracture which would be filled a number of times creating a classic dike composed of thin, vertical layers of rock and soil that would differ in appearance from either side of the fracture. I described one such feature located between Jackpot and Contact in a previous article.

Due to extension, the main fault lines run north-south; however, short east-west

faults break up these major trends into a confusing assortment of small, differently oriented mesas. The area between Jackpot and Contact contains a number of these differently oriented blocks. Note the various directions of tilt of the solid, flat rhyolite caps. While it's very difficult to prove that these discrete mesas are bounded by faults, it is likely that, in some cases, at least, there is such a relationship. Occasionally, you get lucky and find one of the clues mentioned above.

Whether wide or paper thin, fault lines provide evidence that the Earth's crust is not stationary. On a day to day basis, there is little reason to be too concerned. Most quakes are so small they pass unnoticed, but for those pesky few like the quake that shook Wells, long-range planning on the part of our elected officials and other public agencies will go a long way to minimize the damage from a, potentially, destructive earthquake.



THE WANDERING GEOLOGIST
Lawrence P. Growney

While the crust doesn't thin to the extreme of taffy, it does stretch somewhat. However, at some point, the stress becomes too great, and the crust simply snaps, creating a fault line, and releasing the energy as an earthquake. The energy released is equal to that needed to cause the break.

Once a break has formed, later movement along the fracture will cause additional earthquakes as the two blocks slide against each other. Obviously, it's easier for the crust to move along an existing break rather than to create a new one and so, sporadic movement may continue along an established fault line for a long period of time. The question asked by those who seek to protect the public from earthquake hazards is: which faults will move? This is a topic for another time.

The extension within the Great Basin area of the west is occurring in an east-west

Field Test: Norway's Romsdal Alps, Part 2

The mountain was called Kvitjellefjellet, and it was a hulking and flat-top mass set against the Norwegian sky. We started a few hundred feet above sea level — shouldering packs, clipping into skis — then began the long climb toward the summit.

It was day No. 4 on my Norwegian odyssey, a trip to the Romsdal Alps last month to climb and ski peaks above the country's famous fjords.

The ascent on Kvitjellefjellet would take four hours. Going down — a 2,000-vertical-foot flight on an immense white face — would be 30 minutes if we went straight at it.

Last week in this column I covered the hard goods — skis, boots, bindings, avalanche safety equipment and a pack — that make ski-touring trips like this possible. For this week the focus is on apparel, specifically the outerwear and base layers I wore on the mountain.

As my top layer of protection against the elements of coastal Norway, I tested a to-be-released shell jacket from Outdoor Research.

The Elusive Jacket, available in September for \$299, uses Gore Windstopper soft shell fabric with a light lining of fleece inside.

But the company (www.oregear.com) doesn't drape fleece all throughout the interior: It is welded in panels on the upper arms and on most of the back, though with a channel of no-fleece fabric on the upper back to promote breathability.

This selective insulation helps keep you warm where needed and ventilated where the body often has too much heat. The fabric, which is water- and wind-proof, stretches and moves when you move.

The Elusive is a full-featured top, with ventilating pit zips; a removable powder skirt; a hidden hood that folds into the collar; water-resistant zippers; and five pockets.

On my legs, Outdoor Research's lightweight Exos pants (\$169) provided just enough protection from wind and moisture. These 17-ounce Cordura pants — made for climbing, skiing and trekking in snow — are waterproof and stretchy, making them comfortable during activity.

The Exos' zippered pockets, including small hand pockets on the hips and cargo pockets that sit almost behind the thigh, are well placed and do not interfere with your stride — I kept energy bars and sunscreen in the cargos during the ski up Kvitjellefjellet. An integrated belt and a zipper fly give the Exos a nice and normal-feeling pants fit.

For insulation under the shells, I used common fleece mid-layers during the climb on Kvitjellefjellet. But my base layers — prototype wool pieces from Duofold — were newsworthy: The company's (www.duofold.com) to-be-released Varitherm High Performance Wool base layers combine a wool-based fabric with a treatment called Dri-Release.

Duofold cites this mash-up as generating a faster transfer of moisture off the body, with the long underwear essentially soaking in your sweat and dispelling it to the next clothing layer on up in the chain.

On the ascent of Kvitjellefjellet — poiling, striding, pushing and stopping, hour upon hour uphill — I can say that the Duofold blend indeed did its job. It insulated and regulated moisture as needed, moving sweat off my skin and remaining dryer than most base layers I tested.

I wore the men's crew top (\$39) and bottoms (\$44). Like all pieces in the line, these employed wool as the base fabric with a touch of polyester and spandex fibers knit in. When the Varitherm wool pieces ship (due to stores this summer) the company will sell several styles for men and women, including crew, bottoms and zip mocks.

The Varitherm design is smart, too, with a good fit, flat-stitched seams and an absence of tags to eliminate chafing; and touches like thumbholes on the cuffs for pulling the fabric up over the hand. On top of Kvitjellefjellet, with snow spinning in the coastal air and wind whipping, I appreciated that extra warmth.

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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 1 through 3.

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 enhancement opportunities.

Booth spaces run from 10 by 20 feet 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 Business Professor

and club advisor Dennis Heinert at 732-6111 or at 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 p.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 Arlin 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, multipurpose classroom, and educational bookstore.

South Hills Strutters to host banquet

The South Hills Strutters will hold their fourth annual couples' banquet at 9 p.m. on April 5 at Radio Rundevoe, 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 Snake River Grill, live and 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

BASS MASTERS



Ron Scott, left, and Seyler Hill won the Magic Valley Bassmasters tournament at C.I. Strika Reservoir last Saturday with a total weight of 14.91 lbs. Scott also had the big fish of the tournament, at 4.2 pounds.

Climate change affecting Western trees, streams

By Paul Foy
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Around the same time the American West started heating up five years ago, Colorado started losing its lodgepole pine forests to a beetle infestation.

"The population built up rapidly and exploded. It takes out the mature trees," said Ingrid Aguayo, an entomologist for the Colorado State Forest Service, which estimates that about 60 percent of the lodgepole pines have turned red and brown.

"Now we're seeing a new carpet of forest coming up," she said.

Scientists can't be certain global warming is to blame, but the evidence is damning. Now, a new calculation of government temperature data shows that over the past five years, average annual temperatures in the Colorado River basin — the

heart of the West — have risen by 2.2 degrees, or about twice as fast as the global rate.

The forthcoming report is from the Rocky Mountain Climate Organization, a coalition of local governments, businesses and others working to protect the climate. It says the West is heating up faster than any other region in the continental U.S., with more catastrophic wildfires among the consequences.

"It's already begun. We are already seeing the effects, and scientists are telling us it's going to get markedly worse," said Stephen Saunders, the organization's president in Louisville, Colo. The Natural Resources Defense Council funded and helped compile the 55-page report.

Climate change researchers are hesitant to ascribe a single cause for the warming, but they agree it's

happening.

"By and large, there is a very detectable warming in this region," said Martin Hoerling, a meteorologist at the NOAA-funded Earth System Research Laboratory in Boulder, Colo. His own research suggests the West could heat up a lot more, possibly by 5 degrees by the midpoint of the century, depending on the level of greenhouse-gas emissions.

The report, "Hotter and Drier: The West's Changed Climate," crunched numbers kept by NOAA's Western Regional Climate Center in Reno, Nev.

"That sounds about right," the center's acting director, Kelly T. Redmond, said.

"It's been warming in this region for the past 35 years, after a cool period in the 1970s. We've been decidedly above average. You could put an exclamation on it," he said.

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2008 VOLKSWAGEN TOUAREG2 SUV

Advanced Technology, Visually New!

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

Blasting a newly restyled look with over 2,200 new parts, Volkswagen introduces its all-new 2008 Touareg2 SUV. Taking the premium Volkswagen SUV to a new plateau of quality, equipment and technology, the Touareg2 builds on the legacy established by the original Touareg SUV introduced into the American marketplace in 2003. Offering motorists more power, safety, comfort and on- or off-road abilities, the Touareg2 is an off-road vehicle with the comfort of a luxury sedan and the dynamic driving characteristics of a sports car.

Upgrades and revisions to the exterior include a completely redesigned front end featuring a stylized front grille -- chrome on V6 FSI and matte chrome on V8 FSI and V10 TDI -- with chrome eyebrows on all models. A redesigned front bumper, new side mirrors with improved airflow, and sleek and new organically shaped headlamp housings with polycarbonate lens covers complete the new front look.

At the rear, a new roof edge spoiler sharpens the look, improves the aerodynamics, and aids fuel efficiency. The brake light housings have an improved LED lighting visual effect and feature a sporty new dark "glazing" treatment. Below the rear bumper, the exhaust system tailpipes were "massaged" for a fresh new look.

Power for the Touareg2 is provided by a trio of capable prime movers: 3.6L V6 FSI, 4.2L V8 FSI and the 5.0L V10 TDI twin turbo-diesel. A major improvement comes from the use of the FSI fuel



management system for gasoline engines that produce more horsepower and torque for better performance while delivering more efficiency. Energy for all three engines is communicated to the wheels through a six-speed automatic transmission and via the automaker's 4XMotion permanent four-wheel drive system with low range gear and adaptive torque distribution.

The ability to properly use the new power and performance was also improved with innovative new functions added to the Electronic Stabilization

Program. These functions now include a Hydraulic Braking Assistant (preventative to creating brake pressure buildup in response to a sudden release of the gas pedal), Active Rollover Protection (ARP) to improve rollover stability, ESP dry braking function, Finding Brake Support, and Understeer Control Logic that improves vehicle behavior when understeering into corners.

Underway, the all-new Touareg2 turns in a substantial, fast, capable and on-site European performance. The V8 prime mover is smooth

and sure -- with response that rivals some of the better sport sedans. Handling and control are top notch too.

Inside the cabin, the Touareg2 improves on its class-leading interior design. The enhancements create an interior environment that is visually pleasing, modern and as meticulously detailed as anything found in many of today's luxury vehicles. The high-quality materials, beautiful textures and rich luxurious colors are combined with exacting tolerances and superb fit and finish. The new instrument cluster with a larger color enhanced

display screen provides a wealth of information and customization for the true driver.

Redesigned seating with a standard 12-way power driver's seat makes it easier to find just the right seating position for optimum driving comfort. Individual controls are grouped logically and use manageable buttons and controls, a fact clearly proven in the compact center console arrangement that includes a standard dual-zone or optional four-zone climate control (Climatronic) system that can be set at a constant temperature.

2008 Volkswagen Touareg2 SUV by the Numbers

PRICING:
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2008 Volkswagen Touareg2 SUV starts from \$39,200 for the V6, \$46,200 for the V8 and \$68,200 for the V10 TDI model. Destination charges add \$680.

WHEELBASE:
112.4; overall length: 187.2; width: 75.2; height: 68.0 -- all vehicle measurements are in inches.

ENGINE:
3.6L V6 FSI -- 280 hp at 6,200 rpm and 265 lb-ft of torque at 4,500-5,000 rpm; 4.2L V8 FSI -- 350 hp at 6,700 rpm and 324 lb-ft of torque at 3,500 rpm; 5.0L V10 TDI twin-turbo-diesel -- 310 hp at 3,750 rpm and 553 lb-ft of torque at 2,000 rpm.

TRANSMISSION:
Six-speed automatic.

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
3.6 V6 -- 14 city/19 hwy; 4.2 FSI -- 18 city/17 hwy; 5.0L V10 TDI -- 15 city/20 hwy.

SAFETY FEATURES:
Dual front airbags, side curtain airbags, front seat mounted side-impact airbags, the pressure monitoring system, electronic stabilization program, center differential lock, engine braking assist, hydraulic brake assist, anti-slip regulation, electronic differential lock, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, automatic power door locks, engine immobilizer, remote keyless entry, garage door opener, automatic headlamp control, hill ascent control, hill decent control, daytime running lights, parking sensors, rollover protection system and rain sensing variable intermittent windshield wipers. V8 adds Bi-Xenon Intensity discharge headlights.

Optional safety features include remote engine start, navigation system, rearview monitor and locking rear door.

WARRANTY:
Basic: 4-year/50,000 mile; bumper-to-bumper; 3-year/50,000 mile; Powertrain: 5-year/60,000 mile; Corrosion: 12-year/unlimited. Roadside assistance: 4-year/50,000 mile, 24-hour.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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"For a clever eye, one glance is enough, while a dunce may stare all day long."

— Chinese proverb

Michelle Brunner, partnering Rhona Goldenfield, is a regular on the England women's team. Here she was in action opposite John Holland in the mixed teams at the European Open Championships...

When Holland invited to slam with a quantitative four-no-trump club, Brunner jumped to six-no-trump, for although she had a minimum rebid in terms of high cards, she had a solid source of tricks in hearts.

West led a diamond, covered all around. There were now 11 tricks, and Michelle initially sought a 12th via the club finesse. The queen lost to East and back came a diamond. If diamonds broke 3-3, there was the 12th trick, but Brunner also saw squeeze possibilities on the run of the hearts.

When the last heart was played, in the three-card ending, West had to retain the diamond nine, so discarded a spade. Dummy's diamond two, having posed its threat, could be discarded, leaving the North hand with king-high of spades. East had to keep his club jack, so was also forced to reduce to a doubleton spade. Now the spade ace and spade jack to the king collected the rest of that suit, and dummy's spade eight was the 12th trick.

NORTH
K 8 5 5
A 4
Q J 10 2
A Q 2
WEST
A Q 4 3
K 6 5
9 7 5 4
5 3
EAST
A 10 7 2
K 7 3
Q 8
K J 9 7 4

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
1NT* 4NT Pass
ONT All pass

*15-17, since an opening no-trump would have been weak

Opening lead: Diamond four

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
K 8 5 5
A 4
Q J 10 2
A Q 2
South West North East
1NT 2♥ North East
7 Pass Pass

ANSWER: I'm a big fun of playing negative doubles when the opponents intervene over our no-trump, both by opener and responder at their first action. Thereafter, any subsequent doubles become penalties. On this sequence, regardless of your general approach, it does make sense for a double to be takeout.

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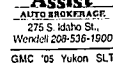
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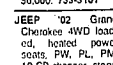
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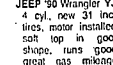
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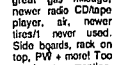


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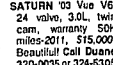
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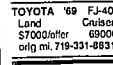
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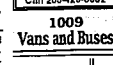
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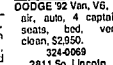
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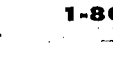
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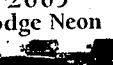
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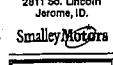
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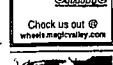
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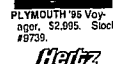
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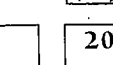
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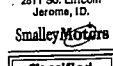
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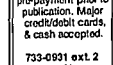
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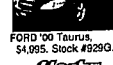
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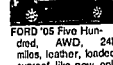
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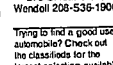
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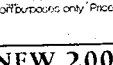
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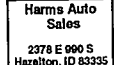
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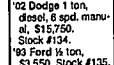
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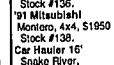
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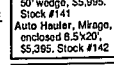
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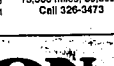
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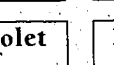
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On Friday, the 11th day of April 2008, at the hour of 10:30 a'clock A.M. on said date at the office of Land Title & Escrow, Inc., located at 1411 Fillmore Street, Suite 600, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301, Land Title & Escrow, Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, payable in full at the time of the sale, the following described real property, located in the County of Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

The street address of the designation commonly used for the property is 3862 North 3626 East, Kimberly, Idaho 83311. The name, address and telephone number of the person or firm from whom information may be obtained is P.C. Stone, P.O. Box 910, Burley, Idaho 83318, (208) 878-8382.

The sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding the title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Top JI Roofing, Inc. dba Maynor Homes, as Grantor, to Title Fact, Inc. as Trustee, and D.L. Evans Bank as Beneficiary, dated the 1st day of August, 2007, and recorded on the 2nd day of August 2007 as Instrument No. 2007-018282 in the office of the County Recorder for Twin Falls County, Idaho.

The default for which said sale is to be made is the failure to pay the principal balance on the maturity date of September 15th, 2007 in the sum of \$265,553.43 together with interest accrued to October 17th, 2007 in the sum of \$6,168.27, late charges in the sum of \$91.57, and delinquent taxes and penalties totaling \$1,003.74 as of October 1st, 2007 for a total delinquency of \$274,817.01.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust is \$274,817.01, together with accruing interest, and costs of sale.

DATED this 10th day of March, 2008.

LAND TITLE & ESCROW, INC.
By: /s/ Larry Roberts
Larry Roberts, President

EXHIBIT A

A parcel of land being part of the Town Range survey located in the SE1/4 of Section 10, Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of the NW1/4 of said Section 10 which point bears South 02°10'10" East a distance of 525.93 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 10;

THENCE North 89°51'11" East a distance of 1324.09 feet along the southerly boundary of said NW1/4 Section 10 to the Southwest corner of said SE1/4;

THENCE North 00°01'11" West a distance of 236.25 feet along the westerly boundary of said SE1/4 NW;

THENCE North 89°51'11" East a distance of 50.00 feet to the South-west corner of said Parcel B and the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE North 00°01'11" West a distance of 195.03 feet along the westerly boundary of said Parcel B;

THENCE North 77°11'08" East a distance of 556.50 feet to the easterly boundary of said Parcel B;

THENCE South 26°53'08" East a distance of 196.07 feet along the easterly boundary of said Parcel B to the Southeast corner thereof;

THENCE South 77°11'08" West a distance of 647.36 feet along the southerly boundary of said Parcel B to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO the existence of all rights of ingress, egress and public utilities over a tract of land located in the W1/2 of Section 10, Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, being a strip of land 50.00 feet in width and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the West quarter corner of said Section 10;

THENCE along the westerly boundary of said Section 10 South 00°01'11" East 50.00 feet;

THENCE parallel with and 50.00 feet distant southerly from the east west centerline of said Section 10 South 89°51'11" East 1324.09 feet to the easterly boundary of the NW1/4SW1/4 of said Section 10;

THENCE North 89°51'11" West 182.62 feet;

THENCE South 89°32'52" East 276.47 feet to a point of curvature;

THENCE Southwesterly 95.80 feet on the arc of a curve to the right having a central angle of 75°13'21" a radius of 75.00 feet, and the chord of which bears South 52°57'20" East 89.42 feet to the point of tangency;

THENCE South 10°21'49" East 795.42 feet to a point of curvature;

THENCE Easterly 238.67 feet on the arc of a curve to the left having a central angle of 71°03'11" a radius of 225.00 feet, and the chord of which bears South 52°53'20" East 207.83 feet to the point of tangency;

THENCE South 89°24'52" East 412.29 feet to a point of curvature;

THENCE Northwesterly 197.41 feet on the arc of a curve to the left having a central angle of 90°35'30", a radius of 125.00 feet, and the chord of which bears North 45°17'23" East 177.69 feet to the point of tangency which point is located on the north south centerline of said Section 10 South 00°01'11" East 885.97 feet from the center quarter corner of said Section 10;

THENCE along the north south centerline of said Section 10 North 00°01'11" East 821.53 feet to a point of curvature;

THENCE Northwesterly 164.73 feet on the arc of a curve to the left with a central angle of 20°09'38", a radius of 525.00 feet and the chord of which bears North 10°05'11" East 163.76 feet to the point of tangency;

THENCE North 20°10'00" West 809.05 feet to a point of curvature;

THENCE along the boundary of a cul de sac 221.13 feet on the arc of a curve to the left having a central angle of 25°32'54", a radius of 50.00 feet and the radius point of which bears South 68°50'00" West 50.00 feet from the point of curvature;

THENCE Southwesterly 25.62 feet on the arc of a curve to the right having a central angle of 79°25'14" a radius of 20.00 feet, and the chord of which bears South 51°57'15" East 23.90 feet to the point of tangency;

THENCE South 20°10'00" East 931.97 feet to a point of curvature;

THENCE Southwesterly 167.14 feet on the arc of a curve to the left having a central angle of 89°52'52" a radius of 475.00 feet, and the chord of which bears South 10°05'11" East 168.28 feet to a point of tangency which is 50.00 feet distant at right angle from the north south centerline of said Section 10;

THENCE parallel with and 50.00 feet distant from the north south centerline of said Section 10 South 00°01'11" East 821.53 feet to a point of curvature;

THENCE Westwesterly 118.58 feet on the arc of a curve to the right having a central angle of 90°35'30", a radius of 75.00 feet, and the chord of which bears South 45°17'23" West 106.61 feet to the point of tangency;

THENCE North 89°24'52" West 412.29 feet to a point of curvature;

THENCE Northwesterly 223.12 feet on the arc of a curve to the left having a central angle of 73°10'33", a radius of 175.00 feet, and the chord of which bears North 52°53'20" West 208.31 feet to the point of tangency;

THENCE North 16°21'49" West 795.42 feet to a point of curvature;

THENCE Northwesterly 159.66 feet on the arc of a curve to the left having a central angle of 73°11'03", a radius of 125.00 feet, and the chord of which bears North 52°57'20" West 149.03 feet to the point of tangency;

THENCE North 89°51'11" East 177.69 feet to a point of curvature;

THENCE Northwesterly 31.25 feet on the arc of a curve to the right having a central angle of 89°31'41", a radius of 20.00 feet, and the chord of which bears North 44°47'01" West 19.17 feet to the point of tangency;

THENCE North 00°01'11" West 533.49 feet to a point of curvature;

THENCE Northwesterly 25.62 feet on the arc of a curve to the right having a central angle of 79°25'14", a radius of 20.00 feet, and the chord of which bears North 39°40'45" West 23.90 feet to the point of tangency;

THENCE along the boundary of a Cul de Sac 221.13 feet on the arc of a curve to the left having a central angle of 25°32'54", a radius of 50.00 feet and the radius point of which bears North 68°50'00" West 50.00 feet from the point of tangency which said point of tangency is located on the westerly boundary of the NE1/4NW1/4 of said Section 10;

THENCE along the westerly boundary of said Section 10 South 00°01'11" East 821.53 feet to the Southwest corner of the NW1/4SW1/4 of said Section 10;

THENCE along the east west centerline of said Section 10 North 89°51'11" East 1324.09 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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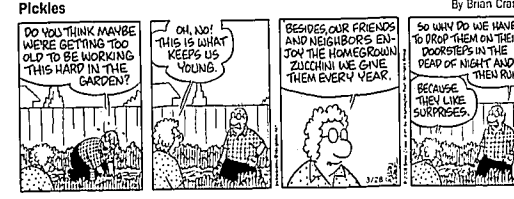
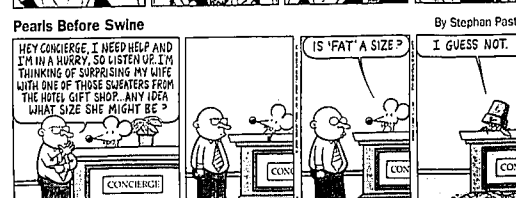
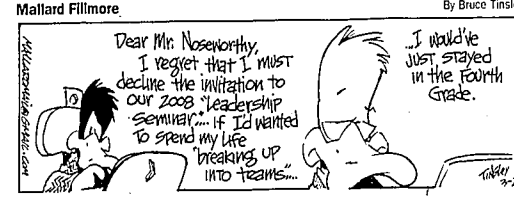
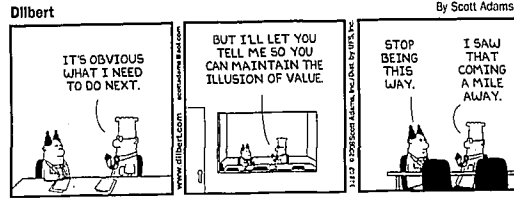
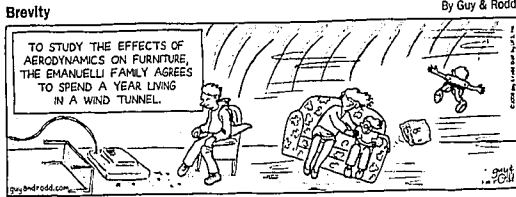
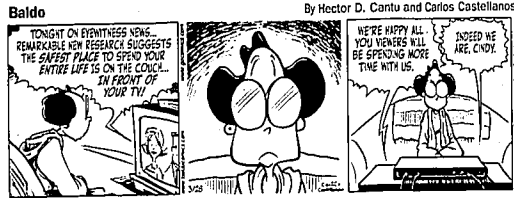
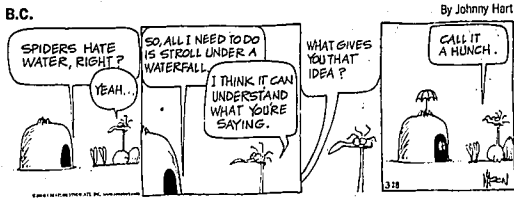
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Your popularity may surprise you, Taurus

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

excitement in a beneficial way. Take a chance on the latest movie, dine at a new restaurant or visit the latest hot spot for a quick thrill. Do something to improve your mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sports and physical activities clear away the mental cobwebs. A friend might wish to take a relationship to a more intimate level. Keep a new special someone at arms' length until more time passes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): When you are driving down the road, everyone else on the road is a "good buddy." Don't mistake a fling for a sure thing. Enjoy a new friendship, but don't commit yourself to anything permanent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It might be a good time for a sentimental journey along Memory Lane. You are sensitive to surroundings and put off by loud, abrasive people. Don't start anything of great importance or make major purchases.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do one thing different and you, too, can make a difference. Use your high ideals to save the world or to just make someone's life a bit better. Go out on the town and moths will gather around your flame.

IF MARCH 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: As the talented Cole Porter sang, "You're the top" — and your popularity could grow by leaps and bounds in the year ahead. It's your talent for being friendly without being pushy that will be the key to your success in community groups, clubs and social settings. You may reach the height of business success in September if you are not distracted by an impossible romantic dream. In July and August, staying cool and confident will test your character so avoid initiating anything of major importance or significant changes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are fit as a fiddle, but every fiddle needs to be tuned. Your business sense is at an all-time high because you are eager to compete with all comers. Focus on spiritual love rather than physical affection.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): When you are already No. 1, you don't need to prove anything or try hard. This is a good time to mingle with others, as you may be surprised how popular you are in public.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Being No. 1 in the pole might be the key to keeping everyone on track — including a romantic partner. Act like a leader and your inspiring energy will light up someone's heart.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may yearn for social activities and romantic interludes, but might find that your allure hits a dead end. Concentrate on group outings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you have been generous with your time and expertise, others will be glad to lend a helping hand when you need one. Following someone's lead usually given advice can prove costly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Pay attention to an amorously inclined steady playmate. If you are playing the single's game, want to see if a new attraction lasts more than a few days.

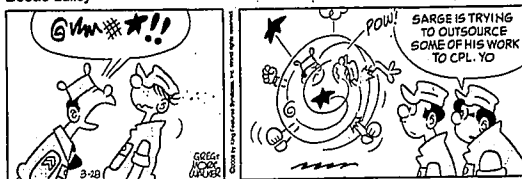
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Bowling, biking or even dancing might be a better choice than sitting on the couch. Your special someone needs to take on a challenge and let off some steam.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Utilize a restless need for



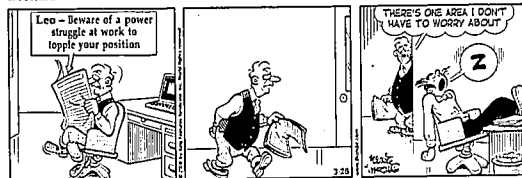
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Blondie

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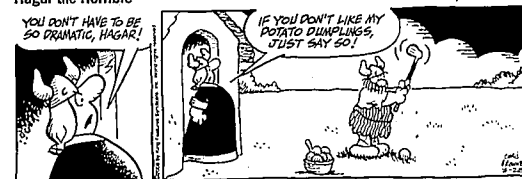
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Hi and Lois

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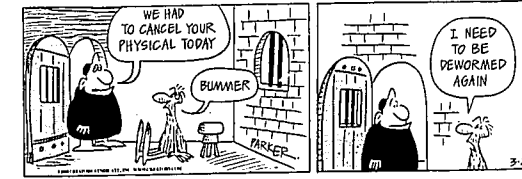
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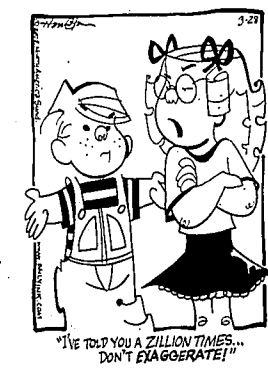
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Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keene



Fondness for fur threatens to smother marriage plans



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I recently moved in with my 41-year-old fiance, "Sean," who's a great guy, never married, no children, and I love him dearly. I have discovered something disturbing about Sean. He has this "security fur" he can't part with. He told me he has used it since he was very young and says that the feel of believe the "fur" has other uses besides being his security blanket. When I became upset about it, Sean hid it from me. He only came clean (somewhat) after I told him I don't like finding those pieces of fur in his robe pocket, in between the sofa cushions, etc. How can I break him of this "habit"? It makes me uncomfortable, and I guess the truth is I'm somewhat jealous of the darn thing. Besides, it reminds me of a dead animal.

How can I get the fur out of both of our lives without destroying our relationship and jeopardizing our upcoming marriage? —FURIOUS IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR FURIOUS: Over the years, I have received mail from more than a few readers who have told me they still have remnants of their baby blankets they're unable to part with — and that touching the fabric calms them when they're agitated. However, because you suspect that your fiance may use the fur for "other things," it is important that you be clear on exactly what they are before you marry him.

My advice is to have a frank, nonthreatening chat with Sean — in the presence of a marriage counselor, if necessary — and get to the bottom of it. If Sean has a fur fetish — and by that I mean he needs it for arousal — you will have to see if this "kink" is something you can live with.

The age difference is a problem to some people — the same ones who at one time didn't care enough to visit when she needed them the most. They say she won't live past the age of 25 because of the damage she has done to her body.

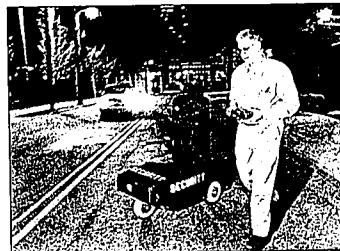
The short periods of time she has been out of the hospital we have traveled across the U.S. on little trips. She loved it, and so did I. All I want to do is make sure she enjoys what life she has left. I believe I'm doing the right thing. What do you think? — IN LOVE IN ST. PAUL

DEAR IN LOVE: Your ladyfriend may be young, but you are both adults. Time is precious, and you should enjoy as much of it as you can together.

Also, unless you were told by her physician that she has only a short time to live, you shouldn't dwell too much on how long she has left. Happiness can be a great helper, and she could surprise everyone.

Robot raises ire of homeless advocates

By Richard Fausset Los Angeles Times



ATLANTA — Hollywood might have had RoboCop, but the real world now has a robot more attuned to the prosaic realities of the street.

The Bum Bot. That is what Rufus Terrill calls the rolling, remote-controlled invention he uses to flush out the prostitutes and pushers who gather near his Midtown Atlanta bar, which is two blocks from the city's largest and most controversial homeless shelter.

"This is actually the Bum Bot 2007," Terrill gently corrected on a recent evening as he switched on the device.

The Bum Bot, like the homeless people it polices, is a creature of hand-me-downs. The wheels are from ones of those scooters for the elderly; the motor system is a walkie-talkie wired to a home-alarm speaker. The rotating turret is an old Cajun meat smoker.

The cylindrical smoker gives the Bum Bot its 12-132-158 profile. But its black armor — and the stenciled letters spelling out SECURITY lend it a menacing air.

An infrared camera and a 2-million-watt-power spotlight are mounted on the turret under a homemade canopy, which squirts jets of cold water at up to 200 pounds per square inch.

Using a twin-joystick remote, Terrill usually sends his robot up the street to the parking lot of a day-care center, where a sketchy, drug-dealing crowd congregates after dark. The police sometimes round them up, Terrill says, but soon, it seems, they are back on the street.

So Terrill speaks to them through the Bum Bot, transmitting his voice via walkie-talkie. Move along, he tells the loiterers, or get wet.

Sometimes he tells them that he's capturing them on video; the Bum Bot's camera feeds into a big-screen TV monitor at his pub, giving patrons a hyper-local dose of reality TV. The street people tend to run away. "It scares the bejesus out of 'em," Terrill said, smiling.

His home-grown strategy for making the neighborhood safer is the latest manifestation of a lingering controversy that has engulfed this prized patch of real estate.

Rufus Terrill uses his remote-controlled robot (complete with water cannon) to disperse prostitutes and pushers who gather near his midtown Atlanta bar.

are the residents of the massive emergency homeless shelter nearby at Peachtree and Pine streets. Terrill says the shelter attracts the kind of people who have broken into his bar. O'Terrill's, and harassed and mugged his neighbors and clients.

Known as Peachtree and Pine, the shelter has amassed over the years, including the administration of Mayor Shirley Franklin, a Democrat whose father was temporarily homeless.

Debi Starnes, the mayor's policy adviser on homelessness, said the shelter, which can accommodate 1,000 people per night, is too big to be managed properly. She also said it fails to adequately help the homeless make the transition to a better life.

This year, the city cut off its funding of the shelter, which is run by the nonprofit Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless. The shelter, however, carries on with a mix of other public and private funds; it's in the midst of a multi-million-dollar renovation of its historic, 95,000-square-foot building. Eventually it will include a coffee shop and retail business to help teach its residents a trade.

Anita Beatty, the task force's executive director, said the shelter is mismanaged. She says it provides employment referrals, mental health counseling and other services. The problem, she says, is that local government has not come to grips with the magnitude of the homeless problem. Beatty's group estimates that as many as 68,000 people in the metro area are homeless in any given year.

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— Anita Beatty, Executive Director of Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless

were about 2,700 "unsheltered" homeless people last year in Atlanta and the urban portion of Fulton and DeKalb.

Beatty says local governments do not maintain enough shelter space for all the homeless. This, she says, is the last place for them to go. She is convinced that the city is trying to move the homeless off Peachtree Street, Atlanta's signature thoroughfare. The city has plans for a sweeping aesthetic makeover of Peachtree. Business bosses, however, talked about a Georgia version of Paris' Champs-Élysées.

"The emphasis has always been on beautifying Peachtree to get rid of those poor homeless people, to get them out of town," Beatty said. "We say they're not going to do that. It's just inhumane and silly."

Beatty said the Bum Bot doesn't help matters: "Not everybody outside our building is a drug dealer, and when they are, we want them arrested as much as (Terrill). A robot is not the way to solve anything."

But Terrill said the robot has done a good job scaring off the law-breakers. On a recent Wednesday evening, he ambled toward the day-care parking lot with his creation rolling along at his side. When he arrived about 11:30 p.m., the lot was empty.

Later, however, after he packed up the robot, dozens of men would swarm the fence, howling at passing vehicles. Terrill, an engineer who has designed weapons systems for the military, says he is targeting the people who are causing trouble, not the ones trying to get ahead. He has no problem with the people, in fact, he says, he has employed about 70 men from the shelter at his bar over the years.

But overall, he says, the shelter is doing more harm than good. He believes the nonprofit keeps it on Peachtree to keep the issue of homelessness in people's faces. "It needs to go," he said.

