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## States propose releasing convicts to save money

### Idaho isn't considering budget option

By Ray Hairy  
 Associated Press writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Lawmakers from California to Kentucky are trying to save money with a drastic and potentially dangerous budget-cutting proposal: releasing tens of thousands of convicts

from prison, including drug addicts, thieves and even violent criminals.

Idaho prisoners, however, will not see the outside of their prison cells any sooner, Idaho prison officials said.

Officials in other states acknowledge that the idea carries risks, but they say they

have no choice because of huge budget gaps brought on by the slumping economy.

"If we don't find a way to better manage the population at the state prison, we will be forced to spend money to expand the state's prison system — money we don't have," said Jeff Neal, a spokesman for

Rhode Island Gov. Don Carcieri.

At least eight states are considering freeing inmates or sending some convicts to rehabilitation programs instead of prison, according to an Associated Press analysis of legislative proposals. If adopted, the early release programs could save an estimated \$450 million in California and Kentucky alone.

A Rhode Island proposal

would allow inmates to deduct up to 12 days from their sentence for every month they follow rules and work in prison. Even some violent offenders would be eligible but not those serving life sentences.

A plan in Mississippi would offer early parole for people convicted of selling marijuana or prescription drugs. New Jersey, South Carolina and Vermont are considering fun-

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neling drug-addicted inmates into treatment, which is cheaper than prison.

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## Answers for autism



Staff photo by JERRY WIRTH  
 St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center volunteer Alex Nickels, who suffers from autism, delivers mail Thursday morning at the hospital in Twin Falls. Nickels' education in the Jerome School District is the focus of an autism workshop happening today and Saturday in Twin Falls.

## Workshop uses local story to address autism education

By Nate Poppino  
 Staff writer

Meet Alex Nickels for the first time, and all you may get is a terse "No comment."

That's OK, said his sister, Tara Nofle. It's just how he says hello. Nickels, 29, is autistic. But unlike many such students who

are grouped together in school, he was mainstreamed into the classroom — something that's made a profound difference in his life, said Nofle, who helps care for him as a therapist with Positive Connections.

For 15 years, Nickels, Nofle and their mother, Cheryl Fisher, have crossed the country giving

a series of workshops based on Nickels' educational experiences. Today, they've all gathered in Twin Falls for a two-day workshop at the Red Lion Hotel, Canyon Springs.

The workshop, which uses documents and examples straight from Nickels' schooling in Jerome, focuses on what the

roles of educators, parents and health providers should be in the lives of autistic students. The goal, Fisher said, is to properly prepare such students for adult life in the real world.

It's something she said was never easy, but has become more



Nickels

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## Discovery Channel revisits Johnson murder case

By Cassidy Friedman  
 Staff writer

Discovery Channel crews have launched a week of filming for the storied Sarah Johnson murder case.

The uncommon trial of a girl charged with slaying her parents already has been highlighted in an unending stream of national media coverage — Oprah Winfrey's Oxygen network and ABC network news, to name two.

Now, Discovery Channel, which will debut a new show, "Solved" in the fall, is featuring the Wood River Valley with a decidedly law enforcement bent, according to its producers.

With Johnson's verdict now being appealed to the Idaho Supreme Court in May, Johnson's defense lawyers are arguing she was cheated out of a fair trial. That's a fact, her former defense attorney Bob Pangburn says, the filming

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Johnson

## Disorders pose challenge for Wendell family

By Nate Poppino  
 Staff writer

WENDELL — Two years ago, they'd have been surrounded by the busy, urban environment of Seattle.

But on this day, Eamon, Meera and Alayna Lynch play within eyesight of miles of farmland.

The three seem like any other family as they play basketball in Wendell's McGinnis Park. And like any family, they have their own unique quirks.

Eamon, 12, was diagnosed at age 3 with sensory processing disorder, a complex brain condition that leads people to misinterpret everyday touch, sound and other sensory information. Meera, 11, has Asperger's disorder, a milder variant of autism that can cause social and behavioral issues.

Alayna, 9, hasn't displayed any signs of disorder herself. But variants of autism have shaped the family's lives, both in Washington state and



Meera Lynch, 11, right, who has sensory processing disorder, plays basketball with her sister, Alayna, Thursday in Wendell.

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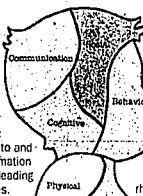
## The mixed-up brain

People with autism or related disorders can display a wide array of symptoms. Sometimes strong, sometimes weak:

**Communication Issues:** Autistics can have a hard time expressing what they want to say verbally or with captions.

**Cognitive Issues:** Paying attention to and processing information can be difficult, leading to learning issues.

**Physical Issues:** Like verbal communication, sometimes autistics may have a hard time making their bodies do what they want.



**Social Issues:** Common social practices and games don't make sense or aren't interpreted correctly.

**Behavior Issues:** Autistics may sit and stare at objects, rock back and forth or rhythmically bang their heads on objects.

**Sensory Issues:** Autistics can be bothered by touch, sound and other senses.

For more information about "Alex's Gift":  
<http://www.wabidirdcrossing.com/>

By Jessie Bonner  
 Associated Press writer

BOISE — The hammer fell three years ago, after the state Board of Education clamped down on student tuition and fee hikes in the double digits. State universities were told to keep Idaho higher education affordable. No more 12 percent increases like in 2002, or the 10 percent increase in 2003. No more relying on student tuition and fees to make up for gaps in state funding.

"The message was pretty clear," said Chris Rosenbaum, executive director of the Boise State University budget office.

So the state's three public universities will go to the

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Gallery walk, continued display of art of reverse glass painter, Ibrahim Faye, 6 to 8 p.m., Jensen Ringmakers and Gallery, 109 Main Ave., downtown Twin Falls, refreshments served, 734-8091.
First Fridays "Cowboy Company," live Western swing with Johnny U and Rob Harding on guitar and vocals, Byron Walcher on pedal steel and Bill Liles on bass, Eric Etnaway in Rudy's the Kitchen: free food/refreshments and beverages sold by the glass, 6 to 9 p.m., Rudy's A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, 733-5477.
"The Moses Code," a 90-minute, inspirational/spiritual movie, 7 p.m., Aspen building, Room 108, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, \$10 per person (\$5 for students), (208) 733-3895.
ArtsIA's reception and gallery opening, with new works by member artists, live music by Rick Kuhn and "Sea Slugs-A Perspective" by Mary and Peter Toft in the Galeria Pequena, 7 to 9 p.m., Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft, 132 Main Ave. S., Historic Downtown Twin Falls, no cost, 734-2787.
Coffee House night, with live music by Ethan Tucker, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., Hand's On Studio and The Divine Grid, 147.
Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, \$2 coffee drink specials and studio live/face painting, 734-4445.
The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary public dance, 8 p.m., D.A.V. Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls, \$2 donation, 734-5208.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

A Salad Luncheon, including salads, desserts and beverages, as well as crafts, baked goods and noodles for sale, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church Parish Hall, corner of Eighth and I streets, Rupert, free-will donation, proceeds to Minn. Cassia Women Shelter and community food bank, 436-4180.
Community Drive for diapers, donations of diapers and wipes for Mth Babies, Brighter Beginnings, Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children and low-income women at South Central Community Action, 2 to 7 p.m., Wal-Mart, Burley, 578-3514.
"First Friday Dinner," a buffet-style, traditional Basque meal sponsored by the Gooding Basque Association, 6 to 8:30 p.m., the Basque Cultural Center at the intersection of Highways 26 and 46 in Gooding, general donation of \$14 (seniors eat for \$12), 208-352-4266 or 308-5051.
"Change for Children," College of Southern Idaho Student Senate's fundraiser for area children in need; includes entertainment by C.S.I. Chamber Choir, Drum Corps and JIVE! from Twin Falls High School, 7 p.m., "C.S.I. Fine Arts Center auditorium, proceeds to benefit "Operation AJ" for AJ Acevedo, donations suggested, 421-0252.

CHURCH EVENTS

Christian Movie Night, featuring "Saving Sarah Cain," 7 p.m., River Christian Fellowship, corner of Kings Avenue East and Shoshone Falls Road, Twin Falls, free admission (6 p.m. pizza and salad supper available by donation), 733-3133.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

District meeting and Minidoka district Scout Roundtable, leadership plans for Scout Day Camp for 11-year-old scouts; Merit Badge Arena: communications and scholarship, 7 p.m. meeting and 8 p.m. roundtable, East Milpico Middle School, Rupert, bring pencil, paper and blue card, 670-1166.

EDUCATION

AIDS Awareness, with panel discussion AIDS: The Greatest Humanitarian Crisis of Our Time, 6:30 p.m., Room 119, Fine Arts Recital Hall, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, no cost, www.csi.edu/aidsawareness or 732-6293.
Autism Awareness "Alex's Gift: A Way to Belong" two-day Workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Reed Lion Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, registration: \$160 per person (includes lunches, morning and afternoon snacks), www.tadbirdcrossing.com/schedule.html.

EXHIBITION

"For Want of a Horseshoe: Cultural and Natural History of Horseshoes," hosted by Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Visitor Center, Hagerman, no cost, (208) 837-4793 ext. 5227.
"World Vision Experience: AIDS" traveling exhibit, visitors equipped with personal audio devices to hear story of one of four children of African village (allow 20 minutes per tour), 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., College of Southern Idaho's Student Recreation Center gym, C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, free admission, parental caution: some situations may be emotionally disturbing to young children, 732-6293.

FAMILY

Traditional Storytime, stories and songs for preschoolers, 10:30 a.m., Storytime Kids, Twin Falls Public Library, 733-2964 ext. 110.
"Youth Options," activities for young people ages 13-19 only, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, 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., Cale Agape, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-4867.
Al-Anon/Alateen family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hot-line, 1-866-592-3198.

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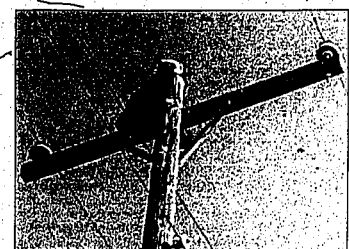
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MORNING BRIEFING



Gnaw kiddin': A beaver dam in Twin Falls

An urban beaver? Patty Coffman thinks so... A bus attendant for special-needs children who works for the Twin Falls School District, She's spotted a beaver dam downstream of the bridge that carries the southern extension of Blue Lakes Boulevard across Rock Creek...



A wolverine isn't often found atop a utility pole, especially in eastern Elmore County.

"The bridge is on 'S,' and when you get close to the end you can look down and see it," she said... For several weeks, Coffman noticed that several trees in Rock Creek Canyon have been gnawed down to the nubbins... "Then I saw the dam; it must be 9 or 10 feet high," she said... "And you can see the opening from the road." Beavers are uncommon in the middle stretch of Rock Creek, says Mike Todd, regional wildlife habitat biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, but not unheard of... "You see them in the upper part of the drainage," he said... "I've never heard of one so close to town; but it's certainly possible... Beavers don't generally build dams in narrow (canyons); they like more wide-open terrain"...

seen the beaver, and she's anxious to hear from anyone who has... But the dam probably won't be there for long, according to Todd... "If he's there, he'll probably be relocating..." Todd sometimes hears reports of wild critters where they're not supposed to be... He even has a recent photo of a wolverine perched atop a telephone pole near King Hill...

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canyon a few years back... and they brought it into the office," Todd said... "Where in the world did you get that? They wanted to know if they were in trouble." "That isn't Todd's best wandering-wildlife story: In 1978, he trapped and tagged a badger near Hollister in July; it was shot near Hill City... that in Fairbank County, west of Ft. Hall... that fell..." "The lead to work his way down the Salmon Falls Creek drainage, swim the Snake River, cross the interstate... Altogether, he traveled 67 miles..." "Seems to me he deserved better for all that hard work." Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, April 4, the 95th day of 2008. There are 271 days left in the year.

Today's highlight: On April 4, 1968, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was shot to death as he stood on a balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn.; the killing sparked a riot of mobs across the U.S. (James Earl Ray later pleaded guilty to assassinating King, then spent the rest of his life claiming his "innocence and attempting to withdraw his guilty plea; he died in prison in 1998).

On this date: In 1818, Congress decided the United States flag would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with the number to be added for every new state.

In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated.

In 1887, Susanna Madora Salter became the first woman elected mayor of an American community.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. troops on Okinawa encountered the first significant resistance from Japanese forces at the Machinato Line.

In 1949, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty in Washington.

In 1975, more than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crash-landed shortly after takeoff from Saigon.

In 1981, Henry Cisneros became the first Mexican-American elected mayor of a major U.S. city, San Antonio.

In 1993, the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage.

In 1988, the Arizona Senate convicted Gov. Evan Mecham of two charges of official misconduct, and removed him from office. Mecham was the first governor to be impeached and removed from office in nearly six decades.

Ten years ago: During a visit to Haiti, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright urged leaders to stop political infighting that had paralyzed the Caribbean nation for nearly a year. Sixty-three people were killed in an explosion inside a Ukrainian coal mine.

Two years ago: U.S. forces seized Saddam's international airport outside Baghdad. Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs became the 18th player to hit 500 career homers, connecting for a solo shot in a 10-9 loss to Cincinnati.

One year ago: Audio host Don Imus made offensive on-air remarks about the Rutgers University women's basketball team. (Despite a subsequent apology, Imus was fired by CBS radio and cable network MSNBC; he was hired elsewhere by year's end.)

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

Faulkner Planetarium "Blow Away: The Wild World of Weather," 7 p.m. and "Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume 1" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by email at sbrowne@magvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

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CORRECTIONS

Cleanup at school to be finished in late June - Cliff Johnson still police chief in Jiler
In a Thursday article in TNT, Cliff Johnson was incorrectly identified. He is the current Fire police chief, but a former member of the Idaho Writers League. The Times-News regrets the errors.

You will find your advice much sought after, Capricorn

IF APRIL 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your year ahead looks serene and pleasant. Enjoy the peace and friendships between now and the end of May. Accumulate experience in the professional world, travel or begin a serious study in June when your optimism and enthusiasm may help you make new beginnings. In July and August your propensity for love and romance hits a peak and others will be drawn inexplicably closer to you. That may be a good time to go on vacation or have a fabulous fling, but your career hits a standstill at the same time, so do not interview for jobs or make business decisions. Between September and November you will achieve financial success, but a significant other may have other designs on you. ARIES (March 21-April 19): It's time to be a hear about business. Liberate and make no crucial decisions or investments that may be overly sensitive to slight. The evening may yield a romantic interlude with a special someone.

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plans for the weekend. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make sure books are balanced. It would be wise to look over the figures and verify that a monetary situation is as good as you thought it was. You may find an error that could work to your benefit. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Today you're likely to be gullible. It is tempting to spread your wings. Don't make key purchases or irrevocable decisions. Enjoy wearing your fling; it will remind you that all that glitter isn't gold. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are driven to achieve financial success, but a significant other may have other designs on you. The best choice is an obvious one. Put business decisions on the back burner and concentrate on amore. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may find you are in touch with your emotions and are able to discuss your feelings openly and with ease. You will find yourself caught in the perfect frame of mind to give it. You hectic day will make your return home most welcome. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may find you are the object of someone's desire. However, there may be a hidden sting that will trip you up if you pursue this relationship. Hold off on major purchases and significant changes. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Unexpected complications with business matters may detract your social life. Any temporary unpleasantness will pass quickly. New investments or changes could cause more problems than they are worth.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Harmony is necessary to keep things running smoothly. You will be wise to use diplomacy when you are not certain of the facts. You may pile up during the day, but you can unwind with a loved one tonight. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't get involved. Stay clear of potentially inflammatory situations and keep to yourself. Your energy is high, but you can unwind through your work while daydreaming of special

# Autism

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difficult for already-reticent schools further burdened by federal mandates.

"In some cases, I think we're going backwards a little bit, moving kids back into more restrictive environments," Fisher said.

Those environments, she said, affect more than autistic children's book learning. They can further stunt sparse social skills that can only be learned by interacting with others.

"We put them in classrooms with other kids who don't have social skills, and we wonder why they don't have social skills," Fisher said.

Part of Nickels' ongoing social education involves his volunteer job at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Every day, he visits various offices around the building, delivering mail and

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— Cheryl Fisher

picking up more.

The regular routine gets him out of his home, Noffle said. It stretches his interpersonal skills, "blocked by a brain that can't communicate with the outside world. And it helps others learn that while her brother may be different, he's still a person."

Of course, Fisher said, family is an important part of things, and that's where Nickels may have benefited the most. His parents pushed for his inclusion in class. And Noffle selected her career simply to help out her brother, who lives on his own but still requires some assistance. It's provided some

consistency in his care, she said. And it's worked out well for her.

"I have found this job really fulfilling," she said, adding that she works with other teens and adults besides her brother.

Her daughter's work, Fisher said, simply enhances the workshop's message. Titled "Alex's Gift," a participant once pointed out that the title applies to more than just Nickels. It's another symbol of what family dedication can do.

"Alex isn't the only one with a gift," Fisher recalled being told. "Your daughter Tara has a gift, too."

# Johnson

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crew is certain to gloss over.

More likely, they'll focus only on the prosecution side, Pangburn said.

"I know after being in that house for 20 minutes that she was the one that did it," said Stu Robinson, an ex-Idaho State Police detective turned investigator and consultant, who helped lead the investigation and now will play a role in re-enacting his own steps.

But Pangburn said the production team has not contacted him and probably won't. He said Johnson is innocent and that the trial was tainted by the prosecutor's "innuendo and suggestions" allowed in court by the judge.

"I've been on national TV twice — on ABC network late last summer — and earlier Oprah's Oxygen network did a program called 'Snapped,'" Pangburn said. "They both certainly appeared to be interested in both sides. Apparently they (Discovery) are not interested in the defense side of things."

The shooting for the series will include re-enactments of the sensational case, which cost Blaine County taxpayers at least \$1.6 million and was covered by court TV. Robinson was unclear about where the physical shooting of the show would take place. Robinson said, "They both certainly appeared to be interested in both sides. Apparently they (Discovery) are not interested in the defense side of things."

"Barry did an excellent, excellent job about what came in and what didn't," Robinson said. "There was way more than substantial evidence that she did it."

County Prosecutor Jim Thomas did not respond to multiple phone calls. Robinson recalls an expert defense witness testifying that bruising on Johnson's shoulder corroborated her shooting the rifle.

"It was not a crime of opportunity," Robinson said. "It was a planned crime. The

gun came out of a house on their property. It had to be somebody with intimate knowledge of the residence."

Robinson said Johnson wanted her parents' money. And after her parents caught the 16-year-old with an adult man, she wanted to stop her parents from reporting a statutory rape to the police.

Robinson does not recall the girl having any major emotional or mental problems.

"I think she had no more issues than any other 16-year-old," he said.

Pangburn argues the state appellate public defender's office appeal does not capture the full extent of the trial's abuses.

"The prosecution's sworn ethical constraints to be truth finders were often times ignored and any kind of evidence that was any more than supposition or innuendo was not off limits to be introduced at trial," he said. "I am saying she is innocent. I

don't believe she is guilty."

Among the evidence that should not have been considered, Pangburn recalls, was a photo taken of Johnson at her parents' funeral that appeared to show her laughing.

"Even if she was laughing, it was entirely inappropriate," Pangburn said. "In fact, her mouth was open, followed by a cry. It was absurd. And there were repeated instances of that."

The prosecutor also attempted to show the jurors that Johnson had been reading murder mystery books in jail, Pangburn said.

"Solved" will include 13 episodes. The Sarah Johnson case will be among the first episodes to run in the fall.

The show focuses on career cases and is very pro-law enforcement, a member of the production crew said.

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# Wendell

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now in Idaho, where they moved just a year and a half ago.

To mother Juli Lynch, raised in Wendell, it was a return home. But it wasn't without worry, she says. After fighting to find the right care in urban Seattle, Juli was concerned about finding everything from doctors to dentists in rural Idaho. So far, things have gone well, but the family is still having problems finding others like them, she says.

"There's nothing here that we know of," she says of support groups.

The family is definitely eager to talk. While autism is often associated with learning disorders, Emma's is as bright as they come. Instead, his problems revolve around loud noises and funny textures, he says, and are shared by as many as one in 20 children.

"I don't like being touched on the head, that kind of stuff," he says after formally introducing himself.

He boasts a photographic memory for some topics, but suffered from minor seizures as an infant and insomnia in more recent years. Loud sounds can be so overwhelming, he says, that the family usually avoids parades and other loud settings. "The need to do so was reinforced at one parade where he encountered a Glanbia truck honking its horn."

"Of course, I'm not saying anything, but I'm inauthentic words at the gym," he recalls. Like "others" with Asperger's, Meara is more than happy to talk about her interests — the "Pokemon Yellow" video game, or her recent appearance in LEGO Magazine with a featured creation. But when it comes to other parts of her life, she's suddenly shy. She misses Seattle, she admits.

"I had four or five friends," she says. "Here we only have one."

She can't always read people's social cues, she said, something that's led to dis-

agreements in the past with Alayna. The youngest Lynch shares those simple games on the family's trampoline can end in arguments, simply because of Meara's sudden shift in mood.

"Usually, we get mad at each other," Alayna says.

But the siblings are getting better with each other, and after a short-lived attempt at private schooling, have flourished under schooling at home, Juli says. Along with the usual topics, she teaches them "life skills" such as household chores and plans to start money-management skills this year.

As many as one in 150 children are diagnosed with autism these days, and Juli knows there are others like her family out there. Finding them can be hard, but verbally, she says, as many family and friends don't quite understand the condition. After all, it's a complicated subject, and one not everyone has time to understand. "It's a busy world," she says. "Everybody's busy."

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# Convicts

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posed saving \$400 million by releasing more than 22,000 inmates who had less than 20 months remaining on their sentences.

Violent and sex offenders would not be eligible.

Laying off prison guards and making it more difficult to send parole violators back to state prison would account for part of the savings.

Law enforcement officials and Republican lawmakers immediately criticized Schwarzenegger's proposal, which would apply to car thieves, forgers, drunken drivers and some drug dealers.

Some would never serve prison time because the standard sentence for those crimes is 20 months or less.

"To open the prison door and release prisoners back into communities is merely

placing a state burden onto local governments and will ultimately jeopardize safety in communities," said Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer, who could see 1,800 inmates released in his area.

# Savings or security?

Lawmakers are debating plans to grant early releases to drug addicts, thieves and violent criminals as a way to save millions on prison systems. Select states' early prisoner release initiatives due to budget constraints

<b>CALIFORNIA</b> Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proposes saving \$400 million by releasing more than 22,000 nonviolent offenders with less than 20 months to serve.	<b>KENTUCKY</b> Lawmakers want to save nearly \$400 million by releasing up to 2,000 nonviolent offenders, and placing them in home confinement or drug treatment.	<b>ILLINOIS</b> The state is speeding up the parole process for about 3,500 eligible nonviolent, nonsexual offenders, or the most costly inmates released so far.	<b>MICHIGAN</b> Lawmakers debate speeding up parole for thousands of inmates to curtail prison costs, which have nearly tripled since 1984. Violent criminals and other serious offenders excluded.	<b>NEW JERSEY</b> Lawmakers approved a bill to send drug-addicted offenders to treatment rather than prison as a way to cut costs and reduce repeat offenses.	<b>RHODE ISLAND</b> Prisoners could be eligible for release sooner to save about \$1 million next year. But offenders serving life sentences except violent offenders could qualify.	<b>VERMONT</b> Lawmakers consider using ankle bracelets, near-constant supervision outside prison, substance abuse treatment programs and halfway houses to cut costs.
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SOURCE: States' legislative proposals

# Fees

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Monday with requests to raise tuition and fees between 5 percent and 7.9 percent. The requests, if approved by the board, will reflect the third year that state universities have received an increase of less than 10 percent.

But limiting student tuition and fee increases has come with a price. Academic programs, the hiring of full-time faculty, lighting and ventilation systems, even the clearing of sidewalks, have all taken a turn on the chopping block. Just ask those who crunch the numbers.

"Basically, what happens is a number of our operations are under pressure," said James Fletcher, vice president for finance and administration at Idaho State University.

With limited money coming in from student revenues, Idaho State is holding off on plans to expand its nursing program. The university also doesn't have the dollars to increase faculty and staff salaries, which are now 15 percent to 20 percent below the national average for similarly sized institutions.

"There's only so much you can do with fees," Fletcher said. "It's not the kind of thing that's really moving us ahead with new programs."

Students at Idaho State and Boise State pay tuition and fees for the cost of their educations. The University of Idaho's constitution does not

allow it to charge tuition, so the university students pay to attend is referred to as fees.

If the proposed increases are approved, Boise State in-state students who now pay tuition and fees of \$4,410 would pay \$4,678 next year; in-state students at Idaho State would pay \$4,708; and University of Idaho in-state students who pay \$4,410 in fees would pay \$4,760 next year.

State money makes up a huge chunk of university budgets, and lawmakers set aside more than \$285 million for public colleges and universities next year — up 7.9 percent from the year before. Still, student tuition and fees are critical when making up for declines in state funding during past years, Rosenbaum said.

For instance, tuition and fees accounted for 21 percent of the total \$683 million Boise State budget in 1997, but now make up 37 percent of the university's \$127 million budget for this year, Rosenbaum said.

And when revenue from students isn't an option, campus budget administrators try being creative to save money.

Boise State has switched to lights that use less energy, replaced older ventilation systems with ones that are more efficient, and rolled more on non-tenured professors during the past three years, Rosenbaum said.

The University of Idaho has delayed hiring plans and kept support offices minimally staffed to keep student costs low, said Lloyd Mues, UI finance director.

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# Obama continues to trump Clinton in money race

By Michael Finnegan and Dan Moran  
Los Angeles Times

Hillary Rodham Clinton's financial troubles returned to the forefront of the Democrats' White House marathon on Thursday as Barack Obama reported raising \$40 million last month — double what the New York senator collected.

Clinton's \$20 million take would be staggering in any other race. But she faces a rival who has shattered fundraising records, and this latest benchmark highlights Clinton's broader difficulties in catching up to Sen. Obama of Illinois in the projected Democrat nomination fight.

She has reported millions in debts and unpaid bills. Drawing mainly on earnings from her best-seller, "Living History," she has lent her campaign \$5 million to keep it from going broke.

She cannot come close to matching Obama in spending on TV ads and mailers in contests over the next two months in eight more states, along with Guam and Puerto Rico.

Clinton, who wrapped up a 24-hour California fundraising jaunt Thursday with stops in San Francisco, Pasadena and Beverly Hills, faces further strains in meeting day-to-day expenses — everything from charter planes and buses to stage equipment for campaign rallies.

"It's stunningly expensive," said Jim Jordan, who ran Sen. John Kerry's presidential campaign for part of the 2004

primary season. "It's hundreds of thousands of dollars a day."

For all that, Clinton's lag in fundraising is unlikely to drive her from the race, analysts say. But it is making her tough climb to the nomination that much tougher.

For starters, it can deter potential donors from giving her money by creating the impression that her campaign is a lost cause.

It also bolsters Obama's argument to superdelegates — the party and elected officials likely to settle the nomination — that he would raise more than Clinton would for the general-election battle against Sen.



Obama

John McCain of Arizona, the Republican nominee-in-waiting.

"One of the things we consider is electability," said Edward Espinoza, an undecided Long Beach, Calif., superdelegate. "It's sad, but it's true. I think both of these candidates have proven they can raise enormous sums of cash."

So far, Obama has swept in \$230 million. Clinton has raked in \$190 million.

McCain, who faces a dismal fundraising climate for Republicans, has had far less success. While he has not yet reported numbers for March, he had raised \$60 million by the end of February.

By some measures, Clinton's \$190 million understates her trouble keeping up with Obama. It includes the

\$5 million personal loan and \$10 million shifted from her Senate campaign.

Also inflating her total, she has made it a practice to raise money — upward of \$22 million — that she can spend only if she wins the nomination.

Clinton has also returned \$150,000 to donors whose money was gathered by Norman Hsu, a financier who faces federal fraud charges.

## Ex-President Carter hints he'd support Obama for president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Carter left little doubt this week about whom he'd like to see in the White House next year.

Speaking to local reporters Wednesday on a trip to Nigeria, the former Democratic president noted that Barack Obama had won his home state of Georgia and his hometown of Plains.

"My children and their spouses are pro-Obama. My grandchildren are also pro-Obama," he said at a news conference, according to the Nigerian newspaper.

This Day. "As a superdelegate, I would not disclose who I am rooting for, but I leave you to make that guess."

Carter's spokeswoman confirmed the remarks.

Asked about the comments, Hillary Rodham Clinton's communications director, Howard Wolfson, said: "Both Senator Clinton and President Clinton have a great deal of respect for President Carter and have enjoyed their relationship with him over the years. And, obviously, he is free to make whatever decision he thinks is appropriate."

Asked if there was concern that Carter would be regarded as particularly influential, Wolfson said Carter is "clearly a distinguished former leader of our party and is a superdelegate. And I'm sure that people will be interested in the choice that he makes. But no, nothing beyond that."

Carter is one of 13 Georgia Democratic superdelegates — elected officials and party elders who have a vote at the national convention this August in Denver and are free to support the candidate of their choice.

Only three of those have not said who they support: Carter, state Rep. Jim Marshall, and former Rep. Richard Ray, who is president of the Georgia chapter of the AFL-CIO.



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EDITORIAL

Lost opportunities and missing leadership in Boise

They weren't Idaho's finest 87 days. The second session of the 59th Idaho Legislature, which adjourned Wednesday, was notable only for its lack of accomplishment.

The economy was partly to blame. By Jan. 31, Idaho tax revenue was about \$36 million behind forecast. February figures showed the slump intensifying because of the meltdown of the housing market. The state economist predicted that tax revenue growth for the year starting July 1 be 2.8 percent, down from 3.4 percent earlier predicted.

So Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna's \$60 million merit pay plan was shelved. So was Gov. Butch Otter's proposed \$50 million for scholarships for low-income kids. Most notably, the governor's \$202 million scheme to fix roads by increasing registration fees produced nothing.

But the economy wasn't entirely to blame. Simply put, Otter and the leadership of the House and Senate weren't just on different pages — they were reading from different books. And didn't do enough to achieve a meeting of the minds that might have resulted in a little action. Here's our report card:

Highways

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Road repair is a core function of state government, and our highways are in sorry shape. There's a \$264.5 million backlog

Our view: The Idaho Legislature rates a "D" on its performance in the just-adjourned session.

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

of maintenance and construction, which could grow to more than \$400 million by the time the Legislature reconvenes next January.

Lawmakers offered a \$68.5 million compromise, which Otter turned down flat: It's hard to escape the conclusion the impasse had more to do with personality conflict than divergent visions of public policy.

Legislators did approve the latest \$124 million bonding installment of the \$1 billion Connecting Idaho roads project, which has no money for projects in south-central Idaho.

The Senate, meantime, foolishly rejected a House measure to cap Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles debt service at 20 percent of annual federal aid highway appropriations, leaving the state a potential debt bomb in future years.

Education

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The soft economy wounded

ISTARS, Luna's performance-based teacher pay plan, but a rebellion by teachers themselves killed it. In the end, even lawmakers who love merit-based pay were backing away from the bill.

Luna failed to involve the Idaho Education Association in a meaningful way, thus earning their opposition. The governor supported ISTARS but didn't actively campaign for it.

Education funding was otherwise adequate, considering the economy. Public schools got a 2.7 percent increase, including a 3.5 percent bump in teacher base pay. Higher education received a 6 percent boost, with community colleges taking a 25.4 percent raise that was artificially inflated by transfer of \$5 million from the State Board of Education budget for the new College of Western Idaho.

Lawmakers did double the community college tuition cap and the amount of liquor funds appropriated to community colleges, to \$600,000.

Prisons

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When Corrections Director Brent Reinke went to the Capitol Annex near the end of the session to talk about a new prison he was told to come back next year.

That was a fitting coda to Idaho's progress in coping with its burgeoning prison population, which is expected to increase 23 percent by 2010. Last year, Otter was adamant

about letting the private sector build a new prison. Lawmakers vehemently disagreed. Things went downhill from there.

The Legislature's most significant action came on the session's last day, when legislators and Otter hashed out their differences over funding for substance abuse treatment. The compromise was a remarkable turnaround from the governor's veto of a \$16.8 million bill just 12 days earlier.

Taxes

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A year after legislators rejected the governor's plan for grocery tax relief, a deal was reached for each member of a family of four earning less than \$25,000 getting an annual rebate of \$50; everyone else will get \$30, up from \$20. The break will rise by \$10 each year, to a maximum of \$100, and \$120 for seniors.

But the Senate balked at the House's plan to scrap Idaho's personal property tax, which would have cost the state \$120 million in compensation for counties that would have lost revenue. Legislators struck a sensible compromise, exempting the first \$100,000 of investment on business equipment, provided that state tax revenue grows 5 percent. That covers 90 percent of the businesses in Idaho.

Yet lawmakers refused once again to authorize a local-option sales tax that would let most Idaho cities pay for transportation and mass transit costs.

sprung a constitutional amendment that would have created exemptions for when municipalities need voter approval to incur debt on projects as long as taxpayer money isn't used, and rejected permission for communities such as Ketchum to make high-end developers help pay for affordable housing.

Water

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Legislators approved Otter's \$20 million request for an anchor modeling project, OK'd \$1.4 million to study raising Mindokka Dam to provide more irrigation water storage, and signed off on a package of state appropriations and loans to help buy 400-acre Pristine Springs in the Snake River Canyon.

The additional water may help Twin Falls solve its problems with arsenic-laced drinking water and boost groundwater purifiers' efforts to settle water rights disputes that have threatened to put a huge dent in south-central Idaho's agricultural economy.

It wasn't by a large, a do-nothing Legislature, but only 20 lawmakers face challenges in next month's all-important Republican primary.

So the next Legislature will likely look much like it does now.

Until Idahoans decide differently at the polls, they'll get the government they deserve.

Some serious doubts about John McCain

It is 3 a.m., and the stillness of the White House night is shattered by the ringing of the red phone. President John McCain, rousing himself from a deep sleep, turns on the light and picks up the receiver. A U.S. embassy in a Middle Eastern country, he is told, has been blown up, and al-Qaida is taking credit.

McCain takes a deep breath. "Character counts, my friend," he says. "Bomb Iran. Bomb, bomb Iran."

There is a rustling of blankets, and, brushing aside Cindy McCain, a concerned Joe Lieberman rises from the bed. "Not Iran, Mr. President," he says. "They hate al-Qaida."

"That's right," the president says. "I remember now." He sighs with relief. "Good thing you're here every night, Joe."

But suppose, dear reader, that John McCain becomes president and Joe Lieberman doesn't bunk with the McCains on a nightly basis. How easily should the rest of us sleep? It's anything but an academic question after McCain's bizarre performance in Jordan last month.

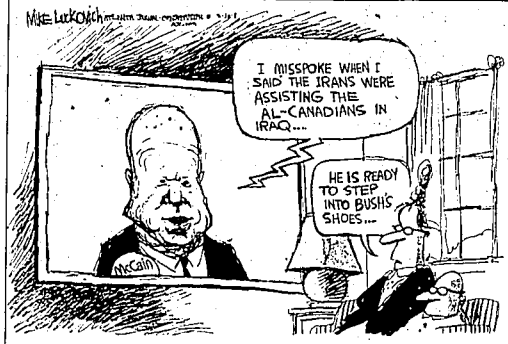


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There, he told reporters that he was "concerned" about Iranian (operatives) taking al-Qaida into Iran, training them and sending them back to Iraq. "That's well known," he continued — at which point Lieberman whispered a correction in his ear. "I'm sorry," McCain then said. "The Iranians are training extremists, not al-Qaida."

What are we to make of this moment? Was it a senior moment? A jet-lagged moment? Or worse, was it really a moment at all? After all, the evening before, McCain had told listeners of Hugh Hewitt's radio talk show that "there are al-Qaida operatives that are taken back into Iran, given training as leaders, and they're moving back into Iraq."

So the al-Qaida-Iran



alliance wasn't just a passing thought. It was a thought that had taken up residence in McCain's brain for at least a day, possibly longer. Whether it was a simple mistake, a neoconservative delusion or a habit of mind that lumps together all of America's enemies (either sincerely or calculatedly, to build public support for military action), we cannot say. What we can say is that the idea of any or all of these options is profoundly disquieting. The very thought of a president who deliberately conflates or erroneously confuses our adversaries with each other is appalling, though not without preced-

ent. We're mired in a war that has its roots in George W. Bush's both imagining and fabricating an alliance between Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden. Do we really want to perpetuate these habits of mind in the next administration?

McCain's blunder didn't really get the attention it deserved, however. He was fortunate that his descent into fantasy occurred in the same week as Barack Obama's reverend crisis and Wall Street's near-meltdown. He got a pass from most of the media, too, in part because his statements in Jordan ran so completely counter to his image as an

expert on national security.

What's been missing from the prevailing narrative of McCain's national security expertise, however, is any serious assessment of the nature of his beliefs. As early as 1999, McCain was recommending "tough state roll-back" as our policy toward such nations as Iraq. He remains an unabashed advocate of preventive war, as his comments on bombing Iran have made clear, and of permanent war, as his comments on revamping the Iraq war have made clear. His advocacy of a missile defense system is rooted in a preference for military unilateralism — though it may stimulate a

new arms race — over diplomacy if you liked Bush's foreign and military policy, you'll love McCain's.

But McCain's thinking, unlike his life, remains an undiscovered country to his countrymen, though he is the presumptive Republican presidential nominee. On economic matters, that may be because he doesn't seem to have devoted much time or energy to thinking about the economy. That dearth of thought was apparent this week in his speech on the financial crisis. Even some of the barons of Wall Street, looking at the mess they've made, have been recommending stepped-up regulation of financial practices and institutions, but not McCain, who called for "removing regulatory, accounting and tax impediments to raising capital."

Never mind that a leading cause of our liquidity crisis is that so many financial institutions are exempt from the regulations that would require them to back their investments with actual assets or would enable them just to raise the assets that are on their books. Hard to say what's more dangerous — McCain's approach to the economy or McCain's approach to the world. The thought of him answering the red phone at 3 a.m. fills me with foreboding. Hell, I don't want him answering the red phone at 3 p.m.

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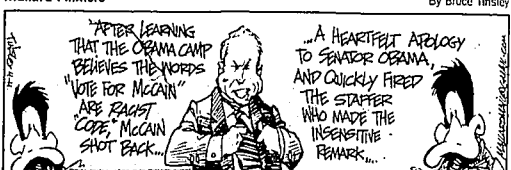
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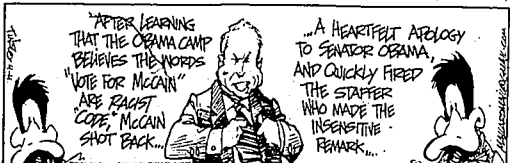
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# What U.S. owes Martin Luther King Jr.

Certain events imprint the mind with images time cannot erase. People of one generation recall where they were when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. People of another remember where they were when John F. Kennedy was assassinated.



CAL THOMAS

King is as much a part of American history as is Abraham Lincoln. Why do evil men so often take from us those who seek to do good?

Then there was the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 40 years ago today. I was a young man having dinner with an old man at an upscale private club in Atlanta. When the news came in, it was whisked from table to table. There were shocked murmurs, heads shook.

That night I caught the last light from Atlanta to Washington. The plane began to descend toward National Airport. I saw the city of my birth in flames. Our nation's capital looked like Berlin after the bombings of World War II.

Richard Nixon's name was called out, one of them my brother-in-law. People believed a race war had begun. It was a scary, sobering time. An apostate of hate had killed the apostle of non-violence.

Nixon had been written and spoken of that horrible day 40 years ago. Much more will be written and spoken in decades to come. King is as much a part of American history as is Abraham Lincoln. Why do evil men so often take from us those who seek

to do good? For years what became known as the "riot corridor," three Washington-area thoroughfares ravaged by looting and arson in 1968, languished in decay. The Nixon administration demonstrated little interest in seeing the corridor rebuilt. Washington was (and is) a one-party town and Nixon's "Southern strategy" sought white votes, not black ones. No business wanted to set up shop in areas so recently destroyed by vandals.

Yes, some of the rioters were criminals looking for an excuse to rob and loot. Others allowed their despair over economic judgment burning their neighborhoods and thrusting themselves further down the ladder of success.

Dr. King would not recognize modern Washington. It still has its deep pockets of poverty, but today's capital city is vibrant and optimistic. A brand-new baseball stadium just opened and the hope is that it will contribute economic revitalization to a part of the city where prosperity has been a stranger.

People who don't read history or weren't alive during the King era may have forgotten, or never knew, of the character assassinations made against him. Some white preachers claimed he kept company with communists. Others appealed to the most virulent forms of racism, suggesting that if black men gained their "endowed unalienable rights" they might marry white women, thus "polluting" the gene pool. To younger people, this may sound like fiction. Those who lived through it, especially black people (who were called "niggers" on a good day) know it as fact.

It was in this environment that Dr. King lived, worked and worked. It is easy to bask in his glow four decades after his death. It took incredible bravery at the time to walk with him in support of his cause. And it wasn't only his cause. It was for American freedom. He challenged this country to live up to its ideals and what he knew was its better nature. If it could escape from behind the barricade of prejudice and ignorance,

I will said, "I refuse to accept this world that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unearned truth, if unconditionally held, will have the final word."

Two months after King's murder, Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated. Kennedy echoed King when he said, "Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope..."

King sent out more than a ripple of hope. He sent out a flood. Without him there might not have been a civil rights movement, at least not one as effective in breaking the chains of injustice. That's a legacy that should make all Americans proud. That's why King deserves more than a quiet holiday. In what he said about race and brotherhood, he deserves to be followed.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Comparisons between Jesus, President Bush

During this Easter season, I am aware of the strong convergence of events that surrounded both George Bush and Jesus of Nazareth: Both were hoped-for saviors, freeing folks from evil, tyrannical leaders.

Both were advised by close associates to lead a holy war against these tyrants.

Both were cheered on by huge crowds of well-wishers, affirming their loyalty with loud hosannas.

Both proclaimed the formation of a multinational coalition to usher in a New World Order free of oppression.

Both insisted they were simply doing heaven's will.

Both were tempted to cut and run when the going got really tough. Both resisted the temptation.

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PHIL ALTH Berger

### Woman, volunteers keep egg hunt hopping

Completely caring for life's full spectrum of animals, Kathy Adams and her family of crew and volunteers deliver the "pat-of-gold" Easter Egg Hunt again.

Smiling faces, smiles as wide as rainbows once again grace the lawns of the Magic Valley Manor Assisted Living Center in Wendell.

Kathy always leads her small army of leprechauns and Easter bunnies hiding hundreds and hundreds of colored eggs, all hand-colored by staff, scouting volunteers and, most importantly, most of the elder residents themselves!

Of course, as the long-

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standing tradition continues, within each age group, there is always a golden egg. This year the donated prizes ranged from bikes and tricycles to skate

mobiles — everyone got a prize. And when the going got really tough, both resisted the temptation.

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### Vote for the person, not race or gender

I am a 71-year-old conservative white male, and I am tired of hearing that the presidential race is about color and gender.

I would not consider voting for Barack Obama, not because of his color but because of his liberal voting record and his total lack of knowledge regarding foreign affairs. I will not vote for Hillary Clinton, not because she is a woman but because of her liberal voting record and her total lack of truthfulness.

When you have two people with very poor character running for the top position in the country and all they can do is complain about being treated poorly because of their color or gender, you don't have very good candidates.

If Condoleezza Rice were running for the presidency or as vice president, she would get my vote in a minute. She is highly intelligent and straightforward in her beliefs. She has a very good knowledge of foreign affairs and is respected worldwide. Oh, by the way, she is both black and a woman.

RAY WILMAN Twin Falls

# What works — and what doesn't — in Afghanistan

KHOSR, Afghanistan — This former Taliban stronghold, where Osama bin Laden spent time planning the Sept. 11 attacks, has become an American success story. The Taliban is being pushed out, and a government presence is extending into previously hostile territory. At NATO headquarters in Kabul, most of Khosr has been moved out of the "red" column — at least for now.



RICHARD HOLBROOKE

at night, but you Americans did not even know." Gov. Jamal, his own closeness to the Americans making him even more vulnerable, was doubtful. "This undermines everything we are trying to do here," he said.

Jamal and the elders understood that locally based American troops were not involved in the operations and that the targets were supposed to be an important Taliban cadre. Despite the furor, they stressed that they want the Americans to stay as long as necessary, knowing that will be a very long time without NATO's continued presence, their government would fail. They have little confidence in the Afghan army, even though it seems to be improving, because there is as yet no indication that it can function in difficult conditions without active NATO support. Moreover, the elders, like everyone else, despise the national police — Afghanistan's most corrupt institution. I heard first-hand accounts of Taliban police shakedown on

the main roads, police destruction of agricultural produce because the officers were not paid off and direct police participation in the drug trade (which makes the police and the Taliban the worst of enemies). The police are the front edge of Afghanistan's biggest problem. In conversations with more than 400 foreigners (diplomats, journalists, soldiers), Afghans in the private sector and, most important, senior members of the Karzai government, I found unanimity on one point: The massive, officially sanctioned corruption and the drug trade are the most serious problems the country faces, and they offer the Taliban its only exploitable opportunity to gain support.

There will be more successes like Khosr as additional NATO troops, including 3,000 U.S. Marines, arrive later this year. But with each tactical achievement, Afghanistan will become more dependent on international support, which will always be better, faster and more honest than anything the government will be able to supply.

In the extraordinary intensity of what James A. Michener called "one of the world's great cauldrons," in his 1963 bestseller "Caravans," no one has had

time to think about the day after the day after tomorrow. The effort in Afghanistan is vital to America's national security interests, and we must succeed — as the team in Khosr has.

But even as the United States and its NATO allies move deeper into the cauldron, questions must be asked: When, and how, will the international community band responsibility for Afghanistan back to its government? Will short-term success create a long-term trap for the United States and its allies, as the war becomes the longest in American history?

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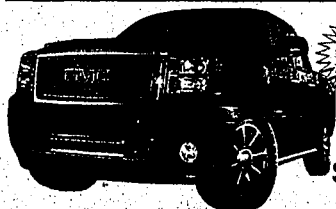
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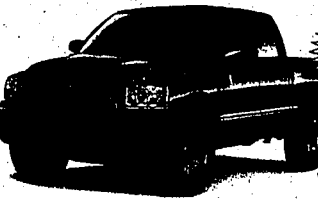
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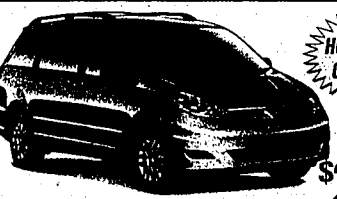
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## Whole lotta Love takes UCLA to Final Four

By Beth Harris  
Associated Press writer

SAN ANTONIO — A whole lotta Love has taken UCLA a long way this season.

Expectations were already outsize when Kevin Love walked onto the Westwood campus as the greatest high school player in Oregon history. The 6-foot-10 freshman was the coveted big man the Bruins had been lacking since Bill Walton and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar starred on John Wooden's teams in the early '70s.

"I've heard the comparisons. Those are unfair, because they are probably the two best college players of all time," Love said. "Those are the hardest footsteps ever to follow in college basketball."

But he's trying.

Love chose UCLA ahead of North Carolina and quickly won over the Bruins' demanding fans, dazzling them with advanced point passes, 3-point scoring and low post moves.

"He's kept his cool all the way to the Final Four, where Love wants to give the Bruins a record 12th national championship before likely heading off to the NBA draft.

"It's been the ride of my life," he said. "Love thrives on playing the biggest games under the hottest

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**Kansas coach won't let Alabama's job opener distract him**  
**Memphis player suspended**

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spotlight, which makes Saturday's national semifinal against Memphis his ideal situation.

He's averaging 21.8 points and 11 rebounds while shooting 61 percent from the field and 77 percent from 3-point range in the NCAA tournament. He's blocked 17 shots, including seven in a thrilling two-point win over Texas A&M in the second round.

"He came in with so much expectation and hype," UCLA coach Ben Howland said. "To have all that on your shoulders and not only reach all the expectations and exceed them, he's

been incredible." Love has learned to play Howland's style of hard-nosed defense, something that wasn't necessary in high school, where he "just sort of stood around and got easy baskets and waited for rebounds," he said.

The turning point in Love's memorable first and likely only collegiate season came against Texas in early December. The Bruins were beaten by two points at home, their first loss, and Love played just 24 minutes — nearly 10 minutes less than the other starters.

"I wasn't doing that great on defense. Lorenzo (Mata-Real) had to step in being a fourth-year guy," Love said. "From then

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Twin Falls High School's Dunia Emmanuel leads a pack of winners Thursday during the 3,200-meter run at the Angie Wyatt Invitational at Filer High School.

## Tigers tops at Angie Wyatt

Valley's Nelson sweeps girls sprints

By David Bashore  
Staff writer

FILER — Zandra Nelson couldn't lead the Valley girls to a team championship at Thursday's Angie Wyatt Invitational, but she sure did try.

Jerome took team honors for both boys and girls, but the best individual performance clearly came from Nelson, who swept the girls sprints in dominating fashion.

Nelson won the 100 meters in 12.3 seconds, more than half a second better than Jerome's Molly Reid, whom Nelson topped by over a second in the 200 meters. The Valley senior breezed to a near-four-second win in the 400 meters.

"I'm just a lot more relaxed and calm, and confident in my running this year," Nelson said after the first of her three wins on the day. "I got off to a pretty good start, and it was one of those lucky days. That helps me to keep focused on the finish line and not worry about what's going on around me."

Nelson's 100 time was a personal record, she said, and one tenth of a second off her target time for the season.

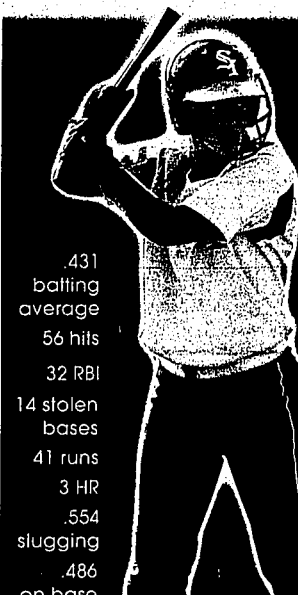
Valley finished fifth in the team standings with 54 points, well off Jerome's winning total of 160.5. Kimberly was a very distant second with 21.

The Tigers achieved that lofty mark courtesy of some strong relay performances and the distinctive dominance of the Chojnacky sisters, Mackenzie and Victoria, who swept the 100-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs.

All three of the boys sprint races went right down to the wire, with Jerome junior Aaron Jackson taking first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11 seconds, and finishing two-tenths behind the winning time in the 200 meters, at 23.

Austin Bastercheen of Gooding looked like he was going to win the 400 meters, but was piped at the line by a runner from Independence (Elko, Nev.) and had to settle for second. Despite that,

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College of Southern Idaho freshman Megan Zimmerman stands in to bat during the Golden Eagles' 11-2 home victory over North Idaho College on Feb. 22. Zimmerman leads the Scenic West Athletic Conference in hits and is among the conference's top 10 leaders in 11 other offensive categories.

431  
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56 hits  
32 RBI  
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# GAMER

CSI freshman is steadily putting together a monster season

By Eric Larsen • Staff writer

Four months ago, there was a feeling around the college of Southern Idaho softball team that 2008 could be a rough year for Golden Eagles freshmen.

This second-year program would offer all an up to 17 sophomores, even as it happened in a last-minute contract extension season. The idea was that the group of players who brought CSI to the top of the 2007 NCAA Division II World Series in the Sun Belt would see a new crop of players and ultimately become the sole determining factor of the team's success or sophomore year.

Then Megan Zimmerman popped up to the top, and proceeded to smash soft balls, along with an impressive 11-2 record, CSI freshman condition

become more confident. She opened her sophomore year with a career game hit streak and has become one of the most consistent and dangerous hitters in the Scenic West Athletic Conference. As the top Golden Eagle, she has to put the 11-2 record on the line of home runs against the College of Southern Idaho Zimmerman has 14 home runs in the 2008 sophomore season and 66 hits in 100 at-bats. Zimmerman has a .554 batting average, 56 hits, 32 RBI, 14 stolen bases, 41 runs, 3 HR, .554 slugging and .486 on base.

She has also led the team in home runs, RBI, hits and batting average. Zimmerman has a .554 batting average, 56 hits, 32 RBI, 14 stolen bases, 41 runs, 3 HR, .554 slugging and .486 on base.

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## Eye Eyes

**Today:** Southern Nevada (21-13, 16-8 SWAC) at No. 13 CSI (32-13, 16-6 SWAC), DH, 1 p.m.  
**Last time they met:** The two teams split a four-game SWAC series played in Henderson, Nev., earlier this year with both teams winning one game per day.  
**On the horizon:** The Coyotes and Golden Eagles meet for a noon,

Saturday doubleheader. CSI is back in action next Friday and Utah to travel to Ephraim, Utah, taking on Snow College.  
**CSI season leaders:** (minimums apply)  
**Batting — Average:** Megan Zimmerman, .434, Stephanie Holmes, .375. Hits: Zimmerman 56, Rochelle Noren 46. 2B:

Katelynn Warren 11, Holmes 7. 3B: Zimmerman, Noren, Cassi Merrill 2, seven with 1. HR: Holmes 5, Anna Sorrell, McKensy Hillstead 5, RBIs: Holmes 37, Holmes 36, BB: Sorrell 39, Holmes 30. SB: Noren 18-21, Zimmerman 14-16.  
**Pitching — Record:** Jody Zillner 11-4, 2.68 ERA (14 starts); Hillstead

6-1, 3.60 ERA (9 starts). Saves: Holmes, Hillstead, Desi Thomson 1. ERA: Holmes 1.79, Thomson 2.08. Innings pitched: Zillner 78 2/3, Thomson 77 1/3. Complete games: Zillner 3, Holmes 3. Shutouts: Holmes 3, Thomson, Hillstead 2. SO: Zillner 73, Thomson 63. Opponents' average: Holmes .207, Thomson .229.

## CSI sophomore tough in the clutch

### Hanson leads SWAC in big at bats

By Eric Larsen  
Staff writer

Belief is as valuable a baseball skill as any measure of arm strength or hitting power for a developing team.

For the College of Southern Idaho squad, the belief that this team can be competitive come postseason play kept the Golden Eagles from wavering after a 0-4 start to the season. The 19-17 CSI team believes it will contend with a 25-8 Salt Lake Community College team putting together one of the best seasons in program history. It has to, as belief is a fundamental facet of athletes: think my stuff is better than yours, and I'm going to prove it.

For his part, CSI outfielder and catcher Jed Hanson has become the personification of belief in the face of overwhelming odds. Few players in the Scenic West Athletic Conference started the 2008 season as poorly as the sophomore from Hamble, Minn. Even fever have played as well in the clutch conference situations that ultimately matter most to a team's success.

Hanson's .255 batting average is such a poor indication of the type of season he is putting together that it almost seems untrue. No player in the SWAC has tallied more RBIs than Hanson's 26, of which 20 have come in conference play. He's hitting at a .328 clip in SWAC games, and has become possibly the best clutch hitter in the region.

With a runner on third and two

outs recorded, Hanson is 11-for-18 (.611). Eleven of his conference-high 20 RBIs have come with two outs.

"He wants to be up when guys are on base," CSI head coach Brotnor Walker said. "I think that's just half the battle: Not fearing what people presume to be pressure situations in a game."

Hanson's best attribute in the batter's box is his ability to consistently put the ball in play, regardless of the outcome of the at bat. In 110 at bats, he's struck out 19 times and has walked or been hit 10 times. The other 81 attempts, he's forced the opposition to make a play, including on one of his team-high three sacrifice flies and the 30 times he's been successful in advancing runners with an at bat.

"As the year's gone on, I've just been attacking, trying to get in hitter's counts, not letting the pitcher

get ahead of me," Hanson said. "But yeah, I've always been a pretty aggressive hitter."

On a team bereft of much vocal leadership and experience at the collegiate level, Hanson's on-field actions have been a boon for a CSI team with a 10-10 SWAC record that is still learning to play with experience for the game while competing at a high level.

"I think I've just one of those guys who tries to be an example,"

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College of Southern Idaho sophomore Jed Hanson waxes while returning to the Golden Eagles' dugout after colliding with Western Nevada's Steve Gutschewsky at second base during a 4-3 win over the Wildcats on March 8 at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls.



Photo by Paul





# Kansas' Self won't let alma mater's job opening distract

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — On the day Sean Sutton resigned as Oklahoma State's coach, Bill Self walked into Kansas athletic director Law Perkins' office.

Self told Perkins what he already knew: there would be speculation that Self was a candidate to return to his alma mater.

Perkins said Thursday that Self told him: "I'm staying. I'm not going anywhere."

The only thing on Self's mind these days is the national championship game. He's already reached another elusive goal — the Final Four. Self had been one step away four times "until the Jayhawks held off Davidson on Sunday in the Midwest Region final.

"Think he was relieved? When Davidson launched his last-gasp shot, Self crouched in front of his bench, as if he almost couldn't bear to watch. The shot fell harmlessly away, and Self had erased the one glaring gap on his resume.

"I don't know if it was on his back or anything, but I think it was on his mind quite a bit," Perkins said. "It's been so long. I'm glad for him that he was able to break through. I don't think he lay awake at night saying, 'If I don't do this, I'm not a good coach.'"

Self's reward for breaking through is a date in the national semifinals with mighty North Carolina (36-2), the top overall seed. As if the matchup wasn't intriguing enough.



At left, Kansas coach Bill Self yells to his team during the first half of the NCAA Midwest Regional basketball final against Davidson, in Detroit, on March 30. At right, North Carolina coach Roy Williams reacts to an official's call against Clemson, in Clemson, S.C., on Jan. 6.

It also pits Self against his predecessor, Roy Williams, still vilified by many Jayhawks fans despite leading Kansas to four Final Fours.

"Fans will make a big deal of it," said Self, who is 140-32 in five seasons at Kansas. Some Kansas fans are still mad at Williams for leaving for his alma mater, but the peo-

ple might be worried about Self doing the same thing. He graduated from Oklahoma State in 1995.

The coaching merry-go-round has become a fact of Final Four life, with speculation about coaches' moves filling the idle time until tipoff. Perkins said he's not concerned.

"He's given me no indication he's leaving," Perkins said. "Bill's not a pony."

Self has made it clear he wants to stay at Kansas. The school gave Self a five-year contract extension last season, increasing his annual compensation to more than \$1.3 million with a chance to make another \$350,000 each year if he meets incentives.

Perkins said he and the 45-year-old Self will meet after the season to talk about a new deal — and Self stands to capitalize on his newly minted status as a Final Four coach.

Self had been agonizingly close to the Final Four four times, reaching the regional final with Tulsa in 2000, Illinois in 2001 and Kansas in 2004 and 2007.

"As if Self's near-misses weren't painful enough, he had to watch from afar as Illinois went 37-1 on its way to the 2005 championship game, where it lost to North Carolina. In a case of spectacularly bad timing, Self had left Champaign — and a potential national championship roster — for Kansas in 2003. "I really thought that that team had a chance to be special," Self said. "That group of players — turned out five of those guys all played in the NBA. But it was tough watching them play, because I know I could have been a part of that."

"I just kept telling myself: Hey, we did it for the long run, and this is the long run," Self said.

# Buckeyes swat UMass for NIT title

NEW YORK (AP) — In a locker room outbreak equal parts joy and angst, Jimmy Butler finally dropped the charade Ohio State had been playing for nearly three weeks and revealed its main motivating factor for a roughshod run through the NIT.

"This is what happens when you put an NCAA tournament team in the NIT," Butler yelled, surrounded by his teammates after beating Massachusetts 92-85 in the title game Thursday night. "Write that down and send that to the committee."

A year removed from a loss in the national championship game, the Buckeyes have a trophy to carry home — even if it's not the one they had wanted.

"Kind of a sore loser," coach Thad Matta said, when asked whether he would watch the Final Four this weekend. "I don't know what I'm going to do. I think I'm going to go to bed."

Butler had 19 points and eight assists in his final college game, which culminated with the kind of raucous victory celebration inside/Madison Square Garden that couldn't have last year in Atlanta.

The Buckeyes lost to Florida in the Final Four, and a snub by the NCAA selection committee kept them from playing for another trip there. They rebounded to dominate each of their four outings on the way to New York, then had enough to withstand every UMass run.

"In 24 hours I've probably watched 10 or 12 games they played," Minutemen coach Travis Ford said, "and I never saw them shoot like that." Ohio State's lead of 22 points and earned the tournament's most outstanding player award. Evan Turner finished with 20 for the Buckeyes (24-13), who shot 63 percent (19-of-30) from the field in the second half.

"They had their press coming at us," Butler said, "and once we



Ohio State's Evan Turner, right, blocks a shot attempt by Massachusetts' Chris Lowe during the first half in the championship game of the NIT college basketball tournament Thursday at Madison Square Garden in New York.

broke out, I think we were fine on the open floor and I think we made great plays."

Ricky Harris scored 27 for UMass (25-11), hitting three 3-pointers in the closing minutes to help the Minutemen stay close.

"The last of them made it 77-75 with 3:13 left, but Othello Hunter scored moments later and after Harris missed another 3 try at the other end, Butler drained a 3-pointer from the wing to give Ohio State some breathing room.

Turner took care of things from the free throw line over the final minute and a half, helping the Buckeyes wrap up the title.

"I've seen this team go through

a lot," Matta said, moments before cutting down the net. "I'm happy for them."

Dimitris-Drivner, one of four players in the starting lineup who grew up in New York, had 17 points and 12 rebounds for UMass. Gary Forbes finished with 16 points and six assists, and Dante Milligan scored 14.

Massachusetts dominated Ohio State on the boards, outrebounding the bigger Buckeyes 49-37 and corraling a starting 30 on the offensive end. But UMass figured to be in trouble when the frenetic pace that it also enjoys kept up in the second half: Ohio State was 15-1 this season when scoring at least 70 points.

## Former coach Evans sues USF over firing

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jesse Evans sued the University of San Francisco on Thursday for unlawful termination of his contract as men's basketball coach.

Evans was fired last month by the school after being forced to take a leave of absence in December. Eddie Sutton replaced Evans for the remainder of the season for the Dons and won his 800th career game.

Evans had two years remaining on his contract worth about \$600,000 in compensation and benefits. He is seeking that money as well as future lost compensation based on damage to his reputation.

The suit, filed in San Francisco Superior Court, also seeks compensatory damages for humiliation, mental anguish and emotional distress and punitive damages. USF athletic director Dabra Gore-Mann and attorney Michael Vartain are also defendants in the suit.

Evans claims Gore-Mann harmed his reputation when she said in a news release that Evans had resigned a leave of absence in December. Evans said the leave was not voluntary.

Vartain is being sued for telling the San Francisco Chronicle last month that Evans committed numerous "secondary" NCAA violations amounting to the "loss of control" of the program. Vartain declined to comment and university spokesman Ryan McCrary said the school would have no comment because officials had not had time to review the lawsuit.

Evans was hired from Louisiana-Lafayette in April 2004 to replace fired coach Phil Matthews. He had a 45-57 record with the Dons, leading them to the NIT in his first season.

## Memphis player suspended for Final Four games

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Backup point guard Andre Allen missed only two games the last three seasons for the Memphis Tigers. Now he might miss the two most important.

Allen was suspended for a violation coach John Calipari said he couldn't reveal because of privacy rules. Allen did not travel to San Antonio for the Final Four, counting him out for the national semifinal against UCLA on Saturday and the title game Monday night should Memphis (37-1) get that far.

"Sometimes these guys do stupid things at inopportune times," Calipari said. "He has."

Allen scored only one basket the last five games and averaged just 3.3 points, 2.1 assists and 1.2 rebounds over 14.1 minutes per game this season. So his absence is likely to affect intangibles more than stats and OSU. Will it be a distraction? Hardly, according to Calipari, saying it instead might "elevate my team."

"Because if you've ever coached or been part of a team, someone gets hurt and what happens? They come together, and they step up," Calipari said Thursday before a practice at Trinity University. "So at the end of the day, it may help us. It will not hurt us." It's like a guy making a bad play with 4 minutes left and the guys saying, "We've got your back. We got this." I bet you they'll want to, but I don't think they're all that stressed out."

Allen's minutes will easily be absorbed by others.

Allen was the third-string point guard, so second-stringer Willie Kemp could see more time. Starting shooting guard Antonio Anderson also is capable of running the offense.

Allen was obviously I got this kid that's not bad, Derrick Ross," Calipari said.

Ross, the freshman sensation, played 39 minutes in the second round and obviously could go all 40 if necessary. After all, this is probably his last weekend in college basketball.

Allen, one of two Memphis natives on the roster, did not play as a freshman because he was an accident-prone non-qualifier.

## CBI tourney Love likely is here for long haul

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — College basketball's third postseason tournament is

Rick Gilles, the president of the College Basketball Invitational, said Thursday that the alternative to the National Invitation Tournament considers its first year a success and plans a similar event next year.

In the shadows of the Final Four and the NIT, the CBI will crown its champion, though when Tulsa (24-14) hosts Bradley (21-16) in Game 3 of the championship series.

"I was still a little bit nervous as if I was going to be accepted on the team," Love said. "They took me in as part of the family, and there was never any mixed emotions or jealousy about it."

"I was one of the attention on him is "a little weird sometimes," Love said. If he's on a podium with his teammates, Love will pass to the direction directed at him to

one of them.

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## Mavericks show old playoff form thanks to Nowitzki's early return

DALLAS (AP) — The unexpected return of Dirk Nowitzki helped the stumbling Dallas Mavericks find the swagger that made them an NBA finalist last year.

The 111-89 blowout of Golden State on Wednesday night was a stunning reversal for a squad that had gone 0-10 against winning teams since acquiring Jason Kidd and slid down the playoff standings in March. It was Dallas' first losing month since 2000, when the Mavericks lost the postseason.

Nowitzki didn't practice Thursday after his early return from a high ankle sprain, but coach Avery Johnson said he looked "pretty good."

"The word 'swagger' has several letters in it, and we just don't want to stop on the 's,'" Johnson said. "We need to keep going consistently."

Johnson used another "s" word — steel — to describe Nowitzki. The big German had 18 points and five rebounds in nearly 27 minutes, but there's not a stat sheet anywhere that describes how the reigning MVP was most valuable against the Warriors.

A dejected-looking Nowitzki told reporters hours before the Golden State game that he didn't think he'd be ready to go. Maybe he was sandbagging. Or maybe he had time to realize that a loss to the Warriors would have been the sixth loss in eight games with visits to the Los Angeles Lakers and Phoenix up next.

"Just seeing Dirk out there gave us a lot of

## Bulls edge Cavs

CLEVELAND (AP) — Ben Gordon made five clutch free throws down the stretch and Larry Hughes scored 19 of his 25 points in the second half against his former team, rallying the Chicago Bulls to a 101-99 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday night.

The Bulls, with nothing to play for in the season's final weeks, came back from 17 points down in the second half to snap a six-game road losing streak.

Hughes, traded by the Cavaliers to Chicago at the Feb. 21 deadline, added nine assists and eight rebounds. Gordon scored 24 points and Luol Deng and Andres Nocioni had 15 each.

life," said Josh Howard, who averaged 30 points in the four games Nowitzki missed and scored 20 Wednesday. "His presence is big on this team, and we came out and played hard for him."

A loss would have left Dallas tied with Golden State in the three-team scrum for the final two Western Conference playoff spots (Denver is the other). The Mavericks haven't escaped the jam, but they're two games up on the Warriors, tiebreaker in hand, with seven games remaining.

# Yankees pull out one-run win over visiting Blue Jays

**NEW YORK** — Bobby Abreu's bloop single snapped an eight-inning tie, and the New York Yankees got a solid outing from Phil Hughes in a 2-1 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Thursday night.

After scoring 76 more runs than any other team in the major leagues last season, New York's powerful lineup managed only eight in its first three games against a first Toronto pitching staff. Still, that was enough to take two of three in the series.

Joba Chamberlain (1-0) worked a scoreless inning and Mariano Rivera got three outs for his second save. With the score tied at 2 on a 42-degree night, Mickey Cabrera opened the eighth with a single off Brian Wolfe (0-1). Scott Downs bobbled Johnny Damon's sacrifice bunt for an error that allowed Damon to reach safely, and Derek Jeter advanced both runners with a sacrifice bunt. Then he dropped a soft single into center for his first RBI, making him 5-for-10 on the year.

**ROYALS 4, TIGERS 1**  
**DIETROIT** — Zack Greinke allowed one run in seven innings. Alex Gordon and Mark Teixeira homered, and the Royals completed a season-opening three-game sweep.

Kansas City is 3-for-3 for the first time since winning its first nine games in 2003. Last year, the Royals didn't win a series until their sixth game when they took two of three against Minnesota on April 20-22.

Detroit, with the second-highest payroll in the major leagues at \$139.7 million,



New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter lays down a sacrifice bunt in the eighth inning against the Toronto Blue Jays during a baseball game Thursday at Yankee Stadium in New York. The Yankees won 3-2.

scored only five runs in the series.

**ANGELS 5, TWINS 4**  
**MINNEAPOLIS** — In the final game of an emotional return to the Metrodome, Brian Hunter homered leading off the seventh inning to help Los Angeles get the win.

Prior to his drive, Hunter had gone just 2-for-14 to start the season and admitted to being gassed from the ceremonies and warm ups before he received from Twins fans who watched him star in center field for the previous nine years. Hunter signed a \$90 million, five-year deal with the Angels in the offseason. Mike Napoli and Gary Matthews Jr. also homered for Los Angeles.

**WHITE SOX 2, INDIANS 1**  
**CLEVELAND** — John Danks didn't allow a hit until Casey Blake singled leading off the sixth inning and Joe Crete hit a tiebreaking home run in the eighth for the White Sox.

Cleveland scored 17 runs in winning the first two games of the series but managed two hits against four pitchers. Danks allowed one run and two hits in 6-2-3 innings. Octavio Dotel (1-1) retired Blake on a flyout with runners on second and third to end the seventh. Scott Linebrink pitched a perfect eighth and

## MLB investigators ask Canseco for help

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jose Canseco was approached by two onlookers for Major League Baseball before his book signing appearance, and the lawyer for the former AL MVP said they asked for assistance in drug investigations.

"You could have knocked us over with a feather," Canseco's lawyer Robert Saunooke said Thursday. "Four years of denial and treating him as a pariah, and now they want his help." Saunooke said he and Canseco spoke with the investigators, Eduardo Dominguez

and Victor Burgos, for about 15 minutes Wednesday in the grand room of a Barnes & Noble bookstore in Manhattan.

Chicago averted an opening three-game sweep.

**PIRATES 4, BRAVES 3**  
**ATLANTA** — Mike Hampton was scratched before the first pitch, and the Atlanta Braves bullpen had a long night.

Canseco said that he or Canseco finished a book tour that is scheduled to run through next week.

Eventually, Xavier Nady and the Pittsburgh Pirates broke through.

Jimmy Rollins reached on an infield single to start the bottom of the 10th against Colome (0-1). The reigning NL MVP never hesitated to advance second bases and advanced all the way to third on Shane Victorino's perfect sacrifice.

Nady drove in Nyjer Morgan with a 10th-inning single and the Pirates beat the Braves 4-3 on Thursday night.

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## Hanson

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Walker said, "It's not a real vocal guy but when it's a big vocal and something happens, he's not going to show any emotion and be excited. You know what, guys can learn from that, too."

The sophomore has also been an example as an everyday player, as he's played through the last four weeks after suffering a strained oblique muscle. The injury kept Hanson from serving time behind the plate, as he couldn't get any zip on throws to second without the muscle flaring up. Still, he played, and he has hit .372 during that span.

"Bomber asked me every day how it was doing, and I would tell him, 'Good,' because I wanted to play," Hanson said. "It's not that I'm being selfish at all. It's just that you get to be a guy that's in the lineup consistently, and a guy that's got that experience, you want to be out there for your team."

Hanson will likely shift back to catcher this weekend, as freshman Victor Spencer will have some time to be stabilized with a strained Achilles tendon. Walker will likely try to move Spencer to designated hitter, as the freshman has increased his team-leading .359 batting average by hitting .417 with 15 RBIs in SWAC play.

Against a Bruins rotation that boasts four solid starters and two of the SWAC's top relievers in Preston Grimes and David McKnight, Hanson and the Golden Eagles will have to make sure they are ready when run-scoring situations present themselves. Only five Salt Lake regulars are hitting .235 or better, and the Bruins have committed 55 errors to their opponents. 44. However, a staff with a solid 3.26 ERA can make any team's shortcomings seem minor.

"They've been so consistent," Walker said of the SLCC pitching staff. "I think it's a calming influence on your team when you've got four guys that are going to pitch a weekend in each of your conference games and give you a chance to win."

CSU managed only 10 runs on 21 hits over the span of four losses to the Bruins earlier this season in Salt Lake City. Walker said he'll be his team to put four consistent games together, which is something a CSI squad that has yet to

## Eagle Eyes

**Today's Salt Lake CC (25-9, 17-3 SWAC) at CSI (15-17, 10-10 SWAC), DH, 1 p.m. Last time they met: The Bruins swept the Golden Eagles earlier this season in Salt Lake City, holding CSI to only 10 runs over four games.**

**On the horizon: CSI and SLCC meet for a noon, Saturday doubleheader. The Golden Eagles are back on the road next Friday and Saturday, playing Western Nevada College in Carson City, Nev. On the radio: This weekend's games will be broadcast live by Jonathan Drew on 1270 AM KTFI.**

## Track

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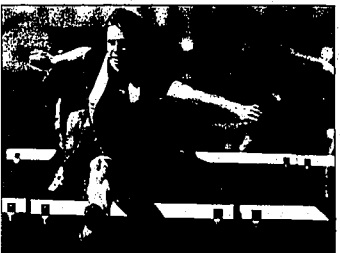
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Declo High School's Thomas Kayle takes the lead as he bounds over hurdles during the 110-meter hurdles race Thursday at the Angie Wyatt Invite track meet in Fill.

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## Zimmerman

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gained playing. "While her .431 batting average is second in the conference and her 11 strikeouts are fourth in the SWAC, the greatest asset Zimmerman has brought to Twin Falls from Lehi, Utah, is her consistency. A four-time all-state selection as a high school standout, Zimmerman is very much a no-nonsense player, but one who enjoys the game at the same time.

"I love it," she said. "I just go out, have fun, do what I need to do, just playing."

Zimmerman and the Golden Eagles had a hard time doing earlier this season against Southern Nevada, which enters today's 1 p.m. first game with a 21-13 (16-4 SWAC) record. The two teams split the series as some tentative CSI appearances at the plate helped saddle the Golden Eagles with losses of 6-0 and 5-1. CSI finished the series in Henderson, Nev., with an 10-9 victory to show signs that it could not only handle, but dismantle the Coyotes' two-player pitching staff of Mandy Tapia and Christina Jones at times.

With that in mind, CSI's weekend task at hand is pretty simple in Zimmerman's eyes. "Go after the good pitches," she said. "We watched way too many pitches the last time we played them, so they get ahead in the count and made us swing at the crappy pitches. We just have to go out and hit the good pitches when they throw them to us."

If the Golden Eagles can reach their regular goal of sweeping this weekend's home series, they may have a good opportunity to climb back into first place in the conference standings before the end of the regular season. At 16-6, the SLCC is behind No. 7 Salt Lake Community College (26-6, 10-4 SWAC) for the SWAC lead. The two teams will meet

in Salt Lake City in two weeks, but CSI's other two conference weekends are on the road against Snow College and home against Colorado Northwestgreen, the bottom two teams in the conference standings.

The top team at the end of the SWAC regular season will host the May 1-7 Region 18 Tournament, which will be up over the region's teams quickly.

"Our time together is starting to get limited, and you kind of get to crunch time as far as getting things going," CSI head coach Nick Baumert said. "That starts with trying to keep a Coyotes team sophomore Candice Beard called 'really quick' off the base paths this weekend. If the Golden Eagles can take care of that little bit of business, they think they have a chance of gaining an important midseason sweep against a quality team."

"Oh, yeah. I like her," Zimmerman said when asked if sweeping this weekend was a realistic goal. "We struggled with them because we weren't ready. But I think we'd do this weekend because we're ready."

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## GOLF ROUNDUP

# Burst of birdies puts Ochoa near Kraft lead

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Lorena Ochoa figured anything around 100 was a good enough score at major. It took four straight birdies to get into the mix Thursday at the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

Starting with a sand wedge to 2 feet on the 18th hole that she called her best of the day, Ochoa zoomed up the leaderboard with a string of birdies around the turn and settled for an opening round of 4-under 68, leaving her one shot behind Karen Stupples.

"It was important to get a couple of birdies early in the round and get some momentum," Ochoa said.

Ochoa is trying to become the first woman since Annika Sorenstam in 2005 to win consecutive majors, having won her first last summer at St. Andrews in the Women's British Open. And while a number of bugs among the crowd and over severe humps on the par-3 eighth kept her from a share of the lead, Ochoa showed why she is such an overwhelming favorite.

Playing with defending champion Morgan Pressel, she powered one tee shot after another down the middle of the fairway, well past trouble and usually 40 yards by Pressel. It finally paid off with three of the four straight birdies, three from inside 6 feet.

Stupples, who won the Women's British Open in 2004 and is getting better by the second round of the 63-hole first to her first child last year, was the first to play and made it around Mission Hills without a bogey for 67.

Ai Miyazaki of Japan birdied her last hole for a 68 to join Ochoa. Natalie Gulbis was among the top 10, while UCLA freshman Maria Jose Uribe was the low amateur and in a group at 70 that included Liselotte Neumann.

Annika Sorenstam tried to stay with the leaders, but she failed to take advantage of the par 5s and hit the hole for a 71. In her 15th consecutive round under par this year, but left her trailing Ochoa, the game's most dynamic player.

"It's a long way to go," Sorenstam said. "You just have to go out and battle it day by day, stroke by stroke in the middle of the fairway, well past trouble and usually 40 yards by Pressel. It finally paid off with three of the four straight birdies, three from inside 6 feet."

Needling only this major to complete the career Grand Slam and qualify for the World Golf Hall of Fame, the big hitter from England made the hole for a 71, the same as she was making the turn.

Davies hit her third shot into the water. After taking a penalty drop and hitting her fifth over the green, she chipped through the green and back into the water. Her eighth shot spun back off the par 5s and hit the hole for a 71. In her 15th consecutive round under par this year, but left her trailing Ochoa, the game's most dynamic player.

"I walk off with a 10 and the tournament is over for me," she said. "It's sickening."

It was just about conserving energy and thought about hitting the fairway and hitting the green and not having to work too hard," he said. "Fortunately, that's kind of how today went. I need to keep going this way." "I'd like to stay like this for about another two weeks," he joked. — The Associated Press



PGA golfer Lorena Ochoa reacts after a birdie putt on the No. 7 hole during the first round of the Kraft Nabisco Championship golf tournament in Rancho Mirage, Calif., Thursday.

"Up until about a month ago, I hadn't really regained my full strength," she said. "All of a sudden, it came back almost overnight, and that was really good to see, that I was able to get through the ball."

### Scott shakes off illness, shares Houston Open lead

HOUSTON, Texas — Adam Scott went straight to the clubhouse for medical treatment after his first round at the Houston Open. Imagine what he would've shot if he was healthy.

The defending champion took advantage of plenty early birdies. He came back almost overnight, and that was really good to see, that I was able to get through the ball."

Johnson Wagner matched Scott's 63 late in the day. The Amarillo, Texas, native also shared the first-round lead last year as a two-time previous course record (61) with Bubba Watson.

Charley Hoffman was two behind the leaders after a 65 and Steve Stricker was three back. Bill Mickelstein, one of several top players using Houston as a tune-up for next week's Masters, shot a 72 in the afternoon, when blustery wind produced higher scores.

Scott was too ill to worry about the weather, suffering since he arrived in Houston with a fever and swollen glands around his throat. He struggled to get out of bed before his tee time and visited a doctor after his round.

In between, he was practically flawless, reaching 17 of 18 greens in regulation and needing only 28 putts.

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# Roddick finally beats Federer

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Andy Roddick whacked one last thunderous serve to finally beat Roger Federer, then slowly walked to the net with his head down, as if unsure how to celebrate such a rare achievement.

With an almost flawless performance, Roddick ended a streak of 11 consecutive losses against his nemesis Thursday at the Sony Ericsson Open. Roddick dominated with his serve and took advantage of Federer's suddenly shaky play down the stretch to win 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3 in the quarterfinals.

"I came in knowing that nobody has beaten me 12 times in a row," Roddick told the delighted capacity crowd afterward. "So I had that on my side."

In the women's semifinals, Serena Williams overcame a slow start to outlast Svetlana Kuznetsova 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. Williams needs one more win for her fifth Key Biscayne title and second in a row.

"I haven't won anything five times, except I win all the time in Umo," Williams said. "I don't think that matters."

Her opponent in the final Saturday will be No. 4-seeded Jelena Jankovic, who beat No. 19 Vera Zvonareva 6-1, 6-4.

Roddick improved to 2-15 against Federer, who came into the tournament hoping to quell talk that his game is in decline. Slowed by mononucleosis early in the year, the top-ranked Federer has his worst start since 2003. Roddick had to be at his best, especially down the stretch. He fell behind love-30 serving at 3-3 in the final set, then won the next 11 points, five of them thanks to unforced errors by Federer.

Twice during the stretch Federer broke Roddick's lead. "I think I was a bit off," Federer said. "I think I was a bit off."

"I'm sure I was due," Roddick said. "I hadn't missed a ball in a crucial moment for about six years against me. I figured the law of statistics had to come my way eventually."

Federer lost serve at love to fall behind 5-3, losing the only break point he had in the match. Roddick closed out the victory with a 140-mph service winner, and he served well throughout, hitting 18 aces — including two in the tiebreaker.

"That helped him end a streak of 10 consecutive sets lost against Federer."

"I always said it's tough to play against Andy — you know, that serve," Federer said. "It's always going to have a chance. That's why I'm quite amazed about my record against him."

Roddick improved to 4-0 against Federer since his recent encounter to winsuitout model Brooklyn Decker, who watched from the stands.

"Being happy and content off the court is only going to help in my mind," Roddick said. Seeded sixth, he's two rounds from his second Key Biscayne title.

Williams toiled for nearly three hours to reach match point against Kuznetsova, then hit two more aces and raised a fist, tired but triumphant. On a muggy, 85-degree afternoon, Williams' newfound fitness may have made the difference.

She arrived for this year's tournament a slimmer Williams, joking after one win that this is the best she has looked since 1982. She was then an infant.



Andy Roddick reacts after winning a game against Roger Federer during their quarterfinal match at the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Fla., Thursday. Roddick won the match 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3.

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"I don't feel tired or sore or anything," Williams said 90 minutes after the match. "I feel like I'm really fit. I've been working really hard."

In the final set, Williams broke for a 5-3 lead when she skipped a shot off the net cord, leaving Kuznetsova with an awkward backhand that dumped into the net.

Williams slammed her 12th ace to reach match point, and Kuznetsova then called a job long.

"Serena was a bit fresher," Kuznetsova said. "In the end she was moving well and serving incredibly hard."

Williams' home-court advantage may have been a factor, too. She grew up in nearby Palm Beach Gardens.

"Serena, this is your house," one fan yelled.

Her 46-9 record at Key Biscayne suggests he's right. "I love playing here," Williams said.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Judge doles out wins to both sides in WVU lawsuit

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Rich Rodriguez may present evidence to try to prove his claim he was fraudulently induced to sign a coaching contract with West Virginia that included a \$4 million buyout clause he now refuses to pay.

"Morgantown City Council Judge Robert Stone granted key victories Thursday for both sides in a two-hour pretrial hearing. Rodriguez was not present at the hearing."

The new Michigan coach told reporters after practice in Ann Arbor that he hadn't yet heard the details of the hearing.

Rodriguez resigned in December after seven seasons with the Mountaineers to take the coaching

job at Michigan, where he's also agreed to a \$4 million buyout, and took some of his coaches and recruits with him.

WVU sued Rodriguez Dec. 27, sparking a public feud marked by accusations of lying, destruction of documents and broken promises. The case was briefly sent to federal court, where a judge decided it should be heard in state court.

WVU claims Rodriguez owes the full amount he agreed to pay in his contract.

Rodriguez, however, claims he signed the agreement under false pretenses, expecting certain verbal promises from the administration to be kept. They included the reduction or elimination of the buyout

clause — a promise WVU denies.

A key motion by WVU was granted, involving the request for any documents related to Rodriguez' hiring and contract discussions with Michigan. The documents could help WVU prove it was Rodriguez who broke the contract and did so because he wanted to — not because WVU forced him to quit by failing to honor verbal promises.

"Though both sides had hoped to conclude the case by midsummer, when practice for football season resumes, Stone said that was unlikely. The judge declined to rule on a motion to speed up the trial, instead ordering the two sides to come up with a case management plan.

# Cincinnati Bengals cut wide receiver Chris Henry after latest arrest

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Bengals receiver Chris Henry lost his job while in jail awaiting arraignment on assault charges on Thursday.

The Bengals cut him after his fifth arrest since 2005. "An attorney for Henry, 24, entered not guilty pleas for punching an 18-year-old man in the face and breaking his car window with a beer bottle."

Municipal Court Judge Bernice Bouchard set bond at \$51,000 on charges of misdemeanor assault and criminal damaging. Noting Henry's previous arrests involving drugs, guns and alcohol, the judge ordered a 90-day pre-arrest monitoring. He ordered electronic monitoring if Henry makes bail.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said it was premature to speculate on Henry's future in the league.

"It will be reviewed under the standard of public policy," Aiello said. Henry did not speak at the hearing. His lawyer, Perry Ancona, disputed the allegations in the complaint sworn by Gregory Meyer.

"We have a different set of facts we



Former Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Chris Henry is led away after appearing in Hamilton County Municipal Court for his arraignment Thursday in Cincinnati. The Bengals released Henry on Thursday, shortly before he pleaded not guilty to charges of assault and criminal damaging.

ask the court to consider," Ancona said. Minutes before the arraignment, Ancona broke the news to Henry that he had been released.

Bengals president Mike Brown

said in the Pittsburgh Courier that Henry, an often brilliant receiver who would be in his fourth pro season this year, had forfeited his career with the club.

"His conduct can no longer be tolerated," Brown said.

### Bills to face Steelers in preseason game in Toronto

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Buffalo will face the Pittsburgh Steelers in a preseason game Aug. 14 in Toronto to kick off the Bills' five-year bid to expand their market north of the border.

The game against the Steelers, unveiled Thursday as part of the Bills' presence in the market, will be one of Buffalo's three preseason games played at Toronto's Rogers Center — one every other year through 2012.

Buffalo also will play five annual regular-season games, starting this year. The new stadium will have a retractable-roof facility as part of the deal reached in February with a Toronto sports partnership group.

The date and opponent of the

Bills' regular-season game at Toronto will be announced this month.

A 90-minute drive from Buffalo, Toronto is Canada's largest city, the first of the Bills' northern market. The Bills are looking to Toronto to generate additional revenue and help preserve the small-market franchise's future in Buffalo.

It will be the NFL's first regular-season game in Canada.

### Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio signs 5-year extension

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jacksonville Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio signed a five-year contract extension Thursday, a reward for winning his first playoff game.

Del Rio's salary was not disclosed, but it was believed to be a significant jump from the original five-year, \$6.5 million contract he signed in 2003.

The Jaguars were 11-5 last season, but Pittsburgh in the first round of the playoffs and then ended the season with a 31-20 loss at New England.

"Clearly when I reflect back on the last five years, great things have hap-

pened," team owner Wayne Weaver said. "Under Jack's leadership, this franchise has continued to really make great progress."

Del Rio has made 45-35 in five years under Del Rio and has two playoff appearances, the first of which landed the coach a contract extension that paid him \$3 million annually the last two years.

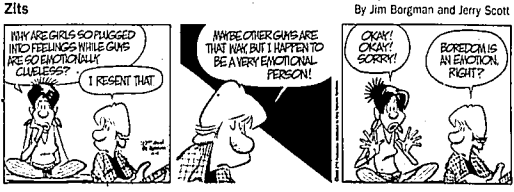
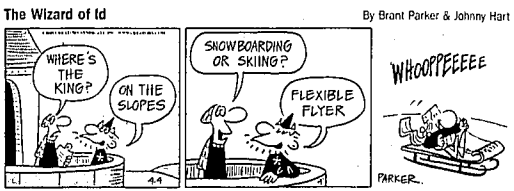
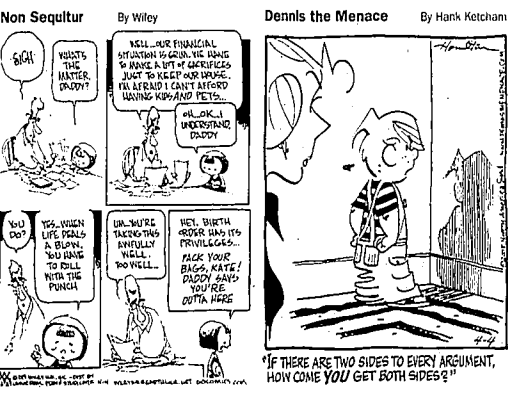
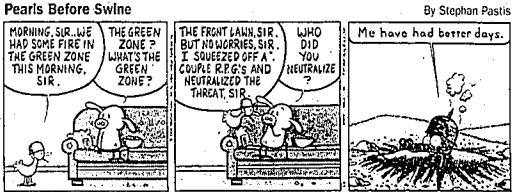
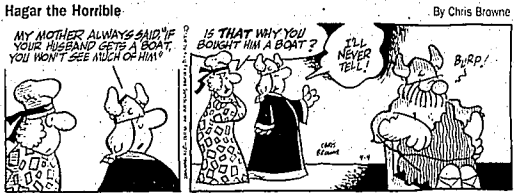
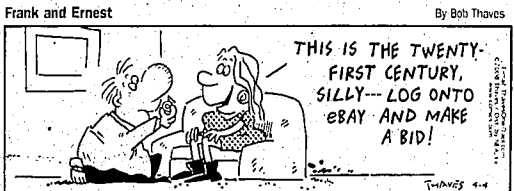
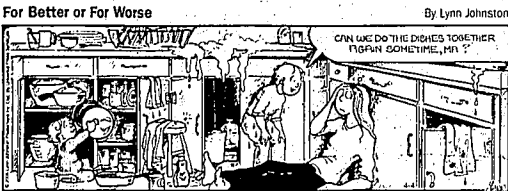
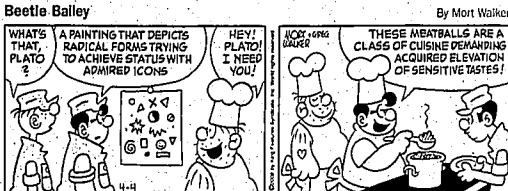
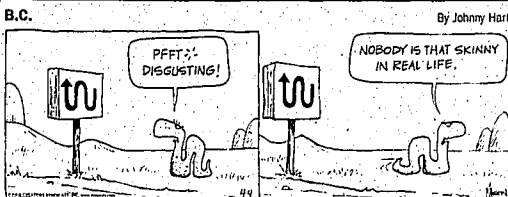
"I look forward to building on what we have begun," Del Rio said a day before his 45th birthday.

### Browns DB Wright jailed on charge of drug possession

PEARLAND, Texas — Cleveland Browns defensive back Kenny Wright was arrested Thursday after police said he had them on a quarter-mile foot chase that began in the parking lot of the police station.

The 30-year-old Wright faces a misdemeanor charge of unlawful restraint, a misdemeanor charge of evading arrest and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana. He remained in the Pearland City Jail on Thursday night pending a bond hearing today.

— The Associated Press



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Becoming mostly cloudy. Highs near 60.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, chance of showers after midnight.
Low: 50s.

Tomorrow: Small chance of showers persists. Highs 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy. Highs upper 50s.
Tonight: Becoming mostly cloudy with a chance of late night rain or snow. Lows low 30s.

Tomorrow: Breezy and cooler. Quickly diminishing shower opportunities. Highs upper 40s to near 50.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 60, Low 35).

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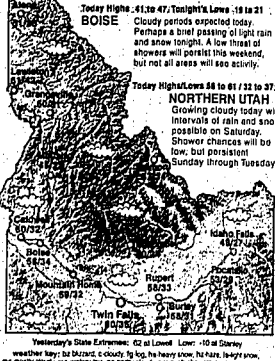
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Yesterday's Weather

Table with 3 columns: City, High, Low. Lists weather for various cities like Dallas, Fort Worth, etc.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Pockets of rain and snow will be a common part of the forecast through the weekend...



Regional Forecast

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists forecasts for cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

Barometric

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists barometric pressure and sunrise/sunset times.

U.V. INDEX

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NATIONAL FORECAST

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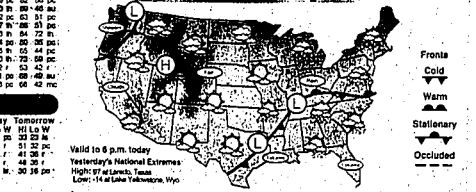
WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists world weather forecasts for various countries.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists Canadian weather forecasts for various cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



DEAR MIDDLEKAUFF: YOU'RE THE DAY... believe in yourself and there will come a day when you will have no choice but to live with you.

Woman questions her future with man clinging to his past

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with "Gary" for four years. His late wife was his first and only relationship. When he moved in with me, he brought so many things that fill my entire basement...

My Circle® unlimited free calling to any number on any network. Includes phone images and promotional text.

DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips. Gary's adult children have had the opportunity to go to his home, but never do. When I asked him to clean things up, he responded by saying he doesn't feel at home here and will start looking for a place of his own...

LG Scoop™ \$49.99. After \$50 mail-in rebate with 2-yr. service agreement. Features: Chat-style text messaging, IM preloaded, Camera with video, Bluetooth.

alltel wireless. Come and get your love. Includes image of a man and phone.

DEAR FEELING CROWDED: While all of us bring the "baggage" of past relationships with us as we move through life, your friend has done it in a literal sense. If he was concerned about your feelings, he could rent a storage unit — but he hasn't...

LG AX275 FREE Camera Phone. After \$40 mail-in rebate with 2-yr. service agreement.

alltel wireless. Includes phone image and promotional text.

DEAR ABBY: I have a very strict father. I respect what he has to say, but I don't like the fact that he won't let me have a boyfriend. He thinks all dudes are alike — well, most dudes at least. I don't like it! I'm a girl, pleasezzzz. Love always.

Choose the unlimited plan that fits you best. 5 my circle numbers, 10 my circle numbers, 20 my circle numbers. Starting at \$49.99.

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DEAR BABI IN MILFORD, CONN. DEAR BABI: Dads can be that way sometimes. Perhaps yours is trying to prevent you from making an "S" of your self.

BlackBerry Retail Stores. List of authorized retailers and contact information.

Magicvalley.com. Includes website name and logo.

\*Federal state and local tax apply. Additional charges (e.g. taxes) are not included in monthly service fee. Service fee is \$1.99 per month. Service fee is \$1.99 per month. Service fee is \$1.99 per month.



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## Two bodies identified in mobile home deaths

By Cassidy Friedman  
Staff writer

Two men whose bodies were discovered March 20 in a home at the Lazy-J mobile home ranch have been identified as the home's resident

Michael J. Blank, 57, and Mitchell D. Matlison, 51, of Twin Falls. Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Locks said Thursday the men were identified through dental records. The bodies were found at 450 Pole Line Road No. 149 after 2 p.m. on

Friday after neighbor Robert G. Brackett's family member and others smelled the bodies from next door. Police who were called for a welfare check discovered the bodies and cordoned off the home as a possible crime scene.

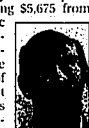
Autopsies on Saturday showed no signs that either of the two met a violent end, Locks has said. Locks declined to reveal the results of a search of the home or say more about what authorities believe occurred.

## Man charged with forgery a suspect in big ad scam

### Man allegedly conned 125 businesses

By Cassidy Friedman  
Staff writer

Twin Falls Police say a man who faces nine charges of felony forgery is also suspected of conned 125 businesses, mostly over the summer of 2007. But with business owners taking only a small amount of money, none filed complaints and police gave up on filing charges.



Larry Cassel, 61, of Kimberly, was arrested in Lubbock, Texas, on a Twin Falls County warrant alleging he forged a signature on checks he paid out to himself at the Money Tree, the Oasis Food & Spirits and WinCo Foods. The money, at least nominally, belonged to Marilyn Wrobel's Snake River Publishing — a business account she opened at Cassel's request. Cassel was charged Monday with signing Wrobel's name on checks, then cashing them.

"When investigators started contacting these people, a lot of them didn't want to do anything because the amounts were \$35 to \$40," said Twin Falls Police Lt. Craig Stotts. "And the ones that were outside of the county, they obviously didn't contact law enforcement."

Businesses had agreed to buy advertising space from Cassel that would earn their company name a spot in a Jerome Centennial publication. Bancher Stockman Farm had a magazine, and the Lighthouse — Christian Fellowship football team's poster calendar. A co-chairman of Jerome Centennial told the *Times-News* he did not know Cassel and did not receive contributions through him. Detective Erin Dayley said Bancher Stockman Farmer does not exist. Lighthouse Christian Athletic Director Nick Karavadas said he was upset the magazine might have diverted contributions to his program.

"I'm very sensitive about it," Karavadas said. "I've got nothing personal against this guy. But when people are claiming to represent us and they do it in a way that's illegal and false, my ears go up." But the businesses police say who dated out of the money received news of their losses casually. No, they never did get the advertising they paid for. "I've got a receipt for it. And of 20 businesses Dayley interviewed, many could not identify the man they paid."

"I attempted the first 20 on the list," Dayley said. "I saw that all these people were giving him money. I asked them if they ever received the advertising that they had paid for. Actually, no, I haven't."

In each case, business owners told Dayley, "I buy a lot of advertising," she explained. "Apparently people call for advertising all the time. They couldn't remember if they could identify the guy."

She said businesses wrote checks to Snake River Publishing ranging in value from a few dollars to more than \$100, for space that didn't exist, according to a Twin Falls Police affidavit. "The

## GIVING BACK



Doug Aguirre takes grass Wednesday afternoon on the Twin Falls County Courthouse lawn. Aguirre and about 40 other drug court members volunteered their time in what Darrell Roskelly, the 5th Judicial Drug Court coordinator, called an "awesome event" that allowed the members to give something back to the community. Learning to give back to the community and to those whom they have offended in their personal lives is part of treatment for members of the drug court program. "It's the best program in the state in my book," said Roskelly. "They're good people, they just made bad choices." He added that the program boasts a 60 percent success rate of people who graduate and don't re-offend.

## What lies below

### Scientists to map geologic areas in south-central Idaho

By Matt Christensen  
Staff writer

Idaho researchers have secured the largest award in a federal grant program to map geologic landscapes. Scientists at the Idaho Geological Survey and the University of Idaho will use a \$230,600 federal grant, which is matched by the state, to create 3-D maps of five project areas, including one near Fairfield.

The data is especially important in Idaho, said Kurt Othberg, a research geologist with USGS, because of the Idaho State ranks fifth nationally in risk from seismic shaking. "It's about the most important scientific base info you can get," he said. "You just have to have it."

On the Web

Learn more about geologic mapping at <http://www.idahogeology.org> or [idahogeology.org/ib/services/geologicmap.php](http://idahogeology.org/ib/services/geologicmap.php).

The data could hardly be timelier. Southern Idaho has felt the rumblings from recent seismic activity in northern Nevada, including a 6.0 earthquake that devastated Wells, Nev., in February. Other smaller tremors have rippled through southern Idaho since. The federal grant program called STATEMAP, managed by the U.S. Geological Survey, provides money for mapping high-priority geologic areas. Idaho, which received the highest federal grant award this year, is near the top of the list. "The growth in population and concomitant expansion of transportation, housing and industry places greater demands on land, mineral and water resources," according to a USGS report about the mapping program in Idaho. "The (IGS) has a

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## Cool March stabilizes water outlook

By Sven Berg  
Staff writer

After years of drought, it's about time Idaho caught a break. Cool temperatures and a wetter-than-average March have left southern Idaho, in Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Dave Tuthill's words,

"poised to have a good water year." Across the state, water experts and irrigators have held their fingers crossed for the past month, hoping weather patterns that brought above-average precipitation in December, January and February would hold out. The biggest concern at the end of February was that temperatures would soar in March and trigger runoff before farmers' irrigation seasons even began.

That disaster appears to have been averted. Instead, March temperatures were well below normal and precipitation was above average. "Natural Resources Conservation Services water spe-

cialist Ron Abramovich said Wednesday.

Abramovich said nearly every basin that feeds the Snake River is now better to above-average snowpack. The Upper Snake River basin, located near the state's border with Wyoming, received 140 percent of normal precipitation in March to raise its snowpack above the coveted 105-percent-of-normal mark considered necessary to avoid massive water-use curtailment on the Eastern Snake River Plain.

Basins such as the Upper Snake and Henry's Fork are crucial to water supply in the Magic Valley because their runoff makes up a large portion of the area's Snake River flows during irrigation season.

Abramovich said, as important as March's storms were, cool temperatures played an equally important role in preserving snowpacks. "What that did is help freeze and stabilize the snowpacks," he

said. "This year, the cool wet weather helped tremendously to keep the snow in the high country and keep it up there longer."

But danger of hot weather leading to strained water supplies late in the season is far from over. Abramovich said long-range forecasts call for a reversal of this winter's fortunes: high temperatures and low precipitation.

"It looks like the last hurrah for precipitation was the two weeks of March, and now things will be drying out," he said. "We've had good storms to this point, but it looks like they may be fading away."

But even with hotter, drier weather, Abramovich said he expects total runoff to be at or near normal levels. Water experts are still cautious, but at least now they seem optimistic.

"We could still have problems," Tuthill said. "Were not totally at ease regarding the water year, but at this point, we're in good position."

## Filer seeks vendors to build \$12.5 million membrane bioreactor for treatment plant

By John E. Swayne  
Correspondent

FILER — A new sewer treatment facility project for the city of Filer is right on schedule.

J-U-B Engineers regional representative Rob Hegstrom told City Council members Tuesday the next step is to look at companies qualified to build a \$12.5 million membrane bioreactor.

Vendors who bid the project must pre-qualify by meeting at least three specific criteria. These include holding current Idaho regulatory certification that assures designs submitted are

acceptable to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's classic filtration technology. Companies must have at least five MBR systems operating in the United States, and the membrane must be a true MBR configuration.

The system, scheduled to be completed within four years, breaks down wastewater and filters out pollutants using a series of membrane filters and ultraviolet radiation to produce a class A or class B quality water that is suitable for irrigation and ground water recharge. The deadline for vendors that

wish to pre-qualify is April 18.

"That third qualification is probably the toughest to meet," Hegstrom said. "But we think we've identified three potential suppliers that can meet that qualification and need to turn this around as quickly as possible."

Other business, the City Council has scheduled 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16 for a public hearing to hear community input on the 2008-09 proposed city budget.

The Filer City Council will hold its next public meeting at 7:30 p.m. April 15 in the council chambers on Main Street.

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### Harriett Brownell Dains

Harriett Brownell Dains passed away peacefully during the early morning hours of April 2, 2008, due to complications of a long-term illness. She was a sweet spirit and well loved by family and friends throughout her lifetime.

Born in Wilsey, Kan., to Emory and LuLu Brownell on Jan. 22, 1920, she was one of 10 siblings born to a farm life. She was a telephone operator in her younger days when they still had plug-and-pull switchboards. She married



her childhood sweetheart, Val Dains, in Carson City, Nev., in June 62 years ago. To this union came four children, Douglas, Valerie, Judith and Randy.

She is survived and loved by her husband, 11 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and many friends. She helped many people through her lifetime.

There will be a celebration of her life at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Memorial Funeral Chapel, 237 Main St. in Gooding. A reception will follow at the "Get Inn," formerly the old TB Hospital in Gooding.

### Bill Smith

PAUL, — Bill Smith, 79, of Paul, passed away Monday, March 31, 2008, surrounded by family and loved ones.

He was born Sept. 18, 1928, in Bedford, Mo., the son of Fred and Maude Smith. He enjoyed traveling and playing cards with the "boys."

Bill is survived by his children — granddaughters and great-grandchildren. Bill is also survived by his trusting and loving companion, Roberta (Bobbie) Biss, who was by his side until his death. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jessie, his parents and his siblings.

A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 4, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel, 710 Sixth St. A private interment service will be held at a later date.



"cave" his life's work; through it, he met remarkable people and had lasting friendships. Bill was an active member of the Paul Chamber of Commerce, the Mount Harrison Snowmobile Club, the Elks, and was a board member of the Paul Housing Authority until his death. Bill loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter, fisherman and snowmobiler. He enjoyed traveling and playing cards with the "boys."

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### Mildred Mae Jones Carr

SHOSHONE — Mildred Mae Jones Carr, 95, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 31, 2008, at the Shoshone Living Center in Shoshone.

She was born Sept. 1, 1912, in Creech, Idaho, to John and Minnie Carr, to Minnie and John Jones into a family of five brothers and two sisters.

She has fond memories of her short childhood near Nucla, Colo., until her family uprooted during the Depression years. In 1927, she married James Carr of New Meadows, where they lived on a ranch, later moving to north Idaho during the war years and back to Weiser, where they farmed and raised their family. She had many travels in her life and loved her family, life, little children, the outdoors and gardening.



Survivors include her three daughters and one son, Kathleen and James, both of Sparks, Nev., Beverly Carr Boyer of Hagerman and Karen Carr Lenter of Boise. Her grandchildren, William "Billy" Carr and Dustin Wilson, both of Halley; three granddaughters, Leslie Day and Stephanie Hoffman, both of Boise, and Katie Eldredge of Twin Falls; five great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, James in 1981; two daughters, Infant Judy Louise and Shirley Ann in 1979.

Private memorial services will be held. The family would like to thank Shoshone Living Center and its staff for taking such good care of Mildred.

Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Halley (www.woodriverchapel.com).

### Dorothy D. House

Dorothy Donner Richards House died March 31, 2008, at the Twin Falls Care Center. She was born Oct. 12, 1925, in San Jose, Calif., to Clair T. and Edna H. Richards. She was married to Shorty after her birth, the family moved to Paonia, Colo. She graduated from Paonia High School and later from North Central University in Minneapolis, Minn. She married Robert C. House in Denver, Colo. on May 29, 1948. They lived in Carmie, Wyo., from 1950 to 1954, then moved to Casper, Wyo., to raise their family. Dorothy moved to Twin Falls in 2000.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Robert in 1991; her mother in 1971; her father in 1933; her sister, Norma, in 1976; and her son-in-law, Roy Mix, in 2000. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Mix of Twin Falls; sons, Donald House of Lipton, Colo., and Kenneth Richards



House of Austin, Colo. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Amie of Hillsboro, Ore., Adam of Twin Falls, Krista of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Alex, Andrew, Aynash, Alysha, Anita, of Austin, Colo.; three great-grandchildren, Bethany of Hillsboro, Ore., Brendan and Aidan of Twin Falls. Dorothy is also survived by her brothers, the Rev. Claire Richards of Cheney, Wash., and William Richards of Lynnwood, Wash.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 5, at the First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 7, at Highland Cemetery in Casper, Wyo. The family suggests memorial donations to the Wycliffe Bible Translators or the Hallelujah Handbells and the music ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls.

Services are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Family and friends may sign the online guest book and share memories by going to www.mem.com.

### Don C. Morrow

GOODING — Don C. Morrow, 72, a resident of Gooding, died Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at his home in Gooding.

Don was born March 26, 1936, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The son of Claude and Freda Brown Morrow. He was raised in Glens Ferry and served in the U.S. Navy from 1954 to 1958. Don married Mae Merkley on Feb. 18, 1959, at the Alamo LDS Church. They lived in Twin Falls and Sparks, Nev. They moved to Gooding in 1973 and owned several businesses. Don served as mayor of Gooding from 1976 to 1980 and as a Gooding County commissioner from 1989 to 1995.

Don is survived by his wife, Mae Morrow of Gooding; two sons, Bart (Marcy) Morrow

Gooding and Nathan Morrow of Twin Falls; four grandchildren, Chelsea Morrow of Twin Falls, Gretchen Morrow and Andrew Jensen, both of Gooding; and Jared Jensen of Boise. He is also survived by David Morrow of Puerto Rico and Joe Morrow of Reno, Nev., and sister-in-law, Alice Merkley of Jerome. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Wayne, Darrel and Alvin Morrow, and one sister, Beverly Clark.

The Morrow family wishes to thank Jeannie Benson, nurse and friend; Dr. Gless and Aspen Grove for the loving care of Don.

On Don's request, there will be no funeral service. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

### Roy Lee Koch (Cookie)

Roy Lee Koch (Cookie) passed away March 10, 2008, after a long illness.

Roy was born May 6, 1927, in Lamar, Mo. In 1939, he moved to Idaho. He joined the Navy and served from 1945 to 1948. Roy married the love of his life, Peggy O'Dell, on Feb. 13, 1947. After leaving the Navy, he worked for Home Lumber and later Neilson and Miller Construction



in 1964, he moved his family to California, where he joined the Carpenters Union and worked in the trade until his retirement. He remained in California until his death.

Roy is survived by Peggy, his wife of 61 years; daughters, Cindy (Gary) Strifus and Rhonda (Fabien) Chappelton; two granddaughters, Chelsea and Casey Chappel; and two brothers, Harold of Kimberly and Wayne of California.

Roy will be missed by his many family members and friends.

### DEATH NOTICES

**Barbara Tolman**  
Barbara Tolman, 69, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, March 30, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. A private family service will be held. Cremation was under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

**Bud Eddleman**  
JEROME — Bud Eddleman, 72, died Sunday, March 30, 2008, at his home in Kempner, Texas. At his request, he was cremated and no service is planned. (Have-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obits@magicvalley.com](mailto:obits@magicvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com) and click on "Obituaries."

### SERVICES

Mark Edwin Durfee of Spokane, Wash., and formerly of Alamo, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Alamo LDS Church. Visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Hansmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Gary George Saltas of Jackson, Nev., public viewing at 2 p.m. today at the Anderson and Sons Mortuary, 49 E. 100 S. in American Fork, Utah, with interment and graveside service following at the Alpine Cemetery in Alpine, Utah; memorial wake at 3 p.m. today at Club 90, 9065 S. 150 W. in Salt Lake City, Utah.

George Oscar "Buster" Taylor of Glens Ferry, graveside interment service at 11 a.m. today at the Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glens Ferry, followed by a wake at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall on Fifth and Lincoln streets (Rost Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home).

Josephine Lovenia Lawrence Murphy of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main in Burley; visitation one hour before the funeral; burial at 3:30 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Burley.

Wanda Lightner of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Pondera Funeral Home, 302 S. Main St. in Conrad, Mont.; visitation one hour before the service. (Hansmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Brandon S. Dayley of Burley, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; visitation before the service. (Hansmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Ethel Virginia Hathaway Lowrey, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Christ, 724 S. Fourth St. in Rupert.

Peggy Delpha Sturgeon of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 246 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; burial at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Shoshone Cemetery; visitation from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the mortuary.

Lorraine Nelson Stevens of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m.

Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Saturday at the mortuary.

Constance "Connie" Marie Eubanks Vipperman of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Robert D. Crosland of Burley and Overton, Nev., memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at his daughter's home in Paul.

Danny Ray Garrett, 2nd Wendell, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at his home, 1098 E. 2900 S. in Wendell (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Burley).

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account belonged to Wrobel, not Cassel, who was turned down when he attempted to open an account at First Federal bank. Cassel overrode the account until the bank closed it down. Then he left the area, Dayley said.

Forty-two of the 125 businesses on Dayley's list are Twin Falls establishments. Jerome Police and Municipal sheriffs officials said they have received no complaints from local businesses.

Cassia Undersheriff Gary Cristof, whose brother was childhood friends with Cassel, remembered checking him into the Almi-Cassia jail for the first time many years ago.

"I think he just turned into a con-man," Bristol said.

Sheila Easterday, of Twin Falls, Storage Office, told police she paid Cassel \$75

for three months of advertising in the Jerome Centennial publication, which celebrated its centennial in 2007.

"I was not representing us," said Blair Crouch, co-chairman of the Jerome Centennial. "There were a couple of us in charge of raising funds. And he was not one of them."

Crouch said he had no idea if his program lost money to Cassel.

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Undersheriff Vic Watson said he has always been surprised by the caution of many local businesses that call him to verify an advertiser or donation solicitor.

"I always wondered why (they called)," he said. "Did they get burned by this Cassel somewhere along the way?"

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### M.V. Duplicate Bridge announces winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club recent winners:

Feb. 25. First, Max Thompson and Roy Gunnell; second, Darlene Wagner and Peggy Hackley; third, Sue Carter and Janet Wirth; fourth, Beverly Reed and V Crossack; and fifth, Pat Deaton and Evan Khatk.

Feb. 26. First, Renee Butler and Jessie Lingard; second, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey; third, Betty Sabo and Veeita Roberts; fourth, Max Thompson and May Lee Pfeiffer; and fifth, Pat Deaton and Dorothy Miller.

Feb. 27. First, Bobette Plankey and Mary Beth second, Joy Astorquia and Betty Grant; and third, Peggy Hackley and Elaine Bowen.

March 4. First, Joyce Johnston and

Doris Finney; second, Betty Grant and Jessie Lingard; third, Joy Astorquia and Patricia Cooper; fourth, Renee Butler and Riley Burton; fifth, May Lee Pfeiffer and Dorothy Miller; and fifth, Sue Carter and Janet Wirth.

March 5. First, May Lee Pfeiffer and Bobette Plankey; second, Paine Mullin and Elaine Bowen; third, Joyce Lingard and Joy Astorquia; fourth, Renee Butler and Winna Dinsico; and fifth, Sue Carter and Janet Wirth.

March 6. First, Beverly Reed and V Crossack; and second, Leona Watson and Susan Morris.

March 7. First, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey; second, Max Thompson and Winna Dinsico; third, Dorothy Miller and Ruben Tscheknitzer; fourth, Jessie

Lingard and Sue Skinner; fifth, Veeita Roberts and Betty Sabo; and sixth, Joy Astorquia and Paine Mullin.

March 12. First, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey; second, Betty Grant and Ruth Bibe; third, Joyce Lingard and Veeita Roberts; fourth, Jessie Lingard and Ruben Tscheknitzer; fifth, Sue Carter and Janet Wirth; and sixth, Shirie Tscheknitzer.

March 13. First, Peggy Hackley and Riley Burton; second, Jessie Lingard and Mary Winters; third, Kathy Rooney and David Stoker; fourth, Beverly Reed and Leona Watson; fifth, Betty Grant and Joy Astorquia; sixth, Patricia Cooper and Paine Mullin; sixth, Betty Sabo and May Lee Pfeiffer; seventh, Pats Finney and Joyce Johnston; March 15. First, Renee Butler and

Kathy Rooney; second, Max Thompson and Shirie Tscheknitzer; third, Veeita Roberts and Doris Finney; fourth, Jessie Lingard and Joy Astorquia; and fifth, Gwen and David Stoker.

Local bridge players, recent starter and Joe Blackford, openly stated the rank of Life Master with the American Contract Bridge League.

Life Master is the highest rank for a duplicate bridge player. Another local bridge player, Riley Burton, became a Gold Life Master, another major achievement.

Games are held at 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave. All bridge players are invited. For partners or more information, Max Thompson at 735-8308 or David Stoker at 735-3840.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Twin Falls sixth-grader semifinalist in geography contest

John Park Williams, son of Jeff Williams and Debbie Park, has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2008 Idaho Geographic Bee, sponsored by Plum Creek. Williams is in the sixth grade at the Elmington Elementary School in Twin Falls.



Williams

Bees were held in school with fourth- through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school's Geographic Bee winner. School-level winners then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. In each of the 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Dependents Schools, and the U. S. territories, the National Geographic Society invited the students with the top 100 scores to

compete at the state level. The 2008 Idaho Geographic Bee will be held today on the Boise State University campus. The state winner will receive \$100, a globe, and a trip to Washington, D.C., where he/she will represent Idaho in the national finals at the National Geographic Society headquarters, May 20-21. The national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

**Buhl woman to celebrate 90th birthday**  
BUHL — Doris Garrabrandt will celebrate her 90th birthday at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Buhl First Christian Church, 1005 Poplar St.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



The Magic Valley Fly Fishers recently awarded two College of Southern Idaho fisheries students with the Reul Saylor Memorial Scholarship. Each student received a \$500 scholarship. The MVFF awards the scholarship annually to deserving CSI fisheries students. The MVFF works throughout southern Idaho to promote conservation and fly-fishing through education and community service. From left, Chad Chorney, MVFF president; CSI scholarship recipient Kayla Flesch; CSI scholarship recipient Brian Lindquist; and MVFF Youth Advisor Dennis Brauer.

# Hillandale Club donates funds to project

The Hillandale Club of Wendell met March 5 at the home of Darlene Evers and voted to donate funds to the Save Our Sign project. The Hillandale Club was organized in 1916 as a club for the country women with 20 charter members. Its object is social, educational and personal improvement. The club meets each month, except the summer months, at the home of one of its members.



Club President Wanda Hays presents funds donated by the Hillandale Club members to Gem Team, Save Our Sign treasurer Irene Rounseff.

At this time there are 12 members, Wanda Hays, president; Carol Peterson, secretary; Betty Rice, Rosemary Lawton, Thelma

Connar, Verla Gibson, Darlene Evers, Tricia Honnie Andrews, Mary Kuykendall, and Irene Morgan, Allana Silva, Rounseff.

## 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

### Twin Falls County

#### ARRAIGNMENTS (APRIL 1-2)

Podro Luna IV, 33, Twin Falls, hearing set for a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for April 11; released on own recognizance; violation of protection order; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for May 13; released on own recognizance. Manuel R. Rodriguez, 20, Twin

Falls, resisting/obstructing an officer, driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for May 13; \$100 bond. Bayley A. Dana, 19, Twin Falls, driving without privileges; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for May 13; \$100 bond; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for May 13; \$100 bond.

set for April 11; \$15,000 bond. Charles A. Kay, 60, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, two counts possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for April 11; \$15,000 bond; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for May 13; \$100 bond.

# BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

**REPORT** — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club results of play for March 4. North/south winners, first, Barbara and Gary Carney; second, Lois Stephenson and Jackie Brown; third, George and Nancy Gleason; and fourth, Nanette Woodland and Vera Mai. East/west play winners, first, Shirley Tschannan and Edna Pierson; second, Peggie Payne and Dana

Kunau; third, Eugene and Flare Pacey; and fourth, Leo Moore and Dee Keicher. March 11, North/south winners, first, Lois Stephenson and Jackie Brown; second, Barbara and Gary Carney; third, Steve Sams and Kent Gillespie; and fourth, Lita Duman and Marian Snow. East/west play winners, first, Dot Creason and William

Goodman; second, Dolina Moore and Jane Keicher; third, Mildred Wolf and Sheila Hubsmith; and fourth, Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland. March 25, North/south winners, first, George and Nancy Gleason; second, Shirley Tschannan and Edna Pierson; third, Dot Creason and William Goodman; and fourth, Lois Stephenson and Jackie Brown.

East/west play winners, first, Mildred Wolf and Sheila Hubsmith; second, Leo Moore and Dee Keicher; third, Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland; and fourth, Clarence and Sylvia Neacart. Games are held at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Robert Elks. For partners or more information: Steve Sams at 878-3997 or Vera Mai at 436-4163.

## Maps

Continued from page C1 responsibility to provide knowledge and research expertise for conservation and sustainability of state resources.

States in the program match federal grant money, meaning \$161,200 will be available for the mapping survey. Idaho has collected about \$2.2 million from the program since it began in 1993. Collecting the data for the maps is a labor-intensive effort that requires collecting rock samples from the field that are analyzed in a lab, Othberg said. Among other

details, the samples tell scientists how old a geographic area may be — an indicator of the condition and stability of below-surface landscapes.

Most of the samples are expected to be collected by researchers this summer.

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# New DNA finding takes Clovis colony out of record books

By Thomas H. Maugh II  
Los Angeles Times

DNA from fossilized human feces and in a cave is 14,300 years old, at least 1,200 years older than previous evidence for humans in North America, researchers said Thursday.

The find provides the strongest evidence yet in a long-running archaeological controversy about whether people of the Clovis culture, which manufactured distinctive stone tools and weapons, were the first to populate the Americas. The new evidence, reported online in the journal *Science*, indicates they were not.

The fossilized DNA "represents, to the best of my knowledge, the oldest human DNA obtained from the Americas," said geneticist Eske Willerslev of Denmark's University of Copenhagen, a co-author of the paper.

"If you are looking for the first people in North America, you are going to have to step back more than 1,000 years beyond Clovis to find them," added archaeologist Dennis L. Jenkins of the University of Oregon, the lead author of the report.

"The find is 'a smoking gun' for the pre-Clovis colonization of the Americas," said anthropologist Ripan Malhi of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, who was not involved in the research.

Archaeologists currently believe that humans from the continent of Asia migrated to North America along the Bering land bridge when a global warming



This undated handout photo provided by the journal *Science* shows newly discovered human coprolites — fossil feces — from a cave deposit in Oregon, the oldest evidence of humans in North America.

episode melted the glaciers that had blocked their progress and stranded them for thousands of years in the area known as Beringia.

Humans were on this continent 14,300 years ago — at least 1,000 years before that melting episode — they had to have come before the glacier blocked the route or by a different pathway.

He argues that a strip of land along the west coast of North America was exposed during the ice age, allowing migration along the coast rather than by the favored inland route. Archaeological artifacts from that rock are now submerged under the Pacific Ocean, he said.

Chevucaun, whose levels rose and fell with changes in precipitation in the region.

In addition to the coprolites, they also found many fractured threads of sinew and plant fibers, hides, basketry, cordage, rope, wooden pegs, animal bones and a couple of projectile point fragments — but not enough to link the cave's inhabitants to the Clovis people or any others.

Organic material from the coprolites was radiocarbon dated, and the oldest ones were found to be 14,300 years old.

Willerslev's lab analyzed mitochondrial DNA from the coprolites and concluded that it was similar to DNA from American Indians and the populations of Siberia and East Asia.

"If you are looking for the first people in North America, you are going to have to step back more than 1,000 years beyond Clovis to find them."  
— Archaeologist Dennis L. Jenkins of the University of Oregon

from the animals urinating on the feces after they were left in the cave.

Coprolites, such as anthropologist Gary Haynes of the University of Nevada, Reno, argued that the coprolites could be animal feces and that the human DNA was deposited when humans urinated on them much later.

But Jenkins said that the coprolites also contained human proteins in concentrations too high to have come from urine, as well as human hair.

"Whether the coprolites are human or canine is irrelevant, since for a canine to swallow human hair people had to be present in that environment," he told *Science*. "Anyway you cut the poop, people and dogs would have had to be at the site within days of each other 14,000 years ago."

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# Navy will allow Idaho reservists to get gift knives

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — About 40 U.S. Navy reservists in northern Idaho will get commemorative Buck knives for their service in Iraq and Afghanistan during their next tour, the Navy said Thursday.

Members of the U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, based in Haysden, are to get the knives at a ceremony Thursday.

An official with the Navy had said the knives could be prohibited as gifts because they exceed a \$20 limit the Defense Department sets on gifts.

But Lt. Adam Bashaw, a Navy spokesman based in New Orleans, said that's not the case.

"Unfortunately, it was a misunderstanding and the word got out wrong," Bashaw told the Coeur d'Alene Press.

Bashaw said the Navy's Judge Advocate General

Corps finished its investigation earlier this week and approved the \$133 knives as gifts.

"We're very supportive that the command in Idaho is doing so much to support our sailors coming back home and we're thrilled about the ceremony on Saturday," Bashaw said.

Some 500 of the knives have already been given to veterans in the Inland Northwest, including those

wounded or killed, since the program began in 2005.

Post Falls Mayor Clay Larkin received an e-mail this week from Navy Capt. Michael Kidd, commanding officer for Reserve Component Northwest in Everett, Wash., who said the gifts were OK as long as were not from a prohibited source and were offered to all members of a particular unit, not just to those of higher rank or pay.

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# Glitches force Census to scrap high-tech plans

## Effort goes back to paper

By Stephen Orlinmacher  
Associated Press writer

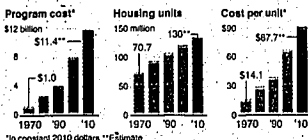
WASHINGTON — Stumbling over its multibillion-dollar plans for a high-tech census, the government says it will go back to conducting the nation's 300 million people the old-fashioned way — with paper and pencil.

Help wanted: 600,000 temporary workers to do the job. Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez told Congress Thursday his department will scrap plans to use handheld computers to collect information from the millions of Americans who don't return the census forms that come in the mail.

That's one of a number of changes that will add as much as \$3 billion to the constitutionally mandated 2010 count, pushing the overall cost to more than \$14 billion. This was to be the first truly high-tech count in the nation's history. The Census Bureau had awarded a con-

### Rising cost of the census

The 2010 census is currently estimated to cost more than \$11 billion, the most expensive ever.



SOURCE: Census Bureau

tract to purchase 500,000 of the computers, plus a computer operating system, at a cost of more than \$500 million. The contract is now projected to balloon to \$1.3 billion, even though the bureau will scale back its purchase to only 151,000 computers. The higher expenditure is because of cost overruns and new features ordered by the Census Bureau on the computers and the operating system.

The devices, which look like fancy cell phones, will still be used to verify every residential street address in the country, using global positioning system software.

But workers going door-to-

door will not be able to use them to collect information from the residents who didn't return their census forms. About a third of U.S. residents are expected not to return the forms. The Census Bureau plans to hire and train nearly 600,000 temporary workers to do the canvassing.

Gutierrez blamed many of the problems on "a lack of effective communication with one of our key contractors."

"As I have said before, the situation today is unacceptable, and we have been taking steps to address the issues," Gutierrez, who oversees the Census Bureau, told a House Appropriations subcommittee.

In fact, interviews, congressional testimony and government reports describe an agency that was unprepared to manage the contract for the handheld computers. Census officials are being blamed for doing a poor job of spelling out technical requirements to the contractor, Florida-based Harris Corp.

At one point, the Census

Bureau identified more than 400 new or clarified technical requirements for the computer system, Gutierrez said. The computers proved too complex for some temporary workers who tried to use them in a test last year in North Carolina. Also, the computers were not initially programmed to transmit the large amounts of data necessary.

Gutierrez said the Census Bureau was unaccustomed to working with an outside vendor on such a large contract. For example, he said, the original contract called for paying Harris \$36 million to include in the computer operating system a help desk to assist census-takers who have computer problems. That figure has since jumped to \$217 million.



Firefighters begin attacking a house fire Thursday morning in Brockway, Pa.

## Morning house fire kills 9 relatives, family friend in Pennsylvania

By Daniel Lovering  
Associated Press writer

BROCKWAY, Pa. — A pre-dawn fire engulfed a western Pennsylvania home where three generations of the same family lived Thursday, killing 10 people, most of them children, while the patriarch worked an overnight shift.

Authorities identified the dead as a 40-year-old woman and nine people under 20, including two infants. Most of the younger ones were children or grandchildren of the woman, Kimberly Peterson.

Two members of the family escaped, including a young woman who jumped from the second floor and ran naked and screaming for help, officials said. The roaring flames melted the siding on a neighboring house.

Fire Chief Kris Benson said the front of the house was aflame when he arrived at 2:50 a.m. and tried to enter through a side door, but was forced back by smoke and flames.

"This fire had a very, very good jump on us," the chief said.

Jayne Hynds, a newspaper editor who lives across the street from the home, said she was awakened at about 2:30 a.m. by a naked woman shouting for help. The woman jumped from the second floor and ran to Hynds' home, according to her newspaper, The Courier-Express of Dubois.

Peterson's husband, Douglas Peterson Jr., was at work in a nearby town when he learned about the fire. He arrived around 4 a.m. at the house on a side street lined with several other single-family homes, officials said. "I know everybody so it's like losing one of your own," said William H. Trinya, mayor of the rural town of about 2,000 set among rolling hills and farmland 80 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

Many residents work at the town's glass manufacturing plants. Owens Brockway Glass Containers, now part of Owens-Illinois Inc., Doug Peterson Jr. worked for the company until a few years ago.

All 10 victims were found inside the house. State police identified them as Peterson; Rebecca Peterson, 17, and her daughter Callyn Watson, 4 months; Douglas Peterson III, 18; Isaac Peterson, 8; Grace Peterson, 6; Lillian Peterson, 11 months; Dominic Delullo, 4; Destre Delullo, 2, the children of Elizabeth Peterson, 20, who survived; and Jason Mowry, 19, a family friend.

James Peterson, 11, also survived, authorities said. "They were a tight family and they all took care of each other. That's who they were and that's what makes it so sad," family friend Carol Paraso said, speaking through tears. "They liked to go to church and do family things."

Letter carrier Bill Fustini, who lives nearby and delivered mail to the home, said his dog woke him up around 2:30 a.m. When he saw the smoke, he called his son, a firefighter, who told him the home had gone up in flames.

"There was a little girl living in that house and she met me every day and she was the sweetest thing," Fustini said.

The fire's cause remains under investigation but is not considered suspicious. There were space heaters in the home, state police Lt. Scott Neal said. Authorities did not immediately know if the house had working smoke detectors.

Firefighters brought in wood beams to fortify the structure. The house's facade was charred, leaving a view of the inside of the home, remnants of a front porch and a lopsided stove. Two children's bicycles sat in the rubble.

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# 1 in 50 infants neglected, abused

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ATLANTA (AP) — About 1 in 50 infants in the U.S. have been neglected or abused, according to the first national study of the problem in that age group.

Nearly a third of the victims were one week old or younger when the maltreatment was reported, government researchers said Thursday. The study focused on children younger than 1.

Most of these cases involved neglect, not physical abuse. In the case of the newborns, experts said the data suggests drug abuse by the mother may have been the cause for reports of neglect, but they couldn't be certain.

National drug abuse is often a factor. In about one-third of blood tests when newborns are still in the hospital, CDC researchers and others said.

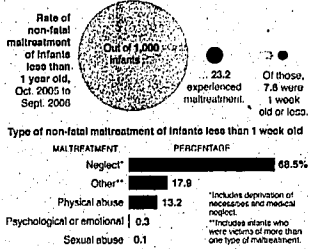
"That is the story here," said Dr. Howard Dubowitz, a professor of pediatrics at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

The researchers counted more than 91,000 infant victims of abuse and neglect during the study period Oct. 1, 2005 to Sept. 30, 2006. About 30,000 of those cases were newborns aged one week or younger.

The information came from a national database of cases verified by protective services agencies in 45 states, the District of Columbia and

## Neglect most common infant abuse

A federal study of non-fatal child abuse of infants found nearly a third were one week old or younger when the abuse or neglect occurred. Most of the cases involved neglect.



SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

### Puerto Rico

Other studies have looked at national child abuse and neglect cases, but this is believed to be the first to focus on infants, said study co-author Rebecca Leeb, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The results mirror what a study in Canada found, said Leeb, a CDC epidemiologist.

"We certainly were distressed" by the study's results, said Henna Arias, director of the CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

"It's a picture you don't want to imagine — that this number of infants is being mistreated," Arias added.

Only about 13 percent of the newborn cases were counted as physical abuse, meaning the large majority involved neglect. Federal officials define neglect as a failure to meet a child's basic needs, including housing, clothing, feeding and access to medical care.

The counted cases did not include new parents stumbling their way through breast-feeding or making

other rookie mistakes. "Things like abandonment and newborn drug addiction would qualify as neglect, not things like parents learning how to be parents," Leeb said.

Medical professionals identified about 65 percent of the maltreated newborns to protective services staff. The others came from law enforcement, relatives, friends, neighbors and from protective services staff.

The neglect cases include situations in which medical professionals conclude that a child got sick or didn't correctly develop because parents didn't get recommended medical care. Those cases were not necessarily life-threatening, noted David Finkelhor, who directs the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire.

Finkelhor said the cases might in part reflect families who don't have adequate health insurance. The study's authors said they don't have information to verify that theory.

Both Finkelhor and Dubowitz have worked with the same database the researchers used. But Dubowitz pointed to data showing that most of the neglect cases in newborns were reported in the first two days of life.

# Nations Report Card: More teens grasp basic writing

WASHINGTON (AP) — More and more middle- and high-school students understand the basics of writing, but there's been no increase in the ranks of top-performing teenage writers.

The federal government released the scores Thursday of writing tests given to eighth- and 12th-graders nationwide last year. Students had to demonstrate narrative, informative and persuasive writing skills.

"As in the past, girls did much better than boys at both grade levels. Eighth-grade English teacher Amanda Avallone, a member of the board that administers the national test, said the gender gap 'troubles and mystifies' her.

"Nothing in my experience tells me that boys can't write," said Avallone, of Boulder, Colo. She said expectations appear to be lower for boys when it comes to writing.

Overall, eighth-graders score modestly from the last time the test, known as the Nations Report Card, was given in 2002.

The proportion of kids scoring at or above the basic level rose from 85 percent to 88 percent. At that level, students show they can use grammar, spelling and punctuation that are accurate enough to communicate to a reader, but there may be mistakes in their work that get in the way of its meaning.

The percentage of eighth-graders at or above the proficient level — which policy makers call the goal — was unchanged from five years earlier. About a third of eighth graders achieved the "proficient" label.

If there are errors in the writing of an eighth-grader working at the proficient level, they're not serious enough to get in the way of the work's meaning.

State and federal efforts to improve education have focused intensely on poorly performing students in recent years, said Michael Petrilli, vice president at Thomas B. Fordham Institute, a Washington-based education think tank. He said the trend holds true when it comes to writing, while there has been no growth in the percent of top achievers.

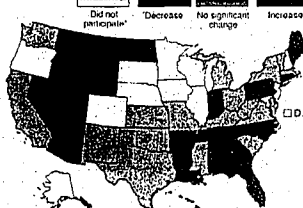
"It's good news that the lowest achieving kids are scoring better than ever," he said. "The problem is in a competitive world we need to pay attention to all of our kids, including those at the top."

The eighth-grade test results were broken down by state. North Carolina was the only state to see scores go down compared to 2002. The test given to high-

## Eighth-graders split in writing skills

Nation of 37 states showed eighth-grade writing scores, while North Carolina was the only state to see scores decline.

Change in eighth-grade writing performance, 2002 to 2007



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SOURCE: National Center for Educational Statistics

school seniors were broken down by state.

Nationally, the percentage of 12th-graders scoring at or above the basic level showed a more dramatic jump, rising

from 74 percent to 82 percent from 2002 to 2007.

That kind of progress hasn't generally been seen among high school seniors in other subjects, said Mark

Schneider, commissioner of education statistics at the Education Department.

One possible reason for the solid improvement in 12th-grade writing may have to do with the SAT exam. A writing portion was added to the college entrance exam in 2005, and since then teachers report greater focus on writing in their schools, according to a survey by the College Board, which runs the SAT.

There was no increase in the number of 12th-graders working at or above the proficient level since 2002, similar to the results for eighth-graders. About a fourth of 12th-graders are considered proficient writers. At that level, students know how to write a clear introduction and conclusion, among other things.

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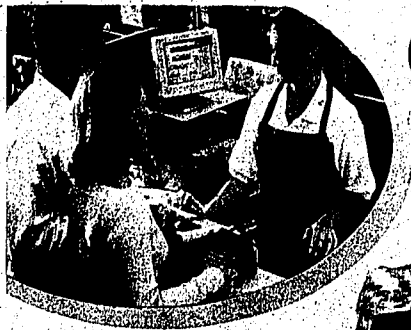
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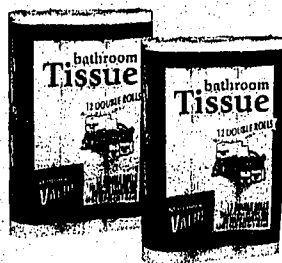
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## Reclaimed material messenger bags growing in popularity

Recycling is rad. That's the name — as well as the mantra — of a one-woman business in Minneapolis that makes big messenger bags out of plastic grocery store sacks. Through experimentation over the past year, owner Bekah Worley developed a process that employs an iron and parchment that weld plastic sacks into a durable material that serves as the base for three messenger bag styles sold online via [www.soulsister.etsy.com](http://www.soulsister.etsy.com) and at independent retailers around the country.



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The bags employ a ubiquitous messenger style, with nylon shoulder straps, plastic zippers and large internal compartments that close under a flap. But what has made Worley's creations popular — in addition to their homemade, though artsy, aesthetic — is the bags' built-in nod to sustainability and resourcefulness. Each Recycling Is Rad messenger is made from up to 100 would-be throwaway plastic sacks.

The Minneapolis company is hardly alone in its niche. There is now a entire industry — somewhat inexplicably — of tiny companies that design messenger bags out of reclaimed materials, including sources as diverse as vinyl sheeting from billboards, feed bags, bicycle and automobile inner tubes, old clothes, highway signs, industrial tarps, and discarded rice paper. Bike tire valves and old seat belts serve respectively as zipper pulls and shoulder straps for Alchemy Goods ([www.alchemygoods.com](http://www.alchemygoods.com)), a small bag company in Seattle. Itelan LLP ([www.itelanbag.com](http://www.itelanbag.com)) of Fagan, Minn., employs a vinyl-laminated nylon material derived from 48 x 14-foot billboards.

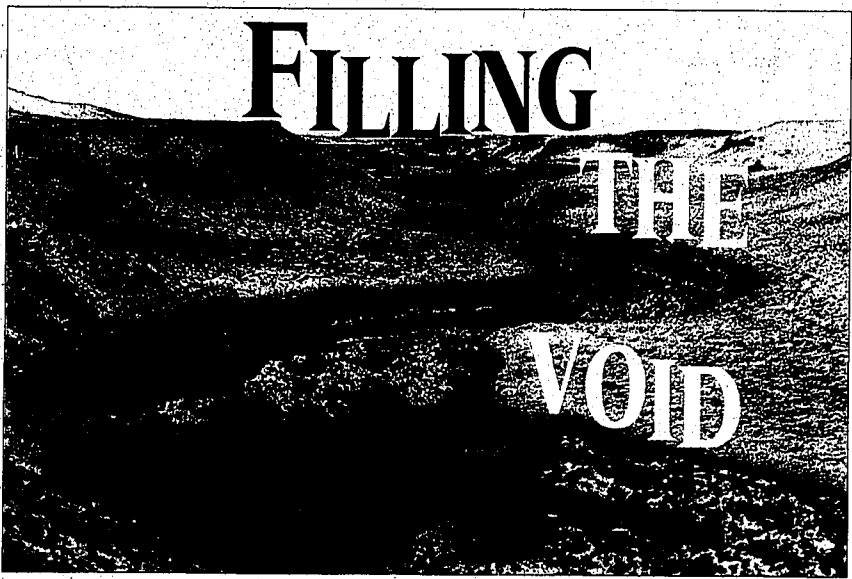
As the granddaddy of the movement, FREITAG, a Swiss company, has offered messenger bags made of recycled tarps and shoulder straps for Alchemy Goods since 1993. The company ([www.freitag.ch](http://www.freitag.ch)) grew from two people to now more than 60 employees in its factory in downtown Zurich.

But most companies doing reclaimed messengers are small shops. My research yielded about 10 organizations from around the planet

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This bag is one of many bags produced by Recycling is Rad, a Minnesota-based company that sells bags made out of reclaimed plastic sacks and other materials.



The sinuous course of the stream crosses the top of the intercanyon flows. Salmon Falls Dam sits below the black cliff in the far distance.

## Exploring the intracanyon flows of Salmon Falls Creek

By Lawrence P. Crowley  
Correspondent

Most people know that when it comes to geologic deposits, the oldest is usually on the bottom and the youngest on the top. Sometimes, this isn't the case. But usually, for this to happen, it requires quite a bit of geologic upheaval.

Just below Salmon Dam, west of Rogerson, one can see such a situation where the youngest series of lava flows are at the bottom and the older ones at the top. But there was no geologic upheaval, no tremendous cataclysm of nature — just the relentless murmur of this persistent stream as it flowed along its course.

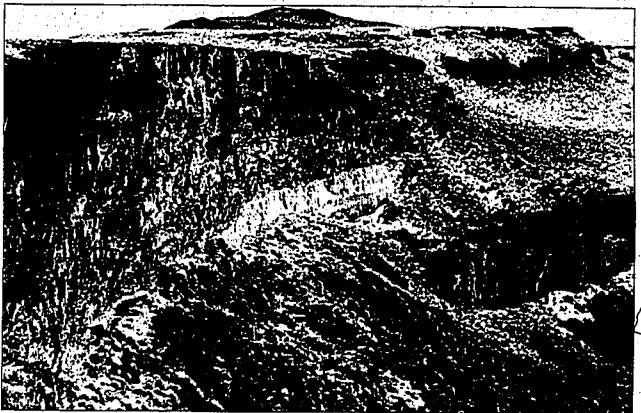
Take Highway 93 to Rogerson, then Three Creek Road west eight miles to Lud Drexler Park, situated between the dam and Salmon Butte. This paper-use facility offers picnic sites and camp sites and a boat ramp for access to the reservoir. It is a pleasant spot for a day trip or a longer stay.

During periods of low water, an individual standing at the boat ramp will notice that only basalt is seen on this side between the boat ramp and the dam. Yet on the other side, reddish-brown rhyolite appears to be sandwiched between a cap of basalt, and the basalt that forms the narrow canyon.

### What happened?

To one with a limited understanding of geologic processes, it might appear that a fault had dropped the basalt across from Lud Drexler Park to below the top of the rhyolite, but this is not the case. The basalt on which the park sits and which is seen at water level, is actually the youngest basalt found along the canyon in this area. How did it end up where it is without faulting? To visualize this, recall the generalized geologic sequence for this area.

Before the massive rhyolite eruptions associated with the Yellowstone hotspot, Salmon Falls Creek would have flowed north from Nevada



A thick baked zone is found at the top of the rhyolite in places. Notice the thin baked zone above it between the flows of older, capping basalt.

along a route fairly similar to today's, across rock types similar to what is seen around Contact, Nev. — Paleozoic sedimentary rocks.

Eventually, the tremendous volumes of rhyolite poured out of the Yellowstone hotspot calderas such as the Bruneau-Jarvis and Twin Falls centers, and covered this older landscape with the thick layers of rhyolite that are predominant in the hills around us. But the persistent stream kept finding a way to continue flowing across this new landscape. Over time, it cut a new canyon through the rhyolite.

The older basalts that now form the cover on top of the rhyolite eroded across this incised surface. Consequently, when you view the canyon in most locations, you see



The basalt flowed through a vertical section of the canyon. Notice how the flows overtopped the lowest spot along the channel.

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## New hunting regulations affect mule, antlerless deer hunts

For the Times-News

**JEROME** — Sportsmen hunting around the Magic Valley will see several new opportunities and a few minor adjustments in this year's hunting regulations. Some of the biggest changes were made to the mule deer season with the implementation on the new Mule Deer Plan.

"This year we began implementing Idaho's new Mule Deer Plan that provides direction to balance hunting opportunities with the desires of hunters," said Randy Smith, Magic Valley

Regional Wildlife Manager. "A couple of the changes weren't without controversy, but we think we've made a good start at improving mule deer hunting in southern Idaho. The new plan is about much more than hunting, and I encourage Idaho hunters to take a look at it and get involved in mule deer management issues."

General season mule deer hunt changes include an amendment that sees Unit 56 no longer carry a two-point only restriction. Hunters will now be able to harvest any antlered deer from Oct. 10-

31. Some of the biggest changes to take place have been in the antlerless hunt opportunities. After an all-unit survey of Unit 45 which winters most of the summering deer from Units 43, 44, and 45, biologist determined range conditions could sustain a larger population of mule deer. To help increase overall deer numbers, Magic Valley hunters will see a decrease in antlerless permits in Units, 43, 44-1, and 45.

Permits were reduced in Unit 43 from 700 permits to 250; in Hunt Area 44-1 from 450 permits to 250, and in Unit 45 from 700 permits to

250. Unit 52 was also reduced from 200 permits to 100.

Sportsmen need to check the regulations closely this year because several of the season dates in the controlled hunts have been modified to accommodate other changes.

Muzzleloader hunters in the Magic Valley will see a 125-permit mule deer hunt rotate to Hunt Area 47-3 and run from Nov. 1-14. This hunt will include units 47, 54, 55, and 57.

Elk hunters will also see a few changes in the regulations. The Bennett Hills Zone A-Tag will offer muzzleload-

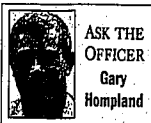
ers a great opportunity with a Sept. 15-30 antlerless hunt, but the spike hunt will no longer be offered.

Antlered elk tags in Unit 49 were reduced for this season due to low bull-to-cow ratios. Permits went from 20 to 10 permits for the Sept. 25-Oct. 10 hunt and from 225 to 150 permits for the Oct. 15-30 hunt.

An online copy of the 2008 Big Game Seasons regulations is available for review at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/hunt/rules/hgt/>. Hard copies of the regulations are expected to be released mid-month.

# Personal ethics the driving factor in whether to tag-out without recovery

Question: "A friend and I have argued over an ethical, and perhaps legal, dilemma. If I kill a big game animal but fail to recover it, does the law require me to "tag-out" in some way? I am sure my friend's shot was lethal and the animal died but I was not able to find it. Am I required to validate my tag (tag-out)?"



ASK THE OFFICER  
Gary Hompland

Both of these rules imply an animal must first be reduced to possession, and then the tag for that animal must be validated and attached to the carcass. The real debate is over that portion of the law that requires a hunter to expend a "reasonable effort" to recover an injured animal. "Reasonable" by definition means "in accordance with reason or sound thinking, not excessive or extreme."

The "reasonable effort" rule is where this debate becomes challenging. When I teach this concept to young hunter education students, I explain how individual differences

between hunters vary. I try to help them understand how their personal code of conduct or ethics is what helps them decide how to behave when no one is watching. A person's personal code of ethics is what will guide them and help them decide what type and how much effort they will expend in order to satisfy this rule.

From an enforcement perspective, conservation officers must compare and contrast the effort of the hunter with the facts of situation. Everyone knows each situation is unique but if the hunter expends no effort a citation is likely and in that case a jury may decide if the effort was enough.

I applaud your personal ethics for suggesting a person tag-out if they feel they have mortally wounded an animal, whether it is recovered or not. In this discussion with hunters each year you have made a conscious

decision to validate their tag and suit hunting ethics. They fail to recover a game animal.

A return to our hunting heritage with traditional values, the ethics of fair chase, and a reverence for the animal is rare these days. This code of conduct turns back the clock of time and elevates the importance of hunting preparation and skill over the drive for technological advancements and hunting gadgets.

Reference Idaho Code 36-109(d) and IDAPA 13.01.08.320.01. If you have any further questions you may call the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at (208)324-4350 or e-mail the Fish and Game Web site at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

## OUTDOOR BRIEFS

### Sun Valley to extend ski season

Thanks to a bountiful winter and excellent ski conditions, Sun Valley Resort will extend its ski season through Sunday, April 20.

Seattle Ridge and the Bowls on Baldy and all of Dollar Mountain will remain open through Sunday, April 13 only.

Litis on Baldy remaining in operation from April 13 through the end of the season will be River Run No. 1, Lookout Express No. 5, Christmas No. 3, and Challenger No. 10, keeping the River Run and Warm Springs terrain accessible through April 20.

The Sun Valley Nordic and Snowshoe Center plans to remain in operation through Tuesday.

All conditions are subject to change. For updated reports please visit [sunvalley.com](http://sunvalley.com) or call 800-635-4150.

### CSI outdoors show still has booths

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 5.

The exhibition will be sponsored by students in CSI's International Business Club and will feature exhibits of camping, boating, off-road motor sports, sporting goods, and more. Students will use proceeds from the show for educational 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 Heiner at 732-6111 or at [dheiner@csi.edu](mailto:dheiner@csi.edu).

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

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

Practical GPS Uses will be 7-9 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.

### Sporting clays shoot Saturday in Jerome

The Jerome Rod and Gun Club will hold a sporting clays shoot on Saturday, this is an open fun shoot and a 100-target, and is open to members, and non-members alike. First-timers at the club get their first 50 targets free. Cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for non-members. \$14 for juniors and \$17 for non-member juniors. Start time 9 a.m. and shooting begins at 10 a.m.

The club is located 11 miles north of the junction of Highway 93 and I-84 at mile marker 64. Our next scheduled, shoot is Sunday, April 20, 2008.

For more information, call Kenny at 733-6045.

### March 16 shoot winners announced

The winners of March 16, Rock Creek Restaurant Shoot at Jerome Gun Club are: H.O.A., Mark Johnson-93; AA-Dan Yote-89; A-Ken Bruchle-79; B-Wayne Burgmeister-73; C-Eddy Blunt-67; D-Forest Ludwig-60; E-Mitch Pew-53; Lady-Patty, Stump-45; Junior-Cody, Mikes-45; Sub-Branden, Cakes-53; Vet-Ike Thomas-74. A total of 56 shooters participated.

### South Hills Strutters to host banquet

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

Cost is \$80 for couples, \$55 for singles and \$25 for children 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 and 525 prizes, prizes, and a sponsor's raffle.

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

— from staff and wire reports

## Dropping license sales leave agencies looking for money

STOWE, Vt. (AP) — Bob Shannon is an avid hunter. He runs a tackle shop but he sometimes struggles to get his own son out into Vermont's woods and fields.

"He'll be sitting there with the video games," Shannon said of 9-year-old Alexander. "I finally had to lay down the law last summer. It's a nice day, you're outside."

Shannon's challenge reflects a larger problem plaguing many state governments: Revenue from hunting and fishing license sales is plunging because of waning interest in the outdoors.

"We're losing our rural culture," said Steve Wright, a regional representative for the National Wildlife Federation. "There are so many distractions, and we're not recruiting young people into hunting and fishing."

Sales of Vermont hunting and fishing licenses have dropped more than 20 percent over the last 20 years, leaving the Fish and Wildlife Department pleading with lawmakers for extra funding.

Other states report similar drop-offs.

Arkansas hunting license sales dropped from about 345,000 in 1999 to about 319,000 in 2003.

Pennsylvania sold about 946,000 hunting licenses in 2006, down from just over a million in 1999, and a peak of 1.3 million in 1991.

Oregon had 100,000 fewer licensed anglers last year than in 1987, and 70,000 fewer licensed hunters, which use licenses.

West Virginia sold 154,763 resident hunting permits in 2006, a 17 percent decrease from 1997.

The trend means trouble for some fish and wildlife agencies, which use license revenue to finance preser-

vation programs for endangered species like peregrine falcons, bald eagles and loons. Game wardens also help with law enforcement—joining searches for lost hikers and skiers.

In the search for new sources of revenue to support fish and wildlife programs, Vermont lawmakers are weighing legislation that would dedicate part of the state's sales tax revenues to the Fish and Wildlife Department.

"The issue here is that most of our fish and wildlife agencies were set up to fund conservation, based predominantly or entirely on one set of users"—hunters and anglers who pay license fees, according to Dave Chadwick, senior program associate with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in Washington.

"They're shouldering the whole burden for a benefit and an amenity that we all enjoy," Chadwick said. Other fundraising strategies range from sales taxes on outdoor sporting goods, as in Texas, to Florida's surcharges on speeding tickets, said Douglas Shinkie, a policy associate at the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Some states are trying to boost efforts to recruit new people — especially young people — into hunting and fishing.

A West Virginia legislator has proposed offering hunters' training courses in public schools, allowing seventh- through ninth-graders to opt for instruction in topics ranging from survival skills to gun safety.

Arkansas has used some of its dedicated sales tax revenue to recruit new hunters. However, the state's hunter education program graduated 11,891 people under 30 years old last year, down from 16,596 in 1998.

## Flows

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rhynite rising from the canyon floor a certain distance to where it is covered by a fairly thin layer of basalt flows. As it did with the older rhynolite surface, the stream continued to find a way across the new basalt surface.

Eventually, the older basalt capricious stopped and allowed the canyon to develop up to pretty much what we see today. It was then that Salmon Butte erupted and sent a number of thin flows down the canyon for a distance of nearly four miles from the location of Lad Drexler Park. These youngest channel-filling flows are called intracanyon flows, as they occur within the canyon.

Go with the flow  
There are numerous vantage points along the east side of the canyon from which to view this series of intracanyon flows. The most accessible is found across Three Creek Road from the small building on the east side of the dam. The Salmon Falls Canal was cut into the intracanyon flows, and parallels this side road.

This road crosses nearly the entire width of the original canyon and terminates at its east side. Near the end of this side road, you can walk to the canyon's edge across a bare spot where the overlying soil has stripped from the basalt. Looking downstream, you can clearly see the gradient of the basalt as it dropped in accord with the original elevation of the channel.

Looking sharply to your right along the cliff on which you stand, notice how the



The intracanyon basalt preserved the steep slope of the original rhynolite canyon wall. Notice the wedge shape of the basalt flows.

series of intracanyon flows banded up against the rhynolite of the canyon wall. And following the same outcrop of rhynolite to the bottom of the canyon, notice the sharp vertical contact between the rhynolite and basalt.

For those who don't mind a hike, a series of overlooks exist along the east side rim beginning about one mile north of the side road. To reach these areas, turn north off Three Creek Road onto the gravel road that crosses the catwalk about one mile east of the dam. This route will take you to the canal near a long raised section across a side meadow.

At this point, two gates allow access along the canal, but I would suggest hiking from this point, as these are meant as canal access roads.

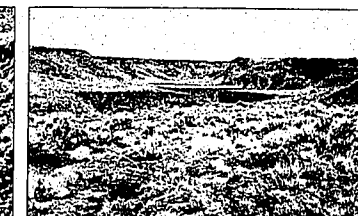
Take the levee road on the north side about one mile until you come to a dirt road that heads north. Following this route, all the accesses you encounter on your left will take you to the canyon rim and spectacular vantage points. Access along the canyon rim from these vantage

points is decent, albeit primitive.

Notice the relationship between the reddish-brown rhynolite and the intracanyon flows. As the intracanyon flows moved down the canyon, they flowed between and around high spots in the rhynolite, and over the lower areas. Observe how the flows moved from side to side filling the lowest part of the channel to produce a flat, sloping surface.

Also notice the presence of banded zones between the capping basalt and the rhynolite. These banded areas are above the level of the intracanyon flows. The older flows canyon, they may have been the sediment deposited by Salmon Falls Creek when it was flowing across the rhynolite surface, or the residual soil that had formed on the rhynolite surface over time. In a few places, banded zones occur between the flows of capping basalt, suggesting that the stream may have attempted to reestablish itself between basalt flows.

Banded zones are also



The gradient of the original canyon is clear from a vantage point along the side road near the dam. The view is across the top of the intracanyon flows.



The stream was forced to flow along the west side of the intracanyon flows at the dam. The flows on the left fill the original canyon.

found. In places, between the massive rhynolite layers. This means that, either, the stream continued to find a route across the rhynolite before the next massive ash-flow sheet was deposited, or that there was adequate time for weathering to occur and create soil between the eruption of adjacent ash-flow sheets.

In contrast, no banded zones occur between the thin intracanyon flows. Apparently, the intracanyon



The original canyon may have passed through the present dam site. This relationship is especially clear where the reservoir is low.

It's clear that the intracanyon flows came from the Salmon Butte by the location of the stream in the present canyon. At the dam, the canyon has narrowed across a high spot in the rhynolite, and across the west side of the intracanyon basalt. This would occur if the elevation of the flows was higher on the western side, forcing the stream to flow around them on the west.

But as the elevation of the intracanyon flows dropped and the surface flattened across the canyon downstream, the stream would be directed more by the surface topography of the intracanyon basalt and would begin to meander a little more. Consequently, the present, narrow canyon walls across the flatter surface.

From the vantage along the canyon rim, the relationship between the intracanyon flows and the original rhynolite of the canyon is clear. Once the basalt entered the canyon, the stream would be directed more by the surface topography of the intracanyon basalt and would begin to meander a little more. Consequently, the present, narrow canyon walls across the flatter surface.

# Spring training not just limited to baseball

By Rob Morris  
Correspondent

Most bird-dog owners have stories just like the one that follows, and they're probably just as embarrassing and frustrating:

When I returned to my old stomping ground of Central Washington for a wedding and reunion, I was finally able to hunt on a farm I had tusted over for years because of its ample cover and pheasants.

My ticket to permission was my friend Luis, whose uncle had just purchased 20 acres of pasture bordering the farm, and the owners had given Luis the yelken with him permission to hunt. Even better, Luis had a new dog named Chox, who he said had a good nose but needed a little polish.

We arrived, loaded our guns and let Chox out of the truck to loosen up and all out. After donning jackets, shell vests and shotguns, Chox raced off into a patch of pigweed and curly dock, about 400 yards from us. We quickly collected our remaining gear and ran to Chox, who stood on-point, as solid as a bronze casting.

Luis walked in front of Chox, and out exploded a half dozen hen pheasants and Chox, who gave chase with abandon. Luis yelled commands, insulted Chox's ancestry and generally shouted, all to no avail. Chox was intent on catching the pheasants he had pointed, hens or not.

The moral of the story is that if you have a hunting dog, the time to train is now, not on the opening day of the fall bird season. So, where does a person begin?

If you are getting a pup this spring or new, think of this time as preschool for your future hunting dogs. The more time your puppy spends with you, your family and other people, the more likely it will grow up to be a good and well-adjusted dog.

In short, spend as much time as you can with your puppy and take him to many places as you can, to gently expose him to different situations. This will help you in later training, a few months later.

Before you can seriously train in the field, your dog has to understand and obey your commands in a more controlled environment, such as the yard. Most professional trainers agree that field dogs need just three commands to begin field training: come, sit (hup, for flushing spaniels) and stay (or whoa, for pointing dogs). Methods differ for teaching each command, and there is no one-



The author's setter points a pigeon during a recent training session.

The moral of the story is that if you have a hunting dog, the time to train is now, not on the opening day of the fall bird season.

size-fits-all method.

A good for teaching "come" is to use a 30-foot cord, called a check cord, attached to the dog's collar, and give the command "come" while giving a slight tug on the cord until the dog walks to your position, and then lavishly praise the dog.

"Stay," or "whoa," can be a little more challenging, and is best taught with the aid of a training partner. Wrap the check cord completely around the dog's waist and then attach the snap-end to the dog's collar, so there is a check-cord connection between the dog's collar and the dog's waist.

Call the dog while your training partner holds the end of the check cord. Walk away from the dog and give him the "come" command; when you are ready to give the "whoa" or "stay" command, hold out your palm as if you were a traffic cop and say "Stay!"

That's the cue for your partner to give the dog a stiff tug on the check cord. Sit (or hup) is the easiest command to teach any dog; just push on his hind quarters and say "sit" and give praise.

Field training is essentially a simulated, practiced hunt, where the dog is set up to experience success. It wasn't



Rob Ryan of Jerome, and Elle, a Brittany spaniel, pause during a spring tune-up.

that long ago that a dog owner could train his dog on wild birds, and wild birds alone. Sadly, most field-training today is done with a combination of pigeons and pen-raised birds, and the occasional wild bird serves only as an infrequent treat. Pigeons are the birds that are most often used, as they are usually strong fliers and there are no restrictions on their use.

The birds are "planted" in the training field (planting meaning either dizzled or placed in a restraining device to keep them from flying off) and the dog released as if hunting. As the dog sees the bird, he either points (if he is a pointing dog) or bents in and flushes the bird (if he is a flushing spaniel or retriever). Many trainers use mechanical or electronically triggered bird releases, which are devices that not only keep the bird confined but also pitch the bird skyward when released. Although somewhat pricey, these devices make planting birds much easier as pigeons

are not easily restrained without them.

Many trainers tend to think of field training in steps of three: introduction to birds for young dogs, rote repetition for intermediate dogs, and the occasional refresher course for veteran hunting dogs. It helps to have a training buddy or two, as many of training tasks are not easily done without assistance, or join a training club. Many breed clubs have training days and can offer assistance of experienced dog owners/trainers.

The High Desert Pointing Dog Club, of Buhl, tries to run at least one field day a month from March until the heat of summer prevents the dogs from working.

"Even an experienced dog needs a refresher course during the long layoff between hunting seasons," said Gary Welch of Buhl, a member of HDPPDC. "We meet at Grandstands in Buhl, the first Wednesday of every month, and new members are most welcome."

# Orion hosts a cradle of newborn stars

Go outside around 9:30 p.m., and look toward the southwest. There you'll see Orion, with his belt of three stars. Below the belt's leftmost star is a star that appears fuzzy. It's the nearest stellar nursery in our galaxy, the Great Orion Nebula.



SKYWATCH  
Chris Anderson

The nebula is a valuable natural laboratory for studying stellar newborns. Because stars live so long we can't observe them from cradle to grave. To understand stellar life cycles, we rely on computer simulations. For these models to calculate features of a star we can't directly observe—like their age—they must incorporate stellar parameters we can observe—like their brightness. But how bright a star appears depends on both its intrinsic brightness and its distance.

Measurements of the nebula's distance in 1991 placed it 1,566 light years away. Based on this distance, the fledgling stars within it were calculated to be slightly less than 1 million years old.

Last fall, astronomers used the Very Long Baseline Array of radio telescopes to refine the measurement of the Orion Nebula's distance. The VLBA utilizes ten radio telescopes from Hawaii to the Virgin Islands which operate as a single giant receiver, giving it the sharpest vision of any astronomical instrument on earth. Using the Earth's orbit as a baseline, astronomers triangulated the distance to the nebula. The new measurement puts

## Sky Calendar through Thursday:

Planets:  
One hour before sunrise:  
Jupiter: SSE, low  
One hour after sunset:  
Mars: WSW, very high  
Moon: SE, high  
Start: New moon tomorrow, 9:55 pm.

the Orion Nebula at 1,270 light years, about 19 percent closer than the previous figure.

Because the nebula is closer than previously thought, its stars are intrinsically dimmer. Using this information, the computer models suggest that the stars are closer to 1.5 million years old.

You don't have to know the age of the Orion Nebula's stars to appreciate its beauty. A small telescope shows it to be a blossom of glowing gas surrounding a cluster of four brilliant blue stellar infants.

Next week: Taking astronomy to the streets.

Chris Anderson is a production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Heron Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

# Ariz.'s profusion of desert plants to dry out, stoke fire danger

PHOENIX (AP) — An abnormally wet winter has spawned a rare profusion of grass and brush in the Phoenix metro area and other parts of the state — and that's a problem for desert lands far from active wildfire season, according to fire management officials.

That same wet weather has been a blessing for the state's higher-elevation forests, which have been dried out by years of drought and left with millions of dead trees because of a beetle infestation.

For the forests, above-normal snowfalls mean trees and undergrowth have high moisture content, and the fire danger is expected to be relatively low.

But by May, searing temperatures and arid conditions are expected to dry out the often hip-high grasses now blanketing desert areas. "It's almost like Ireland it's

so green out there right now," state Forester Kirk Rowdabaugh said recently, referring to one area just north of Phoenix. "But we know that's going to turn brown here in a few weeks, and certainly by early May it'll be cured out enough to start to carry fire."

The conditions are reminiscent of those in 2005, when a blaze named the Cave Creek Complex became the second-largest wildfire in state history. It scorched nearly 250,000 acres of desert and destroyed 11 homes in a small community northeast of Phoenix.

"Desert fires typically burn much faster and get much bigger in a short period of time than heavy timber fires," Rowdabaugh said. "They also tend to be easier to extinguish and have a shorter duration than timber fires."

# Gear

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involved in this niche, ranging from a two-brother operation in Vancouver to messengers made by disabled women in Cambodia out of recycled and used feed bags (see: www.gonline-store.org).

Most all bags in this genre are custom designed and hand stitched, meaning costs can run higher than a messenger from a major manufacturer like Timbuk2 or Chrome. The Messenger model, the original Alchemy Goods product, costs \$168. Recycling is Rad's pricing goes from \$70 for a small messenger to \$115 for the large bag, which is average for the product category.

Performance ranges with reclaimed messengers. Some bags will hold up to their calling for bike commuters or people employed as actual bike messengers. Other models are more ornamental — fine for use as a tote, though not made to hold up to the rigors of day-in and day-out abuse on a bike.

Recycling is Rad's bags, which I tested over a month of cycling and casual use, ride a middle ground between performance and ornamentation. The bag I used — the Large Plastic Messenger model — is bare bones, with a cloth pouch inside the large compartment, two buckles to keep it closed, and an un-padded

shoulder strap. There is one unique feature: Recycling is Rad includes clips on the bottom of the bag to secure the pack to your pants or belt loops while riding, keeping the package from sliding around on your back.

More than anything, the Large Plastic Messenger — or really any bag of its ilk —

is a statement. It's a fashion piece born of scrap. Wear a reclaimed messenger and you're an instant conversational piece — a walking, cycling advertisement for sustainability and resourcefulness in a world often bogged down by waste.

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several U.S. newspapers; see <http://www.THISGUYJUNKIE.com> for video gear reviews, a daily blog, and an archive of Regenold's work.

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## Bernanke defends Bear Stearns bailout

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and the Bush administration on Thursday defended the decision to rescue Bear Stearns amid questions by lawmakers about why the government was helping Wall Street investment houses but not people on Main Street.

Bernanke and Treasury Department Undersecretary Robert Steel said that the consequences to the U.S. econ-

omy and financial system would have been far more serious had the government allowed the nation's fifth largest investment house to go bankrupt.

"Given the exceptional pressures on the global economy and financial system, the damage caused by a default by Bear Stearns could have been severe and extremely difficult to contain," Bernanke told the Senate Banking Committee.

The panel conducted a five-hour hearing as lawmakers

sought to understand the decisions made during the hectic weekend of March 14-15 after Bear Stearns informed the Fed that it was on the verge of having to file for bankruptcy protection because nervous creditors were demanding to be repaid.

The investment house was purchased by JP Morgan Chase & Co. with assistance from the Fed in the form of a loan backed by \$30 billion of Bear Stearns assets. JP Morgan has agreed to absorb the first \$1 billion of losses if the value

of the assets declines, but taxpayers are at risk for the remaining \$29 billion.

Bear Stearns, with a stock price around \$150 per share a year ago, was sold for \$10 a share, becoming the biggest victim of a severe credit crisis that hit financial markets in August.

That crisis, which was triggered by a prolonged housing slump and cascading mortgage defaults, has made it harder for consumers and businesses to get loans and helped to push the country to

the brink of a recession.

Democrats on the Senate Banking Committee questioned why the Fed was willing to put such a large amount of money at risk to protect Wall Street while as many as 3 million homeowners are facing the risk of defaulting on their mortgages with the administration balking at greater efforts to help them.

"Was this a justified rescue to prevent a systemic collapse of financial markets or a \$30 billion taxpayer bailout for a

Wall Street firm while people on Main Street struggle to pay their mortgages?" Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd asked Bernanke and the other witnesses.

Bernanke said that government's effort was not a bailout for Bear Stearns shareholders, who will suffer big losses, but an effort to protect the financial system and ultimately the entire economy, which could have faced severe consequences from a Bear Stearns bankruptcy.

## High wheat prices grab farmers' attention in Idaho

The Associated Press

GRANGEVILLE — Increases in wheat prices have Idaho farmers planning to grow more acres of the grain this spring.

Nationwide, wheat plantings are expected to jump by at least 6 percent this year, according to the spring prospectus survey released Monday by the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

In Idaho, farmers are expected to plant 1.45 million acres of all varieties of wheat this year, compared with 1.23 million acres in 2007. Wheat acreage in neighboring Washington is expected to increase from 2.17 million acres in 2007 to 2.35 million this year.

Wheat prices, which reached \$15.80 a bushel for some varieties about six weeks ago, were coming in at about \$10.50 per bushel Monday.

"These are incredible numbers," said Tom Riedner of CDI, Pacific Grain in Lewiston. "We made history this year."

Although prices are projected to stay higher than usual for at least a few more weeks, Riedner said he doesn't expect them to remain at those levels indefinitely.

"I just think we have witnessed something that is extraordinary," Riedner told the Lewiston Tribune. "But (wheat) is a renewable product and as long as there are

good growing conditions in other countries, that's going to bring it back to more normal values that we were used to."

While Idaho farmers are expected to plant more wheat this year, growers in lower elevations have been delayed from starting their spring work because of cold, wet weather.

"Those numbers are incredible," Riedner said.

— Tom Riedner of CDI, Pacific Grain in Lewiston, on current wheat prices could also cause some wet

bugs in flat areas when major melting begins. "It can turn around in just days," Riedner said. "But the weather is delaying planting. We should be pretty hard in the field by now. (But) it's not too late, either. So the ball game is still going."

Meanwhile, not all farmers have reaped the benefits of the high wheat prices.

While growers are pleased with the prices of wheat and other commodities — such as lentils and barley — the cost of production has also shot up, cutting into profits, said Potlatch farmer Joe Anderson, a member of the Idaho Wheat Commission.

"We're looking at fertilizer, pesticides, repairs, fuel and labor inputs going up considerably," Anderson said, adding that costs could increase as much as 50 percent this year.

## Digital blackout



Sean Venable, who lives at St. Mary's Court, a Washington, D.C., facility for low-income senior citizens, is worried that his coupon for a TV converter box might expire before St. Mary's decides whether to hook up cable for residents.

## Digital TV switch may leave many people in the dark

By Kim Hart  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Wallace Page, 67, begins and ends each day with his television. His tired legs don't let him get out much anymore, he doesn't own a computer and reading often strains his eyes. The TV set is sometimes his only connection to the outside world.

But the TV signals he's come to rely on will soon disappear. In February, traditional analog broadcasts will be shut off so the airwaves can be used for wireless phone services. And the transition to digital-only television — the biggest change for the industry since color TV — could leave some people in the dark.

The digital conversion presents a huge logistical and technical hurdle for the communities whose dependence on rabbit-ear-style analog TVs are high. But whose understanding of how to manage the change is low.

Many of the older TVs belong to seniors and low-income individuals — populations that are typically harder to reach to educate about technical change. Yet these groups are also the people who most rely on their TVs for critical information such as news reports and public-service alerts. In nursing homes and retirement communities, where many sets need antennas to pick up signals, TVs could flicker out.

Nationwide, about 14 million households depend on

analog TV signals, according to Nielsen Co. Centris puts that number closer to 20 million households — about a sixth of which include people older than 65.

Page said his TV is often all that breaks the solitude of his days at Friendship Terrace Apartments, a retirement community in Northwest Washington.

"For people who are alone, the TV is the only voice you hear," said Page, who mostly watches news and documentary programs. He also recently got hooked on "That '70s Show" reruns, which remind him of a different time. "It's a little frightening to hear about such a vast change."

Americans' awareness of the digital transition is increasing, surveys show, but

many people are still confused about steps they need to take to avoid losing TV when the older signals expire on Feb. 17, 2009.

Those with satellite and cable subscriptions, as well as those with newer digital TV sets, should not have to do anything to keep watching TV. But consumers with analog sets will likely have to buy a special converter box and, in some cases, a new antenna to receive digital signals.

Navigating these complexities hits the elderly harder because they're least likely to own a digital TV, according to recent surveys by Centris and Consumers Union. They also have less access to the Internet, which is a major source of information about the transition.

## The buzz about bees

By Wayne Orman  
Associated Press/Writer

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — The California winter has been a tough one on South Dakota beekeepers like Richard Adce.

Last fall he sent 155 semi-trailer trucks to California loaded with hives containing bees fit and ready to pollinate the almond crop.

"We lost 40 percent of the hives we sent there. We sent 70,000 and lost 28,000," said Adce, whose Adce Honey Farms in France is considered the largest beekeeping operation in the nation.

"I would say over all the losses of South Dakota bees — from what I've heard — from what they started in the spring of '07 until they came out to the almonds, it's at least 50 percent. It's not good."

Now, in preparation for the honey-making season in South Dakota, he's working to get back to full strength from a mystery called colony collapse disorder.

No one's really sure what's

causing the disorder, evident when adult bees abandon the hive.

It's a concern for South Dakota beekeepers, who ranked third nationally last year for honey production and for the number of colonies.

"It's very serious," said Heath Bernier, a Java beekeeper and president of the South Dakota Beekeepers Association. "There's a lot of

beekeepers all over the U.S. who are losing hives."

The U.S. Agriculture Department has earmarked money and research to solving CCD because it says one-third of the human diet comes from insect-pollinated plants, and the honeybee is responsible for 80 percent of that pollination.

"As beekeepers we're confused and the scientific community is even more confused because they feel like they should be able to figure this out and get it handled on it, and yet there are so many variables they are just having a

problem," said Adce, chairman of the legislative committee for the American Honey Producers Association.

Researchers with the Agricultural Research Service within the U.S. Department of Agriculture are chasing various theories about CCD, said Jon Lundgren, an AHS entomologist in Brookings not directly involved in the research.

Among the possible causes are parasites, a virus, or pesticides. It may be a several factors resulting from stress on the bees, he said.

"Shipping these things

across the country — that's not the way that honeybees have evolved, so we're really changing and manipulating these colonies quite a bit to suit our needs," Lundgren said.

"It's necessary if we want cheap almonds and other fresh produce, but on the flip side, by changing agricultural landscapes — both in terms of the actual landscape itself and how we approach agriculture — there's probably any number of factors that are ultimately involved in what we're seeing with CCD right now."

## STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	24.30	▲ .42	Dell Inc.	20.12	▲ .17
Lithia Mo.	10.03	▼ .45	Micron	6.79	▲ .40

Idacorp	32.62	▼ .36
Supervalu	30.83	▲ .12

## COMMODITIES

Live cattle	87.70	▲ 1.50	May Oil	103.83	▼ 1.0
Apr. gold	907.1	▲ 9.3	May Silver	17.54	▲ 2.66

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Large table listing business permits for Twin Falls County, including applicant names, addresses, and permit details.

# Trial begins for 8 charged with plotting to blow up planes

## Prosecutor: Men wanted to down seven airliners over Atlantic

By David Stryker  
Associated Press writer

LONDON — Eight British men planned to set off homemade bombs aboard at least seven airliners flying over the Atlantic to the United States and Canada, hoping to kill hundreds in a mammoth terror attack, a prosecutor said Thursday as their trial opened.

son in 2006. Details of seven specific flights from London's Heathrow airport to Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Washington, Toronto and Montreal were stored on a computer memory stick, he said in the opening statements of a trial expected to last around six months. Major disruptions were caused at British airports as hundreds of flights were ordered grounded when police arrested the suspects in August 2006 in the alleged plot to use explosive liquids to blow up planes.

was not long off" when police swept in, Wright said. Discovery of the purported plot led to tight new restrictions on the items that passengers carry on board planes. The group hoped to recruit as many as 10 suicide bombers and to blow up just seven airliners, Wright alleged. He said the seven targeted flights would have all departed within three hours of each other and been in the air at the same time. Each would have held between 240 to 285

passengers and crew. The plan was designed to bring about what would have been a civilian death toll on an almost unprecedented scale, Wright said. He said the plot was intended to be a "violent and deadly statement of intent" and designed to "inflict heavy casualties on an unwitting civilian population all in the name of Islam." Wright told jurors the suspects hoped to smuggle hydrogen peroxide-based explosives on board, dissolved with food dye to look like soft drinks or mouthwash. Using other innocuous pieces of hand luggage like disposable camera batteries, improvised bombs would be assembled and detonated mid-flight, he said.

They are men with the cold-eyed certainty of the fanatic, prepared to board an aircraft with the necessary ingredients and equipment to construct and detonate a device that would bring not only the loss of their own life but also all of those who happened by chance to be taking the same journey," Wright said. Following his arrest, Abdulla Ahmed Ali, 27, was found to have a computer memory stick that stored vast amounts of detail on the times, aircraft types, departure terminals and flight paths for daily services from London to North America, the prosecutors said.

# Maintenance on flyers' minds

## Equipment problems worry travelers

By Dan Caterinicchia  
Associated Press writer

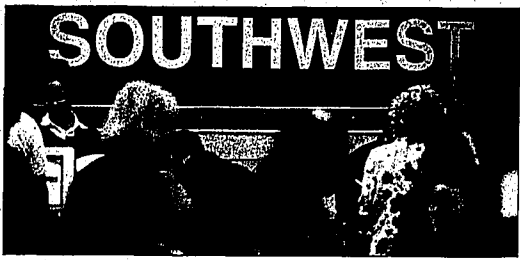
WASHINGTON — Before boarding an American Airlines flight to Dallas this week, Jody Johnson took an unusual pre-travel precaution: a student from San Francisco asked to see whether the aircraft was among those recently grounded because of safety concerns.

She was relieved to learn it was not the same type of plane grounded last week by American Airlines and Delta Air Lines for inspections of wiring along the wheel wells. "It's the airlines' responsibility to us as consumers to offer service that's safe," said Johnson, a student from San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

Well-publicized equipment problems at American, Southwest and other large carriers is making travelers jittery and adding another layer to the ordeal of air travel. There are also questions about the outsourcing of maintenance work to overseas facilities and allegations of a too-close relationship between airlines and the Federal Aviation Administration.

"You just hope and pray that (airlines) do their homework, because our lives are at stake," said Grant Schleisner, who arrived at Los Angeles International Airport Wednesday after a 12-hour flight from Auckland, New Zealand.

Such concerns aren't likely to fade from flyers' psyches



Travelers stand in line at a Southwest Airlines ticket counter at Chicago's Midway International Airport on Thursday. Well-publicized maintenance problems at American, Southwest and other airlines are filtering into the flying public's psyche, adding a new headache to air travel.

soon, as Congress and the FAA pledge to step up scrutiny of maintenance procedures. Still, flying on U.S. airlines has never been safer, according to analysts.

And most travelers say they have faith in U.S. carriers and their regulators. Schleisner, a 63-year-old retiree from San Luis Obispo, Calif., applauded the airlines' decisions to cancel flights. "I'd rather miss a flight than be put on a plane that you're not sure about," he said.

Analysts say any financial impact stemming from flyers concerns about lax maintenance is far outweighed by the punishment the airline industry is taking because of high fuel prices and economic weakness.

In recent years, public sentiment about regulation has been "less is more, but people have a right to be concerned," said Daniel Petres, dean of the College of Business at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The public spotlight heated up last month after the FAA took the rare step of ordering

the audit of maintenance records at all domestic carriers following reports of missed safety inspections at Dallas-based Southwest Airlines Co.

The airline was hit with a record \$10.2 million fine for continuing to fly dozens of Boeing 737s that hadn't been inspected for cracks in their fuselages.

On Thursday, a pair of FAA inspectors who blew the whistle on Southwest and government managers told travelers their jobs were threatened and their reports of noncompliance by the airline were sometimes ignored for years by their superiors.

FAA inspector Douglas Peters checked up and needed a few sips of water to tell the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee about how a former manager came into his office, commented on pictures of Peters' family, and then said his job could be jeopardized by his actions. Committee Chair Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., said FAA managers displayed "malfeasance bordering on corruption," adding

that if presented to a grand jury, the evidence would result in an indictment.

The inspectors' concerns about Southwest have since been confirmed, and the FAA on Wednesday said it is investigating four airlines for failing to comply with various federal regulations.

In the last week alone, American, a unit of AMR Corp., Delta Air Lines Inc. and UAL Corp.'s United Airlines have canceled hundreds of flights and inconvenienced thousands of passengers to perform unscheduled inspections of certain aircraft, and US Airways Group Inc. found problems on some Boeing 757s after a wing part from another plane fell off during a flight.

There's a long history of cooperation between the industry and the FAA. But maintenance inspections, mostly fail to airlines because the FAA doesn't have enough people to ensure every required check or overhaul is done, said Bob Harrell of New York-based travel and aviation consulting firm Harrell Associates.

# Fate of London car fee is up in the air

By Kim Murphy  
Los Angeles Times

LONDON — The Hackings, like many of their neighbors, are a two-car family. Every morning, Giles Hacking gets into his Mercedes CL500 in West Kensington and drives to his office across town near London Bridge.

Sarah Hacking piles the three children into the Jeep Cherokee and drops them off at their schools. Then, her mother pitches in and delivers one of the youngsters.

Soon, though, multi-car families like the Hackings may be wishing all they had to contend with was London's 50-a-gallon gasoline.

In an unusual municipal experiment aimed at fighting global warming where the rubber meets the road, the British capital in October is to begin imposing a \$50-a-day carbon emissions fee on every gas-guzzling private vehicle driven in the central city.

Even for the Hackings, who live in one of London's better neighborhoods and earn a good income from an old family import/export business, that will be a significant jolt: \$100 a day for the school and work runs. \$150 if Grandma gets involved.

"It's outrageous," said Sarah Hacking, expressing a sentiment that appears to elicit a strong anger from many of those here who drive the big sport utility vehicles that Mayor Ken Livingstone refers to derisively as "Chelsea tractors."

"At the moment, we just have no choice."

— Sarah Hacking, on London's plan to impose a \$50-a-day fee on cars in the city center

if we tried to sell our cars. And I can't have a tiny little car because I have three children who go to three different schools," she said. "At the moment, we just have to pay. We really have no choice."

The new fee, adopted by the mayor after a long consultation with the public, has prompted threats of a lawsuit from Porsche and anger from many London drivers, some of whom have vowed to make it a central issue in the campaign leading to the mayoral election May 1.

For five years, London has been assessing drivers a daily "congestion charge," now set at \$16, to drive into the central city and a large swath around it, a fee designed to tackle the infernal bottlenecks that have turned much of London into a parking lot.

The program has become a test case for major cities around the world. The New York City Council this week voted for a three-year trial program that would impose an \$8 charge on vehicles entering Midtown and Lower Manhattan, a plan that still needs approval from the state Legislature.

# Researchers crack mysterious code used by Aztecs to measure land

By Alan Zarembo  
Los Angeles Times

It has long been a mystery of Aztec arithmetic: What is three arms plus five bones?

New researchers know: Five hearts.

The odd symbols had been noted for centuries — thousands of them appear in Aztec property registers that were created around 1540. But no one knew the value of the symbols or how they were used to represent the size of land plots for tax assessment.

ment and other purposes.

After three decades of work, geographer Barbara Williams and mathematician Maria del Carmen Jorge y Jorge have found a solution that reveals a complex surveying system with a rudimentary ability to calculate the area of irregular shapes and manipulate fractional amounts.

"It cracks the code," said Williams, a professor emerita at the University of Wisconsin.

The researchers, who published their findings today in the Journal Science, based their analysis on two books called the Códex Vergara and the Códex de Santa María Asunción. The manuscripts were written on paper brought by the Spanish conquistadors, who had

arrived in Mexico two decades earlier.

The researchers said the property drawings in the books were likely transcribed from even older documents written on tree bark or cotton cloth.

The pages of the books are filled with tiny property maps. For each plot, there are two drawings — one showing the lengths of the sides and another showing the area. The measurements are represented by seven symbols: lines, dots, arrows, hearts, hands, arms and bones. Each map also includes the name of the property owner and the soil type.

Researchers already knew what each map represented and the value of some of the measurements. A line, for example, was the standard unit of

length, which was known as a "tequahuitl" or rod, and in modern units would measure 2.5 meters.

When the researchers knew the values of the units in roughly rectangular plots, they could easily follow the logic of the Aztecs and reproduce their calculations by multiplying lengths and widths.

But they were stymied in calculating many plots because they didn't know the value of the units. The breakthrough came when Jorge y Jorge, a professor at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, found that some areas were prime numbers.

That meant the some of the unknown symbols had to represent fractions of a rod, she said.

By trial and error, she decoded the system.

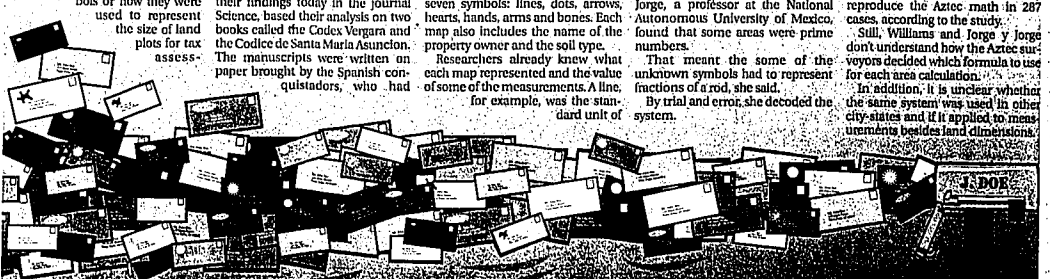
A hand equaled 3/5 of a rod, an arm was 1/2, a heart was 2/5, an arm was 1/3, and a bone was 1/5.

A set of at least five formulas emerged showing how the Aztec surveyors determined the areas of irregular shapes. For example, in some cases, the Aztecs averaged opposite sides and then multiplied. In others, they bisected the fields into triangles.

Of the 369 plots the researchers examined, they could accurately reproduce the Aztec math in 287 cases, according to the study.

Gull, Williams and Jorge y Jorge don't understand how the Aztec surveyors decided which formula to use for each area calculation.

In addition, it is unclear whether the same system was used in other city-states and if it applied to measurements besides land dimensions.



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# NATO backs U.S. missile defense plan

By James Gerstenzang  
Los Angeles Times



An Iraqi woman weeps at a destroyed house in Basra, Iraq, 340 miles southeast of Baghdad, Thursday. A U.S. air strike destroyed a house in the southern city of Basra, killing a militant, the U.S. military said Thursday. Iraqi witnesses and hospital officials said at least three civilians were among the dead.

## Iraqi PM says he will expand crackdown on militias

By Robert H. Reid  
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Iraq's prime minister pledged Thursday to expand his crackdown on Shiite militias to Baghdad, despite a mixed performance so far against militants in the southern city of Basra. The U.S. ambassador, meanwhile, said that despite a "boastload" of problems with the Basra operation, he was encouraged that the Shiite-led government was finally confronting extremists regardless of their religious affiliation.

Iraqi forces launched a major operation March 25 to rid Basra of Shiite militias and criminal gangs that had effectively ruled the city of 2 million people since 2005. But the offensive stalled in the face of fierce resistance from the militiamen and an uprising across the Shiite south spearheaded by the Mahdi Army of anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Fighting eased Sunday when al-Sadr ordered his fighters to stand down under a deal brokered in Iran.

Nevertheless, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, himself a Shiite, insisted that the campaign to reclaim Basra was on track and that he would soon go after "criminal gangs" in Baghdad and elsewhere.

Al-Maliki specified two Baghdad neighborhoods — Sadr City and Shula — where the Mahdi militia holds bases and where U.S. and Iraqi forces have clashed with militants in recent days.

Both areas remain under a vehicle ban imposed last week throughout Baghdad but which has been lifted elsewhere.

"We cannot remain silent about our people and families in Sadr City, Shula and other areas ... while they are held hostage by gangs that control them," al-Maliki said. "We must liberate (them) because we came into office to serve them."

It was unclear whether any new operation was imminent, but residents of Sadr City and other Shiite areas of the capital said many people began stocking up on food and water after al-Maliki's remarks.

Al-Maliki also said the government would spend \$100 million to improve public services in Basra and create 25,000 jobs there — moves aimed at weaning away support for the militias as security forces revamp their tactics to combat the extremists.

Last week's offensive in Basra resulted in a dramatic spike in violence — including rocket and mortar attacks on the U.S.-controlled Green Zone in Baghdad.

The violence erupted as the top American officials in Iraq were preparing to brief Congress on prospects for further U.S. troop cuts.

strating a dramatic evolution eastward. Figuratively and literally, it is moving away from its post-World War II roots as an alliance of the United States, Canada and the major powers of Western Europe erecting a defense network against the nation of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact.

A day after it became clear that the alliance would balk at meeting Bush's demand to put Ukraine and Georgia on the first rung of a ladder intended to lead toward membership, the alliance instead said that the countries would eventually be allowed in — and that NATO foreign ministers would consider the matter again in December.

The summit, which marked the alliance's 59th anniversary, dealt a setback to Bush's demand that it would be admitted with Albania and Croatia. NATO



U.S. President George W. Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice smile during a session with invitees at the NATO Summit in Bucharest, Thursday. The NATO allies agreed to put off a plan to put Ukraine and Georgia on track to join the alliance, but did invite Albania and Croatia to become members.

actions require the consent of all members, and Greece has long objected to Macedonia's name, which it

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, and White House national security adviser Stephen J. Hadley and other U.S. officials sought to present the summit as an unqualified success for the administration.

At times it was easier than others.

The support for the missile defense system, which the administration wants to build in the Czech Republic and Poland, went the administration's way.

But Bush had lobbied hard, first privately and then in public, in recent weeks to start Ukraine and Georgia on the road to NATO membership.

NATO members Germany and France opposed the move, with German Chancellor Angela Merkel leading the argument that the two would-be members had not done enough to reform their politics and military forces.

says is in conflict with a region of Greece that bears the same name. Throughout the day, Bush,

## Zimbabwe opposition offices raided, foreign reporters detained

By Angus Shaw  
Associated Press writer

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Intruders ransacked offices of the main opposition party and police detained foreign journalists Thursday in an ominous sign that Robert Mugabe might turn to intimidation and violence in trying to stave off an electoral threat to his 28-year rule.

Earlier, Mugabe apparently launched his campaign for an expected run-off presidential ballot even before the official results of Saturday's election were announced, with state media portraying the opposition as divided and controlled by former colonial ruler Britain.

Five days after the vote, the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission still had not released results on the presidential election despite increasing international pressure, including from former U.N. chief Kofi Annan, who recently mediated an end to Kenya's postelection violence.

The opposition Movement for Democratic Change already asserted its leader, Morgan Tsvangirai, won the presidency outright, but said it was prepared to compete



Police raided opposition offices in Harare, Zimbabwe, Thursday.

The police raids came a day after official results slumped Mugabe's party had lost control of parliament's 210-member lower house. The election commission was slow on the 60 elected seats in the Senate, releasing the first returns late Thursday that gave five seats each to the opposition and ruling party.

Tsvangirai tried on Thursday to reassure security chiefs who vowed a week ago not to serve anyone but Mugabe, according to a source close to the opposition leader. But an agreed meeting with seven generals

was canceled when the officers said that they had been ordered not to attend and that they would be under surveillance, the source said.

The man, who requested anonymity because of the issue's sensitivity, gave The Associated Press a copy of a letter signed by Tsvangirai outlining "MDC guarantees to the uniformed forces of Zimbabwe." It was given to the generals earlier in the day, he said.

The letter promises generous retirement packages for those unwilling to serve an MDC government. It also promises not to take back farms given to officers under Mugabe's land reform program, except in cases in which an officer got several farms or if land was being neglected.

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# DNA tests on Russian remains may solve mystery of what happened to last czar's heirs

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — Answers to the mystery of what befell the last czar of Russia nearly a century ago may rest behind locked laboratory doors in Moscow and New England.

DNA test results to be announced within months could fragment the mystery. Russia last year could prove that none of Czar Nicholas II's family escaped execution in the Bolshevik Revolution — not even Anastasia, the teenage princess whose identity various women have claimed over the decades.

Evgeny Rogayev, who heads a genetic research team working in Moscow and at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, is not immune to the effect his work could have on how his fellow Russian citizens view that turbulent chapter in their history.

He keeps pictures of the royal family carefully tucked inside a folder near charts of DNA sequences, but does not display them. Likewise, he shields any sight of the remains from everyone except the other researchers, out of respect for whomever the remains represent.

"Murders occurred. Children were murdered," he said this week, choosing his words carefully. "I will not make a show of it. That is my ethics."

For Rogayev, a professor at UMass and Moscow State University, ensuring the accuracy of the DNA tests is paramount.

"In an expert work, it cannot be about emotions. It must be about collection of scientific evidences, and that is why this DNA is so powerful to study," he said.

Rogayev is reviewing the genetic material at the request of the Russian Federation Prosecutor's Office as part of its reopened investigation of the details of the royal family.

Nicholas II, Empress Alexandra, 13-year-old Crown Prince Alexei, the prince's four older sisters and their four attendants were taken prisoner in 1917. Even though the czar already had abdicated his throne, their captors fatally shot all the prisoners on July 17, 1918, in a basement room of a house in the city of Yekaterinburg.

DNA testing determined skeletal remains unearthed from shallow graves in a nearby mining pit in 1991 were most likely those of the couple and three of their four daughters.

The daughters were believed to be 22-year-old Olga, 21-year-old Tatiana and 17-year-old Anastasia, although some people specu-

late the last set of remains belonged to the similarly sized 19-year-old Maria. Researchers suspect the bone shards discovered last summer, burned and doused with acid, are those of Alexei and Maria. They were found in the area where one of the professed killers said their bodies had been dumped. The remains found in 1991

were reburied with honors in 1998 in the imperial-era capital of St. Petersburg. It was shadowed by doubts at the time, including from the Russian Orthodox Church and some Romanov relatives, over the authenticity of the genetic results.

Nevertheless, the church canonized the royal family in 2000.



Russian scientist Evgeny Rogayev stands in his laboratory at the Irving and Betty Brudnick Neuropsychiatric Research Institute in Worcester, Mass., Wednesday. Rogayev heads a team of scientists looking into the possibility that bone fragments found near the Russian city of Yekaterinburg are those of Czar Nicholas II's children.

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## Freeing of Kosovo commander inflames Balkans

Los Angeles Times

ROME — The most senior Kosovo Albanian suspect to be prosecuted by the U.N. war crimes tribunal was cleared Thursday of all counts involving the murder and torture of Serb civilians, a verdict that quickly inflamed passions across the Balkans.

The decision to acquit and free Ramush Haradinaj, a former guerrilla commander and prime minister of Kosovo, was met with joy and cheers in the breakaway province. But in Serbia, where the credibility of the 15-odd tribunal was immediately assailed.

Kosovo, with U.S. backing, declared independence six weeks ago, a move Serbia adamantly and sometimes violently opposes.

"This is a verdict that strengthens Kosovo," Haradinaj said in a statement.

In Pristina, the capital of Kosovo, where Haradinaj is considered a national hero, cars filled the streets, many adorned with red Albanian flags and their horns blaring in celebration. He is expected to return later Friday.

But troubling questions were raised about the efficacy of the trial at the international tribunal at The Hague. Numerous witnesses were too afraid to testify against Haradinaj and several prosecution witnesses disappeared or died under mysterious circumstances, court officials said.

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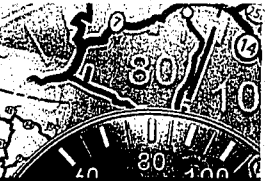
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### 2008 HONDA ACCORD COUPE

## Sporty refinement

**Road Worthyl**  
By Ken Chester, Jr.  
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Refined, dynamic and sophisticated, the 2008 Honda Accord coupe grows in size and dimension, complete with an expanded range of innovative technologies designed for more power, greater efficiency and enhanced safety.

The Accord styling theme expresses a powerful presence with sharp and strong character lines with an aggressive stance and unique proportions to create a muscular, sporty demeanor. Offered in LX-S, EX, EX-L and EX-L VTEC models, base power for the all-new Accord coupe is generated by a 2.4L four-cylinder engine. The standard engine is an upmarket version of the same engine used in the sedan and employs a high-flow muffler and reprogrammed Powertrain Control Module (PCM) to produce an additional 13 hp over the base engine variant. A newly available 3.5L V6 is the most powerful engine ever offered in a Honda vehicle.

Featuring a new generation of the automaker's Variable Cylinder Management (VCM) variable displacement technology, VCM works with a special valve train that allows the sophisticated prime mover to operate in three different modes. Depending on driving conditions, the engine operates on three, four, or all six cylinders to help boost fuel economy or power as needed.

Engine torque is



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transferred to the asphalt through the standard five-speed manual gearbox.

A five-speed automatic transmission is an available option. EX-L V6 Coupe models are equipped with a close-ratio six-speed manual gearbox.

The Accord's precise control is accomplished with a lower center of gravity, designed to flatten the Honda's handling in turns—resulting in less body roll and

increased passenger comfort. The control hardware was developed to maximize drifting enjoyment as well as passenger comfort. It features a highly developed double wishbone front and new multi-link rear suspension systems, along with four-wheel disc brakes and new Variable Gear Ratio (VGR) steering.

Inside the airy passenger cabin, comfort, style and functionality are the

watchwords for how displays, controls and switchgear are presented and interact with the driver and passengers. Honda designers call the Accord interior the "Simply Premium" design concept.

While the coupe retains the premium look of the sedan, the interior presentation is more powerful, personal and sporty in appearance. The Coupe interior has several unique components including the front and rear

seats, door panels and rear side panels, along with an exclusive three-spoke sport steering wheel.

Seating is comfortable with plenty of room front and rear for four adults to ride in opulent comfort. The dashboard is a case study in what Honda always seems to do best. The rear seat back folds down in a single piece to maximize the generous trunk space.

### 2008 Honda Accord coupe by the Numbers

**PRICING:**  
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2008 Honda Accord coupe starts from \$21,860 for the LX up to \$30,510 for the EX-L with navigation. Destination charges add \$635.

**WHEELBASE:**  
107.5; overall length: 190.9; width: 72.8; height: 56.4 — all measurements are in inches.

**ENGINE:**  
2.4L four-cylinder — 190 hp at 7,000 rpm and 162 lbs-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm; 3.5L V6 — 288 at 6,200 rpm and 248 lbs-ft of torque at 5,000 rpm.

**TRANSMISSION:**  
five-speed manual, six-speed manual, or five-speed automatic.

**EPA FUEL ECONOMY:**  
2.4L four-cylinder — 22 city/31 hwy. (manual); 21 city/30 hwy. (auto); 3.5L V6 — 17 city/25 hwy. (manual); 19 city/28 hwy. (auto). Cargo capacity: 11.9 cu. ft.

**SAFETY FEATURES:**  
Dual front airbags, front seat mounted side-impact airbags, side curtain airbags, vehicle stability assist, traction control, brake assist, electronic brake distribution, tire pressure monitoring system, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, daytime running lights, side-impact door beams, engine immobilizer, security system and remote keyless entry. EX-L V6 adds fog lights and HomeLink Remote System. Optional safety equipment includes navigation system.

**WARRANTY:**  
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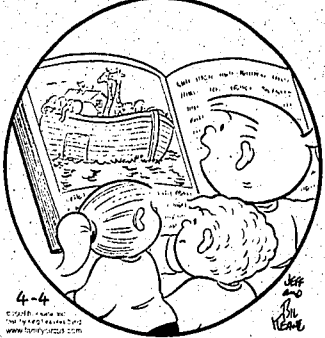


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**THE ACES ON BRIDGE** Bobby Wolff

"If you can keep your head when all about you Are losing theirs and blaming it on you..."  
 — Rudyard Kipling

Keeping your head when you have gone wrong in the bidding is a theme we have seen before in this column. Even experts are sometimes guilty of failing to do this as can be seen in today's deal from a recent World Championship.  
 South's two-spade opening should have shown a better six-card suit at this vulnerability. Even so, perhaps North should have settled for four spades at his second turn, but he drove the partnership to the five-level.

On the lead of the club four, South made little attempt to bring home his contract. He simply won the club ace, cashed the spade king, and exited with a club. East won and thoughtfully switched to a diamond. Declarer was now locked in the dummy and ended up losing two more trump tricks.  
 Better, after winning the club ace, was to play out the diamond ace and king before cashing the spade king (dropping East's eight) and exiting with a club. Now what can East do? Best is to switch to a heart, but declarer wins in dummy, cashes the other top heart, and carefully ruffs a heart with the spade jack.

Now declarer is in hand and can cash the spade ace, dropping East's queen, and lose the nine to East on West's 10. If West then puts dummy back on play with a diamond, declarer's trumps are just good enough to be able to ruff a heart high back to hand to draw West's last trump.

**NORTH** 04-A  
 ♠ K  
 ♥ A Q 8 5 2  
 ♦ A K Q 10 7  
 ♣ A 6

**WEST**  
 ♠ 10 5 4 3  
 ♥ K 10  
 ♦ J 8 4  
 ♣ 10 8 7 4

**EAST**  
 ♠ Q 8  
 ♥ J 9 7 4  
 ♦ 5 2  
 ♣ K Q 9 5 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A J 9 7 6 2  
 ♥ 6 3  
 ♦ 9 6 3  
 ♣ J 3

Vulnerable: North-South  
 Dealer: South

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

\*Asking for the trump queen

Opening lead: Club four

**BID WITH THE ACES**

South holds:  
 ♠ Q 8  
 ♥ J 9 7 4  
 ♦ 5 2  
 ♣ K Q 9 5 2

South West North East  
 1♠ 1♥ 1♣ 1♦  
 2♣ Pass 2♠ Pass

**ANSWER:** Partner has made a game-try suggesting spades and longer clubs, with a good hand. You are too good to sign off in three clubs and do not look suitable for no-trump, although a cue-bid of three hearts simply suggests extras here with something in hearts and is a reasonable call. But I suggest that a jump to four clubs gets your extras across well.

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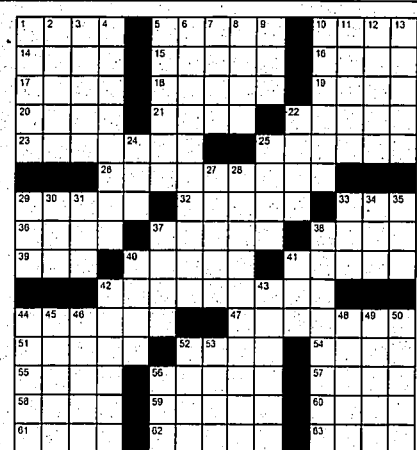
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lonn H. Thaele and Steven P. Thaele have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice of said claims not to be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008.  
 L.S. Steven P. Thaele  
 P.O. for Co-Personal Representatives

**Legal**

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, April 2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Human Rights Commission has prohibited discrimination in housing since 1989; and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity for all regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin is a fundamental goal of our nation, state and county; and

WHEREAS, equal access to housing is an important component of this goal - as fundamental as the right to equal education and employment; and

WHEREAS, housing is a critical component of family and community health and stability; and

WHEREAS, housing choice impacts our children's access to education, our ability to seek and retain employment options, the cultural benefits we enjoy, the extent of our exposure to crime and drugs, and the quality of health care we receive in emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the laws of this nation and our state seek to ensure such equality of choice for all transactions involving housing; and

WHEREAS, ongoing education, outreach and monitoring are key to raising awareness of fair housing principals, practices, rights and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, only through continued cooperation, commitment and support of all Idahoans can barriers to fair housing be removed.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Twin Falls County Commission, do hereby proclaim April 2008, to be

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the Twin Falls County Commission in Twin Falls, Idaho on this 1st day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and eight.

Tom Mikoski, Chairman, Twin Falls County, Idaho  
 George Uno, Commissioner  
 Terry Ray Kramer, Commissioner  
 Kristina Glascock, Alaska  
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MEDIUM #34

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page E-12.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your government and to be interested in what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We also urge citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

**IMPORTANT**  
 Please address all legal advertising to:  
**LEGAL ADVERTISING**  
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 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548  
 email to legal@magiclevel.com

Deadline for legal ads: 3 days prior to publication on Wednesday for Sunday, noon on Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Monday for Thursday and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday. Holiday deadlines may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby, legal clerk, at 208-735-3324.

**FOUND** Hedge Trimmer, 1/2 bar, Fendall, 8300 South Edon on Hwy 25. Call to identify. 208-575-5750.

**FOUND** Shih Tzu, young male, found in Jackson area (near R. Rupert) 208-436-5670

**FOUND** Tool Box at Orchard and Washington on 929. Call to identify. 208-639-0336

**FOUND** Young Pomeranian on April 27 in Edon. No collar. Call 358-1051

**LOST** Boxer, female, white with brown patch over left eye. Missing since March 28th. She is very loved & very misused. 208-280-3534

**LOST** Cat, coal spots, in Twin Falls, wavy orange hair with orange eyes, 550 reward. Call 208-733-1456

**FOUND** Border Collie, red, on March 27 at intersection of 300 & Hwy 25 in Jerome. Call 324-7975.

**FOUND** cat, older, Golden orange, white chest, white paws, long hair clipped. By: Found in the Sky-Line, Trailer Park. Call 208-732-6150.

**FOUND** Chesapeake Lab, north west of Hansen. Call 539-3747.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE**  
 On Thursday, the 24th day of April, 2008, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M. on said date at the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, at 1411 Filmore Street, Suite 600, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301, Land Title & Escrow, Inc. as Trustee, to give public auction to the highest bidder for the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

Block 1, Stonegate Estates, Division No. 1, Twin Falls County, Idaho, more particularly described tract thereof recorded in Book 15 of Plats, page 35, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME MAGISTRATE DIVISION.**

**IN THE INTEREST OF: DONNY JAMES WILLIAMS**  
 Case No. CV-2008-291

**THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETING TO: THE BLOD FATHER OF DONNY JAMES WILLIAMS AND ANY OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING A CUSTODIAL INTEREST IN SAID CHILD.**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:**

A petition has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate Division of District Court of Jerome County, Idaho, by the Prosecuting Attorney, alleging that the above-named child comes within the purview of the Child Protection Act, and

You, the biological father of Donny James Williams, are hereby directed to appear personally before the court for a continued shelter care hearing at the Jerome County Judicial Center, 233 West Main, Jerome, Idaho on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2008 at 12:00 PM.

You are hereby notified that service of such summons upon you, as the parent(s), guardian(s), or custodian(s), of the respective child does confer the personal jurisdiction of the court upon you and does subject you to the provisions of the Child Protective Act.

You, the biological father of Donny James Williams, are notified that the parent(s), guardian(s) or custodian(s) may be financially liable for the support and/or treatment of the child.

You, the biological father of Donny James Williams, are further notified that if you and/or the parent(s), guardian(s), or custodian(s) have the right to be represented by an attorney of your choosing, or if financially unable to pay, have the right to have an attorney appointed by the court to represent the child or the parent(s), guardian(s), or custodian(s) at county expense.

You, the biological father of Donny James Williams, are further notified that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that if a child is placed in the custody of the department and was also placed in out of the home care for a period not less than fifteen (15) out of the last twenty-two (22) months from the date of adjudication, the department shall initiate a petition for termination of parental rights. This presumption may be rebutted by a finding of the court that the filing of a petition for termination of parental rights would not be in the best interest of the child or that reasonable efforts have not been provided to reunite the child with his/her family, or the child is placed permanently with a relative.

Thomas H. Berenson, Magistrate Judge

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 PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE  
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The street address or the designation common to the property is 1140 E. Conant Street, Kimberly, Idaho 83341. The name, address and telephone number of the person or persons to whom the property may be retained is R.C. Stone, P.O. Box 910, Burley, Idaho 83318, (208) 878-8382.

The sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust executed by Top H Properties, Inc. dba Myner Homes, as Grantor, to Title First, Inc. as Trustee, and D.L. Evans Bank as Beneficiary, recorded in Book 206 of the 2006, and recorded on the 8th day of September, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006-022625 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 said Deed of Trust for the sum of \$265,553.43 together with interest accruing to October 17th, 2007. In the sum of \$91,571.68-27 late charges, in the sum of \$91,571.68 and delinquent taxes including late penalty totaling \$1,003.74 as of October 1st, 2007, for a total delinquency of \$274,817.01.

The balance owing on this date on the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust is \$274,817.01 together with accruing interest, and costs.

DATED this 17th day of March, 2008.  
**LAND TITLE & ESCROW, INC.**  
 Larry Roberts, President  
 Lary Roberts, President  
 PUBLISHED: The Times-News March 21, 28 and April 4, 2008.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

At 10:00 o'clock A.M. on June 16, 2008, in the Office of First American Title Company, 280 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, First American Title Company, Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Twin Falls County, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: Lots 22 and 23 in Block 16 of Castelford Township, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 32 of Plats, Page 65.

Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 785-2515. According to the Trustee's records, the street address of 224 Elm Street, Castelford, Idaho, is associated with the above-described property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust executed by Rogelio Cantu Vargas and Debrae A. Naylor, husband and wife, as Grantors, to First American Title Company, Inc., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Robert and Kathi Mayors, recorded September 17, 2003, as instrument No. 2003-024313, in the records of Twin Falls County. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to:

(1) make the monthly installment of \$220.00 due for the 16th day of August, 2008, and a like sum of \$220.00 due for the 16th day of each and every month thereafter.

The above Grantor(s) is named to comply with Section 45-1506(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligations. The principal balance is \$13,123.00, together with interest thereon at 18.000% per annum. Accruing interest computed to September 26, 2007 is \$8,777.24. Interest continues to accrue. All delinquencies are now due together with any late charges advanced to protect the security and fees and costs associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause said property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATED this 14th day of February, 2008.  
 First American Title Company, Inc.  
 Dr/Darlene Dieth-Nilsson, Trust Officer

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**203 Construction**  
**CONSTRUCTION**  
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**DOE**  
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**204 Customer Service**  
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209 General

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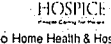
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Paramedic (PRN)
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