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Yearning to fly



Flight instructor Casey Critchfield pushes his 1977 Cessna airplane into an aircraft hangar at the Twin Falls airport Monday afternoon. Critchfield is offering flying lessons, which is something that has not been offered in Twin Falls for years.

Flight instructor expands to Twin Falls

By Sean Breslin
Staff Writer

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Want to fly? Meet Casey Critchfield, a new flying instructor, at the Twin Falls airport in a video interview.

For Twin Falls residents seeking to soar above the MagicValley but strapped for cash, Casey Critchfield has a solution.

Critchfield, owner of Critchfield Flying Service, has recently begun offering flying lessons at the Twin Falls airport. Lesson and airplane rental will run \$140, Critchfield said.



Flight instructor Casey Critchfield begins preparations to start his 1977 Cessna airplane while taxiing the craft into an airplane hangar Monday afternoon.

"Before, they (flight students) either had to own their own airplane or join the flying club," Critchfield said. Critchfield has been giving flying lessons out of Burley since 1993. When he realized there wasn't anybody giving individual lessons in Twin Falls, he rented a hangar at Reeder Flying Service to set up shop.

Membership fee, which buys equity in the club's two planes. Additionally, members pay monthly dues to cover fixed cost like hangar rental, Ellis said. For new students, Critchfield's first lesson con-

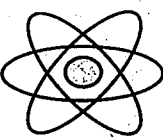
sists of going over the plane's three axes: roll, pitch and yaw. Students get to control the plane on the first lesson under the instructor's watchful eye.

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Idaho watchdog group challenges planned nuclear shipments to INL

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

An Idaho nuclear watchdog group has asked the U.S. Department of Energy to reconsider bringing about 9,000 cubic meters of nuclear waste materials into the state in the near future, part of a DOE effort to consolidate its treatment program.



Nuclear 101:

Transuranic means heavier than uranium. Transuranic elements do not produce the amount of heat or penetrating radiation that fission products do, but they take much longer to decay. Transuranic wastes account for most of the radioactive hazard remaining in high-level waste after a thousand years.

A decision approved by the department earlier this year would send protective gear, laboratory materials and other contaminated items from 14 facilities to the Idaho National Laboratory for processing before disposing of them at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico. The move, DOE spokes-

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Parents know best when they say 'buckle up'

Number of teens killed in car crashes who weren't wearing seat belts on the rise

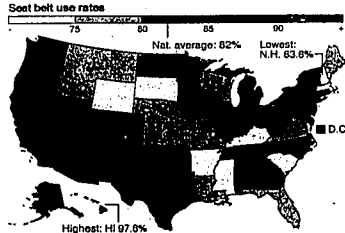
By Ken Thomas
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — More than two-thirds of young drivers and passengers killed in nighttime car crashes aren't wearing seat belts — deadly proof of what can happen when young people don't heed parents' pleas and authorities' threats to "click it."

Though seat belt use actually is rising slightly nationwide, fatality figures published Monday offered a sober contrast as law enforcement launched its annual Memorial Day drive to persuade Americans to buckle up. Total belt use rose to 82 per-

More than 8 in 10 buckle up in the U.S.

In 2007, 12 states had seat belt use rates of 90 percent or higher.



SOURCE: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
AP
cent last year — from 81 percent in 2005 — the government said. Twelve states had rates of 90 percent or better, led by Hawaii and Washington. Only three were below 70 percent: Arkansas, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. But the news was hardly all encouraging. Sixty-eight percent of Please see SEAT BELTS, Page A3

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Shoshone Jr. St. High School Music Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m., new high school gym, no cost, public invited, 886-2381 ext. 351.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Magic Valley Toastmasters meeting and no-host lunch, with a focus on teaching and encouraging members in communication and leadership skills, noon, Golden Corral, 1823 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, new members welcome, 316-8534.

GOVERNMENT

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Buhl School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 920 Main, 543-6436. Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1404 Overland Ave., 878-2224. Castletford School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main, 537-6511. Jerome City Council, 5:30 p.m., council chambers, 200 E. Ave. A, 324-8189. Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F. Hall, 436-8600. Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030. Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main, 536-6318. Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m. council chambers, 300 Main, 326-5000.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

- Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St. Wendell, no cost, 737-5988. Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988. Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977. SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-Insured or WYCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384. Arthritis Walking Class, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-5988. Adult Children Anonymous (A.C.A.) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 308-5656. Mini-Casita Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C. Rupert, (208) 436-0391. Diabetes Support Group meeting, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (and diabetic) Troy Bishop on "Controlling Depression and Diabetes," 7 p.m., South Central District Health office (north entrance), College of Southern Idaho campus, no cost, open to the public, 737-5946. Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 324-7237.

MUSEUMS

- "Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center forest trail, Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, no cost, 732-6655. Faulkner Planetarium "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather," 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

POLITICS

Town Hall Meeting for conservative candidates for Twin Falls County, sponsored by American Independent Movement of Idaho; features independent candidate for U.S. Senate Rex Rammel, Twin Falls County Sheriff candidates and other conservative candidates, 8 p.m., Lamp House Theater, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Old Town Twin Falls, public invited, 733-9658. Meet The Candidates Forum, featuring contested races for Sheriff, County Commissioner and State Senate sponsored by Jerome Co. Farm Bureau, 7 to 9 p.m., Jerome Masonic Temple, 225 First Ave. E., Jerome, eqrune@aiohoo.com.

SCHOOLS

Wendell Elementary Preschool Screening, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., preschool room, school, 150 Third Ave. E., 536-6611 to schedule appointment.

VETERANS

Veterans Outreach, Steve Teague, State Service Officer with the Idaho Division of Veterans Services will answer veteran benefit concerns, 9 a.m. to noon, American Legion Hall, 610 W. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 536-5140.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com, by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

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MORNING BRIEFING

Loan me a jack so I can start my car?

Driving is pretty much a breeze nowadays for 87-year-old Dwight Shaw ... See, he once owned a 1927 Model-T Ford ... "When I was about 15 years old, an older friend who had come from Missouri to work for the summer was going back home in the fall," said Shaw, a Yuma, Ariz., snowbird who still calls Twin Falls home when in the weather's congenial ... "He had a Model-T that was sitting out on a gravel road with a flat tire (in 1936) ... He didn't want to fool with it, so he sold it to me for \$5, which I didn't have ... "Driving a Model-T is an experience Shaw explained ... "Too bad everyone doesn't have the opportunity ... Henry Ford's great invention lacked a gear shift, Shaw said ... Instead, there were three pedals on the floor ... After you got the engine started you pressed the pedal on the left to move out of low gear ... The right pedal was the brake, and the pedal in-between was reverse ... "After you accelerated to a determined speed, you

you parked overnight, we drained the radiator ... This had two advantages: When we were ready to go again, we filled the radiator with boiling water which made starting the engine easier ... "The '27 model was the last Model-T that Ford produced, and it sold for about \$300 ... Ford produced 15 million Model-Ts. The company called them — we're not making this up — a sport utility vehicle ... "TWIN FALLS COUNTY spends almost \$3 million a year operating its jail, and the \$62,000-a-year job of Twin Falls County sheriff is attractive enough that five people are running for it this year, including incumbent Wayne Tousey ... It's a better gig than it used to be ... Into the 1950s, inmates were all jailed on the top floor of the Courthouse ... The sheriff lived in an apartment on the top floor as well ... And his wife did all the jailhouse cooking ... What makes me think she didn't get paid? ... Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

WORLD IN BRIEF

CHINA

Warning about aftershocks spark panic in China

CHENGDU — A government warning of a major aftershock sent thousands of panicked survivors running into the darkened streets Monday night following an unprecedented display of mourning for more than

34,000 people killed in a powerful earthquake one week ago.

In shattered Sichuan province, quake-weary residents carried pillows, blankets and chairs from homes into the open or slept in cars after a statement from the National Seismology Bureau was read on television warning that there was a "rather great" chance of an aftershock measuring magnitude 6 to 7. Such jolts could cause major damage.

WASHINGTON

Milestone won't be enough for Obama today

Barack Obama will reach a significant milestone today as he marches toward the Democratic nomination for president — a majority of pledged delegates at stake in all the primaries and caucuses.

Obama will still be short of the overall number of delegates needed to clinch the

nomination, unless he were to suddenly receive an avalanche of endorsements from the party and elected officials known as superdelegates. His campaign is touting the delegate milestone as a big step in defeating rival Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York. A clear majority of elected delegates will send an unmistakable message — the people have spoken, and they are ready for change, said campaign manager David Plouffe.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, May 20, the 141st day of 2008. There are 225 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight: One hundred years ago, on May 20, 1908, actor James Stewart was born in Indiana, Pa.

On this date: In 1506, explorer Christopher Columbus died in Spain.

In 1902, the United States ended a three-year military

presence in Cuba as the result of Cuba was established under its first elected president, Tomas Estrada Palma.

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field in Long Island, N.Y., aboard the Spirit of St. Louis on his historic solo flight to France.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

In 1969, U.S. and South Vietnamese forces captured Ap Bia Mountain, referred to as "Hamburger Hill" by the Americans, following one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War.

In 1993, an estimated 93 million people tuned in for the first, first-run episode of "Cheers" on NBC.

Ten years ago: The government unveiled the design for the new \$20 bill, featuring a

larger and slightly off-center portrait of Andrew Jackson. In Beverly Hills, Calif.,

Five years ago: The Bush administration, concerned that a wave of attacks overseas could spread to the United States, raised the terrorism alert level to orange.

One year ago: A gunman fired nearly 300 shots during a rampage in Moscow, Idaho, that killed three people and wounded three others.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF MAY 20 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your self-confidence and self-assurance give you an edge over others in any competition throughout the next several months. You may want to rid your life of people and things that have outworn their usefulness, but you could feel different by the beginning of the year, so clear things out cautiously. You have the necessary ambition to be successful at any new endeavor that grabs your passionate interest, but rewards for a job well done might not arrive until December or January. That is the best time to make important changes in your life knowing that they will be beneficial.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Stand pat. Any small impulsive changes you make now could affect your finances or your relationships in a negative manner. Sidestep new investments, since they could trigger a domino effect.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your reputation is precious. What seems initially like magnetic attraction could eventually become a tug of war.

AVOID becoming involved in casual relationships and stay out of the spotlight. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): An offhand suggestion might help you avoid a pitfall. Although this is an advantageous time to make changes or start something new, it might be a good time to avoid problems.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Escape from pressure-laden

situations by being unavailable or refusing to participate in schemes or unsavory activities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your self-interest may be much too evident if you try to convince anyone of anything. Others might be so suspicious of your motives that they resist even perfectly acceptable offers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't do or say anything that can't stand up to critical scrutiny. A co-worker or your love of a certain assignment may inspire you to make admirable creative progress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your efforts to be charming might fall on deaf ears or possibly backfire. Rather than angling to make a romantic conquest, this is a time to maintain a low profile. Some

facts are hidden from you. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Remain steady as a rock. Something attractive might cause you endless aggravations if you follow the scent. A loved one might be out of sorts or inadvertently disrupt the even tenor of your day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There could be ulterior motives beneath rigid poses. Someone you are dealing with might be wearing a

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your nose to the grindstone and out of other people's business. A tendency to be critical is building. The opinions that are voiced now might be counterproductive if adopted as your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You could be focused on receiving attention and proof of personal allegiance when everyone else wants to see solid effort and results. Make no new commitments.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Tread carefully when dealing with others. There is likelihood that you will think only the worst of a proposal that is on the table, or alternatively, blindly accept an offer that has hidden strings attached.

CORRECTION

Budget data was for fiscal 2006

Due to a technical error, county budget information in a Monday article regarding Twin Falls County Sheriff candidate Tom Carter was associated with the wrong year. It was for fiscal 2006. The Times-News regrets the error.

WHAT'S NEW AT MAGICVALLEY.COM

- Meet Ron Kirtland, another Republican candidate running for Twin Falls County Sheriff.
- Hear about a new flight instruction service at the Twin Falls airport.
- Ready for spring? See the winners of the Times-News spring photography contest.

Flying

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"That's the fun part — pulling the handles and pushing the levers," he said. Critchfield said it usually takes about 12 to 15 hours of instruction before a student flies solo for the first time, though he emphasized that time varies from person to person. For new pilots, getting the hang of flying doesn't prove as hard as putting the plane back on the ground, Critchfield said.

"It's that last two feet that you have to worry about," he said.

Ellis agreed. He said flight students find landing difficult to learn because it does not correlate to driving a car, and people sometimes have trouble with depth perception as well.

Ellis

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Ellis's family, in an obituary, recalls her as an "extraordinarily positive person, selfless, and caring of everyone" — characteristics that lend themselves well to the role she served in Iraq.

A funeral mass is scheduled for Thursday at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City, the liaison said.

Full military honors will follow the mass. Meanwhile, troops planned to hold a memorial service in Iraq.

Most recently, Ellis resisted

"Some of them have wanted to learn to fly their whole lives."

— Casey Critchfield, owner of Critchfield Flying Service

Additionally, there are more temporary flight restrictions now. Usually airspace is restricted around a large sporting event or an area where a prominent politician is visiting, he said.

Critchfield said he has access to 10 single-engine planes for students to learn on, including a Cessna 172 and a Piper Arrow. Students have to pass a physical examination to make sure they're in good health, but it's something most people should be able to pass, he said.

"You don't have to be an astronaut to fly an airplane," Critchfield said.

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Ribbon; Combat Medical to Army officials, according to Army officials.

After Ellis joined the Army in September 2004, she arrived at Fort Campbell in May 2005, the Fort Campbell Courier reported.

Since then, her awards and decorations include: Army Commendation Medal; Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Meritorious Unit Citation; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service

Ribbon; Combat Medical to Army officials, according to Army officials.

The family asks that anyone wishing to contribute to a memorial fund, either visit fisherhouse.org or send contributions to Coles Funeral Home in Baker City.

Cassidy Friedman may be reached at 208-735-3241 or cfriedman@magicalvalley.com.

Robot digger set to land Sunday at Martian pole

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Like a miner prospecting for gold, NASA hopes its latest robot to Mars, hits pay dirt when it lands Sunday near the red planet's north pole to conduct a 90-day digging mission.

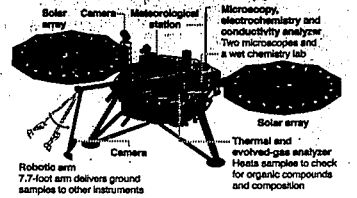
The three-legged Phoenix Mars lander fitted with a backhoe arm is zeroing in on the unexplored arctic region where a reservoir of ice is believed to lie beneath the Martian surface.

Phoenix lacks the tools to detect signs of alien life — either now or in the past. However, it will study whether the ice ever melted and look for traces of organic compounds in the permafrost to determine if life could have emerged at the site.

Before this robotic geologist can excavate the soil, it must first survive a nail-biting plunge through the Martian atmosphere. Despite the rousing success of NASA's

Digging for clues in the Martian soil

The \$420 million Phoenix Mars Lander will analyze soil for 62 Earth days looking for clues to possible past life on Mars. Following its primary mission, the lander will remain as a weather station.



SOURCE: NASA

twin Mars rovers, which landed in 2004, more than half of the world's attempts to land on the planet have failed.

"It's kind of like first-day jitters," said Ed Sedivy, program manager at Lockheed Martin Corp., which built Phoenix. "There's a lot of excitement, but there's also some nervousness."

Launched last summer from Cape Canaveral, Fla.,

Phoenix has traveled 422 million miles for Sunday's touchdown.

The spacecraft's main tool is an 8-foot aluminum-and-titanium robotic arm capable of digging trenches 2 feet deep. Once ice is exposed — believed to be anywhere from a few inches to a foot deep — the lander will use a powered drill bit at the end of the arm to break it up.

Waste

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Waste may have to be handled remotely by robots or other technology. But it's nothing the facility can't handle, she said.

"We feel that the Idaho facility is very well equipped to treat this waste," she said. "It helps us get to our mission of safety cleaning up waste we have across (the country)."

According to DOE documents, the waste would only be accepted if it meets the provisions of an agreement with the state of Idaho, which requires all waste to be treated within six months and shipped out up to six months after that. A supplemental analysis conducted by DOE

determined any impact to the environment or worker safety would be within allowed limits, and questionable waste from at least two of the sites would only go to INL if it met the laboratory's and WIPP's requirements.

No new environmental analysis needs to be done for the proposal, the department decided, something that the watchdog groups dispute. In a May 14 letter, they asked U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman to reconsider the plan and conduct more environmental studies.

"It seemed to us there was a lot of information that wasn't taken into account when the Department of Energy made its decision," Snake

River Alliance program director Beatrice Brailsford said Monday.

About half the sites included in the proposal, Brailsford said, aren't listed as housing transuranic waste in their environmental impact statements. Others are set to ship more waste to INL, than listed in a WIPP inventory mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency. DOE didn't consider any other options than shipping waste to INL, Brailsford said, according to the supplemental analysis. And a shipping container DOE plans to use has not been certified as required by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission — though the DOE documents

Plant

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Early Monday afternoon, Castro briefly called his sister, Toole's wife.

"All he said is he lost his hand," said Toole, who was driving to Salt Lake Monday evening. "I don't know if that means it was completely sev-

ered or part of it."

Plant manager, Jason Meyers, did not return two phone calls on Monday.

"At this point it's really up in the air," Toole said. "No blame is being pressed on ADM or anybody."

By Monday evening, no

further information was available.

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Seat belts

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drivers and passengers between the ages of 16 and 20 who were killed in car crashes at night in 2006 were unbuckled, said the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. During daytime, 57 percent of the young motorists and passengers who were killed were not wearing seat belts.

That portion of the study focused on 2006 data and did not evaluate other years. The problem isn't just with teens. The percentage of unbuckled drivers and passengers who died at night is well up in the 60s through the age of 44. It declines to 52 percent for people 55-64 and 41 percent for those older than that.

Safety officials say they are emphasizing seat belt use by young people between 16 and 20 during this year's "Click It or Ticket" publicity campaign through June 1. Police say they will be issuing tickets to motorists who fail to wear their seat belts, a message that will be supported by a \$7.5 million advertising campaign.

Gabriel Sazon, a senior at Calvin Coolidge High School in Washington, is a believer from personal experience. But she also understands the problem among teenagers in general.

Sazon said her mother avoided injuries two years ago when their car flipped on its side on a rain-slicked road. Both were wearing their seat belts.

Sazon said peer pressure can sometimes play a role in teens not buckling up. "They don't want to seem like a nerd around their friends," she said.

Said NHTSA administrator Nicole Nason: Teenagers

frequently bring a "combination of inexperience and fearlessness" when they fail to buckle up in their cars. "It's a deadly combination."

Nason said the agency is urging states to adopt licensing programs for new drivers that prevent them from driving with other

teenagers in the car. She said carloads of teens traveling together can create distractions for the driver and increase the safety risks.

Anne McCartt, a researcher with the Virginia-based Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, noted that seat belt use at night

tends to be much lower across all age groups.

Fatal crashes involving teenagers at night are more likely to involve risk factors such as alcohol, she said, so the failure to wear a seat belt "may be part of a more general atmosphere of risk-taking."

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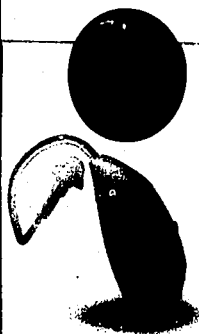
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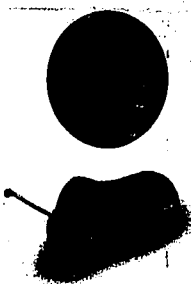
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OVER 49 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Kirtland boasts business savvy for sheriff post

Former deputy now a real estate agent

**By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer**

Former Twin Falls County deputy Ron Kirtland said he's made six-figure salaries every year for the past three years as a Realtor in the Magic Valley.

But now Kirtland, 48, said he's prepared to make the office of sheriff his day job and take a pay cut.

Kirtland, an independent contractor with Canyonside Realty, said he wants to serve the public again since resigning from the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office in 2004.

"The pay cut would not be just a little, it would be a lot," he said. "I've progressed in life as a businessman. I have the skills and ability to bring change to the sheriff's office."

Kirtland said that business experience sets him apart from other candidates, and his platform is particularly critical of the sheriff's office budget.

Kirtland points to what he calls ineffective spending, involving too much overtime payments given to high ranking sheriff's office administrators. He also alleges vehicles driven by some personnel are being misused and

over-funded.

"The community wants fiscal responsibility," he said. Kirtland supports recent decisions Twin Falls County commissioners have made regarding the sheriff's budget.

"Commissioners took money away from his 2008 budget to pay for the overage in 2007," Kirtland wrote in a letter to the *Times-News*. "Good for you commissioners! We need to have a sheriff accountable for his budget."

Kirtland began working with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office in 1992, and said the office is run like a "dictatorship."

Kirtland said he wants the community to be more involved in the sheriff's office, and he said he would implement an "open door policy."

Last week, Kirtland wouldn't grant the *Times-News*

RACE FOR TWIN FALLS COUNTY SHERIFF

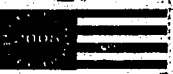
Monday: Tom Carter
Today: Ron Kirtland
Wednesday: Robbin Stubblefield



Kirtland
said he would release files for former employees if they signed a waiver. Kirtland said his decision not to disclose the full file is due to a legal matter, but wouldn't specify. "I left because of personal reasons," said

Kirtland. "I resigned." Public records obtained by the *Times-News* show Kirtland was ticketed by a Kimberly police officer for a misdemeanor trespassing crime while employed as a senior deputy at the Twin Falls Sheriff's Office in December 2003. The case was dismissed in June 2004, and Kirtland said the matter involved a family situation during a divorce.

Kirtland is among three former Twin Falls County Sheriff's deputies vying for the Republican primary nomination May 27. The winner faces Touseley, an independent, in the Nov. 4 general



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election.
Touseley's annual salary is about \$62,000, and he manages 98 employees along with a total budget of about \$5.6 million. The sheriff is not eligible to receive overtime pay and needn't be certified as a law enforcement officer.

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Council reverses Jayco decision

City also keeps CSI on tight leash

**By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer**

Twin Falls City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich gave legal advice to Twin Falls City Council so during Monday's marathon meeting one might have thought a trial was taking place.

Wonderlich was everywhere as he assisted council members toward scaling back expansion plans by the College of Southern Idaho, and later overturning a controversial decision to exempt the Urban Renewal Agency from having to cover the cost of widening a road.

The council voted 6-0 to reverse the April 8 decision by the Planning and Zoning Commission to delete a requirement for the URA to widen the portion of Washington Street South where Jayco has a plant.

Earlier, the council approved 6-1 a request by CSI to annex about 70 acres where it plans to build a \$21 million health sciences building. CSI broke ground on the expansion Friday.

In the Jayco decision, the council instructed staff to determine a deadline to defer the requirement — 10 years, for example — that would be connected to some major reconstruction. City officials and council members said that Washington Street South — which is a state road — should not be widened but not anytime soon. The deferral date is expected to return for council approval.

City officials said the original URA request was made due to rising construction costs the URA couldn't afford and a lack of interest from contractors. Jayco asked the city several months ago about finally removing the provision — which was put in place in 2004 when a special use permit was approved for the URA — because the business would give up half an acre and its second facility on Hankins Road, which opened last year, allows for traffic to be diverted from downtown.

"I feel by us maximizing our production at the Washington Street facility, this current widening proposal of Washington Street needs to be eliminated at this time," Jayco General Manager Dave Yoder wrote in a Feb. 13 e-mail.

Mayor Lance Clow suggests deferring the requirement and

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THE PAINTER'S COURT



Frank Roman, left, of Roman Roofs Inc. of Boise, reaches for a paint brush from his brother, Mike Roman, Monday while coating the metal cap around the facade of the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Today's forecast for the Magic Valley is for breezy conditions with a high in the low 90s.

Head Start employees' families to receive CSI tuition waivers

**By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer**

The College of Southern Idaho Board gave local Head Start employees something to smile about Monday following a rough year of financial setbacks at the agency.

The board voted to extend a perk to spouses and children of Head Start employees — full tuition waivers to attend the college.

CSI has served as the fiscal agent for South Central Head Start, which has about 100 employees, since 1991, but previously offered tuition waivers only to the agency's employees.

The college extends tuition waivers to other entities that it fiscally manages, though, including the Office on Aging, the Refugee Center, Trans IV Buses and various grants running on campus.

Head Start has more employees than these other entities. "Most agencies have five or six employees, so the impact is not as large," said Jeff Harmon, dean of finance at CSI.

"We felt like this is something we could do to make it easier on their employees."

— Jeff Harmon, dean of finance at CSI

CSI officials said extending fee waivers to families of Head Start employees beginning June 1 will have minimal fiscal impacts on the school. Harmon said he didn't know exactly how much it will cost CSI.

College officials anticipate that the classes Head Start family members will take will be introductory, 100-level courses that have room for additional students.

A year of reduced hours, pay freezes and high insurance costs for Head Start employees prompted Monday's move. "We felt like this is something we could do to make it easier on their employees," said Harmon.

Financial setbacks this year at Head Start, a federally funded prevention program, are expected to affect more than just employees.

At least 39 children will no longer be allowed to attend the program for full-days and full-year terms because of heightened health care costs blamed for straining the program.

Costs of health insurance benefits are expected to increase by about \$168,000 annually beginning in July, according to Mary Marshall, director of South Central Head Start.

Head Start gives financially-eligible children ages 3 to 5 structured preschool with health, dental and nutrition services, along with home visits.

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T.E. Gooding school trustee elections today

**By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer**

Voters in the Twin Falls and Gooding school districts go to the polls today to pick new school board trustees.

Twin Falls residents in Zone 5 will choose a new school board member to replace Rob Atkins, who's stepping down after one term.

Local business owner Richard Crowley, and Jeff Fox, a college professor, are running for the positions. Crowley owns Crowley's Soda Fountain and General Store, and has also managed other businesses

and volunteered on committees throughout town.

Fox is an English professor and chairs the College of Southern Idaho English, Languages and Philosophy Department. He also produced jazz radio shows, and has served on various school committees.

Zone 5 is situated in southeast Twin Falls. It includes residents living in Morningside Elementary School and Oregon Trail Elementary School bounties, according to a press release from the Twin Fall School District.

Voting will be held from noon until 8 p.m. at Morningside Elementary School.

Gooding residents will decide today between two candidates running for the Zone 2 seat on the school board.

Zone 2 is mostly outside of city limits, north of the railroad tracks, according to the Gooding School District.

Incumbent Dale Thomas, who's sat on the board since July 2003, is running against Lucinda Gillette Rogers.

Voting for the three-year position will be from noon until 8 p.m. at the school district office, according to the school district.

Jerome P&Z tables split discussion

**By Nata Poppino
Staff writer**

The Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission tabled a debate over whether to split itself in two Monday evening, choosing to consult the Idaho Attorney General's Office first over what appeared to be a conflict in state code.

The issue, Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown said, is two code sections he felt to be in conflict with each other. One provides for public hearings in front of the planning commission regarding special use permits. The other places all permit applications in front of the zoning commission.

Brown urged the commission to be cautious about the split, stating that he didn't want any more situations where mistakes are made and two months later, the commission was split for two years before officials discovered in March they had made a procedural mistake.

"I don't want to start this process over again," Brown said. "I already had to redo two years' worth of work. I don't want to do any more."

County Prosecutor Mike Seib, however, told the commission that a simple fix would be to allow the planning commission to handle all special-use permits and two months later, the commission was split for two years before officials discovered in March they had made a procedural mistake.

"I don't know why the state cares how a local community divvies up its work, but it does," he said, explaining how the commissions are laid out in code.

The idea to consult the attorney general was first mentioned by Jerome resident Lee Halper, who suggested the commission actually use it to answer other questions. Commission members said during discussion that the idea would prevent any future problems and keep undue criticism from prolonging the process.

"The only reason I suggested it is that we do have people in this county that, for any reason whatsoever, are going to cause us problems," commission member Jay Henley said.

Most commission members still stated their support and interest in splitting the commission, citing a high workload that has caused them to meet every week for two months. Some expressed concern over how the duties would be split up, saying they would want that to be clearer before voting on a split. Halper was one of two members of the public to testify in support of the idea.

One other county, Blaine County, has split its commissions, Brown said, a move the county told him has worked out overall.

The commission is allowed to table an action for 180 days.

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Thelda Thompson Dixon

HEBER CITY, Utah — Oh, happy day. Our dear mother went to join her husband just four days after she passed away. She died Sunday, May 18, 2008, at the age of 92 in Heber City, Utah.

Thelda was born Dec. 12, 1915, in Georgetown. She is the second daughter of Abraham Martin Thompson and Mabel Elizabeth Larsen. She graduated from Georgetown High School as valedictorian of her class and from Utah State University with a Bachelor of Science in business education. She married Clifton Robinson Dixon from Gooding on June 12, 1944, in Salt Lake City Temple. She was an active member of the LDS Church and served in many positions of service and leadership. She served a mission with Clifton as senior missionaries in the Washington, D.C. area. Mission from 1993 to 1994. Her occupations included business teacher in Alamo, Nev., and Salmon, and being

a wonderful mother. She is preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Janice Dixon; a great-grandson, Garrett; a great-granddaughter, a sister, Thom Black; and three brothers, Earl, Wayne and Darwin Thompson. She is survived by five children, Dee (Cathie Hendrix) Dixon, Wilma (John) Coffey, Rose (Constance) Dixon, Myra Lee (Steve) Edwards and Joel (Amy Durant) Dixon; 22 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She is also survived by two sisters, Laina (Grazier) and Velona (Charles) Stephens; and one brother, Gary (Ruth) Thompson.

The funeral, arranged by SereniCare, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 24, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel, 114 S. 400 W. in Orem, Utah. Viewings will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 23, and at noon Saturday, May 24, at the church. Thelda will be laid to rest in the Garden of Gooding. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Online condolences may be given at www.serenicare.com.

Francis 'Frank' Melvin Clifford

GLENN'S FERRY — Francis "Frank" Melvin Clifford, 67, of Glenns Ferry, passed away Saturday, May 10, 2008, at his home.

No service is planned at this time. Cremation is under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home. Frank was born Oct. 22, 1940, in Wendell to William and Mae See Clifford. He attended schools in Bliss and Hagerman and graduated from Wendell High School in 1958. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Mountain Home. Frank married Wanda Brennan in Nevada in 1964. They lived in Mountain Home, Arizona and Gooding. Over the years, Frank worked for the Ford Motor Company

in Gooding, Hongland Motors in Wendell, Shurm Motors in Glenns Ferry and a maintenance unit for 20 years ago. Frank enjoyed hunting, fishing and tinkering with cars.

Frank is survived by his brother, Bill and his wife Liz Clifford of Washington; his two sisters, Edna Hongland and Wanda (Whitlock) Clifford, both of Wendell; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Max Grazier; and two sisters, Cleola (Cie) Clifford and Ruby Quintana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Legion Post No. 41, P.O. Box 238, Wendell, ID 83355.

SERVICES

Marshall Eugene Kelly of Buhl, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at Eastland LDS Church, 847 Eastland, in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Larry J. Selaya in Spokane, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, Mass of Christian Faith, at 10 a.m. today at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 3624 W. Indian Trails Road in Spokane (Hennessy-Smith Funeral Home in Spokane).

Denais Eugene Hansen of Twin Falls, memorial service at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Sam Arge of Roseville, Calif., graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Hagerman Cemetery.

Clifton Robinson Dixon of Heber City, Utah, and formerly of Gooding, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the LDS Church, 114 S. 400 W. in Orem, Utah; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and at noon Saturday at the church; graveside service at 2 p.m. May 27 at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (SereniCare Funeral Home in Draper, Utah).

Jesse Nell Simpson Jr. of Eden, memorial and celebration of life at 2 p.m. Monday at Wilson Lake in Hazelton.

Eleanor Lorine (Paine) Coleman

WENDELL — Eleanor Lorine (Paine) Coleman, 73, passed away Thursday, May 15, 2008, at St. Luke's magic Valley Center in Salt Lake City after a brief struggle with pulmonary emphysema.

She was born Jan. 5, 1935, in Admire, Kan., to Albert Emery and Annie Elizabeth (Davis) Paine. She moved with her family to Gooding in 1947. She contracted rheumatoid arthritis with her hand and often told the story of how experimental penicillin saved her life. Eleanor received her diploma from Gooding High School in 1955. She graduated from high school as "sweetheart," Leo Garnett Coleman of Wendell. This wonderful union produced five children, Thomas, Scott, Lionel, Athena and Brenda.

Eleanor enjoyed traveling extensively with her husband, who served in the Marine Corps, yet she always considered Wendell to be her home. After Leo's retirement from the Marines in 1975, the family returned and finally settled down in Wendell. While raising her children, she pursued a career with Tupperware and then with

the Wendell Public Library. Eleanor was actively involved in the community. She cared for more than two generations of children at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church. She was a member and an active member of both the Wendell Optimist Club and the Gooding Historical Society. In addition to nurturing a large family, she opened her loving home and heart to her children and her generosity did not end with her death. Being an organ donor, two blind people now have the gift of sight.

She is survived by her husband, Leo; and children, Thomas, Scott, Lionel and Athena, all of California. Scott Coleman of Wendell, Lionel Coleman of Wendell, Athena Lopez of Boise and Brenda Pierce of Wendell; and her brother, Charles Paine of Gooding. Her 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren are scattered about the United States. She is preceded in death by her brothers, James, Clarence and Winfred; and her sisters, Martha and Ethel. A memorial graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 23, at the Wendell Cemetery. A remembrance will be held immediately following at the Wendell American Legion Hall.

Services are under the direction of the Hagerman Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Cpl. Jessica Ann Ellis
BAKER CITY, Ore. — CPL Jessica Ann Ellis, formerly of Burley, was killed in action in Iraq Sunday, May 11, 2008. A funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 22, at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City, Ore. Full military honors will follow. Inurnment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery.

Dorothy M. Rose
Dorothy Mae Rose, 80, of Burley, died Sunday, April 13, 2008, of heart failure.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Calvary Baptist Church, 15 W. 27th St. in Burley. A memorial Mass will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Broadway Ave. in Burley. Rasmussen Funeral Home (Burley).

Shane R. Clough
LITCHFIELD PARK, Ariz. — Shane R. Clough, 39, of Litchfield Park, Ariz., died Friday, May 16, 2008.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at Thompson's Valley West Funeral Chapel in Goodyear, Ariz. (Web site: ShaneClough.com)

Patricia A. Hannon
Patricia Ann Hannon, 70, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, May 18, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

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

Mabel Owens
RUPERT — Mabel Owens, 87, of Rupert, died Monday, May 19, 2008, at Park View Care Center in Burley. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary in Rupert, Idaho.

Clough, last-memories.com
Anita M. Stanton
Anita Maureen Stanton, 91, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, May 18, 2008, at the Twin Falls Care Center. Arrangements will be announced by the Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

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Palmer E. Hathaway

BURLEY — Palmer E. Hathaway, 95, of Burley, died Sunday, May 18, 2008, at Country Side Assisted Living. Arrangements will be announced by the Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Mabel Owens

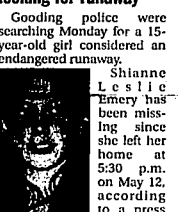
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Gooding police looking for runaway
Gooding police were searching Monday for a 15-year-old girl considered an endangered runaway.



Emery

Gooding Police Department. She has been known to spend time in the Twin Falls area. Emery has a track record of using drugs, and she is under investigation in the alleged battery of her guardian, according to the press release said, Police Chief Jeff Perry said anyone harboring Emery at this time could

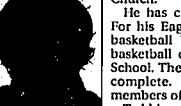
also face criminal charges. The department asks anyone with information about Emery's whereabouts to call Det. Sjunil Anderson or Chief of Police Jeff Perry 934-8436.

Perrine Bridge jumper brought to safety
An unidentified man threatened to commit suicide by jumping off the Perrine Bridge Monday afternoon. Twin Falls police officers were able to bring the man back onto the bridge and take him to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center for an evaluation.

The incident happened at about 5:47 p.m., said Lori Nebeker, a public information officer with the Twin Falls Police Department. Several witnesses on the north end of the bridge declined to be interviewed. — staff reports

Declo, Gooding boys earn Eagle Scout awards

DECLO — Todd Irish, 14-year-old son of David and Carole Irish of Declo received his Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor held April 27 at the Declo LDS Church.



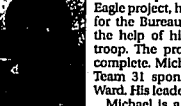
Irish

Todd is in the ninth grade at Declo High School where he is active in football, track, jazz band and Trendsetters.

He has completed 24 merit badges. For his Eagle project he replaced two basketball backboards and painted a basketball court for Declo Elementary School. The project took 44 1/2 hours to complete. He was assisted by eight members of his troop and his parents.

Todd is a member of Troop 127 sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His leader was Chip Harris.

GOODING — Michael McHan, 14-year-old son of Vance and Karen McHan of Gooding, was awarded his Eagle Scout Award in a court of honor held April 5.



McHan

He completed 25 merit badges. For his Eagle project, he built three fire danger signs for the Bureau of Land Management with the help of his family, friends and Scout troop. The project took over 70 hours to complete. Michael belongs to Varsity Scout Team 31 sponsored by the Gooding First Ward. His leader is Bill Paul.

Michael is a freshman at Gooding High School where he participates in cross country and track. He finished 13th at state in his country. He qualified for and ran in the National Junior Olympics for the past two years. Michael also plays the drum in concert band, and is an honor student.

Funding for the fossils

Hagerman Fossil Beds will get amphitheater, walking trail

By John E. Swayne
Correspondent

HAGERMAN — Hagerman Fossil Beds is celebrating its 20th anniversary as a national monument.

In honor of this milestone and the upcoming National Park Service centennial in 2016 — the 4,280-acre site was selected to receive \$39,627 for the completion of a two-mile interpretive walking trail and the construction of an amphitheater at Carnivore Cove west of U.S. Highway 30.

Hagerman is one of about 110 park projects nationwide that will benefit from an initial \$50 million National Park Centennial Initiative proposed by President Bush in 2006. Over the next eight years, a total of \$100 million in combined federal and public contributions is slated to be spent for national park improvements.

In Hagerman, about \$19,627 will be invested by the National Park Service. The other \$20,000 will come from matching donations from the local Hagerman Fossil Council.

"This group is made up of individual donors who help raise money to support our programs," said Fossil Beds Education Specialist Annette Rousseau. "I believe that we have demonstrated before we became a national monument."

Rousseau said staff began

Fun with fossils

Members of the Hagerman Fossil Council are available at an annual fee of \$10. For more information, contact the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument Visitor Center at 208-957-7925 or visit the Hagerman Fossil Beds at P.O. Box 56 Hagerman, Idaho 83332.

looking at ways to improve the park's educational outreach and visitor experience in 2000. Construction on the Carnivore Cove amphitheater will begin this year and completion of the walking path is scheduled for 2009.

When completed, the amphitheater will seat around 30 to 45 students, offering programs on fossils contained in the park, valley wildlife habitat and information on the Oregon Trail, she said. "We'll also be able to add about 1,200 feet to the interpretive paleo-park and complete the exiting loop."

The monument not only holds the distinction as nature's largest concentration of Pliocene era horse fossils in North America, but also is one of just three areas in the national park system where visitors can view remnants of the Oregon Trail.

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Council

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said it was an issue of finding the resources. But halfway through discussion, Clow recused himself citing a possible conflict of interest. Clow later verified his concern with Wonderlich and sat next to him in the audience. Clow said after the meeting he might have a conflict of interest with his full-time job with American Financial, but declined further details. He said the possible conflict was unrelated to Jayco or the URA.

Earlier in the night, the council scaled back the CSI request and limited the college's master plan to that included only the new 72,400 square-foot building and a parking lot.

When that initial first phase is completed, the college plans to build several more buildings. The program must now receive approval for any further

development, including road changes, Wonderlich said.

The council eliminated provisions that would have the college build a bypass route off Interstate 200. North College Road to Cheney Drive West, as well as a requirement for CSI in the project's second phase to build a pedestrian bridge over North College Road linking the current campus to the new one.

Council members cited concerns over traffic and safety, including whether the road would be built as presented. The mandate to build a bridge — inserted by the planning and zoning commission — was rejected by both staff and council members.

"They are not going to use it, folks," said Councilman Greg Lanting, who is principal of the planning commission. "It will jump over a barrier not to use it."

Sheriff

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Kirtland holds a basic certificate from the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training, issued in 1996.

His platform is also steeped in a desire for more community involvement with the sheriff's office, including more neighborhood watches.

And, Kirtland, a mentor for Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), said he wants to expand the program more into schools, and expand the presence of school resource officers.

He also said he wants more deputies in the county's crowded jail, which has also been a recurring request Tousey has made during recent budget cycles.

Kirtland said if he were sheriff he would nurture relationships with other area police agencies. The rate of crime solving by the Sheriff's Office isn't high enough, Kirtland said.

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Federal judge tosses schools' lawsuit against Idaho high court

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill has rejected a lawsuit brought by some of Idaho's public schools against the Idaho Supreme Court, saying the federal court does not have the jurisdiction to tell a state court how to run. The school districts sued the state Supreme Court last June, contending that they

were denied their due process rights because the court denied them remedy phase in a case they had 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 school financing system was unconstitutional and underfunded. Despite the 2005 win, the school funding system has remained largely unchanged

"Federal courts have no authority to direct state courts or their judicial officers in the performance of their duties."

— U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill

by lawmakers. And despite Winmill's ruling late last week, it doesn't look like the 18-year-old battle over school finances will be resolved any time soon. In his ruling, Winmill said

he did not have the authority to order the Idaho Supreme Court to give the schools a remedy. "Federal courts have no authority to direct state courts or their judicial offi-

cers in the performance of their duties," Winmill wrote. Robert Huntley, the lawyer representing the schools, said he would appeal the ruling to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and is also considering bringing another action in the state courts. He said the decision was buttressed by Winmill's comment earlier this year that if the schools were denied a remedy, it probably did amount to a due

process violation. "(Winmill) gave the five justices the opportunity to consider the schools' request," said a statement. "To their great discredit, they have brought great dishonor upon the Idaho Court by refusing his invitation to comply with the Federal Constitution." Marilyn Clark, the attorney representing the Idaho Supreme Court justices, could not be immediately reached for comment.

Simpson proposes changes to Idaho wilderness bill

Custer County would get mining revenues instead of development lots

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson is trying to jump-start a new central Idaho wilderness proposal in Congress by dropping provisions opposed by the House Democratic majority and some environmental groups. Simpson, R-Idaho, said Monday the proposed amendments to his bill to create three wilderness areas in the Boulder Mountains and White Cloud Peaks would no longer give 94 acres of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area to the city of Stanley and Custer County, for 14 development lots. Instead, Custer County would get as much as \$3 million in mining revenue, via a proposal to send a quarter of Idaho's proceeds from federal mineral leases to a fund to pay for local projects. Simpson said he'd hoped Democratic staffers on the House Committee on Natural Resources would come for-

ward and suggest a plan that would gain traction with the majority party. That helped a separate provision Simpson said he decided to float amendments of his own that he says address concerns with his original bill, which stalled in the Senate in December 2006. But when no formal progress from House committee staffers was forthcoming, Simpson said he decided to float amendments of his own that he says address concerns with his original bill, which stalled in the Senate in December 2006. His proposal involves a total of 497 square miles. "I don't know if this is going to fly yet," Simpson said. "We know that when they took control of Congress, there would have to be some changes. This comes pretty darn close to addressing those concerns, although we just gave those to staff last week." Simpson, who publicly announced the amendments Sunday at a conference sponsored by the Idaho Conservation League, said he's also dumping a planned new "Boulder White Clouds Management Area designation," thought by

some to reduce protections and complicate management. Instead, the territory would either be wilderness or managed as it currently is by the Challis National Forest, the Sawtooth National Forest, the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and the Challis District of the Bureau of Land Management. Some public land managers had feared a new management distinction would undermine their control, Simpson said. "That was never our intention," he said. "Now, it's not an issue, because it's no longer in there." The Idaho Conservation League, which has backed Simpson's plan, is hopeful the amendments would be enough to placate critics in Congress. Land transfers to Stanley and Custer County for private vacation home development and the management area designation had been the most volatile pieces of the bill," said Rick Johnson, the league's executive director. "It's real reflection on the part of Congressman Simpson that he's listening to both the criticisms he's getting at home and informally with the majority back in Washington, D.C., who have made it pretty clear that they have concerns."

Still, the bill that remains calls for transferring more than 5,500 acres from federal oversight to jurisdictions including Blaine and Custer counties, the towns of Challis, Clayton, Stanley and Mackay and the state of Idaho. These remain sticking points for environmental groups that are fighting Simpson's plan. He said these provisions are needed to give communities landlocked within millions of acres of BLM- and Forest Service-managed territory room to grow, build low-income housing, construct waste transfer stations and provide other public services. Advocacy groups such as the Idaho Wilderness Lands Project counter that giving away federal land that belongs to all Americans in exchange for any amount of protected wilderness is no bargain. After reviewing an outline of the amendments, Forest director Jarrod Blanech called them insignificant. "Unless this becomes a bill that designates wilderness, period, you cannot make a bill good," Blanech said. "It's taken away one portion of a bill that has numerous egregious provisions. It's kind of like leaving somebody a nickel up."

ATF dropped 'Always Think Forfeiture' before Sali complaint

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — U.S. Rep. Bill Sali, R-Idaho, had nothing to do with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives decision to dump its "Always Think Forfeiture" motto, despite claiming responsibility. The agency actually abandoned the motto, engraved on multi-tools it meant to distribute at training events. In March — long before Sali addressed the ATF a complaint last week — after previous complaints that it could be seen as encouragement to unfairly seize property, including guns of law-abiding citizens. In an e-mail Monday, agency spokeswoman Deb Saikowik wrote: "ATF discontinued the slogan in question at the end of March upon receipt of my initial complaint. The slogan will not be used in the future in any capacity." Last week, Sali touted his role in the bureau's decision. But aides to the first-term congressman said Monday they didn't know the slogan had been abandoned two months before they complained. They misunderstood the agency's initial e-mail response, which could be

interpreted to indicate Sali played a role, said Wayne Hoffman, a spokesman for Sali in Boise. "Nor does that reflect what they said" to legislative assistant Rich Podliska in a phone call last week when he initially lodged the complaint, Hoffman said, insisting the agency told Podliska the motto was still in use. By law, the agency can seize firearms, ammunition, explosives, alcohol, tobacco, money and certain real property if such items are involved in breaking the law. The "Always Think Forfeiture" slogan, a play on the ATF initials, had been in use for more than a decade on materials for training classes across the United States to increase awareness for officers about forfeiture laws. In March, before the ATF abandoned the slogan, dealer Web sites featured comments from people concerned it could prompt overzealous seizures. The ATF declined to identify others who complained about the slogan, but the original complaints about the slogan were lodged in March by constituents with U.S. Reps. Baron Hill, D-Ind., and Robert E. Latta, R-Ohio, according to the Web site www.congress.org.

Boise stands firm on court fee challenge

BOISE (AP) — The city of Boise has no intention of changing payments to Ada County, an official said, despite a recent decision by district court judges denying the city's petition to end a nearly 30-year-old administrative order. The order requires the city to pay for a proportion of Ada County's court costs. "We have informed them that we're not going to be making payments," said Adam Park, spokesman for Mayor Dave Bleter. Ada County, meanwhile, which has not received no payments since October and is out about \$500,000 so far, has made some budget cuts and is considering what measures it might take. "I think we're weighing all the options at this point. I suppose ultimately it could be a situation where we ask them to vacate the court house and have them handle their own magistrate cases."

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There is a strong likelihood this will be appealed to the Supreme Court. But that decision needs to be made by the mayor and the council. In the ruling Friday, the district judges based much of their decision on a 1999 agreement between the city and the county. In that agreement, the judges said, the city decided to fulfill its obligations under the 1990 administrative order by making payments to Ada County instead of providing a separate court house. Those payments total nearly \$1 annually. The judges said that Ada County did not coerce Boise to enter into the 1999 agreement, and that city officials must have recognized that it would use tax resources to

make the payments. Based on the 1999 agreement, the judges wrote: "The agreement in this case only requires Boise City to pay in proportion to the costs attributable to the usage by Boise City. The payments are proportionate to its use of the courthouse. As a result, the payments Boise City agreed to make pursuant to the agreement do not result in unconstitutional duplicative taxation." The judges added that "Boise City accounts for the greatest percentage and the greatest number of misdemeanor and infraction filings in Ada County. This unchanged fact alone militates against setting aside the Court's order." Park said the 1999 agreement was never meant to continue in perpetuity. Wright said the agreement could be grounds for breach of contract if Boise doesn't resume payments. In Idaho, state law gives counties the responsibility to provide magistrate courts, unless the majority of district judges in the county direct a city to provide the facilities. Boise officials noted that two other Ada County cities, Meridian and Garden City, were ordered in 1994 to help pay for the magistrate court but have not done so. Wright said that was a matter between the court and those cities as the county had no authority to force the cities to pay. Ada County officials say the county is trying to make up for the lost money from the city to keep the court operating. "You taxpayers are paying for it out of your property tax," said Ada County Commissioner Fred Tilman. "We had to considerably cut our budget to other departments to make up the payments. We chose not to let the courts completely fall because of this action on the part of Boise."

Man promotes sustainability with solar-powered automobile

BOISE (AP) — John Weber isn't bothered by high gasoline prices. "For me the higher it goes, that's fine," he told KTVB television. "It doesn't affect me very much." That's because he has converted his Geo Metro to run on solar power. "People stop me all the time," he said. "They're like, do you really buy no gas? And I'm like no, don't buy any gas." Weber's car was one of the alternative vehicles at Idaho Green Expo, which drew more than 15,000 people to the Boise Centre on the Grove on Saturday and Sunday. The event had about 160 exhibitors with Earth-friendly products. They gave demonstrations and encouraged people to be environ-

mentally conscious. "The ultimate purpose for it is to teach people how to live their lives in a sustainable way so that they don't use all the resources that are now available," said Bruce Poe, Idaho Green Expo president. "So that we don't use up the resources that are available for our children and our grandchildren in the future." Weber's car is one of only a handful of solar-powered cars in southwest Idaho. Besides solar panels, he can also plug it in to charge the batteries. "I'm just kind of doing my own thing," said Weber. He said converting the car to run on electricity wasn't so much to avoid high gas prices as much as it was to avoid getting gas that involved factors he couldn't control.

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EDITORIAL

Anti-immigration hysteria hurting Idaho's market share

Politically wounded Idaho Sen. Larry Craig pulled off an improbable but significant victory in the all-important U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee last week.

For Idaho, which lacks workers to fill 25 percent of farm jobs, this is a lifesaver. "Our crops are being moved and grown south of the border," Craig said in a news release.

Our view: Temporary immigration status is necessary for Idaho producers. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

That's just the point. Temporarily immigration status — part of Craig and Feinstein's ill-fated Ag Jobs bill last year — is not just about protecting farm workers. It's about protecting the market share of Idaho producers.

The legislation, part of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill, would establish a temporary emergency agricultural program, capped at 1.35 million workers who would have to prove agricultural employment for at least 150 days.

To be eligible, these workers also would have to pay a \$250 fine plus processing fees and would be required to work at least 100 days annually in agriculture over the next five years.

The legislation would streamline the current H-2A visa program's application process by requiring the federal Department of Labor to act within seven days on an employer's request for H-2A workers.

The H-2A wage standard would be frozen at the 2007 level for three years while a new fair wage standard is being studied. The housing requirement would be changed to allow an employer to provide an allowance if adequate rental housing is available.

As under current law, the H-2A program would not be capped, but it would only admit foreign farmworkers if they were matched to jobs that Americans had refused or were unavailable to perform.

Anti-immigration hysteria is helping cut the throats of the state's farmers and making Idaho agricultural products less competitive. The Craig-Feinstein measure isn't immigration reform by any means, but it's a necessary stop-gap. The Senate should approve it.

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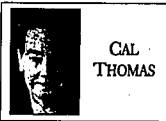
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Why not let Big Oil do what it does best?

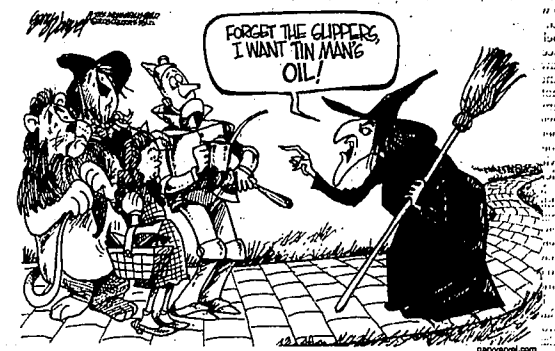
With gas prices topping four dollars a gallon in some regions of the country, now may not be the best time to say something positive about Big Oil, but here goes anyway.



CAL THOMAS

Where is it written that the cost for a product or service should be frozen in place and in time, never to rise again, or to rise at a pace commensurate with our incomes? People think this way know little to nothing about supply and demand and less than nothing about the profit motive.

Peter Robertson, vice chairman of Chevron, told me it's a myth that oil companies are not investing in new energy sources. He says last year alone, Chevron spent \$20 billion exploring new sources of energy.



ourselves." The last refinery built in America was in 1976. Tighter government regulations are the main reason.

Robertson said there would be plenty of oil available to the United States if the oil companies were allowed to get it. "Eighty-five percent of offshore oil is off-limits." Responding to objections of oil-shy drilling by environmentalists and their allies in Congress, Robertson noted that some of the strongest pro-environment nations in Europe — he mentions Denmark, Norway, the United Kingdom — lease offshore locations for oil exploration.

Department of Energy, U.S. oil production has fallen approximately 40 percent since 1985, while the consumption of oil has grown by more than 30 percent.

According to government estimates, there is enough oil in areas accessible to America — 112 billion barrels — to power more than 60 million cars for 60 years. The Outer Continental Shelf alone contains an estimated 86 billion barrels of oil and 420 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

No, we can't "drill our way out" of our addiction to oil, but we can make the transition to other energy sources easier while lessening our dependence on foreign oil and propping up dictators who use our money to subsidize terrorists.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bristol will do a good job as Cassia Co. Sheriff

As the Republican Primary election gets closer and closer, our community will have several decisions to make in regard to our local leaders. Who to vote for is often a hard decision to make.

We have both known Cary for many years and feel that Cary will be a good choice to replace Sheriff Hilgans. Cary is a leader that will step up to the plate and fill some pretty big shoes.

If you were to look back through the years, in most cases, you will find that when a sheriff has decided to retire, the undersheriff has been very successful at being elected to replace him.

Primary letters deadline Wednesday

Election letters received after Wednesday, May 21, won't be published. Letters must be 300 words or less, and the Times-News will publish one letter from each writer in May.

Kidd will 'git'er done' as Cassia Co. Sheriff

Randy Kidd is a take-charge guy that will "git'er done." We support Lt. Randy Kidd for the office of Cassia County sheriff.

Randy gained tremendous respect from the people of Oakley and had an excellent relationship with the youth.

When Randy was promoted to the investigations division, we were very sad to lose him as our resident deputy.

His therapist says he's just a phase. He only does it during sleepless weeks.

Garth Greenwell, Cyndi Greenwell, Nick and Stacy Greenwell and Cameron and Marnie Smith all of Oakley.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Matter of stolen campaign signs is speculation

I am writing in response to our undersheriff speculating in public about who is removing his campaign signs...

I say speculating, as it's obvious he has no evidence it was anyone affiliated with Lt. Kidd's campaign...

Maybe Mr. Bristol don't think that, perhaps as a supervisor and as a supervisor, there could be people who don't care for him...

I know for a fact that Lt. Randy Kidd is a doer and would do great things for Cassia County law enforcement...

Please join us in supporting Randy Kidd for sheriff. OLLIE BOGGS JACKIE KIDD DeLo

Bristol is best for Cassia County

I have never written a letter like this in my life. However, I have to get my two cents in before this year's primary election is over...

DEVERE POULTON LAURIE POULTON Burley

Niccum wants your vote for precinct 5

I am running for the position of Republican Precinct Committee person to represent the conservative Republicans that live within Precinct 5 in Twin Falls County...

This area is very special and the people who live here are wonderful. I have been married for 27 years and I have five children...

I have been dedicated to the principles of liberty and working toward to be a middle school math teacher...

The founding fathers represented their constituents and local governments when they met together to create the republic...

Thanks to Filer community for bond approval

On behalf of the Long Range Facility Planning Committee, I would like to express appreciation to the community for their support of the recent bond proposal...

matron concerning this plan and answered community questions. The end result was that the committee was able to adequately answer the questions and the Filer School District community passed the bond proposal...

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the process. Thanks to those that developed the plan, thanks to those that expressed concern and shared information about the bond proposal...

JOHN GRHAM Twin Falls

Roemer qualified to be Jerome Co. commissioner

We are supporting Cathy Roemer for Jerome County commissioner. She has served in Jerome County for many years and has been active in many Jerome County activities...

In Jerome County, a county official has to remember the county is still agricultural in spite of new structures and businesses that point to expanded growth...

Cathy Roemer has already established her credentials as a community participant and leader. She will be an effective county commissioner who will and can work with others...

Cathy Roemer for Jerome County Commission, District 1. CLAIR K. RICKETTS VIRGINIA RICKETTS Jerome

Forget the parties, vote for the person

I don't belong to a political party. I don't vote for any political parties. I don't recognize political parties — Republicans vs. Democrats, liberals vs. conservatives...

I haven't decided yet who I will vote for for President of the United States. I'm certain it will be either Obama or Paul.

I have decided who I will get my vote for sheriff. Tom Carter is my only choice. I've known Tom since high school and I know that he will perform his duties and serve the public with integrity...

KEN WHITE Twin Falls

Flags celebrate heritage

I want to express my displeasure with the teacher who took the Mexican flag from his student and threw it in the wastebasket. If he was disturbing the class with his action — and there was no apparent information that he was — it could be a different matter.

If that teacher happens to go by our ranch west of Castelford, he will see the Basque flag flying proudly on the corner. The American flag flies above it close by. It is a fact of life that everyone in this country originated in some generation in another country unless they are Native Americans...

Even in 1954 when I married, there was some shock in my family about marrying a foreigner! To compound the problem, he was a Catholic. I attended the Catholic Church for 51 years and I am still Protestant...

Prejudice has always been with us and this teacher gave his class the opportunity to see it in action. One of my

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grandsons is Hispanic, and he is the poorest little boy I have ever seen. He came to us at nine months and it would be nearly impossible to teach a child to love himself...

Whether you are a Mayflower American or you came here yesterday, you have a right to respect the country you came from and to be thankful for the opportunities you are accorded in America. MARLENE GUERRY Twin Falls

Cassia Co. needs Bristol as next sheriff

At this time I would like to ask for your vote in electing Cary Bristol as the next sheriff for Cassia County.

Cary's longstanding commitment to the citizens in Burley is well known. Cary is a level-headed and intelligent man with the ability to be a strong leader...

Cary has worked with Jim Hignens for many years, and my friendship and relationship to both of them, with emergency preparedness issues or law enforcement concerns, has been awarding a benefit to both counties.

With the retirement of Jim Hignens, whom I believe to be one of the best, I naturally believe the right person to fill those well-worn shoes is Cary Bristol. Please cast your vote for Cary on May 27! JACKIE FREY Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Jackie Frey is the coordinator for the Twin Falls County Department of Emergency Services.)

Carter should be next T.F. Co. Sheriff

I believe anyone running for an elected position should have a bouquet of positive traits. Integrity, sincerity, reason, knowledge, toughness,

diplomacy, compassion, etc. Tom Carter has all these traits plus the bonus of a strong background in law enforcement and management procedures. He will be steadfast and tireless in working to make the citizens of Twin Falls County protected.

I am voting for Tom Carter because I believe he is the best candidate for Twin Falls County sheriff. RONALD PECKENPAUGH Twin Falls

Howell should continue to serve Jerome County

How does a person show leadership in a community? You do it by setting good examples for others to see. That is exactly what Charlie Howell has done as Jerome County Commissioner.

Charlie uses common sense and the law to make conscientious decisions in matters that he is faced with, will not cost taxpayers thousands of dollars. He also realizes that he is representing all of the people of Jerome County when he makes such decisions.

Even when he is harassed by individuals, he shows them respect. Comments have been made that the job may be too much for Charlie, but I ask you to sit back and truly ask yourself, what you would do if you were confronted with the situations that Charlie has been through day after day.

I feel that most individuals would not be seeking re-election, but Charlie is not that type of person. He knows that the people of Jerome are worth fighting for. He knows that he has a job to do, and he is going to get it done with dignity and respect. Respect for Jerome, respect for the community he serves and respect for the position that he knows he was voted into.

That is why we will be voting for Charlie Howell, Jerome County Commissioner in District 2 on May 27. MIMI POHANKA SUSAN POHANKA Jerome

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Disaster fatigue' leads to drop in charitable giving

By Lisa Tolin
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The numbers are almost too large to fathom, so many Americans stop trying. As bodies pile up in disaster after global disaster, even the most sympathetic souls can turn away.

Charities know this as "donor fatigue," but it might be more accurately described as disaster fatigue — the sense that these events are never-ending, uncontrollable and

overwhelming. Experts say it is one reason Americans have contributed relatively little so far to victims of the Myanmar cyclone and China's earthquake.

Ironically, the more bad news there is, the less likely people may be to give. "Hearing about too many disasters makes some people not give at all, when they would have if it had been just one disaster," says Michael Ann Strahlitz, who teaches marketing at Golden Gate University and

specializes in the factors at play in charitable giving.

Compared with disasters like the Asian tsunami and Hurricane Katrina, those in China and Myanmar have generated just a trickle of aid. As of Friday, Americans had given about \$12.1 million to charities for Myanmar, according to the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. The group said on Monday that it was too soon to count contributions to China.

A number of factors may be at play

in the slow American response, including a lack of sympathy for the repressive governments involved, doubts about whether aid will get through, and an inclination to save pennies because of shaky economic times at home.

But Americans may have also been influenced by the quick succession of monumental catastrophes in two distant lands.

"For the vast number of Americans, if they just gave to some disaster far away and then another

disaster happens, in their mind that's clumped as 'faraway disaster,' Strahlitz says. "So they will feel just gave to a faraway disaster."

If one disaster can be galvanizing, several in a row can be paralyzing. "It's too much pain, too much tragedy for someone to process, and so we tend to pull ourselves away from it and either close off from out of psychological defense, or if overwhelmed, we," says Cynthia Edwards, a professor of psychology at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C.

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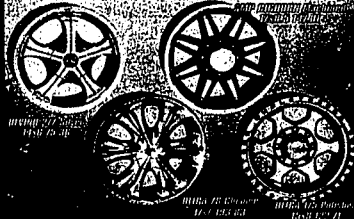
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Boston's Lester fires no-no against Kansas City

By Henry Colon
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — Jon Lester can now add pitching a no-hitter, to his already amazing list of accomplishments.

The 24-year-old lefty, who survived cancer to pitch the clincher of Boston's 2007 World Series victory, shut down Kansas City 7-0 Monday night for his first no-hitter in the majors this season.

"Really, words can't describe it right now," Lester said.

Lester, 3-2, allowed just two baserunners, walking

Billy Butler in the second inning and Esteban German to open the ninth. He struck out nine, including Alberto Callaspo to end the game.

Lester and manager Terry Francona met for a long, hard embrace when it was over.

"He just said he was proud of me," Lester said. "I've been through a lot the last couple of years. He's been like a second dad to me. It was just a special moment right there."

Center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury made a diving catch of Jose Guillen's line drive to end the fourth — the best defensive play of the game. Lester also got help from first

baseballer Kevin Youkilis, who made a nice scoop on shortstop Julio Lugo's throw after David DeJesus hit a grounder in the third.

The fans really got into it for the final out of the seventh, rising to their feet when Lester fanned Guillen on a 93 mph fastball. They remained standing for the entire ninth inning, flashes popping, screaming at full throat when defensive replacement Callaspo fell behind 0-2.

Lester pumped both fists in the air after Callaspo reached for a high and outside 1-2 fastball.

Please see LESTER, Page B2



Boston Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester pumps his fist after recording the final out of his no-hitter against the Kansas City Royals in Boston on Monday.

Three teams, three different emotions

On two different diameters in two cities about as far apart as they come in Idaho, the gamut of sporting emotions went on full display from District TV's last three teams standing, from the old adages of "thrill of victory" and "agony of defeat," and a point somewhere in between.

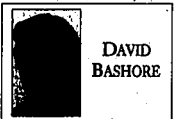
For Class 3A runner-up Kimberly, the overriding emotion may fringe upon oppressive: a patently incomplete feeling.

It was another tremendous regular season for the Bulldogs, but it's also the second successive sporting season in which Kimberly entered the state tournament with an unfinished record only to come up short in the only statistic for which you're remembered.

For the Bulldogs seniors, it's undoubtedly a particularly bitter pill to swallow. Sure, they tasted victory with a championship in softball last season, and that's something that can never be taken away from them. But they may be haunted by the letdown of a double reprint left by failure after enormous expectations than they are lifted by the championship of the previous year.

For them's the serene satisfaction shared by the Bruins of Twin Falls, who overcame both the loss of No. 2 pitcher Katelyn Buhl and a fairly weak conference schedule to raise their game and take second place in the Class 5A tournament.

Make no mistake, there were tears shed after the championship round's conclusion, but they weren't tears of failure from crestfallen players watching another team hoist the trophy. Instead, they were the



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tears of senior Kelli Roemer, and their source was finally — her four-year odyssey as a high-school athlete was over.

But given what the Bruins had to overcome to reach the championship round and the trend of struggling seasons it had to buck, the prevailing grace shown by each young woman illustrated that they know this is just the beginning for Twin Falls softball, even if it's the end for four impactful seniors.

Last but certainly not least comes the most compelling scene of them all: the largely unheralded, young team that just doesn't go out and win it all.

On paper, Buhl arguably was in over its head at the state tournament. With just one senior and eight losses — graded, six of them ungraded — at the hands of then-undefeated Kimberly — in the regular season, there were few pundits who knew what to make of the Tribe.

And when they had to face their rival Bulldogs in the state championship game for all the marbles, common wisdom was that Buhl — which had lost nine straight to Kimberly dating back to last season — might have trouble and Kimberly would find a way to get it done despite it being freshman sensation Nellie Makings' sixth start in two days.

Someone forgot to hand the Hunter sisters, the state's best pitcher, to freshman Katherine did the Please see BASHORE, Page B2

SPURS SURVIVE



San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan clutches the basketball during his team's 91-82 win over the New Orleans Hornets in Game 7 of their Western Conference semifinal on Monday in New Orleans. The win, the first by a road team in the series, sends the defending champion Spurs to the Western Conference Finals against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Champs hold off late Hornets surge to win Game 7

By Brett Martel
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — A title defense endures for the playoff-savvy San Antonio Spurs.

Manu Ginobili scored 26 points, hitting four free throws in the final minute, sending the Spurs to the Western Conference finals with a 91-82 victory over the New Orleans Hornets on Monday night in Game 7 of their second-round series.

Tony Parker added 17 points, including a crucial jumper in the final minute, as the Spurs held off a late rally to become the first team in this series to win on the road.

With a nucleus of Chris Paul, David West and Tyson Chandler, the Hornets appear destined for greater things, but now is not their time.

It's the Spurs and their trio of Tim Duncan, Ginobili and Parker who will be traveling to Los Angeles to face the Lakers in Game 1 of the Western Conference Finals on Wednesday night.

West led the Hornets with 20 points, while Paul and Jannero Pargo each added 18. Chandler had 13 points and 15 rebounds for the Hornets, who cut a deficit as large as 17 down to three inside the final two minutes.

Duncan had 16 points and 14 rebounds for the Spurs, seeking to win back-to-back titles for the first time.

The win also gave Spurs coach Gregg Popovich 100 playoff victories, moving him into a tie with Larry Brown for third on the career list.

The Hornets had dominated the third quarters of their three previous

home games in this series. This time, the Spurs, who have won four titles in the previous nine seasons, had an answer. It was their calling card: stingy defense.

The Hornets, down by nine to open the period, could not manage consecutive baskets throughout the quarter, never getting closer than seven.

New Orleans went nearly a three-minute stretch without a basket before Paul hit a pair of free throws to close the gap to 58-50.

Michael Finley then responded with a 3-pointer and Parker added a jumper, putting San Antonio up 63-50.

New Orleans finally began to look overwhelmed by the magnitude of the moment, even missing open shots.

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NBA's worst teams hope big turnaround starts with lucky lottery

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press writer

Lucky Lefty and Larry Legend are the latest characters looking for a big score in New Jersey.

Mike D'Antoni will try to make the Knicks fortunate before he can make them good, and the Seattle SuperSonics are sending Kevin Durant in hopes of landing the next, well, Kevin Durant.

They are all expected tonight at the draft lottery, the NBA's shortcut to go from loser to winner.

Just like last year, two stud freshmen are the top prizes. The Miami Heat have the best chance to win the right to choose between Michael Beasley and Derrick Rose, but history says they won't. Only twice, in 2003 and '04, has the team with the best odds won under the current lottery format, which began in 1994.

That's why the other 13 teams headed to Secaucus, N.J., will do what they can to boost their hopes. The hometown Nets, back

in the lottery for the first time since 2001, are sending team investor Shawn Carter, better known as rap mogul Jay-Z, to take their seat on the stage.

"This is very exciting and I hope my nickname 'Lucky Lefty' holds up," he said.

The Nets have just a 1 percent chance of winning the No. 1 pick. Jay-Z will be seated next to Indiana Pacers president and Hall of Famer Larry Bird, Durant and Miami's Dwyane Wade are among the star players representing their fallen franchises.

The Knicks, with a lottery pick again after shipping top-10 choices to Chicago each of the last two years in the Eddy Curry trade, are sending new coach D'Antoni.

"I want Mike to come with me because he's lucky they tell me," now president Donnie Walsh said. "We need somebody with luck. I haven't been lucky in that thing."

The lottery determines the top three picks, with the rest of the

first 14 spots made in inverse order of a team's record. The Heat's NBA-worst 15-67 finish gives them a 25 percent chance of choosing first and they can do no worse than fourth.

Seattle has a 20 percent chance of getting the top pick, with Minnesota and Memphis at 14 percent.

The odds meant "nothing last year, when Memphis, Boston and Milwaukee, the teams with the three worst records, all fell out of the top three spots, the first time that had happened under the current format."

Portland moved up from sixth to get the No. 1 pick, which it used on Greg Oden, and Seattle vaulted to second and settled for Durant, who won the Rookie of the Year award.

The favorite next season will be Beasley, a forward who averaged 26.5 points and an NCAA-best 12.5 rebounds for Kansas State, or Rose, the point guard who nearly

carried Memphis to the national title.

The Celtics were one of the devastated teams last year, when they had the second-best chance of landing a top-two pick and instead tumbled all the way to fifth.

Boston then packaged that pick in a trade with Seattle to acquire Ray Allen, and later traded Kevin Garnett from Minnesota in another deal.

The Celtics will be hosting Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals a few minutes after the lottery finishes, so perhaps the Heat or Sonics shouldn't despair if the balls don't bounce their way.

"If it's not No. 1 or No. 2, the balls fall as they may, the chips fall as they may," Wade said. "We've just got to make the best choice that we can make."

"Whether it's keeping the pick, trading the pick, whatever we're doing, we've just got to make the best choice for the team that we have, and the faces of the team

that we have ... bringing the right guy in, that's what it's all about."

New York has the fifth-best chance at No. 1, with the Los Angeles Clippers, Milwaukee, Charlotte, Chicago and New Jersey rounding out the top 10. Indiana, Sacramento, Portland and Golden State — which missed the playoffs in the powerful Western Conference despite a 48-34 record — are the four biggest long shots.

The Knicks can't do no worse than eighth, still an improvement after losing what would have been the Nos. 2 and 9 choices the last two years.

That's little reassurance to Walsh, hoping to quickly jumpstart the rebuilding in New York.

"I'm not comfortable at all. I want to win it. I really want to win it," Walsh said. "There's good talent, one through eight. Obviously one is going to be better than eight."

AP Sports Writer Tim Reynolds in Miami contributed to this report.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and hot. Gusty west winds 20 to 35 miles an hour. Highs in the lower 80s.

BURLEW/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and very warm. Gusty west winds 20 to 35 miles an hour. Highs in the middle 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

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BOISE Hot with gusty winds today along with a slim chance for a thunderstorm.

NORTHERN UTAH Today will be another warm day with gusty winds. Rain develops tonight and becomes likely Wednesday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 60 at Lewiston. Low: 20 at Dole.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Weather forecast grid for Twin Falls showing Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with icons and temperature ranges.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Almanac section for Twin Falls including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count.

MOON PHASES

Moon phases section showing icons for Full Moon, Last Out, New Moon, and First Out.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Moonrise and Moonset section with times for Twin Falls.

U.V. INDEX

U.V. Index section showing the current index and a scale from Low to High.

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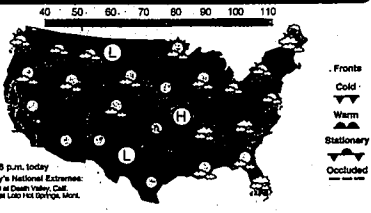
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table listing major cities across the US with their weather conditions.

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CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table listing major Canadian cities with their weather conditions.

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Roth in familiar spot as slowest qualifier for Indianapolis 500

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — At least he's in the race. When Scott Dixon takes the green flag from the pole position on the inside of the front row, Marty Roth will be far, far back in an all-too-familiar spot at the tail end of the Indianapolis 500 lineup on Sunday.

It's the second year in a row the Canadian driver has been the slowest qualifier and the fourth time in as many races he'll start 29th or worse in the 33-car grid. He's used to it. "The car has been consistent," said Roth, a former motorcycle racer who owns his own IndyCar team.

was quickly bumped from the lineup Sunday by Foyt, but he bumped his way back into the field about 90 minutes later. After some late jockeying for the final few spots, Roth found himself on the bubble as rookie Mario Dominguez took the track for one last attempt before the 6 p.m. end of qualifying.



Indy car driver Marty Roth, of Canada, speeds through the first turn during practice for the Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Saturday. Roth qualified as the final driver for the May 25 race.

and anything can happen." Roth's best finish at Indianapolis was 24th as a rookie in 2004, and his best finish in nine career IRL starts was 14th at Chicagoland last fall. In three

races so far this season, his best finish was 17th at Japan last month. At 49, Roth is also the oldest driver in the Indy lineup

for the fourth time in the past five years, and with 45-year-old John Andretti driving a second Roth entry, he has the oldest team, too.

Everyday kindness is the secret to marriages full of romance

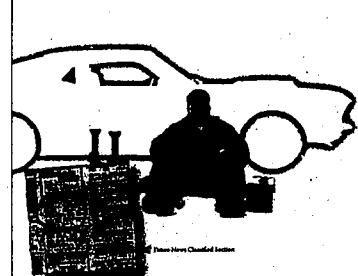
DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to "Kelly in Austin" (March 24), who wondered if there were more than two models who excel at romance. "Amantia" tries to give me a total of four pieces of jewelry throughout our 13-year relationship. However, he has given me many intangibles that mean far more.

DEAR ABBY: Jeanne Phillips has chosen to be that kind of man. —BELOVED DEAR BELOVED: You are a lucky woman who married a real gem. A life partner with attributes like your husband's is a jewel more precious than any stone that nature could create. Read on: DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 15 years, and my heart still skips a beat when I see him. We have a little piece of paper with I love you written on it, and we take turns hiding it somewhere for each other to find. It shows up in my wallet, in the book I'm reading in the laundry. It never fails to brighten my day, and it costs us not one cent. He brings me coffee in the

morning and a cup of tea at night. He'll surprise me with a candy bar or a cookie when I'm feeling down. Expensive jewelry isn't what makes a romance — it's my darling taking a moment to let me know he's thinking of me. —TINA IN CHINCOTEAGUE, VA. DEAR ABBY: When my fiancé and I first got together, he told me that he didn't celebrate Valentine's Day. He claimed that he "did his thing" all year — and it's true. He leaves cards in my book bag scented with his cologne and sings to me on my voicemail at work on dreary Monday mornings. He writes me poems and buys me spontaneous gifts. No jewelry commercials can compete with a gift from the heart. —SWEEP OFF MY FEET IN MEMPHIS DEAR ABBY: I have been happily married for more than 10 years, and it hasn't been because of diamonds, flowers or trips to bed-and-

breakfasts. We're happy because we laugh together, because we like each other, and because he was considerate enough to buy me a hands-free cell phone device to use while driving back and forth between our home and my father's. It's because he knows what scent of candle to buy me from a kid's fundraiser and because he thought I needed a new lunch box for work and got me one. This is real life. Diamond commercials on the television are not. —RITA IN DUBOIS, PA. DEAR ABBY: My parents have been married 45 years, and the most romantic gesture I've ever saw took place about 10 years ago. One day, while she was digging in the garden, I saw my dad standing there, hovering over her with a can of wasp spray, ready to blast any potential threat into eternity if it got near Mom. Now that's better than a diamond any day. —SAM IN PALATINE, ILL.

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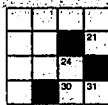


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Consumers not deterred by high price of wheat

By Clady Snyder
Correspondent

Consumers may grumble about the rising cost of bread this spring, but it hasn't stopped them from buying it.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's monthly estimate of both the U.S. and world wheat balance sheet—a comparison of projected supply and demand—domestic wheat consumption for food is on the rise.

U.S. consumers are expected to consume 12 million bushels more wheat in the marketing year that ends May 30, 2008, than they did

the previous year.

Demand is projected to increase another 10 million bushels for the new marketing year beginning June 1, 2008.

Blaine Jacobson, the administrator for the Idaho Wheat Commission, said he isn't surprised to see that kind of growth.

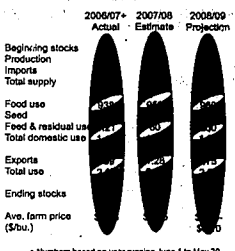
"The American diet—and the world diet as well—is built around wheat," he said. "It's going to take a very large price increase to dampen world consumption of wheat."

Even though wheat prices flirted with the \$20 per bushel mark, prices have been drifting lower lately. Following the release of the May report, July wheat futures closed down 17-1/2

cents per bushel to \$8.04-1/2. Traders considered the report bearish because both U.S. and world wheat production are expected to hit record levels barring any weather issues. U.S. wheat production is expected to reach a 10-year high of 2.39 billion bushel while world production was forecast at a record 656.01 million metric tons (1 metric ton is equal to approximately 36.7 bushels of wheat).

Jacobson expects soft white wheat prices to average between \$5 and \$7 per bushel in the coming year, while hard red spring wheat prices could range between \$7 and

U.S. Wheat Supply and Demand



Idaho dairies grow larger, but fewer in numbers

By Joshua Palmer
Staff writer

Idaho lost another 35 dairies in 2007, according to the latest figures from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture.

At the end of 2006 the state had 663 dairy farms, but that number shrank to 648 by the end of 2007. First quarter figures for 2008 from the National Agricultural Statistics Service show that Idaho now actually has 540,000 mature milking cows.

The average milk price jumped from an average of \$11.89 per hundredweight in 2006 to \$17.80 in 2007.

Dairy farm gate receipts went from \$1.27 billion in 2006 to \$2.04 billion last year. The ISDA is projecting a 9 percent growth in milk production throughout 2008. April figures from the NASS show that Idaho's milk production grew by 8.2 percent in April 2008 over the same month a year ago.

Idaho is still in fourth place

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Idaho dairies by the numbers

• Mature dairy cows	
2006	2007
476,000	507,000
• Average herd size	
2006	2007
696	783
• Milk production	
2006	2007
10.89 billion pounds	11.55 billion pounds

What do you think of Agribusiness?

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Rising cost of food dependent on more than demand, supply

By Jerry Hirsch
Los Angeles Times

All over the world, prices for basic foods—barley for beer, milk for cheese, corn for tortillas, and the rice that serves as a staple for more than half the world's population—are soaring. But farmers aren't rushing to cash in on the boom by planting more of the crops.

The volume of corn planted in the United States is expected to dip this year. Rice acreage in California, which



Construction workers install an evaporator tower at the Idaho Milk Products dairy processing plant, which is under construction in Jerome. Despite adverse weather during the winter, officials say the plant will begin operation on schedule.

Despite bitter winter, construction on dairy processor is on schedule

By Joshua Palmer
Staff writer

Winter was hell for construction crews working on the Idaho Milk Products dairy processing plant in Jerome.

Freezing temperatures threatened to delay work on the 190,000 square-foot facility located east of Jerome on 200 South Road. High winds rocked towering cranes that lowered millions of dollars worth of processing equipment onto the plant's foundation.

But despite a long and difficult winter that delayed many construction projects in the region, construction crews and plant managers say they are on schedule to begin shipping product by January 2009.

The announcement, made earlier in the month—came as welcome news to Jerome officials who began working more than four years ago to attract an employer such as IMP.

The new facility was part of a cooperative effort between the Northside Development Group—a small group of dairy producers from south-central Idaho—and city officials.

The processing plant will not only create up to 70 new jobs, but it will also strengthen

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Coming next week

Dairy processors aren't what they used to be. Follow the water trail in the next edition of Agribusiness.

sells as much as half its crop overseas, is predicted to increase by only a small amount. Instead, farmers are planting cheaper-to-grow wheat and soy.

They say the reason is simple. The cost of planting some crops is rising as fast as their prices, and sometimes faster, leaving little incentive to increase production of some

Coming tomorrow

Your guide to local foods. Wednesday in Food & Home

foods that remain in high demand around the world.

Farmers typically plant their crops once a year and not all of them cost the same to produce. Both corn and rice, for example, require more fertilizer to grow and fuel for farmers to tend than other crops. As the cost increases of those supplies exceed the rise in prices paid farmers, they are shying away from some expensive crops.

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2. Lake Whitcott: 97%
3. Rifer: 80%
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Barrel		Land O'Lakes (56 lb)	\$11.75	Pocatello	\$9.00	Pinto	\$32.00
Average price	\$2.0505	Rangen (56 lb)	\$10.60	Burley	\$9.05	Small Red	\$40.00
Why protein		Wendell Elevator Co.	\$10.00	Alfalfa hay prices			
Average price	\$1.0975	Barley (Per 48 lb.)	\$9.50	Average price (ton) \$118			
Class III milk		Rangen					
Average price	\$16.76						
Class IV milk							
Average price	\$14.56						

Prices quotes this morning. Prices subject to change at any time. To be included in this table, call Joshua Palmer at 208-735-3231.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance data including fund names, last closing prices, and percentage changes.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Table of commodity prices for various futures contracts, including soybeans, wheat, and corn.

Table of livestock and dairy commodity prices, including live cattle, hogs, and milk.

Table of metals and money prices, including gold, silver, and various currencies.

MARKET SUMMARY

Large table summarizing market activity across NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and INDEXES, including volume, price changes, and sector performance.

Wheat

Continued from page C1. These are good compared to historical levels, but they're not as good as last year," he said. Last year's record high wheat prices resulted from growing demand and straining a wheat supply that was tight because of weather-related problems in many of the world's major wheat producing regions.

IMP

Continued from page C1. The community's role as one of the largest dairy processors in the nation — Jerome is already home to the Jerome Cheese Company and Danigel's. "We were looking at Kansas for a while, but it was a much better deal to build here in Jerome," said Tom Myers, president and owner representative of IMP. "The land was ready to build, but the primary reason was that we have all our milk in one place."

Food

Continued from page C1. The little-noticed development could keep the price of some foods at their current high levels, or send them even higher, until worldwide supply can catch up with demand, economists say. "The price of crops drove what farmers did last year," said Chad Hart, an Iowa State University agriculture economist. Now "it's costs, and that's prompting farmers to reevaluate how they allocate their land this year."

Dairies

Continued from page C1. nationally for milk production, with California, Wisconsin and New York placing in the first three positions respectively. Idaho produced 1.03 billion pounds of milk last year; New York produced 1.05 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent during the quarter from a year ago. Cheese-producing capacity is increasing, with the opening of Brewster Cheese in Rupert and High Desert Milk in Burley scheduled to open in July. Those two plants will increase Idaho's production by 3.5 million pounds of milk per day.

High court upholds part of child porn law

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court says even in the no-holds-barred world of the Internet, some limits on speech are needed in the fight against online child pornography.

A federal provision upheld by the court Monday imposes a mandatory five-year prison term on people convicted of promoting child porn, and it doesn't run afoul of First Amendment free-speech rights, Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the court.

The law applies to "offers to provide or requests to obtain child pornography," Scalia said. It does not require that

someone actually possess child pornography.

In their 7-2 ruling, the justices brushed aside concerns that the law, aimed at cracking down on the flourishing online exchange of illicit images of children, could sweep in mainstream movies, classic literature or even innocent e-mails that describe pictures of grandchildren.

Janet Bertin, executive director of the National Coalition Against Censorship, said Scalia's narrow reading of the law in his majority opinion should result in "considerably less damage than it might otherwise have done." But Bertin said aggressive prosecutors still could try to

punish people for innocent activity and put them "through a terrible ordeal."

The ruling upheld part of a 2003 law that also prohibits possession of child pornography. It replaced an earlier law the court had struck down as unconstitutional.

Opponents have said the law could apply to movies like "Traffic" or "Titanic" that depict adolescent sex or the marketing of other material that may not be pornography.

Scalia, in his opinion for the court, said the law takes a reasonable approach to the issue by applying it to situations where the purveyor of the material believes or wants a listener to believe that he has actual child pornography.

Likewise, he said, the law does not cover "the sorts of sex scenes found in R-rated movies."

Justice David Souter, joined by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, dissented. Souter said promotion of images that are not real children engaging in pornography still could be the basis for prosecution under the law. Possession of those images, on the other hand, may not be prosecuted, he said.

"I believe that maintaining the First Amendment protection of expression we have previously held to cover fake child pornography requires a limit to the law's criminalization of pandering proposals," Souter said.

Report: Teens don't engage in oral sex to preserve virginity

By Rob Stein
The Washington Post

Contrary to popular belief, teens do not appear to commonly engage in oral sex as a way to preserve their virginity, according to the first study to examine the question nationally.

The analysis of a federal survey of more than 2,200 males and females aged 15 to 19, released Monday, found that more than half reported having had oral sex. But those who described themselves as virgins were far less likely to say they had tried it than those who had had intercourse.

"There's a popular perception that teens are engaging in serial oral sex as a strategy to avoid vaginal intercourse," said Rachel Jones of

the Guttmacher Institute, a private, nonprofit research organization based in New York, who helped conduct the study. "Our research suggests that's a misperception."

Instead, the study found that teens tend to become sexually active in many ways at about the same time. For example, although only one in four teen virgins had engaged in oral sex, within six months after their first intercourse more than four out of five adolescents reported having oral sex.

"That suggests that oral and vaginal sex are closely linked," said Jones, whose findings will be published in the July issue of the Journal of Adolescent Health. "Most teens don't have oral sex until they have had vaginal sex."

Rainy day funds tempt states facing budget woes

Arizona has spent two-thirds of reserve

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins
Associated Press writer

Lawmakers around the country are engaging in a tricky bit of economic forecasting these days, trying to figure out whether — or when — to tap into their states' rainy day funds.

The calculation involves deciding if it is better to raid the fund for fiscal emergencies now or to wait, in case the economic slowdown worsens and the need for revenue becomes more desperate.

Already, Arizona lawmakers dealt with a \$1.2 billion shortfall for this fiscal year, which ends in most states on June 30, by spending more than two-thirds of the state's rainy day reserve.

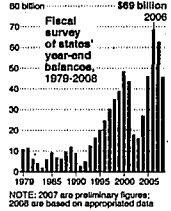
In Virginia, House Republicans opposed Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine's proposal to use \$423 million of the state's rainy day fund to close a projected revenue gap in the current fiscal year. They relented and agreed to a compromise of about \$352 million.

In Tennessee, Gov. Phil Bredesen is resisting similar calls to tap that state's reserves to fix its deficit. "Early on in any recession, which is where we are now, is not the time to start diving into the savings account," Bredesen said.

States generally try to maintain reserves of at least 5 percent of their budgets to protect their credit rating. The decisions that trigger the

Left-over cash

States recorded a decline in money left unused in their annual budgets in 2007, after hitting a historic high in 2006.



SOURCE: National Association of State Budget Officers. 2007: 2007 are preliminary figures; 2006 are based on appropriated data.

use of rainy day funds vary from state to state and, of course, involve politics as well as economics.

Governors and lawmakers tend to be reluctant to dip into the funds out of fear that, without the cushion, unpopular tax increases aren't far behind.

But officials also see draining rainy day funds as more politically popular than cutting health care programs or school funding, or raising the dreaded "r" word.

A National Conference of State Legislatures survey conducted last month found several states — including Alabama, Massachusetts and Minnesota — plan to tap their rainy day funds to close budget gaps in the year beginning July 1.

The decisions are being made amid an anemic economy that is hitting states hard. Earlier this month, the Rockefeller Institute of

Government reported that state sales tax revenue delivered the weakest performance in six years during the first quarter of 2008.

In April, the NCSL said the finances of many states have deteriorated so badly that they appear to be in a recession, regardless of whether that is true for the nation as a whole.

Such dire news is one reason some states are holding off raiding their reserves. "They're worried that, as bad as it might be, it might get worse," said Scott Pattison, executive director of the National Association of State Budget Officers.

Complicating matters, states tend to lag behind the nation when it comes to recovering from a downturn.

"You start picking up on your income and even your sales tax, but then you get hit with the Medicaid caseload growth," said Ray Scheppach, executive director of the National Governors' Association.

Rainy day funds were rela-

tively healthy at the end of 2007, even after a recession and the shock of the Sept. 11 attacks. Over the following two years, however, the funds plummeted as cash-starved states looked for help.

State coffers have since been refilled, hitting a historic high in 2006, when states reported \$69 billion in their reserves, including rainy day funds, or 12 percent of total revenue. That figure will drop to about \$46 billion, or 7 percent, by June 30, the end of the business year for most states, according to the NASBO.

States worry about the effect on their credit ratings if the funds dip too low. But one fiscal guard says states should not hesitate if they are needy.

"Having a rainy day fund and not using it is the same as not having a rainy day fund at all," said Liz McNichol of the Washington-based Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Bush will sign legislation to halt oil reserve buys

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush still thinks a bill forcing his administration to temporarily stop acquiring oil for its emergency stockpile is a bad idea, but he'll sign it anyway, a spokesman said Monday.

"The president is not going to sign it in their way on this bill," said deputy press secretary Scott Stanzel.

In a bipartisan rebuke, the Senate last week voted 97-1 and the House 385-25 to end the legislation. The White House said it expected to receive it later Monday.

Earlier, the president and White House officials had spoken out strongly against

the measure, although there wasn't a specific threat to veto it.

"He remains against it," Stanzel said. So why is he signing it? "I think he saw the overwhelming numbers of members of Congress who want to attempt to have an impact on prices by stopping the fill of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve."

Sponsors of the bill said they hoped to lower energy prices.

But the administration said the amount of oil involved, about 76,000 barrels a day, was relatively small and would have no effect on gas prices.

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We want you to join us for this celebration!

Our 28-year-old dealership has moved into our brand new state-of-the-art 30,000 sq. ft. building! The two-story building features an elevator, offices and community rooms on the upper level with sales, parts and services departments on the main floor. Our waiting room has a play center to keep the kids occupied while you shop.

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PUBLISH: May 20 and 27, 2008

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83303-0548
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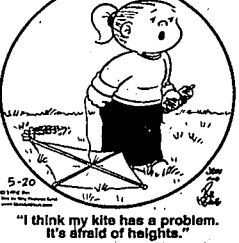
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FOUND butterfly ring in the Plaza Hat parking lot to identify 734-3831.

FOUND dog, golden brown, 3 months old, male, blue collar. Found on W Ave S, in Buht on 5/8/08. 208-212-9927

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Courtesy photo by TOM GILBERTSON
For Idaho ranchers spring means roundup time, and this scene is typical of how cowboys in Idaho have worked this annual event for over a hundred years, says Tom Gilbertson of Twin Falls, who took this photo at the recent spring roundup at Buster Back Ranches owned by Wade and Gwenna Prescott north of Hazelton. The wide angle of his 16mm fisheye lens "allows a full panoramic view of the cowboys as they work as an organized team to herd, rope, inoculate, brand and inspect the large group of calves born on the winter range."

From branding to bugs, most of the winners in our spring photography contest found their inspiration outdoors. The exception was Roberta Robertson, whose amaryllis image is illuminated by a skylight in the Twin Falls woman's upstairs bathroom. "That's my personal photo studio," she said.

The result was lovely lighting against a dark background that isolates the plant. And *Times-News* photographer Meagan Thompson, who helped select the winners on this page, praised Robertson for her choice of something other than a predictable spring bloom.

In Tom Gilbertson's roundup shot, Thompson liked his use of black-and-white film, which lends romance to the ranch scene, and of a fisheye lens, which "shows a lot of movement."

About Barbara J. Tolman's insect picture, Thompson said: "The colors just jump out against the sandy background. ... The viewer can see just how interesting the bug is because the photographer got close enough."

Tolman snugged a second win with her image of dandelion seeds at the moment of lift-off — with just enough separation between seed and flower. "You kind of have to wait for it to happen," Thompson said. Sky, she added, makes a more effective background for the dandelion than grass would.

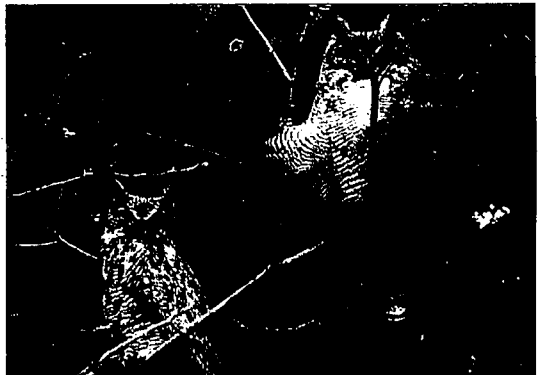
"The angle is important in this photograph," Thompson said.

For Lisa Knutz, Thompson had both praise and advice. "It's hard to find owls out in nature — they're hard to photograph," Thompson said. "This is a good found moment."

But, she said, Knutz should have stepped to the left to shift the shot's perspective and avoid the branch obstructing one owl's features. Sure, the owls might have flown away as their photographer changed position. "But that's a risk you should take."

Of course, Thompson didn't know about Knutz's morning coffee and hot soak.

—Virginia Hutchins



Courtesy photo by LISA KNUTZ
Lisa Knutz of Castleford says she and her husband drink their daily morning coffee in their backyard hot tub. She captured this shot on April 15 — one of the month's "cold, nasty, windy, snowy days." These owls stayed in the tree during the entire hot tub session, gazing back at the bathers. "The wind was blowing hard enough to blow the male's feathers outward," Knutz says.



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See a photo gallery of these winners.



Courtesy photo by BARBARA J. TOLMAN
For this spring 2007 shot, Barbara J. Tolman of Barley had to lie down on the grass. "I wanted the sun to glint off the top, so I assumed some pretty wild positions to get the right shot," she says. "Unfortunately, it was my parents' yard along the DeLoe-Barley Highway, so I received a lot of strange — and somewhat — looks. Mom's dog trying to lick my face didn't help much either!"



Courtesy photo by BARBARA J. TOLMAN
Barbara J. Tolman of Barley was testing a new Canon EOS 40D camera in Almo in April when she spotted a tiny green insect. "For the first 10 or so pictures he posed real well," Tolman says. "Then he'd had enough. But I had to try the macro photo on him yet. He kept dodging for cover and I would block him."



Courtesy photo by ROBERTA ROBERTSON
Roberta Robertson of Twin Falls loved the shapes, details and juxtaposition of these amaryllis buds, so she hung a dark blue fabric behind them to take the photo under a skylight in early May. "Since it was so cold and windy this spring, I took many photos indoors using the available light from my windows," she says.

Color, texture and line

Watch *Country Roads* next week for more winning shots from our no-prize spring photography contest.

Declo man forges new trade

By Laurie Welch
Staff writer

DECLO — For some people, such as Ray Bagby of Declo, the newfangled doesn't always mean better. But he would be the first to tell you: Life in the early 1900s was by no means easy.

It was a time when men worked with their hands from dawn until dusk to accomplish tasks that can be done today by the flick of a switch or turn of a key.

But for Bagby, a blacksmith and wheelwright, modern conveniences tend to lack soul and there is just something satisfying about heating iron until it bends to your will or shaping a wagon wheel by hand.

"I've always been a horseman and it's just something in me that I've always liked," Bagby said.

Many of the tools he uses went out of fashion with the horse and buggy, and sometimes it is easier to make them than to try to find them, he said.

Although, his blacksmithing and garage sales sometimes pay off.

"If there's an antique or garage sale, I'm there," he said.

But, he said, he does not hang around long — he knows exactly what he is looking for and if it is not there, nothing else interests him.

Today, he has a whole shop full of tools many people would not even recognize, and he houses them in four buildings on his working pioneer farm a mile and a quarter southeast of Declo that he occasionally opens to

the public. "Some of the old tools are worthless to everyone around here but me," Bagby said.

As far as Bagby knows, he is the only working wheelwright and blacksmith in Mini-Cassia.

"There are not many blacksmith shops around," he said.

The old-time trades, Bagby said, are seeing resurgence in popularity as more people restore old wagons.

"I started doing it in 1981 as a hobby, but now it's growing into a business," Bagby said.

He plans to eventually turn the old Declo Hardware Store that he relocated onto his farm into a leather shop, and one building houses his upholstery equipment, including a handmade cushion and ball machine that he uses to upholster the insides of fancy carriages and wagons.

When he built the cushion and ball machine Bagby researched it by looking at a picture in an old Sears and Roebuck catalog with a magnifying glass.

Many of the fancier models of wagons and carriages that he works on for clients are used in parades or put on display at museums, but on his farm, the restored horse-drawn wagons often get put to use feeding his cattle during the winter or doing other chores.

"With the fuel crisis maybe we'll be doing it all the time," Bagby said.

Tom Driesel, who has a mule team and wagon and is a frequent visitor at Bagby's farm, said it is fun for people to come to the farm and see how things were done at the turn of the century.



Ray Bagby demonstrates how his handmade cushion and ball upholstery machine works on his pioneer farm in Declo. Bagby, a blacksmith and wheelwright, restores old wagons and buggies.

"When people come out to the farm they get a nose full of dust, that wind-blown look and a treat they haven't had for 50 or 60 years," Driesel said.

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Leave more green in your wallet: Grow your own herbs

Staff report

One of the easiest ways to save on groceries — and calories — is to season your meals with your own home-grown herbs. And here, for perennial herb — hardiness zones. In addition, you'll get ideas for using herbs to beautify your landscape and for choosing flowers that will be a feast for your table as well as your eyes. Links provide tips on growing herbs — in the garden or in containers — as well as harvesting them, cooking with them and making teas with them.

Love hummingbirds? "Try placing a few patio pots or plantings of fragrant, red-flowered herbs like bee balm and pineapple sage near your outdoor living spaces," Agenbrand said in a press release. "You'll enjoy a show all summer."

Information, including tables outlining popular herbs' primary uses, expected height and width, suitability for containers, methods of propagation and — for perennial herbs — hardiness zones. In addition, you'll get ideas for using herbs to beautify your landscape and for choosing flowers that will be a feast for your table as well as your eyes. Links provide tips on growing herbs — in the garden or in containers — as well as harvesting them, cooking with them and making teas with them.

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Cut flowers, house plants unfairly blamed for allergies

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

Q. When the winter rolls around, I always want to give either a cyclamen, amaryllis or Christmas cactus for a holiday gift to my niece. However, her husband has bad allergies, and I wonder which of these flowers have the least scent.

A. It might be time to debunk one of the biggest myths about this topic. Cut flowers and house plants are often unfairly blamed for allergies. Although the flowers produce pollen, it is not the type that has much potential for causing allergies.

Wind-pollinated plants, including grasses, oaks and maples, do not have showy flowers. They produce enormous quantities of pollen and leave pollination to chance. Their pollen grains are small and light and dry, perfectly adapted for being spread by the wind. In contrast, plants with showy flowers, such as goldenrod, are pollinated by

insects. They have pollen that is heavy and sticky by comparison. It is designed to attach to insect body parts and hang on until it is dislodged when the insect visits another flower.

There are some instances of sensitivity to floral fragrances. My mother cannot handle the scent of chrysanthemums. Such sensitivity is much more rare than allergy to pollen.

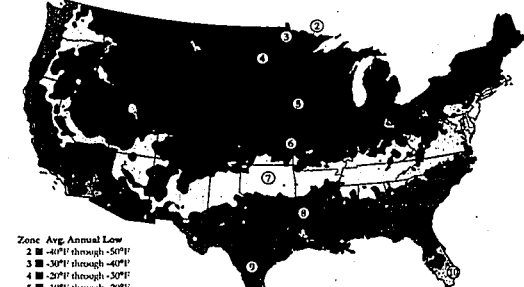
Of the plants you mention, amaryllis and Christmas cactus are the least likely to cause problems since they usually lack fragrance. The variety Ampeto is an exception to the rule with amaryllis, since it is lightly fragrant. Although some cyclamen are fragrant, many of the hybrids with large flowers lack fragrance. You may notice copious pollen production from both the Christmas cactus and the cyclamen. Though heavily produced, the pollen will stick to surfaces rather than blow about on the wind.

The changing zone map

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Depend-ing on where you live, if you're a gardener, you may actually live somewhat south of there. No, your state boundaries haven't been redrawn. But something else has — a map of plant hardiness zones in the United States.

As a gardener, you know that plants grow best in their comfort zone — not too hot or too cold. For decades, landscape professionals, gardeners, foresters, and nursery and garden-center staff have relied on the Agriculture Department's hardiness zone map to determine which plants are appropriate for a given area. The map, developed by the National Arboretum, the American Horticultural Society and plant scientists



Zone Avg. Annual Low
1 -40°F through -50°F
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3 -20°F through -30°F
4 -10°F through -20°F
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pink and red for warmer and light blue and darker blue for cooler. "Anything that's pink has warmed a full zone."

Some isolated spots, mostly around the Rockies, have gained two zones. And some parts of the Southwest, mostly in Arizona, Nevada and eastern California, have lost a zone, in terms of warming, Nelson said, "the far West has changed far less than the East and Midwest. The West is pretty warm anyway."

The map was created by averaging data from weather-reporting stations. The longitude and latitude of each station are known, so it's a matter of connecting the dots to establish zone boundaries. Another handy feature of the new map is that you can search by Zip code and learn which zone you're in. Nelson said the foundation borrowed that idea from the American Horticultural Society's heat zone map.

You can also watch an animation of the northward-advancing hardiness zones. Zone 10 advances in Florida, Texas and Southern California. Zone 9 virtually disappears into Canada.

If the map seems wrong to you, you might be living in a microclimate, an area that is warmer or colder than the major portion of the region you live in.

"No one knows their property better than homeowners themselves," Nelson said. And, as he points out, cold hardiness is not the only criterion for successful plant adaptation. Soil type, drainage, exposure, wind, and eccentric on-site conditions such as low wet spots or hot dry spots also make a difference. Urban areas tend to be warmer than the suburbs.

"We work a lot with urban foresters. Downtown landscapes can average 10

"The USDA map just doesn't seem right anymore. So we took it upon ourselves to do our own map."

— Woody Nelson, vice president of communications for National Arbor Day Foundation

degrees hotter than a suburb 10 miles away," Nelson said. The foundation's Web site also includes lists of the most popular trees for each zone and trees that should thrive there.

Nelson said the foundation is responsible for up to 10 million trees being planted every year, most of them seedlings, so it's important to match species to climate. The new map helps make sure the best information is available and allows the foundation to take advantage of climate changes.

One of the clearest ways to choose a plant that will do well in your yard is to choose a native species. "We strongly advise using native trees," Nelson said. They are usually planted from native seeds and are more accustomed to the kind of changes that occur within an area over time.

The Arbor Day Foundation doesn't advocate planting only native trees, though. "You also need biodiversity," Nelson said.

Diseases, such as Dutch elm disease and insects, like the emerald ash borer, can become problems for single-species plantings. Monocultures, he noted, are vulnerable to the same issues.

"Diversity would help maintain the canopy," Nelson said. "Start with natives, and add a little diversity." The wildlife likes it, and variety can create a more beautiful landscape.

of viable trees, shrubs and perennials in your landscape.

"Many of our members tend to be somewhat adventurous, to push the envelope, to be forward-thinking," Nelson said. They understand that the creation of a green canopy requires a variety of trees, he said.

While the new map reflects recent reality, it's the prediction of future climate conditions, and not everyone welcomes creeping heat. The Union of Concerned Scientists recently predicted that much warmer temperatures in the Northeast would drive the ski industry lead to longer and more severe droughts, change the coastline and wipe out some fishing. But the report noted that recent efforts to reduce greenhouse gases in the air are a step toward maintaining a stable climate.

Trees are an inexpensive and simple way to improve climate conditions. They reduce carbon dioxide in the air, remove tons of particulate pollution, filter sulfur dioxide and carbon monoxide from our atmosphere, and provide a cooling effect that reduces utility use and results in less burning of fossil fuels. Nelson says trees can make a difference in minimizing climate change, as can greenery planted on all planes of the landscape.

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Bill Larson, left, 97, shares some Scandinavian sweets and coffee with his brother, Carl, 94, in the kitchen of their 106-year-old farmhouse in Oklee, Minn., April 24. Years ago, they farmed with horses instead of tractors, and remember when a gallon of gasoline cost just 14 cents.

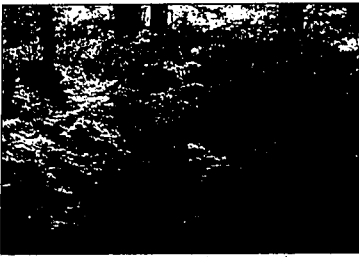
IN YOUR GARDEN

Azaleas have long lives if watered properly

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

Q. What is the life expectancy of azaleas? I planted some about 35 years ago. Some have begun to yellow, and last year I lost one. I fertilize with Hollytone after blossoms die back. After yellowing began, I added iron. I've never seen insects on the leaves but noticed that the fertilizer doesn't seem to be dissolving, as if the ground has hardened. Can these azaleas be saved?

A. Azaleas can live longer than 35 years, provided they get adequate moisture, organic material in the form of leaf mold and proper drainage. If the problem has been caused by drought, the new growth should fill in with healthy leaves after flowering. Stop fertilizing and focus more on providing good drainage. Water them if you have warm weather and no rain for a week to 10 days.



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Little book on gardening

By Jessica Damiano
Newsday

"The Veggie Gardener's Answer Book: Solutions to Every Problem You'll Ever Face; Answers to Every Question You'll Ever Ask" (Storey Publishing, \$14.95, 312 pp.) This little book by Barbara W. Ellis seems to have a Napoleon complex — tiny in size with such a boastful title — so I was skeptical of its claims. The guide opens with a Q&A section that addresses soil, general crop care and organic pest and disease control. Then, from artichokes to zucchini, details on sowing, caring for, watering, harvesting and troubleshooting problems are provided.

In the end, Ellis' self-assured claims passed my test: Her book answered the one question whose answer has eluded me (and lots of my gardening colleagues) for a long time. A healthy-looking tomato that is rotted inside. I've learned, in suffering from blossom end rot, even though its end isn't rotted. Who knew?

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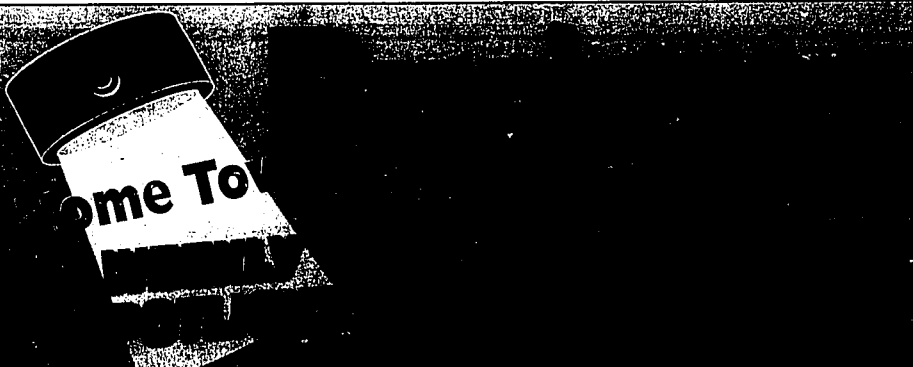
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