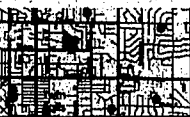


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## Growing school

**Southern Idaho Learning Center applies to become a charter school**

By Andrea Jackson  
Staff writer

Seven-year-old Kendra Fowler has gained more than just academic help at the Southern Idaho Learning Center in Twin Falls. She's also grown in confidence.

"This girl is smarter than everybody in our class," said Fowler about another student in her first-grade class at Sawtooth Elementary School.

Lifting her hands high above her head, Fowler said she thought her peer was impressive. "I thought she was this big."

But now, Fowler said she's feeling better about her abilities. "I'm this big now," she said. "I feel I'm getting bigger and bigger by the minute."

That transformation coincides with the time Fowler's spent at the Southern Idaho Learning Center, where about 500 youth between the ages of 7 and 21 attend one-hour classes, two times per week, for 10-week sessions this year. It's a center that's growing and potentially changing. Center officials recently applied with the Idaho Public Charter School Commission to become a charter school that would serve kids, in grades 6 through 8. The proposed school would exceed 100 students and it would have a mission to educate Magic Valley kids with learning disabilities, said Melody Lenker, the center's director.

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Kendra Fowler, 7, a first-grader at Sawtooth Elementary, attends South Idaho Learning Center for two 10-week sessions. Fowler had compared herself to another student in the class in reading abilities. "I'm this big now," she said, reaching her arms to the sky to demonstrate her reading growth. "I feel I'm getting bigger and bigger by the minute."

## State gives dairy industry study OK

**Data came in response to ICL complaint**

By Sven Berg  
Staff writer

In a victory for the state's cattle industry, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has accepted findings of a privately-funded study on emissions at a dairy farm in western Cassia County.

The study, conducted by agricultural engineer Michael Brugger, came in response to a claim by the Idaho Conservation League (ICL) that methanol emissions from the Darrell Funk Dairy near

Murtaugh would exceed federally-imposed limits. Methanol is an emission of sludge and fresh manure.

Industrial facilities are allowed to emit up to 10 tons of methanol annually before they are subjected to regulatory permit requirements. In a May 2007 letter announcing the group's intent to sue the dairy, ICL claimed its emissions would exceed the 10-ton limit, requiring installation of the most efficient methanol-control technology available.

But Brugger's study, paid for by representatives of the state's dairy industry, concluded the dairy will emit less than one ton of methanol per year.

It was unclear how

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## Contaminated sand slated for SW Idaho dump site

By Jessie Bonner  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Nearly 80 rail cars loaded with contaminated sand from Kuwait are headed toward a dump in southwestern Idaho.

American Ecology Corp. is shipping about 6,700 tons of sand containing traces of depleted uranium and lead to a hazardous waste disposal site 70 miles southeast of Boise. The sand arrived by ship at Longview, Wash., this week and company officials say loads are scheduled to begin arriving in Idaho by rail in two weeks.

Transfer of the sand to the United States was first reported this week by The Daily News in Longview.

The company has previously disposed of low-level radioactive waste and hazardous materials from U.S. military bases overseas at

"Depleted uranium is both a toxic metal and a radioactive substance. That is a concern."

— Andrea Shipley, Snake River Alliance executive director

facilities in Idaho, Nevada and Texas, said American Ecology spokesman Chad Hyslop, who is based in Boise.

"As you can imagine, the most countries of those bases don't want the waste in their country," Hyslop said.

Neither do leaders of the Snake River Alliance, a nuclear watchdog group.

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## Long-standing T.F. school board member resigns

**Vera Redman announces she will step down June 30**

By Andrea Jackson  
Staff writer

After 16 years of sitting on the Twin Falls School Board, Vera Redman has announced she's stepping down June 30.

Redman, who represents Zone 3 for the northwest part of Twin Falls, said it's time to pass on the torch. "I'm at a different time in my life and I think it's just time for me to step off," said Redman, who has served as

chairperson and vice-chairperson of the five-member school board at different times throughout her tenure. "I think trying to serve out the rest of the term would be very difficult." Redman has served one year of her current three-year term, she said. "A school board election is set for May 20 with two residents who have

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"She has earned tremendous respect and admiration locally and across the state as a caring, effective school board trustee. I will deeply miss working with her."

— Superintendent Willey Dobbs

## From wildfires to health problems: BLM, others continue to fight electrical wire thefts

By Nate Popino  
Staff writer

They just won't quit. Scrap recyclers and public officials are still reporting numerous thefts of scrap metal, often by drug users. So the Bureau of Land Management is once again turning to the public, summarizing the economic and environmental damage caused by stealing electrical wires and burning the insulation off.

The latter act can release dioxins, copper, lead, zinc and other pollutants, officials said. Heavy metals can accumulate over time in both the human body and watersheds. And dioxins in particular are known carcinogens.

"Even low concentrations can cause serious health problems such as impaired immune system and liver function," Idaho BLM Safety and Occupational Health Manager Jan Peterson said in a news release.

The motivation to steal wires and other scrap metal is simple: Copper fetched \$3.91 per pound as of Tuesday, up almost four times from what it was

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— Idaho BLM Safety and Occupational Health Manager Jan Peterson

five years ago, BLM spokesman Kris Long said. It's an alluring figure, and one he was concerned might do more harm than good if released. "We're trying not to make this an advertisement," Long said of the outreach effort.

While officials have seen fewer problems in the Magic Valley, wire burning sites are now being found in the Treasure Valley, said Idaho BLM Special Agent in Charge Loren Good, who investigates such incidents. Authorities are responding to

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# Dairy

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 many cows are at the dairy. DEQ Air Administrator Martin Bauer said the fact the study was solicited and submitted by dairymen raises concerns about its reliability. But he said the science cited in Brugger's study is more extensive than any to which DEQ currently has access. "For the science that is out there, (the study) seems somewhat reasonable," he said. "We don't really have a foot to argue with them because we don't have our own science," Bauer said. Idaho Dairymen's Association Executive Director Bob Naerbout said there was no attempt by the dairy industry to influence Brugger's findings. Regardless of the study's results, he said, they would have been reported to DEQ. Bauer said it is common for both sides in a dispute to "spin" data. Dairymen have sort out facts independently. In the case of Brugger's study, DEQ decided it had more merit than ICL claims, which were extrapolated from a pre-

vious study by Frank Mitloehner, an air quality extension specialist at University of California, Davis. Mitloehner's study measured emissions from cows in pens, in a contained, temperature-controlled environment. Inhalation of methanol has been linked to a variety of health concerns, including developmental problems in fetuses, cirrhosis of the liver and blindness. Rich Carlson, a Filer-based attorney who works with the Idaho Rural Council, said Mitloehner's study spawned a series of lawsuits in California and Washington similar to ICL's threatened suit. He said neighbors of large-scale dairy operations in those states believe Mitloehner's study and other subsequent research will expose a level of methanol emissions more than they associate with industry than agriculture. "The neighbors are looking for some way to hold these huge operations accountable," Carlson said.

But Bauer said Mitloehner's study was never intended to quantify methanol livestock operations' emissions. Rather, he said, the goal was to determine which gases are emitted and estimate their proportions. Because the study was conducted in a contained-air environment, its findings should not be applied to open-air dairies. Naerbout said Mitloehner did not address relevant factors, such as housing of animals, temperature variations and waste disposal systems that flush manure into lagoons with water. But Carlson said other studies, whose findings remain sealed, have been conducted in real-life scenarios at confined animal feeding operations and found elevated levels of methanol emissions. "Based on the available science, I would be confident that the people behind that lawsuit in Washington are very confident they'll be able to prove their case," he said. ICL Community Conservation Director Courtney

Washburn denied comment, saying she has not thoroughly reviewed Brugger's study or DEQ's decision to accept it. Ken Warr, a neighbor of the Darrell Frank Dairy and member of Milner Concerned Citizens, a group that has opposed CAFO growth in Magic Valley, gave no comment on the study. But he said county governments bear part of the blame for the explosion of CAFO numbers in the Magic Valley. It was unclear how many cows are at the dairy. "The county commissioners want the tax base from a dairy they want the authority to grant, but when you ask them who's going to control them and enforce them, well, that's the Department of Agriculture, the DEQ, the Department of Water Resources," he said. "They want the granting authority, but they don't want to take the responsibility for the consequences of it." Sven Berg may be reached at 208-677-8764 or sberg@southidahopress.com.

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# Board

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 residents who have announced their candidacies, and that presents a good opportunity for her departure, Redman said. "Two people could learn the ropes together," she said. "It makes logical sense." School board member Rob Atkins from Zone 5 in southwest Twin Falls has announced he won't seek re-election, and school board member Kenney Young is seeking re-election uncontested on May 20 for his Zone 2 seat in southwest Twin Falls. Someone will be appointed to Redman's seat on or before July 28 to take over her term, at least until a May 2009 school board election, according to a press release from the school district. Superintendent Wiley Dobbs was positive about Redman's announcement. "She has earned tremendous respect and admiration locally and across the state as a caring, effective school board trustee," Dobbs said.

"I will deeply miss working with her," Redman said there are many highlights from her time on the school board, from watching children — including her own — graduate to witnessing the number of students and facilities burgeon in the school district. "When I first came on Sept. 11, we were building Roper," Redman said. "It's like déjà vu building Canyon Ridge." Being on the school board has been rewarding, Redman said. "We all bring our own opinions and views, and respect each other in that process... That's important." Applications for Redman's seat can be obtained from and returned to the Twin Falls School District Office by 5 p.m. on June 5. Redman said she's unsure if she is allowed to partake in the district's selection process. Andrea Jackson can be reached at 735-3380 or [Andrea.Jackson@lee.net](mailto:Andrea.Jackson@lee.net)

# School

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 The commission could decide by this summer to give life to the proposed school that would open in the fall of 2009. The Twin Falls School District decided not to act as the charter agent, said Lenkner. But the state recently provided a \$50,000 grant to help with expenses associated with applying. Curriculum would revolve around "experimental instruction," which means education would involve hands-on learning, Lenkner said. The center serves kids throughout the Magic Valley, with most referrals coming from parents and pediatricians, she said. About 20 percent of the center's funding comes from the Scotch Hill Masons, along with donations and grants, Lenkner said. The center is also a supplemental service provider. Under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, if a school needs improvement for consistently not making Adequate Yearly Progress, then parents can choose to send their child to

a different school or get extra help for them through a private service provider, and the school district foots the bill. About seven students from the two junior high schools in the Twin Falls School District are taking advantage of that option, Lenkner said. "We can serve resource kids at less expense to us." The Center provides assessments to kids to help families understand learning problems and how to get help. Fowler gets help at the center with her reading — something she said she now likes to do. "I never get bored here," she said. "I used to not like to read, I felt reading was hard and I couldn't do it. Instead, I'd play and watch TV."

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# Air Force grounds training jet following 2nd fatal crash

**WICHITA FALLS, Texas** (AP) — The Air Force grounded all T-38C training jets on Thursday, following the second fatal crash involving the aircraft in eight days, the military said. Two pilots died when their high-altitude, supersonic plane went down during a routine training mission, according to a statement from Sheppard Air Force Base. The two-seat plane was assigned to the 80th Flying Training Wing, a multinational organization that produces future combat pilots for NATO. The names of the airmen were not immediately released. The crash follows the deaths of two pilots whose training jet crashed April 23 at Columbus Air Force Base

in Mississippi. "At this point we have no indication that there was any tie between the two," says Capt. John Severns, Chief of Media Relations for Air Education Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base near San Antonio. The Air Force suspended all T-38 flights pending the investigations. Into what caused the two planes to go down. The jets are used to prepare student pilots to fly fighters and bombers.

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# Copper

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 the problem: The Legislature enhanced an existing law this year that requires scrap recyclers to record driver's license and license plate numbers of collectors. And the BLM has brought the U.S. Attorney's Office into the matter, Good said.

"We're on hand and fully committed to prosecution (of incidents on federal land)," he said. The issue, Good said, affects everyone. Farmers and contractors who lose money have to pay for new ones. Burn sites disrupt public campgrounds and other sites. And the cost of clean-up and lab analysis is high — anywhere from \$500 for a minor incident to \$3,500 for a site the BLM identified near Idaho Falls. The burning process itself is a wildfire hazard.

When it comes to the more serious Hazmat cases on public land, criminal convictions can come with hefty fines — as high as \$250,000 for an individual and \$500,000 for an organization, along with possible imprisonment for up to 10 years.

Brad Robb, manager of United Metals LLC in Gooding, said he hasn't had anyone bring him burnt wires in about three months.

While that doesn't mean people aren't going to other scrap yards in the region, he said, it seems to be good news.

"Anybody that comes in and asks about doing that, I tell them they shouldn't do that," Robb said.

Idaho law enforcement authorities and scrap recyclers are working together to spot suspicious material, Good said. But he advised members of the public to take their own steps to prevent thefts as well, enhancing their security measures. Anyone who spots a suspicious fire should contact their local sheriff's office, he said.

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# Sand

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 who have vowed to monitor the site.

"Depleted uranium is both a toxic and a radioactive substance," said Andrea Shipley, the group's executive director. "That is a concern."

The sand coming to Idaho from Camp Doha, a U.S. Army Base in Kuwait, was contaminated with uranium after military vehicles and munitions caught fire during the first Iraq war in 1991. Depleted uranium, twice as dense as lead, has been used as a component in armor plating to protect tanks and for armor-piercing projectiles.

The Kuwait Ministry of Defense contracted MKM Engineers Inc. of Stafford, Texas, to package the waste and transport it to the United States. MKM then subcontracted with American Ecology for disposal, Hyslop said.

Hyslop would not disclose the value of the contract. The American Ecology operates the only commercial hazardous waste disposal site in Idaho on 1,100 acres of land in the Owyhee desert.

Desert operations cover 100 acres in the middle of the property, Hyslop said, and about a third of the material disposed at the Idaho site is from the U.S. military.

The company disposed of uranium-contaminated Bradley fighting vehicles there in 2006.

All the sand from Kuwait should be in Idaho within 40 days, Hyslop said. Radiation from the uranium in the sand has been measured at about 10 picocuries per gram.

The Idaho facility is permitted to accept material with more than 16 times that level, or 169 picocuries per gram.

In a letter to Army officials on Sept. 13, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission deemed the radiation levels "unimportant quantities" and approved the plan to dispose the sand in Idaho.

"We've received tens of thousands of tons from the U.S. military that has higher radioactive levels than this shipment," Hyslop said.

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Director Brian Monson said the company is permitted to receive the material and contacted his office three months ago.

"They always give us an alert if it's something out of the ordinary," Monson said.

The company notified Monson again this week when military officials tested the sand and found traces of lead.

"It was only until the last hour we realized we might be dealing with a hazardous material," Monson said. The company has said the sand will be tested and treated if needed before it is

buried in the dump. Some samples of the sand registered lead levels of 19 parts per million, Hyslop said.

He characterized that measurement as "extremely low," but Environmental Protection Agency standard classify anything over five parts per million as hazardous waste.

EPA officials say they're not alarmed by the presence of lead because that is one of the materials American Ecology is permitted to handle in Idaho.

"Whether it's hazardous or not doesn't matter," said Cheryl Williams, an EPA specialist in Seattle.



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# 'Appalling': Defense chief deplors barracks conditions at Ft. Bragg

By Lolita C. Baldor  
Associated Press writer

FORT BLISS, Texas — Defense Secretary Robert Gates, after watching a YouTube video showing poor barracks conditions at the Army's Fort Bragg in North Carolina, said Thursday that what he saw was "appalling" and that all commanders must ensure that their troops have decent living quarters.

"Soldiers should never have to live in such squalor," Gates said during a speech to a packed auditorium of senior enlisted soldiers.

The nearly 10-minute video, put together by the father of an 82nd Airborne paratrooper, showed mold, peeling paint and broken plumbing fixtures in the Korean War-era barracks. The video triggered a world-wide inspection of Army barracks when it surfaced last week.

Gates' comments were the first he's made about the problems, and he said that if local resources are not available for the soldiers, then troops must alert their commanders.

Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell said he does not believe that Gates had any particular person in mind when he mentioned that commanders needed to be responsible.

"He knows that the Army is aggressively looking into this matter and is confident that they will deal with it accord-



This photo released Thursday shows an unidentified soldier in Charlie Company perched on a sink as he tries to unclog the drain in a flooded bathroom in a barracks where Charlie Company was housed at Fort Bragg, N.C. The photo was taken last month by Sgt. Ed Frawley 12 hours after his company returned to the U.S. from a 15-month tour in Afghanistan, according to Frawley.

ingly," said Morrell. "But, in general terms, he believes in accountability up the chain of command."

Gates watched the video on the plane en route to Mexico City on Tuesday.

The conditions were appalling," Gates said Thursday.

The soldier's father, Ed Frawley, said he was disgusted by the conditions that greeted his son and the rest of his 82nd Airborne unit that returned last month from a 15-month tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Army leaders this week said improvements were coming, but some of the problems couldn't be fixed quickly. By Wednesday, the barracks had new paint, and water fountains were fixed, but work crews still labored on the plumbing.

Gates warned in his speech Thursday that "current needs must not be sacrificed to future capabilities, whether the need is proper treatment of wounded warriors" or getting heavily armored vehicles and more surveillance capabilities to the battlefield.

# Former Democratic leader under Clinton switches to Sen. Obama

By Nedra Pickler  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A leader of the Democratic Party under Bill Clinton switched his allegiance to Barack Obama on Thursday and urged fellow Democrats to end the bruising nomination fight.

"This has got to come to an end," former Democratic National Committee Chairman Joe Andrew told reporters in his hometown of Indianapolis just days before Tuesday's crucial state primary. He said he planned to call all the other superdelegates he knows and encourage them to back Obama.

Bill Clinton appointed Andrew chairman of the DNC in 1999, and he led the party through the disputed 2000 presidential race before stepping down in 2001. Andrew endorsed Hillary Rodham Clinton last year on the day she declared her candidacy

for the White House.

In a lengthy letter explaining his decision, Andrew said he is switching his support because "a vote for Hillary Clinton is a vote to continue this process, and a vote to continue this process is a vote that assists (Republican) John McCain."

"The ship is taking on water right now," Andrew said at the news conference. "We need to patch those holes, heal the rift and go forward to beat John McCain."

Asked for a response to Andrew's decision, Clinton spokesman Phil Singer said, "We support that Democratic process and think that every American should be able to weigh in and support the candidate of his or her own choosing."

Clinton adviser Harold Ickes also sent a memo to superdelegates Thursday arguing that the polls prove she is the strongest candidate

to beat McCain. Among the polls they cited was an Associated Press-Ipsos survey out this week that showed Clinton leading McCain by 9 percentage points, while Obama is virtually tied with the likely GOP nominee.

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# Idaho's economy trumps all other issues

Idaho Statesman, Boise

**W**ith bad economic news coming in nearly daily, it should come as no surprise that Idahoans are concerned about their short-term future.

What's more surprising is that these same Idahoans seem determined to convert angst into action.

A February survey of Idahoans — released by the Minnesota-based Northwest Area Foundation, a group dedicated to fighting long-term poverty — found an electorate that isn't necessarily angry but is definitely edgy.

Thirty-five percent of Idahoans worry that they won't be able to pay their bills.

Asked to rate the local economy, 47 percent handed out a grade of "fair" or "poor," and a sobering 66 percent are worried that things will get worse in the next year.

OK, now here's the shocking set of numbers.

Ninety percent of the Idaho respondents say they will probably vote in November, and 70 percent of Idahoans will take a basic belief to the polls: It is important for elected officials to help people who are struggling economically.

Those are some lofty figures, and history would suggest they're somewhat inflated. For the past three presidential elections, Idaho voter turnout varied from 71 percent to 77 percent, a considerable stretch at this year.

But look at it this way: In November 2004, more than 185,000 registered Idaho voters stayed home. If only a tenth of these Idahoans are motivated to vote by economic concerns, that adds up to 18,500 voters — certainly enough, on a localized level, to influence a few legislative races, or perhaps enough to affect a close race for Congress or U.S. Senate.

This means incumbents will — and should — have to explain their record on economic issues.

First District Rep. Bill Sali will have to run on his vote for a \$168 billion economic stimulus package providing checks to many Idaho families — while 2nd District Rep. Mike Simpson will have to explain how the long-term impact on the deficit offsets the stimulus plan's short-term economic boost. Most incumbent state legislators will have to run on their vote to increase the tax credit for groceries — on an incremental basis — while leaving virtually untouched a group of more than 70 sales tax exemptions, many favoring individual industries.

We'd sooner listen to a discussion of these issues than a rehash of a debate over social issues.

Too many candidates and campaigns pander to narrow core voter groups. If economic concerns help to frame the debate, and drive voter turnout, the process will be healthier for it.

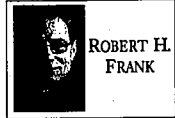
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# Don't blame all borrowers

**A**fter more than a decade of steep growth, home prices peaked last year and have been falling rapidly. Over 9 million mortgages are "under water," meaning that more is owed on them than the home is worth. As foreclosures mount, additional homes come on the market, intensifying downward pressure on prices.



ROBERT H. FRANK

Congress is debating loan guarantees that would help homeowners renegotiate mortgages in default. In his initial response to the proposed legislation, Sen. John McCain argued that "it is not the duty of government to bail out and reward those who act irresponsibly, whether they are big banks or small borrowers."

Many share McCain's concern. But while Congress clearly should not rescue borrowers who lied about their incomes or tried to get rich by flipping condos, such borrowers were at most a minor factor in this crisis. Primary responsibility rests squarely on regulators who permitted the liberal credit terms that created the housing bubble.

Hints of how things began to unravel appeared in "The Two-Income Trap," a 2003 book in which Elizabeth Warren and Amelia Warren Tyagi posed this intriguing question: Why could families no longer meet their financial obligations in the 1950s and 1960s, when only one parent worked outside the home, yet have great difficulty today, when two-income families are the norm? The answer, they suggest, is that the second incomes fueled a bidding war for housing in better neighborhoods.

It's easy to see why. Even



In the 1950s, one of the highest priorities of most parents was to send their children to the best possible schools. Because the labor market has grown more competitive, this goal now looms even larger. It is no surprise that two-income families would choose to spend much of their extra income on better education. And because the best schools are in the most expensive neighborhoods, the imperative was clear: To gain access to the best possible public school, you must purchase the most expensive house you can afford.

But what works for any individual family does not work for society as a whole. The problem is that a "good" school is a relative concept: It is one that is better than other schools in the same area. When we all bid for houses in better school districts, we merely bid up the prices of those houses.

In the 1950s, as now, families tried to buy houses in the best school districts they could afford. But strict credit limits held the bidding in check. Lenders typically required down payments of 20 percent or more and would not issue loans for more than three times a borrower's annual income.

In a well-intentioned, but ultimately misguided, move to help more families enter the housing market, borrowing restrictions were relaxed during the intervening decades. Down payment requirements fell steadily, and in recent years, many houses were bought with no money down. Adjustable-rate mortgages and balloon payments further boosted families' ability to bid for housing.

The result was a painful dilemma for any family determined not to borrow beyond its means. No one would fault a middle-income family for aspiring to send its children to schools of at least average quality. (How could a family aspire to less?) But if a family stood by while others exploited more liberal credit terms, it would consign its children to below-average schools. Even financially conservative families might have reluctantly concluded that their best option was to borrow up.

Those who condemn them see a different picture. They see undisciplined families overcome by their lust for cathedral ceilings and granite countertops, families that need to be taught a lesson. Yet millions of families got

into financial trouble simply because they understood that life is graded on the curve. The best jobs go to graduates from the best colleges, and because only the best-prepared students are accepted to those colleges, it is quixotic to expect parents to bypass an opportunity to send their children to the best elementary and secondary schools they can.

The official dereliction that enabled them to bid ever larger amounts for houses in the best school districts essentially guaranteed a housing bubble that would leave millions of families dangerously overextended.

Congress should not bail out speculators and fraudulent borrowers. But neither should it be too quick to condemn families that borrowed what the lending system offered rather than send their children to inferior schools.

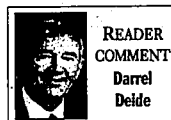
Robert H. Frank, an economist at the Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell University, is the author of "Falling Behind: How Rising Inequality Harms the Middle Class." He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

# State has no business funding pre-kindergarten

**R**ecently the Idaho Legislature has been criticized in some newspapers for its failure to support pre-K education for Idaho's children.

Those critics have cited research supporting such programs and led readers to believe that the state will have money in various ways if a pre-K program is funded. They say by adding pre-K, we will see lower costs associated with special education and repeated grades, and that we will see fewer pregnancies, fewer arrests and increased high school graduation rates and college entrance rates. They frequently cite research supporting their "cause" and that the majority of Idahoans support pre-K and that a majority of states do as well.

While it is appropriate to relate a host of social ills, as cited above, to the failure of many students being able to read at grade level and/or to have early primary school success, it is just wrong to suggest that the cause is



READER COMMENT  
Darrel Deide

due to a lack of a pre-K program.

What the supporters of full-day kindergarten or of pre-K programs aren't sharing is the most recent research on the subject. Nor do they share about the costs of a 14th grade of schooling, or about the schools that already are very successful in closing the readiness gap in our current K-12 system, or about what policy makers should be considering without increasing our 4-year-olds. Few deny that there is a readiness "gap" among entering kindergarten students.

Few deny that the basic causes are due to parents' income and/or a lack of parental involvement. Few also deny that a readiness gap will always exist, regardless

of when we start our kids in school.

We know that there are many primary school programs (grades K-three) that close that readiness gap now, and without a pre-K program. If some of our schools are successful in this regard, all can be needed to fix the present system, giving all schools the opportunity to succeed with kids in 13 years; not add a 14th grade to an under-performing system and the associated costs of facilities and personnel to do so.

Recent studies conclude that highly regulated universal preschool programs for families in Georgia, Oklahoma and New Jersey have provided no long-lasting learning benefit to children, and that institutional preschool and full-day kindergarten will not help most children and may actually suppress their normal social and emotional development.

The education of our children is the most important function of state and local government. Our children

can learn well in the 13 years that we now fund, as shown by the schools out there doing it every day. A preschool program, or a 14th grade, will simply give the false hope that education has somehow become better — creating a smokescreen to mask the problems that need to be fixed.

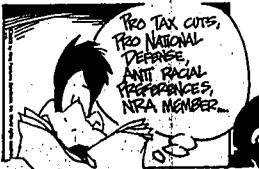
Let's stay focused on improving and maximizing what we have and creating an educational atmosphere that supports teachers and parents who are getting the job done now. And instead of criticizing our legislators, let's support those who resist the addition of another "layer" and all of the associated costs to our taxpayers for this educational establishment.

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### Doonesbury



### Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Purple Heart group has chapter in Twin Falls

Regarding the Purple Heart Outreach Program:

This letter is in response to Mr. Robert Bynbrand's letter. The Military Order of the Purple Heart is a service organization whose primary purpose is to support our veterans. All of our members are combat-wounded veterans. The meeting on May 3 is part of an outreach program to let combat-wounded veterans know that there is a local chapter in Twin Falls. We requested that they bring a copy of their DD214 so our service officer can see if they should start a claim. Without that info, we cannot do anything.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart is a recognized and Congressionally Chartered Veterans Service Organization with chapters in Boise, Twin Falls and Pocatello. A former chapter is being reactivated in Idaho Falls. I apologize for any misunderstandings.

If there are any other questions, please contact Bob Lenigan at 208-287-0730 or Robert Wagner at 324-4183. **ROBERT E. LENIGAN** Boise (Editor's note: Robert Lenigan is the senior vice commander for the Idaho Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.)

## There's a right way to dispose of unwanted items

My husband and I take a trip to the landfill several times a year, mainly in the spring because of the regular cleanup.

We took a load in my little Ford Ranger last weekend. The people there are so polite and make it so easy to let you know the places you should dispose of your items. So why should I have to wake up on a weekend morning to see a couch standing sideways in our dumpster in our alley taking very much needed space for ourselves and our neighbors. There is no charge at the landfill, and it is cleaner than the vacant lot next to my home. The people who did this in the middle of the night when no one would see them and take a nice quiet drive and dispose of these items in a proper way, for free?

**PATRICIA GALEGOS** Burley

## Living in limbo in the Jackson area

I'm amazed at the power that is given a commissioner. Three commissioners have the power to change the United States Postal Service without their vote, the power to change the National Geographic of the United States, the power to change satellite GPS technology — all in order to clear up "confusion" for a few Jackson residents' addresses.

The United States Postal Service told me to hold on to my old address, as the USPS doesn't have Jackson in their database. Try to order anything online with a credit card, Jackson and 83350 won't mix. I have to use my Rupert address to buy anything online.

Our Garmin GPS Navigation System used to work wonderfully. It would bring us to and from our doorstep. Now with the new road coordinates and address, as soon as we cross the river, she is constantly recalculating and cannot longer find her way. Our address in the newly issued DEX phonebook lists us as Jackson, Wyo. Now I can't be found by the USPS. GPS or the phonebook. Glad to have the confusion cleared up! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Rupert Ambulance team for responding to my 911 call in February after I was laying on the ice for an hour. Cassia was a no-show, or

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else they were "confused" with the commissioners' new addresses! If the county would have purchased GPS systems for their ambulances before they screwed everything up, the ambulances would never get lost. **LAURIE FESSENDEN** Rupert or Jackson

## Please bring back the good comic strips

Kudos to the two fourth-grade students from Poppewell Elementary School in Buhl, Meaghan Adams and Brack Jaynes. Their letter to the editor regarding the comics changes you have made in the Times-News was right on. I am in full agreement with them. You eliminated some of the good ones, moved two of the lousy ones to the editorial pages. Family Circus to the wind also. The comics are usually the best part of the paper, why hide them? Putting the comics in with the sports pages is a little weird also. In agreement with Meaghan and Brack, please put the good comics back in and take them out of the sports pages! **ALDYS J. CONNORS** Twin Falls

## Bristol's openness, honesty make him best candidate

With the upcoming election drawing near, it is exciting to note that there is a race for Cassia County sheriff. If this year I would like to endorse Cary Bristol for Cassia County sheriff. I have known Cary for several years. I have had the opportunity of knowing Cary both inside and outside of his profession. I am voting for him for three main reasons: he is open to the public, honest and dedicated to the community. His more than 30 years of experience

in law enforcement will be valuable to the citizens of Cassia County as we choose a new sheriff. As a father of school-aged children, a safe learning environment for the children of Cassia County is important to me. Cary's experience with drug enforcement and the work he has done to keep our schools a safe place rank high on the list of "must haves" qualifications to obtain my vote!

As mentioned, I have also had the opportunity of knowing Cary outside of the law enforcement environment as well. One thing I have been able to easily observe is that Cary is involved in the community and is very giving of his free time to make Cassia County a better place. I enjoy my association with Cary in several community-based volunteer organizations. Cary is a leader in several of these organizations and is a person whom I respect and look up to personally.

I ask the citizens of Cassia County to join with me in support of Cary Bristol as Cassia County's next sheriff. **KEVIN SIMMONS** Burley

## How is this for an interest rate?

Beware the "loads" of March. My wife had a balance on a credit card of \$1.60. She mailed a check for the \$1.60 balance but received a new billing showing they had received the \$1.60 and had also billed us a new balance of \$115.00, their minimum billing charge. What was interesting was their computer showed the amount of interest on this new charge represented. Most times they show between 15 percent to 10 percent interest, but according to the computer, annual percentage rate for

this billing it came to 1,613.61 percent interest. When credit cards companies report billions of dollars in fees and charges, that would be called the "load." It has been estimated that the "load" on a new car can be as high as \$10,000 for the first year. Politicians have mentioned a lot about change but nothing about the "load." Could it be that they are the people spending all the money on election goals or maybe the "load"?

Maybe I should put in for the record interest charged on a credit card in one 30-day period by a computer? Have you noticed that all prices this year are up, but that seems to be the only when profits are to be increased.

What was that old song, "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" I think I'll hum a few bars. **GENE GOODWIN** Heyburn

## Fox knows the kind of education kids need

Jeff Fox will make a great addition to the school board, OK. I'll admit my bias. He's my son-in-law. It isn't the many blessings he has been to our family that make me so sure of his passion for education. I've urged Jeff to run for the school board for at least 15 years, but he's been busy with family, his many other civic and professional pursuits, and finishing his Ph.D. — Yes!

I'm sure that his many supporters in the community will weigh in on this, but I had to get my 2 cents in. Jeff knows the kind of education our kids need in these times. He excels at building consensus, he is open to new ideas, and he thinks teachers are important.

Please vote for him. **LINDA BRUGGER** Twin Falls

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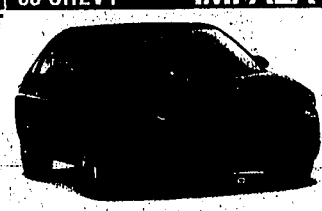
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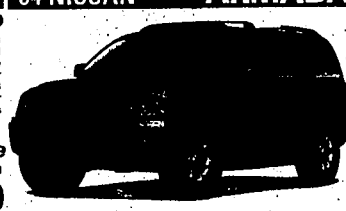
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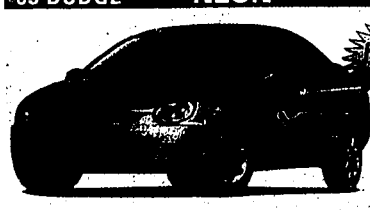
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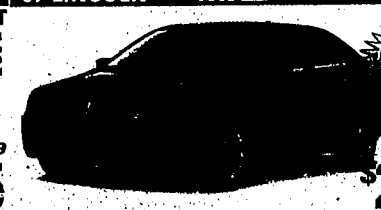
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## Merrill puts CSI softball into Region 18 semis

By Eric Larsen  
Staff writer

SALT LAKE CITY — College of Southern Idaho freshman Cassi Merrill had two chances to beat softball rival North Idaho College Thursday. After making a mess of the first, she got it right in a big way the second time around.

Merrill crushed a walk-off grand slam with one out in the bottom of the ninth as the Golden Eagles topped the Cardinals 7-3 to advance to today's championship semifinal game of the Region 18 Tournament against host Salt Lake Community College. With the bases full of Eagles and one out, Merrill sent the third pitch she saw from Cardinals pitch-

### Freshman's walk-off grand slam tops NIC in ninth

er Nalani Akana deep over the center-field wall as the CSI dugout cleared in celebration.

"I didn't even think it was that great of a pitch, but I saw it was a strike, so I swung at it," the freshman left fielder said. "I saw it go up and I'm like, 'Okay, that's an outfield ball. Someone can tag and go in.' I didn't think it was going out."

Second-year Golden Eagles coach Nick Baumert leapt out of the third-base coach's box as the ball cleared the outfield fence, and joined his team in a brief celebration at home plate after Merrill swiftly rounded

the bases, her pace more of a gallop than a home run trot.

"It was pretty exciting," Baumert said. "I know we have a long way to go, but it was good to see her do that in that spot."

The Golden Eagles squandered their chance to win the game in the bottom of the seventh, as Merrill pulled the bat back on a suicide squeeze attempt. With Rochelle Noren charging from third, Cardinals catcher Alysha Krier easily notched the second out of the inning by slapping a tag on the sophomore center fielder.

"I saw the squeeze play and I don't even know what happened," Merrill said. "In the moment, I'm like, 'That's a ball. Then I remembered, squeeze play, and I'm like, Oh, gosh.'"

Merrill, who finished 2-for-4 with five RBIs, walked three pitches later before Rachel Evans grounded to third base to end the inning. Evans helped rally CSI out of a 2-0 deficit in the fourth with a solo home run to lead off the inning. After roping a double that caromed off the center-field fence in the first inning, Evans made sure her second hit of the day

easily cleared the fence.

"I think once that happened, in our dugout you could feel the momentum shift," Baumert said. "We kind of took a deep breath and ran with it."

Fifth-inning doubles by Candice Beuard and Rocky Kroll equated into runs, as both would come around to score and give the 43-19 Golden Eagles a 3-2 lead that held until North Idaho's Kristen Burch tied the game with a RBI-single in the top of the seventh.

Sophomore third baseman Shay Craig led the 34-20 Cardinals at the plate, finishing with a solo home run, and nearly connecting on two

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## GREAT BASIN WEST BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

# Jerome, Minico roll

### Fired up Tigers shred Bobcats

By Zach Kyle  
Staff writer

BURLEY — The Jerome Tigers arrived in Burley fired up for their Great Basin Conference West Tournament opener against the Bobcats, and it showed. Jerome scored nine runs in the first three innings to run away with a 13-3 win.

"On the bus ride over here, we were pumped and ready to go," said Logan Parker, who struck out seven batters and walked none in six innings of work to earn the win. "We wanted to get going and take care of business."

Jerome catcher Cameron Stauffer batted 3-for-5 with two doubles and an RBI, and centerfielder Brett Walgamott hit 2-for-4 with a double and three RBIs. Third baseman Nathan Bobrowski finished the day 2-for-3 with an RBI triple, a double and two walks.

Burley coach Brett Graham said he was disappointed with his team's focus.

"Obviously we weren't ready to play" and Jerome was "Craham said, "You didn't spot them nine runs in the first three innings and expect to come back."

Burley worked its way on the scoreboard in the third when centerfielder Garrett Lyons sent a high fastball over the 380-foot sign in right-centerfield. Lyons batted 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI for the day. The blast was the junior's first career varsity home run.

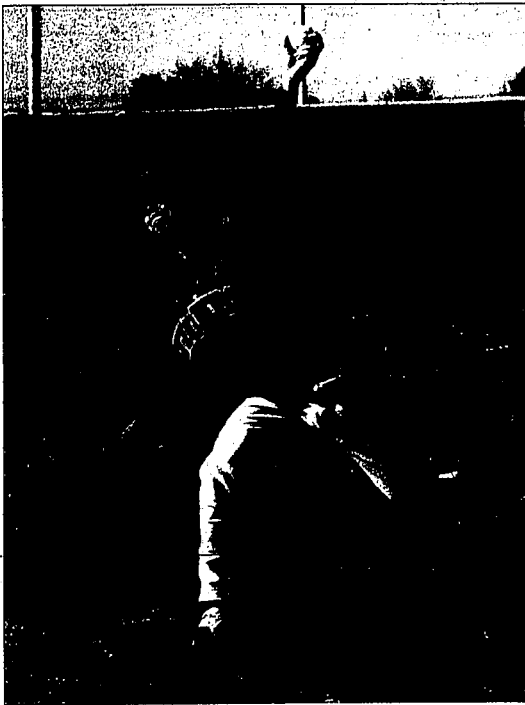
"The team wasn't doing much," Lyons said. "I went up there with the mentality to hit it to right-center. I just wanted to get something going, put the ball in play."

Burley catcher Steve Beck also had a strong day at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a home run RBI triple. Aside from Beck and Lyons, the Bobcats scratched out only four hits and none for extra bases.

Parker helped himself by not walking any batters, and his defense helped him by playing error-free defense behind him. Parker surrendered seven hits, four of which were hit hard and went for extra bases, but he spread them through six innings to stay out of trouble.

"I just tried to keep the ball down and throw strikes and let the defense do the work," Parker said. "They took advantage of the ones I threw ball-high."

Jerome (14-10) advances to face the 22-seeded Minico Spartans (22-2) at 11 a.m. Saturday in Rupert. Bobrowski said Jerome didn't play well in either of two losses to Minico this season, but the Tigers are playing loose



Jerome's Logan Parker pitches during the Tigers' 13-3 victory over the Burley Bobcats in their Great Basin Conference West tournament game Thursday at Burley High School.

## SCIC TOURNAY PRELIMINARIES

# Young Tribe looks for 3A state berth

### Unbeaten Kimberly softball looks to keep rolling

By Mike Christensen  
Staff writer

If this year's Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Baseball Tournament is anything like the 2007 version, fans will be in for a treat this weekend. Last year's tourney saw third-seeded Filer, a team with only seven regular-season wins, upset both Buhl and Kimberly to claim the conference title and a berth to the Class 3A state tournament.

The Wildcats (3-23, 0-4 SCIC) are hoping for more of the same magic today and Saturday.

"I'm not trying to tell them to repeat what we did last year," said Filer coach James Madson, an assistant on last year's squad. "But I want them to know there's no reason it can't be us."

The main reason Filer has come up on the short end of games this season is errors.

"We've been ourselves more than anybody's best us," said Madson.

If those miscues and mental mistakes continue, second-seeded Kimberly could make quick work of the Wildcats the afternoon.

The Bulldogs (17-6, 2-2) pounded Filer in a pair of run-rule wins on Tuesday. But while Kimberly owns the best overall mark of any SCIC team, it's

a young Buhl squad that enters the tourney as the top seed.

Last year's senior-laden Buhl team fell far short of expectations, but this year's

**INSIDE:** you u h t f u l group. Rubner has exceeded the hopes of first-year coach Troy Rubner. "I'm pretty h a p p y," Rubner said of his team's regular-season conference crown. "It's kind of surprising."

Buhl's biggest weakness is "pitching depth and that played a role in a 21-0 loss to Kimberly at the Buhl Midseason Classic. But the Tribe (12-11, 4-0) beat the Bulldogs when it counted, taking two one-run victories in SCIC play.

Only three seniors dot the Indians' roster, but one of those is pitcher Gaige Owen, who will start Saturday's 1 p.m. championship game in Buhl. After missing most of the season with a knee injury, Brad Twiss recently returned to the lineup and bolsters Buhl's experience.

"We're not better now than we were at the beginning of the season," said Rubner.

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# CSI baseball wraps up home schedule

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

One year ago, the College of Southern Idaho baseball team entered the last weekend of its regular-season schedule leading the conference race, preparing to fight the College of Southern Nevada in Henderson, Nev. This weekend, the teams are the same, though the roles are changed.

The 30-22 Golden Eagles enter their final four games of the season at Skip Walker Field without last season's drama. At 21-15 in the Seawac West Athletic Conference, CSI will enter postseason play as the No. 4 seed, and will most likely play the College of Eastern Utah during Wednesday's first round.

The No. 19 Coyotes, however, enter the weekend one game up on the College of Western Nevada for the SWAC regular-season title and the right to host the Region 18 Tournament. If necessary, rivals on CSI, the Golden Eagles know it's simply to play well.

"We know where we're

going to be seeded in the tournament. We know who our first-round opponent is," CSI head coach Hooper Walker said. "Now we've got to play these games, get ourselves playing real well, playing real confident, and get ourselves ready to go."

Whereas CSI lost three of four in last year's final series against the Coyotes while dealing with the pressure of the pennant hunt, the heat is on the Coyotes this time around. A 37-14 Southern Nevada squad can't afford to lose any ground to its in-state rival, as second-place Western Nevada holds a tiebreaker that would give it tournament hosting privileges in the case of a logjam at the top of the conference standings Saturday night.

While nobody's expecting a Coyotes team that has won 11 straight games to crack this weekend, something has to give. Between these two teams, CSI has won nine of its last 10 and put together an 11-5 second-half SWAC record after going 10-10 in the first half of its conference schedule.

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### By Chuck Nunn Staff writer

RUPERT — The Minico Spartans opened the Great Basin Conference West Tournament with a bang — actually several bangs — in a 13-3, five-inning victory over the Wood River Wolverines Thursday.

"Honestly, particularly with the fashion that it happened in, I'm happy to see that," Minico coach Ben Frank said. "Offensively we took care of business, but we'll take a win anyway we can in districts. All that matters is that you win and move on."

Dane Broadhead struck out seven batters from the mound and drove in four runs — including swatting a three-run home run in the bottom of the fourth inning — to lead the Spartans. "Not to be outdone, Brian Christiansen, smacked a two-run homer — also in the bottom of the fourth — and Shelby Coats hit a solo shot in the fifth inning, his first career home run."

"It's the first time I've ever hit it, actually," Coats said. "Normally I just try to hit the ball up the middle. It was a little bit high, a little bit inside, and I ended up getting my hands out, and I hit it out."

The Spartans took control in the third inning. With two men on, Chris Joyce laid down a fly bunt toward third base and legged it out for a single. But the Wolverines mishandled their attempt to throw Joyce out, allowing Joey Chavez to score and Coats and Joyce to advance to third and second.

# Spartans rip three homers in rout

By Chuck Nunn  
Staff writer

**GBW Baseball Tournament**

**High seeds hosts Thursday**

**Game 1:** No. 1 Minico 13, No. 4 Wood River 3

**Game 2:** No. 3 Jerome 13, No. 2 Burley 3

**Saturday**

**Game 3:** Championship, Jerome at Minico, 11 a.m.

**Game 4:** Wood River at Burley, 11 a.m.

**Tuesday, May 6**

**Game 5:** Loser 3 vs. Winner 4, 5 p.m.

Cody Winnill drilled a deep fly ball to drive in Coats on the tag up, and Broadhead hit a sacrifice grounder to advance Joyce to third. Then, with R.J. Salvi at bat, Joyce stole home against Wood River starting pitcher Sean Bunce to pick up another run for the Spartans.

"He has a really slow wind-up," Joyce said. "So (Frank) told me to get my timing down on the first pitch, then the next one I'd go on."

Salvi drew a walk, and Christiansen brought him home with an RBI double. Christiansen crossed the plate on the next at-bat on Alex Moon's RBI double. The Spartans erupted for five more runs in the bottom of the fourth inning, as Joyce and Winnill both drew walks from relief pitcher Trent Seampans, setting up Broadhead's homer.

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GAME PLAN

LOCAL COLLEGE BASEBALL Southern Nevada at CSI, DH, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL Region 18 Tournament CSI vs. Santa Rosa, 7:30 p.m.

BASEBALL Class 3A District IV tournament TCC vs. Jacksonville, 7 p.m.

SOFTBALL Class 3A District IV tournament TCC vs. Jacksonville, 4:30 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD TRUCK AND FIELD Burley, Jerome, Kuno, Minico, Mountain Hawks, Wood River at Twin Falls, 3:30 p.m.

TV SCHEDULE AUTO RACING SPEED - NASCAR, Nationwide Sprint, pole qualifying for Dan Looney 400, at Richmond, Va., 8:30 p.m.

BASEBALL ESPN2 - NTRA, Kentucky Oaks Louisville, 6 p.m. MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 6:05 p.m. WGN - Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

NBA BASKETBALL ESPN2 - Playoffs, first round, Game 6, Cleveland at Washington, 8 p.m.

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Idaho athletic director Spear named to NCAA legislative council

MOSCOW — University of Idaho director of athletics Rob Spear has been appointed to the NCAA Division I Legislative Council...

Steroids dealer who claims Cowboys ties receives probation

SHERMAN, Texas — A convicted steroids dealer was sentenced in federal court Thursday and told the judge that the drugs he sold ended up in the hands of NFL players...

Hotz, Cannon, Alkman enter Hall

NEW YORK — Troy Alkman, Billy Cannon and Len Holtz are among the 15 former players and coaches inducted Thursday to the College Football Hall of Fame...

Rangers stay alive against Penguins

NEW YORK — Jaromir Jagr scored two goals and the New York Rangers staved off elimination with a 3-0 victory over Pittsburgh on Thursday...

BSU's Shields to miss senior season

BOISE — Boise State head football coach Chris Petersen announced today that linebacker Dan Shields will miss his senior season because of continuing shoulder problems...

Broncos' Cutler has Type 1 diabetes

DENVER — Denver Broncos quarterback Jay Cutler has been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, his business manager Marty Grafton confirmed Thursday night...

UW interim AD will not get job

SEATTLE — The University of Washington is still hoping to name a new athletic director by June. It won't be interim athletic director Scott Woodward...

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# Toms one up on Mickelson at Wachovia



Phil Mickelson watches his tee shot on the No. 15 hole during the first round of the Wachovia Championship in Charlotte, N.C., Thursday.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The greens were still soft from the drenching rain earlier in the week. Toms made eight birdies, including a near ace at the 13th hole, to take a one-shot lead over Phil Mickelson and Jason Behr.

It was a well-earned change for the 2001 PGA Championship winner, whose last victory was more than two years ago. Swinging too hard two months ago at the Match Play Championship caused a disk problem to flare up. He followed that withdrawal with two missed cuts while on pain medication, shot an 80 in the final round of the Masters, and tied for 61st at the Verizon Heritage.

Golf wasn't fun anymore for Toms as he pulled into his reserved parking spot for past champions here this week ranked 133rd on the money list and thinking about cutting back on his schedule.

"Grinding to make the cut is so much like work. Playing well, I obviously enjoy that a lot more," said Toms, a 12-time tour winner. Mickelson, in his first tournament since the Masters, showed off his new, longer putter in shooting a 68.

Ochoa took some measure of satisfaction by not letting the leaders get too far away in her quest for a record-tying fifth consecutive victory on the LPGA Tour.

See Young Park held it together in Oklahoma's notorious wind with a 2-under 69, and Beth Badler also was 2 under as she finished up a tough day for everyone at Cedar Ridge.

**Ochoa two over par**  
BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — Lorena Ochoa felt helpless as too many shots ballooned into relentless gusts that reached 36 mph Thursday, sending her to only her second round over par this year.

Stranger still was listening to her describe a 2-over 73 at the SunGroup Championship.

"I managed to finish with a good score," she said.

On a wind-blown day that yielded no more than five scores under

**Daly 10 back in Spain**  
SEVILLE, Spain — John Daly shot a 3-over 75 in his first tournament in Spain in 16 years, leaving him 10 strokes behind leader Martin Erlandsson in the Spanish Open.

Erlandsson, from Sweden, birdied the final three holes for a course-record 65.

— The Associated Press

# Jazz try to close out Rockets in Game 6

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The playoff series the Utah Jazz appeared to have firmly in their control could be teetering.

The Jazz host the Houston Rockets on Friday in Game 6 of the best-of-7 series. Utah leads 3-2 and is just one victory away from advancing to the second round, but the Jazz are also only one game, That's where we've got to be concerned," guard Deron Williams said.

After those first two losses, it seems like they're a different team — a more determined team.

The Jazz's favor is their haven't had trouble regrouping after losses this season. Utah has not lost back-to-back games since the end of December.

That could easily change if the Jazz play like they did Tuesday. The Jazz have gone 58-for-146 over the past two games, making only two of 23 3-pointers. On Tuesday, the Jazz were 27-for-74 and committed 18 turnovers while scoring the fewest points they have all season.

Utah still leads the series and has a chance to clinch at home, but the Rockets are unlikely to be rattled by the rowdy fans that cheered on the Jazz to a 37-4 home record during the regular season. Houston split the two games here last week and is one of the few teams to win in EnergySolutions Arena during the regular season.

"This is going to be their best shot. They really think they have to win this game," Houston coach Rick Adelman said.

McGrady had his left knee wrapped during a light practice Thursday in Houston. He said the soreness that kept him out of 12 games midway through the season has returned, although it didn't seem to slow him much as he scored 29 on Tuesday.

# Pistons crush 76ers to reach Round 2

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Richard Hamilton hit his first five shots during Detroit's overpowering start, and the Pistons rolled into the second round of the playoffs by crushing the Philadelphia 76ers 100-77 on Thursday night to win the series 4-2.

The Pistons will host the Orlando Magic, who eliminated the Toronto Raptors, in five games, on Saturday in the opener of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Hamilton finished with 24 points, 13 in the first quarter when he outscored the 76ers by himself. Chauncey Billups had 20 points for the Pistons, who reached the second round for the seventh straight season.

Detroit held Philadelphia without a field goal for nearly the first 6 minutes of the game. Andre Iguodala scored 16 points for the Sixers.



**Thursday's score**  
Detroit 100, Philadelphia 77  
Tuesday's games: Jazz's favor is their haven't had trouble regrouping after losses this season. Utah has not lost back-to-back games since the end of December.

# Cabrera's big day lifts Tigers past Yanks

NEW YORK — Miguel Cabrera homered, tripled and drove in three runs, leading Detroit to its first three-game sweep in New York since 1966 with an 8-4 win on Thursday.

Reserve infielder Ramon Santiago made the most of his first start at shortstop this season, turning in a key defensive play and hitting a tiebreaking triple to beat Nate Robertson (1-3).

Maglio Ordonez had three hits — including a two-run double off Ian Kennedy — and scored twice for the Tigers, who won for the eighth time in 10 games.

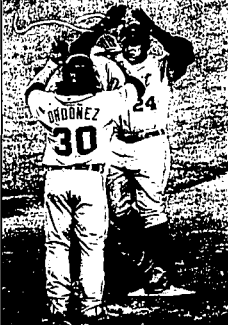
Bobby Abreu hit a three-run homer for the banged-up Yankees.

**BLUE JAYS 3, RED SOX 0**  
BOSTON — A.J. Burnett scattered three hits pitching into the eighth inning and Alex Rios homered for the Toronto Blue Jays, who wrapped up a miserable road trip with a victory over Boston.

Toronto finished the nine game trip at 2-7 and avoided a sweep after Boston had the two previous games in the last at-bat. The Red Sox and Blue Jays combined for seven total runs in the series.

**INDIANS 3, MARINERS 2, 11 INNINGS**  
CLEVELAND — Adruvaldo Cabrera broke an 0-for-14 slump with a bases-loaded single in the 11th inning to give Cleveland the win.

**RAYS 4, ORIOLES 2**  
BALTIMORE — Matt Garza allowed



Tiger Tigers outfielder Maglio Ordonez (30) greets Miguel Cabrera as he comes home after hitting a two-run home run during the seventh inning against the New York Yankees on Thursday at Yankee Stadium in New York.

three hits in six innings. Carl Crawford snapped a tie with a two-run single in the seventh and the Rays won again.

**RANGERS 2, ROYALS 1**  
ARLINGTON, Texas — Sidney Ponson got his first victory in a year and Texas finished off a successful homestand with Ron Washington still its manager.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE BREWERS 4, CUBS 3**  
CHICAGO — Ryan Braun hit a two-run double off Kerry Wood during Milwaukee's three-run ninth inning and the Brewers rallied to beat the Chicago Cubs 4-3 on Thursday.

Wood blew his third save in seven

# Canseco's home foreclosed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jose Canseco, the former AL MVP who made millions during his baseball career, has had his home foreclosed.

Canseco told the syndicated TV show "Inside Edition" that he walked away from his \$2.5 million, 7,300-square foot home in suburban Encino because it didn't make sense to continue making payments.

"I do have a judgment on my home and it to me is very strange because it didn't make financial sense for me to keep paying a mortgage on a home that was basically owned by someone else," he said in an interview that aired Thursday.

He added that a couple of divorces cost him \$7 million or \$8 million.

chances and wasted a fine performance by Carlos Zambrano, who pitched 6 1-3 innings and helped himself with his 13th home run — tying the team record held by Ferguson Jenkins.

**PHILLIES 3, PADRES 2**  
PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Howard hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the eighth inning to lift Philadelphia to the win.

**NATIONALS 3, PIrates 2**  
WASHINGTON — Austin Kearns broke a tie with a two-out RBI single in the eighth inning, and the Nationals ran their winning streak to a season-high four games.

**DOGGEIS 5, MARLINS 3**  
MIAMI — Matt Kemp drove in the tiebreaking run with a ninth-inning single and Los Angeles completed its second consecutive series sweep.

The Dodgers have won six straight, their longest winning streak since taking seven in a row to close the 2006 season. — The Associated Press

# Spartans

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"I had a fastball, and I had pretty good timing on it, but I put a good swing on it," Broadhead said.

"He was throwing inside — in me all that at-bat."

Christiansen said. "He kept coming inside, so I just kept sitting inside. I wanted to put a good swing on it, but I didn't try to hit it extra hard. I just made great contact."

The Wolverines battled back in the top of the fifth on an RBI double from Michale Brunker and a two-RBI single from Seamans.

"I was a little disappointed in myself giving up those late-inning runs. I need to do a better job focusing when we've got a big lead like that," said Broadhead.

Overall, though, Frank was pleased with the pitching effort Broadhead turned in. "Dano pitched a gem," he said.

The Spartans will host the Jerome's Tigers at 11 a.m. Saturday.

**Minico 13, Wood River 3**  
five innings  
Wood River 100-82-84  
Minico 85-102-81-82  
Spartan, Trent Seamans, No. 20 and Pat Peterson, Drew Broadhead and Alex Wood. Wood River: Michale Brunker, Mike Dixon, Christiansen, Moore, 3B, Mallico, Dany Winters, 1B, Mike Broadhead, Christiansen, Dreyfus, Coach.

# Slam

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The Golden Eagles will now face Salt Lake in a 2:30 p.m. showdown, the teams' seventh meeting of the year. The Bruins topped Southern Nevada 5-0 on Thursday as urbanest sophomore pitcher Lindsey Palmer pitched to 27-0 with the shutout.

Baumer said. "I think we're confident enough that we should give ourselves a chance."

"I'm so excited it happened for me," she said. "Everyone loves making that play to end the game."

# Tigers

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and have nothing to lose. "We rode in relaxed today, and I think Minico will get our best game," Jerome coach Tom Bobrowski said. "You never know, but Minico really is solid this year. There's Minico, then the rest of 4A. But even if they beat us nine times out of ten, there's still that one."

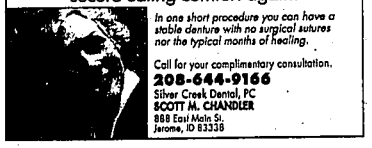
mentally recollect themselves and score some runs for Beck, who will be on the mound.

"He's thrown well all year," Graham said. "We expect good things from him. We need to get the bats going. We need to score more than three runs."

**Jerome 13, Burley 3**  
Jerome 802-011-23 210 D  
Burley 502-812-3434  
Jody Parker, Justin Peterson (7) and Cameron Johnson, Justin Peterson, Drew Broadhead, Alex Wood, 1B, Dreyfus, Trent Seamans, No. 20 and Pat Peterson, Drew Broadhead and Alex Wood. Wood River: Michale Brunker, Mike Dixon, Christiansen, Moore, 3B, Mallico, Dany Winters, 1B, Mike Broadhead, Christiansen, Dreyfus, Coach.

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**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

Panel 1: "HI THERE. I AM AN APTERYX, A WINGLESS BIRD WITH HAIRY FEATHERS."  
 Panel 2: "THAT'S FASCINATING. PLEASE TELL ME MORE."  
 Panel 3: "...WELL?"  
 Panel 4: "GIMME A SEC. I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY GOTTEN THIS FAR."

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

Panel 1: "I'M VERY IMPRESSED WITH YOUR INITIATIVE, HANNAH!"  
 Panel 2: "AND YOU SEEM VERY CONFIDENT ABOUT THIS."  
 Panel 3: "I LEARNED EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT CHANGING DIAPERS FROM WATCHING DAD."  
 Panel 4: "CAN YOU HAND ME THE DUCT TAPE?"

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

Panel 1: "WHAT'S THIS?"  
 Panel 2: "SLOPPY JOES."  
 Panel 3: "IT'S CASUAL FRIDAY, ISN'T IT?"  
 Panel 4: "GROSS! MORE CASUAL!"

**Blonde** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

Panel 1: "OH MONEY, I HAD THE MOST OUTRAGEOUS DREAM THAT YOU WERE BEING SMOOCHED BY NICOLE KIDMAN."  
 Panel 2: "OH, STOP POINTING, DEAR... MAYBE IT WASN'T SO OUTRAGEOUS AFTER ALL."  
 Panel 3: "OH, STOP POINTING, DEAR... MAYBE IT WASN'T SO OUTRAGEOUS AFTER ALL."

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

Panel 1: "OUR ALTERNATIVE FUEL DIVISION HAS FOUND A WAY TO TURN FRESH WATER INTO FUEL!"  
 Panel 2: "WOULDN'T THAT TURN THE WORLD INTO AN UNINHABITABLE WASTELAND IN THE LONG RUN?"  
 Panel 3: "NOT IF SOMEONE FINDS A WAY TO TURN OIL INTO WATER."

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

Panel 1: "Oh Professor! Can we go in here?"  
 Panel 2: "No, we have to find all your parents!"  
 Panel 3: "Ya know, I can cry at the drop of a hat."  
 Panel 4: "My mom says my scream can break windows."  
 Panel 5: "I'm staked to the floor."  
 Panel 6: "See why I said to stay away from the fair pits?"  
 Panel 7: "Coco!"

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

Panel 1: "I WENT TO TALK ABOUT LONG-DAYS - I AM GLAD THIS ONE'S OVER."  
 Panel 2: "ALL YOUR DRILLIONS ABOUT HOME & PREPARING DON'T EVEN COME TO THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT DRILLIONS, SOMETHING'S BILLY."  
 Panel 3: "I HAD A KID IN TOWN WHO NOT ONLY PUT MY FRESH TINT ON BUT GENT THE ENTIRE FRONTMENT COUNTING HIS NOSE HAIR."

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

Panel 1: "DOCTOR ERNIE, ANIMAL SCIENTIST, ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS."  
 Panel 2: "A READER IN COLORADO ASKS 'WHEN SHOULD A COLT BE WEANED FROM ITS MOTHER?'"  
 Panel 3: "A FOAL AND HIS MOMMY ARE SOON PARTED!"

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

Panel 1: "A CALL!"  
 Panel 2: "HELLO!"  
 Panel 3: "YOUR BELT HOLSTER'S A LITTLE TIGHT THERE."  
 Panel 4: "RIP"

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

Panel 1: "HAGLER, WHAT MAKES YOU SO HAPPY?"  
 Panel 2: "I GUESS READING BOOKS MAKES ME HAPPY."  
 Panel 3: "JH... WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY, HERNA?"  
 Panel 4: "JUST BRING CLOSE TO YOU WHILE YOU READ BOOKS MAKES ME HAPPY!"

**Hi and Lols** By Chance Browne

Panel 1: "LISTEN TO THIS SONG I'M WRITING."  
 Panel 2: "I KNOW A GIRL WHO'S TRUE - WITH HAIR OF GOLD AND EYES C. BLUE."  
 Panel 3: "SEE YA ROUND CHIP."  
 Panel 4: "YOU DON'T LIKE THE SONG?"  
 Panel 5: "MY EYES ARE BROWN!"

**Luann** By Greg Evans

Panel 1: "MOM, DO YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE TO CHANGE A GUY?"  
 Panel 2: "YOU MEAN LIKE TAKE OFF THE ROUGH EDGES?"  
 Panel 3: "ACTUALLY, I'D LIKE TO ADD SOME. I'M TALKING ABOUT GUNTHER."  
 Panel 4: "GUNTHER? BUT HE'S SUCH A SWEETHEART. WHY CHANGE HIM?"  
 Panel 5: "HE IS SWEET AND I MIGHT LIKE HIM. IT'S JUST THAT EVERYTHING HE DOES HE'S SUCH A NEED."  
 Panel 6: "IF YOU PASS ON A GREAT GUY BECAUSE OF WHAT OTHERS THINK OF HIM, THEN MAYBE HE'S NOT THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO CHANGE..."

**Classic Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

Panel 1: "ASK YOUR DOG TO COME OUT AND PLAY."  
 Panel 2: "WHY DON'T YOU GET YOUR OWN DOG?"  
 Panel 3: "MOM WON'T LET ME HAVE A DOG."  
 Panel 4: "WELL, YOU CAN'T KEEP BORROWING MINE."  
 Panel 5: "I TOLD HIM THAT DOES AREN'T SOMETHING YOU BORROW LIKE A LAWN MOWER OR A CUP OF SUGAR."  
 Panel 6: "NEXT TIME TELL HIM TO CALL 'LEASE A DOG'."

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

Panel 1: "Okay zebra neighba, leesten... Crocs rent airplane. One meenuta ago, me order para-troop drop on zebra house."  
 Panel 2: "WHERE'D YOU GET ALL THE PARACHUTE GEAR?"  
 Panel 3: "Abort."

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

Panel 1: "IT'S HARD TO GET OLD AND WATCH YOUR SENSES GRADUALLY DIMINISH."  
 Panel 2: "VEAH, THAT'S NO FUN."  
 Panel 3: "TAKE ME, FOR EXAMPLE. I DON'T SEE VERY GOOD. I DON'T HEAR VERY GOOD..."  
 Panel 4: "...YOU DON'T SMELL VERY GOOD."

**Rose Is Rose** By Pat Brady

Panel 1: "A STRAW WRAPPER LIKE MOTE REQUIRES A READY HAND, GOOD LUNG CAPACITY AND A RECIPIENT WITHIN RANGE!"

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

Panel 1: "CAUTION AND MOVE AWAY FROM THE HAZARD."  
 Panel 2: "WHO ARE YA GONNA BELIEVE... MR. WILSON AN A POLICEMAN, OR ME AN RUFF?"

**The Wizard of Id** By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

Panel 1: "THE KING HAS ASKED ME TO SPRUCE UP THE PRISON CELLS."  
 Panel 2: "FIRST THING, REMOVE THAT FILE OF UNSIGHTLY TRASH IN THE CORNER."  
 Panel 3: "I GUESS YOU'RE FREE TO GO."

**Zits** By Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott

Panel 1: "AN EXHILARATING WORK OF ASTONISHING INSIGHT AND INCONVERTIBLE GENIUS!"  
 Panel 2: "WHAT DO YOU THINK?"  
 Panel 3: "DUDE, IT'S THE SAME TITLE YOU GAVE ALL OF YOUR RECENTS."  
 Panel 4: "AND ONE OF THESE DAYS IT'S GONNA PAY OFF!"

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Overcast, dry weather conditions expected. Highs, lower 60s.
Tonight: A few clouds overhead. Lows, 30s.
Tomorrow: Near average temperatures with mostly sunny skies. Highs, mid 60s.

BURLEY RUFERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies. Highs, upper 50s to near 60.
Tonight: Mainly clear skies. Lows, 30s.

Tomorrow: A bit warmer with mostly sunny skies to start the weekend. Highs, 60s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with columns for Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and weather icons. Includes high and low temperatures for each day.

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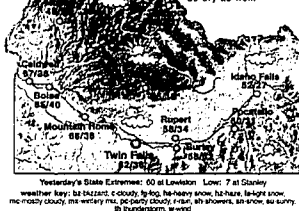
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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
The next couple of days will provide us with variability to mostly cloudy skies. Isolated light showers are possible Saturday, otherwise it will be mostly cloudy.

BOISE
These planning activities continue today through this weekend will have great weather. Expect mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies, dry weather and pleasant temperatures.

NORTHERN IDAHO
Mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies will allow for warmer temperatures over the next two days. It will be dry as well.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 60 at Lewiston. Low: 7 at Starline.
Weather keys: S: Sunny; C: Cloudy; N: No. Heavy snow; H: Heavy snow; B: Partly cloudy; D: Mostly cloudy; N: No snow; A: All showers; B: No sun; P: Partly cloudy; W: Wind.

REGG MIDDLEKAMP'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Even though it's a long drive home, it's worth it to see the horses and control this great force." - Tom Blund

Big Brown a big hit as unbeaten Kentucky Derby favorite

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — No one knows Big Brown better than Michelle Nevins.
The exercise rider for the unbeaten Kentucky Derby favorite has ridden the big bay colt more than 100 times, and she remains awed by his graceful stride and powerful running style.

The horse just floats over the ground," Nevins said in her Irish brogue following Big Brown's final workout before Saturday's Derby.
"Big Brown is all that, and more. The colt with three victories by a combined 29 lengths has created quite a backstitch buzz at Churchill Downs."

Dozens of photographers followed Big Brown to the track for Thursday morning's training, gawking at the striking colt, with one



Groom Herasmo Gonzalez washes Kentucky Derby favorite Big Brown after a workout at Churchill Downs Thursday in Louisville, Ky.

hollering, "There goes the Derby winner."
After breezing three furlongs in 35.40 seconds, Big Brown barely worked up a sweat and walked back to the barn with a bounce in his step.

Clinton, visiting Louisville, makes Derby pick

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Presidential hopeful Hillary Rodham Clinton has urged a group of supporters to put their money on Eight Belles, the only filly in Saturday's Kentucky Derby.
Clinton made her comments Thursday during a brief visit to Louisville to meet with supporters and volunteers.

"Eight Belles will be the first filly in the Derby since 1999. Only three have won the race, with Winning Colors the last to do so in 1988."

Asked if she was concerned about any of the 19 other horses in the field, Nevins smiled.

"Not after that, she said. Big Brown has overcome tender front feet to take it all involved on quite a ride. Trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. is telling everyone that the best horse and plans to bet as much

money he can on Big Brown to win. Jockey Kent Desormeaux is as confident of victory as Dutrow. And Eight Belles was so taken with the colt after his first victory, it paid a reported \$3 million to own a 75 percent share.

The horse is named for UPS, a client of minority owner Paul Pompa Jr., and that has generated additional interest. During Dutrow's news conference, a UPS man dressed head-to-toe in brown wheeled up a bale of hay and made a mock presentation. The shipping label read: "To Big Brown, Kentucky Derby winner's circle."

Big Brown will have to deliver from the outside No. 20 post, where only one other Derby winner started from (Clyde Van Dusen in 1929). Also, Big Brown will attempt to become the first Derby winner with just three previous starts since the filly Regret in 1915.

No one seems concerned. "We're not worried," Dutrow said.

"It's all good, babe."
Dutrow & Co. — "my people" he calls them — have been enjoying every minute of it. But the trainer knows he wouldn't be at his first Derby without a horse like Big Brown.

"His talent and his ability got us here, not my training technique," Dutrow said. "Any good enough horse can do what I've done with this horse. Anybody who says that he's the horse making the whole game go."

The game started slowly for Big Brown, who missed training for two long periods with quarter cracks, the first cracked hoof on the right front foot, the second on the right front foot.

"It was very frustrating," Dutrow said. Big Brown won his career opener at Saratoga last Sept. 3 by 1 1/4 lengths. A few days later, Pompa had numerous offers for the colt.

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"I think going into the second half of the conference season, we wanted to be better than we were in the first half," Walker said. "To this point, we've been quite a bit better."

"That's exciting for a young club that has never hit that point and started to go backward. We're still moving forward, and I think our overall sense for this team is, man, we wish we had five more weeks left to play and then start the tournament because we're just now seeing who we really are."

After a rough nonconference start, CSI is battling a solid 27th in conference play with a SWAC-best 207 hits. Four Golden Eagles are battling 308 or better heading into the last four-game stretch that a group of six sophomores will play at the Skip.

Two-year players Jake Draeger, Jed Hanson, Jason Outman, Travis Reynolds and Justin Smith, along with sophomore transfer Matt Deacon will be honored before Saturday's doubleheader.

"I know those kids want to play well during their last games at home," Walker said. "With this group of guys, I think they'll do everything they possibly can to do as much as they can

Eagle Eyes

Today: No. 19 Southern Nevada (37-14, 26-10 SWAC) at CSI (30-22, 21-15 SWAC), Skip Walker Field, DH, 1 p.m.

Last time they met: The Coyotes took three of four games from the Golden Eagles in Henderson, Nev., the exception being a 6-2 CSI win behind the pitching of sophomore lefthander Jason Outman.

On the horizon: The Coyotes and Golden Eagles meet for a noon, Saturday doubleheader. CSI will enter Region 18 Tournament play at the No. 4 seed and face fifth-seeded Eastern Utah at either 10 a.m. or 5 p.m., depending on the tournament's site.

On the radio: This weekend's games will be broadcast live on 1270 AM KTFL.

CSI season leaders (minimums apply)
Batting — Average: Tyler Chism .315, Garrett Wolf .311, Hitts: Chism .52, Wolf and Judd Jensen .47, 2B: Jed Hanson 12, Chism and Jensen 10, 3B: Chism 4, Wolff 3, HRs: Chism 3, Jensen 2, Wolf 2, RBIs: Hanson 33, Chism 30, Runs: Chism 37, Jensen 34, BBs: Jensen 22, Matt Deacon 19, Rns: Chism 19-19, Deacon 18-22.

Pitching — Record: Jason Outman 7-3, 3.13 ERA (11 starts); Taylor Mangum 6-3, 4.26 ERA (7 starts), SV: Jake Draeger 4, Tyler Barrett and Brandon Henn 1. Innings pitched: Justin Smith 72-3, Mangum and Outman 2, Shutouts: Mangum 2, Smith 1, SOs: Smith 83, Outman 52, Opponents' average: Smith .192, Outman .243.

This weekend.
"They're CSI kids. They're Eagles. They take a lot of pride in what they do out here and what this has all meant to them."
Walker has said for years that a weekend against Southern Nevada is one that he circles on the calendar permanently. The cross-border rivalry has consistently produced great baseball games, which is something the Golden Eagles are looking forward to with tournament play just around the corner.

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Coming Sunday

Get to know Alameda Baseball's Outrigger

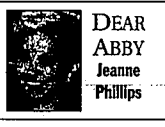
Wife in mixed marriage feels wrath of husband's family

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Vincent," and I have been together for 10 years. We have two beautiful children, a good marriage and a close bond with my family.

Vincent's family disowned him when he married me because of my race, and he's now starting to feel the full emotional impact. He is angry and disappointed with his family, but I know he misses them terribly. I have been called every name in the book by his mother, ignored by his siblings and brought to tears by his father's hateful words. I refuse to expose our children to that kind of treatment, so I have not pushed Vincent to contact his family, even though I feel he should try.

Abby, his family grew up hating minorities and I doubt they have changed since we last spoke, what can I do to help my husband through this without exposing myself and the children to their ignorance and bigotry? I know our kids will face this at some point, but I shouldn't come from family.

— UNACKNOWLEDGED IN ARIZONA
DEAR UNACKNOWLEDGED: I agree that it shouldn't come from family. So just tell them when your husband vents, because his anger and disappointment are justified. Do not push him to contact his family. They are so vested in their bias that it's



lion that he will have to arrive at on his own.

However, no law dictates that the police search for his mother lying in the casket. It is my understanding that private farewells can be made with the casket open or closed. Please explain this to him. Also, when the time comes, he may change his mind and want to see her. It's a very personal decision.

unlike they will change. Vincent made his choice 10 years ago, and he chose you. And that is why, rather than dwelling on the past, he should focus his energies on creating a successful and fulfilling future with you, his beautiful children and the family who has embraced him.

DEAR ABBY: My wife has a terminal illness, and we have begun the unpleasant task of making final arrangements. Our children are all in their 20s, and they are good for people because they give a sense of closure, but if Mitch doesn't want to go, I'm not sure I should press the issue. Can you please advise?

— SAD DAD IN ARIZONA
DEAR SAD DAD: My heart goes out to your family at this difficult time. I'm glad you wrote, because I, too, have reservations about pressuring your son. This is a deci-

DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Mara," has a temper. When she gets mad at our mom and stepfather, she goes into our room and slams the door as hard as she can, intending to damage the door and walls, and they're fed up with it.

If she does not stop it, he will take the door off. If it was just a door, I would say she deserves it. But it's my room, too, and it will take away MY privacy. Shouldn't he find some other type of punishment so I won't have to suffer, too?

— NOT MY FAULT IN MAINE
DEAR NOT YOUR FAULT: Yes, in fairness, he should. Surely, with enough ingenuity, your parents can think of a penalty designed "just for her" such as revoking her phone privileges, docking her allowance or grounding her — that won't penalize an innocent bystander. (Thank you.)

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## Car crash sends three to hospitals

### Passengers had to be extricated after vehicle broke through a guardrail

By Rich Greene  
Staff writer

A four-door station wagon vaulted through the air and broke through a guardrail before coming to a stop off an

embankment on State Highway 81 near milepost 31 shortly before 12:30 p.m. Thursday. The vehicle's driver, Joe Winward, 20, of Emmett and a passenger, 19-year-old

Teddy Lyebert of Burley, were both transported to Cassia Regional Medical Center. A second passenger, Ricky Hollahan, 20, of Burley, was taken to Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Boise and was listed in stable condition Thursday.

Respondents worked for Please see CRASH, Page C3.



Respondents work to extricate two occupants of a four-door station wagon that vaulted through the air before landing on an embankment on State Highway 81 near milepost 31 shortly before 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

## \$16.4M Filer school bond vote today

Staff report

Filer residents will vote today on a proposed \$16.4 million school bond issue, which would fund a new intermediate school for fourth- through sixth-grade, add classes at the high school, and fund maintenance projects at other schools in the district.

If a supermajority of voters, or 66.6 percent, support the school bond then property taxes are expected to grow by 86 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. For a \$100,000 residential home taxes would increase \$43 annually, or \$95 annually on a \$200,000 residence, after the owner's exemptions are factored, according to a campaign filer.

The district would also like to use school bond revenue to make roof repairs at Filer Elementary School and Hollister Elementary School, as well as relocate the football field to the high school — and upgrade the concessions building, restrooms, 600-seat bleachers with lighting and team rooms.

To vote, Filer residents must have resided in the school district for at least 30 days, be at least 18 and be a U.S. citizen. Voters can also register at the polls, said Kermit Leir, Filer School District business manager and clerk.

### Make your vote count

Voting will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Filer High School, Filer Middle School, Filer Elementary School and Hollister Elementary School.

## Former Lincoln County sheriff died Wednesday

### Southwick was in critical condition since April 4

By Cassidy Friedman  
Staff writer

Former Lincoln County Sheriff Stephen Southwick died shortly before midnight Wednesday at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, ending nearly a full month of doctors battling his ebbing health, his family wrote on their Weblog.

Southwick, 62, who in 2005 left office after more than a decade as the county's top cop, has remained in critical condition at the hospital and surrounded by family since April 4, a motorcycle accident. This week, after a long-awaited surgery on April 22, his health deteriorated.

The surgeons inserted plates, screws, and fused bones together, the family wrote. But the operation "did nothing to reverse any paralysis."

The family, which had been asking the Magic Valley community for

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## A DAY FOR PRAYER



Beverly Bennett, far left, and Barbara Rigdon, far right, respond Thursday afternoon during a prayer gathering. 'Lord God, we pray that gas prices go down, God,' said attendee Kay Wolverton. 'Yes! Convict those that are gouging!' said Rigdon. With the slogan: 'Prayer! America's Strength and Shield!' the National Day of Prayer event, which consisted largely of evangelical Christians, brought more than 50 people to Twin Falls City Park. Topics of prayer mostly focused on the United States and its citizens. The National Day of Prayer Web page says that part of this year's agenda includes a 'Pray for Election Day' campaign. 'What a year to pray for God — an election year, a year that reminds us how much we need God to guide [our nation],' said event organizer Judi Mellon.

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See a video story on the National Day of Prayer in Twin Falls.

## Twin Falls County discusses hazard-mitigation plan

By Damon Huzarke  
Correspondent

The Magic Valley isn't known for natural disasters, and long droughts just don't present the peril of hurricanes. Nonetheless, Twin Falls County has a plan to mitigate hazardous events.

Well, it has a draft of a plan. Wednesday night in the county's planning and zoning room, Rick Fawcett of Whisper Mountain Professional Services presented the "Twin Falls County Multi-Jurisdiction All Hazard Mitigation Plan."

Whisper Mountain regularly works with the County

Department of Emergency Services. The company began work on the plan in October 2006. Out of a federal grant of \$42,500, the city of Twin Falls paid the company about \$33,000, and the county will distribute the remaining 25 percent in project contracts for the company.

Whisper Mountain expected the mayors of Buhl, Castleford, Hollister, Kimberly, Filer, Hansen, Murtaugh and Twin Falls to attend and sign on to the plan. None of them showed up, but five of the eight cities were represented in some form, and the plan changed in accordance with their input. For example, despite drought

being the No. 1 hazard in Idaho, the recent earthquake in Wells, Nev., engendered concern about the Salmon Falls Creek Dam. The current draft reads, "One person is expected to be displaced out of a total impacted population of 11,729."

"But if it cracks, we're looking at a catastrophic failure," said Jackie Frey, Twin Falls Emergency Services coordinator. "OK, then we probably need to re-do this," Fawcett said.

The 240-page plan's mitigation contingencies include extreme heat, cold, lightning, hail, tornadoes, wind, floods, earthquakes, landslides, riots, terrorist attacks,

fires, as well as both biological and nuclear events. Most of these, while debated in the meeting, have never happened in Twin Falls County.

The last epidemic — the Spanish flu — occurred in 1918. The last time a person was killed by lightning occurred in 1913. A man was knocked off his horse and died. Fawcett pointed out that people are grounded by automotive travel nowadays. But lightning still managed to kill seven cows in 1946.

Regarding earthquakes, Fawcett said, "You guys get a lot of shaking

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## Wendell School Board rethinks middle school uniform policy

By Blair Koch  
Correspondent

Call it a flip-flop. After an April 23 meeting of the Wendell School Board it looked as if Wendell Middle School students would be required by fall to wear uniforms, after trustees unanimously voted in favor of creating a uniform policy at the school. While a dress code wasn't approved, district officials were looking at creating uniforms with khaki pants and polo-style shirts.

After Wednesday's special meeting, however, the board decided to table its previous vote in order to gather more community input. Resident Julie Lund, who sat on a committee created earlier this year to explore a uniform policy, was disappointed with the trustees' back-

peddling on the policy. "I am very disappointed with their decision," Lund said. "I thought the past meetings we've had were very well attended and the majority of those in attendance were all for (uniforms). I don't see this as punishment but as a positive way for kids to focus on their education, not on what they are wearing."

The idea of issuing a uniform policy has been floating around for months, said Middle School Principal Luke Kelsey. A survey was presented at the beginning of the school year, with 68 percent of those responding stating they were in favor of uniforms.

A survey was also given to middle school faculty, with about 80 percent of the staff voting in favor of creating a policy. A survey presented to middle school students came

back with 51 percent of students saying they were in favor of uniforms.

Uniforms are considered as a way to alleviate immodest dress, vandalism at the school and a way to close the socio-economic gap between students, officials say. "I'm doing this because I want to help the school in a number of ways," Kelsey said.

The school has 32 documented dress code violations this year, with many more going unreported,

Kelsey said. He said he believes dress code violations may be related to gang-like behavior.

Most parents at Wednesday's meeting voiced concerns with the policy, such as its cost and feasibility, enforcement concerns and student loss of expressing their individualism. Some in attendance questioned why the current dress code wasn't being enforced.

"We all acknowledge that we need a dress policy, but let's look at this as a community working together try-

"I thought the past meetings we've had were very well attended and the majority of those in attendance were all for (uniforms). I don't see this as punishment but as a positive way for kids to focus on their education, not on what they are wearing."

— Wendell resident Julie Lund

ing to find a solution, not a quick fix," said resident Delleah Slade. "We have laws that protect us and we have law enforcement that makes sure the laws are being enforced. Maybe we need to enforce what we have."

The school board will review more community input before making a final decision. Its next meeting is May 13.

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## Helen Lucile Huddleston

FILER — Helen Lucile Huddleston, 85, of Filer, died Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, surrounded by her loving family.



Helen was born Oct. 15, 1922, in Hollister. She was the daughter of Marko Pete and Ethel Corak. She was a graduate of Hollister High School and the Albion Normal School, where she received her teaching certificate. She taught at Allendale Elementary, Hollister Elementary and a state girl's reform school in Texas and substituted in the Twin Falls schools. She worked for many years as a housekeeper to earn money for her sons' education, but her greatest accomplishment was that of mother, grant-mother and homemaker. She married Leonard Huddleston April 6, 1941, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary shortly before Leonard passed away.

Helen dedicated her life to hard work and helping others. Her two favorite lifetime mottos were "Good, better, best, never let it rest until your good is better and your better is best" and "Anything worth doing is worth doing well." She was enamored with diction and poetry and spent many hours with the Ward Power section of the Reader's Digest improving her vocabulary.

Helen is survived by her four sons, Laron (Margo) Huddleston of Salt Lake City, Utah, Terrell (Nancy) Huddleston of Buhl, Kelly

(Nancy) Huddleston of Twin Falls and Dennell (Patsy) Huddleston of Moses Lake, Wash.; and by her grandchildren, Coryn (Jay) Williams, Jacob (Megan) Huddleston, Seth Huddleston, Kinsey (Jeremy) Amen, Sills Huddleston, Riley Huddleston, Ruebenn Huddleston and Levi Huddleston; two step grandchildren, Phillip Gostig and Nicholas Huddleston; her great-grandchildren, Taylor Amen; and two step great-grandchildren, Bree Anne Amen and Devin Amen. Two more great-granddaughters will be born this summer. She is also survived by her sisters, Alice Knight of Boise and Janice Anderson of Twin Falls; and her brother, Jim (Betty) Corak of Twin Falls. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Corak; her son, Marko; Pete (Monnie) Huddleston; her parents; her sisters, Margaret Choat, Catherine Watson and Virginia Corak; her brothers, Marian Corak, Millard Corak and Paul Corak; and her daughter-in-law, Kathy Huddleston.

Helen was a member of the First Baptist Church in Filer, where her funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 3. There will be a chance to visit with the family from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 2, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Helen loved flowers, especially her roses but, in lieu of sending flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the First Baptist Church in Filer. Please join the family in remembering Helen's life by signing the online guest book at [www.McM.com](http://www.McM.com).

## Margaret V. McMichael

Margaret "Maggie" V. McMichael, 77, of Twin Falls, went home to her heavenly father on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, with her loving husband of 50 years by her side.

Maggie was born in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Albert and Rosine Riddle on Sept. 13, 1930, and moved to the United States with her family to the states. She met and married the love of her life, James McMichael, on Feb. 25, 1958, in Worland, Wyo. Maggie loved to be a wife, a mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend to whomever needed one. Her favorite pastime was taking care of her large family, because family meant the world to her. She also loved to cook, bake, read, fish and camp, and be in the outdoors in general. Maggie belonged to the Women of the Moose Lodge in Buhl for numerous years. She was a beautiful woman with a very large heart who will be missed by all who knew her.



There will be a viewing from 4 until 7 p.m. Friday, May 2, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with the rosary to follow, with Deacon Jim Herrett reciting. The funeral for Maggie will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 3, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, with Father Victor Marvick officiating. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, James J. McMichael of Twin Falls; two sons, Jess (Patricia) Griffin of Twin Falls and Bert (Jody) McMichael of Jordan Valley, Ore.; five daughters, Tillie Guerrero and Linda (Everett) Miller, both of Twin Falls, Leah (Paul) Fisher of Boise, Tracy (Candace) of Hayward, Calif. (Melody) Robert's Vaquers of Boise; and one brother, George (Marge) Riddle of Sheridan, Wyo. Also surviving are numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, one sister, four sons and two daughters.

Afterward, she said, "For me, it's a goal to continue my education in emergency management. It isn't required, but I do it because I believe in my position and the need to be well-educated so that I can be a strong presence for the county and educated in what I do."

## T.F. officials celebrate 'Jackie Frey Day'

By Damon Hunziker  
Correspondent

For the past 13 years, Jackie Frey has been the Twin Falls Department of Emergency Services coordinator. On Thursday morning about 50 people crammed into, and outside, the county commission chambers — a festive ambience that included a man in a purple feather boa — to eat and celebrate federal recognition of Frey's work. Frey recently completed FEMA's Advanced Professional Series course, which touts a commitment to excellence in disaster operations skills.

Commissioner Tom Mikesell, who referred to the event several times as "Jackie Frey Day," said, "She's being recognized by FEMA for her commitment to meet any challenge and meet it with two fists forward."

Frey said she wouldn't cry and, despite her voice cracking for a moment, she didn't. "I'm a minute part of it without the support of all the partners and agencies."

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The class is part of two separate accreditation programs from FEMA and took eight years to finish, because, as Frey said, "It's offered on a limited basis. I even had to fly to Maryland for one part of it."

Among the crowd was Frey's mother Angle Alesi. "I feel that when Jackie takes on a responsibility in any position, she goes above and beyond what is called for," she said. "I've always felt that way, and I'm very proud of her."

After presenting Frey with her certificate of completion, signed by Gov. C.L. Bond and Sen. Mike Otter, Mikesell asked if anyone in the crowd wanted to speak. Sheriff Wayne Toussley, carrying a cookie, walked to the front of the room, hugged Frey, and said, "When I need a boost, I even don't give it to me, Jackie takes care of me."

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Karen Christine Ploss** of Boise and formerly of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

**Jay Kenneth "Ken" Fredrickson** of Rupert, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Declo Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

**Garry L. Matthews** of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Twin Falls, military memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Chapel in Boulder City, Nev.

**Elsie Irene Pryor** of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church, 409 Ninth Ave. N. in Buhl.

**John Leo Vecera** of Buhl, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at the LDS Chapel on Fair Street in Buhl; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Kenneth Quilled** of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

**Ethel Iris Heav Kleppe** of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

**Patricia Ann Price** of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

**Orveldo "Veda" Katherine Dussan**, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

**Wanda L. Brown** of Burley, graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; visitation from noon to 1 p.m. Monday at the Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main in Burley.

**Hall Scott Peterson** of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the LDS Church of Conception Catholic Church in Buhl; rosary at 7 p.m. Monday at the church; visitation from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

**Robert "Bob" Jackson** of Gooding, graveside inurnment service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

## SERVICES

### Braidin W. Lickley

JEROME — Braidin William Lickley, infant son of Dustin and Kim Lickley of Jerome, died Thursday, May 1, 2008, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by Hove-Bohannon Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

### Stephen V. Southwick

DIETRICH — Stephen V.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obits@magicvalley.com](mailto:obits@magicvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

Southwick, 62, of Dietrich, died Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service; Shoshone Chapel.

### Frances Cambrich

SANDPOINT — Frances Cambrich, formerly of Buhl, died Wednesday, April 30, 2008 in Sandpoint.

No service is scheduled at this time.

## GRANGE AWARD WINNER



The Albion Grange gave this year's Grange Community Citizens Award to Sers and Helen Sorenssen, left, in recognition of their outstanding service to the community. They have volunteered in various capacities in the Albion Valley. Keith Amenda, right, Grange executive committeeman, presented the certificate to the Sorenssens.

## Plan

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"But we have a major fault line right under the Perrine Bridge," Frey said, referring to the Snake River Canyon. "Fawcett said the greatest risk in the canyon is not an earthquake but water freezing behind the basaltic rock, causing it to break off and destroy the water and from pipes leading to and from the city. Because few city officials

attended the meeting, Twin Falls County commissioners Tom Mikesell and Terry Kramer expressed concern about approving the plan's goals on behalf of other cities. "There's no way in hell I'm doing that," Kramer said. "I think it's a much more powerful document if all the cities sign on," Mikesell said. Frey and Kramer agreed to write summaries for each town and see where the mayors go from there.

## SKILLS USA WINNERS



Jason Torgrimson and Connie Wood, advisors for the SKILLS USA organization at Twin Falls High School, recently attended the State Competition with their students. The following is a list of students that placed first, second, or third in their technical skills or leadership competitions: Paula Minix, Jenna Palmer, Vanessa Larson, Steven Burgess, Erica Sanchez, Selina Duankaw, Zach Hill, Andrea Gesko, Chris Hegman, Derrick Radd, Alexis Elliott. Winners included: Promotional Bulletin Board — Bronze, Paula Minix, Jenna Palmer; Computer Programming — Bronze, Steven Burgess; Web Design — Silver, Erica Sanchez, Selina Duankaw; Photography — Bronze; Paula Minix; extemporaneous speaking — Silver, Steven Burgess; Customer Service — Silver, Zach Hill.

## Southwick

Continued from page C1 prayers, conceded, "any healing or recovery is up to God and Heavenly Father." On Tuesday, "They've seen signs of depression and Dad's brain injury is very severe," they wrote. "The chance of him waking up is less than two percent." On Tuesday, "We are trying to take advantage of the time that we have with him," wrote the family. At 11:35 p.m., Southwick died with his family

by his side. A funeral is scheduled for May 5. Southwick was thrown from his Honda motorcycle after veering off State Highway 24 in Lincoln County. He suffered fractures to the spine causing some paralysis. Idaho State Police said Southwick was wearing a helmet. Cassidy Friedman can be reached at 208-735-3241 or [cfdriedman@magicvalley.com](mailto:cfdriedman@magicvalley.com).

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Digester planned for Jerome County

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has received a request for what would be the fifth permitted anaerobic digester at a Magic Valley dairy.

The request, from Cargill Environmental Finance and Bettecourt B-6 Dairy, would allow the companies to construct a digester about five miles west of Jerome. The pricey facilities convert dairy manure into methane gas, which can then be burned for power.

A public comment period on the request will be provided if a written request is submitted to DEQ by 5 p.m. on May 16. The permit application is available in PDF form at http://www.deq.idaho.gov/publiccomment.cfm.

Comments, written requests and questions regarding the process can be sent to Shelley Lundstedt, Air

Quality Division, DEQ, State Office, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706.

PUC doing workshops, taking comments on Idaho Power PCA

Staff from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission will be conducting public workshops next week to answer customer questions about Idaho Power Company's proposed Power Cost Adjustment surcharge. Commission personnel will be in Twin Falls at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Twin Falls City Council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.

Every year on June 1, customer rates are adjusted either up or down to reflect Idaho Power's annual power supply costs. The company spent about \$163 million last year buying power and natural gas to serve its customers. If the commission approves the PCA in its entirety, customers will see an average

10.3 percent increase to the existing power cost surcharge to be effective June 1.

The commission is taking written comments through May 20. Comments are accepted via e-mail by accessing the commission's homepage at www.puc.idaho.gov and clicking on "Comments & Questionnaire Fill in the card number (IPC-E-08-07) and enter your comments. Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

A full text of the commission's order, along with other documents related to this case, is available on the commission's Web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on "File Room" and then on "Public Comment" and scroll down to the above case number.

Camas officials cleared of alleged misconduct

An investigation by the

Idaho Attorney General's Office has cleared two Camas County officials of alleged misconduct including using their public positions for personal gain, according to a press release from the Gooding County Prosecutor.

Camas County Commissioner Ken Backstrom has been cleared of using his public position for personal gain and theft of public property while Ed Smith, Camas County Planning and Zoning Board member, has been cleared of using his public position for personal gain.

The revelation came in a March 2008 letter from Deputy Attorney General Stephen A. Bywater. Bywater cited insufficient evidence to prove the criminal charges. County Prosecutor Calvin Campbell had asked the Attorney General's Office to evaluate the allegations.

After reviewing Bywater's report, Campbell halted the investigation.

— From staff reports

Crash

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more than 30 minutes to extricate the passengers from the vehicle. According to a press release from the Idaho State Police, Winward was traveling at a high rate of speed when he failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection

of Highway 81." The road leading onto Highway 81 features a steep bump at a railroad crossing. None of the vehicle's occupants were wearing seat belts, according to the news release. ISP is still investigating the incident.

Advertisement for Century Stadium & Burley Theatre in Burley, featuring Iron Man, Made of Honor, Prom Night, and Forbidden Kingdom.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls County

ARRAIGNMENTS (APRIL 29-MAY 1) Fred J. Horton Jr., 25, Twin Falls; pedestrian under the influence; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for June 10; \$500 bond. Justin W. Fardun, 33, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for June 10; \$100 bond. Andrew P. Knefel, 21, Buhl; battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for June 10; \$100 bond.

Isac Marrajo-Rodriguez, 18, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; provide false information to an officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for June 10; \$100 bond. Steven K. Chase, 51, Idaho Falls; disturbing the peace/disorderly conduct; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for June 10; \$100 bond. Antonio J. Joseph, 22, Layton, Utah; resisting/obstructing an officer; unlawful entry; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for June 10; \$500 bond.

Nathan M. Guynn, 18, Jerome; petit theft; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for June 10; posted bond. Tasha M. Bannose, 27, Twin Falls; insufficient funds check; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for May 9; posted bond. Marcus S. Thomas, 20, Twin Falls; two counts burglary, one count grand theft; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for May 9; \$5,000 bond. Angel Ortiz, 21, Twin Falls; two counts possession of a controlled substance with intent to manufacture/deliver; no

plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for May 9; \$10,000 bond. George H. Hunt, 31, Buhl; video voyeurism; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for May 9; \$20,000 bond. Chester J. Moore, 28, Fillet; felony driving under the influence; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for May 9; posted bond. Juan A. Ojeda-Leyva, 61, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for May 9; \$2,500 bond.

Blackwater looking to train N. Idaho police

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Blackwater Worldwide is negotiating for construction of a regional law enforcement training center in northern Idaho.

The private military contractor based in McGehee, N.C., is working on a deal with the Idaho Peace Officer Standards & Training Academy to provide space and instruction to police, sheriff's deputies and other enforcement personnel. "Blackwater will be entering into agreement with the state of Idaho to build a training facility," Blackwater spokeswoman Anne Tyrrell told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "In this agreement, Idaho POST would be a tenant.

There would be other law enforcement agencies from the surrounding areas."

Jeff Black, executive director of the academy, said no costs have been set and the idea has yet to be approved by the state.

"There are a lot of things we need to work out," he said. "It's very early in the process." Blackwater has come under scrutiny for its security contracting work in Iraq. It also was outraged over a shooting Sept. 16, when 17 civilians were killed in a Baghdad square. Blackwater said its guards were protecting diplomats under attack before they opened fire, but Iraqi investigators concluded the shooting was unpro-

voled. An FBI probe began in November.

Tyrrell said no site had been chosen for a training center in north Idaho, nor had the cost been determined. "We're now looking for places to build," Tyrrell said. "It's best if it's in a fairly remote location that is accessible."

The complex would include an emergency vehicle operation course, shooting ranges, classrooms, dormitories for at least 80 people, a cafeteria and administration buildings, she said.

Currently, Black said, north Idaho law enforcement agencies send officers to the POST Academy in Meridian in

southwest Idaho, which adds to travel expenses.

Kootenai County Sheriff Rocky Watson said Blackwater's presence might raise public concern.

Advertisement for Military Order of the Purple Heart, featuring a brief on how to apply and contact information for Robert D. (Bob) Wagner.

Advertisement for Patient Spotlight featuring a testimonial from Betty Mulconnery, Kimberly.

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Advertisement for Lucy Stricker's Mothers Day Celebration, featuring a Pioneer Picnic on May 11th, 2008.

# Is it Smith or someone else?

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Is it the prophet?

More than 50 people attended an open house to see a large copy of what could be a 1840s photo of Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon church.

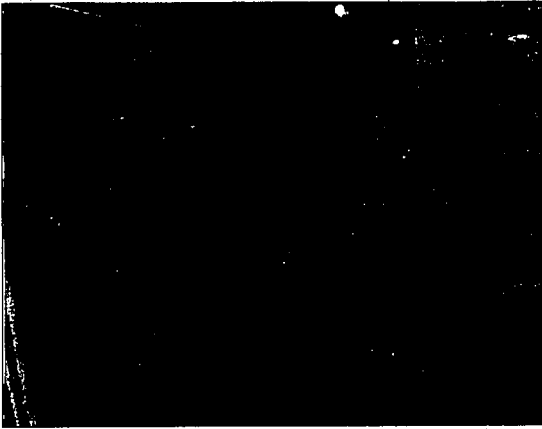
The display was intended to promote a book from Eborn Publishing of Ogden, "Millions Shall Know Brother Joseph Again: The Joseph Smith Photograph." While some people were swayed, others believe it's not Smith.

"I think the author has done a nice presentation," said Bill Slaughter, a photo historian who works for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

But he disagrees with the conclusions. No one knows where the photo was taken. Merging the photo with a Utah mask of Smith, as the author S. Michael Tracy has done, also raises issues of scale and size, Slaughter said.

Daguerreotype photography was just reaching the U.S. in the early 1840s. Smith was killed in 1844, although he did visit Philadelphia, which had a new photo studio.

"I thought it was really interesting," Alan Jeppson of Tooele said. "I think it's Joseph."



Photos that may be of Joseph Smith, founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, are displayed at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building in Salt Lake City on Wednesday.

The event was held Wednesday in the church-owned Joseph Smith Memorial Building, but it was not sponsored by the church.

The church issued a statement in March, seeking to

deny speculation about the daguerreotype, which is owned by the Community of Christ, based in Independence, Mo. That church has historical ties to the Mormon church.

"I'm not convinced," Mel Allen of Mesa, Ariz., said after his visit to the open house.

"It looks very much like him, though."

# Butte men receive award for rescuing 2 from burning pickup

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — Idaho State Police have honored two Butte men for rescuing an Idaho couple from a burning pickup truck in March.

Tony Edwards and Doug Jakovac received the agency's Special Recognition Award at the Montana Highway Patrol headquarters in Butte on Wednesday.

"They placed themselves in grave danger to save two strangers," said Idaho State Police Capt. Danny

Bunderson. The Butte men were on a steelhead fishing trip in Shoup, Idaho, and had left their cabin to look for Edwards' lost wallet on March 16 when they saw the pickup fire.

Alex Bellanca, 63, and Peggy Nichols, 54, had recently arrived in Shoup. They decided to rest in their truck with the engine running and the heat on. As they slept, the engine caught fire and smoke filled the cab.

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# Judge reconsiders ruling in schools v. Idaho Supreme Court

By Rebecca Boone Associated Press writer

BOISE — U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnill is reconsidering his ruling in a lawsuit between Idaho's public schools and the state's highest court but said Thursday that whatever he decides will probably end up before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The school districts sued the Idaho Supreme Court in June to demand a remedy phase in a case the districts won two years earlier. That's when the high court upheld a lower court ruling in favor of a 1990 lawsuit filed by the districts that contended Idaho's school financing system was unconstitutionally underfunded.

Since then, the school financing system has remained largely unchanged by lawmakers. The lawsuit

contends that the justices have done nothing to ensure that the 2005 ruling was obeyed, essentially violating the districts' due process rights.

In February, Winnill refused a state Supreme Court request to dismiss the case but agreed to reconsider at the justices' request. "They (the justices) just decided to make a rule here. We're not going to deal with this issue," Huintley told Winnill in court. "If you don't get a right to a remedy, you don't get a right to any trial that's meaningful."

No matter how he rules, Winnill said, there will likely be an appeal. He did not say when he expected to issue his decision.

The school districts may be able to get to a remedy phase by filing another lawsuit in state court over the Legislature's failure to com-

ply with the 2005 ruling, the federal judge said.

Huintley, 76, who has been fighting the case for nearly two decades, said the districts should not have to that route after spending \$300,000 on the legal wrangle, not to mention the time spent fighting in court.

"2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 — none of those Legislatures have done anything about it," he said.

Meryl Clark, a lawyer for the Supreme Court justices, said Winnill lacks jurisdiction to order the state's highest court to hold a remedy phase.

"What the Idaho court did here is not so unusual. Other courts have done the same thing," Clark said. "This court does not have the jurisdiction to direct that supreme court in how it's going to rule, how it's going to do its business."

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# Senate panel votes to block money for Iraq reconstruction

By Anne Flaherty  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A Senate panel has agreed unanimously to block the Defense Department from funding Iraq reconstruction projects worth more than \$2 billion and to begin to force Baghdad to cover the costs of training and equipping its security forces.

The provision, included in a 2009 defense policy bill approved this week by the

Senate Armed Services Committee, comes as Democrats draft a similar provision that would cover this year's war spending.

The efforts are part of the latest push on Capitol Hill to get Iraq to spend more of its own money and spare U.S. taxpayers. Democrats and many Republicans say it is unfair that Iraq is looking at pulling in as much as \$70 billion in oil revenues this year while Americans grapple with

soaring fuel prices at the pump.

"We want to send a very powerful message to the Iraqis and to the administration as to the cost of this war and the absurdity that a country which is exporting 2 million barrels a day of oil, for which we are paying when it gets to the pump now \$3.50 a gallon, is not fully paying to rebuild itself," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

The White House said Thursday that for American troops to be withdrawn eventually from Iraq, priority must be spent to help rebuild the country and train Iraqi troops.

"I think it's important that the Iraqis actually are spending a lot more on their reconstruction than maybe is commonly understood out there," said White House deputy press secretary Tony Fratto. "In their most recent budget, they'll outspend the United States 10 to 1 on reconstruction."

... We are pretty much out of the business of very large reconstruction projects in Iraq."

Fratto did not say whether the administration would threaten to veto the legislation. Lawmakers involved in drafting the bill said it was unlikely, particularly because of bipartisan support.

"They didn't reject it," said Sen. Ben Nelson of closed-door negotiations this week with the National Security Council. Nelson, D-Neb.,

sponsored the provision along with Sens. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Evan Bayh, D-Ind.

The defense policy bill, which will be considered by the full Senate later this month, would only affect Defense Department spending in 2009, which is estimated at \$612.5 billion. It is unclear how much of that money could potentially be used for reconstruction and therefore might be affected by the proposed restriction.

# Congress passes anti-genetic discrimination bill

By Jesse J. Holland  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Congress sent President Bush a bill Thursday forbidding employers and insurance companies from using genetic tests showing people are at risk of developing cancer, heart disease or other ailments to reject their job applications, promotions or health care coverage, or in getting premiums.

Bush was expected soon to sign the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, which lawmakers and advocates called "the first major civil rights act of the 21st century." Federal law already bans discrimination by race and gender.

"Your skin color, your gender, all of those are part of your DNA," said Francis Collins, head of the National Human Genome Research Institute. "Shouldn't the rest of your DNA also fall under that protective umbrella?"

Researchers supporting the bill because Americans have been refusing to take genetic tests or have been using false names and paying cash because they didn't want the information used against them by their employer or insurance company, Collins said.

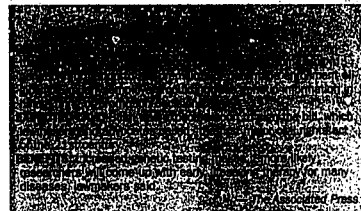
The bill would prohibit

health insurance companies from using genetic information to set premiums or to determine enrollment eligibility. Similarly, employers could not use genetic information in hiring, firing or promotion decisions.

A 2001 study by the American Management Association showed that nearly two-thirds of major U.S. companies require medical examinations of new hires. Fourteen percent conduct tests for susceptibility to workplace hazards, 3 percent for breast and colon cancer, and 1 percent for sickle cell anemia, while 20 percent collect information about family medical history.

In the 1970s, several insurers denied coverage to blacks who carried the gene for sickle cell anemia. The Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California secretly tested workers for sickle cell trait and other genetic disorders from the 1960s through 1993; workers were told it was routine cholesterol screening.

In another incident, Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co. paid 36 employees \$2.2 million in 2002 to settle a lawsuit in which the workers claimed the company sought to genetically test them without their knowledge after they had submitted work-related



Genetic testing is used to identify people at risk for certain diseases, such as cancer, heart disease and sickle cell anemia.

injury claims. The railroad denied that it violated the law or engaged in discrimination. "Health insurance plans are committed to protecting the privacy of patients while ensuring that they have continued access to high quality health care services in the emerging field of genetic medicine," said Karen Ignagni, president and CEO of America's Health Insurance Plans, a national association representing nearly 1,300 companies providing health insurance coverage to more than 200 million Americans. "This legislation advances this principle."

The House voted 414-1 for the legislation Thursday, a week after it passed the Senate on a 95-0 vote. The only member of Congress to vote against the bill was Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas.

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# Jury acquits soldier in death of Iraqi insurgent

By Angela K. Brown  
Associated Press writer

PORT HOOD, Texas — A military jury Thursday acquitted an Army sergeant of premeditated murder in the death of an unarmed Iraqi insurgent who was killed in a village overrun by al-Qaida operatives.

The family of Sgt. Leonardo Trevino gasped, clapped and sobbed Thursday after the verdict in his court-martial was read. The 31-year-old from San Antonio also was cleared on charges of attempted murder, solicitation to commit murder and three counts of obstruction of justice.

Trevino said he felt betrayed by the soldiers who testified against him but that he held no ill will toward the Army.

"I can stand here and say I'm proud to wear the uniform," he said.

Military prosecutors said in closing arguments that the killing by Trevino last summer in Iraq was unjustified because the insurgent was severely wounded from a gun battle and posed no threat.

Trevino's attorneys said he

followed the rules of engagement because he thought the insurgent was reaching for a gun.

"We've got to stop micromanaging how troops on the ground react," defense attorney Richard V. Stevens told jurors. "You're always reacting and you have to, and if you hesitate, you die."

Prosecutors declined to comment after the trial, as did the jurors.

The seven-member jury deliberated for about an hour. The jury's decision did not have to be unanimous; at least two-thirds had to agree on a decision.

After the June firefight in Muqdadiyah, Iraq, the soldiers went into a house and found an insurgent on the floor with about two dozen bullet wounds and a broken arm. Lingered reminded jurors of witness testimony that Trevino shot the insurgent in the abdomen, told one soldier to place a weapon by the Iraq and then told them that he had been armed.

A medic also had testified that Trevino ordered him to suffocate the Iraqi, and when he told his sergeant that the man was still alive, he shot him — this time, fatally.

# Study: Bush's reading program hasn't helped

By Nancy Zuckerbrod  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A reading program at the center of President Bush's signature education law hasn't added to children's understanding of what they read, a federal study has found.

The federal government has spent about \$6 billion on Reading First, which was created as part of the 2002 No Child Left Behind law and brings extra reading instruction, based on recommended practices, into low-income elemen-

tary schools.

The report out Thursday from the Institute of Education Sciences, an independent arm of the Education Department, finds no difference in reading comprehension scores among students who participated in Reading First and those who did not.

One of the main goals of the No Child Law is to get all children reading at their proper grade level, and the Bush administration has made Reading First a key part of that goal.

Education Secretary Margaret Spellings has

been among the program's biggest champions and defenders.

IES director Russ Whitehurst said the study focused on reading comprehension, rather than other aspects of reading such as whether kids grasp phonics, because comprehension is the ultimate goal when teaching reading.

The study did find Reading First led to more

time being spent by teachers on aspects of reading judged to be important by a federal reading panel.

The study also found that among schools participating in Reading First, higher levels of funding led to some improvement in scores.

Congress recently cut funding to the program due to budget constraints and controversies surrounding it.

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# Walters reveals affair with senator

NEW YORK (AP) — After three decades of keeping mum, Barbara Walters now says she had a past affair with married U.S. Senator Edward Brooke, whom she remembers as "exciting" and "brilliant."

Appearing on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" scheduled to air Tuesday, Walters shares details of her relationship with Brooke that lasted several years in the 1970s, according to a transcript of the show provided to The Associated Press.

would soon jump to ABC News, where she has enjoyed unrivaled success. Her affair with Brooke, which never before came to light, had ended before he lost his bid for a third term in 1978.

Brooke later divorced, and has since remarried. Calls to a listing for Brooke in Miami by The Associated Press were not immediately returned.

Walters is the guest of Oprah Winfrey to discuss her new memoir, "Audition," which covers her long career in television, as well as her off-camera life. On "Oprah," Walters recounts a phone call from a friend who urged her to stop seeing Brooke.

"He said, 'This is going to



Brooke in 1964

come out. This is going to ruin your career," then reminded her that Brooke was up for reelection a year later. "This is going to ruin him. You've got to break this off."

Winfrey asks Walters if she was in love.

"I was certainly — I don't know — I was certainly infatuated."

"I was certainly involved," Walters says. "He was exciting. He was brilliant. It was exciting times in Washington."

Also during the program, Walters choked up while describing the struggles of her older sister Jackie, who was mentally retarded. Walters confesses that, as a child, she sometimes felt embarrassed by Jackie.

"She stuttered terribly. People made fun of her. People made fun of me. I didn't bring friends home. I felt terribly guilty because she was very loving and I didn't always feel

that way."

Jackie Walters died in 1985 of ovarian cancer.

"When I think of her, because she was beautiful and loving and all of that, it makes me cry."

Brooke served two full terms from 1967 to 1979, taking on the populist causes of low-income housing, increasing the minimum wage and mass transit. He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004, an honor only 21 U.S. senators have received.

"He was exciting. He was brilliant. It was exciting times in Washington."

— Barbara Walters, on her affair with U.S. Sen. Edward Brooke

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# Police: 'D.C. madam' kills herself in Florida town

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — A woman convicted two weeks ago of being the "D.C. Madam" hanged herself Thursday, apparently making good on her vow never to go to prison for running a high-end Washington prostitution ring.



Deborah Jeanne Palfrey reads a statement outside federal court in Washington in March 2007.

The body of Deborah Jeanne Palfrey was found in a shed near her mother's home about 20 miles northwest of Tampa. Police said the 52-year-old Palfrey left at least two suicide notes and other writings to her family in a notebook, but they did not disclose their contents.

Palfrey apparently hanged herself with nylon rope from the shed's ceiling. Her mother discovered the body.

Officers were outside the mother's white and pink home in the community of mostly retirees.

Bianche Palfrey had no sign that her daughter was suicidal, and there was no immediate indication that alcohol or drugs were involved, police Capt. Jeffrey Young said.

A man who answered a phone listed for Palfrey's mother declined to comment.

"This is tragic news and my heart goes out to her mother," said attorney Preston Burton, who represented Deborah Jeanne Palfrey in her trial.

A federal jury convicted Palfrey on April 15 of running a prostitution service that catered to members of Washington's political elite, including Sen. David Vitter, a Louisiana Republican. She was convicted of money laundering using the mall for illegal purposes and racketeering.

that under sentencing guidelines, Palfrey faced about five or six years in prison. She was free while she awaited sentencing on July 24.

"I'm sure as heck not going to be going to federal prison for one day, let alone four to eight years, because I'm shy about bringing in the deputy secretary of whatever," Palfrey told ABC last year when she released phone records that revealed some of her clients. "Not for a second. I'll bring every last one of them in if necessary."

Dan Molden, a Washington writer, who befriended Palfrey while considering writing a book about her, said she was cautiously optimistic about her trial, even when the case went before the jury.

After the conviction, Molden sent her an e-mail but didn't hear back. A week later, he said, he sent another note entitled "A Concerned Friend" asking whether she was OK. Again, he didn't hear back.

After hearing of her death, he recalled a conversation over dinner last year when the subject of prison came up.

"She said, 'I am not going back to prison. I will commit suicide first,'" Molden said.

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# U.S. missile strike kills reputed al-Qaida leader in Somalia

By Mohamed Ould Hassan  
Associated Press writer

MOGADISHU, U.S. — U.S. missiles destroyed the house of the man identified by the U.S. military as the top al-Qaida commander in Somalia, killing him and 10 others Thursday in a pre-dawn attack that analysts warned could torpedo peace talks.

The killing of Aden Hashi Ayro comes amid escalating fighting and a spiraling humanitarian crisis in the Horn of Africa nation.

Islamic fighters have staged a series of attacks on towns in the months leading up to the U.N.-sponsored

talks, scheduled to start May 10. The insurgents typically hold the towns for a few hours, free people from jails, then withdraw with captured weapons.

Somali government officials have said Ayro, who was believed to be in his 30s,



Ayro

trained in Afghanistan before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States and headed al-Qaida's cell in Somalia.

Few Somalis had heard of him before 2005, when Ayro desecrated a colonial Italian cemetery in Mogadishu, throwing hundreds of exhumed corpses into the sea. He then built a mosque on the site and began training fighters there — many of whom would be eager to take his place.

An International Crisis Group report linked Ayro to the murders of four foreign aid workers, a British journalist and Somali peace activist Abdulqadir Yahya.

The U.N.-backed talks, which are slated to be more inclusive than previous rounds, offered a slim hope of bringing together the disparate groups in the armed opposition, including some Islamists.

Thursday's attack has damaged the negotiations.

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## Treasure trove found in 500-year-old shipwreck off Africa coast

By Donna Bryson  
Associated Press writer

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The ship was laden with tons of copper ingots, elephant tusks, gold coins — and cannons to fend off pirates.

But it had nothing to protect it from the fierce weather off a particularly bleak stretch of inhospitable African coast, and it sank 500 years ago.

Now it has been found, stumbled upon by De Beers geologists prospecting for diamonds off Namibia.

"If you're mining on the coast, sooner or later you'll find a wreck," archaeologist Dieter Noll said in an interview Thursday.

Namdeb Diamond Corp., a joint venture of the government of Namibia and De Beers, first reported the April 1 find in a statement Wednesday, and planned a news conference in the Namibian capital next week.

The company had cleared and drained a stretch of seabed, building an earthen wall to keep the water out so geologists could work. Noll said one of the geologists saw a few ingots, but had no idea what they were. Then the team found what looked like cannon barrels.

The geologists stopped the brutal earth-moving work of searching for diamonds and sent photos to Noll, who had done research in the Namibian desert since the mid-1980s and has advised De Beers since 1996 on the archaeological impact of its operations in Namibia.

The find "was what I'd been waiting for, for 20 years," Noll said. "Understandably, I was pretty excited. I still am." Noll's original specialty was the desert, but because of Namdeb's offshore explorations, he had been preparing for the possibility of a wreck even learning to dive.

After the discovery, he brought in Bruno Werz, an expert in the field, to help research the wreck. Noll has studied maritime artifacts with Werz, who was one of his instructors at the University of Cape Town.

Judging from the notables depicted on the hoard of Spanish and Portuguese coins, and the type of cannons and navigational equipment, the ship went down in the late 1400s or early 1500s, around the time Vasco da Gama and Columbus were plying the waters of the New World.

"Based on the goods they were carrying, it's almost certain that it dates from that time," said John Broadwater, chief archaeologist at the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"This find is very exciting because very few vessels from that period have been discovered," he said, adding that many early ships were thought to have wrecked in that area.

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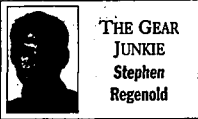
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## The lights to have if you're lost

Leave it to a small company in Beaconsfield, Quebec, to make products for the outdoors that no one else would touch.

Headquartered far from Seattle, Boulder, Colo., or other outdoors-industry hotspots, Adventure Lights, Inc. (<http://www.adventurelights.com>) takes its sphere of influence not from fleece-wearing mountain townies but from industries and institutions like law enforcement, search-and-rescue and the military.



**THE GEAR JUNKIE**  
Stephen Regenold

As such, its line of flashing, signaling, attention-getting devices includes lights and L.E.D. models that can do things like blip out a visual SOS signal for 350 hours straight.

Another Adventure Lights item — the \$17 Lazer Silk Powergrip AA — is a slim wand made to use in lieu of chemical glow sticks. It weighs just more than an ounce and attaches to a life preserver or boat hull via plastic zip-tie cinches to provide a waterproof light source that will improve your visibility for would-be rescuers or boats run astray in the fog.

Altogether, the company's line for the outdoors includes about a dozen esoteric items, many which look like children's toys at first glance.

They are anything but. The VIP Signal Light, as example, is an emergency L.E.D. that has been tested "in deserts, the Arctic, in the stratosphere and hundreds of feet below the sea," according to the company. The result is a beacon light that holds up in almost any extreme environmental condition, including 330 feet underwater and in temps ranging from minus-40 to 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

The product, which comes in several iterations, can be used as a flashing light for small boats, always-on blinker to add visibility when you're boating or biking on the road; or as a beacon that signals the international SOS distress call — dit-dit-dit, dah-dah-dah, dit-dit-dit — via a visual Morse code.

It tested the VIP Standard Yellow Case model, an S01 light that has a focused amber L.E.D., which is a color optimized to enhance visibility and help penetrate smoke and fog, according to the company.

The product is strangely shaped but functional, with a metal belt clip and included zip-ties to secure the light permanently to a backpack, life preserver or other object. It runs on a lithium battery (included) for a quoted 350 hours. It measures about 3 x 2 x 1.25 inches and weighs 4 ounces.

Another Adventure Lights product, the \$14 Guardian Dual Function, is an all-purpose L.E.D. flasher for signal and visibility use. It weighs less than an ounce and is available with a belt clip base, a single battery lasts for about 250 hours. Splash it and you're fine.

The little Guardian L.E.D. is waterproof to 300 feet. It has two modes, flashing and steady-on, which are accessed via a twist of the light's solid plastic bulb.

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## PICK OF THE WEEK: BALANCED ROCK

# Delicate balanced rock act

### More to Balanced Rock than its namesake formation

By David Bashore  
Staff writer

CASTLEFORD — Northwest of Castleford, tucked well away from the bulk of Magic Valley's civilization, a towering cluster of rocks and bluffs dominates the landscape of rolling hills along 3700 North.

The most easily-recognized of this outcropping is known as Balanced Rock, a formation that — through ages of weather erosion — loosely resembles the continent of Africa tenuously standing atop a rock base by the most slender of connections.

But while many have heard of the area's most famous spectacle, some may not realize that there's plenty more to do than come and take pictures of Balanced Rock. The occasional tagging on the rocks indicate that some, however, have figured this place out just fine.

From the city center in Buhl, take Main Street to the west and turn right on Burley Avenue, then follow the signs to Balanced Rock — it's a little less than a 14-mile drive from Buhl.

Two options present themselves as you wind your way along 3700 North between the rocky bluffs lining either side of the road: A small park is hidden to the left, and Balanced Rock itself lies ahead on the right. A small pullout and parking lot marks the spot to begin hiking up to the rock itself, as well as all



Balanced Rock is just one of many rock formations in the area northwest of Castleford, which is ripe for exploration by hiking, rock-climbing and bouldering enthusiasts.

of its comparatively mundane neighbors.

Take caution, however: The hike is more difficult than it initially appears and footing is tricky in some places, particularly with high winds whipping around. It's fairly easy to slip on loose rocks or dirt, so sturdy footwear is priority one on Balanced Rock. That, and the ever-constant hiking mantra of bringing plenty of water and a partner.

Balanced Rock is a beautiful and intriguing site, of that there's no doubt, but take time-out to visit some of the other rocks. Some other rock formations are easy for clim-

### BALANCED ROCK

**GETTING THERE:** Coming into Buhl from the east, turn left at Burley Avenue, then left again on 1400 East. Go four miles and turn right on 3700 North. Balanced Rock is a little more than 9 1/2 miles on the right hand side. All turns are marked, directing you to Balanced Rock.

**THE SITE ITSELF:** Balanced Rock is a uniquely-shaped rock that loosely resembles the continent of Africa due to weather erosion. There are a number of other rock formations and faces around the area.

**TIPS:** As always, bring a hiking partner and plenty of water. Sturdy footwear is a must, as well, as loose rock and dirt exists, particularly on the ascent and descent from the rocks. It is pretty easy to lose your footing, especially when southern Idaho's volatile winds kick up.

ing, bouldering, or just standing upon to take in the sites.

The park is ideal for a picnic and

relaxation after an exerting trek up to Balanced Rock and the nearby backcountry.

## Coastal salmon disaster not necessarily a threat to Idaho summer season

Washington, Oregon and California asking for more than \$290 million in aid

By Jeff Barnard  
Associated Press writer

Federal authorities declared the West Coast ocean salmon fishery a failure Thursday, opening the way for Congress to appropriate economic disaster assistance for coastal communities in California, Oregon and Washington.

"This is a bleak year," Jim Balsiger, NOAA Fisheries Service acting assistant administrator, said in announcing the declaration in Portland, Ore.

Idaho Fish and Game officials

"Ocean fisheries are based on fall spawn sites, and those tend to be in different areas (than other season spawn sites). They don't tend to run as far inland."

— Doug Megargle, fishery manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game

said that the declaration isn't necessarily an indicator of the fate of Idaho's summer salmon fishing season.

"Ocean fisheries are based on fall spawn sites, and those tend to be in different areas (than other season spawn sites)," said Doug Megargle, fishery manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. "They don't tend to run as far inland."

The agency in charge of ocean fishing estimated that the value of this year's lost catch was \$22 million — 90 percent of the five-year average — and direct income losses to sport and commercial fishing boats, processors, bait shops and other related businesses at \$60 million in the three states.

The governors of Washington, Oregon and California, who requested the declaration, have

estimated that rises to \$290 million as it ripples through the economy. California is seeking \$200 million, Oregon \$45 million and Washington \$36 million.

"Certainly this has a dramatic effect on all the coastal fishing communities," said Bob Lohn, Northwest regional administrator of NOAA Fisheries.

This marks the second year in the past three that a federal fishery failure has been declared for West Coast salmon, and last year's catch was poor, despite liberal fishing seasons. Fishing cutbacks in 2006 due to the collapse of the Klamath River chinook caused a drop in catch value estimated at \$16 million. Congress appropriated \$60 million in disaster assistance that

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# Wildflowers abound in and around M.V.

By Karla Barnes  
Correspondent

Blankets of snow will soon be replaced with carpets of wildflowers accenting the foothills and mountains of Idaho. A plentiful water year has assisted in what may be one of the best wildflower displays Idahoans have ever seen.

This prolific season will start soon, so put on your hiking boots, pick up a wildflower guide book and head for the hills — the blooming season is about to begin. There are endless opportunities to find and identify wildflowers in Idaho. You can locate fantastic varieties of flowers in almost any mountain location in the state, and often times just along the roadside.

In the north, visitors and residents will enjoy a sensational array of wildflowers. A drive through the Halley/Sun Valley area provides onlookers with a magnificent bouquet of flowers. As the Baker Lake turnout is located about 15 miles north of Sun Valley, once you hit the trailhead the hike to the lake is just 1.3 miles. The entire jaunt is a feast for the eyes. Meadows are accented with flowers in every color imaginable. Yellow flowers tip-toeing through the tulips, instead, check out the prairie lupine, penstemon, lark-



Colorado columbine can be found near Bonnett Springs at the base of Mount Harrison.

Photo by SUELLA BROWN

spur, flax, buttercups and Indian paintbrush as you stroll through the mountain meadows on your way to Baker Lake.

Southern flower enthusiasts can fulfill their quest for color in the South Hills. Here showy displays can be enjoyed along creek beds and throughout the hills. Phlox is an early flower that can be easily spotted in sagebrush covered areas. Other fun varieties are cinquefoil, antelope bitterbrush, Balsamorhiza and lupine.

To the east, a drive up to Mount Harrison will surely satisfy your appetite for fab-

ulous blossoms. My favorites discovered on the mountain were the Colorado Columbine and blue bells along the Bennett Springs area. The hillsides are vibrant here, the bluish-purple lupine and bright orange Indian paintbrush create a spectacular palette on the hillsides, while closer to the summit, one can enjoy the famous Christ Indian paintbrush, phlox, thread-leaved daisy and countless other varieties.

Western explorers can delight in a fabulous spectacle when the Camas Prairie comes into bloom or discov-

er another bountiful bouquet at the popular ghost town of Silver City. Here, bees and butterflies enjoy an abundant array of color tucked inside the charm of old Idaho. The creek beds are home to lovely blue bells and the cemetery is covered in wild roses. The *Artemisia* is one you will never forget.

Columbine can be seen along the roadway as well as numerous other fantastic delicate specimens that peek their heads out and call your attention to the beautiful blooms that adorn the breathtakingly beautiful landscapes of Idaho.

# Weekly Fishing report

This report highlights a few of the best places to fish, what anglers are using and what they are catching. The information is compiled from regional Fish and Game fishery managers, local tackle shops and anglers.

Spring has yet to turn up the thermostat. Lakes and reservoirs in the northern portion of the Magic Valley Region are either partially thawed or inaccessible due to snow. Spring runoff has yet to truly develop.

• **Little Camas Reservoir:** Two-thirds ice free. Still 1-3 feet of snow around the reservoir. Boat ramp not open due to remaining snow. Water levels are still quite low due to slow start to runoff. Hatchery trout have not been stocked yet and there are likely very few carryover trout available.

• **Carey Lake:** About half to two-thirds open water in the canals. Some ice on the west end. Fish are concentrated at the thermal spring inlet south of the boat launch area. Good catch rates of bluegill, bass, and small yellow perch.

• **Thorn Creek Reservoir:** Road still snow covered — no access. No stocked.

• **Mormon Reservoir:** Ice conditions unknown.

• **Magic Reservoir:** Reservoir should be open real soon; however, as of April 20 it was only 75 percent ice free. A wind lift ice cap is still intact and may shift depending upon wind direction. Narrows and south to the dam still has ice. Shoreline and some open water fishing has been great with 14-inch rainbow trout being caught.

• **Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir:** Ice free. Completely open with boat access at the dam and at Gray's Landing (primitive shoreline boat launch). Anglers are reporting hit-and-miss fishing with 17-19 inch rainbow trout (and some Henry's Lake hybrids) being caught fairly regularly from the shore, float tubes or from boats. Walleye are starting to bite; however, the water is warm and may be more difficult to catch. No perch reports.

• **Riley Creek (below Riley Creek Falls):** Good rainbow trout catch rates — some larger spawners close to the mouth of Riley Creek.

• **Oakley Reservoir:** Ice free. Low water boat ramp open — water levels rising slowly. Moderate to good catch rates of this year's stocked trout with some carryover sized trout (16-17 inch). No walleye reports.

— Idaho Fish and Game

# Geocaching catches on in Treasure Valley

By David Kennard  
The Idaho Statesman

BOISE — With names like Idmlberwolf, Seamonsters in the Mist or Idaho Taters, a group of modern-day treasure hunters is building a sport growing in popularity in the Treasure Valley. They call their pastimes geocaching.

"In the last year, it has really taken off," said Rob Lytle of Meridian, aka Idmlberwolf. He's one of the founding members of the Treasure Valley Geocachers Anonymous, a local association of local "cachers."

Outfitted with handheld GPS units, sturdy walking shoes and a veiled desire for remaining anonymous, they quietly promote their sport — mostly by word of mouth.

Started out with three or four of us who would go out and find some caches and then going to have a beer," Lytle said. "After a while we thought it would be fun to invite some others."

The cachers now gather monthly at local pizza restaurants, hamburger joints or other family friendly locales to share their caching tales and to put faces to the bizarre names that turn up in their log sheets hidden in trees and under rocks all across the Treasure Valley.

Another cacher, Jason Siebenthal, aka Seven Valleys, found a calling with his caching hobby while out wandering the sage brush near Initial Point south of Kuna.

The mini-mountain of lava has several geocaches hidden among its lowlands. Unfortunately, they are becoming harder to find, near Initial Point south of Kuna.

# Salmon

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was distributed last year. Contacted on his boat off Charleston, Ore., fisherman Jeff Reeves said he was happy to hear of the region's reopening because of the assistance from the 2006 season closures kept him from bankruptcy.

"Salmon was my money-maker," said Reeves, who also serves on the Oregon Salmon Commission. "It just seems to be getting more and more difficult to

litterbugs too cheap to haul their trash to a landfill.

"I was one in the area and couldn't believe how much junk is out there. Tires, old appliances," he said. So he called the BLM and organized a "Cache In, Trash Out" event — something cachers are beginning to become known for.

"It's just part of caching," Siebenthal said. "You're out there enjoying nature and you want to make it better." And you never know what you'll find. Sometimes it's a McDonald's toy, sometimes it's a rare coin. And sometimes it's a wife.

Lytle said when he heard about a group of cachers headed to Portland to visit the original geocache he signed up.

"That was the trip 'met my wife,'" he said. "That was kick."

Now the two enjoy their hobby together with their 5-month-old daughter.

Literally hundreds of treasure troves — many containing rare coins from around the world — are hidden throughout the Boise area, but unless you know how to find them, they wouldn't even know they are there.

Geocaching has been around for only eight years, but the number of hidden boxes grows daily. Nearly 100 geocaches have been hidden along the Greenbelt between Lucky Peak Dam and Eagle Island State Park.

Geocachers use handheld receivers that read informa-

tion broadcast to Earth from orbiting satellites. It's the same technology used in newer cars with mapping systems. A person using a GPS receiver can find their location anywhere on the globe. Better systems are accurate to a few square feet.

They find clues from fellow geocachers and from several Web sites that post latitude and longitude coordinates to thousands of hidden locations on every continent of the planet.

Each cache — usually in the form of a Tupperware bowl, military ammo box or coffee can — is hidden by fellow geocachers. The contents change daily as people visit the sites and trade items.

The game is a sport for the technology age, but embraced by anyone who loves the journey as much as the prize.

Scalith is key, and a loose set of rules governs the game. The treasure, as valuable as it may be, is never kept, but shared — passed along from cache to cache for others to find.

For instance, when a geocache hunter finds a cache he opens the box, signs and dates a log book then trades one treasure for another. Some cache chests are very small and contain only a log sheet with no treasure. These micro caches — usually the size of a 35 mm film canister or smaller — are more difficult to find and are considered more prized.

Other caches are disguised as common things such as large rocks, tree stumps or electrical boxes. There's even one cache in the Foothills disguised as a cow patty.

After a hunt, find a cache they record their find at geocaching.com, where cache

# Facts about Geocaching

Some facts, key moments and history about the growing sport of geocaching.

• **Creation:** The sport, only eight years old, began in 2000 when a Portland man placed a bucket by the side of a road and posted its latitude and longitude coordinates on the Internet. "Incidentally, the bucket was destroyed by a road crew using a lawn mower. It has since been replaced with a plaque designating the birthplace of geocaching. You can find the first cache at Waypoint GC1A9J1.

• **In Idaho:** There are 21 remaining Idaho caches placed during the sport's first year. A good place to find information about them is at Waypoint GC1A9J1.

• **Growing numbers:** At least count, there were nearly 6,000 geocaches hidden in Idaho — at least 1,000 of those are within 15 minutes of downtown Boise; 1,000 more are within an hour of the city center.

• **The Rainbow Bridge Incident:** Once in a while geocachers get a little too creative. This was the case of Scott Tinsman of Meridian who found himself answering some tough questions about a container he placed under Rainbow Bridge on Idaho 55 north of Smiths Ferry in 2006. A state bridge inspection crew found the container and alerted officials, who proceeded to close the highway for seven hours.

• **Source:** The Idaho Statesman

owners can then watch to see who has discovered their treasures.

By Karen Bossick  
Correspondent

There was a time when the U.S. Forest Service seemed bent on topping every mountain peak in the Northwest with a Forest Service lookout.

It equipped each with a hipbot hermit and a big pair of binoculars, and until the 1950s and '70s these served as the nation's premier line of defense against wildfires.

Today most of the 3,043 lookouts in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana are boarded up and some are even gone, their remains the ravages of nature and/or man. And most of the 100,000-plus men and women who once lived among the mountain goats are grounded, living at ground level with the rest of us.

Though closed, lookouts make for good excuses. That is, to get out and hike up to them and, just for the afternoon, enjoy the views that so many of us have never seen.

Idaho, actually, claims the first lookout in the Northwest, a platform-type tower that towered into the sky north of Twin Falls. Built during an unusually dry summer to protect valu-

able white pine forest, it was manned by the logging camp cook Mable Gray who would hop on a mare and gallop up to timberjacks if she spotted smoke. Two people died at the lookout over the years — one, a man who was struck by lightning in 1931. The other was a University of Idaho art student who fell over the 60-foot high porch railing in 1961.

While Bertha Hill is the nation's first and longest-running forest lookout, Twin Peaks atop a 10,340-foot peak 14 miles north-west of Challis remains the nation's highest manned lookout.

By contrast, most of the lookouts in the Twin Falls area — Pike, Trapper Peak, Mosby — are gone. But there are several remaining in the Sun Valley area (Horton Peak, Bald Mountain and Lookout Mountain) and another southeast of Fairfield (Trinity Mountain) that are well worth a visit.

Fall's a good time to go a-calling since the temperatures are cooler and the skies are crisp and clear, affording the high-definition views you came to see. But springtime is also a good time to go. The views are accessible, at least — can be just as good.

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## Just paying MORE

By Martin Crutsinger  
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WASHINGTON — Don't be fooled by a larger-than-expected increase in consumer spending. People aren't buying more — they're just paying more for their purchases, raising doubts about whether the 139 million stimulus payments the government began sending out this week will be enough to lift consumers' sag-

ging spirits. The Commerce Department reported Thursday that consumer spending was up 0.4 percent, double the increase that economists had forecast. However, once inflation was removed, spending edged up a much slower 0.1 percent.

The March reading was the fourth straight lackluster performance and did nothing to allay worries that consumer spending, which accounts

## Consumer spending up mainly because of sharp price increases

for two-thirds of total economic activity, remains under severe strains, reflecting an economy beset by multiple problems.

Rising food costs, soaring energy prices and falling unemployment have pushed consumer confidence to the lowest levels in five years. Incomes in March rose a weak 0.3 but after removing inflation, after-tax incomes were flat.

The Bush administration is counting on its \$168 billion stimulus program to give the economy confidence a lift to keep the country from slipping into a full-blown recession, but private economists are worried that the boost could well be fleeting.

"Consumers are facing bad news on all fronts," said Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist at Global Insight. "Any burst of spending based on the stimulus payments is likely to prove short-lived."

Sal Guanteri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, said economic growth could still turn negative this quarter even with the rebates. He cited a recent Associated Press-Ipsos poll that found only 19 percent of people plan to spend their rebates, with others surveyed preferring instead to use the \$600 to \$1,200 checks for the typical family to pay off bills or boost savings. Guanteri said he expected the

rebate checks to be a "moderate tonic," but he cautioned that once the rebates are spent, growth could turn negative later this year.

On Wall Street, investors brushed aside weak economic reports to focus instead on a rebound in the dollar's value against other currencies and falling oil prices. The Dow Jones Industrial average surged 189.87 points to close at 13,010.00, the first close above 13,000 since Jan. 3.

The government reported Wednesday that the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, eked 0.6 percent growth in the first three months of this year, weak but still in positive territory.

## Appeals court tosses NYC lawsuit against gun industry

By Larry Neumeister  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court tossed out New York City's lawsuit accusing the gun industry of selling firearms with the knowledge they can be diverted to illegal markets. The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a federal law provides the gun industry with broad immunity from lawsuits brought by crime victims and violence-plagued cities. A federal judge had allowed the lawsuit to proceed, though it had not yet reached trial.

New York is one of several cities that had sued gun makers. It said the industry violated public nuisance law

by failing to take reasonable steps to stop widespread access to illegal firearms.

The lawsuit asked for no monetary damages. It had sought a court order for gun makers to more closely monitor those dealers who frequently sell guns later used to commit crimes. "I am disappointed in the court's decision," said Mayor Michael Bloomberg. "Regardless of this ruling, we will continue our fight against illegal guns full bore on the streets and in the Congress."

City Corporation Counsel Michael Cardozo said his office "is analyzing the

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## Hitting the brakes

A jet prepares to land at San Francisco International Airport. Airlines have found something in common with consumers struggling with fuel costs: Like drivers on a highway, they can get more miles per gallon, and save money, by simply slowing down.

## Airlines slow down flights to save on fuel

By John Wien  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Drivers have long known that slowing down on the highway means getting more miles to the gallon. Now airlines are trying it, too — adding a few minutes to flights to save millions on fuel.

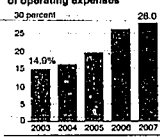
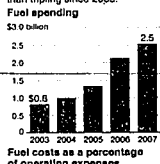
Southwest Airlines started flying slower about two months ago, and projects it will save \$42 million in fuel this year by extending each flight by one to three minutes.

On one Northwest Airlines flight from Paris to Minneapolis earlier this week alone, flying slower saved 162 gallons of fuel, saving the airline \$533. It added eight minutes to the flight, extending it to eight hours, 56 minutes.

That meant flying at an average speed of 532 mph, down from the usual 542 mph. "It's not a dramatic change," said Dave Fuller, director of flight operations at JetBlue.

### Soaring fuel costs

Southwest Airlines' fuel costs rose to \$2.6 billion in 2007, more than tripling since 2003.



SOURCE: Southwest Airlines

JetBlue adds an average of just under two minutes to each flight, and saves about \$13.6 million a year in jet fuel. JetBlue just four minutes to its flights to and from Hawaii saves Northwest Airlines \$600,000 a year on those flights alone.

United Airlines has invested in flight planning software that helps pilots choose the best routes and speeds. In some cases, that means planes fly at lower speeds. United estimates the software will save it \$20 million a year.

"What we're doing is flying at a more consistent speed to save fuel," said Megan McCarthy, a United spokeswoman.

United expects to pay \$3.31 a gallon for fuel this year — not much less than what the average American driver pays for a gallon of unleaded at the pump. Southwest, which has an aggressive fuel hedging program, expects to pay

about \$2.35.

Fliers, already beleaguered by higher fares, more delays and long security lines, may not notice the extra minutes. The extra flight time is added to published flight schedules or absorbed into the extra time already built into schedules for taxiing and traffic delays.

"If saving fuel costs me a few extra minutes out of my day, then ... my inconvenience is nothing," said Leah Nichols, a television producer who lives in San Francisco and was fresh off a flight at Newark Liberty International Airport, waiting for a train to New York. "I'm cool with that."

David Gannalo, a Phoenix financial software company executive, is more than willing to give up four minutes to help airlines cut costs.

"Anything that helps the airlines, you know, because they're going bankrupt left and right," Gannalo said.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### MAGIC VALLEY City to discuss Historic BID reorganization

The City of Twin Falls will hold a town hall meeting on the townsite at noon May 10 at the Toro Viejo restaurant located at 164 Main Ave. N. The focus of the meeting will be to discuss the reorganization of the Historic Business Improvement District and how to make the organization more effective.

Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow will also discuss the Mayor's Initiative 2010, which is a plan to help revitalize the Historic Townsite of Twin Falls.

#### IDAHO Meeting focuses on business legal issues

POCATELLO — The Pocatello office of the Idaho Small Business Development Center will conduct a legal clinic for entrepreneurs and small business owners at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Center at 1651 Alvin Nicken Drive in Pocatello.

There is no admission charge but reservations are required.

Lee Dillon, J.D., external programs director for the University of Idaho College of Law, will lead the program. Topics include:

- General business start-up issues.
- Selection of consultants.
- Entity formation issues.
- Third party issues.
- Intellectual property.

Reservations may be made by calling SHDC consultant and trainer Tom Maydew at (209) 232-4921 or by e-mail to maydew@isu.edu.

### NATION

#### Home Depot to close underperforming stores

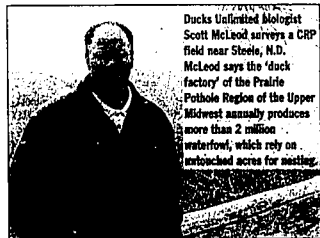
ATLANTA — Home Depot Inc. announced Thursday that it is shuttering 15 of them amid a slumping U.S. economy and housing market.

The move will affect 1,300 employees.

A company spokesman said some of the employees will be relocated, while others could lose their jobs.

The stores to be closed consist of three in Wisconsin, two in Ohio, two in New Jersey, two in Indiana and one each in Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, North Dakota, New York and Vermont.

— staff, wire reports



Ducks Unlimited biologist Scott McLeod surveys a CRP field near Steels, N.D. McLeod says the 'duck factory' of the Prairie Pothole Region of the Upper Midwest annually produces more than 2 million waterfowl, which rely on unbroken acres for nesting.

## As commodity prices rise, crops winning out over conservation

By James MacPherson  
Associated Press writer

LINTON, N.D. — A portion of Ernie Roehrich's farm hasn't been plowed for two decades. It's part of a federal program that pays landowners to idle land for conservation.

Payments from the Conservation Reserve Program have helped during lean times.

And wildlife — especially pheasants — have flourished on his century-old family farm in south central North Dakota.

But lured by high commodity prices, Roehrich and thousands like him nationwide are opting out of the program — and even paying penalties to exit early.

"I'm all for conservation,"

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June gold	850.90	▼ 14.2	May Silver	16.15	▼ .352

What to expect today in business

WASHINGTON — Labor Department reports on employment for April.

WASHINGTON — Commerce Department reports on food orders for March.

FEDERAL WAY, Wash. — Weyerhaeuser Co. releases first-quarter financial results.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance data including columns for fund name, last price, and change. Includes sections for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ.

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Editorial piece discussing the importance of conserving resources, particularly in the context of agriculture and food production.

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Editorial piece discussing gun rights, the Second Amendment, and the impact of gun control measures.

# Border crackdown, U.S. slowdown has Mexican migrants giving up sooner

By Olga R. Rodriguez  
Associated Press Writer

SASABE, Mexico — The sandy streets of Sasabe are empty. Migrant smugglers have to hunt for business at border-town shelters. Deported migrants give up after one try, taking their government up on free bus rides home.

A U.S. crackdown is causing the longest and most significant drop in illegal migration from Mexico since the Sept. 11 attacks. Officials say the U.S. economic downturn, tighter security and a more perilous and expensive journey are persuading many who try to sneak into the U.S. to give up sooner.

"We can't keep up with so many people who are heading back," said Enrique Enriquez, coordinator for Grupo Beta in Nogales. He said his rescuers spend the day shuttling migrants to a bus station.

Maria Fernandez, 25, made her first crossing with her husband after both had been laid off from a department store in Puebla state. Friends in New York offered to help them find work. First they traveled to Altur, a farming town 70 miles south of Sasabe, a major gathering point for those heading to Arizona.

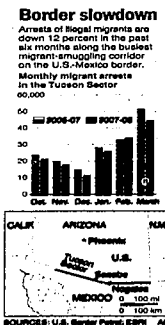
There, they had to pay about US\$50 (euro30) so drug smugglers would allow them

to travel the bumpy road north, and another US\$30 (euro19) for a van that took them and another 25 migrants to Sasabe.

They walked for four nights through the mesquite-covered desert, where they were robbed once. They hid from Border Patrol agents at least five times. But when they reached the highway where they would meet their next ride, they were spotted by a helicopter.

Now, Fernandez was waiting in Nogales for her husband to be deported, as she had been.

"I won't try again because it's very difficult and, as a woman, one risks a lot," she said.



"It's very disheartening because every time it gets twice as difficult."

— Adolfo Vasquez, a 41-year-old corn farmer from southern Mexico, on the hazards of illegal migration

Border Patrol arrests are down 17 percent so far this year, along the U.S.-Mexico border after falling 20 percent all of fiscal year and 8 percent the year before that. While it's impossible to know how many people are crossing illegally, the Patrol uses apprehensions to estimate the ebb and flow of traffic.

The downturn in illegal immigration has created labor shortages throughout the United States and several states are considering temporary-worker programs, especially in agricultural fields, where the practice is used.

Mexicans in the U.S. are starting to send less money home, too.

Remittances soared in the early part of the decade to become Mexico's largest source of foreign income after oil exports. But they rose just 1 percent in 2007, reaching US\$24 billion (euro15.8 billion) and in the first quarter this year, they slipped almost 3 percent from the same period last year, Mexico's central bank said this week.

Adolfo Vasquez, a 41-year-old corn farmer from southern Mexico, picked fruit for three years in Washington state. Last year it took him two tries to get to his job. This year, he walked for four nights before U.S. Border Patrol agents caught him. He doesn't plan to try again.

"It's very disheartening because every time it gets twice as difficult," said Vasquez, resting under an aid station tent for deportees in Nogales. "We're going to Los Cabos or Tijuana. We hear there is work there."

The number of returned migrants who try again through the heavily traveled desert corridor west of Sasabe has dropped from 40 percent to 48 percent since January, said Border Patrol spokesman Jose Gonzalez. Agents keep fingerprints on all those apprehended and can determine multiple offenders, even if they give false names.

U.S. authorities attribute the drop to tighter security and a new program in the Tucson sector that has prosecuted more than 3,000 migrants for crossing illegally since it started in January. They face jail sentences from a few days to six months.

But one of the migrants interviewed by The Associated Press knew about the new prosecution program. Those on their way home said the main deterrents were tougher security and the dangers of the desert, including bandits who rob and even rape migrants on both sides of the border.

The U.S. Border Patrol has added 200 officers since last year to the Tucson sector, and a total of 3,000 agents now search the vast desert for illegal migrants by truck, horse, ATV and helicopter. They now have four drones scanning for drug and migrant smugglers, as well as two newly built 12-foot walls with steel posts near Nogales and in Sasabe.

At the same time, Mexican drug smugglers have started to collect fees for access to the main routes into Arizona.

As a result, Grupo Beta, the Mexican government's migrant rescue group, has seen a 257 percent increase in the number of people seeking discounted bus tickets home this year. So far, 2,500 people in Nogales and Sasabe asked for the tickets this year, while Grupo Beta had only 700 requests in all of 2007.

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## 2008 JEEP PATRIOT SUV

# Classic Styling, Jeep Capabilities!

RoadWorthy!  
By Ken Chester, Jr.  
Motor News Media Corporation

Continuing its expansion into uncharted territory, Jeep introduced the all-new Patriot SUV last year. Delivering fun, freedom, utility and best-in-class Jeep 4x4 capabilities, the Patriot became the entry-level vehicle for the Jeep brand. Slotted below the Jeep Compass in the nameplate's lineup, the compact SUV is considered a modern interpretation of traditional Jeep styling. The Patriot combines the packaging and interior flexibility of an SUV with the performance, handling, fuel economy and price of a compact car or pickup truck.

Upgrades and enhancements of note for 2008 include standard air conditioning for all models; standard tire pressure warning lamp; additional powertrain refinements for improved drivability and reduced powertrain noise; and the optional continuously variable automatic transmission (CVT2) is now equipped with AutoStick.

All-new Jeep technology gives Patriot more capability than any other vehicle in its class. Standard safety equipment includes side-curtain airbags, three-mode electronic stability program, brake traction control, brake assist, electronic roll mitigation and four-wheel anti-lock brakes with rough-road detection.

The compact Jeep SUV will be available in three drive configurations: front wheel drive; Freedom Drive I (a full-



time, active four-wheel drive system with lock mode) and Freedom Drive II Off-Road Package (a full-time active 4x4 system that features a low-range mode with a 19:1 crawl ratio, brake traction control, hill descent control and 19-inch water folding capability).

Available in Sport and Limited trim levels, standard power for the Patriot is generated by a 2.4L four-

cylinder engine with variable valve timing (VVT), a 2.0L four-cylinder engine is optional. Motion is communicated to the ground through the standard Magna Drive™ T355 five-speed manual gearbox. The Jatco Model CVT2/CVTL continuously variable automatic transmissions are available options.

Underway, the Patriot is equipped with the standard engine and automatic transmission is a peppy performer. Smooth, quiet and very maneuverable, the Jeep SUV is just the ticket for the demands of the daily dispatch—no matter what road conditions are encountered.

Shaping its platform architecture with the Dodge Caliber and Jeep Compass, the Patriot starts with a unitized steel body as the robust foundation for the control hardware. Suspension components start with a four-wheel independent setup that features MacPherson struts, coil springs over gas-charged shocks absorbers and a stabilizer bar in front; multi-link with coil springs, link-type stabilizer bar and gas-charged shock absorbers at the rear.

### 2008 Jeep Patriot SUV by the Numbers

**PRICING:**  
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2008 Jeep Patriot SUV starts from \$15,475 for the Sport up to \$21,945 for the Limited 4WD. Destination charges add \$500.

**WHEELBASE:**  
103.7; overall length: 173.8; width: 69.1; height: 65.7. All vehicle measurements are in inches.

**ENGINE:**  
2.4L four-cylinder — 172 hp at 6,000 rpm and 165 lbs-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm; 2.0L four-cylinder — 158 hp at 6,400 rpm and 141 lbs-ft of torque at 5,000 rpm.

**TRANSMISSION:**  
five-speed manual, continuously variable automatic

**CARGO CAPACITY:**  
54.2 cubic feet

**TOWING CAPACITY:**  
2,000 lbs

**SAFETY FEATURES:**  
Dual front airbags, side curtain airbags, engine immobilizer, four-wheel anti-lock brakes, brake assist, electronic stability program, electronic roll mitigation, remote keyless entry and traction control. Limited adds fog lamps, speed-sensitive power door locks, alarm system, remote keyless entry and four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock.

Optional safety features include: front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, tow hooks, navigation system, UConnect Hands-free communications system, universal garage door opener, full-size spare tire and daytime running lights.

**WARRANTY:**  
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By John M Mason

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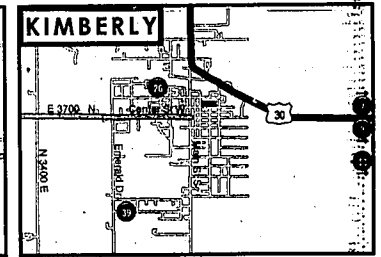
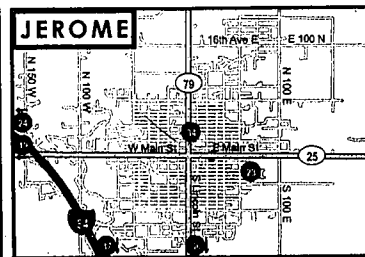
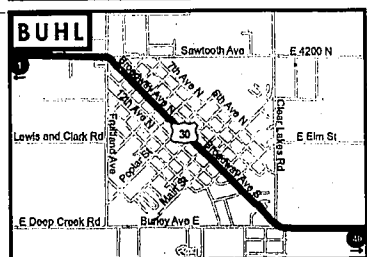
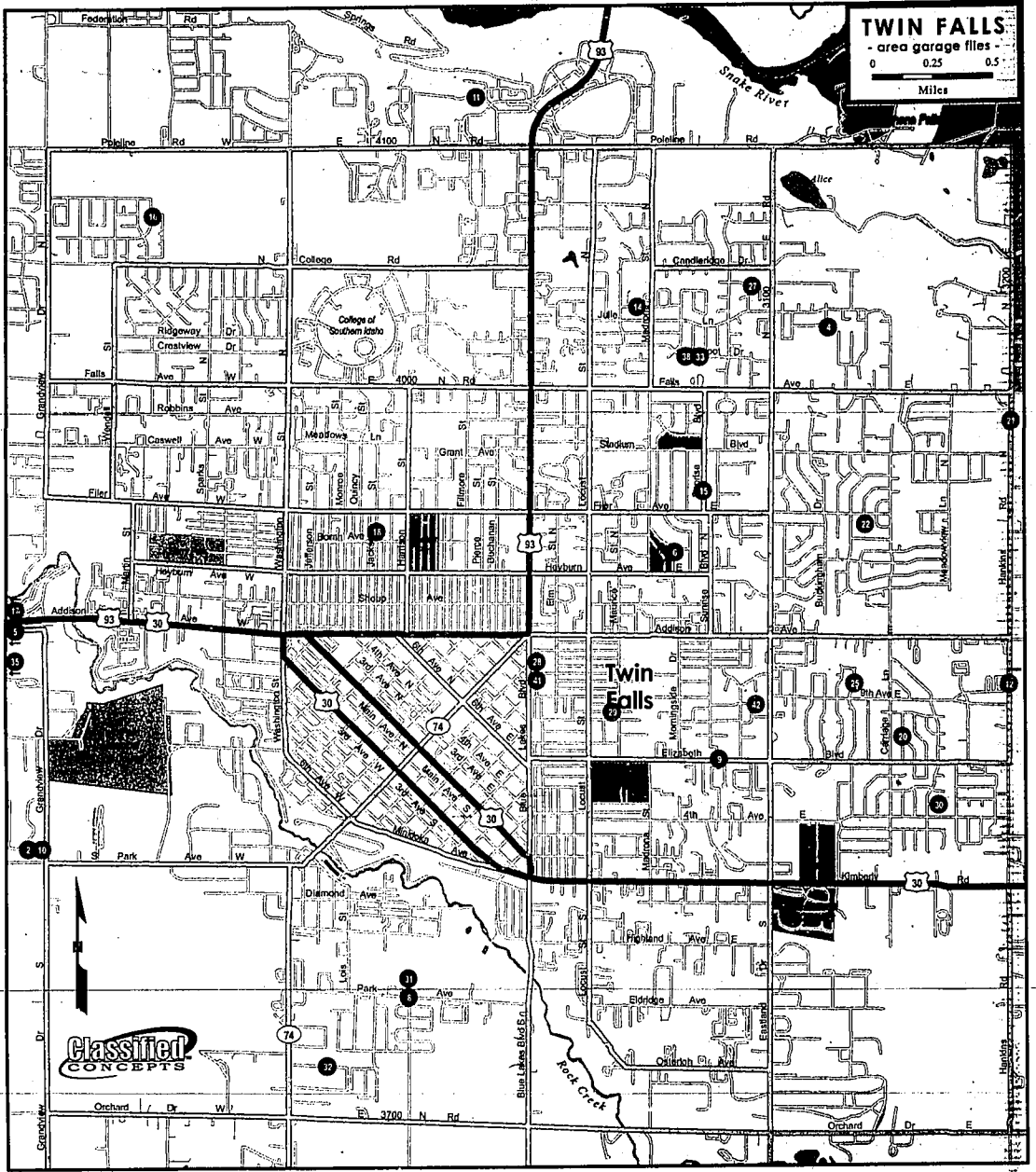
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 974 Lavine Ave<br/>Fri/Sat 7am-5pm</li> <li>● 1106 Estridge Way<br/>Sat 8am-7</li> <li>● 126 Brook Lane East<br/>Sat 8am-3pm</li> <li>● 226 Teton Street<br/>Sat 8am-3pm</li> <li>● 572 Picabo Drive<br/>Sat 9am-5pm</li> <li>● 2026 Elizabeth Blvd<br/>Fri/Sat 8am-2pm</li> <li>● 952 Lavine Ave.<br/>Fri 7am-6pm Sat 7am-11am</li> <li>● 1881 Canyon Park Ct.<br/>Sat 7am-4pm</li> <li>● 929 Hawkins Rd.<br/>Sat 7am-Noon</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1754 Pomerello Drive<br/>Fri 8am-6pm Sat 8am-Noon</li> <li>● 580 Sunrise Blvd. N.<br/>Sat 7am-2pm</li> <li>● 651 Santa Ave<br/>Fri/Sat/Sun 8am-2:30pm</li> <li>● 431 Jackson St.<br/>Fri/Sat 8am-7</li> <li>● 744 Apache Way<br/>Sat 7am-6pm</li> <li>● 824 Hawkins Rd. N.<br/>Sat 8am-1pm</li> <li>● 589 Boxwood Dr.<br/>Sat 8am-7</li> <li>● 1018 Cypress Way<br/>Sat 8am-7pm</li> <li>● 2175 Candlewood Ave.<br/>Sat 8am-2pm</li> <li>● 1049 Keegan Lane<br/>Sat 8am-4pm Sun 8am-1pm</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1546 Kimes<br/>Fri/Sat/Sun 8am-4pm</li> <li>● 2770 Chaparral Circle<br/>Sat 8am-Noon</li> <li>● 563 Picabo Drive<br/>Fri 8am-5pm Sat 8am-7</li> <li>● 239 Clinton Drive<br/>Fri Noon-6pm Sat 8am-3pm</li> <li>● 1530 Bitterroot Drive<br/>Fri 8am-Noon Sat 8am-Noon</li> <li>● 1520 Blittemoot Drive<br/>Sat 8am-Noon</li> <li>● 1138 10th Ave. East<br/>Sat 8am-7</li> <li>● 2121 Sherry Circle<br/>Sat 8am-6pm</li> <li>● 1510 Burton Ave<br/>Sat 8am-7pm</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1045 Albion Ave.<br/>Sat 8am-1pm</li> <li>● 3525 N. 2200 E.<br/>Sat 8am-Noon</li> <li>● 2183 East 3940 North<br/>Sat 8:30am-4:30pm</li> <li>● 2180 East 3950 North<br/>Fri 8am-7 Sat 8am-Noon</li> <li>● 1480 Vista Drive<br/>Sat/Sun 8am-7</li> <li>● 811 E. Ave. B<br/>Sat 8am-3:30pm</li> <li>● 363 W 100 N<br/>Fri/Sat 8am-7</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 128 3rd Ave. E.<br/>Fri/Sat 8am-5pm</li> <li>● 15 West 400 South<br/>Fri/Sat 8am-5pm</li> <li>● 127 Rainbow Dr<br/>Sat 8am-2pm</li> <li>● 431 Jackson St.<br/>Fri/Sat 8am-7</li> <li>● 701 Diamond Drive<br/>Sat 8am-7</li> <li>● 654 Columbine Drive<br/>Sat 8am-3pm</li> <li>● 1915 E. 3100 S.<br/>Sat 8am-5pm</li> </ul> |
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