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## High grain prices drain E. Idaho aquifer conservation plan

Few farmers opting to plant cover crops,  
growing dairy industry also to blame

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — An agricultural water conservation program aimed at helping replenish southeastern Idaho's Lake Erie-sized aquifer has fallen flat because high grain prices, an expanding state dairy industry and a waning water-

curtailment threat have persuaded growers to keep land in water-intensive production.

The federal and state-funded Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, or CREP, two years ago began offering farmers about \$130 an acre to stop irrigating and plant cover crops. Some

100,000 acres were expected to be enrolled in 15-year contracts.

But only 19,600 acres on 110 farms are now enrolled. Even farmers who initially opted in are paying thousands in penalties to ball out of the program because they'd rather cash in on surging commodity prices.

Also in 2006, Idaho farmers who pump water from the drought-depleted Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer feared they'd have to dry up land

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— Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association executive director

amid shutoff calls from fish farms and irrigation canal companies. That year, they packed statewide meetings from Mountain Home to Jerome to learn more about the merits of CREP according

to those who attended. Since then, however, the Idaho Department of Water Resources has issued only warnings, prompting farmers

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**BY THE NUMBERS**

19,600

Current acres enrolled in Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program in Idaho.

100,000

Acres expected to be enrolled in program.

24.6 million

Acres nationwide currently enrolled in CREP down 2 million from a year ago.

Memorial Day weekend marks start of fishing, camping seasons

## Lickety-split license



Staff photo by JESSIE MCCOY

Amanda Will, an employee at Sportsman's Warehouse, uses the Idaho Department of Fish and Game license machine Thursday afternoon at the store in Twin Falls.

### State expects few snags with fish license system

By Sean Breslin  
Staff writer

Nearly one year after Idaho switched systems for fishing and hunting licenses, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is all systems go for the unofficial start of the 2008 fishing season. Tennessee-based Outdoor Central began issuing Idaho fishing and hunting licenses in June of last year. The state used to issue licenses through a company called GREch, based out of Rhode Island. The new program has been running smoothly so far, said Ed Mitchell, a conservation information supervisor with Idaho Fish and Game.

"So far it's been no complaints," Mitchell said. Most of Idaho's most popular fishing spots are open year round, Mitchell said. But this Saturday marks the opening of the Gem State's rivers and streams, which will remain open until Nov. 30.

"It's still an Idaho tradition that fishing season starts at Memorial Day," Mitchell said.

The state's old licensing program was historically prone to crashes, causing long waits for anglers hoping to land a trophy trout. Mitchell said his office

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Heavy snow both good and bad for Idaho anglers. See page D2

would sometimes provide coffee and doughnuts for Idahoans patiently waiting for their licenses.

"Last year was particularly an egregious example," Mitchell said of the licensing slowdowns. "It wasn't the biggest nightmare you could have, but it ranked right up there."

But in the past year, Outdoor Central has taken the reins with minimal problems, said Annie Woods, Idaho project manager for Outdoor Central. She said

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### Outdoor campers prepare for holiday

By Sean Breslin  
Staff writer

Memorial Day is the unofficial start of summer, but those headed up to the Sawtooth National Forest might not encounter summertime conditions, as leftover snow is still making a mess of some trails and roads in the area.

"We'd like to encourage people, particularly parents to get out into the woods this weekend," said Alicia Bennett,

a spokeswoman with the U.S. Forest Service.

In the Minidoka Ranger District, several campsites are still closed due to snow and muddy roads. In the Ketchum Ranger District, mud and snow are limiting access to roads and trails generally to those below 7,500 feet. Two campgrounds are closed in the Fairfield Ranger District: high water has shut down

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William Fisher, from east of Idaho Falls, fills up his pickup truck while on his way to Rogerson Thursday afternoon at the Plying 1 in Jerome.

### Red's, ATF close to settlement

By Cassidy Friedman  
Staff writer

A Twin Falls gun shop that went to federal court to keep the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives from stripping its gun license has reached a tentative settlement agreement.

Attorneys on both sides told U.S. District Court Judge Mikel H. Williams on Wednesday that they had likely agreed on how to end the case. The agreement was reached after a day-long settlement conference, said U.S. Assistant Attorney Deborah Ferguson.

"It means that Red's (Trading Post) will be going forward in cooperation with the ATF," said Mark Geston, a Boise attorney representing Red's Trading Post. "Everybody decided to try to cooperate. And now we are literally on the same page."

Geston stopped short of saying the agreement would mean that Red's gets to keep its gun license.

But he said, "That's the intent: That it should continue in its present line of business."

To say that Red's will simply continue selling guns as usual does not match the terms of the agreement, Ferguson said.

"Crucial factors would be missing from that settlement," she said.

Ferguson said the agreement reached Wednesday would be formal within 10 days.

A necessary step before the deal becomes final is the ATF signing off on the deal, Ferguson said.

"I think the terms and conditions are mutually satisfying," Ferguson said. "I think it's a win-win situation that has been approved by ATF."

Ryan Horsley, manager of Red's Trading Post, declined comment.

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### Idaho F&G sets wolf-hunting dates

By Sven Berg  
Staff writer

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission voted Thursday to allow wolf hunts throughout the state this year.

The decision is the agency's first step in taking on management of wolves, eradicated from Idaho in the 1930s and reintroduced by the federal government in 1995.

Following the announcement of the commission's decision, IDFG officials hailed it as a historic moment for the agency.

"This is a milestone," Commission Chairman Cameron

Wheeler said. "I really believe this is as tough an issue as maybe this agency has ever dealt with."

Wolf-hunting season will open Sept. 15 in Idaho's Selway-Bitterroot and Frank Church wilderness areas, then in the rest of the state on Oct. 1. The season will continue until Dec. 31 or until hunters have harvested about 200 wolves. Commissioners agreed they will review the hunt's progress at their November

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Chinese eager to adopt  
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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

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

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

The Mike Lewis Benefit Fund, for John Michael Lewis, candidate for new Biodesigns Inc. prosthetic (with all financial implications), following hunting accident and months of ongoing medical expenses, any First Federal Savings Bank, Magic Valley, 734-9490.

EXHIBITS

Flier High School Art Students Showcase, over 150 pieces of original art, 2 to 5 p.m., Lion's Gate Gallery, 219 Main St., Flier, no cost, public invited, 734-5538.

FAMILY

KBC (Kids, Books and Crafts), children in K-5th grade are invited to read and create crafts, 4:30 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, no cost, 735-2964 ext. 110 to preregister; "Youth Onyx," activities for young people ages 13-19 only, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2, 733-8720.

GOVERNMENT

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

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

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

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 11 to 11:45 a.m., Oakley Fire Station, 315 E. Main St., Oakley, no cost, 737-5988. Calabrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Agave, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-4667.

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

MUSEUMS

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

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

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, May 23, the 144th day of 2008, with 222 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On May 23, 1934, bank robbers Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, La.

ON THIS DATE

In 1430, Joan of Arc was captured by the Burgundians, who sold her to the English.

In 1533, the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void.

In 1701, Captain William Kidd was hanged in London after he was convicted of piracy and murder.

In 1780, South Carolina became the eighth state to ratify the United States Constitution.

In 1940, Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra, the Pied Pipers and featured soloist Frank Sinatra recorded "I'll Be Smiling Again" in New York for RCA.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces bogged down in Anzio, Italy, began a major breakout offensive.

In 1945, Nazi official Erich Himmler committed suicide while imprisoned in Lüneburg, Germany.

In 1960, Isreal announced it had captured former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann in Argentina.

In 1977, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the appeals of former Nixon White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman and former Attorney General John N. Mitchell in connection with their Watergate convictions.

Ten years ago: Official returns showed two convincing "yes" votes for the Northern Ireland peace accord.

Over the years, surprisingly strong 71.1 percent in British-linked Northern Ireland, and 84.4 percent in the Republic of Ireland.

Five years ago: By the narrowest of margins, Congress reelected President Bush the third tax cut of his presidency — a \$330 billion package of rebates and lower rates for families and other breaks for businesses and investors.

Over the years, President Bush, speaking at the U.S. Coast Guard commencement, portrayed the Iraq war as a battle between the U.S. and al-Qaida and contended that Osama bin Laden was setting up a terrorist cell in Iraq to strike targets in America.

CORRECTION

Wrong address given for auto center

Due to a reporting error, the address of the new Con Paulos Chevrolet Pontiac GMC auto center was incor-

rect in a story in Thursday's Business section.

The new auto center is located at 251 E. Frontage Rd. S. in Jerome. The Times-News regrets the error.

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MORNING BRIEFING

Minnesota ball team takes a wide stance

Come on, you knew it was just a matter of time ...

The St. Paul, Minn., Saints, an independent minor league baseball team that plays in the American Association, is giving away miniature bathroom stalls with a pair of lower legs and feet — one of which is springloaded so that it taps ...

The first 2,500 fans who show up at Sunday night's game against the Fort Worth, Texas, Cats will receive the toys as a not-so-subtle reference to Idaho Republican Sen. Larry Craig, who pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct after an undercover police officer arrested him for allegedly soliciting sex in a men's room stall at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport ...

A Saints press release notes that, "It doesn't matter if your tapping style is done with a 'wide stance.'"

The Saints are noted for colorful promotions ... Last August, they gave away rubber dog toys in honor of the federal dogfighting case involving Atlanta Falcons' quarterback Michael Vick ...

Two years ago, the team passed out rubber boats, ostensibly to honor the 30th anniversary of TV's "The Love Boat." ... In reality, the giveaway was intended to skewer the Minnesota Vikings, several of whose players were involved in illicit behavior on a private cruise ...

No word whether the third-term senator will be in attendance Sunday ... I'm guessing not ...

And yes, I checked: The Saints won't sell you a bobble-legged stall ...

WHAT RED-BLOODED Idaho parents would name their daughter Brooklyn? ...

A whole bunch of them, as it turns out ... Brooklyn — you know, the teeming, scuzzy, quintessentially urban precinct of New York City — was the 12th-most popular baby girl's name in Idaho last year, according to the Social Security Administration ...

Also favored spudwise were Addison (sixth among girls), Aiden (14th among boys), Nevada (23rd among girls), and Bailey (31st among girls) ...

SSA tracks the popularity of baby names since 1880 ... Brooklyn didn't show up in its records in any significant

numbers until 1990, Addison until 1994, Aiden until 1995 and Nevada until 2001 ...

Mary, the No. 1-rated girls' name in America until 1961, now ranks a pathetic 93rd ... Linda, the top girl's name in 1950, is 496th, and Jennifer — No. 1 in 1970 — is 64th.

Among boys, Robert is 73rd, Thomas is 57th and James is 33rd ... And Steve? I rank a dispiriting 97th nowadays ...

But in 1951, the year I was born, the name was 13th ... There were six Stevens in my second-grade class ...

Wonder if Brooklyn will ever have that problem? ...

Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

AROUND THE WORLD

CUBA

Judge denies motion to delay arraignment of Sept. 11 suspects

QUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE — A military judge on Thursday denied motions to delay the arraignments of five Guantanamo detainees suspected of mounting the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks ...

In his ruling, Marine Col. Ralph Kuhlmann said the military commission found that the interests of justice in the complex legal case would be best served by completing the arraignments on June 24 ...

Military lawyers had sought to postpone the first pretrial hearings for men charged with the 2001 attacks that killed almost 3,000 people in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, saying the government has made it impossible to do otherwise ...

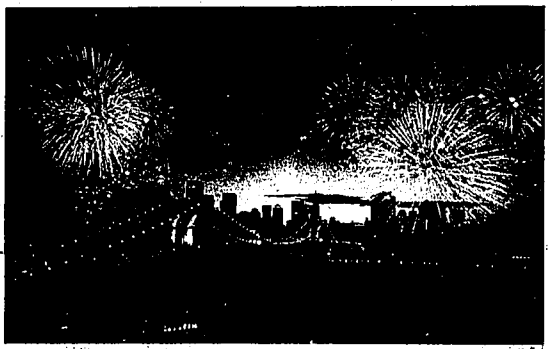
The highly anticipated arraignments are scheduled for June 5 at this remote U.S. Navy base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The U.S. is seeking the death penalty for all five defendants, including confederate-turned-Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

WASHINGTON

House panel subpoenas Rove for Justice inquiry

The House Judiciary Committee on Thursday subpoenaed President Bush's

BROOKLYN BRIDGE TURNS 125



A fireworks show celebrates the 125th birthday of the Brooklyn Bridge on Thursday in New York. The iconic bridge spans 6,000 feet and is one of the nation's oldest suspension bridges.

former chief political adviser, Karl Rove, to testify about whether the White House improperly meddled with the Justice Department.

Accusations of politics influencing decisions at the department led to the resignation last year of Bush's attorney general, Alberto Gonzales.

It's unclear whether Rove will ever be forced to testify. The White House refuses to let him or other top aides testify about private conversations with Bush, citing executive privilege to block Congress' demands.

The subpoena orders Rove to appear before the House panel on July 10. Lawmakers will continue to grow restless as his name is tied to the White House's role in firing nine U.S. attorneys in 2006 and the prosecution of for-

CALIFORNIA Wildfires destroy homes in central California

CORRALITOS — Gusty winds fanned a wildfire Thursday that burned several homes, forced evacuations and closed schools in the mountains of central California, where rugged terrain frustrated efforts to get a handle on the fast-moving blaze.

Hundreds of people fled as the more than 4-square-mile fire continued to grow despite more than 500 firefighters and a swarm of tank planes and helicopters dousing the area.

Residents of more than 1,700 homes were asked or ordered to leave, but many are unoccupied vacation homes. No injuries had been reported as the blaze grew to more than 3,000 acres and was only 15 percent contained.

The mountain range separates Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties, about 15 miles south of San Jose, and the rural area is dotted with homes.

At least 10 homes were destroyed, and three schools closed their doors Thursday, officials said. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency for Santa Cruz County as thick clouds of smoke from the out-of-control blaze towered over the forested mountains.

— The Associated Press

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF MAY 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are more ambitious than usual, but some of this is motivated by frustration. For the most part, you will be most maintain a low profile, fulfill your obligations in a conscientious manner and stick to routines. People may be a bit more critical of your actions, so remain cautious.

YOUR LUCK: To shine comes in December and January only. Eddy Luck will smile on everything you do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Always drive slowly when enveloped in a fog. New hookups that form under December and January need consideration and established relationships may be shrouded in confusion. Spend as little money as possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't fool yourself. In business, you need a high degree of experience are highly-valued commodities.

You cannot pull the wool over someone's face and pretend you are what you aren't.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Suck it and spit it out. Dreams and reality. You should not blame others for holding you back because there may actually be self-imposed limits that prevent you from attaining your fondest dreams.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Wuzzz! Logic might make sense. Trust and diplomacy are much-needed assets when dealing with partners or others in close connection. Steer clear of new involvements with members of the opposite sex.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are brimming with ideas, but others may dampen your ardor by asking detailed questions. Your creative urges could be bogged down by practical considerations. Put important projects on hold.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Everything comes in time. The self-discipline you are learning to utilize will help you develop a solid framework around which you can build bigger and better. Take a rain check on attending a pity party.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The sympathy of others can boost your spirits, but it may be better to gather facts before entering an agreement. Close your eyes and be confident, but reserve judgment and make key decisions another time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Mental alertness could pay off. You may have the ability to take advantage of shifts in power. Think deeply and consider other perspectives. Appreciate loyalty and depth of feeling from a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Roll up your sleeves and practice what you preach. You can't count on everyone agreeing with what you say or

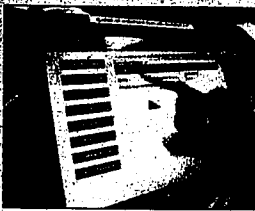
believe, but you can't afford to be seen as a hypocrite by those who disagree.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Self-discipline is your strong point. You are tempted to take wild chances with money or your heart, but you will have the best luck if you are precise and cautious about the things that are important.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emotions could adversely color decisions. It might be best to hold off and finalize key plans at another time. Since you are in a situation where it feels good to be melodramatic, you may make an error.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your electric personality may short-circuit a relationship. Since you refuse to be seen as part of the herd, you might shy or do something just to be shocking. You may be unaware of a resulting misunderstanding.

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### System

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their system experienced a six-hour downtime on Dec. 21 last year, but that they've been able to cope with high-traffic days like Memorial Day weekend with no glitches. Outdoor Central charges Idaho a flat fee of \$160,000 per month for their licensing services.

At Sportsman's Warehouse in Twin Falls, customer service manager Balley Fernandez said last weekend the store sold about 80 licenses, about 20 of which were for salmon fishing. And

she's expecting more sales this weekend.

"This weekend, I'm sure we'll get a lot with Memorial Day," she said.

Fernandez said problems have been few and far between since Outdoor Central took over the licensing system last June.

"They run a little slow but we haven't had any problems with them just crashing," Fernandez said.

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### Camping

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Kelly Creek Flats, while snow has blocked the route to Hunter Creek campground.

Redfish Lake Lodge and Stanley Lake campground will be opening this weekend, though some sites are still muddy. The Forest Service recommends Sunny Gulch Campground as the best option for this weekend.

If people haven't reserved a campground for this weekend, there's still hope to snag a spot. Bennett said about 50 percent of the Sawtooth campgrounds are set up for use on a first-come, first-serve-basis.

Due to the unpredictability of springtime weather, Bennett encouraged people to be safe when enjoying the Sawtooth or other areas, including bringing high-calorie foods and lots of water while hiking or camping. Additionally, she

reminded people that hypothermia is still a danger at night, and that wool clothing should be worn to protect against cold and damp conditions.

The onslaught of Memorial Day revelers hadn't hit the Flying J in Jerome, a usual one-stop-shop on the way out of town.

"Usually, it's extremely busy," said Margie Adema, manager at the Flying J. "When it's a really nice weekend, we'll get people in here with their boats."

Despite the high fuel prices, Adema said she's expecting business to pick up today, and said the travel plaza has been scheduling more help and stocking up on "ice and liquid refreshments."

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### CREP

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to bet that planting is a richer proposition than idling their land, said Sherry Brooks, who helps oversee the CREP program for the federal Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency.

"They're gambling they're not going to get curtailed," Brooks said. "So they're going to farm it. It is discouraging for them to terminate their contracts. We've probably lost 4,000 acres out of CREP."

The state Water Resources department didn't immediately return phone calls seeking comment on how CREP's lackluster participation is setting back long-term aquifer recharge efforts.

CREP is similar to the U.S.

Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program, which since 1985 has paid farmers not to plant on unirrigated land to conserve soil and boost wildlife habitat. CREP is meant to offer payments for water conservation on irrigated ground. Both are experiencing similar pressure from spiking commodity prices.

In mid-April, for instance, there were 34.6 million acres enrolled in CRP across the United States, down 2 million from a year ago. Idaho lost 50,000 of its 800,000 CRP-enrolled acres in the period, as farmers opted not to extend expiring contracts.

But while longtime CRP enrollees are more reluctant to ditch ongoing contracts — they'd face seven or eight years worth of penalties and repayments — enrollees in Idaho's newer CREP program are jumping ship

because they have to return just a year's worth of incentives, rental payments and federal and state subsidies to plant grass and other groundcover.

Once farmers bail out of CREP, they can no longer get back in. Still, such repercussions aren't condensing commodity prices spike and Idaho's dairy industry expands. It's now America's fourth-largest, after California, Wisconsin and New York, making its receipts of more than \$2 billion last year. With more than 500,000 dairy cows, up from about 475,000 in 2006, dairies are scouting for fields both as sources of corn feed and as a repository for their manure.

Naerebout, the Idaho Dairyman's Association executive director.

"The value of putting land in crops is greater than the

value of setting it aside," Naerebout said. "The pure driving factor is economics."

As long as demand for commodities remains high and there's little threat of curtailment, Idaho water users who pump from the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer will be reluctant to enter into long-term programs that shrink their options, said Lynn Tomlinaga, director of the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators.

To boost water conservation through CREP, Tomlinaga says looser rules for enrolling more cropland and sweetening the financial rewards are necessary.

In the Magic Valley, Tomlinaga said, "ground is being sold for \$5,000 an acre. I think people will still get into CREP but it'll either be smaller acreages, or we're going to have to come in with more money."

### Wolves

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meeting and possibly lengthen it that time.

Hunters will be allowed to use any normal hunting weapon to kill wolves, though they will not be allowed to use traps, snares, bait, hunting dogs or electronic collars, and will be prohibited from hunting within a half-mile of areas where elk are fed.

Several commissioners said they doubt hunters alone will be able to achieve the quotas they set forth, and certainly not by year's end.

"I don't believe that our hunting plan will do the job," Commissioner Tony McDermott said. "I'll be surprised if we end up with the number of wolves that we want at the end of the year."

IDFG officials say wolf populations in Idaho have soared since the reintroduction of wolves 13 years ago. Wildlife Bureau Chief Jim Unsworth said there are at least 700 wolves in the state now, and populations should rise to more than 1,000 after spring

pups are born.

IDFG Director Cal Groen said the rise in wolf populations statewide has corresponded to a decline in the numbers of elk. He acknowledged elk populations were already declining when wolves were reintroduced, but he called wolves a "factor" in suppressing them.

Wolves in Idaho were removed from the nation's endangered species list this spring, opening the door for state management of the animal. IDFG now has a five-year window to demonstrate it can manage wolf populations.

But conservation groups have pushed back, warning that exposing wolves to hunters may quickly drive them to the brink of extinction again. Several groups, including EarthJustice, the National Resources Defense Council, the Humane Society and the Sierra Club, joined in filing for a federal injunction to return wolves to the endangered species list in April.

If the injunction is granted, Wheeler said, it would complicate IDFG's efforts to manage wolves. The legal battles to resolve the dispute

might last two years.

"We could have 1,700 to 1,800 wolves in our state by then," he said.

Groen said he doubts opening a wolf-hunting season will reduce the animals' numbers enough to warrant its re-listing as an endangered species.

"This is going to be an adaptive approach," he said. "We're dealing with very conservative numbers. We feel there are more wolves out there."

Conversely, Groen said, elk populations have dropped as much as 70 percent in some areas since 1995, and IDFG has decreased the number of elk tags it issues to keep pace. He said that has reduced business surrounding elk hunting and consequently hurt the state's economy.

Unsworth said he expects wolf tags will be available for purchase in July. He predicted their cost at about \$10.50.

Also on Thursday, Unsworth updated the Commission on IDFG's efforts to resolve disputes between domestic sheep ranchers who graze their animals on public lands and groups claiming domestic

sheep have led to severe die-offs among bighorn sheep in recent years.

So far, Unsworth said, ranchers have supported IDFG's plan of keeping bighorns separate from domestic sheep by means of buffer zones. Though the buffer proposal was initially criticized by both sides for being too strict or too weak.

Unsworth said efforts to adapt buffer zones to each area have been largely successful. He said ranchers have been supplied with lists of best-management practices to minimize risk of contact between the species.

Like wolves, bighorns were once plentiful in Idaho and throughout the West, but went nearly extinct as settlers developed areas in and around the Rocky Mountains. Starting in the 1970s, bighorns were reintroduced to Idaho and have thrived in some areas. But contact with domestic sheep on public grazing allotments has been blamed for precipitous bighorn die-offs.

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# California is rewriting its marriage forms for gays

By Michael R. Blood  
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — You have to figure "bride" and "groom" are out.

So, what will the California marriage license look like in the new era of same-sex marriages? Will it list "Partner A" and "Partner B"? "Intended No. 1" and "Intended No. 2"? Or will it contain just blank spaces for the betrothed?

The court decision last week that legalized gay marriage in California has created a semantic puzzle with scant time to solve it. With the ruling tentatively set to take effect June 16, state bureaucrats must rapidly rewrite, print and distribute a marriage license application.

The current one-page form uses "bride" and "groom" four times each, and also requires the signatures of an "unmarried man" and an "unmarried woman," wording that is obviously out of step with the California Supreme Court ruling opening the way for gay marriages.

Thousands of same-sex couples are expected to flock

to the state next month to wed. But typically it takes the state months to churn out new forms.

Kate Kendall, executive director for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, said she is not particularly worried.

"This is where you don't want the perfect to be the enemy of the good," she said. "If people can marry and those marriages are legally recognized in compliance with the court ruling ... the t's crossed and it's dotted on the form are the least of our concerns."

The person with the final word is Mark Horton, director of the state Public Health Department, which oversees the Office of Vital Records. "It's too early for us to give specifics," said Linette Scott, a deputy director at the department. "We are going to be in compliance with the court order."

In Massachusetts, the only other state to legalize gay marriage, "bride" and "groom" were dropped from its marriage certificate in favor of "Party A" and "Party B." Those individuals then

check a box to indicate male or female. In Vermont, which issues certificates of civil union for gays, couples also are identified as "Party A" and "Party B."

Simply scratching out "bride" and "groom" on the current California form could be problematic. The form reads: "Make no erasures, whiteouts or other alterations."

Tom McClusky, a vice president at the conservative Family Research Council, said the state should maintain two marriage forms, one of which preserves "bride" and "groom."

"If the definition is seen to be so fluid, where do you stop?" he asked. "I can imagine the discussion in a couple of years of how many people should be included. Why is it wrong for two men and a woman to get married? I don't want to see the top of THAT wedding cake."

On Thursday, a conservative group, the Arizona-based Alliance Defense Fund, asked the California Supreme Court to put the decision to allow gay marriages on hold until after the election.

## Red's

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The ATF linked 10 or more guns used in crimes to Red's. The number of incidents triggered an agency field inspection in 2000, an ATF official said.

Terry and Ryan Horsley, who run Red's, asked the federal court last year to review their case after the ATF revoked their license. The ATF contended the revocation was needed because the shop had repeatedly violated gun sales rules.

A 2005 audit uncovered several instances where store workers failed to alert police after a multiple-gun sale.

Horsley and his employees lost track of guns, neglected to warn police about potentially suspicious activity and lacked safeguards with some of its sales, even after promising the federal government to institute greater caution.

But the Horsleys said they had been targeted by the federal agency and that most of

the errors were clerical in nature, such as abbreviating the words "yes" and "no" with their first letters, "y" and "n," on gun sale documentation. They further argued the ATF had failed to provide them enough training to meet compliance.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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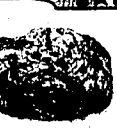


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EDITORIAL

### Too many questions about GOP sheriff's field

Wayne Tousley is dominating the race for the GOP nomination for Twin Falls County sheriff, even though he's not a Republican.

The four-term, 57-year-old incumbent is an independent, and as such he won't face voters until November when he and fellow independent Marty Jacobs will take on the winner of Tuesday's GOP primary.

Republicans Robbin Stubblefield, 49; Tom Carter, 57; and Ron Kirtland, 48, are all experienced law enforcement officers — and former employees of the sheriff's office. All have issues with Tousley on a personal as well as a political level; Tousley fired Carter and Stubblefield, and Kirtland resigned.

We've heard a lot about what Carter, Kirtland and Stubblefield are against — Tousley. But we haven't heard enough about what they're for. That's why we're declining to make an endorsement in the Republican primary for sheriff.

Tousley certainly has some things to answer for in the fall election. He's had a bumpy relationship with subordinates, his staffing priorities are open to question, and he's made a habit recently of spending more money than the county commissioners give him.

But the sheriff at least has a track record. We're not sure what the county would get with Kirtland, Stubblefield or Carter.

All three say they would change Tousley's practices on budgeting, jail and patrol staffing and vehicle use. It's less clear, though, what their alternatives would be and whether those options would work better than current policies.

Between now and November, the winner of Tuesday's primary must articulate a vision for how he would manage a department that chronically has to cope with too many demands with too few resources.

Whenever the winner of the November election, we're concerned that the early months of the next sheriff's administration could be about settling political scores. There are allies of Tousley and supporters of his challengers working for the department; their futures should be based on how well they do their jobs, not who they think should be sheriff.

The work environment in the sheriff's office is far too politically charged, and that tension inevitably has an impact on the department's effectiveness. Tousley or his successor needs to change that, and soon.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Jerome families show support for Mobley

We the following families living in the Shepherd View Precinct have given our support to Bill Mobley for our precinct committeeman for the Jerome County Republican Central Committee.

Bill has been in Jerome County all his life, where he has raised his family. He is a lifetime Republican, a homeowner, farmer and a businessman in Jerome today. We have known Bill

to be a conservative person. He served on the Planning and Zoning Committee for two terms and is serving as the precinct committeeman today where he has served for two years.

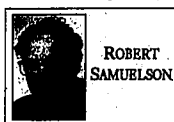
Your vote for him in the May 27 primary would be greatly appreciated.

BRIAN CRAIG  
Jerome  
(Editor's note: Brian Craig submitted this letter also signed by Bob Hopper, Wilford Allison, Don Thibault, John Baker and Jackie Nelson.)

# The better things get, the worse they get

We middle-class Americans are in a funk. "The overwhelming common narrative of the 2008 campaign is the idea that life for the middle class has grown more difficult," writes Paul Taylor of the Pew Research Center, which recently published a massive report on middle-class anxieties. By its survey, more than half of Americans believe they either have not moved ahead in the past five years (25 percent) or have fallen behind (31 percent). Pew pronounces this "the most dramatic short-term assessment of personal progress in nearly half a century."

It's not that Americans have lost their optimism. About two-thirds say they have higher living standards than their parents did at the same age, and by a 2-1 margin they expect their children to live better than they do. But there's an underlying disenchantment that seems to predate today's higher oil prices, falling home values and declining employment. "When my college-educated, gainfully employed thirtysomething friends and I get together, we talk about money," writes Nan Mooney in her new book, "(Not) Keeping Up With Our Parents." "We talk about our inadequate health insurance and whether we can afford it, about how to juggle credit card payments and crushing student loans. ... This wasn't the life I'd expected. ... It's the deceptive sense of falling behind reflects the



ROBERT SAMUELSON

elastic nature of being middle class. According to Pew, 70 percent of households now have two or more cars, and a similar share has satellite or cable TV; 66 percent have high-speed internet; 42 percent already have flat-panel TVs. Thirty years ago, no one's parents had this inventory. More students go to college and graduate school, so more have debt. Health care is expensive in part because modern medicine can do so much. Someone has to pay. One in 10 households now has a vacation home.

"Progress" keeps draining our pocketbooks. Pew finds that four-fifths of Americans find it hard to maintain middle-class lifestyles in 1986, and two-thirds did. But today's middle-class anxieties transcend the well-advertised "squeeze" on incomes. The deeper source of disquiet, I think, lies elsewhere. Middle-class families value predictability, order and security, and these reassuring qualities have eroded. People worry about rising living expenses; but what really upsets them is the possibility that their incomes or fringe benefits — pensions, health and disability insurance — might vanish. Paradoxically, "the lives of

individual Americans have grown simultaneously more prosperous and more precarious," writes Peter Gosselin in his new book, "High Wires" Gosselin, a *Los Angeles Times* reporter, has provided the most thorough account of this phenomenon to date. As he shows, the chances of being hit by a life-altering event (a long spell of unemployment, divorce, a big decline in work hours for one spouse) have declined slightly since the inflation-plagued 1970s and early 1980s.

But the consequences of setback have grown, he finds. The share of families suffering a 50 percent loss of income with a spell of unemployment rose from 17 percent to almost 26 percent. Fear of these setbacks has also made up the social ladder: not just factory workers and low-paid service employees but also managers and engineers. Companies raise health-insurance premiums. The reliable "defined benefit" pension (which paid a fixed monthly amount) has given way to the riskier 401(k) — vulnerable to bad investment decisions and sinking stocks. Corporate protections have weakened, as Gosselin notes.

One result is that bad economic news packs greater psychological punch than it once did, because more people identify with the victims. Change isn't just something that happens to them; it could happen to us. People

worry even if they hold well-paying jobs.

We're losing our sense of entitlement. Under the implied social contract, people who "played by the rules" (to use a phrase popularized by Bill Clinton) deserved modest middle-class guarantees: a steady job, rising income, always paid or covered against random misfortune (sickness, disability, job loss, accidents). There was a belief that diligence and responsibility were their own rewards.

It's worth noting that this imagined entitlement never universally existed. From 1975 to 1984, unemployment averaged 7.7 percent (today's 5 percent). The now venerated defined-benefit pensions sometimes weren't fully funded (so that promised benefits weren't always paid) or were funded at the expense of the next generation. Today's retired and well-pensioned autoworkers have condemned those who followed to lower-paid jobs or no jobs at all.

For most all Americans concern themselves middle class. In the Pew survey, 53 percent put themselves in the "middle class" and 19 percent each in the "upper middle" and "lower middle" classes. But the prevalence of middle-class ambitions and values creates a vexing contradiction: The advances in living standards that Americans expect require a flexible and competitive economy that weakens the security and stability that Americans also expect.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Haight is right choice for precinct officer

To voters in Twin Falls Precinct 11:  
I am supporting Rancee Haight for the Republican committeeman for Precinct 11. She is running for a second term and has served Precinct 11 diligently for the past three years.

Rancee grew up near LaGrande, Ore., and graduated from Oregon State University. She and her husband, John, moved to Twin Falls in 1993. She worked for several local companies and now helps John with their businesses.

Rancee volunteered in many community activities, including writing grants for the Boys and Girls Club, mediating for Juvenile Justice and Small Claims Court, and visiting patients at St. Luke's. She recently completed a five-year term as trustee of the Twin Falls Public Library. Rancee housed women from Kazakhstan while they studied English at the College of Southern Idaho and later a Kenyan couple so they could attend their son's CSI graduation. Rancee's travels to Kazakhstan in 2006 and 2007 broadened her perspectives of globalization. She is also a member of Magic Valley Toastmasters.

Rancee became a Republican when she was old enough to vote. She served as the secretary for the Twin Falls Republican Women for four years. Rancee supports traditional Republican values. She also supports innovative education reform, reduced health costs, energy development beyond oil, and smaller, responsive government. She believes precinct commit-

teemen should help constituents become more aware of and responsive to issues that effect their daily lives and situations. Rancee is always looking for the bigger picture, a larger perspective of how ideas and people connect together to make a better world.

I am asking voters in the 11th precinct to vote for Rancee Haight for a second term as our precinct committeewoman. I feel Rancee is a good listener and representative as well. She shares valuable insights in all her activities. Remember — Vote Rancee Haight, Precinct 11.  
DONNA ERICKSON  
Twin Falls

#### Resident has three simple wishes for Jerome County

I would like the following to happen in Jerome County:  
1) That we remain an agriculture based community and to ensure that, I will vote for Charlie Howell and Cathy Roemer.  
2) That when a new home is built outside the city and a well is drilled, it should be metered.  
3) That anyone who sells drugs to people and a death results will be charged with murder.

RALPH PETERS  
Jerome  
(Editor's note: Ralph Peters is a former mayor of Jerome and a three-term member of the Idaho House of Representatives.)

#### Commissioners didn't treat woman with disrespect

I read with great dismay the letter to the editor saying Jerome County Commissioner Davidson was rude to a woman attending a

commissioner meeting and County Commissioners and Chairman Charlie Howell allowed it.

This didn't sound like the two men I have known through church, work and personal relations. I talked to each one of them and then to other people who were also in attendance during the reported incident. The facts related to me were vastly different from the story written in the paper. Commissioner Davidson was not rude in his presentation to this woman in asking her purpose for attending the meeting and how he could help her. Commissioner Davidson even went as far as to apologize to her if he had said something offensive.

According to others in attendance, this woman's posture, attitude and replies appeared confrontational, not Commissioner Davidson's. I didn't understand. Who is this woman and why would she write this letter to the editor? After learning who she was, the story came together. It's another person acting as Lee Halper's mouthpiece. Oh, did I mention she is Diana Obenauer's campaign treasurer? Now that makes sense!

Please join with me in voting for Charles Howell and Cathy Roemer for Jerome County commissioners!  
JERRY CALLEN JR.  
Jerome

#### Carter's record speaks for itself in sheriff's race

On behalf of Tom Carter, I would like to say a few words about why I believe him to be the most qualified person to hold the position of sheriff. His qualifications are

numerous, starting with his 20 years of experience, and continuing to his senior Instructor status at Police Officers Standards and Training and the College of Southern Idaho, his distinguished military service as a Marine in Vietnam, and his support from law enforcement organizations.

His personnel file has come into question and shouldn't be an issue. He has explained that since it is pending litigation, he is unable to comment on it and that even if it weren't, Sheriff Tousley has complete autonomy as to what goes into those files, including his own. Why would anyone release a file without knowing what may be in there? An offer to release the files of someone in your employ, present or previous, is both suspicious and disionorable. The question should not be why wouldn't two of the three of these candidates release their files, but why would Sheriff Tousley make the offer? Understanding the motivation behind the offer gives one a better insight into the motivation behind the man, and it's not a pretty sight. At an open forum I recently attended, Sheriff Tousley asked that you "hold your vote" until the General Election. If that doesn't give you in as to the type of individual we currently have in office, I don't know what does.

Tom's record speaks for itself, as does the questions he has had with any one of you, on duty or off. His integrity has never been in question, and that alone should take you to the polls to vote on Tuesday.  
SHARNA KOOPMAN  
Twin Falls

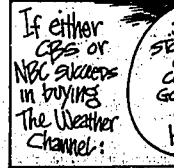
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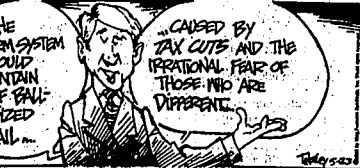


By Gary Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Candidate for sheriff has stuck his foot in his mouth**

The race for county sheriff has more than harsh words and accusations. Different issues that have been discussed and argued by the candidates had Ellis sticking his own foot in his own mouth, specifically regarding the use of county funds. I have personally seen him use it on several occasions for "personal use."

And for the record, as for my own withdrawal from the sheriff's race, one of my personal reasons for withdrawal was the dirty politics being thrown by this type of candidate was below my personal standards of integrity.

**JUSTIN HENSON**  
Richfield

**Kidd will reduce meth abuse in Cassia County**

This letter is in support of Lt. Detective Randy Kidd and his desire to run for Cassia County sheriff.

To convey the importance of Lt. Kidd's work, I first need to discuss the ravages of methamphetamine abuse which is occurring all over America, including Cassia County. In my opinion, the widespread abuse of methamphetamine in Cassia County is partially due to geographical location. Burley is central hub for methamphetamine drug trafficking and there are a number of Cassia County residents, to include members of the Mexican mafia, who are involved in use, manufacturing and trade of methamphetamine. However, through years of dedication and hard work, Lt. Detective Randy Kidd has greatly reduced the abuse, manufacturing and sales of methamphetamine in Cassia County.

However, through his efforts to fight the methamphetamine abuse in Cassia County, and to protect and serve the public, Lt. Detective Randy Kidd arrested me for committing those crimes. Sept. 15, 2000, is the day I was arrested and the day my reputation as a criminal will be eternally grateful to Lt. Detective Kidd for saving my life.

Lt. Detective Randy Kidd has done an excellent job of providing aggressive police action to rid this community of the abuse, manufacturing and distribution of methamphetamine. In his dedicated efforts to protect and serve the residents of Cassia County, he simultaneously saved my life, and he is likely to save the lives of others. However, he needs your support to continue the fight in the war against methamphetamine and subsequent related crimes in Cassia County. I stay in contact with Lt. Detective Randy Kidd as I want him to know that people can recover and become responsible citizens. Please offer Lt. Detective Randy Kidd your support by casting your vote for him as the next Cassia County Sheriff.

**JOANIE L. JONES, BS**  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
*(Editor's note: Joanie Jones is a counselor and housing specialist at First Step House, a residential substance abuse treatment center for males in Salt Lake City, Utah.)*

**Small dairies may soon be thing of the past in Jerome**

Jerome's agricultural base is a concern which has brought up many letters to the editor, especially with an upcoming primary election with May 27. Anyone familiar with Magic Valley's history knows that the size and complexity of our age economy has changed with the unchecked growth of industrial-sized confined livestock operations. The existing smaller dairies of like more like became a thing of the past if they have to continue struggling with the economic threat of mega-confined animal feeding operation scales of competition.

Unlike those bent on agriculture, I am more concerned about the hazards on our clean air, water, health, roads and social services. Not seeing political measures in place to quantify these risks, I exercise my right as a citizen to attend and petition at our county

commissioner meetings. My agenda is to see if Jerome's ordinances and Idaho's statutes are operating for the health and benefit of our community. From what I've observed, they not only provide little to no regulation, but the rubber-stamping of dairy expansions, occasionally they aren't being followed correctly. When this happens, I would expect someone to speak up. If that somebody happens to be citizens who have the brain power and conviction to stand up and defend the laws from shabby or fuzzy interpretations, they should have our admiration. With the political situation here, someone's lawsuit has become the only way to stop from being ignored.

One commissioner truly represents me and my concerns about Jerome's growth. Diana Obenauer has been proactive and focused on important issues. Her background has given her tremendous ability to research scientific findings and strategies for the health and future of our residents.

Anyone who wants a straightforward, no-nonsense leader at the top of our county government should reelect Commissioner Obenauer. Her concern for your health deserves your vote.

**Candidate has necessary qualities for the job**

There have been letters to the editor asking for your vote for precinct committee member. Here is some information on that elected position. Duties of the precinct committee member:

- Attend all political party meetings.
- Support all of the party's candidates for public office.
- Perform election functions, canvassing in person or on the phone, working in the party headquarters, contributing financially, handling out campaign literature.
- Select precinct assistants to help in the performance of this committee's responsibilities.
- Participate in the selection, election and maintenance in office of national, state and local candidates for public office.
- Participate in the selection of state convention delegates.
- Participate in the preparation and carrying out of the state platform of the party principles and programs.
- Have a plan for building the party in the precinct.
- Recruit and train volunteers.
- Organize the precinct by blocks or units, using maps and spreadsheets or index cards.
- Canvass the precinct to get a true political picture.
- Conduct a voter registration drive.
- Distribute information on the party's candidates, election procedures and laws.
- Turn out every possible vote on Election Day.

As the party's most direct link to the voters, the precinct committee member is responsible for establishing a neighbor-to-neighbor relationship with the residents in the precinct. A good precinct leader will try to visit or telephone every home in the precinct to be sure every home is visited or phoned by a volunteer.

The precinct committee member position needs to be filled by an energetic, knowledgeable individual willing to fight on the responsibilities of that position.

I am running for Jerome's Canyonside Precinct for precinct committee member. Please vote for me May 27. I support Cathy Roemer and Charlie Howell as county commissioners.

**PAULA MEUNIER**  
Jerome

**Choice for undersheriff shouldn't be taken lightly**

In the next few days, the Republican primary election will be here. I am supporting Undersheriff Cary Bristol.

This is a very important decision and one that must not be taken lightly. My decision was made not because of law enforcement experience, which I'm sure he has

long of, but rather because of all the community involvement that I have personally witnessed.

You might ask yourself, "what does the last statement mean? Let me explain! First, I have five children, five fish, carp, ATV, etc. Last August I really got to sit and talk with Cary while attending a sportsman's banquet-fundraiser to improve hunting and fishing opportunities in Idaho. I was glad to see him there and was very impressed that he was so involved and felt the same way that I do about subjects related to hunting and fishing. Since this banquet, I have run into Cary shooting deer in the woods by the Barley Trap Club, the NRA Banquet-fund raiser last spring and, most recently, an ATV club meeting.

As a sportsman and a citizen of Idaho, I believe that it is important to elect people who have the same values and interests as those he or she serves. I encourage everyone that shares my passion for the outdoors to get out and vote for Cary Bristol on May 27 for Cassia County sheriff.

**SCYLER ROBERTS**  
Burley

**Precinct candidate believes in American values**

My name is Robert Salinas. I believe, I will be your representative on the Twin Falls Republican Central Committee as your precinct committee member in Precinct 3.

I'm an honest, hard-working family man, and I have lived in Twin Falls for 36 years. I am married to my lovely wife, Paula, who loves to work with myself in addressing public interests. I served in United States Army during the Vietnam police action. I'm semi-retired, a member of a local service club and very active in the community.

I believe in American values, and we should preserve our national strength and pride while working to promote peace, freedom and justice in Idaho throughout America. I feel that the rights of individuals can only be maintained by exercising personal responsibility for behavior.

If elected I want to work to help elect Republicans that support older Americans. As a party, we need to work to preserve and promote opportunities in America so that older Americans can provide for themselves. Those unable to care for themselves need to have access to services available in Idaho. The Idaho Republican Party must continue to oppose policies that penalize older Americans who continue to work.

I would very much be grateful for the opportunity to earn your trust and your vote on Nov. 4. I am Robert Salinas, GOP precinct committee member, Precinct 3.

**Thank you**  
**ROBERT SALINAS**  
Twin Falls

**Kirland is the right choice in sheriff's race**

I still call southern Idaho home and try to keep abreast of happenings in the Magic Valley. I read with interest opinions from your local press every home in the area as a managing editor of the *Priest River Times* in Priest River. I usually have to present both sides of an issue and let my readers decide things for themselves. Now I get the opportunity to share my thoughts on Ron Kirland.

I think he is a good man and the right choice for your sheriff. I know this because I have known him all his life. OK, I'm his older sister and have known him through all trials and tribulations, and who better to share the dirt than a sibling. All joking aside, he is the kind of human being we should all aspire to be.

In my volunteer positions of Rotary Club president, Chamber of Commerce, hospice volunteer and Relay for Life chairman, I know what it is like to care about your community and do everything to improve the way of life for everyone. Ron is motivated to do the right thing that our mother instilled in

us. She was a nurse in Gooding and the most caring, compassionate and honest person I have ever known. She would be proud to see the person Ron is and what he stands for today.

As a nurse, the DARE officer in the '90s, his dedication and passion for his position was more than admirable and something that brought great pride to our mom. These virtues are something Ron carries through his personal life and will also be committed in a career serving the public.

I am writing this to ask for your support of Ron Kirland for sheriff. Not because I say so, but because looking at the facts, you will conclude he is the best person for the job. His honesty and integrity is without question and he also has an uncanny knack for a twist of humor when needed.

**TERRI IVIE**  
Priest River

**Prosecutor recommends Kidd for sheriff's office**

For 7 1/2 years, I have prosecuted almost all of the felony crimes in Cassia County. This includes drug crimes, possession and delivery of methamphetamine; property crimes like grand theft and burglary; violent crimes like murder, rape and domestic violence; and child sex abuse cases.

I have been directly involved in assisting almost every search warrant issued in Cassia County during that time. I have worked very closely with the Cassia County Sheriff's Office. I've seen Randy Kidd's leadership in the fight against methamphetamine and other illegal drugs. Randy is directly responsible for the creation of the Mini-Cassia Drug Task Force. Without Randy Kidd's vision, leadership and effort, we would not have a drug task force to deal with these issues.

Most of the cases I prosecute are investigated by Randy and the investigators he supervises. We are making progress in the fight against drugs. May 27, is an important date for the people of Cassia County. No one is more qualified than Randy Kidd to lead the Cassia County sheriff's office.

I urge you to vote for Randy Kidd as sheriff of Cassia County.

**BLAINE CANNON**  
Heyburn

**Obenauer isn't intimidated by strong-arm tactics**

Attention concerned citizens of Jerome County: Diana Obenauer is genuinely concerned about the future and welfare of Jerome County and its residents, you will cast your vote to re-elect Diana Obenauer to the office of county commissioner.

Diana is not "anti-agriculture" as a stranger to "oil debate" as was inferred by an opposing candidate at the candidates' night town meeting (which I attended). Jerome is basically an agricultural community, and Diana supports and vows to protect that industry. What she is concerned about is over-saturation. The confined animal feeding operation industry says "we must continue to expand in order to make a profit." Therein lies the problem; we cannot manufacture more land when we have more cows. Diana is aware of this situation and has been instrumental in pushing for new ordinances that would address this issue.

It would seem that the issue of "oil debate" is one of the main platforms of the other candidate; this was referred to several times by said candidate at the meeting. I have personally attended several commissioners' meetings during the past two years and have never seen anything said or done by Diana Obenauer that could be considered "uncivil." Diana does have the capacity to think for herself, is not afraid to express her opinion, and is not intimidated by "strong-arm tactics." If a commissioner does not have this ability, we do not need that commissioner; we need only a rubber stamp.

If you want a healthy, motivated environment for your children and grandchild-

ron, please vote for Diana Obenauer for Jerome County commissioner.

PS. If you have seen many more Charlie Howell and Cathy Roemer signs that Diana Obenauer signs, it is because several Diana Obenauer signs have mysteriously disappeared from their posted properties. Use your imagination for that one!

**PAISY PETON**  
Jerome

**Candidate hopes for independent prosecutions**

My name is Nicole ("Nikki") Cannon, and I am pleased to announce that I am running for prosecuting attorney for Minidoka County. Many of you who know that I was appointed as Minidoka County's prosecuting attorney have approached me and asked why I don't have campaign signs up for next week's primary, and I would like to take this opportunity to explain.

I am running as an independent and therefore, I will not appear on the primary ballot. I did not decide to forego party affiliation lightly. I have done so because I deeply believe that the office of prosecuting attorney should not be a political one. I strongly feel that law enforcement should be equal for all and should not have even the appearance of partisanship in its application.

I am seeking election because I have the experience as a prosecuting attorney and the dedication to the people of Minidoka County to vigorously prosecute crimes and provide the necessary guidance to the county on civil matters, as well. I was raised in Minidoka County and I am a graduate of Minico High School. I was pleased to return home to work to make Minidoka County a safe place to live and raise a family.

I strive to maintain an open door policy and would encourage anyone who has questions about my job or this election to contact me. I look forward to meeting more of you during the coming months and to the opportunity to continue serving as your prosecuting attorney.

**NICOLE L. CANNON**  
Heyburn

**Kidd doesn't need another career politician in office**

Did anyone else feel like I did when the editor on Sunday's (May 18) Opinion page suggested that there were only four possible people that we should vote for in one of his choices was Jim Hiseck?

I, personally, have been looking for someone that I can be proud of to represent our state. I would not vote for Mr. Hiseck because of his performance as our interim governor. He caused a lot of commotion and it seemed to me for the sole purpose of keeping his name in the spotlight.

Recently, I had the privilege

of meeting Col. Scott Syme. He is a retired Army man, having served our country for 27 years, starting out as a private and working up to a full colonel. He served in Iraq and then traveled to Afghanistan on a fact-finding mission for the U.S. Department of State. He feels impressed that he should run for office at this time and wants to represent the people, as he feels the voice of the people is not being heard.

No, I haven't met all the others who are running, but I know that several of them, given the chance, would be the better choice with the career politician that our editor picked for us.

Stand up, citizens of Idaho, and vote for someone that will make us proud. My choice is Scott Syme.

Voting for better government,

**SUE CHILD**  
Rupert

**Howell has experience needed for Jerome**

I have been reading the letters to the editor and articles in the *Times-News* over the last several months regarding the commissioners of Jerome County. I have read several times that Mr. Howell has not respected the citizens of Jerome County when they are in attendance at the commissioners' meetings. I know he was not doing this out of disrespect for the citizens; this is just how a public meeting is run.

Being familiar with public meetings, I wanted to make sure my memory was correct. I have been involved with many public meetings being a former trustee of the Jerome School Board. I held that position for 12 years. I am also a former Idaho School Board District IV representative. Currently, I am the North Side Sugar Beet director and the North Side Pump director and have been in these positions for six years. Therefore, I can understand the frustrations of public meetings.

I have found that Mr. Howell has acted appropriately to control meetings and remain within the law. I think that as citizens we confuse open meetings with public hearings. Open meetings are held to allow citizens to attend and hear what is coming before the commissioners. Public hearings usually encourage input for a specific purpose. Without this control, it would be difficult for boards, such as the county commissioners, to conduct the business that is required. There is a proper procedure to be placed on the agenda to be heard. I encourage others to become involved and search for the correct answers and not take the word of others as gospel.

I encourage you to join me in electing Charles Howell as Jerome County commissioner. He has the experience we need for the future.

**STEVE MARSHALL**  
Jerome



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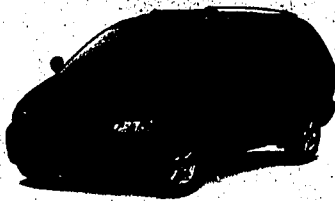
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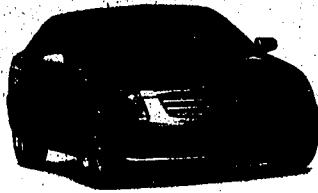
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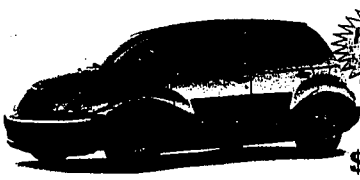
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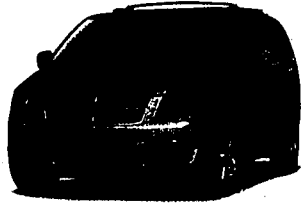
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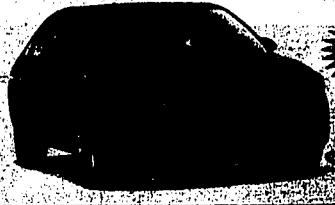
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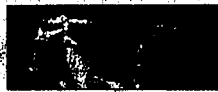
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## IDAHO TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Jerome boys, girls in contention after opening day

By John Derr  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Jerome didn't get an individual champion, but the Tigers had plenty of places to put themselves in contention for both a boys and girls. Class 4A team title after the first day of the state track championships Thursday at Bronco Stadium in Boise.

On a cold and a blistery day, a pair of Tiger pole vaulters finished second, while a freshman made an impact.

The Tiger girls held steady in second place with 59 points, three behind Rigby. The boys finished

with 28, good for a second-place tie just two points behind leader Columbia.

Led by high jump winner Diana Blauer, the Burley girls earned 10 points. Minico and Wood River were shut out.

On the boys side, the Wolverines and Spartans tallied 11 points (tie for eighth), while Burley collected six to sit in 13th place.

### 4A Boys

Jerome's Zach Ingraham set a personal best with a leap of 42 feet, 10 inches in the triple jump. He hit the mark in the second jump of the pre-

liminaries before an injury slowed him down.

"I didn't think I would do this well after I hurt my heel last week," said Ingraham, who was disqualified from the open 100 meters later in the day.

The Spartans had two finish in the triple jump medals with Collin Johnson taking third and Robert Davenport sixth. The Magic Valley took half the top spots as Wood River's Rob Paris was seventh.

Curtis Peterson of Jerome battled the weather conditions, but still came away in second place, clearing 13-6 in the pole vault.

"It wasn't the worst weather I have

encountered, but you just have to jump and do it," said Peterson, a senior.

Taylor Bean of Burley stayed with the lead pack for much of the race in taking third in the 3,200.

"I started slow, but picked it up. I should have started faster," said Bean. "I was looking for the win, but will try to get it (today) in the 1,600.

Jerome's Raphael Zepeda matched a personal best as he cleared 6-2 in the high jump, good enough for third. He also took part in the preliminaries for the 400 meters.

"I have only jumped that height at one meet this year," said Zepeda. "I

didn't think I could go that high after missing at the early heights, but I was able to pull it out."

Minico's Johnson added another medal with a sixth-place tie in the high jump.

In other action, Wood River's Tyler Stocks tossed the shot put 45-2 for fifth place and matched that finish with a 130-1 in the discus. Brian Wickham of Jerome finishing fourth with a toss of 134-3.

In preliminary heats, Jerome's Aaron Jackson had the best time in the 100 and second-best in the 200 as he will battle with Nampa's

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# Bruins slump on first day at state

## T.F. girls third in team standings

By David Bashore  
Staff writer

BOISE — A good start ended with more than a hint of disappointment for the Twin Falls track team, as the boys and girls struggled through the preliminary rounds of track events and the finals of field events at the Class 5A state track and field championships Thursday at Bronco Stadium on Thursday.

The day got off to a decent start for the Bruin girls when freshman Amanda Ward came home in fourth place in the 3,200-meter run, the first championship decided in the track portion of proceedings.

Ward stuck with the front pack for the first half of the race, and settled cozily into fourth place as the field began to stretch. She was involved in an exciting sprint down the final stretch with Liz Brandon of Eagle, who outkicked Ward for third.

"I was trying to get someone to break the wind most

of the time and make my move at the end. I had a pretty good sprint at the end, it just wasn't enough," said Ward, who finished in 11 minutes, 23.27 seconds. "With this wind I'm pretty happy with the time. It's only three seconds slower (than my personal best) and this wind is not good at all."

The rest of the track results weren't kind to the Bruins, as the boys and girls medley relay teams finished below their seeds at fourth and fifth, respectively, and the team was shut out of the points in the boys 3,200.

Cheltzie Williams got things started for the Bruins in the field events, where she finished tied for third in the triple jump with a leap of 34 feet, 3.5 inches. Russel Crane placed eighth in the boys triple jump, and Braden Casperson took sixth in the pole vault with a height of 13-0.

In the preliminaries, Austin Lynch stole the show, taking the second-best time in the 110-meter hurdle preliminaries by covering the distance in an impressive

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Burley senior Diana Blauer reacts after clearing the bar during the Class 4A high jump competition at the state track and field championships in Boise. Blauer broke her own state record in the event on her way to her fourth straight title.

# Soaring to New heights

## Burley senior Blauer bags fourth state high-jump title

By David Bashore  
Staff writer

BOISE — Burley senior Diana Blauer sailed down the high jump bar, having failed at the current height on two prior attempts. She took a deep breath, ran up, and comfortably sailed over the bar.

A look of shock came over Blauer's face, and a huge cheer rose from the Burley coaching staff standing just on the other side of the chain-link fence surrounding the track at Bronco Stadium. She'd done it.

"It wasn't her fourth state championship in the same event; that was already in '06. Blauer's shock-inducing accomplishment was the second breaking her own Class 4A state meet record, 5-feet, 5-inches, for a second time. She cleared 5-6 by the slight-

est of margins before passing 5-7 with ease.

"It's a really good feeling. It had been my goal to clear 5-6 because I cleared 5-5 as a freshman and wanted to keep getting better," Blauer said. "5-7 was a bonus, and I was very excited. I wasn't expecting to get it ... obviously I was going for it but I'd only ever cleared 5-6 (before)."

Blauer won the event as a freshman, sophomore and junior, but said she was taking nothing for granted even if she was a mortal lock to win the championship for the fourth time.

"As a freshman, winning it was a surprise," Blauer said. "And making it to four (titles) is amazing. I knew I had a

good chance coming in, but you just never know. You could have weather problems or just a bad day, but I know I had the best of my ability today."

For the Burley coaching staff, a four-time champion is something to be immensely proud of. But coach Gary Elsensohn said it's maybe only barely about the coaching.

"She has definitely put her mark on our high school with all the hard work she's done, going to the right camps and talking to the right people," said Elsensohn. "The big thing is pride in the fact that she's doing it on the third jump. A lot of kids would say, 'The heck with it,' but she shows a lot of pride in herself."

Blauer would have cleared 5-8 but for

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Twin Falls freshman Amanda Ward runs during the 3,200 meters at the Class 5A state track and field championships at Bronco Stadium in Boise on Thursday. Ward finished fourth in the event.

# Pistons end Celtics' home streak, tie East finals

By Brian Mahoney  
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — The Detroit Pistons proved that a visiting team can win in Boston. Now they can reach the NBA finals without having to do it again.

Richard Hamilton bounced back from a poor series opener with 25 points, and the Pistons beat the Celtics 103-97 Thursday night, tying the Eastern Conference finals at one game apiece and seizing the home-court advantage that has meant everything to the Celtics.

Chauncey Billups had 19 points and seven assists for the Pistons, who host Game 3 on Saturday.

"The atmosphere's going to be crazy," Hamilton said. "We're geeked about getting



Detroit Pistons guard Chauncey Billups reacts after the Pistons beat the Boston Celtics 103-97 in Game 2 of the NBA Eastern Conference basketball finals in Boston on Thursday.

back to our home court. The court's fans are excited, and now it's our job to take care of home

had won 15 straight at home and gone 9-0 in the playoffs. But the only number that matters now is 0-6 — their playoff road record.

"We have no choice now but to get it done on the road," Pierce said.

Ray Allen broke out of a shooting slump with 25, his best performance in three months. But he was limited to about 29 minutes by foul trouble, picking up his fifth foul with 3:09 left in the third quarter after his flurry had given Boston the lead.

Kevin Garnett had 24 points and 13 rebounds for the Celtics, who lost at home for the first time since March 23 against Phoenix. The team has rebounded the finals without a necessary and heady, no longer, a chance for Boston to be the first.

Antonio McDyess scored 15 points, Thysaun Prince had 14, and Rashad Wallace and Rodney Stuckey scored 13 for the Pistons, who were rusty in Game 1 but found their groove in the second quarter of this one, shooting 49 percent against the league's best defensive team.

The Pistons led 86-75 after Stuckey's jumper with 8:05 remaining, but Allen had seven points, including his first 3-pointer since Game 5 of the second round, during a 15-4 run that cut it to 80-88 with 4:39 to play.

Later, Boston was down four and forced Detroit to call time with the shock about 10 run-out, but then blew the defensive assignment and led Billups alone

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## American Legion

### Area rosters, schedules needed

The Times-News is seeking rosters and schedules for Area C's American Legion baseball teams.

Baseball teams: Coaches are asked to send pertinent information to...

eligibility for a season preview...

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AUTO RACING

NASCAR Sprint Cup Coca-Cola 600 Lineup. After an eventful qualifying race today...

BASEBALL

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National League

Detailed baseball scores for National League games.

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Summary of MLB box scores for various games.

GAME PLAN

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD State meets, at Boise State University, 9:30 a.m.

TV SCHEDULE

AIR RACING ESPN2 - IRL Carburition Day and PIR Slip Challenge for Indianapolis 500

BOXING

ESPN2 - Cruiser/ights, Aaron Williams (17-0-1) vs. Jose Luis Heron (15-4-0) at Lincoln, Ill.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

ESPN - NCAA Division I tournament, super regional, game 1, Oklahoma at Arizona

MLB PLAYOFF BOX

MLB Playoff Box scores for Detroit, Boston, and Philadelphia.

PRELIMINARY BOX SCORES

Preliminary box scores for various sports including basketball and volleyball.

Baseball scores for various teams including Detroit, Boston, and Philadelphia.

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Alcohol related in man's fall and death during game at Turner Field

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Rupert Ladies Invitational Best-ball Wednesday's winners...

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# Sprinter admits doping

## Gold medalist Pettigrew testifies at Graham's trial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Olympic gold medalist Antonio Pettigrew admitted publicly for the first time Thursday that he used performance-enhancing substances during a long, successful sprinting career in which he passed all drug tests.

The admission came during the last day of testimony for the government in the trial of his former coach, Trevor Graham, who is accused of lying to federal authorities investigating doping in sports.

Pettigrew, who is accused of lying to federal authorities investigating doping in sports, said he never knew he was doping until he was caught in 2006. He has maintained he never knowingly used a performance-enhancing drug.

Graham has pleaded not guilty.

It was also revealed Thursday that Olympic sprint champion Justin Gatlin worked undercover for authorities investigating doping in sports, according to the testimony of IRS agent Erwin Rogers.

Rogers testified that Gatlin, who once shared the medals record in the 100 meters, secretly recorded several telephone calls with Graham. U.S. District Judge Susan Illston barred Rogers from disclosing any more details of the calls.

Gatlin, who has served half of a four-year ban for doping, tested positive for excessive testosterone at the Kansas Relays in 2006, his second doping violation. He has maintained he never knowingly used a performance-enhancing drug.

Gatlin has asked the Court of Arbitration for Sport to cut his suspension nearly in half so he can compete at the Beijing Olympics. Gatlin, like Pettigrew, was once a member of the U.S. Olympic team in Beijing, N.C., which also included sprinters Marion Jones and Tim Montgomery — both of whom are now imprisoned.

Pettigrew testified that Graham encouraged him in 1997 to inject human growth hormone and the oxygen-boosting drug EPO, both banned in track. Soon after, Pettigrew said, he began buying the drugs from Angel "Memo" Heredia, an admitted steroids dealer from Laredo, Texas.

Once he began taking the banned substances, Pettigrew said he was able to run 400 meters in the 43-second range for the first time.

"It was running incredible times as I was preparing for track meets," Pettigrew said during 30 minutes of testimony. "I was able to recover faster."

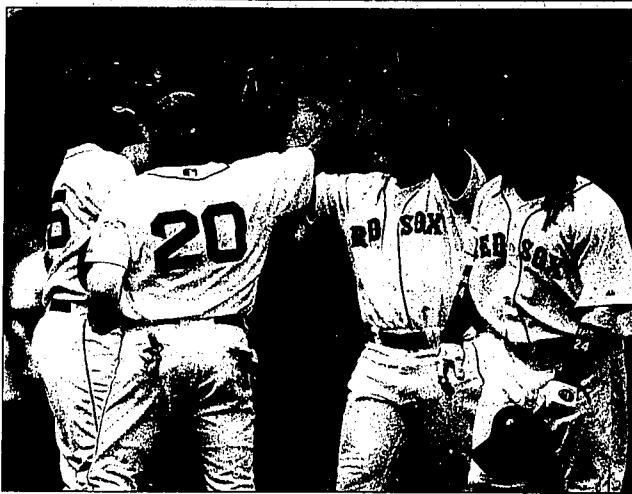
Pettigrew initially lied to federal investigators and denied doping when they first talked to him in February 2005. But he finally confessed behind doors to cheating when confronted with documents in October 2006 strongly suggesting drug buys from Heredia.

Thursday was his first public admission.

Pettigrew won a gold medal as part of the 1,600-meter relay team at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

He retired from track in 2002 and is now an assistant coach at the University of North Carolina.

It is unclear what sanctions, if any, Pettigrew will face for his confession. University officials in Chapel Hill, N.C., said they are reviewing the matter. "In our view, if Mr. Pettigrew, or any athlete who competed in the finals of the men's 4x400 meter relay during the 2000 Games, did so while using a banned substance, that would undermine the validity of the result the team achieved," US Olympic Committee Chief Executive Officer Jim Scherr said in an e-mail.



Boston Red Sox outfielder J.D. Drew, second from right, is welcomed home by teammates, from the left, Mike Lowell, Kevin Youkilis, and Manny Ramirez, right, after Drew hit a grand slam off a pitch by Kansas City Royals pitcher Brian Bannister, not pictured, during the second inning at Fenway Park, in Boston, Thursday.

# Drew, Lowell hit grand slams

BOSTON — J.D. Drew and Mike Lowell hit grand slams to help Boston beat the Kansas City Royals 12-1 on Thursday.

Matsuzaka (6-0) gave up three runs on six hits, walked six, struck out seven and threw two wild pitches while becoming the AL's first eight-game winner.

Jonathan Papelbon got the final three outs for his 14th save. Brian Bannister (4-8), who allowed seven runs on 12 hits, couldn't work his daytime magic against the hot Red Sox. Entering the game, he was 4-0 with a 0.62 ERA in day games.

BLUE JAYS 4, ANGELS 3  
TORONTO's Kyle Overbay hit a go-ahead solo homer, A.J. Burnett won back-to-back starts for the first time this season and Toronto avoided a three-game sweep.

Overbay finished 2-for-3, adding a double and a walk. Eight of his past 17 hits have gone for extra bases.

Burnett (5-4) gave up three runs and six hits in six innings. He walked three and struck out six.

YANKEES 2, ORIOLES 1  
NEW YORK — Robinson Cano singled home the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning, moments after New York manager Joe Girardi was ejected during a theatrical argument.

Hideki Matsui led off the ninth with a single off Jim Johnson (0-2).

and later scored from second base, beating left fielder Jay Payton's high throw.

Mariano Rivera (1-1), in the game earlier than usual as the Yankees convert Joba Chamberlain into a starter, pitched a perfect ninth.

RANGERS 8, TWINS 7, 10 INNINGS  
MINNEAPOLIS — Josh Hamilton hit a two-out homer in the 10th inning to lift Texas.

TIGERS 9, MARINERS 2  
DETROIT — Brandon Inge and Matt Joyce homered, and after scoring 6 runs in their previous seven games — six of them losses — the Tigers scored 30 in a sweep of Seattle.

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
MARLINS 4, DIAMONDBACKS 0  
MIAMI — Andrew Miller limited the Arizona Diamondbacks to five hits in seven innings Thursday night, and the Florida Marlins won 4-0 to complete a three-game sweep in a showdown of first-place teams.

The series was the most impressive yet by the Marlins. The team with baseball's lowest payroll built its improbable NL East lead with the help of a weak early schedule, but there was nothing fluky about the way they dispatched NL West leader Arizona.

Red Wings' Lidstrom has a shot at hockey history

DETROIT (AP) — Nicklas Lidstrom is on the cusp of hockey history. The Swedish defenseman would be the first European captain to win a Stanley Cup if the Detroit Red Wings get past Pittsburgh.

It would mean a lot, Lidstrom acknowledged Thursday. "But it's still important to being able to win the Cup again and getting another ring."

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ATLANTA — Chipper Jones' single drove in the go-ahead run during a three-run seventh inning against Johan Santana, and Atlanta beat New York 4-2 behind Tim Hudson to complete its first four-game sweep of the Mets in five years.

PIRATES & BREWERS 4  
PITTSBURGH — Jason Bay and Xavier Nady homered, and Pittsburgh took advantage of Milwaukee's inability to drive in runners to avoid a series sweep.

The Brewers, losers of nine in a row on the road before the series started Tuesday, were denied their first three-game sweep in Pittsburgh since PNC Park opened in 2001. They are 22-43 there, the worst record of any opposing team.

District VI rodeo readies for state qualifying days

District VI rodeo travels to Rupert for the district finals this weekend where the top six qualifying spots for state will be decided. The all-around, reserve and top boy and girl rookies will also be announced.

Kindee Wilson of Filer (374) holds a 72-point edge over Amanda Coles of Kimberly (302) in the girls all-around standings, while Cody Wadsworth of Kimberly (266) leads Jarrett VanBizeen of Filer (207) by 59 points on the boys side.

Friday's performance will be at 7 p.m. Saturday's slack will start at 9 a.m. and the performance will be at 1 p.m.

# Spurs putting Game 1 loss behind them

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One game that's all it was. And it's not to Game 2.

That was the San Antonio Spurs' attitude Thursday in the wake of their blowout opportunity in the opener of the Western Conference finals.

Game 2 will be played Friday night at Staples Center, where the Lakers haven't lost since March 28. The best-of-seven series then shifts to San Antonio for the third and fourth games.

San Antonio at L.A. Lakers 7 p.m., TNT

"We're down one game, that's all," said Tim Duncan, who had 30 points, 18 rebounds and four blocked shots in a losing cause. "Our goal is to get to four (wins). A lot of credit goes to them. Obviously, I played excellent. They came back at us, Klay (Bryant) and Pau (Gasol)."

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"We're very pleased overall with what we did defensively," Popovich said. "Our problem was we have to keep scoring and we didn't last night."

Popovich bristled when the advancing age of the Spurs was brought up as a possible connection to the loss.

"When we win, we're the experienced team. When we lose, we're older than dirt," he said. "That's just silly. Sometimes people don't make shots. We can do some things better."

Duncan scored eight of his team's 13 fourth-quarter points, Bruce Bowen made 3-point and Manu Ginobili added two free throws while Parker won scores after scoring 18 in the first three periods.

"Poor decision-making," Duncan said. "We turned the ball over, got shots late in the clock, things we can clean up."

While the Lakers expressed satisfaction with the comeback victory, several said they didn't believe it will have an impact on the rest of the series, either.

"They'll make adjustments, they know what to do. They have a lot of weapons," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "They're here to win one."

Bryant said much the same thing. "They've been through so many battles," he said. "They're going to be coming. I don't expect Game 1 lingering into Game 2. They'll be ready to go."

Asked if the Lakers' defense was responsible for San Antonio's horrid fourth-quarter performance, Bryant replied, "I don't think any defense is that good. I think it was a combination of them not shooting the ball well, not making shots they usually make, and us applying pressure."

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Tony Granato returning as Avalanche head coach

Denver (AP) — Avalanche general manager Francis Bouillon didn't have to look far to find a new coach. Tony Granato was already aboard as an assistant and had been the head coach once before.

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# Next-generation Rahal ready for his first Indy 500

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — If Graham Rahal didn't know it before, he does now: There's no such thing as a birthright at the Indianapolis 500.

Having a famous name didn't guarantee Rahal, son of 1986 winner Bobby Rahal, a smooth path to his first Indy 500. But after a few speed bumps that included getting bumped three times and venting at his team on the first day of qualifying, Rahal is ready to race Sunday.

Although a top-10 finish is a realistic goal for a rookie driver and a team still coming to grips with a new race car after changing to IndyCar from the now-defunct Champ Car series, Rahal wants to uphold the family name with a win.

"It's tradition, it's the history — especially a name that's won in the past," said Rahal, who will start 13th.

"I think that makes it even bigger. So obviously for me, it would just be fitting to follow in the footsteps and win this event. But it's tough. Even if it doesn't happen this year, if it happens in the next couple it would be pretty exciting."

There are 11 rookies in the field for Sunday's race, but none with a bigger name than Rahal's. The 19-year-old already is the youngest winner in IndyCar history after winning at St. Petersburg, Fla. earlier this year. But he says the victory hasn't sunk in.

"I've caught myself in conversa-

tion with people, they'd ask me if I want to go to Formula One," Rahal said. "I'd say, 'Well, I think I need to win a race here first.' And then you kind of think about it, actually, that's already happened. But it kind of came so fast, it hasn't hit me."

Don't take that dose of humility as a sign that Rahal lacks confidence.

Rahal might look like the skinny kid who works the popcorn machine at the local movie theater, but he's already showing off his strong-willed side. He even jokes some call him a "Junior Tony Stewart."

Consider Rahal's take on carrying on his father's rivalry with the Andreitis, now represented on the track by third-generation driver

Marco Andreitis.

"It's part of our family," Rahal said. "As dad always said, there's nothing sweeter than watching Andreitis on any given weekend. That's just the way it is."

Rahal also told it the way it is after getting frustrated with his team two weeks ago.

He was bumped from the field three times on the first day of qualifying but wanted to take one last run before the end of that day's session. But the team wasn't ready, and time ran out, meaning he had to wait another week to qualify.

Rahal complained on television, saying the team's misstep was like "shooting yourself in the foot." He now regrets his outburst.

"Obviously, it's not my job to do what I did," Rahal said. "And some

people looked at me and said that it was a good thing, because it was kind of like a Junior Tony Stewart and all this other stuff."

Much like Stewart, the 1997 IRL champion who went on to big time stardom in NASCAR, Rahal admits he lacks the filter other drivers have to hide their tempers. Rahal apologized to the team, but said nobody seemed upset by the episode.

"I wish like I wish I had them on anything, I said it how I felt — we just weren't prepared, and we should have been," Rahal said. "Actually, the thing that just surprised me is that if there's ever been a time in the history of the sport that has been known for their frustration, it's these guys. And so to be in that situation, it was kind of like, 'How did this happen?'"

## Hamilton gears up for Sunday

*Editor's note: This is one in a series of columns by Idaho's Davey Hamilton, driving for Vision Racing, who qualified for the 18th provisional spot with a four-lap average of 222.017 miles per hour as he prepares for the 92nd running of the Indianapolis 500.*

The Indianapolis 500 is everything. You don't see me raising money to go to Milwaukee or Mid-Ohio, and I love those tracks too. But this is the magic one. It's the one where all of the people are. The sponsors love it. This is the race that gets all of the credibility. It's the toughest track in the IndyCar Series.

Qualifying here is the hardest four laps in the world. There are 33 of the best drivers in the world right here. If you can make this spot, you earn it. And if you win this race, you have double earned it.

The parade lap isn't too bad. I've done it. It's walking out to get in the car that is amazing. You see all of the color in the grandstands and all of the energy and the excitement that is created for this race. You get a little bit nervous at first but once you get in the car and take off, it's business as usual.

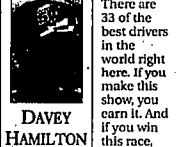
"I'm starting from the middle of this field, which honestly isn't where I would like to start this race. When you start in the middle, it can make it hard to pass.

However, you can take some gambles on pit strategies and things.

My strategy for the race is to get the first few laps sorted out, spread out a little bit, and then when you start to try to start on the lead lap as much as I can. In the end, hopefully we'll have some magic. We lacked on track time this month and that was a huge setback for us in regards to getting ready for the race. We had to do some race simulation at the same time as qualifying setup.

For the rookies this year, it's going to be a different race than they have ever been in before — especially for the ones who don't have a lot of experience on oval tracks. At other ovals, you think you're in turbulence, but until you get to this place, take the green flag and go down the front straightaway with all of the dirty air going into the corners, it's very difficult. My suggestion to the rookies, as well as all of the drivers, is to just ride it through. Don't get too aggressive. You need to make sure you get through it and feel the car out as it goes on. Don't get too excited. There are a lot of pit stops. The race is 500 miles. It's easy to get overly aggressive. You just have to be smart.

We're working to give it a good ride on Sunday.



DAVEY HAMILTON



Phil Mickelson watches his tee shot on the No. 9 hole during the first round of the Colonial golf tournament, Thursday in Fort Worth, Texas.

## Lefty two back in Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas — Johnson Wagner bogeyed two of three holes midway through the first round of the Crowne Plaza Invitational on Thursday. That was only a small hiccup on his way to matching his best score on the PGA Tour.

After his approach at No. 10 missed the green for a bogey, Wagner responded with three consecutive birdies, including a nifty up-and-down on the 611-yard 11th hole. He then added two more before the round was over to increase his birdie total to nine for a 7-under 63 and a two-stroke lead over No. 2-ranked Phil Mickelson and Bret Wetterich.

"It felt like the round) was going to slip away," Wagner said.

But it didn't, not even after his wind-pushed approach at No. 11 wound up in the rough well left of the green. Wagner flopped a shot to inside 6 feet of the pin on the back of the green.

"I decided to go ahead and try for the hero shot and take it off," Wagner said. "It just righted the ship."

tough conditions and finished at 2-under 70, four shots better than defending champion Young Kim.

### Haas in front at Senior PGA

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Jay Haas withstood wet, bone-chilling and eventually windy conditions by shooting the only sub-par round Thursday to take the lead at the Senior PGA Championship at Oak Hill.

Wearing a heavy wind-breaker buttoned to his neck, Haas finished the first round with a 1-under 69 to hold a one-shot lead over local favorite Jeff Sluman and New Jersey golf pro Bill Britton. There's a group of nine, including Bernhard Langer, Scott Hoch and Ian Woosnam, two shots off the lead at 71.

Greg Norman, setting aside his many business ventures to make a rare competitive appearance, shot 72 in only his fourth tournament this year to sit in a nine-way tie in a group that includes defending Senior PGA champion Denis Watson.

Oak Hill's East Course lived up to its stingy reputation with help from the elements: Only the \$2 million tournament got under way. The course gave up only one eagle when Britton carded a 2 on the par 4 No. 16.

### Blasberg leads Corning Classic

CORNING, N.Y. — Nothing slowed Erica Blasberg, not even all the layers she was wearing at the start of the LPGA Corning Classic.

Blasberg shot a 7-under 65 on Thursday, a raw day more like early March than late May, to take a two-shot lead over Na On Min of South Korea and Karine Icher of France after the first round.

If this is the final Corning Classic for 51-year-old Sherri Turner, who's contemplating retirement, she seems determined to leave her favorite tour stop on a positive note. The 1988 Corning champion shot a 4-under 68, only her second round in the 60s in six events this year, and was tied for fourth with Na Yeon Chi, Sandra Gal, and 2005 Corning champion Jimi Kang.

Paula Creamer, runner-up here last year and the only player competing with a victory in 2008, never got her game going in

### McGinley boosts Ryder chances

VIRGINIA BEER, England — Paul McGinley boosted his chances of a fourth consecutive Ryder Cup appearance Thursday with a 7-under 65 in the first round of the BMW PGA Championship.

The 41-year-old McGinley played a near-flawless round with birdies at each of the four par-5s for a one-shot lead over Robert Karlsson. Marcus Fraser and Louis Oosthuizen were another shot back at the 7,320-yard West Course, which was hard and bumpy on the dry spell.

Charl Schwartzel, Danick Vancsik and Garry Houston shot 4-under 68s.

— The Associated Press

## Busch wins 3rd straight pole at Charlotte

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Kyle Busch races beyond his years. He's more superstitious than a lot of 23-year-olds, too.

The hottest driver in the sport, he signed a \$50 million bill from outgoing Lowe's Motor Speedway president Humpy Wheeler on Thursday, then continued his qualifying dominance at the track to earn the pole for the Coca-Cola 600.

Busch laughed off the offer from Wheeler, who was patrolling pit road a day after announcing he'll retire after 33 years at the track.

Busch's then turned in a lap of 135.43 mph in his No. 18 Toyota to edge out

last week's All-Star race winner Kasey Kahne (185.300), who will join him on the front row Sunday for NASCAR's longest race.

He took a fifty out of his pocket, and then he was signing it," Busch said of Wheeler. "I said, 'I don't want that.' He gave it to one my crew guys and I said, 'Don't take that.' So I put it back in his pocket."

Brian Vickers qualified third, giving Toyota two of the top three spots. Greg Biffle will start fourth, followed by David Ragan and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Busch started from the pole in last week's All-Star race and dominated early before bowing out with engine trouble. Busch also started from the pole for last week's Craftsman Truck Series race. He led the most laps, but was involved in a wreck and finished 13th.

Busch will be the favorite to win his fourth Sprint Cup race of the season on Sunday. He has seven top-five finishes in 11 races and holds a 79-point lead over Jeff Burton in the season standings.

"Busch doesn't wear off. I hope I'm not just here for this year and then I'm done and all washed up at 24 years old," Busch said. "That would be pretty bad, wouldn't it? We just got to keep going, keep working hard."

## Kentucky Speedway closer to landing a Sprint race after sale

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Kentucky Speedway moved a step closer to landing a coveted Sprint Cup Series race, when the track's owner, Speedway Motorsports Inc., on Thursday added it to its growing portfolio of tracks.

Kentucky's previous owners have fought for a Cup race, and SMI owner Bruton Smith said he wants a date for his new track by 2009.

Just how he gets one at his eighth facility remains to be seen.

"We will continue to wonder about that," Smith told. "We'll certainly be working on it."

Smith has battled for years with NASCAR over the awarding of Cup races, and Kentucky already has unsuccessfully sued to get its own date.

Track officials filed an antitrust lawsuit in 2005 against NASCAR and Smith rival International Speedway Inc., but it was dismissed in January. It's now in the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Smith was an immediate speculation Smith has his eye on Pocono Raceway, which currently has two Cup races. If he purchased that track, he could move one or both its dates to any of his speedways.

"I'm always interested in a speedway," Smith said. "But here again, if I say something about Pocono, it would indicate to you that it's for sale or not, but if you're telling me it is for sale, make a phone call tomorrow."

Smith has acquired race dates by purchasing tracks before. He and Bob Bahre teamed in 1996 to buy North Wilkesboro Speedway, which they promptly outbid when Smith took one of its races to his Texas track and Bahre moved the other to New Hampshire.

Smith last year spent \$340 million to buy New Hampshire from Bahre, and there was immediate speculation that he was looking for a date for his new track to Las Vegas, where Smith has unsuccessfully lobbied for a second date.

New Hampshire president Jerry Gappens said Smith has assured him the track is not in danger of losing one of its dates to Las Vegas or Kentucky.

"He never made a promise, but he did tell me he doesn't see any reason to change anything," Gappens said. "We'll spend two days up there a few weeks ago, looking at everything over, we just spent \$200,000 renovating the offices and Bruton has a master plan for that track."

If New Hampshire is safe, then Smith might look to his other tracks. "It's going on, it doesn't sell out and it's sold with a pair of dates that are often afflicted by poor weather."

And, Smith has already offered to swap dates with ISC — the California Speedway to help both tracks overcome weather handicaps.

But, Smith has so far steadfastly refused to take dates from his tracks to see if he can get a date on other tracks. Pocono the most likely scenario for Smith to secure a date for Kentucky.

NASCAR already has started lining up the 2009 calendar, and spokesman Runey said he is in the final stages of the late in the year to open talks with a new speedway. Pocono is owned by Joseph and Rose Mattioli, and is one of just three tracks on the Cup circuit not owned by either ISC or SMI.

"I wouldn't speculate on (Pocono) having a date or not having a date," Poston said.

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Today: Cloudy and cool with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 60.

BURLY RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and cool with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 60.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cool and cloudy today and Saturday with periods of rain and snow showers.

BOISE Mid temperatures and mostly cloudy to cloudy skies today and Saturday.

NORTHERN UTAH Breezy to windy at times and cool through the weekend.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 63 at Boise. Low: 30 at Burley.

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...is a world which is doing its best, and that makes you like everybody else.

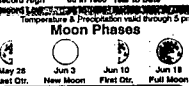
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Moon Phases



Moonrise and Moonset

Table with 2 columns: Moonrise, Moonset. Includes times for Saturday and Sunday.

U.V. INDEX

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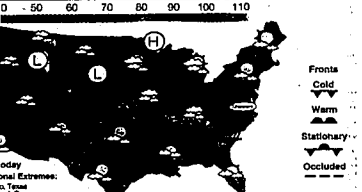
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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Cowboys counting on aging, injured Glenn to help team's receiving corps

IRVING, Texas (AP) — As much as Jerry Jones wanted to add a receiver to help Terrill Owens and Tony Romo, he's struck out so far this offseason.



The Dallas Cowboys are counting on a comeback from wide receiver Terry Glenn, left, who missed nearly all of last season because of two knee operations.

Problem? Just proceeding with caution, said Jones, adding that he had to go on long personal visit with Glenn on Monday.

from the passing game being improved because they had upgraded the caliber of receivers at tight end and running back to saying newly acquired cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones could get spot use at receiver, if he's reinstated, of course.

Trainer believes Big Brown will run again after Belmont

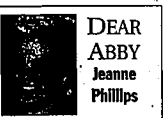
NEW YORK (AP) — Trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. has plans for Big Brown beyond the Belmont Stakes, even though there is speculation the unbeaten colt will be retired following his attempt to become the first Triple Crown champion in 30 years.

Preakness Stakes on Saturday, a day in which majority owners IEAH Stables sold breeding rights to three Chalmers Farm in Kentucky for reportedly more than \$50 million.

Phillips noted that Glenn has been working out in the team's offseason training program.

Moment of silence honors those who sacrificed for us

DEAR ABBY: Would you please invite all Americans to stand together, unified in spirit, for 60 seconds, of respectful silence during the National Moment of Remembrance?



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

The purpose of this moment is a noble one, to honor America's fallen. The freedoms we take for granted each day are reminders of their ultimate sacrifice and our ongoing debt to them.

successful businessman. On a recent trip out of town, my co-workers were joking that we were going to elope.

The Moment of Remembrance and our year-long, lifelong determination to "live honoring America's fallen" are in memory of Army Capt. Mark Stuenkel and all those brave members of our military who have died in the service of our nation.

I understand his reasons for wanting a pre-nup, but doesn't get one indicate that we are preparing to fall? I am pretty sure marriage will be in our future, and I'll sign a pre-nup (after my attorney reviews it). But it seems like negative thinking. How can I get my head around this?

CARMELLA LA SPADA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE COMMISSION ON REMEMBRANCE

DEAR DON'T FEEL TRUSTED IN ALABAMA: One way to "get your head around it" would be to remember that a pre-nuptial agreement carries with it guarantees for BOTH parties.

DEAR ABBY: I am 25 and have fallen in love with "Brad," a wonderful and very

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## M.V. lawmakers rake in campaign cash

### Unopposed legislators took in primary money

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Staff writer

While just one of 15 southern Idaho legislators faces a primary opponent Tuesday, almost all have received more than \$1,000 in campaign contributions, including those unopposed in the Nov. 4 general election, according to reports filed with the Idaho Secretary of State.

Three-term Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, who is being challenged by Doran Parks of Marsing, raised \$2,250 since January. In two last-minute, 48-hour filings he reported \$1,000 contribu-

tions from AGRA PAC, Idaho Power Co. and the Senate Republican PAC, courtesy of Brent Hill, Parkins, a farmer and retired educator, raised \$700, including \$500 from the Idaho Chooses Life PAC. The winner of the race faces Democrat Bill Chisholm of Buhl. He did not raise any money.

But other Magic Valley lawmakers, all incumbents, received money, most of which came from political action committees.

For example, AGRA PAC — funded by county farm bureaus and farmers and ranchers — doled out \$30,800 to incumbents and

challengers. In addition to giving Gannon \$1,000, the PAC gave \$600 to House Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, and \$400 each to Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert.

The PAC also gave money to challengers, including \$600 to Republican Jeff Faulkner of Gooding, who is challenging House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum. Jaquet raised \$9,775, including \$7,000 from individuals and \$1,000 from the PAC for Education.

Also in District 25, Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, received \$3,252.92, including \$1,000 from the PAC for Education, and \$500 contributions from the Employers Insurance Company of Nevada, the Sinclair Services



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His opponent, independent Darin D. Sales, has not filed a report.

Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, got \$1,000 from PAC for Education.

It's difficult to measure the effect of campaign money in Idaho legislative races, but PACs are willing to make contributions anytime in election cycles to the candidates if they appear to be likely to win, said Jasper Liczki, a College of Idaho professor of political economy.

"PACs are cold-blooded," Liczki said. "They don't care what you have to say. They give you money to who is going to win."

He said often in politics the candidate who raises the most usually wins, and it's not surprising for candidates without primary or general election opponents to raise money because they will often give it to their colleagues.

"That's a way, especially if you're looking to move up in leadership or get in some other positions," he said. "If you give some of your colleagues who have tough campaigns some money, they'll be beholden to you."

In District 23, Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls, raised \$2,500, including \$500 from Idaho Power, \$250 from Qwest PAC and \$750 from the Idaho Association of REALTORS.

He also received \$250 from Melaleuca Inc., an Idaho Falls-based company that successfully pushed a bill that would strengthen an employer's ability to enforce noncompete agreements with employees. Patrick, who received \$1,000 before the recent report, had carried the bill in the House.

His opponent, Democrat Peter Rickards, contributed \$30 of his own money.

Also in District 23, Rep. Brackett, R-Rogerson, received \$1,900, including \$300 from Idaho Power and \$100 from the Idaho Association of REALTORS.

His opponent, Democrat Mike Ihler, did not report contributions.

In District 27, Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley, a retired physician, got \$250 from the

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## Jerome Co. buys another jail study

By Cassidy Friedman  
Staff writer

Jerome County commissioners either acted in due haste or threw caution to the wind when two of them voted Monday to buy another \$12,500 study into building a new jail.

Rocky Mountain Corrections will spend the next three weeks investigating costs and feasibility of a new jail, the county said April 16, a spokeswoman for the firm.

In July, Jerome County commissioners paid that same firm \$10,000 for the county's share in a north side jail cost-benefit study.

Rocky Mountain Corrections was again awarded a contract by the county after the same firm led Jerome, Gooding, Camas and Lincoln counties in planning a potentially-costly regional jail. Gooding, according to Jerome County Commission Chairman Charlie Howell.

The second jail study, which did not go through a competitive bidding process, is being done to help commissioners compare the cost benefits of building the county's own jail and participating in the regional jail.

Howell and Commissioner Joe Davidson voted for the \$12,500 contract, saying there are no conflict of interests, no duplication of the previous study and no need to accept bids from other out-of-state firms. Commissioner Diana Obenaus said the deal flops on the county council.

"This is 11th hour panic," said Obenaus. "We'd better be cautious. I don't want to find out there was a better alternative if we had taken a slower, more methodical approach to problem solving, that's all."

Last week, Twin Falls County commissioners told Jerome County commissioners they would likely prefer renting bed space from a Jerome County jail. If one were built, that north side jail in Gooding. In that conversation, Twin Falls County commissioners Terry Kramer and Tom Mikesell advised Jerome County of a possible conflict of interest in rehiring the same firm.

Howell said he feels pressure to reach a new jail solution fast.

Davidson did not return a phone call Thursday.

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## A BUSY SUMMER



A car leaves the College of Southern Idaho campus Thursday through the Horrett Center exit. Another entrance will be built to the west along North College Road this summer.

## CSI construction projects under way

By Andrea Jackson  
Staff writer

College of Southern Idaho authorities are bracing for a busy summer of construction on campus.

From laying down a new floor in the gymnasium to spreading concrete in parking lots and entryways, CSI is set to look a little different when students return in the fall.

The summer construction schedule looks to be one of the busiest that Randy Dill, CSI maintenance director, said he's seen in 10 years. But Dill added summer is usually busy with construction.

The Legislature appropriated an unusually large chunk of money to CSI in the 2008 fiscal year, about \$2 million, through the Idaho Division of Public Works, which will fund some of the projects.

"They (legislators) were good to us," said Mike Mason, CSI vice president of administration.

The 2008 state appropriation for CSI maintenance is the largest allotment since 2005, including the 2009

fiscal year allotment legislators passed this winter. The 2008 fiscal year CSI got \$503,000, which was trumped in 2006 with \$651,000, in 2007 with \$901,000. In the next fiscal year, which starts July 1, CSI will get \$718,000, Mason said.

"Two million bucks ... it would take us years to get that kind of stuff done," Mason said. "Hopefully we'll be set for the next 40 years with some of the stuff we're doing."

The CSI campus is about 40 years old.

Here's a rundown of some of the larger projects visitors will see this summer at CSI, including most costs and funding sources, according to CSI staff.

- Gymnasium floor work will begin in early June after the last graduation ceremony. Funded through CSI coffers, it's expected to cost about \$203,000. The old floor will be replaced by anchored resilient maple flooring, and should be completed by late August, before the volleyball season.
- South parking lot paving began Wednesday and should be done by the

start of the fall semester. It's the second phase of a paving project that began last summer funded through the DPW with a \$371,000 contract.

- North campus entrance construction near the softball diamond should begin soon and be finished by the start of fall term. CSI coffers will fund the project, which was awarded Monday night by the CSI board to Gordon Paving Co. for \$107,182.

- Additional paving projects near the north college entrance, which have yet to go out to bid, may also ensue this summer with DPW funding.
- Falls Avenue entrance reconstruction, including stoplights, is set for this summer. Federally funded through a student safety initiative, the project hasn't gone to bid yet, but could cost between \$500,000 and \$1 million.
- The new 72,400-square-foot, \$21 million state-funded Health Sciences and Human Services building should be completed by December 2009. The groundbreaking was May 16.

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## Minico High baseball coach faces felony charge

By Rich Greene  
Staff writer

BURLEY — Minico High School baseball coach Ben Frank, facing a felony charge of attempted strangulation, turned himself in to authorities Monday.

A warrant, dated May 12, was issued by the Ada County Sheriff's Office. Frank turned himself in at the Mini-Cassia Justice Center and was released Tuesday after posting \$5,000 bail.

Frank declined to comment on the charges.

Idaho statutes list attempted strangulation under assault and battery and define the crime as "any person who willfully and unlawfully chokes or attempts to strangle a household member, or a person with whom he or she has or had a dating relationship."

The maximum punishment for the crime is incarceration for up to 15 years in a state prison.

Injuries do not have to be shown to prove attempted strangulation. The only intent a prosecutor has to show is the intent to choke or attempt to strangle.

Frank coached Minico School District Superintendent Scott Rogers said he was not aware of the incident.

Frank guided the Minico Spartans to a 26-3 record and third-place finish in the Class 4A state baseball tournament this season. A 1997 graduate of Minico High School, Frank was named the school's baseball coach in May 2002.

In 2005 he was named All-Area Co-coach of the Year by the *Times-News* after leading the Spartans to their first state baseball title since 1982.

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## Department of Correction works through computer snafus

By Cassidy Friedman  
Staff writer

Disabled Internet service entered its second day Thursday for more than half of Idaho Department of Correction facilities, according to a prison official. It's unknown when the systems will come back online.

Almost 1,000 corrections staff at four prisons and nine other facilities, including the Twin Falls district of probation and parole, lack Internet access, e-mail or

direct access to offender information, said Teresa Jones, an IDOC spokeswoman.

"There's no safety issue," Jones said. "It's just a pain." Jones said the problem may involve a router that sends the Internet signal to the facilities.

Idaho Department of Labor spokesman Bob Fick said the problem may have developed in IDANET, the state network near Meridian with Tuesday's storm. Idaho Department of Administration spokes-

woman Teresa Luna said the official answer of what put computers off line is still unclear.

Luna had not heard of other state agencies being affected.

The concentration of off-line facilities are along the eastern side of the state in the Idaho Falls area, the Twin Falls work center, and facilities south of Boise. The same problem blocked Internet access for 10 employees in the Salmon, McCall and Soda Springs offices of Idaho Department

of Labor, Fick said. But by Thursday evening, their connectivity was restored.

The issue amounts only to a nuisance here in Twin Falls, local officials say.

Most anything that cannot be checked online, or through applications requiring Internet access, can be obtained from facilities that have Internet access, Jones said. Offender information is also backed-up on hard drives, she added.

Among the off-line prisons is a maximum security penitentiary in Boise. But its computer-based security system does not rely on Internet access, Jones said.

Almost 1,000 employees across the state cannot see their e-mail, Jones said. The system, however, is at no greater risk of being hacked, she said.

"I think it's more of an inconvenience at this point," Jones said. "We're working through Qwest to fix the problem."

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# Gooding boys earn Eagle Scout awards

**GOODING**—Blair Gerritt, Ross Kyle, Devan McCool, and Josh Bullers of the Boy Scout Unit 32 received their Eagle Scout awards at an Eagle Court of Honor held at the Gooding LDS Church May 18.

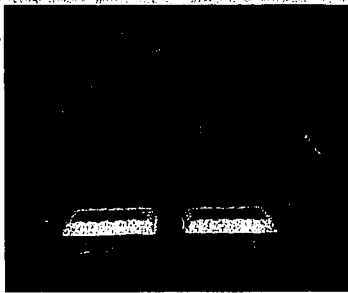
Gerritt, 18, is the son of Dale and Becky Gerritt. He is a senior at Gooding High School where he is this year's valedictorian. He participated in cross country, wrestling, and track and field. He placed three times at the state wrestling and is a computer tech intern at the school. He enjoys outdoor activities.

Kyle, 18, is the son of Julie Koyle and Garth Koyle. He is a senior at Gooding High School where he participated in soccer and excelled in wrestling taking 2nd at state.

He is a member of the Gooding FFA and enjoys hunting and motor bike riding.

McCool, 16, is the son of Kelly and Jodie McCool. He is a sophomore at Gooding High School where he has been on the basketball and golf teams and works in the computer tech program. He also enjoys hunting and fishing.

Bullers, 15, is the son of Tim and Cindy Bullers. He is a sophomore at Gooding High School where he has been on the cross country and tennis teams. He is a FFA member and a computer technician at the school. He enjoys camping, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, motor bike riding, and wake boarding.



Four Scouts received their Eagle Scout awards at an Eagle Court of Honor on May 3. From left, Josh Bullers, Devan McCool, Ross Kyle, Blair Gerritt.

# Prisoner escape assaults brother in California

By Cassidy Friedman  
Staff writer

A state prisoner, who in January walked away from a Twin Falls work center, paid his brother an unwelcome visit over the weekend in Bakersfield, Calif., the escapee's uncle says.

Early Sunday morning, the escapee Jose Damian Tellez broke into the home of his uncle Jose Arousa, 45, of Bakersfield, where Tellez's younger brother was spending a night. Arousa said.

"He went in there and attacked his own brother," Arousa said. "He caught him asleep."

Tellez's family had known he was in town but they thought he had been paroled, Arousa said. In fact, Tellez had gone on the lam in the final month of a three-year sentence, puzzling staff at a state work center in Twin Falls. Tellez could now face felony escape charges.

Tellez's brother, Ruben Tellez, was afraid that after an altercation the two had carried out that night his brother

might come after him again. After the first fight, Ruben suffered a few scratches. Nevertheless, his mother Gloria Arousa called police and filed a report. To hide from Tellez, in case he returned to the home, Ruben spent the night at his uncle's. But Tellez found his brother, assaulted him, and then fled again, Arousa said.

Tellez's mother called police Sunday, and after developing suspicions about Tellez's status under the law, she found a *Times-News* story online detailing Tellez's escape. That prompted Arousa to call the *Times-News*, he said. Police have been contacted.

"I'm not going to put up with my nephew around that," Arousa said. "If he gets caught, he brought it upon himself."

Tellez had grown up in Burley, Arousa said, before his mother moved the family to Bakersfield.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### BLM to conclude engine training today

Don't be alarmed if you see yellow fire trucks parked along the Snake River Canyon. The fire trucks are part of the Bureau of Land Management officials say.

The federal lands agency will wrap up a week-long engine operator training this week, preparing experienced firefighters to be lead engine operators in wildland engine is staffed with four to five firefighters, with operators and engine captains serving as leadership.

Operators are firefighters with two years of experience who go through training, gain driving experience and complete a task book to become certified. The BLM hosts an engine operator training each spring, including both classroom and field time.

### Filter sewer treatment facility delayed

FILER — The city of Filer

will have to wait a few weeks before plans to construct a new sewer treatment facility can move forward, it was announced at a City Council meeting Tuesday.

Mayor Bob Tompleman reported that both the Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Rural Development have not completed loan applications to provide the bulk of funding for the \$12.5 million membrane bioreactor system.

An MBR utilizes a series of filters and ultraviolet radiation to remove impurities and create A and B quality water suitable for irrigation or aquifer recharge.

"This is going to put us about two more weeks behind schedule," Tompleman said. "J-U-B Engineers, who has our proposal, is just about ready, but these loan applications mean we're looking at the second week in June before bids can go out to vendors."

— staff reports

## 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

### TWIN FALLS COUNTY

**ARRAIGNMENTS (MAY 20-21)**  
Drent L. Fairchild, 20, Buhl; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 1; released on own recognizance.  
Robby R. Kenny, 47, Burley; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 1; \$1,000 bond.

Doyan R. Price, 23, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 1; posted bond; felony driving under the influence; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for May 30; posted bond.  
Analeise M. Nunamaker, 41, Carey; issuing a check without funds; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for May 30; \$5,000 bond.

Adam C. Peterson, 42, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 1; \$100 bond.  
Justin Smith, 25, Twin Falls; open container; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 1; \$100 bond.  
Purify F. Srinnet, 20, Buhl; Idaho State Lottery prohibited acts; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for May 30; booked and released.

## CLASS REUNIONS

The Pocatello High School Class of 1988 will hold its 40th class reunion Aug. 1-2. Anyone needing information on the reunion should contact Howard Burnett in Pocatello at 238-9945. Ask for him with their full name (then and now), mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number and any similar information they may have concerning other classmates. Plans are soon being made. An address list has been updated, a reunion information packet will be mailed out. For more information: www.Poky68.com.

Laurie Curie, Lesa Moyes, Mark Jacobs, Matt Crumley, Melanie Clark, Melissa Jensen, Michelle Eatough, Misti Green, Nancy Green, Nathan Nielsen, Norma Bales, Patricia Ward, Peggy Carrick, Peter Rodriguez, Ramon Silva, Renaut Tan, Robert Barela, Robin Nelwert, Roger Ford, Roger Grigg, Sammy Estrada, Seyler Hill, Shane Nelson, Shawn Sellers, Shelly Garrett, Sheri Ohlauge, Sherry Thompson, Stacey Edwards, Stanley Allen, Steve Yarbrough, Tad Judd, Tammy Mal, Theresa Draper, Tiffani Ward, Tiffani Griffin, Todd Clark, Todd Crane and Tim Woodbury.

Anyone with any information: Steve Haycock at 220-2297 or e-mail to stevehgd@hotmail.com.

Bowen, Jillene Buhler Zollinger, Kathy Byington Brown, Dave Coltrin, Mike Decker, Blair Fedrizzi, Eva Dean Garner Rojas, Darrel Hodge, Ronald Jack, Alan Kloer, Alan Lewellyn, Robin Lynch Wilson, John Oslund, Steven Pedersen, Allen Piper, Denise Smith, Ruben Stoer, Cheryl Sparr, Leslie Warwood, Luan Winnelf Nye, and Ethel Yenne.

Anyone with information: Manlie Carlsqu 825-5702 or Lori Topfiff 678-5464.

Sunday dinner cruise down the Snake River.

Help is also needed to locate lost classmates: Leroy Anderson, Arvela Bageby, Lars-Olva Bengtzelius Keith Bradshaw, Jean Bray, Rebecca Cal Smith, Robert Campbell, Janene Clark, Jerry Conner, John Conway, Mary Davis, Betty DeVilliers Clement, Tony Dripps, Boyd Duncan, Ervin D. Hand, Wrigley Hayden, Bill Hayes, Jim Howe, Keith Jones, Myrna Kirkwood, Teresa Lily, Wilma Mitchell, Albert Mowatt, Ann Musser Collier, Rex Nebeker, David Palmer, Sidney Phillips, Beverly Price, Wanda Roberts, Judy Rohde, Midge Shoemaker, Mary Ann Stewart, Bertie Stovall, LD Swenson, David Taylor, Peter Welch. Mail was returned from: Beth Blackburn/Musser, Jeanette Boland/Egan, Linda Lackey/Dowey, Sharral Hobarge, Sandy Hempelman, Terry Lattin, Jerry Wilson.

For more information: Deanna Pfist Baxter at 733-3038.

Burley High School class of 1988 will hold its 30-year reunion July 25-26.

The committee needs help locating the following classmates: Nedra Aberasturi Lewis, Steven Balnes, Ed Bliggins, Gary Bird, Jill

Burley High School's class of 1988 is planning its 20-year reunion.

Official notification of events will be coming out in two weeks. The committee needs help to locate the following classmates:

Alyson Powell, Andrea Hart, Angela Turner, Anthony Navarro, Becky Fowles, Billy Bingham, Billy Cox, Brad Price, Camie Christiansen, Carol Harrison, Cheryl Pines, Ann Smith, Krista Christina Reid, Christine Betts, Cindy Bagwell, Cindy Rigby, Cindy Williams, Corinna Jacobs, Deelynn West, Dewayne McElhinney, Don Rittel, Donna Allen, Elizabeth Adams, Heather Evans, Heather Hansen, Jane Blayney, Jason Rorris, JD Fomesbeck, Jeff Wilkinson, Jill Cornwell, Jody Lee, John Taylor, Julie Rangel, Karen Wrigley, Kevin Funk, Kim Smith, Karen Reid, Krista Anderson, Laurie Barnes,

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## Auction

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SATURDAY, MAY 24, 10:00AM Public Auto Auction, Twin Falls Cars • Trailers • Boats • RVs Equipment • Pickups • Trucks Phone 734-2548 • Fax 735-8175 HUNTS AUTO AUCTION	SATURDAY, MAY 31, 10:00AM Estate Sale Household & Antiques SULLIVAN AUCTION 324-3185
SATURDAY, MAY 24, 10:00PM Auction, Twin Falls Furniture • Appliances • Tools Collectibles • Garden Items Phone 734-2548 • Fax 735-8175 HUNT BROS. AUCTIONS	SATURDAY, MAY 31, 10:00AM H.B. Smith & the late Oleta Smith Estate, Hwy 6 1005 H Street Times-News Ad: 5-28
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TUESDAY, MAY 27, 5:00PM Household • Odds • Antiques Outrageous Oddities • Jerome KLAAS AUCTION BARN 208-324-5521	SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 10:00PM Edna Mae Alexander Estate, Buhl Appliances • Furniture • Shop Glassware • Sporting • Lawn Times-News Ad: 5-30 MASTERS AUCTION www.mastersauction.com
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# Tornadoes rip through Colorado, Kansas; one killed

By Iran Moreno  
Associated Press writer

WINDSOR, Colo. — A large tornado skipped through several northern Colorado towns on Thursday, destroying dozens of homes, flipping tractor-trailers and freight rail cars, and killing at least one person.

The National Weather Service said the tornado touched down just before noon near Platteville, about 50 miles north of Denver. Over the next hour, it moved northward past several towns along a 35-mile-long track toward Wyoming.

In Windsor, Colo., a farming town of 16,000 that was hardest hit, dazed residents retrieved what they could from their homes. "I didn't want to see this. That's for sure," 41-year-old Windsor resident Alexander Martinez said while staring at a staircase, balcony, and personal belongings from his apartment that ended up in his front yard. The apartment's roof and a front wall had been torn away.

Nine people were hospitalized with various injuries at the Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, said spokesman Alex Succesio. In Greeley, four people were treated for minor injuries at North Colorado Medical Center, said administrative representative Laurie Hamilt.

Pete Ambrose, a caretaker at the campground outside Greeley, said he hid in a cin-

derblock restroom when he saw the twister approaching. A frightened camper who tried to run the storm in an RV was killed.

"I yelled at him to come with me and he tried to drive off," a despondent Ambrose said after emerging from his shelter, a cinderblock restroom.

The camper lay dead in the front seat of his RV. The rear half of the vehicle rested about 100 feet away. Weld County officials confirmed the man was killed but did not release his name.

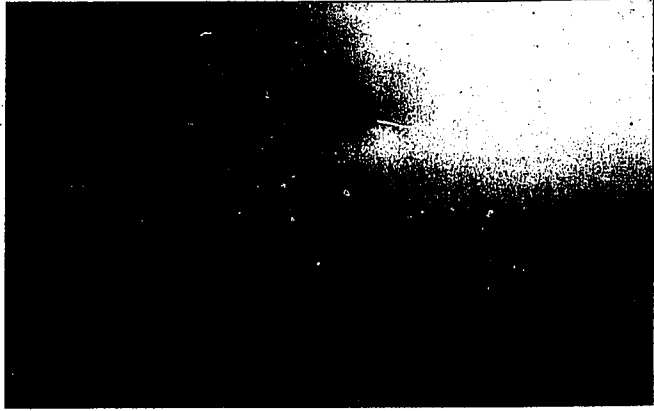
"My house is gone," said Ambrose. "I lost my dog. I lost my cats. I lost my camper. I lost everything."

Crews removed downed power lines and poles from Windsor's streets Thursday evening, and bulldozers cleared debris.

Several minor tornadoes were reported in northern Colorado on Thursday, the National Weather Service said. Meteorologist Jim Kolina said two or perhaps a quarter-mile affected the area and that the weather service was trying to confirm how many tornadoes touched down.

Video footage of the large tornado showed a dark gray funnel, perhaps a quarter-mile wide accompanied by heavy hail and rain.

Richard Dykstra, 65, was in his Windsor pest-control office with six other people when it began to hail and the rain began to slide off the building. "We had about 90



A tornado touches down in Riverside, Calif., Thursday. A wild weather system lashed Southern California on Thursday with fierce thunderstorms that unleashed midsize in whitewater-scarred canyons, spawned at least one tornado and dented mountains and even low-flying commutes with snow and hail.

seconds, but we managed to get into the basement," Dykstra said.

He said he then ran to a day care center where his grandson was. No children were hurt, and they were herded into a vault at a nearby bank until the storm system cleared.

"It passed right over us like a big, white monster," said Thomas Coupe, 87, of Windsor.

The tornado overturned 15 railroad cars and destroyed a luxury car on the Great Western Railway of Colorado,

said Mike Ogburn, managing director of Denver-based Omnitrax Inc., which manages the railroad. Fourteen of the overturned cars were tankers but they were empty. All of northeastern Colorado was under a tornado watch through Thursday night, the National Weather Service said.

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# War-spending bill includes \$400 M for timber payments

By Matthew Daily  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A war-spending bill approved by the Senate includes \$400 million in payments to rural counties in Oregon, Idaho and other states.

The bill to pay for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan also includes \$300 million for cleanup efforts at nuclear sites around the country, including the Hanford nuclear reservation in Washington state, as well \$64 million to help rebuild roads damaged in devastating floods in Washington state and \$75 million to help alleviate fishery disasters around the country, including West Coast salmon. Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez recently declared a federal fishery disaster for West Coast salmon.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said it was crucial that lawmakers continue payments to rural areas that once depended on federal timber money to pay for schools, libraries and other services. The one-year extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act should keep rural schools and communities afloat, Wyden said. "This should send a strong message to both the House and the White House that funding county payments is a

critical national emergency," Wyden said.

The House still has to act on the spending bill, which President Bush has threatened to veto. Last week, the House voted to reject money for continuing the Iraq war.

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Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., halted the domestic spending amendment, which was approved 75-22. A separate amendment to pay for the war passed 70-26. Both margins would be enough to override a presidential veto.

"The legislation passed today will help to save jobs, repair roads, care for veterans, and aid rural communities right here in Washington state," Murray said. "Unfortunately, the president believes the only emergencies worthy of American tax dollars are overseas. I urge the president to reconsider once again turning his back on our needs here at home."

The flood money includes \$46.2 million for Washington state roads damaged in storms last December and another \$17.8 million to repair damage from storms in November 2006. Murray called the money critical to helping Washington communities rebuild.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho,

urged the House to extend the rural schools law, which was initially adopted in 2000 to help Western communities devastated by logging cutbacks in the 1990s. Hundreds of rural teachers throughout Idaho could lose their jobs if the law is not extended, Craig said, noting that the so-called county payments program accounts for one-third of the budget in some rural school districts in Idaho and other states.

"This was a 'must' vote for equal opportunity for our rural schools," Craig said. Meanwhile, Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., said he has obtained a commitment from House leaders to vote on a four-year extension of the rural schools law early next month, when Congress returns from a Memorial Day recess.

Lawmakers from both par-

ties have tried for several years to secure a long-term commitment for the program, which helps pay for schools, roads and public safety in 700 rural counties in 39 states. Most of the money

goes to six Western states — Oregon, Idaho, California, Washington, Montana and Alaska — although Mississippi, Arkansas and other Southern states also receive

substantial payments. The money for fishery disasters is in addition to \$170 million approved in the recent farm bill for the disaster-plagued Pacific Coast salmon fishing industry.

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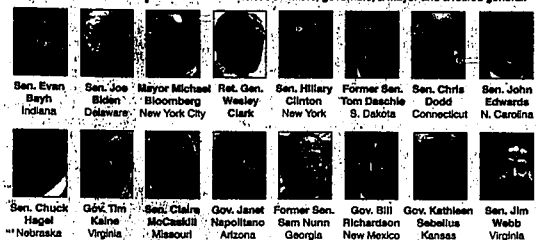
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**Obama camp starts early search for vice president**

Barack Obama and his advisers began a behind-the-scenes search for a running mate Thursday. Potential candidates could include senators, governors, a mayor and a retired general.



**Obama and McCain on the hunt for veeps**

By Nedra Pickler  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama and John McCain have begun taking quiet but purposeful steps toward choosing their running mates, fresh signs that the Democratic nomination fight is over and the presidential race is rapidly moving toward the Obama-McCain general election matchup.

McCain has a head start in the "veepstakes," with Obama still fighting off never-say-die Hillary Rodham Clinton. The GOP candidate will be getting better acquainted with three potential picks during a holiday gathering at his home this weekend, while Obama's team is still in the early stages of compiling background information on possible running mates.

Former Fannie Mae CEO John Johnson is Obama's early vetting for Obama, Democratic officials say, and that allows for a quick start. Johnson won't be starting from scratch, since he did the same job for Democratic nominees John Kerry in 2004 and George W. Bush in 2004.

Many of the people Johnson checked for Kerry will be likely candidates for Obama's consideration.

Those names included Sen. Clinton, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, Florida Gov. Charlie Crist, Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska and Kerry's eventual choice, former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards.

Obama refused to acknowledge Johnson's role when The Associated Press asked the Illinois senator about it in the Capitol Thursday.

"I haven't hired him. He's not on retainer. I'm not paying him any money. He is a friend of mine. I know him," Obama said. Johnson has been a top fundraiser in Obama's campaign. "I am not commenting on vice presidential matters because I have not won this nomination."

The Democratic officials who revealed Johnson's role spoke on a condition of anonymity because Obama has insisted that the process be kept quiet.

McCain is hosting at least three Republicans mentioned as potential vice presidential running mates at his Sedona, Ariz., home this weekend.

Florida Gov. Charlie Crist, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney. An aide said it's a social event with more than two dozen guests not meant for veep vetting. Still, the socializing is a prime opportunity for would-be running mates.

Before heading off to Arizona, Romney announced he was forming the "Free and Strong America" political action committee that will allow him to travel the country on political business and support like-minded candidates.

The vice presidential speculation about McCain's possible choice has been going on for months, fueled in part by the candidate himself.

Since sewing up the nomination in March, McCain has campaigned with prospective running mates, including Romney, Crist, Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

Last month, McCain told reporters: he was in the "embryonic stages" of the search with a list of about 20 names.

At one point, McCain let slip that as he learns about the process of picking a running mate, he'd like to speak to A.B. Culvahouse, who has been involved in vice presidential searches before and served as counsel to President Reagan from 1987-1989. Several Republicans close to the campaign say that while McCain and Campaign Manager Rick Davis are running the show, Culvahouse is involved in the process.

Obama is still engaged in an all-but-decided nomination campaign against Clinton, with three primaries left in Puerto Rico, South Dakota and Montana. The voting ends June 3.

Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson said Obama's vice presidential selection process "is clearly premature in that he is not yet the nominee." He also said

the Clinton campaign didn't have a similar process under way and there had been no discussions with the Obama people about her becoming the Illinois senator's No. 2.

Some in the party are calling for Obama to pick Clinton, but others say that couldn't work after their long and heated campaign against each other.

Other possible options are governors such as Janet Napolitano of Arizona, Kathleen Sebelius of Kansas and Tim Kaine of Virginia; foreign policy experts including former Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn, Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd or Delaware Sen. Joe Biden; or other senators such as Missouri's Claire McCaskill or Virginia's Jim Webb.

Associated Press writers Ann Sanner and Liz Sidoti contributed to this report.

**Gas tops \$3.83 as early holiday travelers hit road**

By John Wiles  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Americans getting an early start on the Memorial Day weekend found that gasoline prices found a national average above \$3.83 a gallon. Some analysts predict gas will break past \$4 as early as next week.

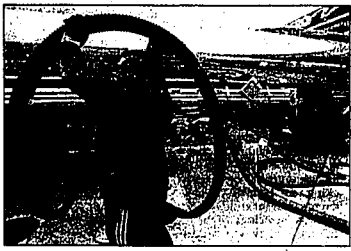
Oil prices, meanwhile, fell Thursday after setting a new trading record of \$135.09 overnight. A stronger dollar gave some investors reason to sell oil futures to lock in profits from crude's record run. But concerns about falling supplies and rising demand are expected to keep propelling prices higher in the days and weeks to come.

Oil's surge is contributing directly to the pain consumers feel every time they fill up. At the pump, the average national price of a gallon of regular gas rose 2.4 cents overnight to \$3.83, according to a survey of stations by AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. Prices are 61 cents higher than a year ago.

Unlike last year, oil prices are setting new record highs on a daily basis. That's pushing gas prices higher, and analysts see no reason for gas not to follow.

"We're going to blast past \$4," said James Condit, president of Tampa, Fla.-based trading firms Liberty Trading Group and OptionSellers.com.

Prices may rise as high as \$3.90 on a national basis by



Artyom Karapetyan, a tanker driver for McWhirter Distributing Co., Inc., holds up a fuel hose as he delivers gasoline to a Valero gas station in Van Nuys, Calif., May 9.

this weekend, he said. Prices are already above \$4 a gallon at many stations around the country, and are averaging more than \$4 in California, New York and Illinois, among other states.

Oil prices rose to \$135.09 a barrel in overnight electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange before retreating to settle down \$2.36 at \$130.81 a barrel by afternoon in New York.

Analysts said oil futures are caught between the supply and demand concerns that boosted crude to its latest record, and a desire by some investors to cash in some profits. The dollar, one of the factors that has fed oil's rally from about \$65 a year ago, strengthened against the euro Thursday. When the greenback gains ground, commodities such as oil lose their value as hedges against

inflation. Also, a stronger dollar makes oil more expensive to investors overseas.

At times, in a price rump that's added nearly \$9 to a price of crude this week, and almost \$16 over the past month, investors will sell to take profits, analysts said. Crude rose \$4.19 a barrel on Wednesday alone.

The Paris-based International Energy Agency on Thursday said it is worried about whether there is enough oil to meet global demand, and is working on a review of the world's 400 largest oil fields that could lead to a major revision in its closely-watched forecasts.

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# Senate deals Bush a defeat on Iraq war spending

By Andrew Taylor  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — In a stunning vote that illustrated President Bush's diminished standing, the Senate on Thursday ignored his veto threat and added tens of billions of dollars for veterans and the unemployed to his Iraq war spending bill.

A majority of Republicans broke ranks with Bush on a veto-proof 75-22 vote while adding more than \$10 billion for various other domestic programs, including heating subsidies for the poor, wildfire fighting, roads for bridge repair and health research.

Democrats crowed about their victory. But the developments meant more confusion about when the must-pass measure might actually become law and that the final version will contain.

Senators voted 70-26 to approve \$165 billion to fulfill Bush's request for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan into next spring, when Bush's successor will face a budget. Overall, the measure contains \$212 billion over the coming two years — \$28 billion more than the administration sought — plus about \$50 billion more through 2017 for veterans' education benefits.

Bush has promised to veto the Iraq spending if it exceeds his request. He has enough GOP support in the House to sustain a veto.

But the spectacle of 25 Senate Republicans also voting to extend jobless benefits by 13 weeks and boost the GI Bill to provide veterans enough money to pay for a four-year education at a public institution made it plain that Bush's influence is waning.

"What influence?" said a triumphant Harry Reid of Nevada, the Senate's top Democrat. Reid had been skeptical of adding dozens of items favored by the freespending Appropriations Committee to Bush's war request.

But the committee's plan contained so many smaller items favored by senators in both parties that it was money for Gulf Coast

Hurricane recovery, NASA, and additional food and drug safety inspectors — that even GOP conservatives such as Larry Craig and Mike



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Craig

Crapo of Idaho rebuffed the White House. The duo were strong supporters of \$400 million to subsidize schools in rural counties hit hard by declines in timber revenues. The bill also contained \$490

million for grants to local police departments, \$451 million to repair roads damaged by natural disasters, \$200 million for the space shuttle program, and \$400 million for National Institutes of Health research projects.

employed, but kept its version clean of most other domestic programs. The House also included a one-half of a percentage point income tax surcharge on wealthier people to pay for the expanded GI bill.

The House also failed to approve the war money in a vote last week. Republicans unhappy with the Democrats' add-ons joined with anti-war lawmakers to defeat it.

Because of the differences between the two versions, it will take weeks to pass a final compromise, which Bush is expected to veto, and then

send him one he can sign. Time is slipping, though Defense Secretary Robert Gates testified Wednesday that the Pentagon can scrape by until late July by shifting funds from other accounts to finance operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

First, however, lawmakers left Washington for a weeklong Memorial Day recess.

A popular plan in both the House and Senate would build new Bush administration rules that would cut spending on Medicaid health care for the poor and disabled

by \$13 billion over the next five years. Governors in both parties pressed for the relief.

The White House had braced for defeat even as Democrats' skepticism they would prevail. Yet the magnitude of the defeat was startling.

"Our troops deserve better than having essential war time resources held hostage to billions of dollars in unrelated spending," White House spokesman Tony Fratto said. "Congress should pass a clean war funding bill when they return from Memorial Day recess."

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## U.S. helicopter strike on al-Qaida kills children

By Kim Camel  
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — A U.S. helicopter strike north of Baghdad killed eight people in a vehicle, including at least two children, Iraqi officials said Thursday, including all the dead were civilians. The U.S. military said six were al-Qaida militants but acknowledged children were killed.

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men at the hospital in Beiji, where the bodies were taken after Wednesday evening's strike.

Iraqi and U.S. officials each put the number of slain children at two. The reason for the discrepancies between the two accounts is unclear. The U.S. military said six were al-Qaida militants but acknowledged children were killed.

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The strike came as the U.S. was trying to ease Iraq anger over the unloading of a copy of the Quran by an American sniper, who used Islam's holy book for target practice.

In Afghanistan on Thursday, a NATO soldier and two demonstrators were killed in a blood-drenched protest over the Quran shooting.

Iraq has not seen any street protests over the Quran shooting, which took place earlier this month in a Sunni area west of Baghdad. But Iraqi leaders have loudly condemned the shooting, including a series of apologies from U.S. military commanders and President Bush. The U.S. military says the sniper was disciplined and removed from Iraq.

The attack near Beiji, the military said its forces were targeting members of an al-Qaida suicide bombing network. The forces engaged the occupants of a vehicle after they refused to surrender and "continued a hostile intent."

It said five suspected "terrorists" were killed along with two children in the vehicle. A sixth militant was killed in a field next to the road, according to a statement.

Beiji police Col. Muddher al-Qalbi, however, said the dead were six civilian farmers and two children who were fleeing in their vehicle from the area after the U.S. forces launched their raids. He said a U.S. helicopter became stuck in the vehicle and opened fire on it.

"The residents feel angry now over this act by the American troops. The victims were unarmed and were farmers," al-Qalbi said.

Mohammed al-Shimmar, who lives in the area, said the raid took place when a group of his relatives gathered at the home of his cousin after hunting. He would be released from U.S. custody. He said the Americans were holding the cousin on suspicion of insurgent ties.

When U.S. forces launched a raid on the cousin's home, the relatives fled. They included the group of eight in a minibus, which was then struck by the helicopter, said al-Shimmar, who lives near his cousin.

U.S. military refused to confirm the mode of attack or specify what weapons were used, saying only that its forces "engaged the target vehicle's occupants." Spokesman Col. Jerry O'Hara said the military "selectly" regrets when innocent civilians are injured, resulting from terrorists locating themselves in and around them. We take every precaution to protect innocent civilians and engage only hostile threats."

## Petraeus says he would recommend troop cuts

By Thomas E. Ricks and Karen DeYoung  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Army Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, said he expects to recommend additional cuts in U.S. troop levels this fall. Petraeus said he would assess conditions before his departure in September, when he is scheduled to take over the U.S. Central Command.

"My sense is I will be able to make a recommendation at that time for further reductions," Petraeus told a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing Thursday on his nomination to the post that would put him in charge of U.S. military operations from the Horn of Africa to Central Asia.

Petraeus declined to estimate the size of a troop cut. "I don't want to imply that that means a BCT (brigade combat team) or major combat formation, although it could," he said, referring to units that could total as many as several thousand troops. U.S. troop strength peaked in Iraq last year at about 165,000. Recent and already approved drawdowns are expected to bring the level to about 133,000 by the end of July.

The hearing was surprisingly brief and relatively brief in sharp contrast to Petraeus's last two appearances on Capitol Hill — in September and last month — to assess the situation in Iraq. Among those absent from the sparsely attended session was Sen. Joe Lieberman, the committee's ranking minority

member and the likely Republican presidential nominee, who was campaigning in California. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., competing for the Democratic nomination, made a brief appearance at the end of the hearing.

Lawmakers entered and left the room during the questioning to oppose any funding measure that would "tie the hands of our commanders." In speech to 17,000 Army paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division, which has served in both Iraq and Afghanistan, Bush said: "The Food and Drug Administration has been under increasing pressure to develop a comprehensive drug surveillance system since the painkiller Vioxx was pulled from the market in 2004 after it was linked to increased risk of stroke and heart attack.

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## New safety program to monitor Medicare drug use

By Kevin Freking  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal health officials will begin monitoring prescription drug usage by millions of Medicare participants in an effort to identify potential safety problems.

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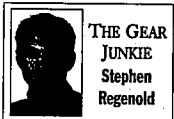
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Information will stay inside the Medicare agency and will not be part of the information that the FDA and others look at, officials said.

The FDA primarily relies on physicians and patients to report suspected adverse events. Often, it takes a number of cases before an event at the agency detects a pattern that's worth investigating. Then it conducts an investigation to determine whether the side effects were caused by the drug. At the first hint of trouble, the FDA now will be able to query databases involving tens of millions of patients. It will not only be able to see the medications used, but also whether a patient had lab work done or whether they had to be hospitalized.

## Staying digital in the outdoors

Though outdoorsy types might pretend otherwise, we live in a digital world. Photos, mp3s, e-currencies, trail guides and GPS coordinates now by and large reside as virtual media, just zeros and ones of binary code, magnetic blips on a disk or a drive somewhere (hopefully) safe and secure.



**THE GEAR JUNKIE**  
Stephen Regenold

To back up my digital library, including photos, videos, maps and text, I recently downloaded a large chunk of my hard drive to the Flash Survivor from Corsair Inc. This USB drive — a rugged, high-performance solid-state storage device," according to the company — saves data via the proven magnetic flash format.

But what makes the Survivor unique is its case: The thumb-size cylindrical body is made of CNC-milled, anodized aircraft-grade aluminum. Rubber collars and the solid case keep the drive safe if dropped.

A screw-tight closure with O-rings provides waterproof protection to 600 feet in case you kerplunk the drive over the edge of a boat.

The company (<http://www.corsair.com>) sells the Corsair Flash Survivor in several models, including data capacities ranging from 4 gigabytes (GB) to 32 GB. The former will store thousands of documents and hundreds of photos; the latter size will manage endless files and videos.

The drives retail for between \$50 and \$250, depending on capacity. But a quick web search yields deals from about \$30 for the 4GB model to \$190 for the 32GB iteration.

I went big with the Flash Survivor, ordering the highest-capacity model and performing regular backups of large portions of my hard drive. On trips — whether skiing or exploring a new

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# Going after the BIG ONE

## Jerome's Extended Resources program students spend special day fishing

By Bradley Guire  
Staff writer

**JEROME** — Justin Lesher scrambled around the pond at midday last Friday, holding up what looked to be a seven-pound trout in a net. This one wasn't his catch — he had already caught about half a dozen.

He was just hauling that fish for Fantasia Sedano, but there was no time to stop and talk. He had to get that fish weighed.

"He's been running around like this since 9:30 this morning," Sheri Mitchell said. "He'll sleep well tonight."

Lesher, an 18-year-old senior at Jerome High School, and other developmentally disabled students in Jerome's Extended Resources program took some fishin' poles and met out at the fishin' hole, just like in the "Andy Griffith Show" song, for the Special Needs Fishing Derby.

About 40 kids of all ages and grades, from elementary school to high school, spent a lazy Friday with rods and reels.

The event was coordinated by Mitchell, a member of the Jerome Optimist Club, and she had a lot of help. Lloyd and Barbara Martin and their son Paul — the "L.B.P." in L.B.F. Martin Farms — have opened their land to the community for 30 years for the annual Free Fishing Derby and were happy to do it again.

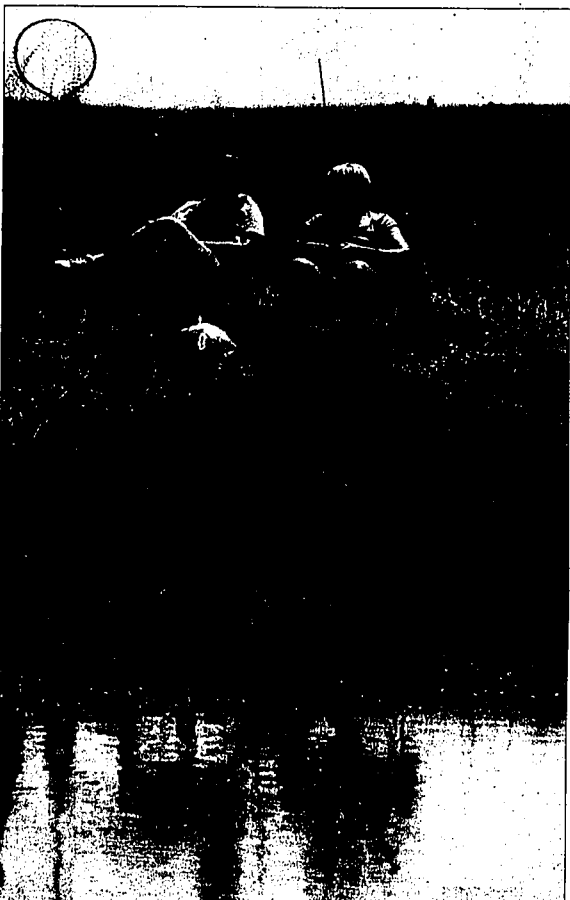
"This is something they'll never forget," Lloyd said.

The fish were donated by Clear Springs Inc. and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Rods, reels and other gear came from Sportsman's Warehouse and Trophy Bait, and transportation and meals from the Jerome School District. Rich Gilbert walked around, snapping pictures to copy to a disc for each student.

All those and many more came together for kids like 12-year-old Mason Ostler, who was

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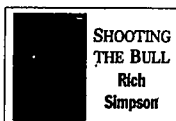
Fantasia Sedano, left, a student in the Jerome Extended Resources Program, sits with Nicole Sauer, a Partner in Education volunteer, at the Special Needs Fishing Derby at L.B.F. Martin Farms in Jerome County last Friday.

## The one-size-fits-all big-game wonder: The ought-six, part 2

The 30-06 Springfield is the most popular big game hunting cartridge on the planet today — bar none. Since its introduction 102 years ago, the 'ought-six' has performed yeoman service as the primary small game hunter for U.S. and Allied troops through three wars and countless police actions' long and short.

In more peaceful times, it has been the cartridge of choice for big game hunters across the planet and has probably put more meat in the locker and horns on the wall than any other modern round. Though it is no longer the darling of long range competitive shooters, the 30-06 has garnered more than its share of the gold during its lengthy tenure.

Modern hunters may have their heads turned by newer caliber cartridges like the .270 Winchester Short Magnum or .300 Ruger Compact



**SHOOTING THE BULL**  
Rich Simpson

Magnum, but the trusty 30-06 continues to do just what she has always done: provide sufficient accuracy and knockdown power to cleanly take the majority of the world's huntable big game species at all practical ranges. As a bonus, this wonderful game-getting efficiency can be had without the obnoxious ear-splitting muzzle blast and shoulder-pounding recoil of heavier magnum rifles.

In fact, today's 30-06 rifles are better than they've ever been. Technological advances in the aerospace and related industries have not escaped the notice of gun manufacturers. With

today's enhanced metals, ultra-precise CNC machining, crisp inletting into durable synthetic, laminated, and hardwood stocks, odds are very good that your new '06 will be lighter, more accurate and durable than any of its predecessors. It will also be more deadly.

Responding to the demands of the military, as well as civilian sectors, arms and ammunition manufacturers continue to develop and produce the finest projectiles and bullets the world has ever known. Today, there is literally a .30 caliber bullet and powder combination available for any speed and need imaginable.

What's that you say, you've got some coyotes eye balling your lamb or calf crop (not to mention deer, elk, and antelope young)? No problem! Thumb some factory or handloaded 125 grainers

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## Memorial Day recreational opportunities abound in the Sawtooth National Forest

For the Times-News

Visitors planning on recreating on the Sawtooth National Forest over the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend will find a number of facilities open and operating; however many areas, including roads, trails and campgrounds, will still be heavily impacted with snow and areas in higher elevations may be inaccessible. Visitors are advised to telephone the appropriate office to check snowmelt and road conditions prior to their visit.

"Regardless of where people go on the Sawtooth National Forest this weekend, they need to be aware of high, swift running rivers and streams," states Forest Recreation & Natural Resources Staff Officer Terry Clark. Due to recent warm, daytime temperatures, the snow in the high country is melting rapidly and streams and rivers are running very high and fast. Hikers, horseback riders and motorized users need to pay particular attention when crossing creeks and streams.

Visitors to the Sawtooth National Forest are encouraged to bring their own drinking water and to be prepared to haul their trash back home. Even though many developed campgrounds will be open, full services are not being provided at all of them.

Most of the Forest roads and trails remain wet and soft. Visitors are asked to avoid driving or riding on muddy roads and trails to

avoid damaging the running surface. Please check with your local Forest Service office, listed below, for current road and trail conditions.

Individual camping sites can be reserved as early as 180 days in advance. Group sites can be reserved 360 days in advance. To make a reservation call the National Recreation Reservation System (NRRS) at 877-444-6777 or go online at [www.nrrs.gov](http://www.nrrs.gov). Most campgrounds provide some sites for non-reservation use and are available on a first-come-first serve basis. Reservations cannot be made at local forest service offices or at individual campgrounds.

The following is a summary of major recreation areas throughout the Forest:

### Minidoka Ranger District

Bear Gulch, Clear Creek, Mill Flat, Sublett, Schipper, Steer Basin and Third Fork developed campgrounds will be open. These are no-fee campgrounds. Restrooms will be open, but visitors should bring their own drinking water.

A few dispersed camping sites along Sublett Creek and Rock Creek will be available; however, other campground sites on the District are still inaccessible due to snow or inaccessible roads and trails.

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## Jobless claims drop to lowest level in four weeks

By Martin Crutinger  
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WASHINGTON — The number of newly laid off workers filing for unemployment benefits unexpectedly fell last week to the lowest level in a month.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that applicant unemployment jobless benefits totaled 365,000, down by 9,000 from last week. Economists had expected

claims to rise slightly. Even with the unexpected decline, claims remain at a level that indicates the labor market is under stress from the sluggish economy. The four-week average for claims rose slightly to 372,250, up significantly from a year ago when the four-week average was around the 300,000 mark.

Analysts predicted further increases in claims in the weeks ahead, reflecting an economy

struggling to overcome a slumping housing market, a severe credit crunch and soaring gasoline prices.

"Over the next few months claims should climb towards the 406,000 mark as companies seek to control costs in the face of persistent very soft demand," predicted Ian Shepherdson, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics.

Ford Motor Co. announced Thursday it would make further cuts in the production of trucks and

sport utility vehicles and did not rule out further layoffs and plant closings as the troubled U.S. auto industry is dealing with its worst sales prospects in a decade.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said in a CNBC interview Thursday that the economy is going through a rough patch "but we have policies in place to deal with it." He cited the 130 million economic stimulus payments that are being sent out as the government's chief weapon to combat a deep recession.

On Wall Street, stocks steadied after two sessions of steep declines. The Dow Jones Industrial average finished Thursday up 24.43 points at 12,622.62.

The level of jobless claims has been difficult to read over the past few weeks because of troubles adjusting the claims figures to take into account this year's early Easter and the impact of a strike at an auto parts supplier for General Motors.

## Cutting production at

### Company slashes profit goal on slumping sales

By Dee-Ann Durbin  
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — Fast-rising gas prices claimed their latest victim Thursday: Ford Motor Co., which dropped its goal of becoming profitable by 2009 and said it will cut production of trucks and sport utility vehicles through the rest of this year. It was a warning shot to the rest of the beleaguered U.S. auto industry, which is facing its worst sales in more than a decade.

Dearborn-based Ford didn't rule out layoffs or plant closures as it retrenches in a slumping industry, saying it would release more detail about its cost-cutting efforts in July. Ford cut its forecast for U.S. light vehicle sales this year to between 14.7 million and 15.1 million, down from 17 million as recently as 2005. If sales drop as low as 14.7 million, it would be the slowest year for U.S. vehicle sales since 1993, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank.

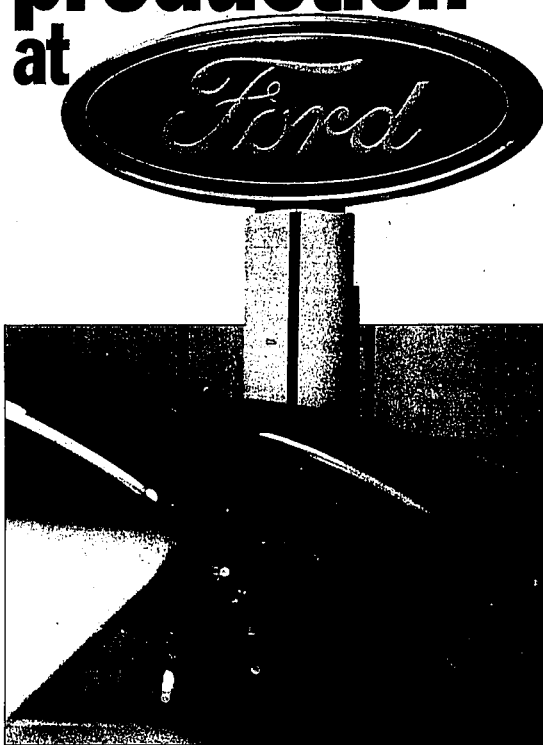
Ford said it will cut North American production by 15 percent in the second quarter, 15 to 20 percent in the third quarter and 2 to 8 percent in the fourth quarter. The cuts will primarily affect pickups and sport utility vehicles, which have seen sales plummet in recent months due to rising gas prices, the weak economy and the slowdown in new home construction.

Production cuts hurt automakers' revenues because the companies book vehicles as sold when they leave the factory.

"We all would like the basic business environment to not have deteriorated, but clearly the most important thing we can do for the long-term success of the Ford Motor Company is deal with this reality," Ford President and Chief Executive Alan Mulally said in a conference call Thursday.

Mulally said the company expects a longer and slower recovery than it did several weeks ago and won't immediately set a new profitability target. Ford predicts gas prices will be in the \$3.75 to \$4.25 range for the remainder of the year.

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The company logo hangs over the tails of unsold 2008 Taurus sedans at a Ford dealership in the southeast Denver suburb of Centennial, Colo. Ford Motor Co. said Thursday, it is cutting North American production for the rest of the year as high gas prices and the weak economy depress its sales.

## Tracking pesticide

USDA axes national survey charting pesticide use

By Garance Burke  
Associated Press writer

FRESNO, Calif. — Consumers and farmers will soon be on their own when it comes to finding out which pesticides are being sprayed on everything from corn to apples.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said Wednesday it plans to do away with publishing its national survey tracking pesticide use, despite opposition from prominent scientists, the nation's largest farming organizations and environmental groups.

"If you don't know what's being used, then you don't know what to look for," said Charles Benbrook, chief scientist at The Organic Center, a nonprofit in Enterprise, Ore. "In the absence of information, people can be lulled into thinking that there are no problems with the use of pesticides on food in this country."

Since 1990, farmers and consumer advocates have relied on the agency's detailed annual report to learn which states apply the most pesticides and where bug and weed killers are most heavily sprayed to help cotton, grapes and oranges grow.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency also uses the fine-grained data when figuring out how chemicals should be regulated, and which pesticides pose the greatest risk to public health.

Joe Reilly, an acting administrator at the National Agricultural Statistics Service, said the program was cut because the agency could no longer afford to spend the \$8 million the annual report cost from its \$160 million annual budget.

"Unless new funds are made available there's not much that we can do," Reilly said.

While the agency "hates eliminating any report that is actually needed out in the American public," he said consumers could find similar data from private sources.

Still, only a handful of the major agricultural chemical companies spend the approximately \$500,000 it costs to buy a full set of the privately collected data each year, according to a

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## The farm bill fiasco

House passes farm bill again after printing error

By Mary Clare Janick  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Congress enacted a massive election-year farm bill Thursday over President Bush's veto, sending new and bigger subsidies for farmers and more food stamps to help the poor with rising grocery prices.

The 82-13 vote in the Senate following a 316-108 vote Wednesday night in the House provided Democrats only their second veto override in Bush's presidency, but they harvested a constitutional controversy with it.

**Farm Bill revisions**

- The revised bill bill would include:
  - Expand and expand farm programs
  - Increase farm rates for sugar processors
  - Expand program to provide health care and food stamps to schoolchildren
  - Cut a percentage of the credit for farmers from 2007 to 40 cents. The credit supports the financing of that which is based on the farm's income. More money would go to farmers who made a profit in 2007.
  - Require that means and other health care programs be provided to the country of origin.

Not all of the bill that the Congress passed last week is becoming law immediately. Due to a printing glitch, the Please see FARM, Page D5



Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island was one of two Democratic senators who opposed the agriculture measure in Washington on May 15. Democratic leaders in the House decided to pass the bill again, including the missing section in the version that Bush got.

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# Chinese eager to adopt quake orphans

By Christopher Bodeen and Cara Anna Associated Press writers

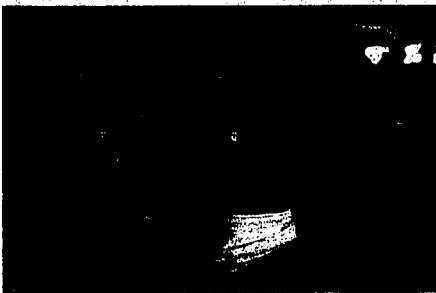
MIANYANG, China — The children's faces stare in somber black-and-white photos from newspapers and scribbled posters at relief camps, seeking their parents. Many will never find them.

As the first estimate of orphans — more than 4,000 — emerged Thursday from last week's deadly earthquake, thousands of Chinese are rushing to offer their homes.

"My husband and I would really like to adopt an earthquake orphan (2-3 years old)," Wang Liqin wrote on a popular Web site, Tianya.com in a forum that was already three pages long.

The high interest is another sign of China's tremendous post-quake outpouring of sympathy, buoyed by rising prosperity. And it's a surprising turnabout in a country in which government redoubles poverty and traditional attitudes long combined to discourage adoption.

The new enthusiasm also means that Americans and other foreigners wanting to adopt may not have a chance. Officials estimate that the number of Chinese wanting to adopt



A young earthquake survivor rests at the Jizhou sports stadium in Mianyang, in China's southwest Sichuan province Thursday. More than 20,000 survivors of last week's earthquake are being housed at the stadium.

the earthquake's orphans may outnumber the orphans themselves. "Every day, my ministry receives hundreds of calls," Jiang Li, China's vice minister of Civil Affairs, told reporters this week. At the Civil

Affairs department in Sichuan province, the heart of the disaster area, calls reached 2,000 a day, the state-run Xinhua News Agency said. Some Chinese, reached this week by phone, said they want to adopt

because they're unable to have a child of their own. Some see a chance to have a rare second child despite China's strict one-child policy. And some, like Wang, whose own baby didn't survive childbirth this year, understand loss and want to help.

"We saw how fragile life can be and have been wanting to adopt a child," Wang, who works in a clothing export business in the southern city of Guangzhou, said by telephone.

The true number of earthquake orphans will take a long time to know, with an estimated 5 million homeless and more than 29,000 missing in the mountainous region.

Officials are first hurrying to sort out actual orphans, trying to reunite children with relatives. Newspapers in Sichuan run the names and photos of children, asking the public for help. Dozens of similar pleas are posted at the sports arena in the city of Mianyang, now a relief camp for thousands of survivors.

Authorities are trying to protect the children from too much attention, moving into orphanages and university dorms, and refusing media requests to interview them.

"We've received many inquiries about adoptions, but at present it's simply too early since we're still in the rescue and recovery stage," said Wang Jun of the Chinese Foundation for Poverty Alleviation, a government-backed group that was put in charge of orphan issues in the city of Deyang just outside the earthquake zone.

When two students from the shattered county of Beichuan were brought onstage during a nationally broadcast earthquake gala Sunday night, they cried as presenters explained they had not heard from their families.

Interviewed that night on TV, one of the girls, Liu Yixue, gave her parents' names. "I want to hear their voices," she said. "I hope you're safe. When I go back to Chengdu tomorrow, we'll reunite."

Much attention has focused on the large numbers of children who died in the May 12 earthquake, crushed when their schools collapsed, and on their parents' pain. But days of vivid earthquake coverage on state-run TV left many Chinese wanting to do more than donate money, moving many to offer to adopt.

# U.N. leader tours flooded Myanmar delta

By John Heilprin Associated Press writer

KYONDAH, Myanmar — U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon flew over Myanmar's flooded Irrawaddy delta on Thursday, where the ravages of a cyclone stretched as far as the eye could see. Villages were empty of life, flattened huts dissolved into vast areas of water and people perched on rooftops.

Nearly three weeks after the storm, life was grim even at a refugee camp showcased by Myanmar's junta during the carefully scripted tour.

"I'm very upset by what I've seen," Ban said, visibly shaken by the firsthand look at the devastation, even though the areas to which he was taken were far from those worst-hit by Cyclone Nargis.

Before his helicopter fly-over, Ban had said he was bringing a "message of hope," to Myanmar's people following the May 2-3 cyclone, which claimed more than 78,000 lives, according to government figures, and left more than 56,000 missing.

Myanmar's military rulers have been eager to show they have the relief effort under control despite spurning the

help of foreign disaster experts, and most of the tour was spent by statistics-laden lectures to make that point.

The U.N. says up to 2.5 million cyclone survivors face hunger, homelessness and potential outbreaks of deadly diseases, especially in the low-lying areas of the Irrawaddy Delta close to the sea. It estimates that aid has reached only about 25 percent of victims.

The four-hour tour Thursday included two stops — one at Mawlamyinegyun, an aid distribution point stocked with bags of rice and cartons of bottled drinking water and the other at a makeshift camp where 500 people huddled in tents in the village of Kyondah, about 45 miles southwest of Yangon.

Still, the destruction in the region was relatively mild compared to Labutta and Bogalay to the south, where the Red Cross said rivers and ponds were full of corpses and many people have received no aid. Officials gave no explanation for why Ban was not taken to those areas, where most of the dead and missing were reported.

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## 2008 CADILLAC CTS SEDAN

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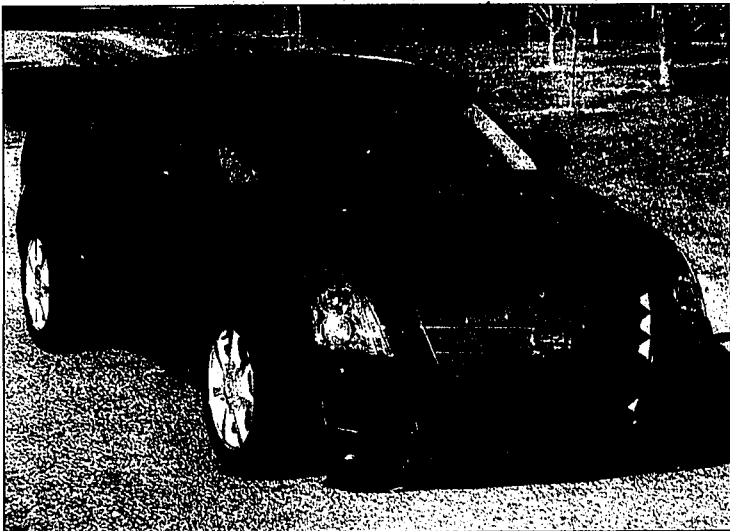
**RoadWorthy!**  
By Ken Chester, Jr.  
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Boasting an all-new design with expressive Sixteen concept car styling, Cadillac introduced the all-new 2008 CTS sedan. Cadillac designers and engineers not only focused on the overall sedan package, but on a myriad of details that would allow the CTS to become more than merely the excellent execution of a suburb sedan. The CTS is infused with distinctive character traits inside and out, with an almost fanatical attention to detail intended to generate desirability.

An example of the distinctive exterior design of the all-new CTS is the sedan's "faster" and nearly coupe-like profile, owing both to its increased performance potential and more evolved styling theme. A "double" sunroof enables both front and rear passengers a sky view.

Additionally, Cadillac engineers lavished attention on the sights and sounds of body construction to achieve the quietness and appearance of the finest prestige sedans.

Offered in both rear-wheel and all-wheel drive configurations, base power for the CTS sedan is provided by a 3.6L V6. An optional 3.6L V6 with direct injection generates 41 additional horses.



The standard transmission for both engines is the Aisin AV6 six-speed manual gearbox. A Hydra-Matic 6L50 six-speed automatic transmission with Driver Shift Control is an available option.

On the road, the CTS with the standard powertrain is responsive, fast and willing - raising the bar again on what an American luxury sedan can be. This is a shining example of pep and performance - a solidly precise platform at speed that inspires driver confidence.

Suspension dynamics for the CTS feature a greatly revised chassis featuring a two-inch wider track in order to accommodate the application of all-wheel drive. Three distinct suspension tuning levels are available: FE1, FE2 and FE3. Aluminum is used in the upper

and lower front control arms and knuckles to help reduce mass and to improve handling and wheel control. The engine cradle has six attachment points, up from four and sedan is now equipped with a tower-to-tower brace across the engine compartment, to add cross-car stiffness and to enhance overall steering feel. The multi-link-rear suspension features a fully isolated subframe, and consists of an uncompromising design with excellent suspension to deliver a superior ride with excellent handling.

### 2008 Cadillac CTS Sedan by the Numbers

**PRICING:**  
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2008 Cadillac CTS sedan starts from \$32,245, with destination charge adding \$745.

**WHEELBASE:**  
133.4 overall length; 181.6 width; 72.6 height; 58.0 - all vehicle measurements are in inches.

**ENGINE:**  
3.6L V6 - 263 hp at 6,200 rpm and 253 lb-ft of torque at 3,100 rpm; 3.6L V6 w/direct injection - 304 hp at 6,400 rpm and 273 lb-ft of torque at 5,200 rpm

**TRANSMISSION:**  
six-speed manual, six-speed automatic w/Driver Shift Control.

**EPA FUEL ECONOMY:**  
3.6L V6 - 18 city/26 hwy 3.6L V6 w/direct injection 17 city/26 hwy

**CARGO CAPACITY:**  
13.6 cubic feet.

**WARRANTY:**  
Basic: 4 years/50,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper. Powertrain: 6 years/100,000 mile. Corrosion: 6-year/unlimited. Roadside assistance: 6-year/100,000 mile, 24-hour.

**SAFETY FEATURES:**  
Dual front airbags, head curtain side-impact airbags, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, all-speed traction control, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, daytime running lights, the pressure monitoring system, tire inflation kit, StabiliTrak vehicle stability system, power programmable automatic door locks, central locking system, remote keyless entry, OnStar communications system, PMS-Play Life Immobilizer and alarm system. Optional safety equipment is generally offered as part of a number of available accessory packages. These features include a garage door opener, alarm system, rear parking sensors, remote engine start, limited slip rear axle, fog lights, keyless entry, charge theft alarm and navigation system.

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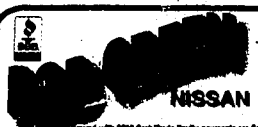
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# Times-News GARAGE SALE MAD

**BUHL** Saturday 7-3pm. Lots of nice clothes, men & women's, medical uniforms, furniture, books, dishes, etc. 1008 E. 4100 N.

**BURLEY** Fri & Sat 8am. Multi-family move sale. Brand new items, fun, all kids clothes, toys, vending machine, dishes, etc. paint 1121 E 17<sup>th</sup> St.

**BURLEY** Fri-Sat 8 am to 9 pm. Moving Sale. Furniture, household, baby clothes, lots of quality items to purchase. 844 Cedar Dr. off of 24<sup>th</sup> St.

**BURLEY** Fri. & Sat. 7:00 am - 3:00 pm. **LARGE** yard/parking lot sale. **LOTS** of plus size women's clothes & books. 197 W. Hwy 30.

**BURLEY** John CovEstate Sale. West on Hwy 30 to 500 N. (to river 1/4 mile) to 492 Kings Star Tools, Furn., Motorhome, dishes and collectibles. Sat. 8:24 8:30 am.

**GOODING** Sat. 8-4. Hugo Sale! Antique bottles, rock collection, misc. 2228 East 1776 South 4<sup>th</sup> street turn off 3 1/4 miles east of Gooding

**HAGERMAN** 5/23-24 8am-dark. Hugo Moving Sale! Misc. furniture, TV's, tools, bike, sport cards galore, collectible Beanie babies, misc. household items. Too many to list. Priced to sell! 251 E. Lake St.

**HAGERMAN** Fri. - Sun. 8-5. Large yard sale. Antiques, collectibles and junk. North side of Hagerman park by the Knotty Pine Country Store.

**Hagerman** Sat & Sun 8-8 Mon 8-2. **ENTIRE HOUSE!** West Hagerman St. South Hagerman Behind Snake River Girl Yellow Signs

**HOLLISTER** Sat-Mon. Yard Sale & Swap Meet. Farmers Market. 15+ Vendors. Vendor Space Avail. Bodae Parking Lot.

**JEROME** Fri 8-4 & Sat. 8-2. Hugo Yard Sale! Furniture, baby items, sporting goods, electronics, irrigation, lawn care, misc. No Early Bird!!! 247 West 100 North

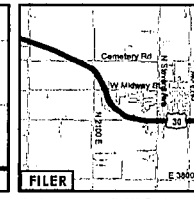
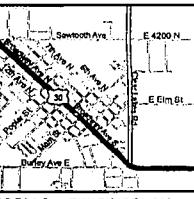
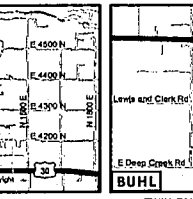
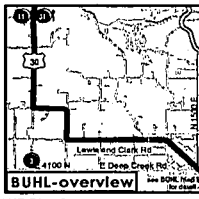
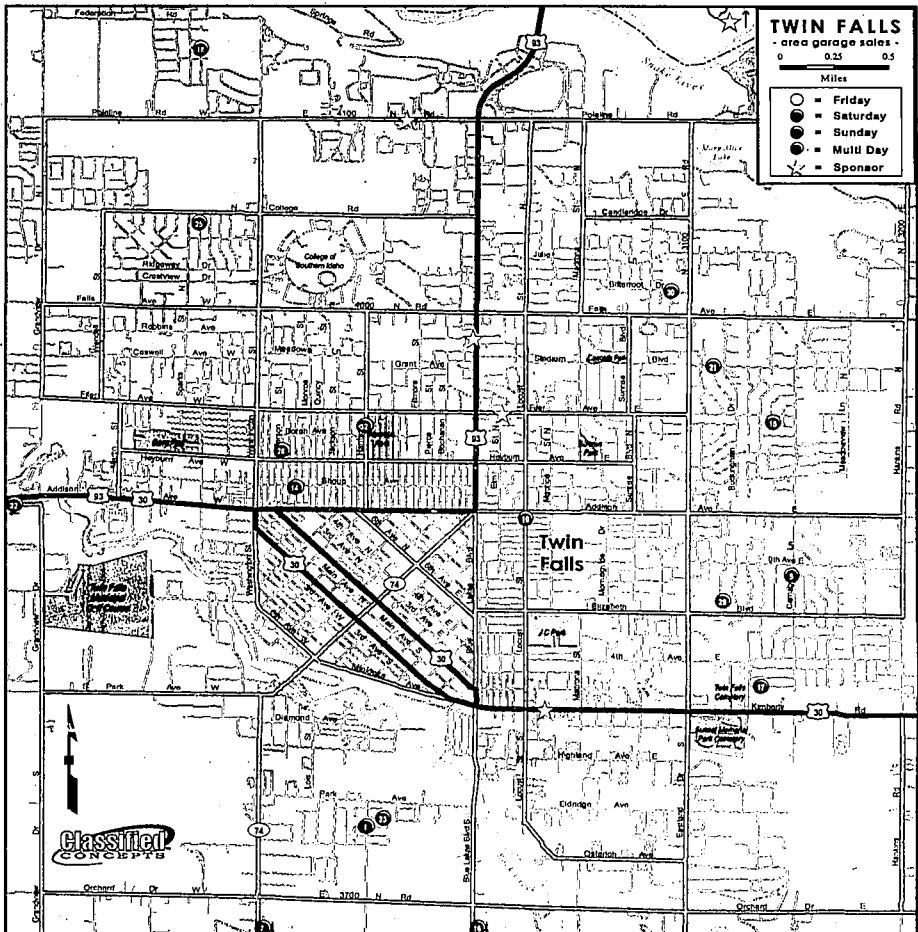
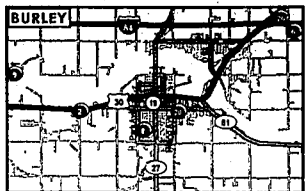
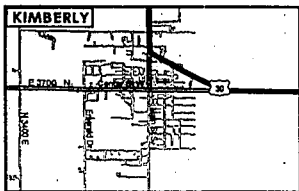
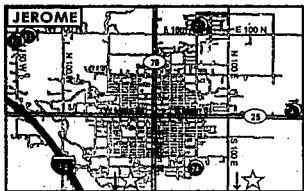
**JEROME** Fri. & Sat. 8:30-? Small home appls, dishes, lawn chairs, garden tools, miscellaneous. 716 18<sup>th</sup> Ave East

**JEROME** Sat. & Mon. 8-2. Home furnishings, books & audio books, movies, toys, children's, women's, and maternity clothes. 804 East Ave 1

**RUPERT** May 22-23, 9-6 & May 24, 9-4. Hardy Estate Sale. 1211 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Roseville vases & wall pocket, dolls, doll buggies, comics, pedal car, (on way) wares, water hand pump, wood wash, metal chairs, oak chairs, oak toys, pond table, stand, beds, WD, pedestal table & chairs, hutch. Lots of miscellaneous. Managed by the Rupert Spur 205-218-0778

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**TWIN FALLS** Sat 7-3pm. Bank, bed, fireplace hearth, children & adult clothing, and household misc. 1492 Stonewest Ct. Near Madrona & Brookfield Court

**TWIN FALLS** Sat 24th, Sun 25th, 8-3. TV's, furniture, dishes, clothes, toys, books. 340 Jefferson

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**TWIN FALLS** Saturday only 8am-4pm. 3 family sale. Lots of misc items. 1193 Locust Street

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- 498 Clover Avenue Fri/Sat 8am
- 2581 Indian Trail Sat 8am-7
- 1532 Washington Street South Fri/Sat 8am-2pm
- 1193 Locust Street Sat 8am-4pm
- 192 Madison Fri/Sat 8am-7
- 669 Boxwood Drive Sat 8am-noon
- 3579 N 3000 E Fri 7am-7pm Sat 7am-7
- 2453 Alderwood Sat 8am-2pm
- 1894 Talus Loop Sat 8am-1pm
- 2280 Stadium Blvd Sat 9am
- 3819-B N 2700 E Sat 8am-4pm
- 560 Magnolia Ave Sat 8am-3pm
- 1260 Sunburst Drive Sat 8am-5pm
- 340 Jefferson Fri/Sat 8am-3pm
- 673 O'Leary Way Fri/Sat 7am-2pm
- 2179 Bitterroot Sat 8am-5pm
- 440 Harrison Fri 8am-7 Sat 8am-7
- 1008 E 4100 N Sat 7am-3pm
- 197 W Hwy 30 Fri/Sat 7am-3pm
- 544 Cedar Drive Fri/Sat 8am-3pm
- 492 Kings Star Sat 8:30am
- 1480 Oakley Ave Fri 8am
- 1121 E 17th Street Fri/Sat 8am-7
- 2228 East 1775 South Sat 8am-4pm
- by Knotty Pine Country Store Fri/Sat 8am-5pm
- West Hagerman St M 8am-2pm Sat/Sun 8am-2pm
- 5597 US Hwy 93 Fri/Sat 8am-2pm
- 247 West 100 North Fri 8am-4pm Sat 8am-2pm
- 804 East Ave 1 M 8am-2pm Sat 8am-2pm
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- 324 1st Street Fri 8am-5pm Sat 8am-4pm
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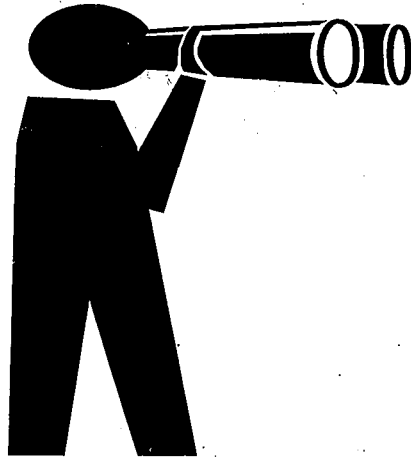
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**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

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REALLY THIS IS ALL I COULD FIND!

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

BEETLE, GET ME A CUP OF COFFEE

ANOTHER CUP?

I HAVEN'T HAD ANY COFFEE YET!

OH LIKE YESTERDAY DOESN'T COUNT?!

**Blonde** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

WOW! 'POSTMAN BEASLEY', 'EXECUTIVE MAIL BY NEW BUSINESS CARDS!', 'DELIVERY V.P. AND JUNK MAIL COUNSELOR'!

CRASH!

DO YOU THINK I SHOULD STARTMAN TO THAT CAR?

WHY WOULDN'T YOU?

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

I THINK MY GIRLFRIEND IS ONLY DATING ME TO GET FREE TECH SUPPORT.

I'M VERY SURPRISED YOU THINK THAT.

BECAUSE IT'S UNLIKELY?

BECAUSE IT SHOWS SELF-AWARENESS.

SHE MIGHT GROW TO LOVE ME.

AND... BACK TO NORMAL.

**The Elderberries** By Phil Frank and Joe Troiano

Alright! I can never get the kitchen out of here!

Ya gotta slip the bottom!

I thought you were supposed to hit the 'S'!

That's an old wives' tale!

Just give 'er a good rap like THIS!

Maybe it's an EX-wives' tale...

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

WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS FOR A LONG TIME, REMEMBER? WE'RE SO CLOSE - I'M LIVING IN THAT DINNY APARTMENT!

AND NOW WE'RE DOING OK!

YEAH! I'M SUGGESTING TO LIVE IN YOURS!

AND NOW WE'RE DOING OK!

AND NOW WE'RE DOING OK!

ISN'T IT NICE TO SEE COME BACK?

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

SCHOOL

I TOLD MY TEACHER THAT MY THREE 'F'S' AND A 'C' AVERAGED OUT TO A 'C-MINUS' AND SHE LOWERED MY MATH GRADE TO A 'D'!

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

SO HOW DID I DO ON THE FRONT NINE?

WE'RE STILL HOPING ON YOUR SCORE

MY CELL PHONE HAS A CALCULATOR

NEVER MIND!!

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

DR. ZOOK MOST OF MY GL LINES ARE SO TIGHT I CAN'T WEAR THEM!

BE BRUTALLY HONEST WITH ME, DO...

DO YOU THINK MY WIFE IS SHRINKING MY CLOTHES WHEN SHE WASHES THEM?

**Hi and Lols** By Chance Browne

SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH CHIP

HELL BE OKAY...

I JUST MADE HIM TURN OFF THE TV, COMPUTER, VIDEO GAME, CELL PHONE AND IPOD AND TRY TO SIT QUIETLY AND READ A BOOK.

**Luann** By Greg Evans

YOUR SAVE-THE-WORLD SPOUT IS NICE, DELTA, BUT IT ALL SEEMS SO HOPELESS

YEAH, WE PICK UP LITTER. IT'S BACK TOMORROW, MEANWHILE, THE NORTH POLE MELTS

WHAT IF EACH OF THE 6.6 BILLION PEOPLE ON EARTH PICKED UP ONE PIECE OF TRASH?

WHAT, YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ALL 6.6 BILLION SO YOU CAN TELL THEM TO PICK UP A PIECE OF TRASH?

AND WHERE WOULD WE ALL PUT OUR PIECE?

KNOW WHAT? YOU GUYS ARE RIGHT. IT'S HORRIBLE. LET'S GO WITH 'LUAN'.

**Classic Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

ASK YOUR BROTHER IF HE WANTS TO SELL HIS DOG...

THERE'S A STUPID KID OUTSIDE WHO WANTS TO KNOW IF YOU'LL SELL YOUR DOG...

AND THEN THEY THREW A BEANBAG AT ME!

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, PIG?

I AM NO LONGER PIG. I AM DOBBIE KATZBOE, SUPER SPACE TRAVELER. I CHANGED MY IDENTITY AFTER FINDING THIS SPACE HELMET IN THE HALL. I CAN'T BELIEVE EVERYONE HASN'T BOUGHT ONE.

THAT'S A BICYCLE HELMET. IT'S FOR PEOPLE WHO RIDE BICYCLES.

THAT'S GONNA LIMIT MY OPTIONS.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

EARL, IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

JUST ONE THING?

UH HUH.

I WOULD MOVE THE 'K' KEY AWAY FROM THE 'L' KEY ON KEYBOARDS.

SOMEONE SPELLED YOUR NAME 'EARK' AGAIN?

**Rose Is Rose** By Pat Brady

I'M SURPRISING JIMBO WITH HIS FAVORITE BRAND OF SARKNETS!

MAYBE I'LL SHARE SOME WITH YOU!

I WOULDN'T HAVE TO RELY ON HIS GENEROSITY IF I COULD BREAK THROUGH THE SARKNETS' PROTECTIVE SHELL!

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

OF COURSE WE WANT YOU TO ASK THE CANDIDATES WINE QUESTIONS. JOE, THAT'S WHAT THE WANTS WANT

WHO SAYS?!

MARKETING... ALL THE NETWORKS ASK STUPID, IRRELEVANT QUESTIONS BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE ARE BITCHING, SO THE MORE THEY ASK, THE MORE WE NEED TO ASK STUPID QUESTIONS

YOUR CIRCULAR LOGIC IS ALWAYS A RINGING BELL IN THE 18-26-42-OLD DEMOGRAPHIC

OH, SAVE IT FOR ANOTHER TIME. PUNING IS ALWAYS A RINGING BELL IN THE 18-26-42-OLD DEMOGRAPHIC

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"THIS LOOKS LIKE A GOOD TIME TO HELP OURSELVES TO A SNACK."

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

I LIKE FARMING BUT I HATE PLOWING

...IT'S SO DEMANDING

SHUT UP AND PULL!

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

YOU LOOK LOST, JERRY.

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?

WHUMP!

SLAM! Clang! SPRONG!

NOTHING

AVOID THE DIRECT CURRENT