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## Jerome rush hour?



Cars line up along Tenth Avenue West Thursday morning as children are dropped off at the new Jerome Middle School and Summit Elementary School.

## Officials discuss congestion at new schools

By Andrea Jackson  
Staff writer

JEROME — Some parents are feeling put out by congestion they're seeing around Jerome's two new schools.

The new Summit Elementary School, 200 10th Ave. W., opened in January, and Jerome Middle School, 520 10th Ave. W., opened on March 26.

Since opening the schoolhouse doors, parents are feeling the bite of bumper-to-bumper traffic. In some cases parents are experiencing 10- to 20-minute waits to drop off their kids.

So authorities from the Jerome School District and the city met on Thursday at Summit to talk about the problem, and possible ways to alleviate it.

"We're in Jerome, Idaho," said Jerome City Administrator Travis Rothweiler. "People are used to going in and out, and now we're asking people to develop patience and that's the tough part."

### Inside

Students record traffic violations at major Burley intersections.

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On Wednesday morning cars were lined from Tenth Street to Third Street on an abnormally snowy morning as they waited to turn into the schools, Rothweiler said.

"I've heard some people say it's no problem," said Jerome School District Superintendent Jim Cobble. "Others say it's a nightmare. The truth is somewhere in between." A traffic light probably won't come on board, because a costly warrant analysis to determine the feasibility of having one near the schools would likely fail, Rothweiler said.

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Jerome Police Department officer Patrick Wilson directs traffic at the intersection of North Birch Street and Tenth Avenue West.

## Police search for missing man

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Staff writer

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Watch a video of Thursday night's search and rescue efforts.

Police began a search Thursday evening near the Hansen Bridge for a man they reported as missing since Tuesday morning.

The search, which began at about 6 p.m., was sparked when an Idaho State Police trooper spotted an empty Volvo in the parking area on the north side of the bridge in Jerome County. Nineteen

people from ISP, the Jerome County Sheriff's Office and Jerome County Search and Rescue were dispatched to the scene.

At about 8:30 p.m., police

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A canine rescue dog rests while Jerome County Sheriff's Office officials and search and rescue teams discuss efforts to locate a missing man Thursday night near the Hansen Bridge.

## Crapo again introduces Owyhee wilderness bill

By Keith Rieder  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Republican Sen. Mike Crapo has introduced legislation in another attempt to create a wilderness in southwest Idaho's Owyhee canyonlands.

Crapo unveiled the Owyhee Public Land Management Act of 2008, a measure he describes as similar to legislation he's previously urged Congress to pass. "Today's announcement is not a change in direction," he said Thursday. "It is a continuation of our ongoing plan." The bill proposes a sweep-

ing land use package that would create a new 807-square-mile wilderness in Idaho's Owyhee canyonlands while opening other previously off-limits areas to motorized recreation, livestock grazing and other activities. It would also provide ranchers with cash and federal land in exchange for



Crapo

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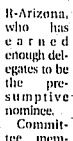
Check out a video interview with parents and the Jerome Middle School and Summit Elementary School principals.

## T.F. Republicans change laws to keep Paul supporters in line

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Staff writer

In direct response to recent activity by supporters of GOP presidential candidate Ron Paul, the Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee amended its bylaws Wednesday to require members attending the state convention in June to vote for national delegates based on how the county votes May 7.

The change — one of several made at a monthly meeting — eliminates the opportunity for members to vote for their own preference and not for the victor in the Republican primary. On Idaho's ballot are Paul, the Texas Congressman, and Sen. John McCain.



Paul

R-Arizona, who has earned enough delegates to be the presumptive nominee. Committee members said that Paul supporters are trying to overtake the committee with ideology and haven't been active in local politics enough, particularly with the Lincoln Day banquets and a spring picnic, two of the biggest party events.

"We're for the people. We're elected to represent the people," said Jennifer

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## Bush seals Iraq strategy into a holding pattern — until next president changes it

By Robert Burns  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — By putting the brakes on troop withdrawals, President Bush thrust his war strategy into a holding pattern through January. Then it will be out with the old and in with the new — a new commander in chief who will set his or her own course in Iraq.

Bush's defense secretary, Robert Gates, even carries a digital clock showing the hours, minutes and seconds until the new chief takes over. Whoever that turns out to be — Barack Obama or Hillary Rodham Clinton, war foes both, or supporter John McCain — the next administration will face the same Iraq complexities. But not necessarily the same situation or choices. The dynamic nature

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Bush embraces pause in troop cutbacks. Watch the AP video at Magicvalley.com.

### Inside

Petraeus makes secret pitch to Iraq's neighbors to stop flow of fighters.

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of war makes it all but certain that the battlefield situation will be different, for better or worse, when the next president enters the White House.

What is unlikely to change much by then, as Bush made

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President Bush waves from Air Force One as he arrives at the Texas State Technical College Airport in Waco, Texas. The president will spend the weekend at his nearby Crawford, Texas, ranch.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

A dance to old western music, played by Jesse Vaughn and David Bean, 7 to 10 p.m., Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave., Burley, \$5 per person, 878-7973.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E., basement (south back door), Twin Falls, proceeds for missions, 733-3628.

EXHIBITS

"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.

FAMILY

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

GOVERNMENT

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

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

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

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.

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

Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Agave, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-4657.

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

Limited space available for Casting for Recovery, June 6-8 fly fishing retreat for women of Idaho in all stages of breast cancer treatment and recovery; no fly fishing experience required and educational information available along with opportunities for physical and emotional healing, Elk Creek Ranch, Island Park, (888) 553-3500 or www.castingforrecovery.org to register by April 15.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather," at 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.

List your event

To list events in the daily calendar, submit the event's name, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Barbara Browne by e-mail, sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

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WHAT'S NEW AT MAGICVALLEY.COM

See video interviews with Jerome school principals and parents on problems with traffic congestion at the schools.

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MORNING BRIEFING

don't say Steve Crump



Extra! Twin Falls boy in Pulitzer scoop!

When he was growing up in Twin Falls, folks knew Flynn McElberts was going places... On Monday, we found out just how far... McElberts, a 1985 graduate of Twin Falls High School, won a Pulitzer Prize... That's the Oscar of the newspaper business... A special projects editor of the Chicago Tribune, McElberts led a team of reporters that produced a series of articles about dangerously defective toys and children's products, the federal regulatory agency that failed to uncover them, and families left to deal with the legal consequences... McElberts worked at the Times-News in '84 and '85, mostly as a sports writer... "He talked turned to sports (Monday) because we dashed out of the newsroom together after the champagne to catch the (White) Sox home opener... He told me Wednesday... "The chisox beat Seattle, 5-4... "It was a bit creepy actually — he got to be true — since the South Siders went

1-18 in my attendance at Sox park last season..." A 1989 graduate of Northwestern University, McElberts has worked at the Tribune since 1998 except for a brief stint as Chicago correspondent for Newsweek... He has covered three presidential campaigns, and as an urban affairs reporter chronicled the Chicago Housing Authority's efforts to transform some of the nation's most notorious housing projects... McElberts has led teams of reporters for the newspaper's series on the fall of the accounting firm Arthur Andersen, the bankruptcy of United Airlines, and the Bush Administration's targeting of Muslim men for deportation after the 9/11 attacks... He was a Pulitzer finalist five years ago... And it all started at a Dietrich-Richels basketball game...

Mimi-Cassia!... We'll find out Monday... Al Roker, the formerly retired 53-year-old NBC weatherman, will broadcast live on a segment of "Today" from somewhere in Minidoka or Cassia counties... There he'll kick off his seventh annual "Lead a Hand Today" tour, during which Roker helps small charities across the country that improve conditions in their communities... During each visit, Roker broadcasts from the charitable organization and explains what it does... He also presents the charity with essential items it needs to continue serving the community... Following tradition, Roker will deliver them in a Penske truck... Although the Mimi-Cassia charity is being kept a secret, the show's staff confirmed they will be broadcasting from the area during a three-hour block that starts at 5 a.m... Too bad most folks in Mimi-Cassia will have been up and out the door by then...

If it's quirky, funny, sad, poignant or weird and it happens in south-central Idaho, I want to hear about it. Call me at 735-3223, or write me at scrump@magicvalley.com

WHEN LAST WE SAW ABC's reality series "The Bachelor" Twin Falls Alyssa Johnson — a bachelorette — was bounced from the show in its first segment... A month later, it's back... Sun Valley will be featured on "The Bachelor" in next Monday's show... The hour-long episode is billed as a "glamorous group date on the slopes of Sun Valley"... It's April. They'd better hurry... Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN your neck of the woods.

AROUND THE NATION

N. CAROLINA Suspect in slaying of pregnant Marine arrested in Mexico

RALEIGH — A Marine wanted in the brutal slaying of a pregnant colleague who had accused him of rape was arrested Thursday night in Mexico after a three-month international manhunt, authorities said... FBI agents and Mexican authorities arrested Marine Cpl. Cesar Laurean around 5 p.m. EDT. He is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Marine Lance Cpl. Martin Luther Kling Jr., whose burned remains were found

in January in the back yard of his home near Camp Lejeune... "You know my name. You know who I am," Laurean told "The Associated Press" while being held at the Michigan state Attorney General's Office in Morelia, the state capital... Asked if he wanted to say anything, Laurean simply said "Proof," but wouldn't explain... Laurean appeared slightly disoriented. Asked what he would do next, he replied, "I'd love a chocolate... I don't know."

Magdalena Guzman, a spokeswoman for the Mexican, Mexico state prosecutor carrying out an anti-kidnapping operation stopped Laurean as he wandered on a street in the rural township of Tacambaro, Michoacan, because they thought he looked suspicious.

PENNSYLVANIA

Attorney: Girl, 10, too young to understand attack charges

PHILADELPHIA — Two young girls accused of brutally attacking another girl on a playground are too emotionally immature to understand the criminal charges against them and the charges should be dismissed, their attorneys said... ERIC — Two young girls accused of brutally attacking another girl on a playground are too emotionally immature to understand the criminal charges against them and the charges should be dismissed, their attorneys said... ERIC County Public Defender Tony Logue says he will ask a juvenile Court judge to dismiss criminal charges against the 10-year-old girl... "How can my attorney effectively communicate with his clients given the client's chronological age versus emotional age?" Logue said... — The Associated Press

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, April 11, the 102nd day of 2008. There are 264 days left in the year.

Today's highlight On April 11, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which included the Fair Housing Act, a week after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

On this date In 1919, William III and Mary II were crowned as joint sovereigns of Britain. In 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated as Emperor of the French and was banished to the island of Elba.

In 1898, as tensions with

Spain continued to rise, President McKinley asked Congress to authorize military intervention in Cuba.

In 1899, the treaty ending the Spanish-American War was declared effective.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the notorious Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald in Germany.

In 1951, President Truman relieved Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his commands in the Far East.

In 1970, Apollo 13 blasted off on its ill-fated mission to the moon.

In 1979, Idi Amin was deposed as president of Uganda as rebels and soldiers backed by Tanzanian forces

seized control. In 1998, the hijackers of a Kuwait Airways jetliner killed a second hostage, dumping his body onto the ground in Larnaca, Cyprus.

Ten years ago The executive committee of the United Union Party voted 55-23 to support the Northern Ireland peace accord and its leader, David Trimble, who had out-maneuvered rebels in his ranks.

Five years ago Ten of the main suspects in the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole escaped from prison in Yemen. American troops took the northern Iraqi city of Mosul without a fight. In Cuba, three men convicted of hijacking a passenger ferry

the previous week were executed by firing squad, a swift response by Fidel Castro's government to a recent string of hijackings to the United States.

One year ago North Carolina top prosecutor dropped all charges against three former Duke University lacrosse players accused of sexually assaulting a stripper at a party, saying the athletes were innocent victims of a "tragic rush to accuse."

MSNBC announced it was dropping its simulcast of the "Inus in the Morning" radio program, responding to growing outrage about host Don Imus' racial slur against black women's basketball team.

Put the pedal to the metal on your plans, Aquarius

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

IF APRIL 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY Your popularity pops and sizzles in the year ahead. During the next two months you have a tendency to take other people for granted and may go overboard in your efforts to impress people with your knowledge and talents. Don't promise more than you can deliver or exaggerate your abilities. Even so, this is a good time to launch important projects and make close personal connections. If your life becomes rocky in August and September, wait until February to make a final decision... BIRTHDAY (March 21-April 19): Rev your engines and begin the race. Your actions today could lead to an important new friendship that will be quite beneficial. This is a good time to launch a project that has been simmering on the back burner... TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get the lead out. You may feel yourself of anger and fear to

function at your full potential. Tomorrow is here. You won't make or make an agreement while the stars improve your odds of success... GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Relationship matters take on a brighter romantic luster. Tomorrow is restored now that a minor spat is a thing of the past. You can surmount interpersonal obstacles by understanding and forgiving... CANCER (June 21-July 22): Never fear, sympathy for the underdog is here. You won't have to beg for forgiveness, as recent rifts will recede into the background. Put key plans into motion and let intuitions be your guide... LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Inspirations sprout wings. A secret hope or treasured wish might be able to wiggle free of its cocoon and can now be

shared and enjoyed with others. Start a new relationship today and it may last a long time... VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may become immersed in the interests of others. You might become so attuned to your significant other's thoughts and feelings that you won't be sure where your own thoughts begin and end... LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Ask questions and give with friendliness. Part of your alliance is a sincere interest in others that they sense and respond to with warmth. Concentrate on networking, as your name will be passed around... SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A message of love is eternal — even though the medium may change. In the age of computers you might pen a poetic email instead of sending a letter. Either way, once sent, the communication can be saved and savored... SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Practice what you

preach. You've got to follow through on your high-falootin' rhetoric. You've got friends who can infuse you with a level of inspiration to see you through the rough spots... ARIES (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): There's as yet no day. Do something that will earn you admiration. You are somewhat more romantic than usual and could fish for compliments. You might find a permanent admirer today... AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): The cosmic lights are green. You can put your foot on the gas pedal and cherished plans into motion. This is a good time to start a new health routine or to make a commitment to a certain someone... PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If understanding and imagination were money you would be rich. Use vivid imagery to plug the seeds of fresh goals. A secret act of kindness for a friend might be repaid when least expected.





# Obama loses 10-point advantage over McCain

Republican front runner now tied with both Dems

By Nedra Pickler  
Associated Press writer.



Republican presidential candidate, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., addresses the crowd during a town hall meeting Wednesday in Westport, Conn.

WASHINGTON — Republican Sen. John McCain has eroded Sen. Barack Obama's 10-point advantage in a head-to-head matchup, leaving him essentially tied with both Democratic candidates in an Associated Press-Ipsos national poll released Thursday.

The survey showed the extended Democratic primary campaign creating divisions among supporters of Obama and rival Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and suggests a tight race for the presidency in November no matter which Democrat becomes the nominee.

McCain is benefiting from a bounce since he clinched the GOP nomination a month ago. The four-term Arizona senator has moved up in matchups with each of the Democratic candidates, particularly Obama.

An AP-Ipsos poll taken in late February had Obama leading McCain 51-41 percent. The current survey, conducted April 7-9, had them at 45 percent each. McCain leads Obama among men, whites, Southerners, married women and independents. Clinton led McCain, 48-43 percent in February. The latest survey showed the New York senator with 48 percent support to McCain's 45 percent. Factoring in the poll's margin of error of 3.1 percentage points, Clinton and McCain are statistically tied.

The last month has been challenging for Obama. The Illinois senator suffered high-profile losses in the Texas and Ohio primaries that encouraged Clinton, who pushed on even harder against him. Obama's campaign also suffered a blow with scrutiny of incendiary sermons delivered by his longtime pastor. The candidate responded by delivering perhaps the

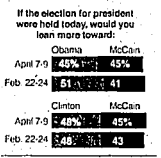
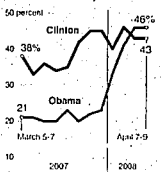
## Elections 2008

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### Candidates nearly tied in opinion poll

April poll results show Barack Obama's lead over Hillary Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination is unchanging, while John McCain gained in head-to-head matchups against the Democrat challenger.

If the 2008 Democratic presidential primary or caucus in your state were being held today, for whom would you vote?



15 points among married women.

He also lost nine points or more among voters under 35, high-income, households, whites, Catholics, independents, Southerners, people living in the Northeast and those with a high school education or less.

## American grounds 570 flights today, marking 4th day of mass cancellations to check wiring

By David Keeling  
Associated Press writer

FORT WORTH, Texas — The cancellation of thousands of flights this week will cost American Airlines tens of millions of dollars, the company's chief executive said Thursday, but he said the nation's largest carrier can withstand the losses.

American said it canceled another 570 flights today and disruptions will continue through Saturday as it continues to check electrical wiring in all 300 of its MD-80 aircraft. CEO Gerard Arpey said he took full responsibility for the airline's failure to comply with a federal safety rule designed to prevent electrical fires in the planes.

American scratched more than 900 flights Thursday, the third straight day of major cancellations, while its mechanics worked overtime to check the aircraft and comply with the rule. The company said all its MD-80s would be back in service by Saturday night.

Arpey said neither the airline's mechanics nor the Federal Aviation Administration was to blame for the more than 3,000 canceled flights so far this week.

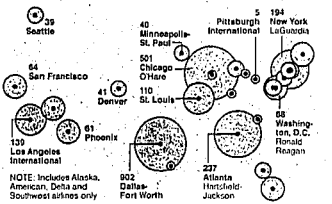
The airline canceled more than 400 flights for the same reason two weeks ago, but the repairs didn't then work, and the FAA stands, resulting in this week's debacle.

On Wednesday, Arpey's top lieutenant suggested that American had fallen victim to a suddenly more aggressive FAA. The agency has been under fire since disclosures

### Dallas, Chicago airports hit hardest

Nearly half of the airline cancellations in the last few weeks have been at Chicago's O'Hare International and Dallas-Fort Worth airports.

Airline departures canceled, March 24 - April 10 As of 2:15 p.m. EDT



NOTE: Includes Alaska, American, Delta and Southwest airlines only. SOURCE: FlightStats



American Airlines CEO Gerard Arpey speaks during a news conference at AMR corporate headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas, Thursday.

last month of its law enforcement of safety rules at Southwest Airlines Co.

In measured tones, Arpey said Thursday that the FAA "obviously is under their own set of scrutiny and pressure right now," but was only

doing its job of "holding airlines to exacting standards." Arpey said it was too early for the airline to estimate the cost of the cancellations. AMR is running a tab for meals, hotel rooms and \$500 travel vouchers for stranded passenger and it lost revenue when it booked people on other airlines. On the other hand, it has saved what it would have spent for fuel on those 2,500 flights.

"I think it will be in the tens of millions of dollars," Arpey said of the final cost. But he said the airline had built up enough cash and paid down debt to deal with the loss. He said the carrier has business-interruption insurance, but he doubted that it would cover the cancellation-related losses.

American got some good news on Wall Street. Shares of parent AMR Corp., which fell 11 percent the day before, rose 7.0 cents, or 7.6 percent, to \$9.07 Thursday.

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EDITORIAL

Parking meters get no respect downtown

Parking fees in downtown Twin Falls are a long-running local joke. Many of the 260 meters are broken, and parking tickets are uncommon. This week, we learned just how uncommon.

A study by Portland, Ore.-based consultant Dane Brake found that downtown parking enforcement is ineffective; in fact, there hasn't been a meter officer on the Business Improvement District payroll since last year.

Some folks who work downtown park for extended periods in metered spaces intended for shoppers, and they do so with impunity. Some businesses don't bother to pay for their reserved spaces.

Nobody has collected the quarters, dimes and nickels at least since January — and maybe not since October 2007.

And most of the meters downtown are 48 years old.

Since it assumed assumed the functions of the BID, downtown parking is now the city's problem.

And it's an old problem. Since Twin Falls' first shopping mall opened in 1957, downtown retailers have dithered about whether to charge for parking, and how much.

The city insists that parking revenues — in theory, between \$65,000 and \$70,000 a year — are needed to help offset costs of maintenance and landscaping downtown. So for the moment, Twin Falls seems ready to opt for a balling wire-and-chewing gum solution.

The city plans to repair broken meters with spare parts and hand enforcement responsibilities to the already-overtaxed Twin Falls Police Department.

There's got to be a better way: A complete overhaul of downtown parking — estimated to cost between \$50,000 and \$65,000 — would be more expensive, but a coherent parking system would certainly generate more revenue in the long run. But aside from dollars and cents, the city needs to change public attitudes. Parking downtown isn't an entitlement; it's a service for which the city charges a nominal user fee.

Now the city must demonstrate it's serious about collecting it.

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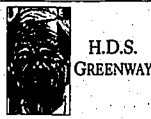
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Who's kidding whom about Iraq?

Ambassador Ryan Crocker and Gen. David Petraeus are asking for more time and fewer troop withdrawals, but being professionals, they don't join George W. Bush, who sits way out on a limb claiming that the door



has been opened to a "strategic victory."

To be sure, the "surge" lowered the level of violence, which is now rising again. That has bought the administration time, which if sustained through November could help Republican candidate John McCain win the presidency. A little quiet in Iraq, coupled with the self-destruction of the Democratic Party, could do the trick.

The question remains, however, what are we buying time for other than the American election? The original mission was to buy time for reconciliation. But there has been virtually none, and none is in sight.

In fact, the Bush administration has put the United States in the extraordinary position of arming both sides in the incipient civil war. We are arming the Sunnis, who have not reconciled themselves to being a minority in a Shiite-ruled land. And, while we denounce Iranian influence in the strongest possible terms, we support an Iranian-backed government, which has not reconciled with other Iranian-backed Shiite factions. Meanwhile we are starting to arm Shi'ites, whose long-term loyalty to us or the Iraqi government will be, like the Sunnis, forever suspect. They were the beneficiary of the funds for their own purposes.



es, not national unity. Bush cheered the Iraqi government's military confrontation with Moqtada al Sadr, and said this was Iraq's "defining moment." But the government troops, whose training we are overseeing, had their noses bloodied by the Mahdi Army. Many officers and men simply ran away or joined the enemy.

"They swore on the Koran that they would not support their sect or their party, but they were lying," said Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki of his own army. Indeed, Crocker told *The New York Times* that the "Iraqi-term" was "regarding Sadr's forces that the Americans expected was not what 'emerged.'"

Nothing was in place from our side, the ambassador added. "It all had to be put together." That sounds very much like a historical critique of the haphazard American occupation itself, as if today's Iraqi army owed Iraq to Donald Rumsfeld than to Petraeus. If there were a "defining moment," it came when the Iraqi govern-

ment sent representatives to Sadr in Iran in order to find a face-saving way out. Sadr's instructions to his men to end confrontation was calculated to preserve his gains. And the government's goal of disarming the Mahdi Army was not achieved.

The American public bears no realistic plans from Democrats on how to disengage from this fruitless enterprise. McCain talks about a 100-year troop presence as if Iraq were a homogeneous, industrial democracy like Japan. Instead of a volatile, polyglot, Arab and religiously divided entity in the heart of the Arab world, Permanent American bases in Iraq would be as destabilizing in that region as they were a stabilizing factor in Europe and Japan during the Cold War.

In the meantime, the through-the-looking-glass atmosphere surrounding whatever Bush says about Iraq becomes ever-more bizarre. As rockets rained down on the green zone, and the Shi'ite factions were at

one another's throats, Bush announced that "normally is returning back to Iraq." That could only be true if you hold that deep sectarian division, insecurity, violence, and struggles for power among political factions in the streets of Basra and Baghdad are the normalcy of Bush's Iraq.

Five years and more than 4,000 American dead, and countless Iraqis have not brought Iraq any closer to political resolution. Iraq, as it was, a deeply divided land, riven by sectarian and ethnic differences that is slowly coming apart as America fights for an ever-convulsive goal of stability and democracy.

Neither will probably come in any real sense during Bush's lifetime, let alone that of his administration. The president may believe his own self-deluding optimism, but the time has long passed since it could inspire confidence.

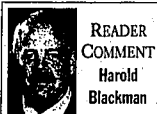
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# Democrats talking big under the Big Sky

Here's some advice for Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama as they prepare for Montana's June 3 Democratic primary.

"In Montana, we like our guns. We like big guns. We like little guns. Most of us own two or three guns. Gun control is hitting what you shoot at. So, I'd be a little careful about blowing smoke up our skirts."

Thank you, Gov. Brian Schweitzer, he of the botox and border collar accessories, a popular Democrat who showed his party how to get rid of their red-state blues four years ago. He now signs as Kingmaker in a place where the last vote will be held in the Democratic primary marathon.

That's right. Puerto Rico's June 7 election date was a misprint, party officials now say. They are scheduled to vote June 1, which means that Scott Walker and Montana are the curtain-closers two days later. As Schweitzer helpfully explained, the sun sets later in the Mountain Time Zone than it does in the prairie half of the Dakotas. That means that people who live in the shadow of the Crazy Mountains will be last call for Democrats.



TIMOTHY EGAN

these late primaries are energized, with unprecedented interest in the Democratic Party. Last Saturday night's Metcalf-Mansfield Dinner in Butte sold out in 15 minutes.

But it's not the conventional thinking that the Democrats would tear each other apart while Sen. John McCain built up his personal equity. But it's not going according to script.

Last week, we learned more about McCain's teenage nickname — McNasty, not to be confused with nerd icon McLovin' — and the fact that he finished fifth from the bottom of his class at the Naval Academy. He explained to blacks why he made a mistake in 1963 when he voted against the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. For the 11 percent of African-Americans who went Republican in the last presidential election, that won't help.

This follows that overseas tour where he couldn't tell Shites from Stimis. Meaning, David Letterman got to land a few more grumpy-olddad jokes about McCain. Sample: "He looks like the guy who picks up his TV remote when the phone rings."

On the Democratic side, we found out that Obama can't bowl. (He rolled a 372) But he raised \$40 million in a month, and there's a line for practice in the White House basement, if he ever makes it there.

In Montana, then, Democrats love the extended campaign — with sharpened candidates, huge rallies, enormous voter registration and relentless pouring of McCain as the carrier of Bush's third term.

It seems only fitting that in Butte, where they make the argument that the U.S. Senate flipped to Democratic hands in 2006 only after late votes from the old mining town came in for Jon Tester, the party's national epic will end under the Big Sky in June.

Not since Jack Dempsey fought a heavyweight fight in Shelby, Mont., in 1923 has there been so much excitement from outside the state. Of course, that didn't end so well for Shelby, as the town went broke promoting the fight, but no one remembers that part.

Timothy Egan is a columnist for The New York Times.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Public money doesn't 'disappear' from charters

There is a reason public charter schools — including virtual charter schools — have been called the most accountable public schools.

Not only do public charter schools file the same fiscal reports as traditional public schools but they have an authorizer looking over their shoulders as well.

Like all public schools, virtual charter schools undergo an annual, independent fiscal audit to ensure responsible use of public funds. The audits are reviewed by both the State Department of Education and the Public Charter School Commission, to which the Legislature has granted authority to enforce adherence to the law.

Virtual charter school budgets, also submitted annually to the State Department of Education, reflect some flexibility not available to traditional public schools. For example, public charter schools may choose to reallocate state funds traditionally earmarked for staff salaries. Such moves are then accounted for as part of the school's general fund.

This flexibility enables public charter schools to explore new educational options — including virtual instruction — to educate students on the same per-pupil funding as any public school of similar size, without costing their communities an extra penny in bonds.

The Public Charter School Commission takes seriously its mandate to oversee the charter schools it authorizes. When commission-authorized schools have committed financial difficulty in the past, the commission has responded with an eye to the responsible use of public funds.

In fact, the commission sponsored a bill that passed during the 2008 legislative session, expanding and clarifying the definition of fiscal soundness with regard to public charter schools.

Public funds sent to virtual charter schools do not simply disappear. Any concerned person, authorizer or otherwise, may examine a public virtual school's financial documents at any time. They're public record.

**BILL GOESLING**  
Boise  
(Editor's note: Bill Goesling is the chairman of the Idaho Public Charter School Commission.)

## Climate change is naturally occurring event

Hearing the "Chicken Little" story as a small child, I found it hard to believe an educated society could be so thoroughly duped, but the stampede of billions clamoring after Al Gore's shamful (deserving causes me grave disappointment).

Any sane individual — not sleeping through their third-grade geography class — can remember being taught of a period several thousand years ago when the ice caps covered a third of the surface of this planet, extending to southern Arizona. Did man instigate their retreat?

Sixteenth century Russian ships' captains' logs preserved in the museum in Anchorage, Alaska, speak clearly of their mupping routes taken by fur-trapping expeditions into that area.

Then Norton Sound, Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound were completely choked with glaciers, their most rapid rate of retreat being documented from 1783 to 1790 when the ice withdrew for a distance of more than 100 miles. Is Al Gore suggesting this was caused by SUVs, burping cows, coal-fired plants, steel mills, refineries, hair spray, automotive paint, ravaged rain forests or any other equally asinine falders?

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## Old play proved relevant to current events

Last December, the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Department put on "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail." The play was a protest, written in 1846, about Thoreau's refusal to pay taxes to support President Polk's war effort against Mexico. It's as relevant today as it was then.

But Thoreau actually went deeper into the psychology of government with: "The state never intentionally confronts a man's sense, intellectual or moral, but only his body. It is not armed with superior wit or honesty — but with superior strength."

The state, therefore, bully-like, only respects superior strength. It even lacks the mechanism to do anything but intimidate coupled with an unremitting threat of about the same nature, just or otherwise. Thus justice from the state is not obtainable — or even a goal.

The role of the state then, be it democratic or dictatorial, is not law but order; thus, organizationally it only contains the utilitarian task of keeping its citizenry locked in its socio-economic condition, rarely escape, rendering freedom, for most, just an illusion.

With that, last year, the "Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007," passed the House. This law is necessary, the "double-speakers" say; "to help the nation develop a better understanding of the forces that lead to homegrown terrorism ..."

Under this act, Thoreau's play may be seen as particularly important because not paying taxes is viewed by our existing government as an "extremist belief system" and seeking any "social change" is also defined as "extremist." So, beneath the high-pitched wail about freedom and keeping it American gradually entwined in a shadowy political environment, with a corrupt, yet lethal, government where all problems are approached by fraud (lies) and force (war) and to say anything will soon be a crime.

A little late, but I hope it has arrived — and within, Kafka lacks.

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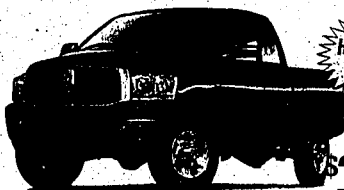
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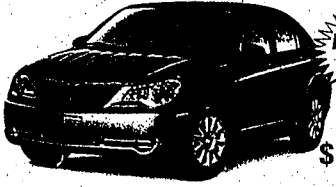
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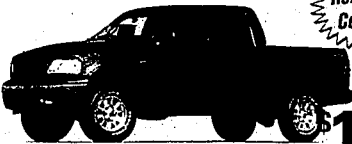
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## Rose, Immelman share lead as Tiger sputters

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Standing on the sixth tee as he contemplated his next move, Tiger Woods' concentration was broken by a crescendo of cheers. He looked over to see fan Paulter's tee shot tumble into the cup for a hole-in-one on the neighboring 16th, one of several spectacular shots Thursday at the Masters.

Only one of them belonged to Woods, and all that did was keep him from losing more ground. Woods might believe the Grand Slam is "easily within reason," but the first round at Augusta National showed that no one was going to lay down for him. Justin Rose overcame a rugged

start with four straight birdies that carried him to a 4-under 68 and his name atop the leaderboard, which is becoming a tradition like no other — at least on Thursday.

It was the third straight time he has held at least a share of the 18-hole lead at the Masters. Trevor Immelman, who made a weekend getaway to Augusta a few weeks ago with Rose and Paulter, also shot 68. They were one shot ahead of Lee Westwood, Brandt Snedeker and Masters rookie Brian Bateman.

Woods failed to make a birdie for the first time since the opening round in 2003, although there was no reason to panic. His tone high-light was chipping in for eagle from 25 feet behind the 15th, the ball falling on the final turn that sent

Woods into a first-pumping crouch. It helped him salvage an even-par 72, putting him in a tie for 15th, four shots behind.

"I played a lot better than what my score indicates," said Woods, who has never shot better than 70 in the first round of the Masters. "I kept myself in the tournament. I'm right there."

But he was hardly alone. Eighteen players broke par on a warm, gentle day that might be as good as it gets this week — except: five greens, only a trace of wind and several hole locations that allowed for birdies.

There were a few surprises, such as 51-year-old Mark O'Meara, who celebrated the 10-year anniversary

### Masters

First-round leaders	
Justin Rose	34-68
Trevor Immelman	34-68
Brian Bateman	35-69
Brandt Snedeker	35-69
Lee Westwood	35-71
Ian Poulter	35-70
Robert Karlsson	36-70
Zach Johnson	36-70
Stephen Ames	36-70
Jim Furyk	36-70
Heath Slocum	36-71
Mark O'Meara	37-74
Peter Lonard	36-71
Aron Oberholser	36-71
Jeey Mikhla Singh	36-71
Paul Casey	36-72
Rolfie Goosen	36-71
Phil Mickelson	35-71

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Justin Rose reacts after making par on the No. 18 hole during the first round of the 2008 Masters at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., Thursday.

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## CSI softball's success a product of long hours of practice

By Eric Larsen  
Staff writer

There is a distance each of us is challenged to travel. It is the distance between where we are and where we want to be. While each of us is left with the task of defining our own destination, it is often the work we put in to bridge such distances that ends up defining us all.

After the College of Southern Idaho softball team wrapped up its four-game home series against the College of Southern Nevada last Saturday, head coach Nick Baumert decided he'd give his Golden Eagles a break. Just one Monday, a chance for his team to piggyback off the first Sunday in three weeks that didn't include a return trip to Twin Falls. Surely it would be a welcome reprieve for his 13th-ranked, but weary team.

"I told the kids, 'I don't want to see you,'" Baumert said after Tuesday's practice. "Right after we talked about that, Katelynn (Warren), Steph (Holmes) and Dani (Grant) came up and said, 'Coach, can we come in Monday and swing?' So they were here, swinging yesterday."

Nearly every day since the Golden Eagles began preparing for the program's second season there has been a three-hour practice to schedule around. There's been the 4 p.m. spinning classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, the weekly weight room on the travel days, the game days, and the five weekly study hall hours. All told, 30-35 hours a week have been spoken for by softball-related activities.

Then there's been Grant, Holmes and Warren, along with some daily combination of Rachel Evans, McKensy Hillstead, rocky Kroll and Megan Zimmerman. After the practices and games they remain, taking their cues and extra fielding drills, bridging the distance between where the 35-14 Golden Eagles are and where they want to be at season's end.

"It's usually an hour, an hour and a half extra practice," Holmes said.

Holmes is CSI's poster child for what the convergence of a modicum of natural ability and extra hours of work can yield. The sophomore pitcher and designated hitter began the season red-hot in a near-monthlong slump after hitting .366 with a team-high 11 home runs as a freshman. Holmes began the season in a 7-for-39 rut before turning her season around with a pair of two-hit games against Southern Nevada on March 1.

Since the start of that day, Holmes has raised her average from .179 to .359 while also improving her pitching record to 0-3 with a team-low 1.59 ERA.



College of Southern Idaho player Katelynn Warren fields the ball during a game on April 1.

Baumert said the extra time Holmes has volunteered since the start of the season has played a small part in the sophomore's midseason surge.

"We play a game of repetition," Baumert said. "The more quality reps you get, the better you'll get at the game. That's one thing we always

Don't believe it, but good with the toll CSI has paid so far. Jacobs, the god of foul-weather baseball has seen especially fit to snipe CSI this year. Named after Jacobs Field, the site of the coldest MLB World Series game ever played — a Frostbite-Inducing 15 degrees Fahrenheit — Jacobs spent the first month of the season dumping snowstorm after snowstorm on Skip Walker Field.

It wasn't until March that Jacobs took a long-enough respite from his dreary dumping to allow the Golden Eagles to play a home game. For the following five weeks, Jacobs rested. CSI went 14-0, and all seemed fairly well.

Then Wednesday came. Just as CSI thought its weather-related suffering had reached an intolerable enough level to appease the angry god, Jacobs struck again, scrapping the Golden Eagles' final home practice for the weekend's four-game road swing against Western Nevada College with another dusting of snow.

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## CSI's seen enough divine intervention

If the baseball gods are anything more than mythical, and if said gods harbor any sense of justice, this could be a harrier weekend for the College of Southern Idaho.

After all, the Golden Eagles have been the whipping boys of the baseball gods this season. To this point, CSI should have garnered enough karma, favor, sunflower seeds, or whatever currency the baseball gods operate on to finally buy some good will.



ERIC LARSEN

Don't believe it, but good with the toll CSI has paid so far.

Jacobs, the god of foul-weather baseball has seen especially fit to snipe CSI this year. Named after Jacobs Field, the site of the coldest MLB World Series game ever played — a Frostbite-Inducing 15 degrees Fahrenheit — Jacobs spent the first month of the season dumping snowstorm after snowstorm on Skip Walker Field.

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### Eagle Eyes

Today: CSI (21-19, 12-12 SWAC) at Western Nevada (22-15, 4-6 SWAC), Carson City, Nev., 8 p.m., MDT  
Last time they met: The Golden Eagles took three of four games from the Wildcats at Skip Walker Field, outscoring Western Nevada 22-19 in the best-of-five series.  
On the horizon: CSI and WNC meet for Saturday's 1 p.m., MDT doubleheader to conclude their regular season series. The Golden Eagles are back on the road next weekend, taking on Colorado Northwestern in Rangely, Colo.  
On the radio: This weekend's games will be broadcast live by Jonathan Drew on 1270 AM KTFI.

### CSI season leaders

(Minimums apply)  
Batting — Average: Victor Spencer .344, Garrett Wolff .318. Hits: Tyler Chism 38, Wolff 35. 2B: Matt Deacon, Judd Jensen 7, four with 5. 3B: Chism 4, Wolff 2. HR: Wolff 2, Chism, Jensen, Andy Fox 1. RBI: Judd Jensen 32, Wolff 21. Runs: Chism, Jensen 24, Wolff 23. BB: Chism 17, Deacon 15. SB: Chism 15, Deacon 15-18.  
Pitching — Record: Jason Oatman 6-2, 3.02 ERA (9 starts). Taylor Mangum 3-2, 4.76 ERA (4 starts). SW: Jake Draeger 2, Tyler Barrett, Brandon Henn 1. ERA: Draeger 1.64, Justin Smith 2.84, CG: Smith 5, Oatman 2. Shutouts: Mangum 2. Innings pitched: Oatman 53.2, Smith 50.2, SO: Smith 54, Oatman 47. Opponents' average: Smith .213, Oatman .239.

It's 21-19 season. The god of foul baseball injuries has hobbled Andy Reyes, Matt Deacon, Jeff Hanson and Victor Spencer, among others.

Sosa's toll includes a concussion, a strained oblique muscle, and a

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## Hall's late-inning heroics, Coats' dominance lift Bruins to sweep

By Eric Larsen  
Staff writer

Finally, the Twin Falls High baseball team had to scrape and fight for victory over an in-state foe.

A 15-3 Bruin team which has only lost to out-of-state competition needed nine innings and a two-out RBI single from junior Brodie Hall to top the visiting Madison Bobcats 7-6 in Tuesday's Region Four-Five six-inning final at Bill Ingram Field in Twin Falls.

The Bruins, who improved to 4-0 in region play, rolled to a 10-0, five-inning Game 1 victory behind a three-hit shutout from starter Jacob Coats. But life got interesting in the second game.

Three uncharacteristic Twin Falls errors in the top of the sixth allowed the Cats to unear a 6-5 lead on three consecutive runs in the inning. The Bruins needed a run in the bottom of the seventh to extend the game, and Madison starter Michael Woolf gift-wrapped it, forcing in Remington Pullin by beaning Hall with the bases loaded.

Two innings later, Hall collected his third hit of the day, slushing a two-out single that brought Bo Folkings in from third to score the winning run. The junior outfielder said that having to battle Madison may pay dividends for a Bruin team that has so far outscored in-state opposition 79-24 in 10 games.

"Oh, yeah, very much so,"

Hall said. "If we get too accustomed to winning, how would we know how to fight through adversity?"

Bruin senior Casey Jerute picked up the win in five innings of relief of starter Nick Yergensen. Neither Twin Falls senior was especially sharp, as both fell behind in the count, though Jerute was able to battle through the Bruins' three-error inning while pitching with an ailing ankle on the right foot he used to plant for each pitch.

"Kasey battled with one leg he can barely walk on. Bruins head coach Mike Federico said, '... I think it's healthy for us to have close games and win close games."

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Twin Falls High School's Remington Pullin slides into second base safely as Madison's Rbett Sutton loses control of the ball during the fourth inning of their opening game Thursday in Twin Falls.



SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING

Table with columns for driver names, teams, and race results for NASCAR Sprint Cup, IndyCar Series, and other auto racing events.

BASEBALL

Table showing American League and National League baseball scores, including teams like Baltimore Orioles, New York Yankees, and St. Louis Cardinals.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table showing National League baseball scores, including teams like Atlanta Braves, Cincinnati Reds, and St. Louis Cardinals.

GAME PLAN

Series, pole qualifying for 74ers' Nationals 2008. COLLEGE BASEBALL: CSI at Western Nevada, 2 p.m., MDT. COLLEGE SOFTBALL: CSI at Boise State, 1 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL: BASEBALL: Wendell at Kimberly, 5:30 p.m.

TV SCHEDULE

AUTO RACING: SPEED - NASCAR, Nationwide.

Table with columns for player names, teams, and statistics for various sports including basketball, football, and tennis.

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IOC strips medals from Marion Jones' relay teammates at 2000 games

BEIJING — Marion Jones gave up her Olympic medals. Her relay teammates aren't quite so willing. Jones' former relay teammates paid for her doping offenses Thursday, losing their medals from the 2000 Sydney Olympics as the International Olympic Committee stripped them from athletes who won gold with Jones in the 1,600-meter relay and bronze in the 400 relay.

Hennepin County prosecutors charged the 66-year-old Eller with fourth-degree assault and making terroristic threats. He also was charged with driving while impaired and refusing to take a chemical test for alcohol, both gross misdemeanors.

Sports Shorts

JRD holds tee-ball, coach pitch sign-ups. JEROME — Jerome Recreation District is offering registration for tee ball and coach pitch through April 20. The cost is \$17 for those with a valid ID and \$75 outside of district. For more information or to register by phone, call 324-3389. Registration is also available at the JRD office. Visit http://www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com for more details.

MAGIC VALLEY T.F. Youth signups continue

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation sign-ups for youth baseball (boys in grades K-6) and softball (girls in grades K-6) have been extended to April 18. The cost is \$15-\$25. Registration is available online at http://www.tff.org or at the parks and recreation office. Teams will play twice a week for seven weeks with all games in the evening. Call 734-2265 for more information.

Gooding Amateur toumey scheduled

The Gooding Amateur golf tournament will be held April 19-20 at Gooding Country Club. Entry fee for the 36-hole stroke play event is \$60. Call 934-9977 to enter.

Bruin Baseball Kids Camp nears

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School's varsity baseball team will host the Bruin Baseball Kids Camp Saturday and Monday at Bill Ingram Field. Registration will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday with the camp running from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. Sunday. Camp continues from 4-6 p.m., Monday. The cost is \$50 and includes a camp T-shirt.

Felony assault, threat charges filed against former Vikings lineman Eller

MINNEAPOLIS — Former Minnesota Vikings great Carl Eller was charged Thursday with two felonies after a scuffle with police officers trying to arrest him for possible drunk driving.

Kimberly golf holds raffle

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly High School boys and girls golf teams are holding a raffle to raise money for team shirts and golf bags. Items include a 24-inch TV/DVD combo, four rounds of golf at Canyon Springs Golf Course, two rounds of golf at Clear Lake Golf Course, and gift certificates to Cup-A-Joe's, Gierles, Big

Shoshone holds youth sign-ups

SHOSHONE — Shoshone Parks and Recreation will hold baseball and softball sign-ups for boys and girls ages 5-16 from 4 a.m. to noon on Saturday at the concession stands at the baseball field. For more information, call 886-7774.

JRD offers Girls Fast Pitch sign-ups

JEROME — Registration for the Jerome Recreation District's Girls Fast Pitch softball will be offered through April 30. The league is for girls ages 15-16 and the cost is \$30 for district and \$35 outside of district. For more information or to register by phone, call 324-3389. Visit http://www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com for more details.



# Nowitzki's last-second triple topples Jazz

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki swished a 3-pointer with 0.9 seconds left, backing the now-faded Dallas Mavericks to a 97-94 victory over the Utah Jazz on Thursday night that also clinched a playoff berth.

Dallas got in on the combination of the victory and Golden State losing to Denver in three games left. The Mavericks have a two-game edge on the Nuggets for the No. 7 seed.

Nowitzki scored 32 points for the second time in five games

Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki celebrates his 3-point basket against the Utah Jazz in the final seconds in Dallas, Thursday. Dallas won 97-94.

since returning from knee and ankle injuries. The victory was not sealed until Deron Williams, who barked in a tying 3-pointer with 5.8 seconds left, missed a long 3 with Nowitzki flying at him.

The Mavs have reached 50 wins and made the playoffs for eight straight seasons.

As recently as two weeks ago, fans weren't sure Dallas was going to make it — the team was struggling after trading for Jason Kidd in February, then Nowitzki went down.

But now the Mavericks are rolling. They won in Phoenix on Sunday and they answered every challenge from Utah this time. Both were the kind of tight games against good teams that Dallas was losing just a few weeks ago.

Mehmet Okur had 19 points and 14 rebounds for Utah, which had won four in a row and seven of eight.

**NUGGETS 114, WARRIORS 105**

OAKLAND, Calif. — Allen Iverson scored 33 points, J.R. Smith added 24 off the bench and Denver took control of the race for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference with a victory over the Golden State.

The win moved Denver (48-31) a full game ahead of the Warriors in the race for eighth place in the West with only three games remaining.

Nuggets also control the Western Conference, they can clinch their fifth straight playoff berth by winning two of their final three games.

Golden State (47-32) proba-

bly will need to win its final three games and hope Denver loses twice to avoid the distinction of being the winningest team ever to miss the NBA playoffs. Houston won 45 games in 2000-01.

The Nuggets, who trailed by 16 points in the first quarter, took a 99-86 lead when Smith's two free throws capped a 7-0 spurt early in the fourth quarter. Carmelo Anthony's 3-pointer made it 104-90 with 1:52 to go and silenced the largest crowd in Warriors history.

The lead grew to 17 before the Warriors mounted one last charge, scoring nine straight points to cut it to 107-99 on Kelenna Azubuike's 3-pointer with just over 4 minutes left.

— The Associated Press

## Red Wings take down Predators

DETROIT — Henrik Zetterberg broke a tie at 6:54 of the third period and added an empty-net goal, lifting the Detroit Red Wings to a 3-1 win over the Nashville Predators on Thursday night in Game 1 of the first-round series.

Domnik Hasek, playing in his 116th playoff game, made 19 saves for the top-seeded Red Wings.

Ellis stopped 37 shots for the Predators before being pulled with just over a minute left.

Detroit's Johan Franzen scored in the first period and Nashville's Jordan Tootoo tied it late in the second.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Saturday in Detroit.

A couple minutes after Nashville's Vernon Fiddler hit a post on a shot in the third period, the Red Wings' 50-point stars combined to break a tie and energize Joe Louis Arena.

**CANADIENS 4, BRUINS 1**  
MONTREAL — Sergei and Andrei Kostin scored 1:20 apart for the opening minutes of their playoff debuts, and Montreal remained perfect against Boston this season.

Carey Price also made his playoff debut, stopping 17 shots for Montreal, which finished first overall in the Eastern Conference with 104 points, in large part thanks to sweeping eight games against the Bruins.

Bryan Smolinski and Tim Kostin also scored for the Canadiens.

Bruins goalie Tim Thomas stopped 20 shots in his first playoff game.

— The Associated Press

## Masters

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of his green jacket with a 71. And among the familiar faces were Phil Mickelson, the '04 and '06 champion, who opened with an amazing birdie and settled for a 71.

There also was a familiar sound — a few of those Augusta roars even if you don't hear them there.

"The way the golf course plays now, you don't really shoot low rounds here anymore," Woods said. "You've just got to plod along. It's playing more of a U.S. Open than it is a Masters. There was really one roar I heard all day, and that was Poulter's eagle. But other than that, it was really quiet."

Woods must not have been listening closely to a few familiar sounds on a warm, spring afternoon in golf's prettiest garden: — Mickelson was 60 feet over the first green in a walkway, his ball on pine straw. Using a putter, the ball scooted up the slope and rattled the pin before falling into the bogey or worse into a birdie. "It was at least a two-shot swing, possibly three," Mickelson said.

## Rays whip M's to end skid

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Edwin Jackson allowed two hits in eight innings and the Tampa Bay Rays ended a four-game losing streak with a 7-0 win over the Seattle Mariners on Thursday.

A 15-game loss in 2007, Jackson combined with Trevor Miller on a three-hit, no-run performance and Texas beat Baltimore to complete a doubleheader sweep. Tampa Bay pitched a shutout for the first time since a 1-0 win at Boston on Sept. 10. Seattle was hitless for the first time since a 6-0 loss at Anaheim on Aug. 27.

**RANGERS 5, ORIOLES 4**  
ARLINGTON, Texas — Ian Kinsler hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth inning and Texas beat Baltimore to complete a doubleheader sweep.

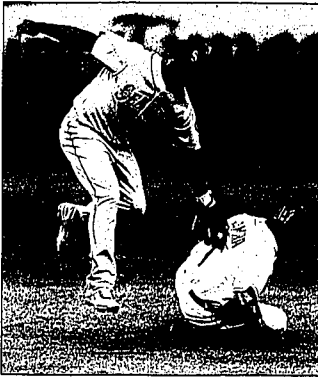
In the opener, Kevin Millwood (1-2) allowed one run in seven innings to lower his ERA to 1.29 and finally get a victory to show for his solid pitching this season.

**ATHLETICS 3, BLUE JAYS 2**  
TORONTO — Travis Buck doubled home two runs in the 12th inning and the A's completed a three-game sweep.

Buck went 3-for-6 with three RBIs, matching an Oakland record with three doubles. Buck started the season in an 0-for-22 slump before doubling in the second inning on Tuesday. He ended up going 7-for-16 with four RBIs and six doubles in the series, boosting his average to .189.

**YANKEES 6, ROYALS 1**  
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Andy Pettitte picked up his first victory and Alex Rodriguez and Melky Cabrera each homered and drove in two runs, helping the Yankees avoid a series sweep.

Pettitte (1-1) held the Royals to one run and five hits in 6.2 innings, and is 7-0 in his past nine starts against the Royals. Pettitte



Tampa Bay Rays second baseman Akino Iwamura (11) slides under the tag of Seattle Mariners shortstop Yuniesky Betancourt during the third inning Thursday in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Rays won 7-0.

has a career record of 12-4 with a 3.08 ERA against Kansas City, which is his best earned run average against any A.L. club.

**RED SOX 12, TIGERS 6**  
BOSTON — J.D. Drew went 3-for-3 with two runs and two RBIs, and Tim Wakefield fluttered his knuckleball for five innings to send the Tigers to their eighth loss in nine games.

Manny Ramirez had a two-run double, and he also scored a run by ignoring a two-handed stop sign put up by third base coach DeMarlo Hale.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE CUBS 7, PIRATES 3**  
PITTSBURGH — Geovany Soto and Mike Fontenot hit two-run homers in Chicago's five-run third inning and the Cubs finished off a three-game sweep of Pittsburgh.

Soto had three extra-base hits, including two doubles among his second career four-hit game, and Derrek Lee also drove in two runs despite not getting a hit as

straight birdies.

**Ochoa shrugs off home-turf jitters**

MORELIA, Mexico — Lorena Ochoa shrugged off any home-turf jitters Thursday in the Corona Championship, eagling two par 5s in a 7-under 66 and par tying for the lead with South Korea's Song-Hye Kim at the rugged Tres Marias course in western Mexico.

Ochoa has three victories in four starts this year to push her LPGA Tour total to 20. She also has moved within a victory of the performance criteria for the World Golf Hall of Fame, although she won't be eligible for induction until 2012.

Rose was 2 over through four holes until making a sloppy 6-foot birdie on the sixth, the first of his four

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## Self gets commitment for contract extension

LAWRENCE, Kan. —

Three days after winning the NCAA basketball title, Kansas coach Bill Self said no thanks to Oklahoma State, his alma mater, and agreed to a lucrative contract extension that could keep him in Kansas for the rest of his playing career.

"Home called," Self said. "And we love home. But this is home now."

The 45-year-old Self, an Oklahoma native who played for the Cowboys and was an assistant coach there at the beginning of his career, met with Oklahoma State athletic director Mike Holder Wednesday night for about two hours.

After conferring with Kansas athletic director Lew Beatty for seven hours on Thursday, Self called Holder and told him of his decision.

"There was never serious interest on our part in leaving the University of Kansas," said Self, who has won 142 games, including a national championship in five highly successful seasons with the Jayhawks.

"But there was serious interest in listening and helping Oklahoma State in a way that would put their basketball program in the position they want it to be in. We visited and slept on it and came to the conclusion that I felt all along that the time is right for my family to be in Lawrence, Kan., and end this program hopefully, to bigger and better things in the future."

**LSU hires Johnson**  
away from Stanford

BATON ROUGE, La. — Among the first things Trent Johnson did when he arrived at LSU on Thursday was meet football coach Les Miles and take a look at the Tigers' national championship trophy from last season.

LSU may be a football school, but then, incoming athletic director Joe Alleva

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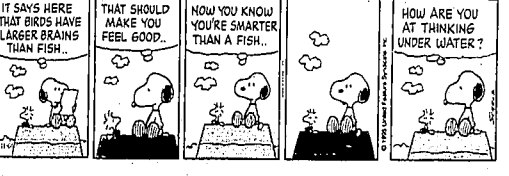
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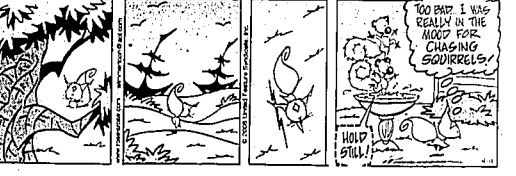
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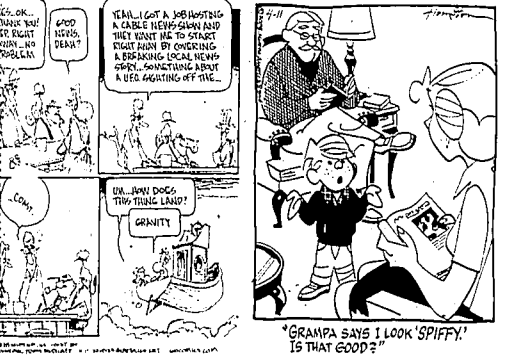


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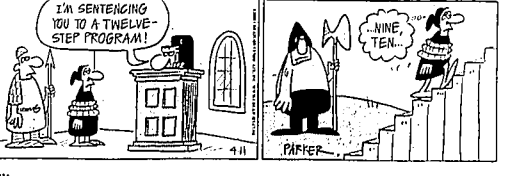
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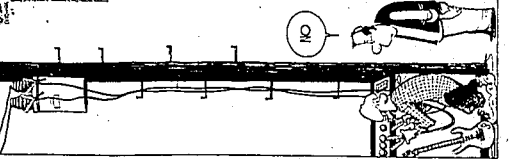
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By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny and pleasant. Highs middle to upper 50s. Tonight: Clear night skies. Lows low 30s. Tomorrow: More bright sunshine and warming nicely. Highs upper 60s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, City. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts for various cities.

BUILLY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Lots of sunshine and warming temperatures. Highs low to middle 50s. Tonight: Mostly clear, dry and cool. Lows near 30. Tomorrow: Sunny and pleasant. Highs low 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A drying and warming trend will commence today and last weekend. Conditions will be excellent for those seeking to be outdoors in the sun.



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Table with 2 columns: Today, Yesterday. Includes Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric, Sunrise and Sunset.

MOON PHASES

Table showing Moon Phases for April 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

REGIONAL FORECAST

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

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, and New York.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for cities like London, Paris, Tokyo, and Sydney.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life but by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

NASCAR stars would like to update drug-testing policies

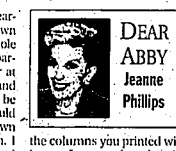
AVONDALE, Ariz. (AP) — NASCAR's stars are serious about fighting drug use in the sport — even if it means regular, random testing. In the wake of revelations this week by former Nationwide and Craftsman Truck Series driver Aaron Fike that he was addicted to painkillers and sometimes used heroin at the track on the same day he raced, the drivers quizzed about the situation Thursday at Phoenix International Raceway were dismayed. "I cannot believe it," two-time reigning Sprint Cup champion Jimmie Johnson said. "It's absurd. I don't know what this means, where things go from here. (But) I'm so happy they figured out or found out what was going on and got him off the track. That is absolutely unacceptable."

Newman wins 43rd career pole

AVONDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Winning poles never gets old for Ryan Newman, NASCAR's Rocketman. Still smarting from the indignity of being penalized 25 points after his fourth-place car was found to be an eighth of an inch too hot after last Sunday's race at Texas, Newman bounced back Thursday with his 43rd career pole. The Daytona 500 winner will start Sunday's Subway Fresh Fit 500 from the front, a solid chance to get back to Victory Lane. Newman, who drives for Penske Racing, has won at least one pole in each of his eight seasons in NASCAR and moved into a tie with NASCAR pioneer Buck Baker for 10th on the career qualifying list. Asked if the thrill of winning poles has lessened over the years, Newman, whose last pole came at Charlotte last October, shook his head and said, "No, it's about a while for me. I was really happy. I was as happy after practice as I am now because it's been a while since, even in practice, we were P1 (position one). We've won some poles but we hadn't been P1 in practice. To be P1 in practice and then back it up in qualifying, that shows consistency and I think that's a good thing for the race this weekend."

Supermom has given her all to everyone but herself

DEAR ABBY: I am a 50-year-old mom with three grown daughters. I gave up my whole life to be a stay-at-home parent. I was a room mother at school and a bus driver, and did everything I could to be the best mom my girls could have. Now they are grown with children of their own. I help with the grandkids, but I never feel appreciated. I tried to do everything the opposite of how my parents raised me. My husband was absent, and my dad was a drunk who abused us. I'm beginning to wonder — have all the sacrifices I made mattered? Or have I wasted my life trying to be a good mom and no one cares. — SUPERMOM IN WELSH, LA. DEAR SUPERMOM: You were a diligent parent when your daughters were growing up, and you have continued giving of yourself to your time with your grandchildren. But it seems you forget completely about yourself during those years. Rather than looking for "appreciation" from your daughters, do you think it's time you started devoting some time to yourself and your own interests? It's time you take for yourself. You have earned it. And, perhaps, if you're less available, you will be more appreciated. — DEAR ABBY: After reading



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

that finding solutions to problems entails first identifying them. However, your point is well taken. So, readers, pick up your pens or head for your keyboards, and share with me — and each other — your thoughts on what is right in our society. DEAR ABBY: I recently won a local vocabulary contest. In school, I am called "the walking dictionary." People often approach me to find out the meaning of words. Since winning the contest, I have become more popular, and my boyfriend has been trying to use big words when he talks to me or to our friends. The problem is, he uses them incorrectly or mispronounces them. I know he's trying to impress me, but it's embarrassing. How can I tell him to stop without hurting his feelings? — NARY IN GEORGIA DEAR WALKING DICTIONARY: People sometimes mispronounce words because they learned them by reading them rather than hearing them used. Give your boyfriend points for being intellectually acquisitive. The next time he uses a word incorrectly or mispronounces it, offer a gentle correction — but be sure to do it in private. That way, he won't be embarrassed.

INSIDE-PASS advertisement for MVS 2008 preview. Includes text: 'Inside today's Times-News 2008 preview MVS 2008 preview Inside today's Times-News'.

Extra Eagle Eyes advertisement. Includes text: 'Extra Continued from page B1 preact. It's always neat to see kids stay after and do those things.' and 'While CSI and other NJCAA teams aren't limited by the practice time restrictions imposed upon NCAA Division I and II programs, Baumert admitted it can be a struggle to cover his team's needs while keeping practices concise. Instead of lengthening his daily sessions, he's left the decision to put extra time in to each player. While the coach sees the time pay off with extra repetition, the time spent can be just as important to a player's psyche as it can be to his physical performance.' and 'I don't ever feel comfortable if I don't stay after and work hard,' Holmes said. "It makes me feel better, I guess, when I stay after."

Extra Eagle Eyes advertisement. Includes text: 'Today: No. 13 CSI (35-14, 19-7 SWAC) at Snow College (8-32, 7-21 SWAC), Ephraim, Utah, DH, 1 p.m. Last time they met: The Golden Eagles swept the Badgers on March 7-8 in Twin Falls, winning four games by a combined score of 39-12. On the horizon: CSI and Snow meet for a second, Saturday doubleheader. The Golden Eagles will take on conference-leading Salt Lake Community College on Friday and Saturday. CSI season leaders (minimums apply) Batting — Average: Megan Zimmerman .447, Stephanie Holmes .359. Hits: Zimmerman 60, Rochelle Noren 50, 2B: Katelyn Warren 11, Holmes 7, 3B: Cassi Merrill 3, Zimmerman, Noren, Rocky Roll 2. HR: Holmes, Anna Sorrell 6, McKensy Hiltstead 5, RB: Holmes 3, Zimmerman, Hiltstead 17, Burns, Zimmerman 45, Noren 44, BB: Sorrell 44, Holmes 30, SB: Noren 20-23, Zimmerman 15-17. Pitching — Record: Jody Zilner 12-5, 2.92 ERA (16 starts), Holmes 8-3, 1.59 ERA (10 starts), SV: Holmes, Hiltstead, Dest Thomson 1. ERA: Holmes 1.59, Thomson 1.83, Innings pitched: Zilner 93 1/3, Thomson 84 1/3, D.G. Zilner 13, Holmes 9, Shutouts: Holmes 3, Thomson, Hiltstead 2, SB: Zilner 81, Thomson 65. Opponents' average: Thomson .211, Thomson .228.' and 'Grant took 12 at bats in as many appearances before collecting her first hit of the season. Now the freshman reserve is hitting .321. Warren has increased her batting average from the mid .200s to .310 and played increasingly mistake-free ball at second base, committing only two errors during her last 14 appearances.'

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## Fate of proposed Mini-Cassia airport near Heyburn uncertain

By Sven Berg  
Staff writer

HEYBURN — The City Council began the process Wednesday of annexing and rezoning about 320 acres of ground Burley officials have proposed for the location of a new airport. Before annexation can be made official, City Attorney Steven T. Smith must draw up a finding of fact and ordinance to submit to the council for final approval.

But given the support the council expressed for annexation, final approval appears all but certain.

Councilwoman Cleo Fay

Gallegos criticized Burley's methods in pursuing the land, which it may have procured through eminent domain.

"I am thoroughly against taking somebody's property when they don't wish it, and I don't think Minidoka County is where Burley should be coming," she said.

The land that would be annexed is located west of Heyburn and northwest of the Interstate 84-Hwy. 27 intersection, and makes up about half of the 640 acres Burley had proposed for use as an airport. Blincoe Farms, Inc. owns the land and

requested annexation expressly to stop Burley from converting it to an airport.

Don Chisholm, Blincoe's attorney, said his client wishes to continue farming the ground as long as possible, but acknowledges it will eventually be used for commercial purposes. He said Blincoe believes using the land for an airport would waste its commercial value.

"An airport can help the area in general, but an airport in that area stifles the economic development of the city of Heyburn," Chisholm said.

During Burley's pursuit of a

new airport, Burley officials have said the city's current airport is too small to support most airplanes, including the private jets owned by companies looking to build new facilities in Mini-Cassia. They also say the land northwest of the I-84-Hwy. 27 intersection is an ideal location for the airport's most frequent user — the area's hospitals.

Several Burley officials in attendance at Wednesday's meeting argued against annexation. Their opposition centered on the potential economic boon a new airport



A crowd of at least 40 officials and members of the public gathered Wednesday at Heyburn City Hall to weigh in on the City Council's decision on whether to annex land Burley has proposed to use for a new airport.

## Caught in the act

Students record traffic violations at major Burley intersections

By Laurie Welch  
Staff writer

A statistics class at Burley High School went out in the field this week to gather data on motorists who run red lights at Burley intersections.

"I have been really surprised at how blatantly people run lights," BHS student Rachel Gates said. "They will be clear back away from it when it turns red and they will still run it."

Fellow student Jenette Garn was also surprised by how many red-light violations occurred.

"I didn't really think it was that big of a problem," Garn said.

Seventeen seniors in Tim Gundersen's advanced math class stationed themselves at major intersections around town for about an hour to observe and record motorists' behavior. The students went out Monday and Wednesday and will go out again today.

The batch of raw data that includes how many cars went through an intersection, how many ran yellow and red lights and how many stopped beyond the pedestrian cross walk line, will be taken back to the classroom and analyzed using different equations.

As well as gaining first-hand knowledge about how many motorists run red lights in Burley, students learned a thing or two about the nature of statistics.

Megan Hernandez said being out in the field collecting data brought home the fact that statisticians really

## Principal turnover



O'Leary Junior High School Principal Ron Withers listens as eighth-grader Darien Pierson reads his fortune Thursday during one of the lunch periods at the Twin Falls school. Withers says he will resign at the end of the school year from his position to spend more time with family.

## O'Leary Junior High to hire its sixth principal in nine years

By Andrea Jackson  
Staff writer

Ron Withers, principal of Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School, is stepping down at the end of the school year after only two years in the top slot.

This fall, the school will get its sixth principal in nine years.

"That's a lot more than the rate of principal turnover within the Twin Falls School District. Including the scheduled transition of principals slated for this fall, the district's 11 schools have averaged two principals over a nine-year span.

"I think our building is a little unusual," said Withers, who plans to leave the position so he can have more time with family.

The school's line of principals has included some unique circumstances, including one former principal who left due to health reasons, and another

who moved to a different school in the district, said Wiley Dobbs, Twin Falls School District superintendent.

Dobbs himself spent eight years as principal at O'Leary, and said he has fond memories of his tenure that ended in 2000.

"It's a matter of getting the right person for the job," said Dobbs. "It's a challenging job but a rewarding job."

Withers said the commitment needed for the almost 900-student school is large. From budgets, to staff coordination and communication, to extra-curricular activities, parental involvement, discipline and academics, the position takes a lot of time.

Withers said he doesn't have another job lined up yet, but would like to remain employed with the Twin Falls School District.

"There's great diversity in a position

## REVOLVING DOOR?

An average of about two principals have led each of the Twin Falls School District's 11 schools during a nine-year span — including next year.

The highest principal turnover has been at O'Leary Junior High School, which will have had six principals since the end of the 2000 school year, beginning next school year. Here's a nine-year run-down, according to information from the school district:

- Lincoln Elementary, 1
- Bickel Elementary, 3
- Harrison Elementary, 1
- Morningside Elementary, 3
- Oregon Trail Elementary, 2
- Perrine Elementary, 2
- Sawtooth Elementary, 1
- O'Leary Junior High School, 6
- Robert Stuart Junior High School, 2
- Twin Falls High School, 1
- Magic Valley Alternative School, 1

## ISU considers dropping bus service

Staff report

Southern Idaho residents who make the 110-mile ride to finish a degree at Idaho State University may be looking at an even tougher commute.

Officials at ISU are considering whether to drop its daily bus service that takes students from Twin Falls to Pocatello. Although the bus is funded by students and receives no money from state appropriations, the number of passengers has steadily declined.

Without raising the cost for those students who still ride, the service may not be able to continue, an ISU official said Thursday.

ISU's Student Senate examined the issue in the winter semester and recommended the service be discontinued rather than keep losing money, said Andrew Taylor, an ISU spokesman.

The university continued the bus service through spring semester and recommended the service be discontinued rather than keep losing money, said Andrew Taylor, an ISU spokesman.

That's disappointing to Chris Vaage, an ISU instructor based on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho.

"I rode the bus 15 years ago and worked on my Master's degree," Vaage said. "Because of that I earned my Master's degree and got this job ... to me that bus is very, very valuable."

Before ISU discontinues bus service from Twin Falls, a couple meetings will be held in town.

ISU officials will meet with bus riders and Twin Falls area residents Wednesday, April 16, in the Pond Student Union building on the ISU campus to answer questions.

A meeting is also planned with Twin Falls community leaders to explore possibilities of increasing revenue or the number of passengers.

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### T.F. School District to present zone proposals

Twin Falls School District representatives will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Robert Stuart Junior High School to discuss zoning and grade configuration changes that could arise after the new Canyon Ridge High School opens in 2008.

District officials will also introduce the new Canyon Ridge principal, according to a press release from the school district.

After the new high school opens, the two junior high schools will convert to middle schools for sixth through eighth grades, and the elementary schools will morph from kindergarten through sixth grade to kindergarten through fifth grade, the release shows. Questions and comments will be taken during the meeting.

### CSI receives student grant money

The College of Southern Idaho received a \$17,000 grant from the Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) for first-generation students for tuition assistance and other unexpected needs.

The ICF announced this week that it has allocated \$220,000 in grants to nine Idaho colleges to help low-income students, and students who are the first in their families to attend college, according to a news release from the Idaho Community Foundation.

The grants were made possible for the second year through the Idaho Education Access Fund managed by the ICF. The Idaho Education Access Fund holds \$1.4 million in donations from Idaho Education Access Association Inc., and \$154,500 from the ICF's Northwest Area Foundation Fund, the release shows.

The ICF, a nonprofit organization, receives statewide and national donations through more than 370 individual funds. Total assets are more than \$70 million, and since it began making grants in 1981, the ICF has distributed more than \$35 million, the release shows.

**E-mail scam hits M.V.**

RUPERT — Another e-mail scam surfed its way down the World Wide Web and into the Magic Valley.

Robyn Maxfield said she opened up her Yahoo! e-mail account Thursday afternoon and found an "official looking" e-mail asking her to

update her account info. Maxfield typed in her information and instantly became the next victim in the latest Internet scam.

A mass e-mail was sent to all of Maxfield's contacts that said she had traveled to Nigeria as a charity volunteer, only to become stranded when she lost her wallet. The e-mail then asked the reader to transfer money to help her, the \$3,850 needed to get home.

"I have been scammed and I'm feeling pretty silly about it," she said.

The owner of Comfort Keepers in Rupert, Maxfield said she is even more embarrassed because the e-mails went out to all of her business contacts across the state.

"I'm not in Nigeria. I didn't need money and if I did I would call my husband," Maxfield said. "But it this way,

I don't know how you would spend \$3,800 on a hotel room in Nigeria."

If you believe your Yahoo! account has been hacked into, call the company's customer care line: 866-562-7219.

### Bill reforms boundaries for Minidoka site

Legislative language originally introduced by Sen. Mike Crapo to reform the boundaries of the Minidoka Internment National Monument near Jerome was approved Thursday by the Senate as part of a larger public lands package.

The passage of the bill means human rights advocates, including the Friends of Minidoka, Inc., can proceed with plans to raise additional funds to restore the site where Japanese-Americans were interned during World War II.

"The passage of this legislation creates the potential for a public-private partnership that will underscore our commitment to human rights here in Idaho," Crapo said.

"We honor those who produced farm products under tremendous pressures. The return to Minidoka last year was an emotional experience for me and all of the friends and family who attended — the Friends of Minidoka."

The legislation adjusts the boundaries of the Minidoka site, made a national monument in January 2001, and is important to clear the way for private fundraising by the Friends of Minidoka. In addition, the group wants to rebuild housing facilities at an adjacent site east of Jerome.

Dorothy G. Patterson

BELLEVEUE — Dorothy G. Patterson, 89, passed away peacefully during the early morning hours of April 7, 2008, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

She was born to Fern and Frank Gladden on July 12, 1918, in Cecil, Pa. Her family donated the property where the First United Presbyterian Church was built in MacDonald, Pa., and where Dorothy was baptized in February of 1919. After graduating from High School, she married Melvin Smith and while living in Erie, Pa., had one daughter, Barbara Ann. She later moved to Reno, Nev., where she married the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Patterson. In November, they would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Dorothy worked in clothing retail and as a receptionist and telephone operator in Reno until she retired and moved with Bob to Bellevue, Idaho, in 1980. For many years they enjoyed spending winters in Arizona and summers in Bellevue. Dorothy was a quilter and crafts kept her busy and she especially loved sitting on the porch in the summer evening hours watching the hummingbirds. She was also very fond of ladybugs and had accumulated many ladybug



art pieces.

She is survived and loved by her husband, Bob; daughter, Barbara Olson of Greensboro, N.C.; grandson, James Olson of McLeansville, N.C. and his wife Jeanne and their son; sisters-in-law, Jewel Patterson of Bellevue and Bonnie Sore of Sparks, Nev.; nieces, Kathleen Swanson and Barb Patterson, both of Bellevue; and nephews, Jack Bonewell of Richland, Wash., and Adam Willard of Reno, Nev.; and many friends and neighbors who will miss her smile and easy going sweet nature. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Richard Gladden; her brother-in-law, Bill Patterson; and sister-in-law, Mary Bonewell.

A graveside ceremony will be held at the Bellevue Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of the Wood River Chapel in Hailey, Idaho. (www.woodriverchapel.com).

Pauline M. Schultz

Pauline M. Schultz, 91, passed away today April 9, 2008, with dignity and grace. Mom left this world for the home she's been longing for, for so many years.

She was everything a Mother should be, our best friend and confidant, but most of all, a Godly woman who taught her family to love and honor God. This was her greatest legacy.

She died at home with her loved ones close by. We felt so privileged to be able to be with her and take this final journey with her.

She is survived by her son, Jack Lee (Regina), Yakima, Wash.; daughter, Shirley (Anita), Twin Falls; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, her love for them was overwhelming and was returned to her 10-fold.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers and three sisters.

Mom was a nurse for 20 years and one of the best. Even in her 90s she tried to take care of everyone. We the



family would like to thank First Choice Hospice, Angels Touch, all our friends and all the special love and kindness of our caretakers. They were hand picked and sent to us by God.

We will love Mom forever and eagerly await our reunion with her. She will live in "our" hearts always, 'til the day we are reunited again.

Good Nite, Sweet Momma. Graveside Services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, April 12, at Twin Falls Cemetery with Mike Barnard officiating. A viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 11, at Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Betty Zoreda Coats

KIMBERLY — Betty Zoreda Coats, 73, of Kimberly went peacefully home Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at Heritage Retirement Center.

She was born Jan. 27, 1935, in Aurora, Neb., to Edward and Laura Orndorff. She was 4 years old when her family moved to Twin Falls.

Betty married Dean Coats on the 4th of April 1952. She had five children, Laura, Deana, Maria, Eddie and Johnny.

She worked at and then owned the Kimberly Café where the coffee flowed as well as the high school kids. Later she opened Betty's Café in Soda Springs, Idaho and retired in 1999. Betty had a heart of gold and if she could help you she would. She had a wonderful (wicked) sense of humor and could give as well as receive. She enjoyed hunting and fishing and was an avid fan of her grandchildren and would go to every event she



could make. She would open her home in Soda Springs to family and friends to visit or stay.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Iris and Margaret; her brothers, Robert and Louis; her daughter, Deana; and her son, Ed. She is survived by her sister, Virginia (Toonie) Cummins; daughters, Laura (Rich McHew) Tippets and Marla (Paul) Garrett; son, John (Mark) Coats; daughter-in-law, Bonnie Coats; grandchildren, Brandon (Lisa) Oschner, Steve Timmons, Kelli (Scott) Jones, Brooke Garrett, Keri Coats, Andy Coats, Heather Crane, John (Buck) Garrett, Jacob Coats, Erica Coats, and great-grandchildren, Brendon Oschner, Ayden Coats and Lily Oschner. Betty is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. She is loved and will be missed.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 12, at White Mtn. "Chapel by the Park". Please join the family in celebrating Betty's life by signing our online guest book at www.MeM.com.

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@magvalley.com.

Avilla Lewis

RUPERT — Avilla Ruth Lewis, age 71, of Rupert, passed away Monday, April 7, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Avilla, the daughter of Oral Allen and Lena Mae Simms Dunn, was born in Iola, Kan., on May 11, 1936. She received her education in Kansas, graduating from Richfield High School. She married Elvin Lewis on May 23, 1954, in Richfield, Kan. Together, they had six children, Shirley, Sherman, Ruth, Nina, Linda and Ellen.

In the early years of marriage, they worked together on the orchards. Following Elvin's employment with a gas company, they relocated to the Mini-Cassia area in the early '60s, living in Burley and Heyburn prior to moving to Rupert, where she had always resided. While raising their children, Avilla worked as a waitress, then for the J.R. Simplot Co. as a lab tech, and completed her working career with Lamb Weston in American Falls. Upon Elvin's retirement, they became grandparents. They spent the winter months in Yuma, Ariz., and the summers back home in Rupert. After Elvin's death in 1995, she continued this tradition until her passing.

Avilla was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Family was of the utmost importance in her life. She

enjoyed watching her grandchildren grow and loved participating in their activities. She was an outstanding homemaker and loved to crochet, watch birds and work in her flower gardens. She was an active member of the Burley United Methodist Church and enjoyed her many friends in the congregation.

Survivors include her children, Shirley (Cory) Goe and Sherman (Carol) Lewis, all of Rupert, Ruth (Tim) Timmons and Nina (Bill) Scott, all of Heyburn, Linda (John) Taylor of Rupert, and Ellen (Harv Dan Ledbetter) of Burley; 16 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; her siblings, Howard (Mary Ann) Dunn, Don (Barbara) Dunn, Eldon (Clara) Dunn, Verda (Allen) and Gail (Richard) King and one sister-in-law, Lois Dunn. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elvin of 41 years; and one brother, Wallace Dunn.

Avilla's family expresses their appreciation to the O.C.G. family in Yuma, Ariz., for their love and support throughout the years.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 14, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 101 N. Bliss St., with the Rev. Darcy Gritzmacher officiating. Burial will be in the Gem Memorial Gardens. Friends may call from 6 until 9 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. from 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Hilton D. Willingham HILTON — Hilton Dean Willingham, 52, of Hailey, died Friday, April 4, 2008, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, April 11, at the Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

Leon Tuckett

BURLEY — Kenneth Leon Tuckett, 53, of Burley, died Wednesday, April 9, 2008, in Idaho Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Jack Lintelmann

BUHL — Jack Lintelmann, 77, of Buhl, died Tuesday,

SERVICES

John A. Schenk of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St., in Rupert; visitation one hour before the service today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Marvin Eugene Foreman of Burley, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., in Burley.

Frank Kilmes of Nampa, celebration of life graveside service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls (Alsly Funeral Home in Nampa).

Oleva Marian Borgogno of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 101 N. Bliss in Wendell (Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

April 8, 2008, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Louise Waddoups

Louise Waddoups, 61, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, April 10, 2008, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Advertisement for Fritzkippes H.I.S. Hearing Services, featuring a 'Don't Settle for Second Best' slogan and contact information for 735-3266.

Large advertisement for Patient Spotlight featuring Nyles Tilley, Burley, with the headline 'My wife says "Thank you, Fritz!"' and details about Widex hearing aids.

HONOR ROLL - RUPERT

RUPERT — East Minnie Middle School's honor roll:

- List of students on the honor roll including: Eighth grade, high honors: Shane Amen, Logan Anderson, Tasheli Miley Anderson, Darlin W. Griffin, Chelsea Newport, Marcy Cristof, Crystal (Susie) Melhan, Micaela Merrill and Shannon Soliman; Eighth grade, honor roll: Laura M. Gittins, McKayla Lynn Hughes, Sarah Webster, Wyatt Hoyle, Jackie M. Rogers, Garrett Christensen, Antonio M. Lopez, Weston Buck, Keagan A. Conde, Lyga Aves, Steve J. Halverson, Emilee Merrill, Kimberly Ann Barnes, Lucero Labra, Rob Holmes, Bratton Bell, Nimsi Olmos, Marlen A. Arteaga, Jonathan Dailey, Rilyn Camille Frie, Emilee Merrill, Kimberly Ann Barnes, Garmande, Sidney Heimer, Rany Maura Cook, Andrew R. Frostenson, April Gunderman, Maria Eugenia Mutillo and Yolanda Cruz; Seventh grade, high honors:

- List of students on the honor roll including: Travis Hakerson, Jordan Larsen and Kaden Pfeiffer; Seventh grade, honor roll: Patrick Bard, Matthew Harper, Bailey Rice, Paige Shiner, Bailey Louise Staley, Natalie Williams, Arsenio Ortiz, Vanita Torres, Austin Whitesides, Kaitlyn May, Mayra Paz, Samantha JoDawn Fisher, Eduardo Magana, Jayson A. Smart, Colvin Anton, Samantha Ortega, David Child, Shynaj Parker, Morgan Schenk, Jason De Aba, Kaitlynn Flig, Adam Ortiz, Jennie Allen, Hunter Tom Garro, Cameron Jackson, Edgar Topia, Bryan De Abba, Josh Tallon, Bryce Denker, Tanner Stirling, Kaitie Kobayashi and Danam Rose; Sixth grade, high honors: Delanie Bell, Kristina Coates, Mark Anthony Dominguez, Sarah Kristine Hansen and Kiele White; Sixth grade, honor roll: Rebecca Lynn Child, Kylene Williams, Emelinda Cain Hoffman, Powell Gibson, Melissa Dayne, Jenna Pease, Jared Reese Hansen, Lauren Ann Bingham, Hannah Bailey, Jacobell Dawn Noble, Courtney Lopez, Kottan Couch, Savannah Ramirez, Bragan Lynn Mackay, Zachary Michael

- List of students on the honor roll including: Camarena, Jacqueline Arteaga, Matthew Jensen, Linda Ruiz, Olivia Allen, Daisy Ambuz, Jennifer Musgaard, Lorena Vasquez, Andrea Arteaga, Bryton Quattabacco, Hannah Jo Koyle, Riky Renee Corrae, (Cecelia) Adana Ruiz, Heidi Taylor, Elizabeth Mackayla May Kent and Lane Westley Heit

Advertisement for www.magicvalley.com with the headline 'See what's new at'.

Advertisement for Orchard Drug featuring 'Free glucose meters... Free 100 test strips... Free Snacks' and contact information for Dicks Pharmacy.



# Southwick 'stabilizing more'

By Cassidy Friedman  
Staff writer

Former Lincoln County Sheriff Stephen Southwick, who suffered fractures on his spine causing some paralysis, is stabilizing more. His family wrote on a Web blog Wednesday from Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

"Southwick, 62, of Dietrich, has been unconscious and in critical condition since he was thrown from his Honda motorcycle Friday evening after veering off the road and striking a fence



### On the Web

Visit the blog at: <http://stephen-southwick.blogspot.com/>

in Lincoln County.

"They are allowing Steve to breathe on his own at times," the blog says. "He is still on the ventilator and still unconscious. Steve has opened his eyes a few times. Nurses say it is a reflex."

The increased stability means surgery on his neck

and back fractures "will happen in the near future," according to the blog.

The family reported Thursday that chest tubes were inserted to remove fluid from around his lungs. Idaho State Police have yet to say whether Southwick was wearing a helmet when the crash occurred.

# Xavier student recognized for art work

McKaylee Bronson of Xavier Charter School was recently honored for her art work submitted in the 2007 Lions Club International Peace Poster contest. Students ages 11 to 13 submitted their art work using the theme of Peace Around the World. The art work was judged on a local and district basis, with the winner's art work going on to multiple district and international competition. She placed third in the district throughout southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. McKaylee will be honored in Sun Valley at the Lions Clubs' annual



McKaylee Bronson was presented with a certificate for her achievement and a \$50 gift certificate by Jim Kern, Twin Falls Lions Club project chairman; Jason Hicks, Xavier Charter School art instructor; Cindy Felcher, principal; and Dex Dotson, president of Twin Falls Lions Club. 39-W District Summer students in their community for children in local schools and youth groups.

# Traffic

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have to pay attention to what they are doing and make sure they are getting accurate counts.

"It makes me wonder how accurate statistics really are," Hernandez said. "You could mess them up at any time. You have to be as accurate as possible."

Garn said she and other students could not wave at motorists or distract them in any way or they would literally have a hand in skewing the data.

"We are really learning a lot

about statistics," she said.

Gunderson said the students will set parameters on what is acceptable for their raw data and then run different calculations to see how the numbers stack up. Gunderson said the students have spent the first part of the session in the classroom and he hopes to have them out in the field collecting different sets of data and processing it during the rest of the school year.

"You really can't learn this type of work from a book," Gunderson said.

## Caught in the act

Raw traffic data gathered over 45 minutes at the intersection of 16th Street and Overland Avenue on Monday.

- 884 vehicles crossed the intersection
  - 64 ran a yellow light
  - 33 ran a red light
  - 70 stopped beyond the pedestrian cross walk line
- Raw traffic data gathered over 45 minutes at the intersection of Mall Street and Overland Avenue Wednesday.
- 935 vehicles crossed the intersection
  - 65 ran a yellow light
  - 27 ran a red light
  - 440 stopped beyond the pedestrian cross walk line

# Principals

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want to make sure to get someone who is a good fit."

The school district has collected more than 10 applications for the principal position, and the school board should have a recommendation for the slot around May 12, Dobbs said.

The school district is also in the process of selecting a principal for the new high school, Canyon Ridge, set to open in 2009. The school board should receive a recommendation for that position on Monday night during its next regular meeting, Dobbs said.

About the same number of applications have been received for both slots, he said. Some of the same can-

didates have applied for both positions, said Dobbs.

Dobbs said he is confident the right person to lead O'Leary will be found.

"It's a person who has a lot of energy, who is creative," Dobbs said.

"That person should be able to turn ideas for student achievement and school improvement into action, he said.

Both of the school district's

junior high schools did not make Adequate Yearly Progress last school year.

O'Leary missed AYP last year for two criteria and Robert Stuart missed on seven criteria. Both schools are in their second year for needing improvement for reading. Robert Stuart is in its second year of needing improvement for math and O'Leary is in its third year of needing improvement for

math, according to last school year's AYP information from the Idaho State Department of Education.

Andrea Jackson can be reached at 735-3380.

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# Airport

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would represent.

"I do believe an airport would be the best way to develop that area commercially and industrially," Burley Economic Development Coordinator Doug Manning said. "If you take a look at small and medium-sized airports, they seem to be magnets for that kind of development."

Burley City Administrator Mark Milton agreed a new and larger airport is crucial to continuing Mini-Cassia's recent economic surge.

"An airport is like a freeway interchange. It gives you access to the airways just as an interchange on the ground gives you access to the freeways," he said.

But the City Council said it was not comfortable with the idea of Burley wrestling control of the land away from Blincoe.

"It's (Blincoe's) decision to do with their property what they will. It's not an 'eminent domain.' Councilman Rocky Baker said.

Baker went on to criticize Burley's unilateral approach to building a new airport. "If they would've involved us from the start, then we wouldn't be here tonight," he said.

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Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran, right, answers a question during a news conference as Texas Rangers Cpt. Barry Caver, left rear, looks on in San Angelo, Texas, Thursday.

# Texas authorities defend handling of polygamist sect, say hands tied until now

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) —

It was no secret that a polygamist sect that built a compound in the West Texas desert believed in marrying all underage girls to older men. And the sheriff had an informant for four years who was feeding him information about life inside the sect.

But authorities say their hands were tied until last week, when they finally obtained the legal grounds to move against the group.

The trigger for the raid was a fished phone call from a 16-year-old girl in a family-violence shelter to report that her 50-year-old husband had beaten and raped her. State troopers put into action the plan they had on the shelf to enter the 1,700-acre compound, and 116 children, most of them girls, were swept into state custody because of suspicions that they were being sexually and physically abused.

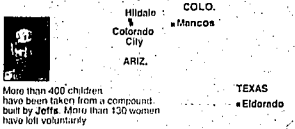
On Thursday, state and federal law enforcement authorities defended their decision to leave the sect alone for four years after it moved in.

"We are aware that this group is capable of sexually abusing girls," Sheriff Duane said. "But there again, this is the United States. We are going to respect them. We're not going to violate their civil rights until we get an outcry."

Doran said it was not until after the raid began that he learned that the sect was, in fact, marrying off underage girls at the compound and had a bed in its soaring limestone temple where the girls were required to immediately consummate their marriages. Also, investigators say a number of teenage girls

## Polygamist sect widespread in West

The Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has an estimated 10,000 followers. Its leader, Warren Jeffs, is jailed in Kingman, Ariz., for being an accomplice to rape. Selection of Fundamentalist Latter-day Saints communities



More than 400 children have been taken from a compound built by Jeffs. More than 150 women have left voluntarily.

SOURCES: FBI, ESH

there are pregnant.

Authorities in Texas suspected there would be trouble ever since members of the renegade Mormon splinter group — the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints — bought an exotic game ranch in Eldorado in 2003 and began building the ranch.

Warren Jeffs, the sect's prophet and spiritual leader at its longtime headquarters in the dusty, side-by-side towns of Hilldale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz., was charged in 2005 and 2006 with forcing underage girls into marriages there. He was convicted in September in Utah of being an accomplice to rape and is serving up to life in prison.

Doran had been making occasional visits to the Eldorado compound — he even called to tell members of Jeffs' capture in 2006 — but he said he saw nothing to warrant a criminal investigation. Most of his calls revolved around the compound would scatter when he and a

Texas Ranger visited, he said.

"You can only press someone so far without having a criminal investigation going on," the sheriff said. "This group doesn't openly talk and they do not openly answer questions."

Doran said he had an informant who was "instrumental in teaching me the group's ways." But he declined to say whether the informant, a former sect member, was in Texas, or Utah or Arizona.

Barry Caver, a Texas Ranger who sometimes went with the compound, said a general welfare check wouldn't have produced much. "They would allow us on the property to the extent that we could talk to the main three or four people," only Caver said.

Texas Attorney General Gregg Abbott said that despite other states' investigations into Jeffs and FLDS, Texas authorities had to wait until they had evidence of wrongdoing in this state to act. He said authorities handled the case properly.

"... this is the United States. We are going to respect them. We're not going to violate their civil rights until we get an outcry."

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When did her love for the kitchen start? From the time she was little, Kristi was helping her mother and grandmother in the kitchen. Whether it was a simple family meal or a large gathering for the holidays, the kitchen was the place to be!

The passion continued from there — Kristi received her Associates degree in Culinary Arts from Ricks College. She then attained a Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Science Education from Brigham Young University, Idaho. Her previous experience includes working as an independent kitchen consultant and as an assistant for a national bakery chain.

When asked what her favorite part of the cooking school experience is, Kristi replied, "I am always excited to come into a community and share my love of cooking with new people. I always have a great time at the show, because the audience makes it fun!"

Kristi resides in Vancouver, Washington. Some of her favorite activities include reading, watching movies, and of course, cooking!

Kristi is looking forward to coming to Twin Falls. "We're going to have a lot of fun at the event! Trust me, you don't want to miss it!" says Kristi.

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# Squaw Peak in Phoenix officially renamed for slain Indian soldier

By Amanda Lee Myers  
Associated Press writer

PHOENIX — The U.S. Board on Geographic Names voted Thursday to officially change the name of a prominent Phoenix mountain to Piestewa Peak in honor of the first American Indian woman to die in combat while serving in the U.S. military.

The 11 board members who voted for the name change felt that Army Spc. Lori Piestewa symbolizes everyone who has died in the line of duty. Lou Yost, the board's executive secretary, said from Washington, D.C.

He said the two members who voted against the change argued that Piestewa didn't have a direct association with the mountain and is not of regional or national prominence.

The craggy desert mountain used to be named Squaw Peak, a controversial name that many American Indians find offensive and have been trying to change for years.

The Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names renamed the mountain soon after Piestewa was killed in Iraq in 2003. But the federal board had to wait five years before it considers changing the name of geographic feature on maps and other federal publications after the dead — in part to allow those arguing passionately for or against a name change to cool down.

Yost said those five years didn't do much to cool down

hundreds of Arizonans. He said the board received an unprecedented 1,300 calls, e-mails and letters about the name change, with about two-thirds in favor of Piestewa Peak.

"The board has a five-year waiting period so everyone's emotions even out after someone's death, but apparently this is still an emotional situation out there," he said. "This is what we call a high-profile case."

Piestewa, a 23-year-old Hispanic-Iraqi mother of two from Tuba City on the Navajo Reservation, died after her convoy took a wrong turn and was ambushed near Nasiriyah in March 2003. Some of the members of 507th Maintenance Company, including her best friend Jessica Lynch, were taken prisoner; others died.

The story of Lynch's capture and dramatic nighttime rescue made her an instant

celebrity. Lynch attends annual ceremonies at Piestewa Peak in honor of her fallen friend and named her daughter after Piestewa.

The peak is a popular destination for local hikers attracted to its convenient location in the middle of the city and its challenging trails to the 2,600-foot summit. Others like to go hiking, horseback riding or mountain biking on some of the easier trails in the foothills.



Former POW Jessica Lynch, right, embraces Terry Piestewa at a memorial in Phoenix for Lynch's fallen comrade Lori Piestewa in March 2005.

## Carnegie Hero Fund Commission honors 22, including Idaho man

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A Wisconsin high school principal shot and killed by an armed student while wrestling weapons from him was among 22 people honored Thursday with Carnegie medals for heroism.



Klang

Among the other honorees were a Colorado firefighter, a New York City police officer and a Texas police officer. John A. Klang, 49, was a principal in Cazenovia, Wis., on Sept. 29, 2004, when Eric Hainstock, then 15, entered the school armed with a loaded shotgun and handgun. Klang confronted Hainstock and the two struggled as the teen repeatedly shot at the principal. Klang disarmed the boy, and later died at a hospital from his wounds.

Last year, Hainstock was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.

The Pittsburgh-based Carnegie Hero Fund Commission meets five times annually to choose honorees, who are brought to its attention through newspaper articles or tips on its Web site, recipients, or their survivors receive a bronze medal and \$5,000.

Other honorees include Wesley James Autrey Sr., 50, of New York, who was nicknamed "subway superhero" after he rescued a man who had fallen onto train tracks from a subway platform on Jan. 2, 2007. Autrey laid on the man, who had suffered a seizure, as an oncoming train passed over both of them; Autrey's two young daughters watched the rescue unfold from the platform.

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## Crazy Creek HexaLite chairs lightweight, comfortable

Backpackers are famous for trading comfort at night in camp for speed and efficiency during the day on the trail. As such, sleeping pads are trimmed to save weight, freeze-dried food stands in for fresh, and saved-off logs often serve as round-the-campfire seating in evening while the stars poke up in the sky.



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But Crazy Creek has a new campfire seating option for backpackers.

By employing hexagonal-cored closed cell foam and polyester mesh, the foldable, rollable HexaLite chairs provide the clamshell comfort and back support the company is known for but in a more minimal package. Crazy Creek ([www.crazy-creek.com](http://www.crazy-creek.com)) sells two HexaLite models, the HexaLite Original and the larger HexaLite LongBack, which weigh in at 14.8 ounces and 18.5 ounces, respectively.

I first tried out the HexaLite Original model and was impressed with its feather weight and pack-ability. Fold it in half, roll it up and cinch it with the seat straps to create an unobtrusive package that straps on the outside of a backpack.

You do sacrifice comfort in the name of weight savings, though: The HexaLite Original has a narrow seat. My rear end fit snug, and I am by no means blessed with abundance on the backside.

The company quotes the seat width at 15 inches. But while sitting in the chair the sides squeeze in, making it feel smaller.

In addition, metal rods added for rigidity in the seat-back can press in and rub to an annoying effect if you're leaning back with some weight for a long period. (Note that I'm being nitpicky here. In the woods, around a fire, this chair will seem as comfortable as a Laz-E-Boy.)

The HexaLite LongBack model — which weighs just a couple ounces more — has extra width (18 inches) in the seat and a higher back height. It was more comfortable in my test than the Original model.

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# Finding a great excursion

## Hiking season getting closer despite winter's lingering effects

By Mike Cothran  
Correspondent

After experiencing a real winter and a colder spring than normal, many outdoor enthusiasts are anxious to lace up their hiking boots and head into the desert. While snow and mud may be lingering longer than preferred, several excellent choices still exist for some great excursions.

On the north side of the Snake River lie two such unique spots that don't require long drives. Accessed just off solid pavement, they allow one to successfully begin the spring rite of shedding civilization's grip that often holds on a little too firmly during winter.

Crater Butte, just east of Shoshone, may be relatively unheard of except to locals: the Gooding Little City of Rocks, however, is probably a favorite to many. A hike at either locale, or both on a spring day, is a sure bet to start the outdoor season off on the right foot.

### Crater Butte

The appearance of Crater Butte from the nearest paved road is actually quite uninspiring. Dietrich Butte, standing a few miles to the east, is the landmark which catches one's eye. That hill has a prominent apex, at which two communication towers stand.

The uniqueness of Crater Butte is readily apparent, however, when one arrives at its crest and gazes down into a one-half by one mile long, nearly three hundred feet deep depression. Similar to the Crater Rings just north of Mountain Home, the butte is evidence of explosive volcanic activity. At some point after this shield volcano erupted, the remaining void filled with fluid molten rock. What we now see is basically the remaining lava lake basin.

No restrictions exist as to where to explore — choices range from hiking in a full circle around the rim's perimeter, dipping down into the bowl, or combining the two options. The elevated track allows the hiker to ponder both the scene below, letting one's imagination run wild as to the crater's formation, or on a clear day, absorb the landscape at a new vantage. The desert's small rise serves as an excellent vantage



Spring runoff adds to the attraction at Gooding Little City of Rocks.

Photo by JIMMIE COCHRAN



A dirt road crosses the length of Crater Butte's basin.

point to view the mountain ranges to the north or gaze as far south as Nevada's Jarbridge Mountains.

The easiest access into the basin itself is via a four-wheeled drive track that enters the crater's vent from the southeast. On the sandy floor in the crater's center, it's quite satisfying to stand and turn slowly in a circle while looking upward at the symmetrical rim. The rest of the world, at least temporarily, is far away.

### Gooding Little City of Rocks

Unlike Crater Butte, this destination's significance is easily apparent from several miles away. Once sighted, the rock formations exposed at the foot of the Bennett Hills seem to beckon visitors to not delay.

Much of the dirt road which winds toward the

### Getting there

Crater Butte can be reached by driving nine miles east from Shoshone on Highway 26, turning right onto 750E (Dietrich Cutoff) and proceeding south for 2.5 miles. Slightly beyond the gravel road to Dietrich Butte, a dirt road heads west one-half mile to the crater's rim.

The Little City of Rocks signed turnoff is approximately 12 miles north of Gooding on Highway 46. Driving northwest from the pavement, the dirt road's initial section crosses BLM ground before entering private property.

trailhead, however, crosses private property. Don't take this access for granted, and if the road is muddy, please leave vehicles at the property line or even the highway. In fact, the landowner has the right to close the

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## YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK Group pitches in to save native cutthroat

By Wes Smalling  
Casper Star-Tribune

CASPER, Wyo. — For more than a decade, fisheries biologists at Yellowstone National Park have been fighting what seems to be a losing battle to save Yellowstone Lake's vanishing native cutthroat trout. But over the last couple of years, crews have finally begun making some headway in the war against the nonnative predators that have been driving the lake's native trout to the brink.

And help may be on the way.

The East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited in Cody is spearheading an effort with Yellowstone National Park and the U.S. Geological Survey to raise \$165,000 to fund a research project that could help save Yellowstone Lake's native cutthroat trout. The four-year research project would be conducted by scientists from Montana State University and the USGS who would try to find ways to eradicate unwanted lake trout by targeting their eggs and spawning beds with a variety of lethal methods, including electrofishing, ultrasound, microcavities, biodegradable polymers and fish-killing toxins.

Every summer for 14 years at a cost of more than \$3 million, the Park Service has tried to control Yellowstone Lake's unwanted nonnative lake trout populations by catching and killing adults. Biologists sometimes haul in more than 2,000 lake trout in a single day from the 136-square-mile lake. Still, the lake trout keep multiplying — and preying on the native trout.

"It's like mopping up the water that's leaking through the dam," said Dave Sweet, fundraising chairman for the Cody chapter of Trout Unlimited.

"Lake trout can live longer than 20 years and are voracious predators that grow to enormous sizes."

"No one knows how the lake trout got in there. There's lots of speculation, lots of rumors and theories, but really it doesn't matter. They're there. The population of lake trout has multiplied. It's gone through the roof," Sweet said.

Not long ago, the streams that feed Yellowstone Lake were teeming with fish in the springtime when countless native Yellowstone cutthroat trout surged upstream from the lake to spawn. Grizzly bears, black bears, aspen and otters feasted on the smorgasbord of spawning fish. Fly anglers who made

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## PICK OF THE WEEK

# Billingsley Creek full of fowl-viewing opportunities

By David Bashore  
Staff writer

HAGERMAN — Two Canada geese plucked through the budding grassland of the Billingsley Creek unit of Thousand Springs State Park in search of something to eat. A visiting human's encroachment sent them squawking across the footpath and into the creek area itself.

That did nothing more

than flush countless birds, primarily ducks and geese, into plain view, creating a symphony of quacks and honks to serenade what was otherwise a pleasant late-morning walk.

It's early in the season, but the waterfowl provided just a glimpse at what's in store at Billingsley Creek for any outdoor enthusiasts willing to make the relatively short trip north of Hagerman.

This time of year, the most

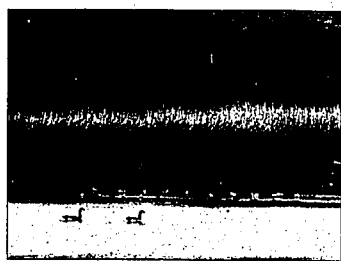
you're likely to see before you reach the creek is animal markings and the illusion of something — or something — rustling in the reeds. But during later spring, summer and fall, the area bustles with game- and fowl-viewing opportunities.

The entrance to Billingsley Creek at the park entrance itself, about half a mile's walk or bike — there are no motor vehicles permitted past the entrance — takes you to the

creek itself, with waterfowl vantage points aplenty. Moving further along, the path gives you a greater chance for views of creatures including mule deer, black birds, ducks and geese.

Views are similar at the end of a roughly 1.5-mile hike from the northern sportsman access point to Billingsley Creek, though this path doesn't take you by the farmhouse

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Two Canada geese cruise quietly along Billingsley Creek on Tuesday while ducks slap the water behind them as they take to flight.

# Episode No. 45: The King Hill Escarpment

A prominent escarpment can be found about eight miles northeast of King Hill, running between King Hill Creek and Dry Creek. This southeast-trending escarpment, 400-foot-high wall of overlapping basalt flows rises above one of a series of northwest oriented faults that drop the Snake River Plain below the level of the surrounding highlands. It is just one slice, of many, that has created the topography we see in the Bennett Hills.

The parallel nature of the fault system along the south side of the Bennett Hills is quite obvious at this location. Take the King Hill loop section of Highway 30 and turn onto ILM Road just west of the Clover Creek crossing about a mile east of the community of King Hill.

Over the next seven miles, this road crosses a gravel and gravel deposit in the Bonneville Flood, a thick section of granitic sands and gravels associated with ancient Lake Idaho, and around what appears to be a thick accumulation of



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numerous, thin Banbury Basalt flows as it moves uphill toward the base of the younger black basalt caprock that forms the flat surfaces on top of these older layers.

At about seven miles, the road passes over a cattle guard and disappears around the hill as it skirts the side of a sand and gravel slope capped by the basalt.

I would advise parking at the wide area adjacent to the cattle guard as the road further ahead will wreck most vehicles and there are very few places to turn around. Now far up the road from the cattle guard is the first of a number of low fault offsets.

Note the northwest-southeast trend of the cliff and the sharp south-facing edge. As you walk up the road and over this rise, you will notice

As the originally flatter ground surface broke in this area, the slices dropped in such a way that a number of similarly oriented slices, each a little lower than the next, were created.

Other, similarly-oriented rises to your left.

As the originally flatter ground surface broke in this area, the slices dropped in such a way that a number of similarly oriented slices, each a little lower than the next, were created. The result is that the side that faces the drop is steep and the top is more similar to the original orientation of the ground surface.

Due to the consistent tilt of the surface, you are able to continue climbing uphill toward the impressive escarpment on the north side of the Hog Creek drainage without having to climb over another steep rise.

As you walk along the south side of the Hog Creek drainage, you will note that the basalt surfaces along the drainage appear to form sur-

faces of differing heights. There could be many reasons for this, but the important point to keep in mind is that the overall orientation of the surfaces is always the same.

The escarpment rising in front of you is composed of multiple basalt flows. It is interesting to note the differences between the flows. Some have large caves, others appear more porous. Each layer exposes a small hint of what south-central Idaho was like when these flows were molten. This is the real treasure revealed by features like this escarpment and why a large exposed feature like this is so valuable to those trying to understand our geological past.

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## Astronomy is where you find it, even in the city

Astronomically speaking, Idahoans have it good compared to most places in America. There are nearly 100 micro areas larger than Boise, and Idaho's population density is the sixth lowest in the nation. That translates to dark, star-filled skies that many city dwellers have simply never experienced.

Last year, a group of dedicated San Francisco Bay area stargazers started a new annual event to bring astronomy to the people. They called it International Sidewalk Astronomy Night, and tomorrow night is the second annual observance. The idea is simple: Rather than asking urbanites to travel far from city lights, amateur astronomers are taking their telescopes to the hearts of their cities.



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regardless of how much the sky glows with artificial light, or how buildings block the view. After all, there are some targets—like the moon and the brightest planets—that still outshine mankind's most wasteful lighting, and deliver amazing views through a telescope's eyepiece.

In the mid-90s I worked with a fellow in Des Moines, Iowa who happened upon this idea on his own. Every clear weekend night he'd set

### Sky Calendar through Thursday:

Planets:  
One hour before sunrise:  
Jupiter: SSE, low  
One hour after sunset:  
Mars: WSW, high  
Saturn: SSE, high  
Moon: First quarter tomorrow, 12:32 p.m. Close to Saturn early Tuesday morning.

up his scope in the night-club district. He'd dress up like Santa around Christmas time and one year for Halloween he actually turned a hollowed out pumpkin into a working telescope! He got a lot of funny looks and probably a few rude comments, but when all was said and done

he gave a lot of people an opportunity to see the universe's wonders who might never have sought it for themselves.

Our local club, the Magle Valley Astronomical Society, will have telescopes set up in the Winco parking lot near Sharp's restaurant. We may not be dressed in anything more exotic than winter coats, nor sporting any telescopic vegetables, but if the skies are clear we'll be sharing views of the moon's craters and Saturn's rings.

Next week: Water, water, everywhere.

Chris Anderson is production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

## OUTDOOR BRIEFS

### Fly-fishing expert to host CSI course

The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will be offering the class "About Fly Fishing" on Monday, April 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Shields 107 on the CSI Campus. The cost is \$35, plus a \$15 materials fee paid to instructor Eric Christensen to cover equipment rental and a free one hour of Fly Fishing Tactics. The course number for this non-credit class is XHOB 023 C01.

This class is an inexpensive, fun, outdoor experience that anyone of any age is free to take (no family members). First, students will learn what rods, reels, and line to use and how to assemble them and tips on what to buy without wasting money. Students will then actually cast, recognize a strike and bring it in with the instructor will cover catch-and-release, cleaning and cooking the fish. Class size is restricted so everyone will have one-on-one instructions.

Instructor Eric Christensen has been an avid fly fisherman for over 30 years fishing in Maine, California, Wyoming, Colorado, Washington and Oregon while specializing in the intricacies and challenge of trout fishing.

For more information or to register, call 732-6442 or register and pay on-line at <http://www.csi.edu/cme>.

### Parks host wildflower weekend events

Celebrate spring with a weekend of wildflower programs and activities May 10-11 at City of Rocks National Reserve and Castle Rock State Park.

Treat most to one of sev-

eral leisurely walks on Mother's Day weekend while viewing colorful wildflower displays. Walks begin at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. each day.

Light-hearted look at "chasing" wildflowers in the Albion Mountains will be presented at Smoky Mountain Campground, 8 p.m., Saturday. Bring a digital camera and participate in the Photo Safari. 9 a.m., Sunday, or take a van tour, along alpine roads for a view of high mountain wildflowers.

City of Rocks and Castle Rocks are located 50 miles south of Burley, near the historic community of Alma. For more information visit <http://nps.gov/crco> or <http://parksandcreation-idaho.gov/parks/castlesrocks>, or contact Juanita Jones at 200-824-5519 ext. 106.

### CSI North Side holds handgun safety class

Get informed and learn what your rights are when it comes to carrying a gun in the CSI North Side Center "Handgun Safety" class. This preparatory class, instructed by Sgt. Dave Kiger, will cover current Idaho laws, other states' gun laws, and safety issues.

Sgt. Kiger will also provide a brief overview of Completion and all the forms needed to apply for a concealed weapons permit at the sheriff's office, at the end of the class. Range practice is included on Saturday.

For more information or to register, stop by the North Side Center at the end of 14th Avenue East in Gooding or call 934-8678.

— from staff reports

## Ruger's fabulous 'Mighty Mini' packs a powerful punch in a tiny frame

First introduced in 1974, Ruger's intangible Mini-14 carbine has taken the shooting world by storm. Today it is fielded by hunters of predators and medium-sized big game, casual plinkers, target marksmen, police and law enforcement agencies, military units, trappers, ranchers, and home owners seeking a compact, high-capacity self-defense arm.

In much the same way that Mini-14s (of Austin Powers fame) packs the craftiness and world-dominating menace of his progenitor, Dr. Evil into a minuscule frame, Ruger's Mini-14 melds the best and proven characteristics of the Vietnam era M-14 into a compact package that's easier to stow-and-go.

The gas operated Mini-14 sports the dead-reliable M-16/GM14 double-lug breech bolt locking system. Ammunition is fed via a handy detachable double-stack magazine. a.k.a. M-14. A large charging handle allows rounds to be racked into the chamber easily and the bolt locks back with the magazine empty — for safety and rapid reloading.

In addition, a small pin located on the top left side of the investment cast receiver can be depressed to lock the bolt open when a magazine is not in place. Magazines are released by pushing a tensioned lever ahead of the trigger guard forward about a half inch. It is particularly handy when easily accessible M-14M-14 inspired two position safety tab located at the front of the trigger guard, snick it forward to fire, snick it back for safe. A generously proportioned trigger guard gives even gloved fingers easy access to this positive safety. Field stripping for



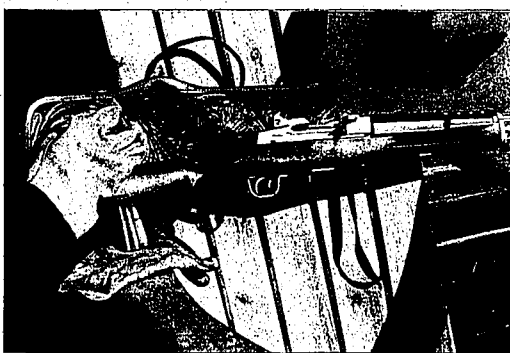
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cleaning and routine maintenance is easily accomplished; you guessed it — a.k.a. M-14.

As originally issued, the hardwood stocked Mini-14 chambered the U.S. martial cartridge of the day — .223 (5.56 mm NATO) Remington round. Sighting equipment featured an aperture (tear) rear sight and a simple blade front sight; not especially precise, but adequate for the close/medium ranges the weapon was designed for. The carbine was an immediate success. The Mini-14s are relatively inexpensive and reliable guns were purchased by sportsmen. Police and law enforcement agencies on tight budgets snapped the carbines up for their own use — bringing the gap in firepower between their short range service weapons (handguns and shotguns) and long range sniper rifles. Folding metal stocked selective fire units were also available for law enforcement and military use.

Thumbing a plunger-operated selector switch on the right-rear of the receiver allows the officer/soldier to select between semi-automatic, three-round burst and fully-automatic firing modes for its 20 and 30 round magazines. Watch out, thugs...that's a lot of slugs!

Anxious to exploit the lucrative military small arms market, Bill Ruger designed a beefed up version of the Mini-14 cham-



bered for the U.S./NATO-issued 7.62mm (308 Win.) and civilian .243 Winchester cartridges, which he designated as the XGI. Though advertised in the 1985 catalog, accuracy and functional problems plagued the Mini-14 and it never went into production. In his autobiography, William Ruger commented that this failure proved to be the "biggest professional disappointment of his life."

In 1982, Sturm Ruger introduced an improved version of the Mini-14, the Ranch Rifle. To allow the use of scope sights, mounting slots were cast into the receiver to accommodate Ruger's proprietary scope rings. A folding aperture sight provided back up. The massive extractor was modified to sling the brass to the side beneath the scope. As useful as the 223 carbide had proven itself to be, frankly sometimes a "bigger hammer" was needed.

So in 1987, designers chambered the Ranch Rifle with the most popular military cartridge of all time: the Russian designed (.30 caliber) 7.62x39mm round of the infamous AK-47 and Kalashnikov rifles.

The Ruger Mini-30 was born. For the first time, fanatics of the Ranch Rifle had a carbine entirely capable of taking deer and antelope at short/medium ranges, and in the opinion of many — a superior win-stopper. Ammo was cheap and readily available in those Pre-Clinton years. For a number of reasons though, sales of the Mini-30s have always been eclipsed by those of the 223 Ranch Rifle. ...but I've got mine!

Though reliable as the sunrise, Mini-14 and Mini-30 carbines have never been considered more than passably accurate. This may be true with factory ammunition, but with careful handloading, many marks-

men have been able to bring wonderful accuracy from their rifles; just requires a little experimentation to find the appropriate matching of bullet and powder.

But the rumors persisted, so Ruger — not content to settle for a reputation for marginal accuracy — shut down the Ranch Rifle production line in 2003 for complete retooling. Some subtle design changes were incorporated and tolerances were tightened. The result: the most accurate Ranch Rifles ever. "The guns should shoot an inch or an inch and a half right out of the box," boasts Production Manager, Roy Melcher. The current models have fired support that claim.

When U.S. Special Forces operatives in Afghanistan discovered that their .223 caliber M14A4 rifles were not performing needed during long range

fighters with Taliban encounters, the call went out for a cartridge superior to either the .223 or 7.62x39mm. In 2002 Remington engineers cooked up a .270 caliber round, a .270 associated casing — the 6.8mm SPC — to be housed in M16/AR-class rifles. Ruger countered in 2007 with his 6.8mm SPC Ranch Rifle. Here is a cartridge with more thump than the .270 and better downrange ballistics than the 7.62. It's a win-win situation for military and civilian shooters alike.

Several years ago, Ranch Rifle received further upgrade with the introduction of heavier, stiffer barrels for improved accuracy, refined peer rear and blade front sights protected by rugged dog ear flanges, a case of blued stainless metal receiver, hardwood, synthetic, and laminated stocks. Recently Mini-14 Target models with heavy 22-inch barrels tipped with a unique adjustable harmonic-damp over-scope mounted stock wood or Hogue synthetic stocks have surfaced. These are certified bull rifles.

Likes its popular 10-22 rimfire models, the number and variety of after-market accessories fashioned for the M-14 Ranch Rifles are absolutely boggles the mind. Magazines, stocks, barrels, modular triggers, mounts, muzzle brakes, optical sights, red dot sights for easy concealable application are available.

If you are in the market for a great utility rifle, you owe it to yourself to check out the Ruger Ranch rifles. As tens of thousands of shooters have discovered, these "Mins are Mighty Fun."



# Gear

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The larger iteration also doubles as an ad hoc sleeping pad for backpackers, as it measures 38 inches long when laying flat.

The Hexa Lite chairs are available now for \$33 (Original and \$44 (LongBack).

For both models, the weight savings and thinner padding equals an experience that is not as comfort-

able as other Crazy Creek models have tried. But for the back woods these chairs, despite minor flaws, outperform any sawed-off log you can find.

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Regardless of the starting point, a tranquil sojourn along the creek exists, being willing to make the journey with the promise of even grander things to come as the season progresses — including the indoor riding arena, fishing and other periodic events on the premises.

Getting there: From Hagerman, take U.S. 30 north roughly one mile to the "Billingsley Creek State Park" sign on the right-hand side of the road. Passing through the park entrance (at the farmhouse) or the sportsman's access point on the northern boundary will gain access to the creek itself.

# Hiking

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gate to veldre trifle when deemed prudent. This will lengthen the hike to the Little City of Rocks' official boundary by a mile at most, but the extra effort is still well worth the waiting reward.



Spring flowers battle winter's remains at the Little City of Rocks.

Hundreds of basalt towers that steadily hold one's attention are known in geological terms as "hoodoos." These rust-colored formations are the result of intense volcanic activity that welded the rock layers together, followed by a long period of erosion, giving each rock its own unique shape.

The trail becomes fainter as one travels up the canyon, but if time allows, especially early in the season, follow the creek up at least far enough to observe a short section of alternating falls and small pools. The cascading creek set amidst the dramatic backdrop of rocky towers is a sight to behold.

Because of its exceptional characteristics, this landscape, along with other areas in the Bennett Hills, were classified as Wilderness Study Areas by the Bureau of Land Management. Dave Freiberg, Outdoor Recreation Planner from the BLM's Shoshone Office, states that formal wilderness designation is, up to Congress. Until those legislators take official action on the Little City of Rocks, the BLM will continue to manage the area in a way which preserves its wilderness characteristics.

For those interested in pushing further, explorers can continue up the small canyon as it gets rougher and escape and climb out to the plateau. The latter option provides a new perspective from above the hoodoos and back down to the canyon's mouth that will continue to evoke wonder.

The starting point of the hike at the Little City of Rocks is marked by an old dam standing at the canyon's mouth. Hikers will initially find the formal wilderness designation is, up to Congress. Until those legislators take official action on the Little City of Rocks, the BLM will continue to manage the area in a way which preserves its wilderness characteristics.

Initially continuing to the topmost section of the Little City of Rocks, a chance exists to discover petroglyphs. This rock art, found in many of the Bennett Hills' upper folds, was etched by Native Americans as they traveled between the Snake River and Camas Prairie. If exploring too early in the spring, however, many of the best petroglyph sites will still be buried under deep snowdrifts.

# New look at C.J. Strike Wildlife Management Area

By Robin Holmquist Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game

If you are one of the thousands of frequent visitor to C.J. Strike Wildlife Management Area or C.J. Strike Reservoir, you've probably noticed some changes in the area and wondered what's going on. You are not alone in that regard, as many regulars are asking similar questions. Here's the long and the short of it.

Back in 1953, C.J. Strike Wildlife Management Area (WMA) was established in concert with the construction of C.J. Strike Dam and the resulting reservoir on the Snake River. In the 50 years since, WMA lands owned by Idaho Power Company and Idaho Fish and Game were managed by Fish and Game, utilizing a mutually agreed upon management plan that emphasized wildlife needs and public recreation.

Under the plan for approximately 50 years, many requirements met by Idaho Power to maintain its license to operate a dam and produce electricity for sale. Since then, Fish and Game and Idaho Power have enjoyed a decades-long cooperative relationship.

Fifty years later, things have changed, but only a bit. In 2005, Idaho Power assumed management control of approximately 3,000 acres that it owns within the 13,508-acre C.J. Strike WMA to meet specific terms of their renewed federal operating license. What this change means to you, the recreation user, is that some of the most popular areas of the WMA will now be operated and managed by Idaho Power, with the same established goals for the WMA developed over the years in cooperation with Fish and Game.

Specific changes slated for the next few years are facility improvements at Jacks Creek and the new "Launch" Bridge Boat Launch. Access to Cottonwood Park, and the area around the Jacks Creek West Access (which will include a new field office and parking areas). All of these areas are owned by Idaho Power Company; as I alluded to earlier, some changes have already taken place.

Management changes like these inevitably lead to different company and agency contracts, and that's the case for C.J. Strike WMA. If you have questions regarding fishing, trapping, pheasant releases or anything pertaining to wildlife or Fish and Game-posted access areas, contact the Fish and Game Wildlife Office, 2150 E. Bridge Boat Launch Access, Cottonwood Park, and the



C.J. Strike Reservoir is known for great fishing, but it's the land surrounding the reservoir where changes are taking place. The new look of Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game.

access areas mentioned earlier in this story, farming on the WMA, dam operations, or development plans, please call the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at 208-845-2055. For emergencies, including auto/ATV/boat use, unsafe conditions, criminal activity or lost people, contact the Owyhee or Elmore County Sheriff. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) continues to operate the Cave Recreation Site and handles all fire-related questions.

If in doubt, please feel free to give me a call at the Fish and Game WMA office and have a nice day. I'll be glad to answer for you or find someone who can help you.

# April breezes and the sandhill cranes

Editor's note: The following is a submission from Times-News reader Lorn Lorie of Tinseltown.

March comes suddenly, capricious — now sullen, now blustery, now teasing with momentary summer and then violent as any storm in winter. I went for April, and I managed the ranch nestled at the base of these hills, to the south of Steeple Creek and Grove Creek, years back when I was a young married man with children. The marshes between Silver Creek and the property owned by the Nature Conservancy are starting to thaw and come to life now.

The heavens, comes the sound of sandhill trumpets from an unseen land.

The cranes call out to the old family marsh, and then start the long circling glide around the vortex, slowly losing altitude and cautiously watching for change. Long back legs already trail expectantly as they circle the airspace above the marshy fields of the year before.

Standing now on a crest in the Picabo hills, I look down below me and to the past. I managed the ranch nestled at the base of these hills, to the south of Steeple Creek and Grove Creek, years back when I was a young married man with children. The marshes between Silver Creek and the property owned by the Nature Conservancy are starting to thaw and come to life now. And it was here in April, past that my eyes burned and watered from the ordeal of watching the skies to catch the first sight of sandhill cranes returning from their long journey to the south. It was here in April, family groups consisting of mated pairs and one of both of their offspring, if they have survived the dangers of winter in the agricultural valleys of California.

A young bird wanders with his parents, probing at the muck of the marsh with his sturdy black bill. He watches quizzically as his gentle parents, in defense of their nesting grounds, turn savage and nervous. He himself feels nothing, but probes the earth nonchalantly as their battles with neighbors turn to frenzy. At this point he is totally committed to a scabious existence, craving the company of other cranes. And yet his parents are his world.

Slowly he becomes an intruder in his own family group. He is tall, stands at full height and admonishes the youngster's impudence, then with a sudden squawk of rage, charges and drives him from the territory. Circling on his own, the youngster sees pair after pair feeding together in their nesting area. He calls to them plaintively, suggesting friendship, but if they answer at all it is with derision and anger. Creaking with heartbreak he sails on

solitarily, confused without identity.

Below him marshlands give way to vast fields of grain and tall grasses. In the east, lava flows from the Craters of the Moon stand out, stark and barren. Then, far away somewhere, he sees the shine of water and is magnetized toward it. Again he finds grain, but he finds the marshes he hears the mated pairs below show warning.

Timidly, he lands beside a small flock of birds feeding on a sagebrush hillside. He finds grain as he sails over, but he finds the marshes he hears the mated pairs below show warning. He finds grain as he sails over, but he finds the marshes he hears the mated pairs below show warning.

It would have been hard to have lived there without loving the greater sandhill cranes, so much are they a part of the scene, the mood and scene of the historic West. As the marshes went, so went the cranes — wetland after wetland was drained for agriculture, and the cranes fell first to the guns of hunters, then to the guns of vandals. I took them for granted as a boy, not really appreciating just how much their cautious minding of the marshes was a part of my world. Year by year in valley after valley, the great vulture dwindled and was no more. But here on Steeple Creek years ago I stood, searching the sky and drinking in the music. A month of new hope, of new beginning. Loving, the outdoors I have come to love every moment as if it were my last, being apathetic about nothing, and drinking the last drop of pleasure from the sight of a bursting bud of the fiery mitens of a pussy willow. Or an April breeze and the sound of a crane. — Lorn Lorie

# Trout

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bridge and peer down into Yellowstone Lake and see hundreds of cutthroat trout swimming in the blue water below. On the opening day of the park's fishing season, anglers would crowd the bridge, hoping for the luck of the draw. But now that lake trout have all but taken over Yellowstone Lake, the deep-dwelling lakera are difficult to catch and are seldom seen. But they're in there, hidden away in the lake's once plentiful native trout.

Nov almost no one bothers going anymore because there are essentially no fish to be caught," Sweet said. Park Service fish surveys over the last two years have shown that the lake's native cutthroat are beginning to bounce back — a little — sparking some hope that gill-netting the lake trout is helping. But gill-netting alone probably won't be enough to hold back the inevitable and the clock is ticking, said Yellowstone fisheries biologist Pat Bigelow.

"We would see thousands and thousands of fish up to the early 1990s," said Tim Wadler, owner of North Fork Angler fly shop in Cody, who used to lead backcountry fishing trips to the creeks that feed Yellowstone Lake. "I looked at Yellowstone Lake and I saw thousands and thousands of fish. I'd say there are less than dozens swimming up there now."

"I think we really are at a critical point," Bigelow said. "It looks to me like the cutthroat population is starting to come around but at the same time it looks like the lake trout population is on the verge of an explosion. So it won't matter if the cut-

throat are turning around because they will be overtaken by the lake trout."

Bigelow is hopeful the Montana State University and USGS research will lead to some new weapons the Park Service can use against Yellowstone Lake's nonnatives — before it's too late for the cutthroat.

"I think it would be very helpful. We have a very limited budget and staff. It's hard for us to do anything that's working gill-

netting) to try experimental methods. If you can figure out the best way to do it, we can fit it," she said.

Recreational anglers who fish for lake trout, usually from boats equipped with downriggers, help only a little to reduce the number of adult lakera.

Gill-netting should continue, Sweet said, but park crews also need to go after the lake trout's eggs and spawn in the winter months.

So far the Trout Unlimited chapter has raised about \$10,000 in donations and secured a \$10,000 grant from the USGS for the research project which would just try to find ways to do just that — reduce the number of adult lakera.

Researchers will need at least \$44,000 of the total \$169,000 to get started on the project.

"We're trying every avenue to raise that money. We want to get started this summer. We don't want to wait another year," Sweet said.

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## Bankruptcy

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Question: I filed bankruptcy on my own about 6 months ago. One of the questions I had to answer on the Statement of Financial Affairs was whether I had transferred any property in the past 2 years. 3 years ago, I inherited an old house. Then I decided to let my sister who desperately needed a place to live. Because I gave the house away more than 2 years before the bankruptcy, I answered the question "No". Now the bankruptcy trustee is trying to take my sister's house away from her. Can he do that since the transfer was more than 2 years ago?

Answer: The question about transfers is asked so the trustee can identify a "Fraudulent transfer." A fraudulent transfer is a transfer of property where you do not receive anything in return. The property you transferred at a time when you were insolvent. Under bankruptcy law, such transfers can be "avoided" by the bankruptcy trustee, and the property will be sold for the benefit of your creditors. The "lookback period" for these transfers is 2 years under federal bankruptcy law. However, the "lookback period" under Idaho law is 4 years. In some cases, the trustee can use either federal law or state law, and is relying on Idaho law in your case. This is a hyper technical issue which would have been recognized immediately had you consulted with an experienced bankruptcy attorney. Now, as you and your sister have few options other than to negotiate a deal with the trustee where you pay a reasonable sum of money and your sister keeps the house.

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## Retailers post sluggish sales in March

Weakest monthly sales in 13 years

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NEW YORK — The nation's retailers reported the weakest March sales in 13 years on Thursday as consumers — fretting about mounting economic problems and enduring a frigid Easter — limited their shopping to food and other essentials.

With prices at the pump rising and worries about jobs increasing, shoppers bought basics at discount

reters and wholesale clubs and snubbed mall-based chains' clothing, jewelry and furniture. The earliest Easter in 95 years also hurt sales; shoppers weren't in the mood to buy spring clothing in cold weather.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Costco Wholesale Corp. were among the best performers. Wal-Mart raised its earnings outlook, noting that better inventory control helped to limit markdowns on merchandise.

But March proved to be another weak month for many others, including J.C. Penney Co., Gap Inc., and Limited Brands Inc. All of them reported sharp drops in sales.

"Discounters are going to continue to do well in this economy," said Ken Perkins, president of RetailMetrics LLC, a research company in Swampscott, Mass.

"Anything that is discretionary is going to continue to be under pressure." According to a preliminary tally by UHS-International Council of Shopping Centers, sales slid 0.5 percent versus its original

estimate of 1 percent growth. The results, based on same-store sales or sales at stores opened at least a year, were the weakest since March 1995, when the industry registered a decline of 0.8 percent.

The retail industry already had been bracing for a weak March because Easter landed two weeks earlier than last year, on March 23 when winter weather still gripped most of the country.

A deteriorating economy, soaring food and gas prices, limited credit and slumping home prices shook shoppers further.

### Retail sales

Consumers limited their shopping to food and other essentials, fretting about economic problems.

Percent change in major retailers' sales compared to March 2007:

March 2008	March 2007
Costco Corp.	+7.01%
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	+0.71%
Target Corp.	-4.44%
Nordstrom Inc.	-9.14%
Dillard's Inc.	-10.04%
J.C. Penney Co.	-12.24%
Kohl's Corp.	-15.55%

NOTE: Sales include those from stores opened for at least one year. Reporting periods vary slightly.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

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#### Otter names interim director to lead Commerce Dept.

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter named Don Dietrich to be the next head of the Commerce Department.

Otter announced the appointment Thursday, two months after Dietrich was asked to fill in temporarily for Jim Ellick, who took a leave of absence in February then resigned shortly after.

Dietrich had served as administrator of the Department of Economic Development Division and was previously the director of international business development for Aspen Technology in Boston.

Dietrich says he is ready to move forward and market Idaho companies around the globe. In recent months, he has assumed a lead role in trying to persuade a French company to build a uranium enrichment plant in eastern Idaho.

NATION

#### Flight delays likely to continue in airlines

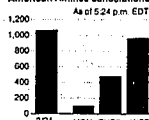
WASHINGTON — Flight cancellations by American Airlines are likely to spread to other U.S. airlines in the weeks ahead as federal regulators step up a by-the-book review of carriers' compliance with maintenance and safety orders issued in recent years.

Midwest Airlines on Thursday became the latest airline to ground planes and cancel flights to re-inspect a wiring harness, the same issue that has forced American to cancel more than 2,400 flights and Alaska Airlines to cancel about 40 more in recent days.

#### Stranded filers

American Airlines has canceled more than 2,600 flights since March 24.

American Airlines cancellations



#### Jobless claims fell sharply last week

WASHINGTON — The number of newly laid off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits fell sharply last week after having hit the highest level in more than two years in the week before.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that applications for jobless benefits totaled 357,000 last week, down by 53,000 from the previous week.

— Wire and staff reports

## Coming to the finale

Yahoo's last-ditch efforts to escape Microsoft fight headed for the end

By Michael Ledtke  
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo Inc.'s last-ditch efforts to avoid a takeover by Microsoft Corp. appear to be setting the stage for a dramatic finale featuring a rich cast of Internet and media stars.

Eager to frustrate Microsoft in any way possible, Internet search leader Google Inc. has already agreed to help out Yahoo by participating in an unusual test that will gauge how much more advertising Google can sell for its struggling rival.

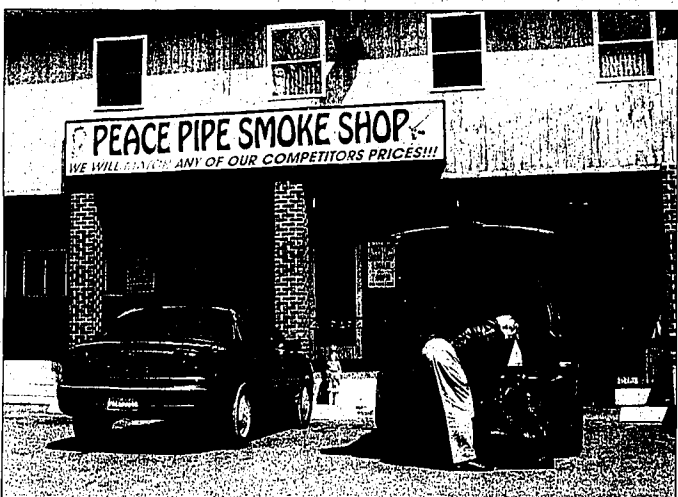
The two-week experiment announced Wednesday will be limited to ads posted alongside a small percentage of Yahoo's online search results in the United States.

Lee Enterprises, the parent company of the Times-Tribune, has a partnership with Yahoo to offer a nationwide classified search program.

Yahoo reportedly hopes to build upon the Google deal by combining its online operations with Time Warner Inc.'s AOL, which has been struggling to regain its stride after stumbling badly for years. Google already handles AOL's search advertising and owns a 5 percent stake in the Time Warner subsidiary.

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## Smuggling cigarettes



An unidentified man loads cigarettes into a dark plastic bag outside of Peace Pipe Smoke Shop in the Poospatuck Indian reservation, where discount cigarettes are sold in Mastic, N.Y. Places like New York's Poospatuck Indian Reservation have become major sources of cigarettes for smugglers. Hidden away in a nondescript suburb on eastern Long Island, it is a 60-mile haul from New York City. But to bootleggers, the trip is worth it.

## With states raising cigarette taxes to balance budgets, smuggling is certain to increase

By David B. Casno  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The big cigarette tax increases that many states are instituting to balance their out-of-whack budgets are raising fears that the trend will make black-market smokes more profitable and lead to more cigarette smuggling.

Cigarette smuggling has been going on for generations and already costs states untold billions in lost tax revenue.

Criminal gangs stock up in low-tax states like Virginia and Missouri, truck the cigarettes north and illegally resell them in high-tax states like Michigan and New Jersey. Other buy cartons and cartons of tax-free smokes on Indian reservations and sell them elsewhere. Buyers order untaxed cartons of murky origin on the Internet. And ships arrive from China carrying cargo containers filled with counterfeit cigarettes.

Law enforcement officials and others worry that the widening price spread

between taxed and untaxed cigarettes will only make the situation worse.

Phillip Awe, the chief tobacco law enforcer for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said the agency has taken notice. ATF is refining its national strategy for fighting cigarette trafficking, he said, and has substantially expanded its investigations, opening up some 700 new cases in the past five years.

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## Raw milk reality More farmers sell raw milk in response to growing demand despite serious health risks

By M.L. Johnson  
Associated Press writer

NEW HOLSTEIN, Wis. — Despite serious health risks, demand for unpasteurized, or raw, milk appears to be growing.

With prices topping \$5 per gallon, more dairies are selling raw milk — and finding themselves at odds with public health officials. The federal government and many states prohibit sales of raw

milk to the public, saying it is responsible for hundreds of people sickened in the past decade with salmonella, E. coli, listeria and other bacteria.

"Raw milk continues to cause outbreaks year after year," said John Sheehan, who oversees plant and dairy food products for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. "It is a concern for the FDA."

More than 1,000 people, including two

who died, got sick from raw milk or cheese made from raw milk from 1999 to 2005, according to the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Pasteurization uses heat to destroy bacteria. It also extends the shelf life of milk. Proponents of raw milk contend the process destroys nutrients and enzymes and that raw milk is healthier.

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Kay and Wayne Craig are seen on their organic farm in New Holstein, Wis. Dairy farmers say demand for unpasteurized, or raw, milk is growing.

### STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	24.37	▼	.20	Dell Inc.	18.77	▲	.08	Idacorp	32.48	▲	.04
Lithia Mo.	9.75	▼	.19	Micron	6.99	▲	.22	Supervalu	30.80	▼	.14

Today in business

No reports scheduled for release today.

### COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	88.47	▲	1.70	May Oil	110.11	▼	.76
Apr. gold	928.30	▼	5.30	Apr. Silver	18.01	▼	.15

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Cigarettes

Continued from page D4. "There are truckloads of cigarettes that are being transported across state lines right now," he said.

the state excise tax on cigarettes was in 2003, when lawmakers approved an increase that more than doubled the tax, increasing it from 28 cents to 57 cents per pack.

dealers, said the changes are certain to drive greater numbers of smokers to underground sources for their cigarettes.

reservations in New Mexico, Oklahoma and other states also have had trouble with smuggling.

big dent in state budgets. California officials estimate that taxes unpaid on about 15 percent of all tobacco sold in its markets, at a cost of \$276 million in a study released in 2006.

Yahoo

Continued from page D4. As part of the AOL deal, Time Warner would make a cash investment in return for a 20 percent stake in the combined entity.

Yahoo seeks to avoid takeover. Key elements in Microsoft Corp.'s bid for Web search and advertising competitor Yahoo.

Microsoft offers \$4.6 billion for Yahoo. Google Web post says buyout could hit innovation.

"Raw milk" is said a magic food for children, said a Malle Fallon, president of the Weston A. Price Foundation.

Wisconsin, people looking for raw milk began showing up in five or six years ago. Many had digestive issues or other health problems.

Massachusetts, the number of raw milk dairies doubled in 2007. In the past five years, over 100 in the state have closed.

# President of IOC says Olympics in 'crisis'

By Stephen Wilson  
Associated Press writer

BEIJING — Crisis. Disarray. Sadness. Four months before the opening of what was supposed to be the grandest Olympics in history, the head of the International Olympic Committee is using words that convey anything but a sense of joyous enthusiasm.

The protest-marred Olympic torch relay and international criticism of China's policies on Tibet, Darfur and human rights have turned the Beijing Games into one of the most politically charged in recent history and presented the IOC with one of its toughest tests since the boycott era of the 1970s and '80s.

"It is a crisis, there is no doubt about that," IOC President Jacques Rogge said Thursday. "But the IOC has weathered many bigger storms."

At the same time, Rogge called on China to respect its "moral engagement" to improve human rights and

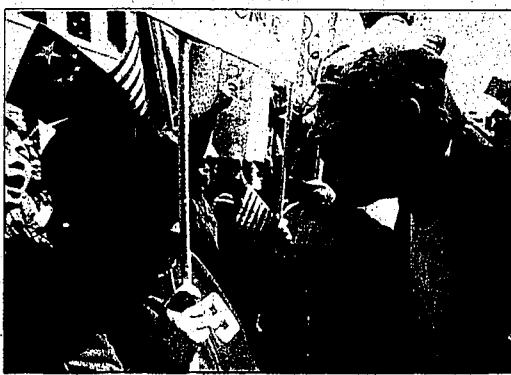
to fulfill promises of greater media freedom. He also reaffirmed the right of free speech for athletes at the Beijing Games.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman responded that IOC officials support adhering to the Olympic Charter and "not bringing any irrelevant political factors into the Beijing Olympics."

"I hope the IOC officials will continue to adhere to the principles set by the Olympic charter," Jiang Yu said.

Rogge spoke in Beijing just hours after the completion of the torch relay in San Francisco, where the route was shortened and the flame diverted to prevent disruptions by massive crowds of anti-China protesters.

Rogge's use of the word "crisis" to describe the torch relay and the Beijing buildup



A Tibetan supporter, right, argues with a Chinese supporter at a rally for China's Olympic torch at the Ferry Plaza in San Francisco, Wednesday.

game as a surprise. The Belgian orthopedic surgeon's comments usually are measured and low-key.

He cited previous crises —

the attack on Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics and the boycotts of the 1976, 1980 and 1984 Games.

"The history of the

Olympic Games is fraught by a lot of challenges," Rogge said. "This is a challenge but you cannot compare to what we had in the past."

British IOC member Craig Reedie believes the worst is over.

"I hope that we are through it now," he said. "I think the favor that has affected the torch in London, Paris and to some extent in San Francisco will now die down. ... But it is fair to say that this kind of political protest is a new experience for the IOC and we have all found it extremely uncomfortable."

After the chaos caused by pro-Tibet demonstrators during torch relays in London and Paris, IOC officials were relieved the North American leg passed without any injuries.

"Fortunately, the situation was better in San Francisco," Rogge said. "It was, however, not the joyous party that we had wished it to be."

"Athletes in many countries are in disarray and we need to reassure them," he added. "Our major responsibility is to offer them the games they deserve. ... We have 120 days to achieve this."

## Dalai Lama begins US visit amid turmoil over Olympic torch, Tibet

By Manuel Valdes  
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — The Dalai Lama arrived in the United States on Thursday for the first time since the recent turmoil in Tibet, serenaded by fellow Tibetans as he prepared to attend a high-level, ambitious conference on compassion.



Dalai Lama

The exiled Tibetan spiritual leader continued his visit after demonstrators disrupted the Olympic torch run in San Francisco in a protest of China's treatment of his people. The Dalai Lama will be attending a five-day conference that begins Friday.

With the Dalai Lama in town, some community leaders said they expected counter-demonstrations from pro-China groups.

But all was peaceful when he arrived at a downtown Seattle hotel. He has long been a vocal Tibetan who sang to him that he supports nonviolent demonstrations but was saddened by the protests in San Francisco.

In Tibet, the recent protests against five decades of Chinese rule have been the largest and most sustained in almost two decades.

China has accused the Dalai Lama of being involved in the uprising. The Tibetan leader has said he wants greater autonomy for the remote mountain region but is not seeking independence.

Earlier Thursday, during a stopover in Japan, the Dalai Lama said he has always supported China's hosting of the Olympic Games this summer, but said Beijing cannot suppress protests in Tibet with violence or tell those calling for more freedom that his homeland "is shut up."

He strongly denied Chinese allegations he and his followers have used the run-up to the Olympics to foment unrest.

## Frog without lungs discovered in remote part of Indonesia

By Michael Casey  
Associated Press writer

BANGKOK, Thailand — A frog has been found in a remote part of Indonesia that has no lungs and breathes through its skin, a discovery that researchers said Thursday could provide insight into what drives evolution in certain species.

The aquatic frog *Barbourula kalimantanensis* was found in a remote part of Indonesia's Kalimantan province on Borneo Island during an expedition in August 2007, said David Bickford, an evolutionary biologist at the National University of Singapore. Bickford was part of the trip and co-authored a paper on the find that appeared in this week's edition of the peer-reviewed journal *Current Biology*.

Bickford says the species is the first frog known to science without lungs and joins a

short list of amphibians with this unusual trait, including a few species of salamanders and a wormlike creature known as caecilian.

"These are about the most ancient and bizarre things you can get on the planet," Bickford said of the brown amphibian with bulging eyes and a tendency to flatten itself as it glides across the water.

"They are like a squished version of Jabba the Hut," he said, referring to the character from Star Wars. "They are flat and have eyes that float above the water. They have skin flaps coming off their arms and legs."

Along with the lungless frog, Bickford said, his team discovered two new lizard species and four other species of frogs during their two-month trip.

Bickford's Indonesian colleague, Djoko Iskandar, first came across the frog 30 years ago and the biology professor

from the Bandung Institute of Technology has been searching for it ever since. Five earlier expeditions had proven fruitless.

Iskandar said it was exciting to see the frog alive in its natural environment but another thing altogether to realize it was lungless.

Iskandar said the first sign that something was unusual with the frog was after it was captured in the field. The first specimen died in a bucket of water, which prompted the researchers to take the remaining frogs back to the lab for further investigation.

"We just suspected that something was peculiar about this frog because it died even in water," Iskandar said. "When we cut it open, we found it had no lungs, no trachea not even a wind pipe."

Graeme Gillespie, director of conservation and science at Zoos Victoria in Australia, called the frog "evolutionarily



An aquatic frog is shown in August 2007 in Kalimantan, Indonesia. The frog, which has no lungs and breathes through its skin, was found in a remote part of Indonesia's Kalimantan province on Borneo Island.

unique." He said the eight specimens examined in the lab showed that lunglessness was consistent with the species and not "a freak of nature." Gillespie was not a member of the expedition or

the research team. Bickford surmised that the frog had evolved to adapt to its difficult surroundings, in which it has to navigate cold, rapidly moving streams that are rich in oxygen.

## Jurors shown video of airliner bomb suspect praising bin Laden

By Jill Lawless  
Associated Press writer

LONDON — Jurors saw video Thursday of a man accused of plotting to blow up trans-Atlantic aircraft praising Osama bin Laden and vowing to wage a holy war against nonbelievers.

Omar Islam, 29, made the comments in a video found in the trunk of a car belonging to another suspect. Prosecutors say it was a suicide

video intended to be viewed after his death.

Islam and seven others are charged with plotting to detonate bombs aboard airliners bound from London to the United States and Canada using explosives concealed in soft drink bottles. Prosecutors say they were close to carrying out their plan when they were arrested in August 2006. The men deny the charges.

Islam's 19-minute video

was shown to the jury at Woolwich Crown Court for the first time Thursday. Clips of it and other alleged "martyrdom" videos made by several other suspects were played in court last week.

In his video, Islam can be seen — formerly known as Brian Young — saying there is "an obligation on me as a Muslim to wage jihad against the Kuffar, or nonbeliever."

"This is revenge for the actions of the USA in the

Muslim lands and their accomplices such as the British and the Jews," he says.

Speaking in front of a black flag covered in Arabic writing, Islam says Allah "loves us to die and kill in his path."

"To (Taliban leader)

Mullah Omar and Sheikh Osama and the brothers, keep on going, keep on remaining firm, but truly you have inspired many of the Muslims and you have inspired me personally to follow the true path of the prophet," he says.

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## 2008 SUBARU IMPREZA 2.5I SEDAN Newly sophisticated

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

Billed as the most affordable sport sedan in the U.S. market, equipped with all-wheel-drive, Subaru introduces the third-generation Impreza to the American marketplace. Taking a giant leap forward in terms of comfort and utility, the all-new Impreza delivers the handling and performance that made the original Impreza such a success.

Riding on a brand new chassis, the Impreza exterior design is clean and elegant with a sweeping single-curve outline that flows into an aerodynamic rear spoiler. An all-new front design features the new speed wing logo design at the top of the widened grille. The new grille creates a connection to Subaru's heritage and places a focus on the Subaru star logo.

The exterior design for both body styles focuses on detail touches such as distinctive curved fog lamps and an inward sweeping chrome embellishment that flows from the grille design into the bumper. An aggressive lower spoiler adds to the sporty character of the design.

The Subaru Impreza is powered by a compact 2.5L normally-aspirated four-cylinder boxer engine that was modified to improve both emissions and fuel efficiency while maintaining its legendary performance. Torque is transferred to the street through the standard five-speed manual gearbox. A four-speed electronically-controlled automatic with SPORTSHIFT is an available option.

Like every Subaru model sold in North America, the Impreza is outfitted with the automaker's Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive system for optimal grip on all types of road surfaces, dry or wet.

In motion, the Impreza sedan is nimble and responsive — acceleration is strong and



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seamless. With grip like a mountain goat with an attitude, the small Subaru sedan delivers handling and control that are driver inspiring.

The new Impreza chassis has improved rigidity and ride comfort with the addition of high-tension steel at key structural points. The new design results in a lower overall weight for the car body while the longer wheelbase allows for improved ride dynamics as well as increasing interior room and lowering the levels of Noise, Vibration and Harshness (NVH) to further improve handling.

The engine is now placed slightly lower in the chassis, lowering the Impreza's center of gravity. In addition, the new chassis improves crash worthiness and provides crisper handling and a stiffer platform.

In conjunction with the new chassis, the Impreza features an all-new durable-visibility rear suspension. The new control hardware allows for less intrusion into the cargo area, providing a wider and deeper luggage compartment. The new suspension also delivers improved ride refinement, decreased road noise, and a

quieter cabin.

The interior design of the Impreza places a new emphasis on comfort and space. The new sweeping twin cockpit embraces occupants and the brushed aluminum look insets flow into the center stack. The center console shape adds to the airiness of the cockpit design, aided by the sculpted door panels and improved headroom. The door panels feature molded recesses to accommodate 24-ounce soft drink bottles as well as loose items.

New for 2008 are framed windows that allow for

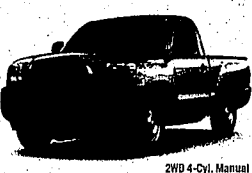
improved body rigidity and provide for a quieter interior with better window sealing. Larger door openings provide for improved ingress and egress and the rear doors open 25 degrees to allow for better rear seat access. The rear seatback angles recline for improved rear comfort. Rear legroom is also significantly increased.

One more surprising item of note about the all-new Impreza — the manual prop for the engine hood was replaced by a pair of hydraulic rods that hold the hood open automatically.

### 2008 Subaru Impreza 2.5I Sedan by the Numbers

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- EPA FUEL ECONOMY:**  
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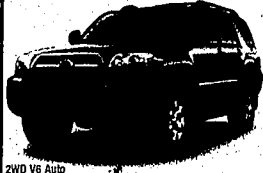
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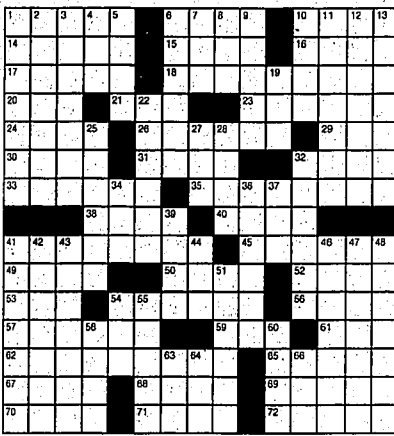
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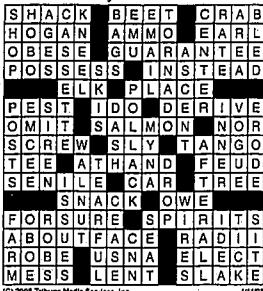


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The best plan is to develop the clubs, since they will yield four tricks if the suit splits 4-3 and the 10 falls in three rounds. Declarer needs at least two clubs, so he cannot afford to finesse the nine on the first round. He should win the heart in hand and finesse the club queen. East takes the king and knocks out declarer's remaining heart stopper. Declarer now cashes dummy's top clubs, discarding two diamonds from hand.

When the club 10 does not drop, declarer cannot risk another club lead, since if East wins, he has enough hearts to cash to set the game. Instead, declarer must play for the spade break for his ninth trick.

But when East shows out on the third round, the best shot now is to lead the fourth spade, putting West in and so forcing a diamond lead. If West had the fourth club to cash, declarer would need to guess diamonds to make his game. But here, when West is down to only diamonds, the end-play will give declarer a second diamond trick while keeping East off lead, provided that East does not hold both the king and jack of diamonds — in which case declarer had no chance anyway. The simple throw-in actually produces the ninth trick.

The details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact by 1992-2008. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at [bobby.wolff@comcast.com](mailto:bobby.wolff@comcast.com). Copyright 2008, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

**NORTH** 04-11-A  
♠ K 8 2  
♥ A 8 7  
♦ Q 2  
♣ A Q J 9 4

**WEST** ♠ J 10 7 4  
♥ 9 2  
♦ J 9 8 7  
♣ 7 6 5

**EAST** ♠ 9 3  
♥ Q J 10 6 3  
♦ K 6  
♣ K 10 8 2

**SOUTH** ♠ A Q 6 5  
♥ K 5 4  
♦ A 10 5 4 3  
♣ 3

Vulnerable: North-South  
Dealer: South

The bidding:  
South West North East

Opening lead: Heart nine

### BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ K 8 2  
♥ A 8 7  
♦ Q 2  
♣ A Q J 9 4

South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass  
?

**ANSWER:** The simple answer is to bid four spades, and there is nothing wrong with that. A more thoughtful answer is to bid four clubs. This is a cue-bid en route to four spades, showing a source of tricks in clubs and suggesting slam suitability, but with only three trumps (else you would have broken the transfer on the previous round).

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MEDIUM # 35

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.

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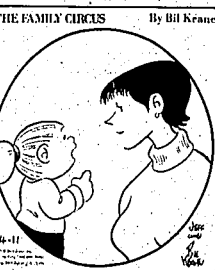
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# Fun season in store for MVS fans

BY LINDA BRITTSAN  
Correspondent

School buses are thought to have drivers who are cautious and sensible, but those words don't even come close to describing the drivers of the big yellow rigs on the one-third mile track at Magic Valley Speedway.

The buses were introduced to the fans last season at MVS and were an instant hit. This year, four races are scheduled for the big yellow transporters, with the first event scheduled for April 26.

The always popular trailer races are set for three nights of chaos — and on Friday, July 4, they will join up with the Super Stocks, Pony Stocks, Jr. Stingers and Super Sixes for an explosive evening of action. If that weren't enough, the big-winged Super Modifieds will also be on hand to light up the track for what is sure to be one of the most dynamic nights of the season.

Look for MVS promoter Eddy McKean to be strapped into one of the Modifieds as he takes on the fastest group of racers at the track.

The USAC sprint cars will make their only appearance of the season at MVS on Aug. 2 for the Oasis Stop 'N Go 100.

The Rocky Mountain Challenge Series, Intermountain Pro Trucks, Legends and Super Sixes also return for another year of racing action.

Of course the Pepsi Premier, newly named Budweiser Super Stocks, NAPA Auto Parts Pony Stocks and Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks will be the main attractions throughout the 26 nights of scheduled events in the 2008 season.

New this year will be the combining of the Quale's Electronics Hornets and Queen Bee divisions, as well as the introduction of the Junior Stingers, a class for drivers as young as age 12, which will compete on the smaller infield track.

Also look for favorites such as



The school bus races, pictured above, and trailer races, below, return to Magic Valley Speedway this summer, along with lots of new entertainment.



First Federal Penny Gold Rush Night, Box Car race night and bike races for the kids as well as ride-along trips around the track in a late model car, skydivers and a few other surprises.

New concession items will also be available at the track, including pizza, popcorn chicken, baked potatoes, ice cream and doughnuts.

The No. 24 Jeff Gordon show car is anticipated to be on display at MVS early in the season, while the No. 12 Ryan Newman car can

be seen at MVS on May 31.

Another big date to keep in mind is Friday, June 20, as Eddy and Lynnette McKean are working on having a NASCAR personality participate in a race at MVS.

"We scheduled that race for a Friday since they have to race in Sonoma that weekend, so hopefully they can stop by here on their way through," Eddy McKean said.

This year the Oasis Stop 'N Go convenience stores will be handling the advance ticket sales,

saving fans a dollar from the price at the gate. MVS has lowered ticket prices this season, and the starting time for races in April and October will be 6 p.m., with the remainder of the evening action beginning at 7 p.m.

The complete MVS season schedule can be seen on the back cover of this edition of *Inside Pass*.

# Shirey it was his season

BY LINDA BRITTSAN  
Correspondent

Jim "The Shark" Shirey finally sank his teeth into the Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks championship last year after circling the one-third-mile track at Magic Valley Speedway for six seasons.

However, swimming with the shark were a lot of other drivers hungry for a championship — and Shirey knew landing the title would a fight to the end.

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# MVS promoter passes on NASCAR this year

BY LINDA BRITTSAN  
Correspondent

Since 1991 Magic Valley Speedway has been Idaho's only NASCAR-sanctioned track. But for at least this season, the one-half mile track south of Twin Falls will no longer have that distinction.

Eddy McKean, in his sophomore season as owner/promoter of MVS, has decided to have a go at a year without the sanctioning body.

"In our top three classes we're looking at adding more than \$15,000 to the year-end points fund. Because we're not NASCAR we can do that," McKean said.

"Granted, the drivers will have less insurance, but they still will have \$100,000 worth. If we're doing our job with the safety stuff, we should be OK."

New safety requirements will include a mandatory Hans-type head-and-neck restraint for the Pepsi Premier Series drivers, while drivers in all other classes will be required to wear a doughnut-type protective device for the neck.

The Contingency Connection program, which offers a large variety of participating sponsors, will be another new incentive for the drivers this season. A decal kit for each car will be available and a different winner from each night will receive awards from the driver's chosen sponsors.

Also, a new point-award system has been set for both the qualifying and main-event races with the objective of tightening up the competition.

Hosler will be the new required tire for the top divisions — the same tire used at other tracks in the region.

"They can run the same tires here and at Salt Lake City and Meridian," McKean explained. "It should bring our car count up here and give our guys a chance to go somewhere else."

Eddy and Lynnette McKean are constantly looking for new ways to enrich the MVS experience for the fans and drivers alike and have



Magic Valley Speedway is taking a break from NASCAR sanctioning for the 2008 season.

already made several improvements to the facility with more slated in the future.

"I think a lot of the ideas we have for MVS is from traveling around to the different tracks throughout the years, seeing how they do things and how they're ran," Lynnette McKean explained. "We've seen it through the eyes of the racers. We want to make im-

provements that not only make the fans happier, but keep the drivers here as well. We want to make it more of a family sport. We know we're up against baseball tournaments, camping, movies and a lot of other choices and we would like to have everyone feel they got their money's worth out at the race track.

"And we want to keep the mar-

keting partners happy. We want them to feel we're doing something for them, too, not just putting their name on a billboard."

One lesson learned in their rookie season as promoters was the need for speed at the concession stands.

"You didn't come to the track to stand in line — you came to watch the races," Lynnette McKean said. "If you get back to your seat with your food and everybody is talking about the best wreck that's happened all year and you've missed it, well, we like to try and eliminate that."

Even without the NASCAR sanctioning for at least this season, MVS promises to provide plenty of support for the community and has in turn received backing from Magic Valley businesses.

Pepsi, Budweiser, NAPA Auto Parts, Magic Valley Pipe and Quale's Electronics will once again support the weekly racing divisions, while new marketing partners getting in on the action

at MVS this season will include Argo, Auto Wrex, Gem State Welders, Outback Steak House, Oasis Stop 'N Go, Pandora's, Falls Brand, Arlo Lott Trucking, Best Buy, Blip Printers and Hiltex Poly Company.

"We just really want people to have a good time and come back the next weekend," said Lynnette McKean.

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# Newhouse ruled It's all or nothing for McKean

## RMCS in 2007

BY LINDA BRITTSAN  
Correspondent

With John Newhouse's Rocky Mountain Challenge Series championship last season, he became the first driver from the Twin Falls area to capture the title in the division.

"We had a good program the whole year — although we had a few issues at first," said Newhouse. "We had a mechanical failure the first race, then we had a tire failure the second race, which kind of put us in the hole. When your season is only eight or nine races long that kind of scares you."

But he and his crew weren't about to give up.

"We just had to get past those mechanical failures," Newhouse explained. "We ended up not changing much for the rest of the season. We even maybe slowed down a little bit as far as what we did to the car. It might seem crazy, but instead of making drastic changes we mostly kept things the same. Then I think we had top-three finishes the last six races. We were able to keep the fans on our toes."

"We had really great help from Mark Kidd and Brian Helm, my crew chief. He and I usually think a lot alike and that helps out a lot."

Newhouse, who took rookie-of-the-year honors in the series in 2005, had plenty of confidence in his bid for the championship last season though he does admit there were a couple of minor disappointments along the way.

"Going into last season we were thinking this was the year we were going to win the championship, but I was kind of surprised that we didn't win a race in Utah last year," Newhouse said.

However, his efforts at Magic Valley Speedway — a track where he has plenty of experience —



John Newhouse

made up a lot of ground for the driver of the No. 26 car. Fortunately for him the championship race was held at MVS, a track where David Minegar, who led Newhouse in the standings going into the final race, typically struggles.

"We went into the night down in points, but favored to end up finishing in the top two in the race. We started off pretty good with Minegar and I passing each other during the race, then Minegar got into an accident," Newhouse said. "Then we were thinking we might have the championship won although we were still in the back. Soon as we got closer to the front, we were that tire — and then we were thinking we were done."

Not quite. A caution flag came out. Newhouse got his tire changed and slipped into the tail end of the lead lap.

"Then we took off and still ended up getting third place," he said. "That was a big rollercoaster ride that night, but it all came out in the end."

Now Newhouse can breathe a sigh of relief with a RMCS championship under his belt. But he has plenty on his plate for this season. In addition to defending his title, Newhouse will spend a lot of time helping family members with their racing endeavors.

"That is what is important to me now," he said.

BY LINDA BRITTSAN  
Correspondent

It was a season of highs and lows for Budweiser Grand Nationals driver Jerry McKean, from not participating in the first two events of the year to capturing the 2007 championship in the division.

McKean put a crate motor in his car for the last eight races of the year and with a new sponsor supplying some crucial items, McKean's season turned around.

"We had Sleep Solutions buy us several tires," said the driver of the No. 88 car. "That and the crate motor helped a lot."

McKean went on to win four events during the regular season and peaked as just the right time. He entered the title pursuit 13 points behind two-time division champion Louis Lopez. But McKean gave it all when the final points were tallied, he finished 13 points ahead of Lopez.

McKean then moved right along to his next project: the



Jerry McKean

lengthy process of rebuilding the car.

"After the last race we stripped the car down to the bare frame," he said. "We put the same motor back in it though. We had eight wins on that motor. We'd better have it back in there."

"It was a lot of work, but it's just in my heart."

The final touch was giving the No. 88 car a new paint scheme.

"It took us about 16 hours for five of us to work just on painting it," McKean added.

McKean's racing intentions for

this year seem to be somewhat of a mystery once again. His car is nearly ready to go in the now renamed Super Stock division, but he is rather evasive when asked about his commitment to racing the entire season.

"Don't get me wrong. I had a lot of fun last year. But it was kind of stressful, too," he said. "I did what I wanted to do: win the championship, because people said I couldn't. But I actually think I like building the car more than I do racing it and I would sell it right now if I could get the right price."

McKean admits he is very anxious to see how the car performs during pre-season practice sessions. He also said that with a few changes, such as with the carburetor and tires, the car could be competitive in the feature division.

"If it's fairly close to the other cars on practice day, I'm going to race it in the first Premier race and I'll run it in every race in both classes," he said before adding, "As long as it's still my car."

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# Jones raises the bar to RMCS for 2008

BY LINDA BRITTSAN  
Correspondent

Steve Jones is no stranger to securing championships in the sport of racing. But his Pepsi Premier division title last season is certainly among his most memorable.

"That last one probably meant the most to me because I was actually the Idaho State champion other than just the track champion," Jones said. "It was just a whole other level at the NASCAR banquet — the way we were treated at that next level. It was really cool."

Jones earned his trip to the NASCAR banquet last November after winning 11 of the 18 feature division main events. Obviously content with the car and full of confidence, Jones was a threat to win every time out and would surely be a favorite again this year.

But as comfortable as he is racing in the Premier division, Jones has decided to step up to the Rocky Mountain Challenge Series for the 2008 season and test his skills in a new venture. Jones has purchased a new car to compete in the RMCS, but chose to keep the same gold paint scheme as his winning Premier Series car of last season. He'll also have the same experienced crew members to help him along the way.

However, Jones admits he is a bit apprehensive when considering the four races scheduled at



Steve Jones

the three-eighth-mile Rocky Mountain Speedway in Utah.

"I'm actually a little worried about the bigger track but with this car I got a little bit of a weight break there since I'm running a crate motor. That's one of the things that attracted me to the series. They will find a way to make you competitive. You can come in there and you don't have to spend \$50,000 to be competitive."

Jones admits he will always look fondly on his many seasons racing at Magic Valley.

"It's hard to move on from something you've been successful with and I feel like we were pretty successful at MVS," said Jones. "But I think it will help the racers here grow and it will help me grow. It's probably a good thing for me to move on and do some other stuff."

Jones does not plan to completely sever his ties to the weekly

racing scene at MVS. He plans to hold some other arena races from time to time.

"I've made a lot of great friends out here and I'd love to see them do well, too," he said. "Hopefully

some of the stuff that I've learned I can share with others."

But Jones will be focusing mainly on his bid for the RMCS title.

"If you look back through the last seven years, I probably won

99 percent of the first races. I was just one of those guys always ready to go the first race."

So will he be disappointed if he

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## Miles' road doesn't end

BY LINDA BRITTSAN  
Correspondent

With her 2007 NAPA Pony Stocks championship in the books, Bill Miles will not be behind the wheel this season at Magic Valley Speedway. Still, she looks forward to spending time at the track in a new capacity, namely, helping others to capture a title of their own.

Miles and her husband Dale intend to do what they can to pass along the knowledge they've absorbed through years of experience at MVS.

"We will be out there to help the drivers, primarily Josh Pitz," Bill said. "One of things I want to do is film his races from the



Bill Miles

stands. That seems to help a bit when it comes to understanding what the driver is doing right or wrong out there."

Bill Miles readily admits she had plenty of help from her crew

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## Shirley

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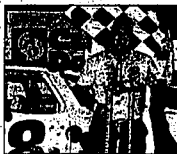
"I thought it was going to be pretty tough, especially realizing there was probably going to be about 20 to 25 cars a night in the division out there. Obviously, the more cars there are, the tougher it is to do what you have to do to get the points," said Shirley.

But Shirley did the math and figured his game plan needed to involve finishing in the top tier of each of the main events.

"I knew that if you could be in the top five for 90 percent of the races, you had a good chance at the championship no matter who else was doing what," said Shirley.

As it turned out, his calculations ended up spot-on. The driver of the No. 38 car made only a single trip to the winner's circle during the year, but drove to 11 top-five finishes in the 14-race schedule.

Even as the point spread tightened up for the final five races,



Jim Shirley

Shirley stayed with his plan.

"I knew I needed to be in the top three when the points were reset in order to have a chance at it," he said.

And third is exactly where Shirley began the five-race chase for the championship. Going into the final event of the season, he had the points lead with 2006 Thunder Stock champion Craig Nuthak, his biggest threat. Shirley realized he needed to stay out of trouble for just one, more night, but soon he found himself flirting with disaster.

"I knew I needed to be within a

couple of positions of Craig in finishing, but then we had that big melee wreck and I almost got clipped in that. I had a car coming right toward me, but one of the other cars slipped in between us and he hit him instead," said Shirley. "That last night was one I definitely remember since I could have almost been taken out in that big wreck really at any point in time that night. It could have gone a different way."

As for the 2008 season at MVS, Shirley reports he will race once again in the Thunder Stocks division, but also has plans to share the yellow car with new drivers.

"I don't know if I am going to drive in every race this year. I'm probably going to let a friend's kid drive my car a couple of nights," said Shirley. "You need to get the bug in them and then hopefully they'll build their own car."

"And maybe he can win more than one race," joked Shirley.

## Miles

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chief husband in her quest for last year's track championship.

"I was pretty much just the driver," she said. "Dale did probably 95 percent of the work to get me there. I just drove. It was the one who could watch the car on the track and then know what to do with the set-up on it."

Miles captured six main-event wins in 15 starts. Even after a particularly unfavorable night when she wrecked on the front stretch and was towed off the track, she persevered.

"We had a lot of work to do, but I wasn't concerned. It was going to keep us down," she said.

"It concerned me," Dale chimed in, knowing he was the one faced with getting the No. 25

car race ready again.

But they were back on track at the next scheduled race and continued the journey to a title. Indeed, the Miles have had the small four-cylinder cars figured out over the years, as the 2007 title was Bill's second in the class.

"My dad raced out there when I was young so I was around the Pony Stocks and they seemed like they would fit my style," she said. "They don't have the big horsepower that was intimidating to me."

Even though the car has been sold to a driver from the Meridian area, the fun isn't over.

Said Bill: "Now we want to pass along some our knowledge in order for others to achieve their goals."

## Jones

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doesn't win right off the bat in his debut in the Rocky Mountain division April 19 at MVS?

"Yes," Jones said after just a

second's hesitation. "I'm a real competitive guy and I hate to lose. But on the flip side if I come out of the first night with the car intact, I'll probably be satisfied."

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May	3	Premiers, Ponys, Thunders, Legends, TRUCKEY RACE
May	10	Premiers, SuperStocks, Thunders, Hornets
May	17	MMCS 100, Grand 100, SuperStocks, Ponys, JR Stingers, Trucks
May	24	Premiers, Thunders, Hornets, Super Stock
May	26	Premiers, 100, Ponys, JR Stingers, Super Stock
May	31	Premiers, SuperStocks, Thunders, Hornets
Jun	7	MMCS 100, 175, Premiers, Thunders, JR Stingers
Jun	14	SuperStocks, Ponys, Thunders, Hornets, Trucks
Jun	20	Premiers, SuperStocks, Ponys, JR Stingers, Legends
Jun	28	Premiers, Ponys, Thunders, Hornets, Super Trucks
Jul	4	Super Trucks, SuperStocks, Ponys, JR Stingers, Super Stock, TRUCKEY RACE
Jul	12	Premiers, SuperStocks, Thunders, Legends, Super Trucks
Jul	19	Premiers, 100, Ponys, Thunders, Legends, Super Trucks
Jul	25	SuperStocks, Ponys, Thunders, Legends, Super Trucks
Aug	2	100, Super Stock, Super Trucks, 100, Legends, Super Trucks
Aug	9	Premiers, SuperStocks, Ponys, Super Trucks
Aug	16	Premiers, SuperStocks, Thunders, Legends, Super Trucks
Aug	23	Premiers, Legends, Thunders, Legends, TRUCKEY RACE
Sep	6	Kid's Night 100, Premiers, Ponys, Legends
Sep	13	Premiers, SuperStocks, Thunders, Legends, Super Trucks
Sep	20	Premiers, SuperStocks, Thunders, Legends, Super Trucks
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