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Turning the page



Kyresa Cox, center, a third grader at Sawtooth Elementary School, reads a book in the school's library as part of the Accelerated Reader program Thursday afternoon.

Twin Falls school beefs up reading programs

By Sean Breslin
Staff writer

All school year, students at Sawtooth Elementary School have been taking Accelerated Reader tests: on novels, children's stories and non-fiction.

Yet for all those tests, Sawtooth students aren't graded at all, said Principal Randy Rutledge.

"It's a reading practice program, it's not a curriculum," he said.

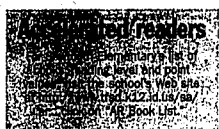
The Accelerated Reader program, in place in elementary schools throughout Twin Falls, encourages

students to pick up books to pass the time. The more books they read and quizzes they take, the more points they get.

"It's self motivating," Rutledge said. There are no other rewards, save maybe a bit of competition with other students.

The tests are provided — for a fee — by a company called Renaissance Learning, based out of Wisconsin.

The quizzes ask students questions about plot development and significance of events in the storyline. Students must get at least 85 percent of the questions correct in order to



earn the book's points.

Rutledge said the tests are the modern-day version of an old-fashioned book report. The books' reading levels and points are determined by a variety of factors, including the

number of words, the complexity of ideas and students' interest level.

For the past decade or so, the school has been purchasing them in a carte for \$2.68 per quiz, Rutledge said. With 10,000 tests currently in the school's system, that's a whopping total of \$26,800.

But Sawtooth is moving to Accelerated Reader Enterprise, which will give the school access to quizzes for about 120,000 titles. After initial start-up costs of about \$600 plus \$900 in initial training costs, the

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The wait continues

State Board of Ed seat still vacant after three months

By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer

Almost three months have passed with a cold, empty seat on the State Board of Education as Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has yet to make an appointment.

It's difficult to find someone who will say why Otter's tugging months to make a decision on the vacancy left March 1 by Laird Stone of Twin Falls.

"I don't think I better get involved in that," said Laird Noh, a retired veteran legislator from Kimberly.

Former State Board member Curtis Eaton also wouldn't address the issue specifically.

"The only thing I'm comfortable saying is in my experience, and from what I've seen, every one of the appointments is different."

Jon Hanlan, a spokesman for Otter, said a new State Board member will be named after the selection process — including interviews — runs its course.

"We're not going to rush," — Hanlan would say who's being considered or exactly when someone will be

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Inside

Idaho asks for fresh start on No Child Left Behind.

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Judge asked to rein in wolf killing in Northern Rockies

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press writer

MISSOULA, Mont. — The fate of gray wolves in the Northern Rockies is now in the hands of a federal judge in Montana, after advocacy groups argued in court Thursday that the animal's recovery is threatened by their recent loss of federal protections.

Idaho, Wyoming and Montana plan public hunts for the region's 1,500 wolves this fall — the first in more than three decades. Environmental and animals rights groups filed a lawsuit in April seek-

ing to restore Endangered Species Act protections for the animals.

On Thursday, the groups asked U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy in Missoula for an injunction to block the planned hunts while the case is pending. With wolves already routinely killed by wildlife agents for attacks on sheep or cattle, the outcome will determine not whether wolves are shot, but how many and by whom.

An injunction also would effectively suspend state laws that give property owners new latitude to kill wolves when they attack or approach livestock.

"There is virtually a blank check to livestock owners to kill wolves just for being in the neighborhood," said Doug Honnold with Earthjustice, which is representing the advocacy groups.

Honnold cited a recent case in Ashton, Idaho in which a ranch owner shot a wolf near his livestock then chased

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Protests still planned for Western Days

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

The gay pride float may have been silenced this weekend in its first year participating at Western Days, but the gag order doesn't apply to other residents planning to protest.

A group of Magic Valley High School students, who have argued that homosexuality isn't tolerated in their school, read the front page of the Times-News Thursday morning and something resonated within them.

For the second year in a row, the Southern Idaho Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Community Center says it's been effectively banned from having its own float in Western Days parade — the signature annual event in Twin Falls scheduled for Saturday.

Last year, the Western Days Committee banned the gay pride float from participating. This year, when the group reappeared under a different name, they were told

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Texas court says sect kids should go home

By Michelle Roberts
Associated Press writer

SAN ANTONIO — In a crushing blow to the state's massive seizure of children from a polygamist sect's ranch, the Texas Supreme Court ruled Thursday that child welfare officials overstepped their authority and the children should go back to their parents.

The high court affirmed a deci-

sion by an appellate court last week. Child Protective Services failed to show an immediate danger to the more than 400 children swept up from the Yearning For Zion Ranch nearly two months ago.

"On the record before us, removal of the children was not warranted," the justices said in their ruling issued in Austin.

The high court let stand the appellate court's order that Texas

District Judge Barbara Walther return the children to foster care to their parents. It's not clear how soon that may happen, but the appellate court ordered her to do it within a reasonable time period.

The ruling shatters one of the largest child-custody cases in U.S. history. State officials said the removals were necessary to

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Dan Jessop and his wife Louisa Bradshaw are surrounded by cameras as they leave the Tom Green County Courthouse May 23 after a custody hearing on their newborn son. The Texas Supreme Court ruled Thursday that the children seized from a polygamist sect's ranch should go back to their parents.

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BLM hosts firefighter orientation at CSI.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Entry deadline for Perrine Bridge Festival jiving art contest, with theme: celebrating the spirit of jiving and community in the high desert of the Snake River for all ages and levels, 5 p.m., Magic Valley Arts Council offices, 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls, entries considered donations to St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation's Fund for Children with Special Needs, 734-2787.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Bingo for Babies March of Dimes fundraiser, includes prizes: local business gift certificates and baskets, jewelry from Alpine Jewelers and overnight stay with dinner at Cactus Pete's, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge (non-smoking facility), 825 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, \$6, \$12 or \$18 donations to play, refreshments, 734-2142.

EDUCATION

Brown Bag Lecture Series, with Patricia Marcantonio on 'The Voice Behind the Words,' noon, Program Room, Twin Falls Public Library, bring lunch or pre-order 'lunch to go,' 734-2787.

EXHIBITS

2008 College of Southern Idaho Alumni Show with works of Angela Katona, Melissa Debleck and Adriane Meckel, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrert Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, no cost, 732-6655.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 734-4068.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ages 7-Senior Citizens Center, 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 734-5988.

Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 7 p.m. lesson and 8 p.m. gender-specific, open share groups, Care Cafe, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, daycare available, 734-3916.

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

HOME AND GARDEN

Shoshone Farmers Market planning meeting, for all interested in starting a farmers market, 6:30 p.m., Lincoln County Extension Office meeting room, 115 W. A. Shoshone, (208) 284-2268.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium 'Rusty Rocket's Last Blast' at 2 p.m., 'Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather' at 7 p.m. and 'Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon' at 8:15 p.m., Herrert 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.

SAFETY

Registration deadline for June 14 Farm Safety Day Camp, for children ages 8 to 14; hands-on training in agricultural safety, health and first aid, 8:00 a.m. check-in and 5:00 p.m. check-out, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, agricultural building No. 2, Fier, \$10 per person, (includes lunch and T-shirt), 425-child limit, (208) 737-2433.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Sunlighter Brown at 734-2787 or by e-mail at sbrown@timesnews.com or by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, May 30, the 151st day of 2008. There are 215 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On May 30, 1958, unidentified American servicemen were killed in World War II. War II and the Korean War were interred in the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

ON THIS DATE

In 1431, Joan of Arc, condemned as a heretic, was burned at the stake in Rouen, France.

In 1854, the territories of Nebraska and Kansas were established.

In 1883, 12 people were trampled to death when a rumor that the recently opened Brooklyn Bridge was in imminent danger of collapsing triggered a stampede.

In 1911, Indianapolis saw its first long-distance auto race; Ray Harroun was the winner.

In 1922, the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated in Washington by President Harding. Chief Justice William Howard Taft and Robert Todd Lincoln.

In 1937, 10 people were

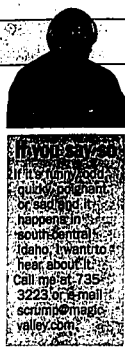
MORNING BRIEFING

Two commuters in one vehicle? Not here

Remember Ride Share? ... Didn't think so ... A program developed by Trans IV Buses, the College of Southern Idaho and the Idaho Transportation Department as an alternative to driving yourself to work every day ... Essentially, it's a database where commuters can find others who travel to the same destinations at the same times each day or each week ... And next to nobody uses it ... "I was pushing this when gas was closer to \$2 a gallon and I sometimes referred to the bogyman of future \$4 a gallon gasoline in the radio (public service announcements) voiced," CSI spokesman Doug Maughan told me this week ... "Who knows, maybe the time is right once again to resurrect the efforts to 'sell' it? ... But it's a free service, for crying out loud ..."

THERE IS NO SHORTAGE of great stories that should magnetize J.R. Simplot, who died last Sunday at age 99 ... But Twin Falls City Councilman and Filer Middle School Principal Greg Lanting tells the best I've heard so far ... "One time several years ago at the opening weekend of the Sun Valley's River Run Lodge, I was looking for a place to sit during lunch in the crowded new dining area of the lodge," Lanting told me this week. "A table had an elderly couple at it ... They had room at their table ... They invited me to sit with them ... I recognized them immediately as J.R. and Esther Simplot ... They were splitting a hamburger and fries because it was \$7 ..."

their public person ... IN JUNE 2004, Micron CEO Steve Appletton took part in the Centennial Air Show at the Twin Falls airport, flying one of the five vintage British-made Hawker Hunter jet fighters that he owned at the time ... A few weeks later, Appletton ploved his single-engine stunt plane into the sagebrush south of Boise and was seriously hurt ... How seriously wasn't revealed until later, when the Idaho Statesman in Boise reported that Micron had shaded the truth about Appletton's injuries ... Furious, Idaho's largest employer stopped talking to the media altogether, which became a big issue when the microchip-maker began laying off employees in droves ... There was speculation at the time that Micron's board of directors might order Appletton to park his aircraft ... Apparently not ... I was digging around in the yard of my home in west Boise last Sunday when I heard a loud roar overhead ... It was a Hawker Hunter ...

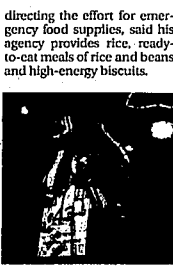


Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

AROUND THE WORLD

MYANMAR Myanmar blasts donors for not giving more

YANGON — Myanmar's ruling junta lashed out Thursday at aid donors who promised millions of dollars for cash relief, saying survivors didn't need "bars of chocolate." State-run media criticized donors for only pledging up to \$150 million — a far cry from the \$11 billion the junta said it needed to rebuild. The Myanma Ahlin newspaper, a government mouthpiece, said cyclone victims from the hardest-hit areas could get by without foreign handouts. "People from the Irrawaddy delta can survive on their own, even without bars of chocolate donated by the international community," it said, adding they can live on "fresh vegetables that grow wild in the forest and on protein-rich fish from the rivers." No aid agency is known to be distributing chocolate bars. Paul Risley of the U.N.'s World Food Program, which is directing the effort for emergency food supplies, said his agency provides rice, ready-to-eat meals of rice and beans and high-energy biscuits.



Veronica Penny, 10, of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, covers her face while competing in the 2008 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, Thursday.

than 10-year-old Veronica Penny. The Canadian with the long blond hair buried her head deep in her hands each time she was presented with a word Thursday at the Scripps National Spelling Bee. She did it not once, not twice, but three times — the third time for a 20-second pause while contemplating the word "paleontology" in the quarterfinals. "It looks like she's going to cry," said her mother, Pam Penny. "But she's not. She's just thinking."

So, yes, the moment of drama had a positive outcome. Veronica flawlessly spelled the word — it has to do with the study of early humans — putting the first-time participant in another Ancestor Ontario, among 45 spellers who advanced to Thursday's semifinals. "I'm thinking," said Veronica, explaining her unconventional on-stage style. "I was in another spelling bee, and that's what I used when the words got harder." The 81st edition of the bee began early in the day with a

record 288 spellers in a competition that has truly hit the big time, inspiring word books and a Broadway musical. ESPN will again broadcast the semifinals, and today's two-hour finals will be aired live in prime time on ABC.

JAPAN Now, if we only had some chopsticks ...

TOKYO — Japanese scientists say they have used cutting-edge technology to create a noodle bowl so small it can be seen only through a microscope. Mechanical engineering professor Masayuki Nakao said Thursday he and his students at the University of Tokyo used a carbon-based material to produce a noodle bowl with a diameter 1/25,000 of an inch in a project aimed at developing nanotechnology. The Japanese-style ramen bowl was carved out of microscopic nanotubes, Nakao said. — The Associated Press

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF MAY 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: At the moment the woad is your oyster and you keep your head and your freedom and a feeling of contentment. From the second week of June through the middle of August, it seems that luck takes a vacation and you will have to work very hard to keep your head and your freedom. Keep a low profile, give no one in authority reason to disapprove of your actions, and avoid signing long-term contracts. In November your business acumen may win you kudos, but in December your leadership abilities may earn you recognition, and in January your charm and sex appeal will be high note.

Put on your poker face. You may feel quite strongly about certain matters, but hiding your feelings rather than wearing them on your sleeve will best serve your needs. Read all of the fine print. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Plans are nearly ready for action. You may want to jump at the first offer, but that is shoved before you, but you would be wise to examine several other options before making any final decision. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Let the chips fall where they may. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't kid yourself. You may fall prey to delusions of grandeur or overplay your hand. The thought of upcoming entertainment or complications might get your enthusiasm channeled into appropriate directions. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sleep on it. An impending decision should be researched and pondered carefully before a final judgment is reached. The smallest detail could be the difference between suc-

cess and failure of the project. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Adapt and overcome. Find out the mood of the crowd before demonstrating what you have to offer. The wrong approach could ruin your chances of success. Hold off on major buying decisions. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Wishful thinking never earned anyone a penny. Confronting the facts is not your strong suit but your enthusiasm and faith in the future keep you from floundering. Avoid signing contracts. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Preparation is the key to success. The truth you seek

may require some diligent searching to find. Ask questions of trusted colleagues and friends before you make a serious commitment. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep on top of your finances. You may have a yen to spend your pennies on a passing whim that isn't all it seems to be. The seeds of an exciting hookup could be planted by a chance encounter. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If at first you don't succeed, try again. The flames of romances may be flickering out on a current relationship, but a new love interest waits just around the corner. Your popularity is on the upswing.

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CORRECTIONS

Jerome schools' E.S.L. counselor misidentified A senior guidance counselor was misidentified in a story published Thursday about the Jerome schools' English as a second language program. Kathy Mueca is the program's senior guidance counselor. The Times-News regrets the error.

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See a video about an elderly woman who was hit by a car Thursday on Addison Avenue.

Reading

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 cost per student will be \$4 annually. For about 600 students in grades one through six, that's roughly \$2,400 per year.

"That way they keep up with the quizzes, they keep up with the new books," Rutledge said. "I think it'll be more cost effective."

Rutledge said the school's budget is paying for about a quarter of the cost for the upgrade, while the school's parent-teacher organization has been fundraising to make up the difference.

As Sawtooth librarian Debbie Cook chatted with students Wednesday, she picked up a book whose pages have almost entirely separated from the spine. It's the library's second copy of "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (reading level 6.8, 32 points). The 732-page tome has endured a lot of wear and tear, Cook said.

"I don't order paperbacks

anymore, 'cause they don't last," she said. Rutledge agreed.

"They're not abused," Rutledge said. "They're just read to death."

Harrison Elementary librarian Janice Klimes said book checkouts have tripled since the school started using Accelerated Reader. She said the Lemoyne Snicket "Series of Unfortunate Events" books are particularly popular.

"It's hard to keep them in good shape," Klimes said. But while Sawtooth is looking to expand its AR database, Lincoln Elementary was being stepping away from Accelerated Reader, said Lincoln Principal Beth Olmstead.

"We've gotten to a point where our day is so structured ... that Accelerated Reader is kind of an add-on," Olmstead said.

Teachers at Lincoln have been more focused on the Open Court Reading curricu-

lum and emphasizing improvement in reading skills rather than the volume of reading, Olmstead said. She said if students are more comfortable with their reading skills they'll be more likely to read on their own.

"If something's a struggle, you're not going to want to do it," she said.

And at Morningside Elementary, teachers are doing something different, requiring students to read a certain amount of points per quarter, said Morningside librarian Kay Rehn. She said the reading requirements are usually enough incentive to get kids to hit the books, but not always.

"You're always going to have students that are reluctant readers," Rehn said. "We try to help them as much as we can."

Morningside has quizzes for about 7,300 titles, not as many as other schools but still a lot, Rehn said. But Litch-

said the school could always use more Accelerated Reader quizzes.

"I wish we had the means to get the whole thing, but financially we can't do that," she said.

Ted Poppewell, director of elementary education for Twin Falls School District, said each school can determine how it wants to use Accelerated Reader. He said students have a lot of different media competing for their attention, and Accelerated Reader can help steer kids toward becoming lifelong readers.

"That's what it seems to be doing at Sawtooth, Rutledge said. The school's library has become a much more popular place, Cook said.

"They'll sit in here and read for 40 minutes," she said. "I see the difference it makes."

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 named. "I think it's safe to say we're close."

The State Board erred recently on some big issues. It created a \$1.4 million deficit last year, and mis-

managed an \$18 million federal grant program to the point where it had to ask private entities for donations to let low income students go to college.

The Senate Education Committee also recently gave Otter a list of recommendations for changes to the State Board.

Is this why no one has been appointed yet to the State Board?

"That's speculation," said State Board Spokesman Mark Browning. "I wouldn't want to go there."

But Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, a member of the Senate Education Committee, said that might be the case.

"You have to view the current opening in light of what happened during the last session," said Schroeder.

"I'm not surprised that at this time in history (Otter's) being more careful in selecting someone to the board."

It's not immediately clear how long, on average, governors take to appoint people to the State Board. Browning, like

Eaton, said each appoint-

ment is different. The State Board doesn't specifically track how long seats remain vacant, said Browning, adding the governor's office keeps appointment dates, not the State Board.

Four years ago, former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne appointed two board members on May 17, 2004. Those four-year terms expired March 1.

The vacancy left by Stone hasn't stopped the State Board from meeting, and making decisions — such as asking the U.S. Department of Education to ignore four years of student progress measurements mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act, which has sanctioned some Idaho schools. The State Board argues Idaho students weren't prepared to meet the federal standards because of poor statewide education standards exams that failed to accurately measure student performance.

"We always prefer to have a full complement of board members," said Browning. "But the work doesn't stop. We realize the governor has a lot going on ... we're sympathetic to that."

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Protest

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 they could participate only if they dropped depictions of rainbows, or other symbols of gay pride, and refrained from handing out fliers for AIDS awareness.

At least seven students, plus some non-students, say they will rally Saturday morning along the parade route to protest what they perceive as an act of discrimination.

"I'm just a human rights person," said senior Mitch McRoberts, who will join the protest. "We all have those rights and they were

clearly taken away from them."

McRoberts said he was particularly incensed that the group was told to not hand out AIDS fliers after he visited the World Vision AIDS Experience exhibit that visited Twin Falls.

The high school students hoped to link up with the gay pride group, but their attempts to reach members Thursday failed.

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Wolf

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 a second wolf on a snowmobile for more than a mile before killing it. Idaho wildlife officials said the rancher's actions went too far, but a local prosecutor declined to press charges.

Attorneys for the federal government, the states and hunting and sporting groups countered that the region's surging wolf population makes some killings inevitable. As wolves fill remote wilderness and move into more populated areas, livestock conflicts have grown sharply in recent years.

"These are bad wolves that we don't need as part of the recovered population," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Attorney Lisa Russell. "While the plaintiffs may be against wolf hunting or find that they don't like it, at the end of the day we're talking about how many wolves will be left — not how many will be taken."

It's been six years since the number of wolves in the region hit the original benchmark set for recovery — 300 wolves and at least 30 breeding pairs for three consecutive years.

Nevertheless, prior to this year the federal government had denied attempts to take the animal off the endangered list.

It reversed course following months of political negotiations with officials in Wyoming, which had been the sole holdout among the three states in demanding greater leeway over wolves.

The Fish and Wildlife Service ultimately agreed to a plan that allows the animals to be shot on sight within a "predator zone" that covers almost 90 percent of Wyoming.

During Thursday's arguments, lawyer Joshua zeroed in on the predator zone, saying he had "significant concerns" with the state's wolf management plan.

Sect

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 end a cycle of sexual abuse at the ranch in which teenage girls were forced to marry and have sex with older men, but parents denied any abuse and said they were being persecuted for their religious beliefs.

Every child at the ranch run by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the west Texas town of Eldorado was removed; half were 5 or younger.

CPS officials said they were disappointed by the ruling but would take immediate steps to comply.

"We are disappointed, but we understand and respect the court's decision," the agency said in a written statement.

FLDS elder Willie Jessop said parents were excited about the court's decision but would remain apprehensive until they get their children back.

"We're just looking for-

ward to when little children can be in the arms of their parents," he said. "Until you have your children in your hands, there's no relief. But we have hope."

The case before the court technically only applies to the 124 children of 38 mothers who filed the complaint that prompted the ruling, but it significantly affects nearly all the children since they were removed under identical circumstances.

The Third Court of Appeals in Austin ruled last week that the state failed to show that any more than five of the teenage girls were being sexually abused, and had offered no evidence of sexual or physical abuse against the other children.

The FLDS, which teaches that polygamy brings glorification in heaven, is a breakaway sect of the Mormon church, which renounced polygamy more than a century ago.

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Study: Stonehenge was a burial site for centuries

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The mysterious circular stone monument at Stonehenge was a "domain of the dead," researchers said Thursday, a burial ground downriver from a separate circle of wooden pillars that marked the "domain of the living."

The researchers studying England's famous circle of standing stones reported that the enigmatic structure served as a burial place from its beginning, possibly for a single prominent family.

The first radiocarbon dating for remains at Stonehenge show cremated burials there as early as 3000 B.C. and continuing for at least 500 years, said Mike Parker Pearson of Sheffield's University of Sheffield.

The continuing research also uncovered an ancient village at nearby Durrington Walls, where the remains of a circle of wooden pillars has been dubbed the Southern Circle. Both the Southern Circle and Stonehenge connect by avenues to the River Avon.

"The Southern Circle and stone circle are very similar indeed, even though they are made from different materials," said Julian Thomas of Manchester University in England. "They are oriented to the river, so it becomes a process of transformation of the living or the dead moving between those two sites."

But while Stonehenge is oriented to the midsummer sunrise, the Southern Circle faces the other way, welcoming the midwinter sunrise, the researchers pointed out.

Burials continued for at least 500 years, to the time when the giant stones that mark the mysterious circle were being erected, they said.

"It's now clear that burials were a major component of Stonehenge in all its main stages," said Parker Pearson, head of the Stonehenge Riverside Archaeological Project.

In the past many archaeologists had thought that burials at Stonehenge continued for only about a century, the researchers said.

"Stonehenge was a place of burial from its beginning to its zenith in the mid third millennium B.C. The cremation burial dating to Stonehenge's sarsen stones phase is likely just one of many from this later period of the monument's use and demonstrates that it was still very much a domain of the dead," Parker Pearson said.

And it's been a ceremonial site for much longer, Parker Pearson said.

Adding to the mystery are three 10,000-year old pits for wooden pillars now covered by the parking lot at Stonehenge, he said.

"Why are they there, that's a really big mystery," Parker Pearson said. "They are among the earliest monuments on the plain."

Another two similar pits were recently found beneath the gift shop at the monument, he added.

Durrington Walls "is a quite extraordinary settlement, we've never seen anything like it before," Parker Pearson said.

There were at least 300 and perhaps as many as 1,000 homes in the village, he said. The small homes were occupied in midwinter and midsummer, he said. The wood and mud walls were lined with furnishings, and a central fire pit offered heat and cooking. One excavated home even had two small indentations from someone apparently kneeling for hours by the fire, possibly cooking.

The research was supported by the National Geographic Society, which discusses Stonehenge in its June magazine and will feature the new burial data on National Geographic Channel on Sunday.

The researchers said the earliest cremation burial found was a small group of bones and teeth in pits called the Aubrey Holes and dated to 3030-2880 B.C., about the time when the first ditch-and-bank monument was being built.

Remains from the surrounding ditch included an adult dated to 2930-2870 B.C., and the most recent cremation, Parker Pearson said, comes from the ditch's north-

ern side and was of a 25-year-old woman. It dated to 2570-2340 B.C., around the time the first arrangements of large sarsen stones appeared at Stonehenge.

In the 1920s an additional 49 cremation burials were dug up at Stonehenge, but all were reburied because they were thought to be of no scientific value, the researchers said.

They estimate that up to 240 people were buried within Stonehenge, all as cremation deposits.



Archaeology student Steve Bush is silhouetted among the stones while he works at Stonehenge in Amesbury, England, March 31.

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Soldier suicides hit highest rate — 115 last year

By Pauline Jenkins
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Army soldiers committed suicide in 2007 at the highest rate on record, and the toll is climbing ever higher this year as long war deployments stretch on. At least 115 soldiers killed themselves last year, up from 102 the previous year, the Army said Thursday.

Nearly a third of them died at the battlefield — 32 in Iraq and four in Afghanistan. But 26 percent had never deployed to either conflict.

"We see a lot of things that are going on in the war which

do contribute — mainly the long-term and multiple deployments away from home, exposure to really terrifying and horrifying things, the easy availability of loaded weapons and a force that's very, very busy right now," said Col. Elspeth Rutchie, psychiatric consultant to the Army surgeon general.

"And so all of those together we think are part of what may contribute, especially if somebody's having difficulties already," she told a Pentagon news conference.

Some common factors among those who took their own lives were trouble with

relationships, work problems and legal and financial difficulties, officials said.

More U.S. troops also died overall in hostilities in 2007 than in any of the previous years in Iraq and Afghanistan. Violence increased in Afghanistan with a Taliban resurgence, and U.S. deaths increased in Iraq even as violence there declined in the second half of the year.

Increasing the strain on the force last year was the extension of deployments to 15 months from 12 months, a practice ended this year.

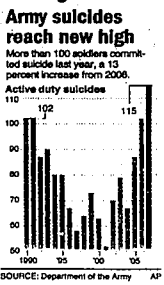
The 115 confirmed suicides among active-duty soldiers

and National Guard and Reserve troops who had been activated amounted to a rate of 18.8 per 100,000 troops — the highest since the Army began keeping records in 1980. Two other deaths are suspected suicides but still under investigation.

So far this year, the trend is comparable to last year, said Lt. Col. Thomas E. Langmuir, head of command policies and programs.

As of Monday, there had been 38 confirmed suicides in 2008 and 12 more deaths that are suspected suicides but still under investigation, he said. The rate of suicide continues to rise despite a host of efforts the Army has made to improve the mental health of a force under unprecedented stress from the longer-than-expected war in Iraq and the long and repeated tours of duty it has prompted.

The efforts include more training and education programs for troops and their families. Officials also have hired more mental health workers, increased screening to measure the psychological health of soldiers and worked to reduce any stigma that keeps them from going for treatment when they have emotional problems.



Chief of staff: Army reviewing complaints over bullets

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press writer

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — The military reviews soldiers' complaints that their standard ammunition isn't powerful enough for the type of fighting required in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Army's highest-ranking officer said Thursday.

But Gen. George W. Casey Jr., the Army chief of staff, said it was too soon to say whether the Pentagon will switch.

Current and former soldiers interviewed by The

Associated Press said the military's M855 rifle rounds are not powerful enough for close-in fighting in cities and towns in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Speaking with reporters at a conference in Huntsville, Casey said leaders are constantly soliciting feedback from soldiers in the field and were aware of complaints about the M855 ammunition.

"To effectively prepare them we have to adapt as the enemy adapts, and that is some of the feedback we have gotten," Casey said. "We'll

evaluate it quickly and then we'll decide how we want to proceed."

But Casey said it would be premature to say if the Pentagon will consider a different type of ammunition.

"I can't tell you exactly what we're going to do," he said.

The M855 rounds were designed decades ago to puncture the steel helmets of Soviet soldiers from hundreds of yards away.

Some soldiers said that they are not large enough to stop an enemy immediately in close quarters.

Government reveals oil market investigation

By Dan Czarnecki
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators are six months into a wide-ranging investigation of U.S. oil markets, with a focus on possible price manipulation.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission — on Thursday said it started the probe in December and took the unusual step of publicizing it "because of today's unprecedented market conditions."

Inc.'s Futures Europe to expand surveillance of energy futures contracts with U.S. delivery points, including the benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude, which trades on the Nymex.

"The implementation of today's measures will improve oversight of the energy futures markets to ensure they reflect fundamental economic forces of supply and demand, free of manipulation and fraud," the CFTC said in a statement.

Analysts said the CFTC action would likely have a limited impact on oil prices, which have risen on a combination of factors, including growing demand in China and other developed nations, the falling value of the dollar, geopolitical tensions and low interest rates, which have fueled a futures buying binge by institutional investors seeking to ride oil's upward momentum.

Crude prices have risen more than 42 percent since March 2006, after a decline of more than \$4 to \$126.62 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Gasoline prices are nearing a national average of \$4 a gallon, up from about \$3.20 a year ago.

The commission said it is investigating potential abuses in the way crude oil is purchased, shipped, stored and traded nationwide, but did not reveal details. Also on Thursday the agency announced a handful of other initiatives designed to increase transparency of U.S. and international energy futures markets.

It is the last factor, exacerbated by the Federal Reserve's efforts to prop up the ailing housing market, that is playing the biggest role in the recent runup, according to Howard Simons, a strategist at Bianco Research in Chicago.

"Eliminate that excess money and the problem of soaring prices disappears," he said.

Still, the CFTC action "will have a chilling effect" on speculative investors' enthusiasm for energy futures, Simons predicted. "What they're saying... is, 'You either stop this or we're going to stop it for you.'"

For example, the CFTC said it will immediately require monthly reports from institutional investors who manage funds designed to mimic the price of crude oil and other energy futures. The goal, the agency said, is to identify the amount of such index trading and to "ensure that this type of trading activity is not adversely impacting the price discovery process."

The CFTC also said it has reached an agreement with its British counterpart and InterContinental Exchange

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EDITORIAL

Western Days Committee persists in parade hypocrisy

Of human follies, polite fiction is the silliest of all. Polite fiction is pretending that something as plain as the nose on your face doesn't exist because you don't like what you see.

And the Twin Falls Western Days Committee is at it again. Last year, it banned the Southern Idaho Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Community Center from the annual Saturday-after-Memorial Day parade in fear of offending some spectators.

It was the only parade entry ever refused in the 26-year history of the festival.

The committee relented this year and will permit a float entered under the name of the Southern Idaho Community Center — with significant restrictions.

No rainbows — the symbol of gay pride — or colors of the rainbow may adorn the float. There may be no reference to homosexuality whatsoever, including T-shirts or fliers about AIDS awareness.

In other words, it will be a gay awareness entry that won't be allowed to identify itself as such.

The SIGLBT is considering decorating its float with a large question mark. Sounds like a good idea to us.

Depending on whose percentages you believe, there are statistically between 800 and 4,000 gays and lesbians living in Twin Falls. They're not invisible; they're your neighbors and your co-workers.

They're not going away; nor should anyone expect them to.

The essence of the Idaho experience is that anyone who works hard and treats others with respect is welcome in the community. We pride ourselves on being a culture that judges character, not pedigree.

Now it's time for the Western Days Committee to get with the spirit of the West, not wallow in exclusionary nonsense.

The city of Twin Falls should step in and make things right. The celebration, after all, uses the taxpayers' park and is policed by public employees, so the committee is on thin ice in rejecting any parade participant that plays by the rules.

Those would be the same rules the other 120 entrants follow.

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The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, James G. Wright, Steve Crump and Bill Biltzenburg.

Keep your sexual preference out of parade

What a shame! My family so wanted to attend the parade this year. But, I guess we will find something else to do.

As for the questionable way the gay float even got accepted into the parade, it all sounds a little fishy to me. If the good citizens of this community actually believe that the Southern Idaho Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Community Center's intent is as it states, there is a rude awakening in store. A big question mark on their float to garner questions sure,

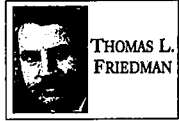
they don't want to push their agenda at all.

We might all live in a free country, but it is our responsibility to act as responsible citizens. Keep your sexual preferences private! It is irresponsible to parade private issues on the streets of this great nation. You want to be treated like a citizen, then act like one!

It is high time for all conservatives in this valley to stand up and let their voices be heard over the loud liberals. The ratio is obviously astronomical, so where are you? Do not let a few override the majority! KRISTY DEWSNUP Kimberly

How about a \$4-a-gallon price 'floor'?

Imagine for a minute, just a minute, that someone running for president was able to actually tell the truth, the real truth, to the American people about what would be the best — I mean really the best — energy policy for the long-term economic health and security of our country. I realize that's a fantasy, but play along with me for a minute. What would this mythical, totally imaginary, truth-telling candidate say?



THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

For starters, he or she would explain that there is no short-term fix for gasoline prices. Prices are what they are as a result of rising global oil demand from India, China and a rapidly growing Middle East. We can't cut back on increasing consumption, a shortage of "sweet" crude that is used for the diesel fuel that Europe is highly dependent upon and our own neglect of effective energy policy for years.

Cynical ideas. Like the McCain-Clinton summertime gas-tax holiday, would it only make the problem worse, and reckless initiatives like the Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep offer to subsidize gasoline for three years for people who buy its gas guzzlers are the moral equivalent of tobacco companies offering discounted cigarettes to teenagers.

I can't say it better than my friend Tim Shriver, the chairman of Special Olympics, did in a Memorial Day essay in The Washington Post: "So Dodge wants to sell you a car you don't really want to buy, that is not fuel-efficient, will further damage our environment and will further subsidize oil states, some of which are on the other side of the wars we're currently fighting. . . . The planet be damned, the troops be forgotten, the economy be ignored: Buy a Dodge."

No, our mythical candidate



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would say the long-term answer is to go exactly the other way: Guarantee people a high price of gasoline — forever."

This candidate would note that \$4-a-gallon gasoline is really starting to impact driving behavior and buying behavior — in way that \$3-a-gallon gas did not. The first time we got such a strong price signal, after the 1973 oil shock, we responded as a country by demanding and producing more fuel-efficient cars. But as soon as all prices started falling in the late 1980s and early 1990s, we let Detroit get us readdicted to gas guzzlers, and the price steadily crept back up to where it is today.

We must not make that mistake again. Therefore, what our mythical candidate would be proposing, argues the energy economist Philip Verleger Jr., is a "price floor" for gasoline: \$4 a gallon for regular unleaded, which is still half the going rate in Europe today. Washington would declare that it would never let the price fall below that level. If it does, it would increase the federal gasoline tax on a monthly basis to make up the difference between the pump price and

To ease the burden on the

less well-off, "anyone earning under \$80,000 a year would be compensated with a reduction in the payroll taxes," said Verleger. Or, he suggested, the government could use the gasoline tax to buy back gas guzzlers from the public and "crush them." But the message going forward to every car buyer and carmaker would be this: The price of gasoline is never going back down. Therefore, if you buy a big gas guzzler today, you are locking yourself into perpetually high gasoline bills. You are buying a pig that will eat you out of house and home. At the same time, if you, a manufacturer, continue building fleets of non-hybrid gas guzzlers, you are condemning yourself, your employees and shareholders to oblivion.

What a cruel thing for a candidate to say! I disagree. Every decade we look back and say: "If only we had done the right thing then, we would be in a different position today."

But no politician dared to do so. When gasoline was \$2 a gallon, the government never would have imposed a \$2 tax. Now that it is \$4 a gallon, the government should at least keep it there, since it is really having the right effect.

I was visiting my local Toyota dealer in Bethesda, Md., last week to trade in one hybrid car for another. There is now a two-month wait to buy a Prius, which gets close to 50 miles per gallon. The dealer told me I was lucky. My hybrid was going up in value every day, so I didn't have to worry about waiting a while for my new car. But if it were not a hybrid, he said, he would deduct each day \$200 from the trade-in price for every \$1-a-barrel increase in the OPEC price of crude oil. When I saw the news and rows of unsold SUV's parked in his lot, I understood why.

We need to make a structural shift in our economy. Ultimately, we need to move our entire fleet to plug-in electric cars. The only way to get from here to there is to start now with a price signal that will force the change.

Barack Obama had the courage to tell voters that the McCain-Clinton summer gas-giveaway plan was a fraud. Wouldn't it be amazing if he took the next step and put the right plan before the American people? Wouldn't that just be . . .

Thomas Friedman is a columnist for The New York Times

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GLBT float would be suitable for family viewing

Whatever are you folks doing over there to cause such a ruckus with the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender minority within your community? We can't hear your concerns clear over here in Ada County.

You are too great a community to let those few mongers of fear, superstition and hate tarnish your reputation and regional image.

Based on what I can find on the Internet, the GLBT parade float is not based upon Sodom and Gomorrah, and is probably suitable for family viewing in prime time.

Why not give them the anonymity that the other minorities within your community enjoy? Override the negative elements in your community and let the GLBT float be a part of the parade. Focus your community muscle and resources on a cause that matters. How about helping a few poor families? Help a refugee find a job. Raise some money for your

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Paul's supporters need to stop with their nonsense

I am as disappointed with the current state of the Republican Party as its Paul supporters are, but it is mostly you who disappoint me. Was there some secret referendum appointing you as spokesperson for the Republican Party?

I'm a Republican, and I don't recall ever asking you to speak for me. Nor would I. If your numbers are as large as

you claim and Paul's positions as popular as you claim, he would be the nominee. If you folks don't want to support McCain don't, but stop calling yourselves Republicans; we already have a candidate.

This nonsense that you represent God and Americanism is shameful. Pledging allegiance to the flag doesn't make you a patriot and God is apolitical, so leave the Bible home. You are no more American than anyone else is. America can't simply fiddle while the world burns, and not all Republicans are obsessed with moral issues like abortion, gay marriage,

school prayer, etc.

A "traditional family values conservative" can also be a bigot and far too many of them are masquerading as conservative Republicans in Magic Valley. The Constitution is America's new rules, and respecting family values while demonizing others makes your group sound like Taliban headquarters. Good ideas come from everywhere.

With gasoline approaching \$4, Jimmy Carter's failed energy policy looks positively brilliant when compared to Ronald Reagan's successful non-policy. Your doomsday prophecies remind me of the person who calls 911 to rescue a cat from a tree. Go get your own pet and cats in trees. There won't be any.

The real danger is the fear and ignorance that exists in your mind. Paul is not electable and the Constitution is a living document that has already been rewritten (amended) 27 times. Even its creators never claimed it to be complete. GARY ELLER Twin Falls

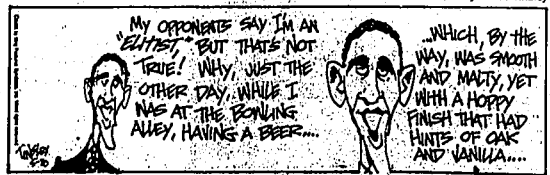
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How about a *real* education president?

Walt Disney would have been proud of John McCain's presentation last week of what the world might look like at the end of a first McCain term as president.

Listening to the speech was like walking through the gates of Fantasyland, which Disney always said was the happiest kingdom of them all. The war in Iraq will have work will have been on a 20 brand-new nuclear reactors.

McCain never bothered to mention how we were to reach this wondrous state, and he bristled when a reporter suggested he was offering a "magic carpet ride." Elisabeth Bumiller of the New York Times had the best line when she wrote in



BOB HERBERT

Friday's paper that "there were no real checkable facts in McCain's divination."

On the same day that the senator unveiled his candy-coated vision, a former governor of West Virginia, Bob Wise, came by my office to talk about a much more prosaic matter — the terrible job that the nation is doing in getting its high school grads ready for the real world.

At a time when the nation is faced with tough economic challenges at home and ever-increasing competition from abroad, it's incredible that more is not being done about the poor performance of so many American high schools.

We can't even keep the kids in school. A third of them drop out. Half of those who remain go on to graduate without the skills for college or a decent job. Someone please tell me how this is a good thing.

Wise is president of the Alliance for Excellent Education, a policy and advocacy group committed to improving the high schools. The following lamentable passage is from his book, "Raising the Grade: How High School Reform Can Save Our Youth and Our Nation":

"International comparisons rank the United States a stunningly unimpressive eighteenth for high school graduation rates, a lackluster ranking of fifteenth for high school reading assessments among 15-year-olds in developed countries, and an embarrassing 25th for high school math scores." Those are not the marks of a society with a blissful

future. Four years of college is becoming a prerequisite for a middle-class quality of life and we're having trouble graduating kids from high school.

Wise believes (as does Bill Gates) that America's high schools are for the most part obsolete, inherently ill equipped to meet the needs of 21st-century students. The system needs to be remade, reinvented.

"It's not that our system is getting worse," he said. "It's that other countries are coming on harder and faster." More than ever, high schools need to be a conveyor belt of college quality. The United States was second in the world (behind New Zealand) in its four-year college graduation rate. "We've actually increased the percentage from that time," said Wise. "The difference is we've come from being second in the world to 15th because others have come on so

strong." The chief executive of AT&T, Randall Stephenson, said his company, based in San Antonio, has had trouble finding enough skilled workers to handle 5,000 customer-service jobs he had promised to bring back from overseas. A month ago, the AT&T Foundation announced that it was sponsoring a \$100 million initiative to address the high school dropout problem and improve the readiness of American teenagers for college and the real world of work.

Said Stephenson: "We have an issue of education quality in this country right now. We're not giving our children or our young people all the opportunities they need to succeed."

The role of the federal government in improving quality of education has become one of the major issues in the presidential campaign, but

it's not. The U.S. has stopped dealing honestly with difficult and complex problems. Politicians (and not just John McCain, by any means) spin fantasies of a wondrous, care-free future. No investment and no sacrifice necessary.

Our high schools are a perfect fit for that kind of backward, self-defeating approach to matters of extreme national importance.

An issue that is front and center in the campaign is the economy. We're looking for ways to turn things around for the short and long term. One of the answers in this technologically advanced, highly competitive, increasingly globalized environment is staring us right in the eyes.

As Wise put it, "The best economic stimulus package is a diploma."

Bob Herbert is a columnist for The New York Times.

Time for U.S. to ante up on climate change

The climate change bill that senators are to begin debating next week is a hugely important measure that will be on the minds of U.S. legislators. Yes, negotiations could still alter the legislation. But the bill's core proposition is correct: Unless the United States radically reduces its greenhouse gas emissions, along with other major emitters, the damage to the climate will be irreversible.

TONY BLAIR

Radical reduction is unlikely to happen through voluntary action alone. Measures in the bill, through a mandatory cap-and-trade scheme, would reduce emissions 70 percent from 2005 levels by 2050. These cuts would be based on a carbon market incentive system that moves with the grain of action around the globe.

Over the past few years, the debate on climate change has shifted profoundly. The scientific consensus that human activity is causing global warming has become overwhelming. The effect of unabated climate change is shocking and, as was shown by the report of Sir Nicholas Stern — the first authoritative study of the economics of climate change, commissioned by the British government in 2006 — it is far riskier economically to ignore climate change than to act to abate it.

New environmental technologies, in fact, already demonstrate the economic benefits of climate action. Round the planet, people are developing exciting technologies, changing their behavior and agitating for action so that responsibility on the environment will come in a way that is consistent with necessary economic growth.

Meanwhile, fears over energy security create a synergy with the climate debate. With oil above \$130 a barrel, there are reasons to act irrespective of concern for the atmosphere. Reducing carbon dependency also goes to the heart of our basic security needs for the future. I have long thought that energy policy is only a small way behind defense in terms of strategic importance to our way of life.

Without an American commitment, a global deal is impossible. This is an important moment when the United States can show strong leadership. If the United States comes to the 50 percent, a global target for a reduction in emissions by mid-century and to legislation that mandates action, it will transform the prospects for effective change. It would allow this country to shape the debate and, most important, the solution. That hope happens.

Tony Blair was British prime minister from 1997 to 2007.

Our most urgent global threat is poverty

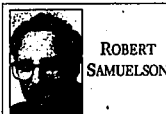
WASHINGTON — What's the world's greatest moral challenge, as judged by its capacity to inflict human tragedy? It is not, I think, global warming, whose effects — if they become as grim as predicted — will occur over many years and provide societies time to adapt. A plausible case can be made for preventing nuclear proliferation, which threatens untold deaths and a collapse of the world economy. But the most urgent present moral challenge, I submit, is the most obvious: global poverty.

There are roughly 6 billion people now alive; in 2004, perhaps 2.5 billion survived on \$2 a day or less, says the World Bank. By 2050, the world may grow by another 3 billion, many will be similarly impoverished.

What's baffling and frustrating about extreme poverty is that much of the world has eliminated it. In 1800, almost everyone was desperately poor. But the developed world has essentially abolished starvation, homelessness and material deprivation.

The solution to being poor is getting rich. It's economic growth. We know this. The mystery is why all societies have not adopted the obvious remedies. Just recently, the 21-member Commission on Growth and Development — including two Nobel-prize-winning economists, former prime ministers of South Korea and Peru and a former president of Mexico — examined the puzzle.

Since 1950, the panel found, 13 economies have grown at an average rate of 7 percent for at least 25 years. These were the United States, Brazil, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Malta, Oman, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand. Some gains are astonishing. From 1960 to 2005, per capita income in



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South Korea rose from \$1,100 to \$13,200. Other societies started from such low levels that even rapid economic growth, combined with larger populations, left sizable poverty. In 2005, Indonesia's per capita income averaged just \$900, up from \$200 in 1966.

Still, all these economies had advanced substantially. The panel then identified five common elements of success:

- Political stability and "capable" governments "committed" to economic growth, though not necessarily democracy (China, South Korea and Indonesia all grew with authoritarian regimes);
 - High rates of saving and investment, usually at least 25 percent of national income;
 - Economic stability, keeping government budgets and inflation under control and avoiding a broad collapse in production;
 - A willingness to "let markets allocate resources," meaning that governments didn't try to run industry.
- Of course, qualifications abound. Some countries succeeded with high inflation, 15 percent to 30 percent. Led by Japan, Asian countries pursued export-led growth with undervalued exchange rates that favored some industries over others. Good government is relative; some fast-growing societies tolerated much corruption. Still, broad lessons are clear: 1. Globalization works. Countries don't get rich by

staying isolated. Those that embrace trade and foreign investment acquire know-how and technologies, can buy advanced products abroad and are forced to improve their competitiveness. The transmission of new ideas and products is faster than ever. After its invention, the telegram took 90 years to spread to four-fifths of developing countries; for the cell phone, the comparable diffusion was 16 years.

2. Outside benevolence can't rescue countries from poverty.

There is a role for foreign aid, technical assistance and charity in relieving global poverty. But it is a small role. It can improve health, alleviate suffering from natural disasters or wars and provide some types of skills. But it cannot single-handedly stimulate the policies and

habits that foster self-sustaining growth. Japan and China (to cite easy examples) have grown rapidly not because they received foreign aid but because they pursued pro-growth policies and embraced pro-growth values.

The hard question (which the panel ducks) is why all societies haven't adopted them. One reason is politics: some regimes are more interested in preserving their power and privileges than in promoting growth. But the larger answer, I think, is culture, as Lawrence Harrison of Tufts University argues. Traditional values, social systems or religious views are often hostile to risk-taking, wealth accumulation and economic growth.

In his latest book ("The Central Liberal Truth"), Harrison contends that politics can alter culture, but it

isn't easy. Globalization has moral as well as economic and political dimensions.

The United States and other wealthy countries are experiencing an unmistakable anti-globalization backlash. Americans and others are entitled to defend themselves from economic harm, but many of the allegations against globalization are wildly exaggerated. Today, for example, the biggest drag on the U.S. economy — the housing crisis — is mainly a domestic problem. By making globalization an all-purpose scapegoat for economic complaints, many "progressives" are actually undermining the most powerful force for eradicating global poverty.


Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.

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



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Three-for-three: Brady Trenkle joins brothers as JUCO head coach

By Mike Christensen
Staff writer

All three of NJCAA Hall of Fame men's basketball coach Fred Trenkle's sons followed him into the coaching profession. Now all three are head coaches as Trenkle's youngest son, Brady, was named the head man at Dodge City (Kan.) Community College on Wednesday. Brady's first reaction to having three head coaches among his offspring? "Man, they weren't very smart, were they?" he quipped in a phone interview Thursday afternoon. Of course, that's only in jest. With



Trenkle

Brady at Dodge City, Eddie, at Northeastern Junior College (Colo.) and Swede at Hill College (Texas). Fred Trenkle feels pretty proud of his boys these days. "They worked their way into it, all three of them," he said. "Nothing was handed to them. They all seem to be pretty happy." Brady spent the past four seasons as an assistant coach at Dodge City. Previous to that, he spent two years

apiece as an assistant at the College of Eastern Utah and Seward County (Kan.) Community College. He replaces former Dodge City coach Brian Hoberach, who recently was named head coach at Kilgore (Texas) College. "It's been eight years coming," said Brady, whose first order of business is to "find some players" and add an assistant coach. The Conquistadors won consecutive Jayhawk Conference West championships in 2006 and 2007 before struggling last year. Brady, a two-time all-state player at Twin Falls High School, aims to get the team back to its winning ways and

hopefully earn a berth to the NJCAA Division I tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. But like his father, he's also focused on developing young people and graduating his players. "I can already feel the pressure," he said. November of 2006 saw all three Trenkle brothers and their parents gather in Kansas for Dodge City's Thanksgiving Classic. Fred said there's hope of doing so again for the 2009-10 campaign. As for joining his brothers in the head coaching ranks, Brady said, "It's a credit to our parents. This is a profession our dad told us we

shouldn't get into." The only question now is whether Fred, who led the College of Southern Idaho from 1983-1993 and San Diego State University from 1994-1999, will rejoin the coaching ranks. For now, he's looking forward to summer after another year of teaching at Wood River Middle School. But don't be surprised if he's found rooming the sidelines again, if his sons get their wish, he would be four Trenkle head coaches at Dodge City's 2009 Thanksgiving Classic. "Never count that out," said Fred. "As long as I feel good, I wouldn't rule that out."

NBA WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

Guess who's back?

Kobe leads Lakers to NBA Finals

By John Nadel
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers dispatched the defending champions, and are headed to the NBA finals for the first time in four years. Bryant scored 17 of his 39 points in the fourth quarter, and the Lakers rallied from an early 17-point deficit to beat the San Antonio Spurs 100-92 on Thursday night and win the Western Conference finals in five games. The Lakers are 12-3 in the playoffs, including 8-0 at Staples Center, where they haven't lost in two months. They have won 14 straight home games and 21 of their last 24 postseason games at home.

They get a week off before opening the NBA finals next Thursday night at Boston or Detroit. The Celtics lead the Eastern Conference finals 3-2 with Game 6 on Friday night.

A basket by Lamar Odom gave the Lakers an 83-76 lead with 5:40 remaining, but a 3-pointer by Brent Barry and a basket by Tony Parker drew the Spurs within two points. Manu Ginobili missed a 3-pointer that could have given San Antonio the lead before Bryant's jumper with 3:33 to play made it 85-81.

A foul shot by Duncan drew the Spurs within three, but two more baskets by Bryant made it 89-82 with 1:47 to play, and the Spurs weren't closer than five points after that. Odom added 13 points and eight rebounds, while Pau Gasol had 12 points, a career playoff-high 19 rebounds and five assists for the Lakers.

Parker scored 23 points and Tim Duncan had 19 points, 5 rebounds and 10 assists for the Spurs. Michael Finley scored 13 points, Barry and Kurt Thomas added 11 each and Ginobili was held to



Los Angeles Lakers player Lamar Odom, center, and teammates hold up the Western Conference Championship trophy after beating the San Antonio Spurs 100-92 in Game 5 of the NBA Western Conference finals, Thursday in Los Angeles.

nine, shooting just 3-for-9.

The Lakers clinched their berth in the finals a year to the day after Bryant called the team's front office "a mess" during a radio interview. A day later, he demanded a trade, ultimately saying he preferred playing on Pluto rather than returning to the team he joined as an 18-year-old in 1996.

The situation calmed down until Lakers owner Jerry Buss told reporters during training camp in October he was listening to offers for Bryant, angering the superstar once again.

But once the season began, Bryant bonded with his teammates, led the Lakers to the No. 1 seed in the rugged West and won his first

MVP award.

The Lakers will be playing in the finals for the 23rd time since moving from Minneapolis to Los Angeles in 1960 and the 29th time overall. They have won 14 championships — nine in Los Angeles and five in Minneapolis.

The Lakers and the Celtics have met 10 times in the finals, with Boston winning the first eight matchups and Los Angeles the last two — in 1985 and 1987. That's the last time the Celtics advanced to the championship round.

The Lakers and Pistons have met three times in the finals, most recently in 2004, when Detroit won in five games.

Bo knows Bremerton Folklinga signs with Olympic College

By David Bashore
Staff writer

Twin Falls senior baseball player Bo Folklinga's crowning moment this year was when he delivered a walk-off three-run homer to send the Bruins to the state tournament as Region Four-Five-Six champions. He's expected to play on Thursday.

Folklinga wanted a life-long dream at Bill Ingram Field, signing a National Letter of Intent to play college baseball at Olympic College in Bremerton, Wash., a member of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

He's expected to play first base for the Rangers, and possibly command the starting position as early as next season, which is one of many reasons he chose Olympic.

"I really like the area and how close it is to Seattle. I like the NWAACC too because there's a lot of good baseball that's played up there," Folklinga said. "They said there's a pretty good chance that I can play next year, and I'd rather go somewhere that I might be able to play right off the bat rather than sitting out a year or redshirting." Folklinga has first base down pat, defensively speaking, and said that while Olympic hadn't gone over anything with him specifically yet as the school hadn't received his letter, he knew what needed to be done to try and develop into a solid collegiate player.

"I think the biggest thing is adjusting to the change in pitching," Folklinga said. "The pitching will be a lot better. Everyone has a plan and knows what they're doing unlike high school, where some kids are just trying to get over the plate to play right off the bat." Olympic coach Ryan Parker said Folklinga impressed him on video highlights at first, and then in person as he passed a wooden-bat hitting test with flying colors.

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MLB needs to get a bit smarter

Somebody needs to ask Bud Selig: If Major League Baseball is so rich, how come it's not smarter?

Barely a week goes by without the commissioner reminding someone that for all its supposed wins, baseball posted record attendance and revenue last season.

Selig would have us believe that's because of shared leadership; his critics argue the game is so good at selling itself that even Bud isn't blundering or greedy enough to mess it up.

At the latest test-in-a-teapot brewing around baseball proper, the truth lies somewhere in between. But if Selig and the rest of the people in charge want to make sure today's kids come out to the ballparks as often and spend as freely as their parents do, they've got work to do so that the perception tracks closer to the reality.

A story making the rounds in Chicago this



JIM LITKE

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Graham convicted in BALCO investigation

By Josh DuBow
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The trial of track coach Trevor Graham netted steroids prosecutors another guilty verdict and a public admission of cheating from a gold-medal winning athlete.

The jury convicted Graham on Thursday of one count of lying to federal investigators about his relationship to an admitted steroids dealer but deadlocked on the other two charges, when at least one juror had serious doubts about the credibility of the prosecution's star witness.

This marked the first significant setback at trial for the federal government in its nearly five-year investigation stemming from the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative doping scandal. Former star sprinters Marion Jones and



In this Nov. 16, 2006, file photo, track coach Trevor Graham exits the Federal building in San Francisco.

Tim Montgomery, is the second person from the BALCO scandal to be convicted at trial. Former elite cyclist Tommy Thomas was found guilty in April of lying to a

federal grand jury when she denied taking steroids.

"This verdict is another example of how the cooperation between law enforcement agencies is allowing us to get at this problem in a deeper way," U.S. Olympic Committee spokesman Darryl Seibel said. "This verdict also underscores the importance for athletes to make good decisions in choosing who to work with."

Eight others, including Jones and BALCO founder Victor Conte, have pleaded guilty to charges that stemmed from the September 2003 raid on BALCO headquarters in Burlingame, Calif. The raid came shortly after Graham anonymously sent the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency a vial of "the clear," a then undetectable steroid.

In fact, Graham's attorney

William Keane portrayed his client as "the original whistleblower in BALCO," who later was made a scapegoat.

"Although Graham did not testify at the trial, five of his former athletes, including Olympic gold-medal winner Antonio Pettigrew, did.

It was Pettigrew's first public admission of drug use and has placed the gold medal he won as part of the 4x400-meter relay team at the 2000 Sydney Olympics in jeopardy.

"Whenever we receive reliable evidence about doping violations, we will aggressively pursue them," said USADA CEO Travis Tygart.

USOC CEO Jim Scherr has said previously that any decision to strip Pettigrew of his medal rests with the International Olympic

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TGC - NASCAR, Craftsman Truck Series, qualifying for AAA Insurance 200, at Dover, Del.

TV SCHEDULE

TGC - European PGA Tour, Wates Open, second round, Newport, Wales, 11 a.m.

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TNT analyst Doug Collins considers returns as Bulls head coach

CHICAGO — To shape their future, the Chicago Bulls could turn to the past. Doug Collins, who guided the Bulls to a 60-win season last year for the Bulls' surprisingly sluggish start following three straight playoff appearances.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Three leave Idaho men's team
MOSCOW, Idaho — Coach Don Verlin announced Jordan Brooks and Mike Hall will not return to the University of Idaho men's basketball team next season.

Sports Shorts

Olsons reached divorce settlement
TUCSON, Ariz. — A court spokesman confirmed that Arizona basketball coach Lute Olson and his second wife, Christine Olson, have reached a divorce settlement.

FRENCH OPEN

Bye-bye, Blake: Top US man exits Open

PARIS (AP)—James Blake's frustration rose to a crescendo Thursday.

The top U.S. man in the French Open was talking to himself, and the words were growing louder. He was bothered by the clay underfoot. By the chair umpire. By his own play. And, most of all, by the drop shots and assorted other winners his up-and-coming foe produced.



Latvia's Ernest Gulbis returns the ball to James Blake during their second-round match at the French Open in Paris on Thursday.

For the fifth time in six career trips to Roland Garros, Blake departed before the third round, losing this time to 80th-ranked Ernest Gulbis of Latvia 7-6 (2), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. It was part of a 1-3 showing by American men Thursday, when Marty Fish and Bobby Reynolds also lost.

The 88th-ranked Robby Ginepri knocked off No. 27 Igor Andreev 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5), 6-2 to join Wayne Odesnik as the only players from the United States in the third round.

There were moments, if ever so brief, that similar thoughts ran through the minds of the men facing No. 1 Roger Federer and No. 2 Rafael Nadal. Federer's opponent, 60th-ranked Albert Montanes of Spain, staked himself to a one-set lead — and then was overwhelmed by the rest of the way in a 6-4 (7), 6-1, 6-0, 6-4 victory for the owner of 12 Grand Slam titles. Nadal's opponent, 148th-ranked Nicolas Devilder of France, was one point from serving for the first set, holding a break point at 4-all — and then was completely overwhelmed by the rest of the way in a 6-4, 6-0, 6-1 victory for the owner of the past three French Open titles. Blake's exit in the second round in Paris — only in 2006 did he make it to the third — was followed shortly by that

of No. 6 David Nalbandian. Unlike Blake, Nalbandian has had success at the French Open, twice reaching the semifinals, but the Argentine wasted a two-set lead — and four break points in the opening game of the third set — and was eliminated 3-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2 by Jeremy Chardy of France. Maria Sharapova still has some kinks to work out with her serve, because she served another four double-faults and was broken three times — and her match didn't even finish. She was leading Bethanie Mattek of the U.S. 6-2, 2-3 when play was suspended because of darkness. Venus Williams and Jelena Jankovic played in the morning and in straight sets, while No. 6 Anna Chakvetadze — who is hiring Justin Henin's coach, Carlos Rodriguez — and two-time major champion Amelie Mauresmo all lost. Williams used a six-game streak in the straight set and beat 241st-ranked qualifier Selima Sfar of Tunisia 6-2, 6-4. Jankovic was troubled by a painful right forearm but defeated Marina Erakovic of New Zealand 6-2, 7-6 (5).

Goggin leads Memorial field

DUBLIN, Ohio — Jack Nicklaus always envisioned the Memorial as a northern version of the Masters, from the superb course conditions to super slick greens, from caddies wearing white coveralls to grounds so immaculate that nary a cigarette butt is to be found. He got his wish Thursday, at least with the greens.

Matthew Goggin spent as little time on them as possible, taking only nine putts over his final nine holes on his way to a 7-under 65 and a one-shot lead over Jerry Kelly and two-time Memorial champion Kenny Perry.

Goggin holed out a bunker shot for birdie on the par-3 fourth, then ended his round with a 12-footer for par from off the green, giving him only 22 putts for his round. Perry found the right speed and ran off six straight birdies on his way to a 66, also taking 22 putts. Kelly birdied four of his last six holes. Ten other players also managed to break 70 on a day when the average score was 73.7.

Most everyone else hung on for dear life. Shaun Michael had a 55-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole that traveled 35 yards back into the fairway. Boo Weekley watched a wedge land near the hole at the par-5 11th, only to spin back to the front of the green, off the green and into the creek for a triple bogey.

Webb, Kim lead Ginn Tribute

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. — Annika Sorenstam's name is everywhere at the Ginn Tribute except near the top of the leaderboard ahead Thursday's opening round. Sorenstam's even-par 72 left her seven shots behind co-leaders Karrie Webb and In-Kyung Kim, and tied for 60th at RiverTown Country Club. Sophie Gustafson was third at 66. U.S. Open winner Cristie Kerr led a group of seven another stroke back at 67.

Sorenstam, ranked second in the world, has looked forward to playing strongly at the tournament she's hosted the past two years. Pairing sheets, programs, caps and t-shirts all bear her first name, "ANNIKA," in capital letters.

Strange ahead at Wales Open

NEWPORT, Wales — Scott Strand made five straight birdies and shot an 8-under 63 to take a one-stroke lead



Phil Mickelson shoots from a No. 17 bunker Thursday during the first round of the Memorial Tournament in Dublin, Ohio. Mickelson finished at even-par 72, seven strokes behind leader Matthew Goggin.

over Edoardo Molinari in the first round.

The 31-year-old Australian began his round at the 11th and his birdie run from the 14th gave him a nine-hole score of 7-under 28.

Molinari, an Italian who won the 2005 U.S. Amateur title, shot seven birdies for his 64. Jeev Milka Singh, Alvarez Velasco and Ricardo Gonzalez were tied at 65.

Clemson leads NCAA toumey

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Kyle Stanley shot a 4-under par 68 Thursday,

helping Clemson to a one-stroke lead over UCLA at the halfway point of the NCAA men's Division I golf championship.

Stanley, the 1-ner-upt a year ago, birdied four of the first seven holes on Purdue's par-72 Kampen Course and had two more birdies on the back nine, to offset a double-bogey 6 on No. 12, the only hole on which he failed to make par. His two-round total of 140 was one stroke behind leader Billy Horschel of Florida, who finished Thursday's round on the 7,450-yard course at 5-under par 67.

— The Associated Press

Big Brown's trainer says Triple Crown is coming

NEW YORK (AP)—Trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. held nothing back, saying it's a "foregone conclusion" Big Brown will win the Triple Crown.

"What's more, he insists that in 12 months, the last horse to try for racing's biggest prize, lost the Belmont Stakes because his connections "were not smart."

Asked if he was getting nervous in the days before Big Brown's attempt to become the first Triple Crown champion since Affirmed in 1978, Dutrow seemed even more emboldened.

feet like it's actually a foregone conclusion. To me, I just see the horses he's in with and I see our horse so I expect him to win this race. ... "I know that when that day actually does come, and if our horse is in the cone, it will be the most exciting, thrilling moment of my life. So I just ... I know that that's coming, but right now I'm just staying involved with our horse and what we think is best to get by. It's in the right way and it keeps us plenty busy." Big Brown missed three days of training this week with a slight crack on the inside of his left front hoof, but Dutrow says it won't affect the unbeaten colt in the 1 1/4-mile Belmont on June 7.

Graham

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Committee and the International Association of Athletics Federations.

The other members of that 2000 gold medal relay team were Michael Johnson and Tim Lincecum. Also on the team, but not running in the final, were Jerome Young and Angelo Taylor.

Although Pettigrew admitted to doping as far back as 1997, the statute of limitations on doping violations extends only eight years. The IAAF, the sport's governing body, now is considering changing that.

"We have to look: Are we ready to have this rule changed." IAAF president Lamine Diack said in a conference call Thursday. "We are ready to take our responsibility."

Graham was charged with three counts of lying to two IRS agents about his relationship with Angelo Taylor. Heredia — a Laredo, Texas, discus thrower who bought performance-enhancing drugs in Mexico and sold them to many star track athletes.

In an interview in North Carolina in June 2004, Graham denied selling his athletes with drugs obtained from Heredia, said he never met Heredia in person and that he last contacted Heredia by phone in about 1997.

The jurors convicted Graham on the charge relating to the phone calls. A mistrial was declared on the other two, even though a photo showed Graham and Heredia together at Heredia's house over Christmas in 1996.

"The jury obviously had problems with the government's case on the other two counts, including the allegations that Mr. Graham instigated and facilitated the use by a few of his athletes of performance-enhancing drugs supplied by Angel Heredia," Keane said. "As we maintained all along we did not believe that the government could prove that case. It simply was not true."

Prosecutors, who can retry Graham on the other two charges, had no comment on their next move. Keane said he hoped the government would not retry

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Flip Saunders doesn't seem like a coach worried about his future. The Boston Celtics won Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals, pushing the Detroit Pistons to the brink of elimination and a possible shake up. Saunders has already outlasted his predecessors, Larry Brown and Rick Carlisle, both of whom lasted just two years. But if Detroit loses in the conference finals for a third straight season, there's a chance Saunders won't be back for a fourth year. The Pistons' nucleus, which has together since winning a title in 2004, might also get broken up with another loss. Saunders shrugged off the pressure on him going into a win-or-go-home matchup Friday night at home, saying he's excited about the opportunity. "I really believe if we get Game 6,

Celtics at Pistons ESPN, 6:30 p.m. that we're going to have a good opportunity in Game 7," Saunders said Thursday. If Boston falls to 0-3 in Game 6 this postseason, it will host its third Game 7 on Sunday night. Paul Pierce said the last thing he and the Celtics are thinking about is getting tired from their grueling run. "The only thing on my mind is being tied for a win, getting a step closer to being in the NBA finals," Pierce said after Wednesday's night to take a 3-2 lead in the series. "I don't think fatigue is going to be a factor for the rest of this series. The guys physically for the most part are feeling good, and it's all about mental toughness right now." Even though the Celtics have the cushion of another home game, coach Doc Rivers wants his team to play with

a sense of urgency. "We don't want to go to a Game 7. We want to win this now if we can. They're not going to let us win it. We're going to have to come in and take it. "They've been in situations before. They're a mentally tough team, and we're going to have to play the game of our lives to go up there and win. But I think we're capable of doing that." The Pistons' past two seasons under Saunders have ended on the road in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals against the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Miami Heat. The two previous years, under Brown, Detroit didn't have home-court advantage when it advanced past the Indiana Pacers to win the NBA title in 2004 and Miami the next year before coming up just short of repeating against the San Antonio Spurs.

Graham and that he planned to submit a motion to dismiss the one guilty verdict. The maximum sentence for Graham's conviction is five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. A typical sentence for a first-time offender is less than one year. Graham is scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 5 before U.S. District Judge Susan Illston. Jury foreman Frank Stapleton, a 59-year-old small business owner from Oakland, was the lone hold-out against conviction on the second count and one of two holdouts on the first. He said he questioned whether Graham's statements that he had not met Heredia in person were deliberately misleading and could not decide whether it was material to the investigation. On the first count, Stapleton said he questioned the credibility of almost all government witnesses, but mostly Heredia.

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B.C. By Johnny Hart

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SNAP!

... YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

ACK! SOMEBODY LEFT A TOOTH IN MY POCKET!

NOW EVERYTHING HAS LITTLE BITS OF LINT ON IT, AND I HATE TO WASH THE WHOLE LADY AGAIN!

IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD, PEOPLE STILL WASH THEIR CLOVES BY BEATING THEM ON ROCKS IN A STREAM, INSTEAD OF PUSHING A BUTTON.

HEY, DON'T GETTING MALL LIPS-IT'S FOR PORN STARS. I TELL YOU!

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

YOU'RE FALLING BEHIND, LARD BUCKET!

CELL PHONES?

NOW THEY CAN INSULT EACH OTHER WHILE THE CHASE IS ON!

I'M GAINING ON YOU, GOOFBALL!

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

HONEY, I KNOW IT'S A REAL IMPOSITION, BUT...

NOW ABOUT BEING A REALLY GOOD SPORT AND GETTING UP TO GO TO WORK?

THERE'S A DIFFERENT APPROACH.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

I WILL USE ROLE PLAY TO EVALUATE YOUR MANAGEMENT POTENTIAL.

IMAGINE YOU ARE A TURTLE AND YOU ARE BEING ATTACKED BY A HAWK.

THAT'S BETTER THAN I EXPECTED.

THANKS.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Aright, ladies!

On yer mark... 'git set--

Garden!!

Go, cabbage!

C'mon braccoli!

Now there are ten cabbages. I've never mislead and hear.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

ELLY, DENTISTRY IS FIN EXACTING BUSINESS--I GET VERY SENSE.

SO I GOT IMPATIENT, MAYBE I SPARKED FIT YOU A FEW TIMES...

SO WHAT IF I SAID YOU WERE A KUTZ AND A DUMMY!

DO YOU HAVE TO TAKE IT PERSONALLY?

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

BANK CHECKING ACCOUNTS

YES, DEPOSITS ARE GUARANTEED, SIR-- BUT WITHDRAWALS AREN'T.

Garfield By Jim Davis

YOU THINK WHO'D BE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN LOOK CUTER?

CHECK THIS OUT!

YOU CALL THAT CUTER?

WAIT, WAIT, I'M A LITTLE OUT OF PRACTICE.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

I HAPPEN TO KNOW YOU CAN BUY THIS HOUSE AT A VERY GOOD PRICE!

THEY'RE SELLING IT FOR 15!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

I THINK THAT LAST SONG NEEDS MORE GUITAR.

I THINK YOU'RE DRUNG.

NO, MORE BASS.

THAT'S IT! TURN IT ALL UP A FEW NOTCHES!

Luann By Greg Evans

SO-- I BROUGHT DESSERT! IT'S RIGHT HERE!

RIGHT HERE, DESSERT.

SHAVE IT OFF!

COULD YOU COUGH?

I'LL GET THE SHAVER!

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

DON'T FOLLOW ME! I'M RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME!

I MAY NEVER COME BACK..

I SAID, DON'T FOLLOW ME!

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEED AN ATTORNEY.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

PIG'S NEW FRIEND, JACK WELLS, PIG, I GOTTA GET GOING. IT WAS NICE KNOWING YOU.

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO LEAVE, JACK?

GOTTA GO TO THE DOCTORS. SEE ABOUT GETTING A GROWTH REMOVED.

I AM NOT A 'GROWTH.' WHAT'EVER, DUDE.

Pickles By Brian Crane

I CAN'T FIND A CLEAN SHIRT.

HERE, WEAR THIS ONE.

IT'S GOT A GRAY STAIN ON IT.

JUST KEEP MOVING AND NO ONE WILL NOTICE IT.

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

CLEAN WANTED ME TO A POOL PARTY? CAN I GO?

IT'S GOO-LM! AND CLEAN DOESN'T EVEN OWN A POOL!

MY DAD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF YOU'D MIND POSTPONING YOUR POOL PARTY, USING OUR POOL, UNTIL SOMETIME LATER IN THE DAY?

I'VE BEEN IN SOME SNAKES AND YOU HING A DEAL!

Non Sequitur By Wiley

I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE DUTATION PART OF YOUR PARTY. BUT BEING A SENIORS.

I REPEATS THEM! THEY BANG NO PLEAS IN MY CAMPUS!

...SO WHY ARE THEY STILL RUNNING?

BECAUSE... IN THE REAL CANDIDATE OF CHANGE!

OK, THAT SOUNDS LIKE ANY SENSE AT ALL, SIR...

WELL, THESE ARE COMPLEX THINGS. CAN WE TALK ABOUT FLAG FING MONY?

5-30

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

GO EASY WITH THAT SMELLY STUFF, MOM... I DON'T WANNA START ATTRACTIN' GIRLS!

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

WHAT DOES IT SAY INSIDE YOUR FORTUNE COOKIE?

EAT AT JOE'S PIZZERIA.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

FIFTEEN MINUTES PEOPLE!

SHALL WE GET STARTED?

GR--NN!

YOU THINK I CAN FINISH A WORD HISTORY EXAM IN FIFTEEN MINUTES?

NOT YOU, MEI!

IT'S HERO TIME!

TEN MINUTES PEOPLE!

MISSING! CONFUSED! STRAIT HORRORZ!

HURRY!

SOMETIMES MY BRAIN DOESN'T WORK PROPERLY CRAZY!

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny and pleasant. Highs 70s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows low 50s.
Tomorrow: Temperatures edging upward. Highs low 80s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE DAY FORECAST

Forecast grid for Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday with weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table showing weather data for various locations including Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Jerome, and others.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mild and mostly dry. Highs near 70.
Tonight: Comfortable with patchy clouds. Lows middle 40s.
Tomorrow: Warmer with sunny periods. Highs middle 70s.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Weather statistics including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Pleasant temperatures on tap today through Sunday. High terrain showers are possible, but not of areas well see development.

Map of Idaho with weather forecasts for Boise, Northern Utah, and other regions.

MOON PHASES and MOONRISE and MOONSET

Information about moon phases, moonrise, and moonset times.

U.V. INDEX

U.V. Index scale and forecast for the day.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities including Boise, Pocatello, and others.

NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for various states including California, Nevada, and others.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for various international cities.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

Stacles can't stop you. Problems can't stop you.
Greater people can't stop you.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table for various Canadian cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Wings feel fine despite Game 3 loss

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Red Wings mainstay Kris Draper enjoyed Game 3 of the Stanley Cup finals even though Detroit fell short.

And why not? The Red Wings started strong Wednesday night against the Penguins in their first trip to Pittsburgh for a game that counted since October 20th and nearly pulled this one out, too.

Last night's game was unbelievable, Draper said Thursday, one day after the 3-2 loss that cut their series lead to 2-1.

There were a lot of hits and skating some great plays, big things that we expected this series was going to have, and those are the games you love being a part of.

We would have loved to have been on the other side, but that didn't happen.

When the series shifted to Pittsburgh after the Red Wings polished off the Penguins with two shutout wins at Joe Louis Arena, Hockeytown looked set for its fourth Stanley Cup title in 11 seasons.

Detroit did nothing to lessen its case that it is the best team in the NHL, and the superior club in this series, but sometimes the other team just finds a way to win.

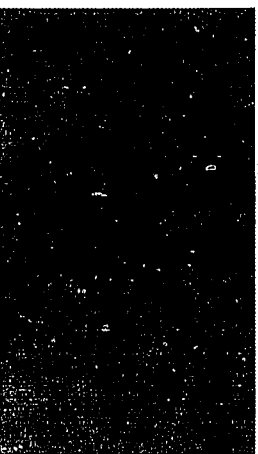
The Red Wings skated into a tough building, one in which the Penguins are a perfect 9-0 at home in the playoffs and haven't lost in 17 games, dating to late February. Game 4 is Saturday night in Pittsburgh.

I don't think the rink was tilted or we weren't in the game," coach Mike Babcock said. "We gave up 24 shots and lost on the road. If you go through our whole year, when we lose on the road we give up 22 shots. That's life.

We're a pretty confident group. We like our team. We like how we play. We thought they played better (Wednesday) night. We think they'll play better again. We think we have to be better.

That is a common theme for the high-flying Red Wings. It's hardly a surprise that they shoot for perfection and feel it is a realistic goal.

Detroit is loaded with veteran talent and equally impressive relative newcomers that combine to make a formidable team. The foundation includes captain Nicklas Lidstrom, Draper, Tomas Holmstrom, Kirk



Maltby and Darren McCarty, who all won titles with the Red Wings in 1997, 1998 and 2002, and goalie Chris Osgood, a member of two of those teams.

Throw in top-line forwards Henrik Zetterberg and Pavel Datsyuk, and it's hard to see how they aren't the odds-on favorites to lift the Cup year in and year out.

There is no denying that a 3-0 series lead would have made the Red Wings' 11th Stanley Cup title essentially a foregone conclusion, but at 2-1, Detroit could still be on the precipice of setting up a coronation at home in Game 5.

"It would have been a lot better position for us," Lidstrom said. "But we've seen situations like this before where you want to get that third win, you want to get a good push. For whatever reason, the other team comes out and plays real well. We had a pretty good game, too, but they ended up on top."

Bystander finds autograph hounds to be a curious breed

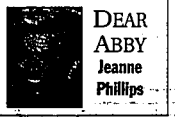
DEAR ABBY: Please answer a question that has me perplexed. Why do people collect autographs?

I do not understand the need for a collection of signatures, regardless of how famous — or infamous — the person may be. I have never had the need to brag or show proof that I encountered "someone." In fact, I feel it's a breach of a person's privacy to approach and ask for a signature.

I realize that some may collect autographs for their monetary value, but what's the reasoning behind it? Book signings, I get. Movie posters, promotional items, baseball cards and sports memorabilia, I get. But I don't understand adults (and sometimes children) approaching someone famous and asking them to sign something. Can you explain what's the deal?

—NO AUTOGRAPH HOUND, PONTIAC, MICH.

DEAR NO AUTOGRAPH HOUND: While I can't speak for every autograph collector, I suspect that many people ask for autographs because it provides them an opening to speak to someone whose work they admire or whom they think is attractive. And most celebrities — although not all — enjoy having that kind of contact with their fans.



DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing "Kevin" for two years. I love him very much. But when we are at home together I have to be to make him hug or kiss me.

I know he loves me: he just doesn't like affection. In the past, girlfriends have broken up with him over this. Abby, I need more physical contact! Is this normal, or is there something wrong?

DEAR CRAVING IN DENVER: I know Kevin's behavior will make you begin to question your attractiveness. Please understand that you cannot change another person. If this is how you want to live the rest of your life, keep seeing Kevin. If not, take a cue from his former girlfriends and find someone who can give you the affection you crave.

DEAR ABBY: I have a relative who is spoiled, immature, disrespectful to her parents and has done nothing

productive in her life. I have spent time with this person because I had to; however, I do not love her. The fact is, I don't even like her.

My question is, what would I say to someone who asks me if I love that relative? What can I say that is not hurtful — but not lie either?

—PERPLEXED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PERPLEXED: Frankly, I find it odd and somewhat intrusive that someone would ask you that question. However, if you are confronted, be honest (up to a point) and say that although you are related, you are not close. Then change the subject.

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Livonia, Mich., Reader" (April 27) was ALMOST correct. Please allow me to clarify.

Every law school graduate is awarded a J.D. (Juris Doctor) regardless of his/her performance on the bar exam. However, only graduates who can pass the bar exam are called Esquire (Esq.) Simply put, J.D. is the degree; Esq. is the qualification to practice law.

—FORMER LEGAL SECRETARY

DEAR FORMER LEGAL SECRETARY: I had relied on my dictionary for the answer to that question. Thank you for educating me — to a "degree."

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Pedestrian accident ties up Addison Avenue

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

A 72-year-old woman carrying groceries across Addison Avenue East twisted, rolled almost 10 feet and bumped the right side of her forehead when a slow-moving pickup struck her at the Elm Street crosswalk, Thursday, Twin Falls police said.

Bernadette Schultz was conscious and talking shortly after 2 p.m. when medics drove her to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, said officer Eric Barzee.

"She Thursday's a little bit more serious condition than we initially thought," said Barzee after visiting her in the hospital where she underwent CT scans later in

the afternoon. Although in stable condition, Barzee said, "she is banged up pretty bad in certain places and scraped up."

At about 1:50 p.m., Schultz was carrying groceries across Addison Avenue at the intersection of Elm Street when Allen Nagel entered the intersection in a red F-250 Ford pickup, said witness Tiffany House. It's unclear whether Schultz or Nagel had a green light, Barzee said. But House and Nagel both say he had a green light.

Nagel, owner of The Smoke-N-Head Shop, told police he was moving about 10 mph, Barzee said. "Drivers must yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk," he said. "But pedestrians must use due

caution in designated crosswalks, even if they have the light."

Barzee said Thursday evening he was still investigating if a green light for Nagel would automatically trigger a red light for Schultz — and vice versa.

Nagel immediately pulled to the side of the road and dialed for help, Barzee said. Meanwhile, House parked her vehicle to block traffic in the intersection, which is

immediately south of Albertsons grocery store parking lot. Then she rushed to cradle the victim, House said.

"I sat with her until the ambulance showed up to make sure she didn't lose consciousness," House said. "She didn't know what had happened."

"Her head was bleeding from the temple," House added, pointing to a remnant of blood on the asphalt.

When Barzee arrived on scene he saw House "holding her head, keeping it from moving."

Officers blocked traffic at the northwest corner of the intersection until 2:20 p.m., during which time they recorded witness statements.



A witness to a pedestrian traffic accident talks with members of the Twin Falls Police Department Thursday at the intersection of Elm Street and Addison Avenue East.

Nagel, who seemed upset, smoked cigarettes, filled out a statement and declined comment.

Barzee said there was no indication that alcohol or drugs played a role in the accident.

Preparing for pyro

BLM crews prepare for upcoming fire season

By Sean Breslin
Staff writer

The Fine Arts Building at the College of Southern Idaho was teeming with firefighters Thursday afternoon.

But the building wasn't in danger. The fire crews were there for the Bureau of Land Management Twin Falls Fire District's orientation, the only time the unit's 79 firefighters would be together this summer, said Sky Buffat, a fire information officer with BLM.



About 80 Bureau of Land Management firefighters spent the day brushing up on safety issues Thursday at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

The orientation dealt with mundane tasks such as filling out paperwork and dangerous situations the firefighters might encounter during the fire season, such as downed power lines, unexploded ordinances and — obviously — fire.

"This Thursday's orientation, the firefighters will be dispersed throughout the district, either to their stations or for more training. Experienced firefighters will receive leadership training, while new recruits will be given the basics of fire and fire suppression, Buffat said.

"You never know who thinks they're starting a job for the summer, and they

Buffat said the BLM expects this year's fire season to be "normal." For this area, "normal" means about 130 fires and 90,000 acres burned in the Twin Falls District. But she said predictions don't always carry a lot of weight.

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of weight.

"There's definitely no constant with wildfires," Buffat said.

Scott Ellsworth, 18, said this was his first orientation. He said he's looking forward to a summer with the BLM. "It sounded like an adventure and a good job,"

Ellsworth said.

But there were also people on hand like Shane McDonald, assistant fire management officer with the BLM Twin Falls Fire District. McDonald has been fighting fires since 1990. But even with all that experience, he said the orientation has a

message essential to all firefighters.

"Get our head back into the game 'cause it's a dangerous business," McDonald said.

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Calif. doc hired in Buhl day care case

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

The defense attorney for Betty Bridwell, who is charged with breaking the leg of a baby at her day care, hinted Thursday in court at how he'll launch his counter offensive in a July trial.

Before Thursday, the case against Bridwell seemed in many ways clean cut.

At an April 13 preliminary hearing, a local pediatrician said he couldn't rule out abuse. The mother of 3-month-old Dominyk Murillo testified Dominyk was in fine health before she left him with Bridwell. In addition, Bridwell said she heard a "pop" when she changed the baby's diaper that day — an explanation for the injury that did not add up to the pediatrician. A nurse rated the baby's pain afterward at "9 out of 10."

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— attorney Brent Nielson

But Bridwell's attorney Brent Nielson said Thursday he's hiring a California doctor who will testify the medical evidence against Bridwell is anything but simple.

"We believe he will show the medical evidence is insufficient to show how the injury was caused," Nielson said. Nielson said the defense's medical expert will testify that doctors overlooked "major steps" while deriving their conclusions.

The trial of Bridwell on a felony charge of injury to a child in the Jan. 23 incident is likely to hinge largely on conflicting medical opinions, according to both the prosecutor and Nielson. Bridwell of Betty's Baby Care in Buhl was stripped of her license Feb. 21 after she was charged. She denies she intentionally hurt the baby.

Nielson told 5th District Judge Randy Stoker that after learning of certain statements made previously by the father to Bridwell, he wishes to speak with the father.

He said the father may offer information "relevant to alternative ways that the injury could have been caused."

The father has not been required to speak with Nielson in advance of the trial.

State caps charges against check forger

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

A prosecutor has agreed to cap his sentencing recommendation against Larry Cassel, 61, of Kimberly, for forging checks around Twin Falls. He was charged, however, with selling \$5,675 of false advertising space — at Twin Falls police claim — to 125 Magic Valley Businesses, mostly over the summer of 2007.

But those uncharged crimes that police allege still cloud his future. The state has capped its charges, Cassel has agreed to pay restitution "for crime victims on all checks referred to in discovery whether or not filed or dismissed and all receipts for advertising set forth in dis-

covery," according to the plea agreement entered in court May 19.

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

Fifth District Judge G. Richard Bevan scheduled Cassel's sentencing for June 30.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Man falls at Balanced Rock Park

An unidentified man was transported by ground ambulance after he fell off a rock Thursday evening at Balanced Rock Park, according to a Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman.

Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center officials said they received a call at 5:41 p.m.

"A bystander thought that he fell about 20 feet," said spokeswoman Lori Nebeker.

Nebeker was not able to identify the man, who was described as 45 to 50 years old, because the rescue occurred in a remote location, she said.

"They were just out hiking," Nebeker said. "The lady (with him) hiked down to his cell phone. He regained consciousness and walked down to the road on his own. Medics

transported him with minor injuries and lacerations."

The man was eventually taken to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

The county park, which is southwest of Buhl in Salmon Falls Creek Canyon, takes its name from a precariously balanced rock that is more than 48 feet tall, 40 tons, and on a pedestal only 3 feet by 17 inches, according to a state tourism Web site. The park stays open all year from sunrise until sunset.

according to a press release from the Richfield School District.

A two-year supplemental levy for \$125,000 passed with 67.9 percent of the votes and 51 percent was required for it to pass, the press release shows.

There were 217 students enrolled in the Richfield School District in the fall, according to the Idaho State Department of Education.

"We are very grateful to the community for their continued support of our school district," said Superintendent Barbara Thomson.

T.F. High School graduation tonight

The graduation ceremony for Twin Falls High School will begin at 7 p.m. tonight at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium.

— staff reports

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

ARRAIGNMENTS (MAY 27-29)
Darrell W. Friel, 50, Hansen; burglary; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 6; \$25,000 bond.

Jesus E. Alvarez, 21, Hayburn; sluding a police officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for June 17; released on own recognizance; driving under the influence, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for June 17; released on own recognizance.

conduct with a minor, sexual abuse of a minor; no plea entered; public defender appointed; status hearing set for June 16; \$250,000 bond. Eddie L. Shank, 63, Filer; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender denied; pretrial hearing set for June 17; released on own recognizance.

out privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 8; released on own recognizance. Greg Hendrickson, 39, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 8; released on own recognizance.

cent; private counsel; pretrial hearing set for July 8; booked and released. Jason A. Hotchbas, 30, Elko, Nev.; insufficient funds check; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for July 8; released on own recognizance.

\$2,000 bond. Damon D. Ellis, 32, Twin Falls; attempted strangulation, domestic violence; pleaded innocent; private counsel; pretrial hearing set for July 8; posted bond.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



Jordan Hyrum Hansen completed his Eagle Scout project that consisted of landscaping the exterior of Pine Chapel at the Paul Cemetery, and included the installing concrete curbing. Contributors to the project include Carbuscapes, Kioefer Concrete, Vicki's Country Garden, Orton Industries, Garden Cents and numerous other businesses and individuals who donated cash and labor.

American Legion auxiliary announces new officers
HAGERMAN — Lea Owsley Post 31 American Legion Auxiliary have announced newly elected officers.

See what's new at magicvalley.com

ROCKET MAN



A would-be rocket scientist launches his water bottle rocket at the National Astronomy Day activities held at the Herritt Center on May 10. More than 130 kids built and launched their rockets and took part in many other hands-free activities and demonstrations.

Advertisement for Century Stadium 5 & Burley Theatre in Burley. It lists showtimes and titles for Indiana Jones: Kingdom of the Crystal Skull, Baby Mama, Narnia: Prince Caspian, Iron Man, and Horton Hears a Who.

Patient Spotlight

"I don't have to keep saying 'What?' all the time." Betty Mulconery Kimberley

"Fritz is just great. I didn't realize I couldn't hear out of both ears until I went to see him. He has helped me so much.

I can't tell you how much I appreciate him and his staff. I can hear so much better now.

It's so wonderful now because people don't have to repeat themselves, and I don't have to keep saying "What?" all the time."

Advertisement for Fritze Hearing Instrument Specialist. It includes contact information for Twin Falls (734-2900) and Burley (678-7600), and mentions a 21st anniversary celebration.

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The family of Clarence Tanaka have formed a Walk MS team to raise funds for the National MS Society. The walk held May 3 and fundraising continues until June 30.

Clarence Tanaka was born and raised in Shoshone. He spent his entire career as a pharmacist in the Magic Valley and retired in Twin Falls. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church, Old Time Fiddler's Association and Lion's Club.

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Idaho wants fresh start on No Child Left Behind

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Board of Education has asked the U.S. Department of Education to give the state clean for hundreds of public schools that face sanctions under the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

The board is asking the federal agency to erase student progress measurements taken between 2002 and 2006, the years for which the sanctions are based, and allow Idaho public schools a new time frame for meeting proficiency standards by federal education mandate.

The board argues Idaho students weren't prepared to meet the federal standards because of poor standards in the state's standards exams that failed to accurately measure student performance.

In a letter Tuesday, board Executive Director Mike Rush asked that Idaho schools be held to the beginning of the 2007 statewide test results, because those exams were taken after the state improved its testing system.

The state was fined \$181,000 in 2006 after the federal agency determined Idaho did not have an adequate testing system. If the previous system was considered inadequate, Rush said, state schools shouldn't be held accountable.

"How can you say that a school didn't make progress if your initial measurement was not valid?" Rush told the Idaho Statesman.

The Department of Education is reviewing the request.

If granted, it could release hundreds of Idaho public schools from requirements to provide students with outside tutoring or allow them to be in more successful schools. But schools could also face a new round of sanctions if student performance still doesn't measure up.

Sen. John Goedde, R-Coeur d'Alene, said he opposes the request for a do-over because it defeats the purpose of accountability.

The No Child Left Behind law requires students in public schools to be performing at grade level by 2014.

About 30 percent of the nation's schools aren't making adequate yearly progress — mostly because students didn't make steady gains in required math and reading exams given in grades three through eight and again in high school. About two-thirds of Idaho schools have fallen short of meeting some benchmarks.

Idaho schools that have faced sanctions have diverted resources to help improve student performance in subjects such as reading, math and language. Some students have been required to give up cleatless and attend classes to help them improve their performance.

Meanwhile, a state task force is getting ready to meet in eastern Idaho to discuss ideas for improving middle school education.

Group disputes report that U.S. energy development confined

By Judith Kieber
Associated Press writer

DENVER (AP) — Government assertions that at least 40 percent of the oil and gas under federal lands is off limits to development are misleading and play on fears of rising energy prices, environmentalists said Thursday. The Wilderness Society assailed a recent Interior Department report that 62 percent of the oil and 41 percent of the natural gas on 279 million acres of federal land is inaccessible.

It contended that federal

agencies will be rushing to open up more land, mostly in the West. In the final months of the Bush administration. Last week's Interior Department report cites prohibitions on drilling and strict conditions that don't permit direct access to oil and gas. The department says the lands contain an estimated 31 billion barrels of oil and 231 trillion cubic feet of gas. Environmentalists said many of the lands where environmental concerns prohibit direct access can be developed offsite using modern drilling techniques. They

light of escalating energy prices. "The high energy prices are due to a host of factors that have absolutely nothing to do with drilling more," Aberswerth said during a telephone news conference. Aberswerth said oil and gas prices are set globally and energy prices have risen despite the increased pace of drilling. The Wilderness Society said an analysis based on BLM data shows the agency approved about 35,000 drilling permits from 2001-2007 and leases on a total of

26.6 million acres. Based on BLM projections, the group said 125,000 new wells could be approved on federal land in the Rockies over the next 10 to 15 years. Energy companies have leases on about 44 million acres of federal land nationwide, according to the BLM. Production occurred on 11.6 million of those acres last year. "A record number of leases and permits have been issued — so much that the industry can't use it all," said Nada Culver, an attorney with The Wilderness Society.

10 states act to stop teacher sex abuse

By Robert Tanner
Associated Press writer

Ten states have taken action in recent months to crack down on sexually abusive teachers following a stream of arrests and reports that have documented the problem of educators victimizing students.

Governors, state education officials and lawmakers have led the push for new measures, which include tougher penalties for teachers who abuse students, punishment for administrators who fail to properly oversee their faculty, and an effort to train an entire state's corps of teachers to recognize potential abusers in their midst.

At least four more states are still considering legislation. They are focusing on an increasingly undeniable phenomenon: While the vast majority of America's roughly 3 million public school teachers are committed professionals, a disturbing number have gotten into sexual misconduct. When faced with evidence of abuse, administrators sometimes fail to let others know about it, and legal loopholes let some offenders stay in the classroom.

"Too often in the past, we as adults have failed our children," Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear said when he signed a new law last month. "Today with this legislation, hopefully, we begin earning back their trust." The measure passed without a single no vote.

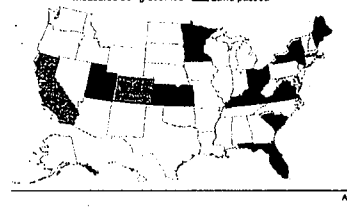
Kentucky lawmakers originally drafted a measure aimed at abusive teachers, with the final legislation written broadly to encompass priests, teachers and anyone in authority over someone younger than 18. Besides increasing penalties for abusers and giving prosecutors more time to bring charges, the Kentucky law also takes aim at officials who don't report abuse to authorities.

A nationwide Associated Press investigation, published in October, found 2,570 educators lost their teaching credentials or were otherwise sanctioned from 2001 through 2005 following allegations of sexual misconduct. Experts who track sexual abuse say the problems are even bigger than those numbers suggest. Underreporting is common, they say, because

Laws take on sexually abusive educators

More states have taken action in recent months to protect students by cracking down on sexual misconduct by teachers, and administrators who fail to properly oversee them.

States: Legislative actions measures being debated. Began or expanded programs. Laws passed.



victims often are ostracized and accusations are difficult to prove.

The AP series inspired some of the tougher measures, including Utah's legislation to permanently revoke the licenses of sexually abusive teachers and a new Maine law to share information about teachers disciplined for any reason, including sexual misconduct, with other states. A New York lawmaker cited the AP reports when he rallied support to overturn budget cuts that would have sharply reduced funds for investigators who examine abuse claims in school.

Meanwhile, stories on teacher misconduct by the Sarasota Herald-Tribune and The Columbus Dispatch sparked action in Florida and Ohio. New laws also were passed in Kansas, Minnesota and Virginia, while measures are still being considered in California, Colorado, Delaware and Massachusetts, New York and South Carolina began or expanded programs targeting the problem.

Proposals failed to win legislative approval in Indiana, Missouri, South Dakota, Washington state and West Virginia.

The various measures demonstrate the many loopholes that have allowed abusive teachers to remain in the classroom, including:

• Backroom deals: Florida's new ethics law for teachers bars school districts from entering into confidential agreements with teachers who

get in trouble. Such deals crop up around the country, allowing schools to remove a problem teacher but letting that educator quietly move on to another district or state.

• Failing to report: Kentucky's law raised the stakes for officials who fail to report allegations of abuse, bringing 90 days in jail for a first offense and up to five years in prison for repeat violations.

• Problem teachers returning to the classroom: Colorado would require any teacher who lost a license for sexual misconduct to promise never to teach again. The measure awaits Gov. Bill Ritter's signature. Virginia closed a gap that made it possible for teachers who abuse students to be hired by another school district in the time between when they are fired and when the state Education Department is notified.

In New York state, Senate Education Committee Chairman Stephen Saland blasted former Gov. Eliot Spitzer for seeking to cut the investigative unit's \$1 million budget in half, accusing Spitzer of declaring "open season on children" for sex predators in schools. He read passages from AP stories that showed the number of "moral conduct" accusations against teachers, administrators and aides had doubled in five years.

"Too often in the past, we as adults have failed our children. Today with this legislation, hopefully, we begin earning back their trust."

— Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, on signing a law against teacher sex abuse

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Casino success helps Indian tribe restore prairie

By Patrick Condon
Associated Press Writer

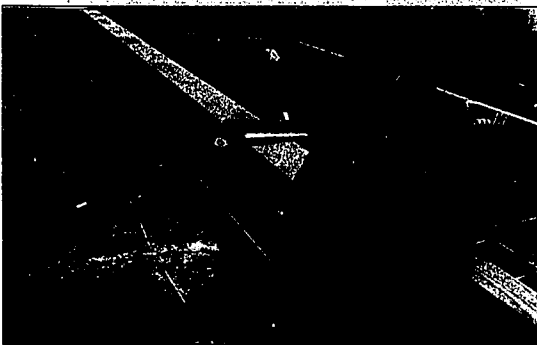
PRIOR LAKE, Minn. — A 30-acre field where corn and soybeans were once grown is now covered with Canada wild rye, big bluestem, Golden Alexander and compass plant — the same grasses and flowers the pioneers saw as they pushed westward across the American prairie in the 1800s.

This small patch of prairie next to a condominium complex in suburban Minneapolis did not suddenly appear on its own. Instead, it was painstakingly restored at great cost by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux tribe.

Flush with cash from its nearby casino, the tribe has bought up about 125 acres of farmland and wetlands just outside the big city over the past few years and has returned them to the way they looked before the white man herded the Indians onto reservations.

By the end of the year, the Shakopee Mdewakanton (pronounced SHOCK-ah-pee mid-ah-WAHK-tun) hope to begin restoring 450 more acres near the Twin Cities. Most of it is land that has been farmed since at least the 1880s.

"We hold the land in high regard, and we think it's important to return some of these areas to the way they were — the way it was years ago," Shakopee Mdewakanton vice chairman



Mike Whitt talks about the native grasses and flowers that are planted on the roof of the water treatment facility for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, May 19 in Prior Lake, Minn. Whitt is the senior environmental specialist for the tribe.

Glynn Crooks said. The tribe will not disclose how much it is paying for these chunks of valuable land in this fast-growing part of the state, and it refuses to discuss its finances. But while many Indian tribes live in crushing poverty, the Mdewakanton are prospering.

Their Mystic Lake casino, which opened in 1992 about 30 miles from downtown Minneapolis and is the biggest gambling hall in Minnesota, has generated millions for the tribe and made its estimated 300 mem-

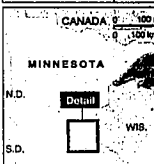
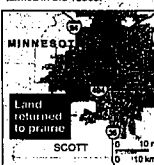
bers rich. Many live in suburban McMansions. Other tribes also want to use the land the way their ancestors did. South Dakota's Rosebud Sioux are raising a bison herd. Members of Nebraska's Winnebago tribe are encouraged to harvest wild plums and choke cherries to improve their diets, and milkweed for a traditional soup.

For the Mdewakanton, who own about 2,400 acres in all, the prairie restoration process is laborious and expensive.

The tribe's scientists study old maps and other records to figure out the mix of plants that will bring a piece of land closest to its historical character. Then they destroy the crops with herbicide, turn

Prairies reclaimed

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux tribe has purchased and restored land to the unspoiled prairie it once was before it was farmed in the 1800s.



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over the dirt and plant grass and flower seeds.

The seeds alone are perhaps the most expensive part.

Many are rare and hard to find, and the companies that sell them often must harvest them by hand.

"Some of these seeds are worth more than their weight in precious metals," said Mike V. Hilt, an environmental specialist for the Mdewakanton tribe. He said the tribe has spent about \$600 an acre just to buy the seed mix needed to create prairie.

For the first few years after the restoration, crews have to tend the prairies closely, spraying for weeds, mowing the grass and conducting controlled burns every year or two to rejuvenate the land, kill the unwanted plants and encourage native varieties.

The tribe has gone to similar lengths to bring back several wetlands that had been drained for farming.

In both cases, Whitt said, the work is starting to pay off in the return of native animal species to the restored areas.

The meadowlarks, grasshopper sparrows are returning," Whitt said. "They won't fly if it's a farm field. Wild turkeys, pheasants, deer — we're seeing more of all of them."

Trial begins in Elko for man accused in stolen truck killing

ELKO, Nev. (AP) — A murder trial is under way in Elko for a man who was found passed out in the truck of an altar man whose body was found in the remote northern Nevada desert.

Winston Bruce Kelly, 35, of Winnemucca, was arrested by authorities in Mountain Home, Idaho, on April 10, 2007, after he was found passed out in a pickup truck belonging to Peter Carl Braun.

Kelly was charged with open murder when Braun's body was found the next day in the desert on the Duck Water Indian Reservation about 10 miles west of Owyhee along the Idaho line. In his opening statement to jurors Tuesday, Chief Deputy

District Attorney Mark Torvinen said Kelly was highly intoxicated when confronted by an Idaho police officer.

Torvinen said when asked where he got the truck, Kelly responded: "I don't give a damn. Arrest me." Kelly's public defender, Fred Lee, urged jurors to keep an open mind until all the testimony is presented. The trial is expected to last two weeks.

Braun, 58, died of multiple stab wounds to the head, face, neck and chest, according to testimony provided at Kelly's preliminary hearing earlier this year. Authorities believe he was killed along a remote gravel road in Midas.

Braun, of Sun Valley near

Reno, had been in Elko to visit his children and a former wife with whom he remained on good terms, authorities said.

"This is a case about fate," Torvinen said. "It's about bad luck."

Torvinen said Braun reportedly met Kelly at the Battle Mountain Smoke Shop, where Kelly bummed a ride either to Winnemucca to the west or the Duck Valley Indian Reservation to the north.

Torvinen said surveillance video from the smoke shop and gas station shows Kelly and Braun meeting. Torvinen also told jurors Kelly's cousin will testify the man intended to kill Braun and steal the motor out of his GMC pickup to put in one of his vehicles.

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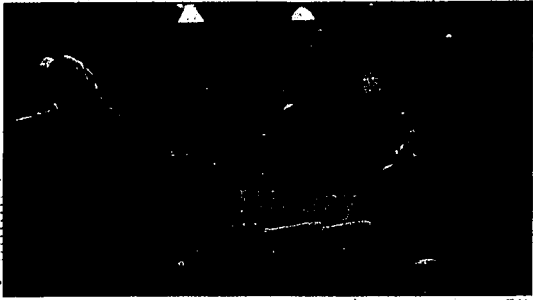
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Hillary Rodham Clinton, center, shows her support for Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., during a meeting of Democratic Party Convention delegates in Sacramento, Calif., May 18. The state Democrats met to select the final delegates to the party's national convention, to be held in August in Denver.

Democratic panel to weigh in on Michigan, Florida

By Peter Nicholas and Janet Hook
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The last Democratic presidential primaries take place next Tuesday, but an obscure party sideshow is now finding itself in the strongest position to determine whether the long-nominating process will come to a smooth conclusion.

Meeting at a Washington hotel Saturday, the Rules and Bylaws Committee will attempt to settle a lingering dispute about whether delegates from Michigan and Florida should be seated at the party's convention in August.

Both campaigns and thousands of voters have been lobbying the committee members, who are used to working in anonymity. E-mail messages are flooding in. The 500 tickets set aside for voters were snatched up within three minutes on the Internet.

At stake are the 368 delegates from Michigan and Florida, who were disqualified because those states held their primary in January, earlier than allowed by party rules. Under the outcome Hillary Rodham Clinton has called for in recent weeks, she would pick up 111 more delegates than Barack Obama, and that would narrow his lead in the delegate count and might position Clinton to argue to the party's superdelegates that they should throw the nomination to her.

But there is little support on the committee for taking the New York senator everything she wants. That leaves the panel with a second challenge: bringing Clinton, Obama and Democratic officials together in an agreement that unites the party and keeps bruised feelings to a minimum.

Should Clinton or her supporters come away feeling she was treated unfairly, they may prolong their argument all the way to the convention and hesitate in joining behind Obama, if the Illinois senator becomes the nominee. That outcome would leave the party weakened in its general election battle against John McCain, the presumed Republican nominee.

Privately, aides to both Clinton and Obama say they don't want that to happen, preferring to see the issue settled this weekend.

A crucial step toward an important step toward our unity," said Alice Germond, secretary of the Democratic National Committee and a member of the rules panel.

"We want ultimately to resolve it so we can stop talking about the process at the beginning of June and start talking about our nominee."

"We want this to be the final stop on this train," said a DNC official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "We don't want to see this challenged again. That just extends the pain."

Committee members are receiving a level of attention they neither imagined nor particularly wanted. One, Garry Sharry, a former chairman of the Los Angeles Democratic Party, said he was receiving as many as 500

e-mails a day, which he tries to read and answer.

"It's horrible; it's horrible," he said.

Summarizing the correspondence, Shay said: "Some of it is very emotional. Some is very dry and rules-based. Some of it is short. Some is very long and detailed, and some is threatening, as in, 'I won't vote for the other guy.'"

Clinton loyalists are expected to demonstrate outside the hotel, while the Obama campaign has urged its supporters to stand down.

"We don't think it's a helpful dynamic to create chaos," said David Plouffe, Obama's campaign manager. "In the interest of party unity, we're encouraging our

supporters not to protest."

In advance of the meeting, national Democratic Party leaders have been trying to hash out a compromise with the Clinton and Obama campaigns and with representatives of Michigan and Florida.

Even Clinton supporters on the rules panel insist that some form of punishment is necessary for Michigan and Florida. The two states violated party rules by scheduling their primaries too early in the calendar, prompting the top Democratic candidates to avoid campaigning there. Obama and several others withdrew their names from the Michigan ballot; Clinton's name remained on the ballot.

Obama's doctor: Candidate is in 'excellent health'

By Laura Hoopgard
AP Medical writer

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama's doctor said Thursday the presidential candidate was in excellent health at the time of his last checkup 16 months ago, but he has a family history of cancer and a big, obvious risk — a smoking habit that he's trying again to break.

In a one-page letter released by the campaign, Obama's longtime physician, Chicago internist Dr. David L. Schelner, said he was summarizing 21 years of medical records, during which the Democrat suffered only minor problems such as upper respiratory infections.

But hanging over that positive assessment: Obama is a smoker who has quit but relapsed several times.

Obama, 46, announced in February that he was quitting again with the aid of Nicorette gum. His doctor said only that Obama is using Nicorette "with success."

Smoking causes a list of dangerous effects, including heart disease, strokes and lung cancer — and it takes the body a long time to heal after someone quits for good. Government statistics show that 15 years after quitting, the risk of heart disease drops almost to that of a never smoker; 10 years later, the risk of lung cancer drops by as much as half.

It wasn't clear when Schelner had last seen Obama to verify the Nicorette use. But he said the senator's last official checkup in

January 2007 found:

- Obama exercised regularly, often jogging three miles and had "no excess body fat."
- Actual weight wasn't disclosed.
- Excellent blood pressure, at 90 over 60. Optimal blood pressure is considered to be below 120 over 80.
- Very healthy cholesterol, with a total cholesterol of 173 (desirable is under 200); the so-called bad or LDL kind 96 (less than 100 is optimal); and the so-called good or HDL

kind at 68 (desirable is over 60).

- No signs of problems on standard blood tests or a heart EKG.
- Schelner noted that Obama's mother died of ovarian cancer and his maternal grandfather died of prostate cancer.
- Dr. Otis Brawley of the American Cancer Society said that family history isn't strong enough to be of concern; doctors worry if a father or uncle had prostate cancer.



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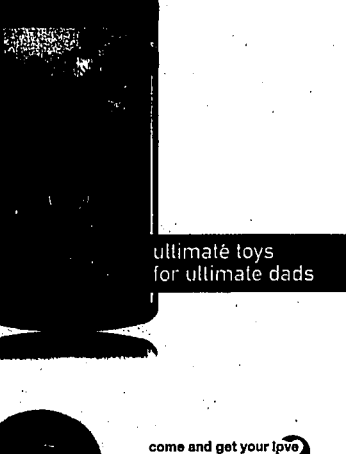
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Cargo box on a small car

My goal was singular and precise: to outfit a small station wagon with maximum equipment-carrying capacity. This meant adding a rooftop rack, of course. I also required bike-carrying options. Also needed was a cargo box for tents, sleeping bags, pads, backpacks and other gear earmarks.



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My car — a five-speed Saab 9-2X — gets good gas mileage and is a speedy little thing for driving around town. But it is not blessed with storage, limiting the equipment I can bring along on day trips and weekend overnights.

Thus the buildup began with Thule's black square steel Load Bars (\$59) and the 40-foot pack (\$145), which together assemble the base rack.

While most every automobile can be fit with a rack, the short roof length of a small car like my Saab often makes large accessories like cargo boxes and kayak mounts off limits. That's where Thule Inc.'s (<http://www.thuleracks.com>) Short Roof Adaptor comes into play. This \$115 add-on connects two additional Load Bars underneath the basic rack setup, lengthening the front-to-back reach of the rack by placing an intermediary bracket connection point.

With the Short Roof Adaptor, the rear rack feet sit farther back on the roof, extending the base of the bars and making a cargo box on the roof amenable to an automobile generally off limits to such massive overhead options.

To mate the assembled rack with the Saab's roofline, I employed Thule's 2153 Fit Kit, a \$60 pack tailored to the 9-2X. It has shaped rubber pads for the rack feet that fit the Saab's roofline grooves.

Custom window brackets hold the rack in place on the roof, ratcheting tight with the twist of a bolt.

Next came choosing a cargo box. The Ascent 1500 — which measures 67 inches long by 35 wide by 16 high — fit nicely on top of the Saab and provided 15 cubic feet of capacity.

At \$379, the Ascent 1500 is expensive. But the box, which opens from both sides and locks with a key for security, almost doubles my car's gear-carrying limit. It's like having a second trunk on the car.

The final step for my configuration involved adding bike mounts. I went with a pair of Thule's new Echelon Bike Carriers, which cost \$145 each and have wheel trays and fork clamps. A knob on front changes the clamp size with the twist of a finger and a thumb, letting you easily switch different bikes on and off the mount.

The cylinder lock secures your bike to the carrier and also locks the carrier to rack. Thule guarantees compatibility with all disc-brake and suspension combinations

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Raptor Rescue

Injured hawk gets the help it needs

By Rob Morris
Correspondent

My bird dog was in big trouble: he had run off, failed to come when I called him, and stood there in the middle of the road, looking down at some object, as if on point. As I covered the distance to his position, I could see him slowly circling, still looking down, his tail high, as if pointing a bird, but flagging at the tip.

Oh no, I thought, I hope he hasn't cornered a skunk or a rattlesnake.



An X-ray details Sticker's injury — a shot wound in the wing, near the elbow.

When I arrived with his retired kennel-mate close behind, I caught sight of the object of his attention: a hawk, very irritated and very

injured. The bird was unable to fly, but not unable to hop and lunge at the dog, talons exposed.

Unsure whether he should try to retrieve this bird or not, he circled the hawk, following each advance and retreat of the bird, looking for an opening to grab the injured hawk. At this point my other dog, retired but always an aggressive retriever, decided this was a bird, and birds are to be retrieved, talons or not.

Now I really had problems: two dogs trying to retrieve an injured raptor,



Rob Morris holds Sticker, a wounded hawk he found on a hunting trip.

whose needle sharp talons were functioning quite well, both of them paying no attention to their trainer, yelling at them to leave the bird alone. I decided to take drastic action: I reached in and tried to grab the hawk's feet below the knuckle joint, avoiding the dangerous talons. My stratagem failed miserably. I received two immediate, deep puncture wounds to my middle finger, compliments of the terrified raptor.

Finally, I was able to free my hand from the hawk's grip, grab him by the wings

and carry him to my garage; two excited bird dogs in tow, following at a safe distance. I placed the injured hawk in a metal garbage can, placed the lid on the can, and attended to my injuries. The next day I took the bird to the Idaho Department of Fish & Game's regional office, and handed him off to begin the process of rehabilitation.

"Injured raptors (hawks, owls, eagles and falcons) can be dangerous. If you see a young raptor that has fallen out of its nest, leave it

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Cameras in the dark

Nighttime shooting tricky but can provide great shots

I'm really a ski bum at heart. With all of the snow still blanketing the high mountains, I couldn't resist the temptation to sneak in one more winter photograph. This month's "Visual Bliss" image is from a ski traverse I did through the Sawtooth Mountains in April. We planned two open bivouacs. An evening of clear skies and a half moon enabled me to create this self-portrait of my climbing track on route to some fantastic moonlight powder turns.

One of the best things about taking nighttime photographs is simply being outside. If you are setting up your tripod and camera in the mountains after dark, it means that your tent or bivouac is not far away. Watching the natural light fade and darken across the landscape is a thrilling experience.

A photographer has several different options when shooting after dark. Long multi-hour exposures can capture stars streaking across the sky, while exposures between 30 seconds and 2 minutes will accentuate individual stars. The moonlight playing across the landscape can create unique and beautiful photographs. It is often useful to "paint" with light in order to illuminate foreground subjects or "draw" headlamp traces like the one in this month's image.

When packing for your overnight photography trip, be sure to include the following:

A tripod is absolutely essential to create crisp images for exposures that range from several minutes to many hours.

After market shutter release cables allow the photographer to lock open the camera shutter when using the "bulb" exposure setting.

Extra batteries are necessary for the energy intensive shots. I bring at least one fresh battery per night of shooting (I planned to capture my ski tracks in this image, but my battery died half way up the hike).

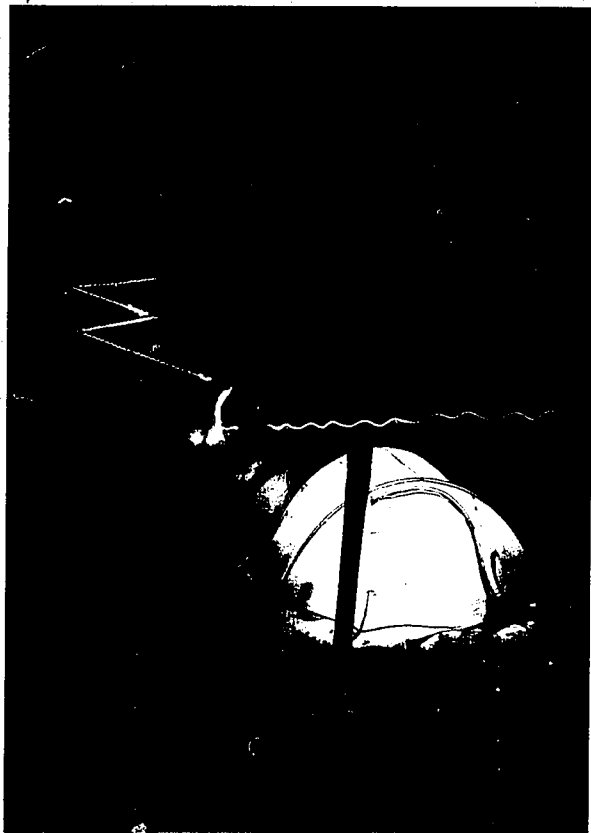
A headlamp is useful for obvious reasons. Bring a powerful beam so you can illuminate your subject matter enough to focus in the dark. It also serves as a light "paintbrush" for creativity.

Extra warm clothes ward off the chill during the long nighttime sessions.

One of the more difficult aspects of photography in general is determining the correct exposure for the available light. After dark, light meters are ineffective so trial and error is the best



VISUAL BLISS
Matt
Leidecker



teacher. The learning curve is slow because one session may yield only one or two photographs. It is helpful to make several different exposures and take detailed notes to learn with each session. In general, I have discovered that it takes

between three and four minutes at an aperture of f 5.6 to properly expose a full-moon nighttime scene.

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Mixed news for sportsmen from May F&G Commission meeting

By Rusty Teves
Correspondent

JEROME — Wolves took center stage at the May Fish and Game Commission meetings over the weekend, but there was plenty else to talk about.

Commissioners approved the state's first wolf hunting season with the opener scheduled for Sept. 15 for backcountry hunters, and Oct. 1 for the rest of Idaho. Wolf hunting seasons will close Dec. 31, or when mortality quotas are met. Wolf tags will be available at vendors, but all of this preparation by the department might

be undone if a law suit by environmental groups gains an injunction to put the wolf back on the endangered species list.

The big news from the meetings for fishermen was approval of the first Chinook salmon season in 30 years. The south fork of the Salmon River will open June 25, while the Salmon

upstream from Clayton to the hatchery will open June 19. Limits will be two per day, and 10 in possession, of hatchery raised Chinooks. Wild fish (non-clipped) must be released.

According to Fish and Game, regulations for Jack Chinook salmon are

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Backpacking with baby

Some tips for the trip

By Rachel Konrad
Associated Press writer

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. — It had been at least 24 hours since we had seen other humans, and the trail seemed to be ours alone — gleaming granitic slabs, scabby switchbacks, glorious glimpses of the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne River, and jagged Sierra spires under cloudless skies.

But the meditative crunch-crunch of our boots against the way to someone's voices. A trio of bearded 20-somethings approached.

"Whoa, baby!" gasped the group's gnarly looking leader, pointing to our son, snuggled up in a baby carrier on my chest.

"Lucky dude! He gets a free ride!" joked another.

"Can you carry me, too?" wheezed the laggard.

My husband, Stephen, and I stopped to chat with them. It was our fourth Yosemite trip of the year, and we had become accustomed to questions, comments and astonished stares from nearly everyone we met. Few people have seen a toddler in the back country — let alone a woman carrying a loaded backpack, plus her child strapped to the front.

But, judging from the number of people who ask us how to do it, many people are curious. Here's a primer on how to carry "Baby," or BWB as I call it.

With or without a baby, backpacking isn't necessarily difficult. But it requires more preparation and gear than camping, which usually means pitching tents in a carefully campsite, cooking s'mores in a fire pit, and doing day hikes. Compared to the rigors of backpacking, campers enjoy relative luxuries such as outhouses, potable water and picnic tables.

By contrast, backpackers strap everything onto packs, then hike away from the trailhead to set up camp in the wilderness. They filter water from streams. They eat trail mix, turkey jerky or other easy-to-prepare food — dehydrated soup, instant oatmeal and other meals cooked on lightweight stoves. They sit on logs, write in diaries, play cards, read paperbacks or simply savor the silence, stars and scenery.

My husband introduced me to backpacking eight years ago with a trip to California's Lost Coast, the rugged, remote stretch of mountains and beaches about 250 miles northwest of San Francisco. We woke at dawn and had a remote beach to ourselves — no other people in sight, only sea lion pups and shorebirds. We vowed to go backpacking at least once a month (except in the winter).

We took a hiatus after the birth of our son, Levi, in 2005. But when the Sierra snow started melting in early 2006, Levi was 10 months old, and we reached for our packs.

Our first BWB trip was a snowbound overnight excursion near a glacier in the eastern Sierra, where Levi learned to crawl on the soft floor of our tent. Levi — perfect child in every way except for his every sleeping habits — slept through the night for the first time.

As any desperate, bleary-eyed new parent would have, we decided to resume our backpacking schedule — if only to sleep soundly once a month!

In the following year, we honed BWB to a science. In the garage is a checklist of



Rachel Konrad's nearly 2-year-old son takes his afternoon nap on his mother's back in July 2007 in Yosemite National Park in California.

items not to leave behind (though you can't forget to look at it). We have tent set-up and teardown routines, and favorite foods for dinner, lunch and breakfast.

Levi, now 2, jumps for joy when he sees us stuffing our clothes and sleeping bags into our packs. He shouts phrases like "Levi, mommy, daddy — hiking to snow on Mount Lassen!"

He loves eating gorp (a homemade trail mix loaded with M&Ms), taking naps in his backpack, playing hide and seek behind redwoods, and sleeping mushed up next to his parents in a two-person tent.

We know BWB is not for everyone — it'd be tougher with two or more kids, or in parts of the world not blessed with California's reliably sunny summer. But adventurous parents can start with the following 10 tips:

1. Downgrade expectations: You can't travel fast or far while carrying a heavy pack and a toddler. Six miles a day with elevation gain is a "beat-out." Three miles a day is manageable if you're in shape.

The goal is to experience wilderness with your family — not train for an Everest ascent. Consider gentle trails; instead of hiking to the top of Yosemite's Half Dome, try the lower, flatter Hetch Hetchy

Reservoir. (You'll end up avoiding the crowd, too.)

2. Be prepared: Besides maps, flashlights and other emergency gear, take extra warm baby clothes. Take Baby Tylenol or other medicine in case of scrapes, stings and bruises. Have a water pump and travel/tear streams. (Breast-feeding mothers take note: You'll drink more water than you've ever thought possible.) Take extra food. Tell rangers your planned trail, number of people in party, entrance and exit dates.

3. Bring sherpas: We've gone as a nuclear family but are happy to offload food and gear to accompanying friends and relatives — especially those with strong backs.

4. Gear up: I carry my fit-like-a-glove North Face pack, and I strap Levi to my chest with the Ergo baby carrier. (It fits on the front or back and is far more comfortable, lightweight and packable than anything else I've tried, particularly external-frame baby carriers.) Trekking poles lend stability on uneven terrain.

5. Take cloth diapers: Brands such as Wonderoos and FuzziBunz are absorbent, wicking and fast-drying — no different from your fleece jacket. If the diaper is merely wet, hang it on your backpack or tent to dry quickly in the sun, which kills odors.

(whether it's baby or dishes or anything else) be done with water carried 200 feet away from streams or lakes, using small amounts of biodegradable soap.

Some trails require hikers to haul out all human waste. A portable container called a Wagbag is one way to do it; depending on where you go with baby, you might be hauling it for two.

6. Get dirty: Campsites are full of sap, mud and bugs — even truly vile stuff like bear scat and maggots. Everyone gets filthy. Wipe down the baby with a damp bandana and look forward to a long bath upon return.

7. Mind the crumbs: Bears and other critters will search out food, even a crumb, noodle, raisin or other baby reject. Take care to reduce spills, and pack everything (even toothpaste) in bear-proof containers.

8. Pack small treasures: A favorite snack, book or toy goes a long way to short-circuiting a meltdown. We bring

"Goodnight Moon," a harmonica and Ginger, the well-traveled stuffed dog, to maintain some semblance of routine.

9. Start young: My husband started backpacking as a toddler with his parents. (Lacking our high-tech cloth diapers, they rented mules to haul disposables in and out of Wyoming's Wind Rivers.) Wilderness trips are great family bonding experiences.

10. Enjoy the difficulties: I love challenging myself physically on backpacking trips. The sense of accomplishment and power is exhilarating. Backpacking with a baby is even more of a rush. I feel like an Amazon woman when I'm carrying a 30-pound backpack and my 28-pound toddler — a superhero who can safely deliver my child into or out of any situation, no matter the altitude or distance.

Backpacking has made me a better mother and person — and I'd love to see more parents on the trail!

Rachel Konrad carries her nearly 2-year-old son in a child carrier in Yosemite National Park in July 2007. On her back is her backpack with clothes and camping gear.

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Stocks jump after decline in oil

(AP) Stocks rose for the third straight session Thursday as oil prices fell sharply and the government reported that the economy grew last quarter at a faster pace than previously estimated.

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Economy sees growth in first quarter

By Jeannine Aversa
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WASHINGTON — The economy pludded ahead at a 0.9 percent pace in the first quarter — slightly better than first estimates — but still underscoring caution on the part of consumers and businesses walloped by housing, credit and financial problems.

The new reading on gross domestic product, released by the Commerce Department Thursday, was an improvement from the government's initial

growth estimate for the January-to-March quarter as well as the economy's performance in the final quarter of last year. Both periods were pegged at a 0.6 percent growth rate.

Measuring gross domestic product, or GDP, measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States.

The first-quarter performance matched analysts' forecasts and offered a somewhat encouraging sign because it showed the economy was still growing at that time. The figure didn't meet a definition

of recession, which under a rough rule is two straight quarters of shrinking GDP, and might raise hopes the country can dodge a full-blown downturn.

Fallout from the housing crisis continued to be a big drag on overall economic growth.

Builders slashed spending on housing projects by 25.5 percent, on an annualized basis, in the first quarter. That was the most in 27 years.

Consumers — whose spending is the economy's lifeblood — are feeling the pressure from the econo-

my's problems.

They increased spending at just a 1 percent pace in the first quarter. That was the slowest since the last recession in 2001. Consumers are pulling back as high energy and food prices leave them with less money to spend on other things. Falling home values are making many homeowners feel less wealthy and less inclined to spend. And, the credit crunch has made it harder to finance big-ticket purchases.

Businesses also showed some caution, cutting spending on

equipment and software. However, investment in commercial construction wasn't as weak as the government first estimated, contributing to the upward revision to first-quarter GDP.

One of the bright spots keeping the economy afloat in the first quarter was export growth. Exports grew at a 2.8 percent pace. Although that was not nearly as much as first estimated, exports still were a force for GDP growth.

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St. Louis considers life without Anheuser-Busch

By Christopher Leonard
Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — Residents here have grown accustomed to seeing local corporations gobbled up by larger outside firms. But losing Anheuser-Busch Cos. could be the cruelest cut of all.

The nation's largest brewery has long been a point of pride as a hometown attraction.

The company's massive red-brick brewery draws tourists from around the country to see the Clydesdale horse stables, brewing vats that the Busch family managed bilia dating back generations.

Reports that the company might be purchased by Belgium-based brewer InBev SA have residents worried they might lose a company as closely identified with St. Louis as the iconic Gateway Arch.

"St. Louis has gotten to the point where we have the brewery and the Cardinals — I said I'd sell the owner of the Sage restaurant and bar just across the street from the Anheuser-Busch brewery.

Like many St. Louis bar owners, Schute is loyal to the hometown brewer. He only sells Anheuser-Busch products on tap, with the notable exception of Guinness stout.

"They support us and we support them," he said. But Schute said his customers who work at the brewery have been nervous that an acquisition could mean job cuts. He worries InBev wouldn't only lay off some of the company's 6,000 St. Louis employees, but it could also cut back on expense accounts the employees use

for meetings and meals at his restaurant.

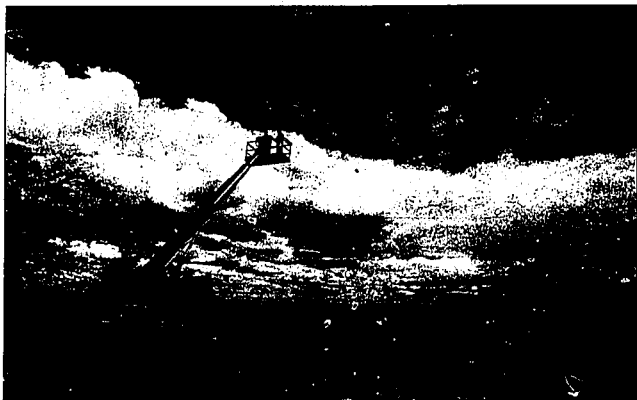
There's good reason to worry that InBev will make dramatic changes if the deal goes through, said Jull Niemann, an analyst with Smith Moore & Co. In St. Louis, while Anheuser-Busch has made strides to cut costs in the face of rising ingredient prices, InBev has a reputation for making new operations as lean as possible.

"The way InBev does it, they send in the surgeons and their scalpels are sharp. And they cut and cut," Niemann said. Virtually every administrative department at Anheuser-Busch headquarters could be on the chopping block, she said. InBev would likely keep the company's distribution network in place and probably wouldn't close the St. Louis Brewery to tourism that helps build the brand name, she said.

St. Louis residents have seen one local company after another move their corporate headquarters out of the city. May Department Stores Inc. announced in 2005 it would be purchased by Ohio-based rival Federated Department Stores Inc., just after Pullitzer Inc., publisher of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, announced it would be bought by Iowa-based Lee Enterprises Inc. More recently, brokerage firm A.G. Edwards Inc. was purchased by North Carolina-based Wachovia Corp.

InBev has not yet made an official offer for Anheuser-Busch. But recent media reports have cited anonymous sources close to the European brewer who said the firm was considering an offer of \$46 billion or \$65 a share, for Anheuser-Busch.

HIGH POINT



Steven DiLucca and Jerrold Carille of Rupert (in cherry picker) take in the view Thursday where The Pinnacle will be built at River Vista after a groundbreaking ceremony.

Ground broken at future site of The Pinnacle

By Damon Hunzeker
Correspondent

About 150 people gathered at Pinnacle Point on the canyon rim Thursday afternoon to watch a groundbreaking ceremony for The Pinnacle — a soon-to-be-constructed jazz center for the arts.

Amid live jazz music, several people — including donors, developers and arts representatives — applauded the project and each other.

City Councilman David Johnson intended to deliver a three-page speech but abandoned it because, he observed, the crowd began to look weary.

"Culturally, this can change our environment and put us on the map a little more than we already are," he said.

The facility is expected to be completed in the fall of 2009



Fran Florence, an investor with Plaza Buildings LLC, the group that developed The Pinnacle at River Vista, speaks during the groundbreaking ceremony.

and — in addition to office spaces, condominiums and a performing-arts center — will provide the new home for the Magic Valley Arts Council.

"Culturally, this can change our environment and put us on the map a little more than we already are."

— David Johnson, city councilman

"The Arts Council and other non-profits will now be visible in the community," Michael Falson, executive director of the Idaho Commission on the Arts, later told the *Times-News*. "To have them in such a beautiful setting next to all of the new businesses will integrate everything and contribute to the cultural and economic vitality of the town."

Dan Wille, who owns the adjacent Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center, said, "We're very excited about the project. It's going to provide a lot more activity on the rim and the trail — and it adds to what we've done. This area will become a magnetic force that attracts

other businesses ... It really showcases the canyon, and people don't realize how beautiful it is until they get out here."

A cherry-picker, a large hydraulic arm capable of lifting people 60 feet into the air, provided by Plaza Buildings LLC, carried people one at a time about 45 feet above the canyon rim to replicate the facility's eventual view.

"People will live and work in a place that makes them feel good," Falson said while looking over the canyon.

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Spammed

Much-maligned pork product finds a place on more shelves of budget-conscious Americans

SPAM sales up

Hormel Foods Corp. reported higher sales in its grocery products segment, fueled by strong sales of SPAM.

Hormel's sales rose 4.4% in the first quarter of 2008.

SPAM sales rose 4.4% in the first quarter of 2008.

Total revenue rose 5.9% in the first quarter of 2008.

*NOTE: SPAM sales refers to the 13-ounce can of SPAM.

SOURCE: The Hormel Company, AP

By Emily Fredrix
Associated Press writer

MILWAUKEE — Love it, hate it or laugh at it — at least it's inexpensive.

Sales of Spam — that much maligned meat — are rising as consumers are turning more to lunch meats and other lower-cost foods to eat and the already stretched food budgets.

What was once cheeky, silly and the subject of a musical (as Monty Python mocked the meat in a can), is now back on the table as people turn to the once-snubbed meat as costs rise, analysts say.

Food prices are increasing faster than they've risen since 1990, at 4 percent in the U.S. last year, according to the Agriculture Department.

Many staples are rising even faster, with white bread up 13 percent last year, bacon up 7 percent and peanut butter up 9 percent.

There's no sign of a slowdown. Food inflation is running at an annualized rate of 6.1 percent as of April, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The price of Spam is up too, with the average 12 oz. can

costing about \$2.62. That's an increase of 17 cents, or nearly 7 percent, from the same time last year. But it's not stopping sales, as the pork meat in a can seems like a good alternative to consumers.

Kimberly Quan, a stay-at-home mom who lives just outside San

Francisco, has been feeding her family more. Please see **SPAM**, Page D5



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What to expect today in business

WASHINGTON — Commerce Department reports on personal income and spending for April.

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Table of mutual fund performance data including columns for Name, Last, and % Change. Lists various funds like American Mutual, Bond, and Equity funds.

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Table listing unclaimed property for various individuals and entities, including names and addresses.

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Table providing a comprehensive market summary with various stock and commodity prices.

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Spam

Article discussing spam, its impact on the economy, and the role of the National Association for Public Information.

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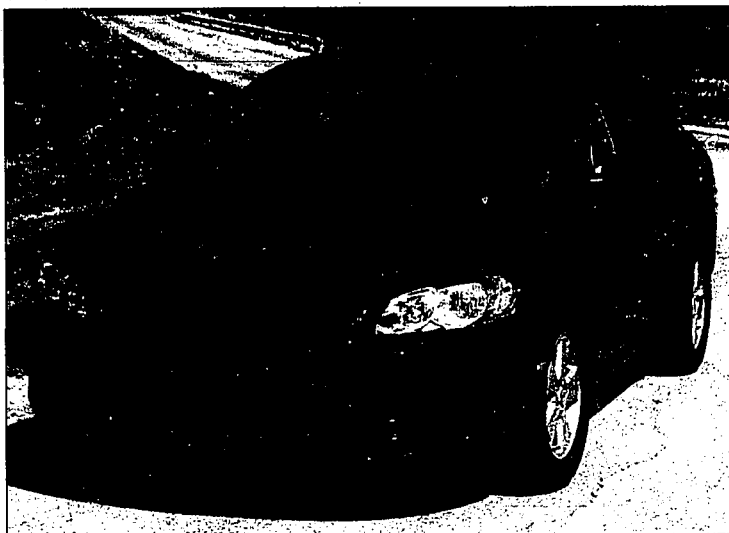
RoadWorthy!
By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corporation

Chevrolet's popular Impala sedan continues to win customers and influence people. For 2008, the Impala reinforces the brand's value story with new features and revisions that add to its safety and efficiency. Available in LS, LT and LTZ trim levels, base power for the front-drive Impala is provided by a sophisticated 2.8E compatible 3.5L V6 engine. Upscale Impala models are propelled by a revised version of the 3.9L V6 motor which is also now 6.45 compatible. This compatibility allows the engine to run on any combination of regular gasoline or E85 fuel.

Torque for all Impala engines is communicated to the pavement via a Hydra-Matic 4T65 electronic four-speed automatic transmission. Unimatic 2LT and LTZ models receive StabiliTrak electronic stability control as standard equipment.

On the road, the large Chevrolet sedan delivers a smooth, responsive, solid and safe performance. Fluid quietness and refinement are the ride and handling traits conveyed through Impala's chassis and suspension systems. This compartmentry includes a robust front-end structure that provides a firmer foundation to help reduce noise, vibration and harshness (NVH) while also enhancing steering and handling performance. Fully boxed upper frame rail assemblies feature a wide, deep and structurally strong upper front rail and a strong front-of-dash panel is constructed of Quiet Steel laminated steel which reduces resonant sound. An extruded aluminum engine cradle contributes to a vibration-free ride.

Front suspension hardware consists of an independent MacPherson strut coil-over spring setup with gas-charged struts, taller jounce bumpers and a stabilizer bar. The rear suspension uses a trailing arm, tri-link set up with gas-charged struts, coil springs and a stabilizer bar. Based on the basic front and rear suspension designs, the Impala offers two levels of suspension tuning, each matched to the power and expected performance level of each model.



The base suspension tuning package is the FE1, which provides improved control over previous base models without compromising ride quality. It uses stiff, constant-rate front springs and variable-rate rear springs to provide higher roll rates. The Goodyear P225/60R16 Integrity radial tires are moved a 5-mm each outboard (10-mm total) for a wider track.

The Impala LTZ is equipped with a FE3 performance suspension which includes 18-inch V rated P235/50R18 performance tires. A 34-mm hollow front stabilizer bar and 10-mm solid rear stabilizer bar combine to provide more roll control than the standard FE1 suspension. The resulting increased stiffness helps reduce body lean and contributes to greater high-speed stability. The Chevrolet sedan's instrument panel design wraps around into the door panels and has a double-hump design reminiscent of early Corvettes. A wood trimmed appearance is standard, while a sportier, brushed sterling appearance trim is optional. All of Impala's seating features

clean, simple and more tailored appearances. Firm cushions and good lumbar support across all models provide more comfort, especially during long drives. Upscale models feature clever flip-and-fold rear seats that consist of forward-flip rear seat cushions to create a covered storage area beneath the seat with the cushions down. When the cushions are flipped forward, they offer convenient grocery bag hooks. The seat back also folds down to create a generous pass-through from the trunk when seat

back are folded flat — an exclusive feature in the midsize segment. For 2008, XM Satellite radio is standard across the Impala model line. Additionally, there is a newly available LTZ Luxury Edition package with a leather-trimmed interior (including a leather-wrapped steering wheel with radio controls), flip-and-fold rear seat, four-wheel anti-lock brakes with electronic traction control, rear spoiler, OnStar communications system with Turn-by-Turn navigation and one-year Directions & Connections service.

2008 Chevrolet Impala Sedan by the Numbers

PRICING:
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2008 Chevrolet Impala sedan starts from \$22,850 for the LS, \$22,350 for the LT and \$27,305 for the LTZ. Destination charges add \$750.

WHEELBASE:
110.5; overall length: 200.4; width: 72.9; height: 58.7 — all vehicle measurements are in inches.

ENGINE:
3.5L V6 — 211 hp at 5,800 rpm; and 214 lb-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 3.9L V6 — 233 hp at 5,800 rpm and 240 lb-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm.


TRANSMISSION:
electronic four-speed automatic.

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
3.5L V6 — 18 city/29 hwy; 3.9L V6 — 18 city/28 hwy.

CARGO CAPACITY:
15.6 cubic ft.

WARRANTY:
Basic: 3 year/36,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper.
Powertrain: 5 year/100,000 mile.
Corrosion: 6 year/100,000 mile.
Roadside assistance: 5 year/100,000 mile, 24-hour.

SAFETY FEATURES:
Dual front airbags, head curtain-side-impact airbags, battery run-down protection, power automatic door locks, automatic headlamp control, daytime running lights, OnStar communications system, remote keyless entry system, Pass-Key III theft deterrent system and tire pressure monitor. LTZ adds fog lamps, remote vehicle starter system, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, electronic traction control, StabiliTrak electronic stability control system and content theft alarm. LTZ adds universal home-remote transmitter.



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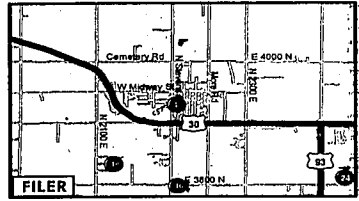
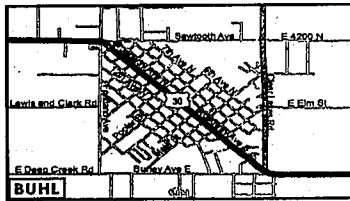
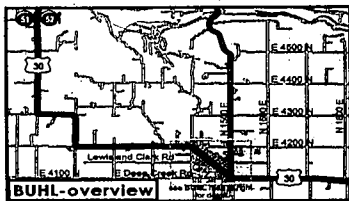
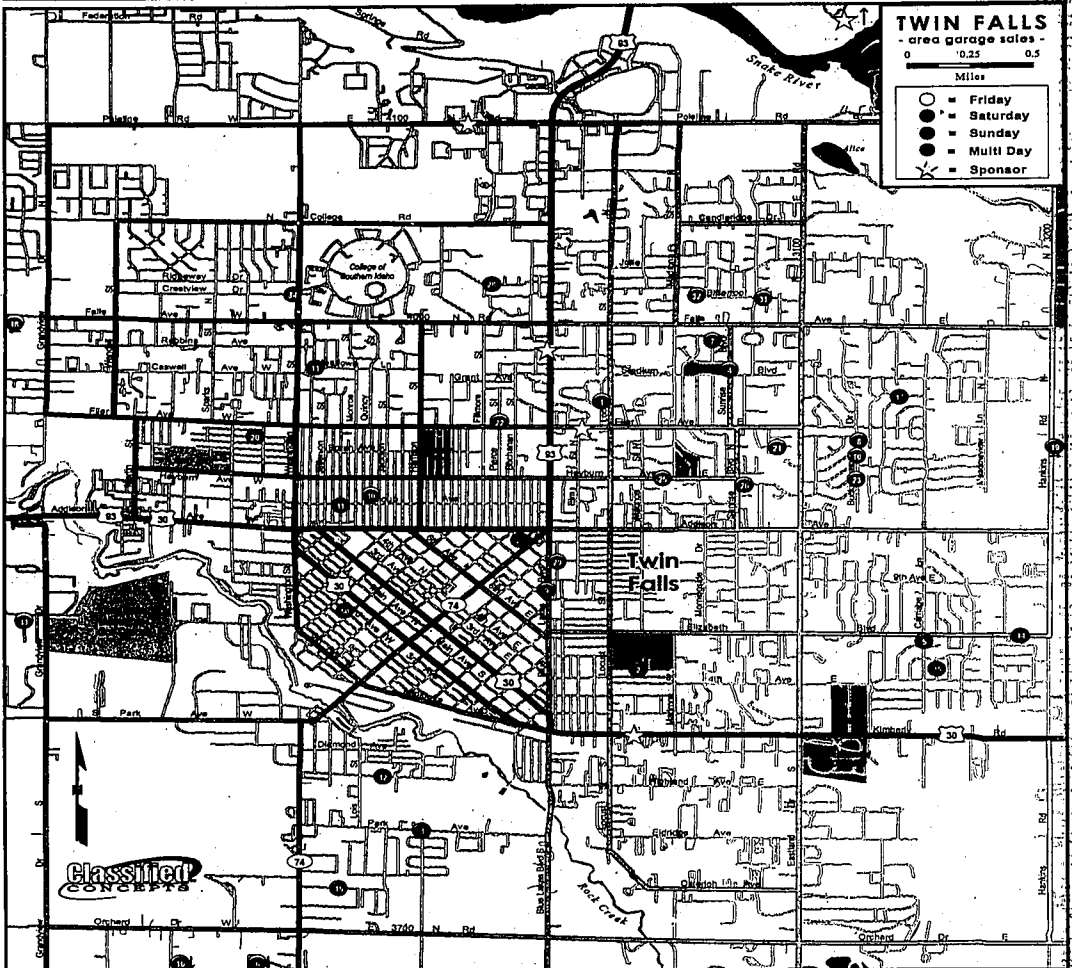
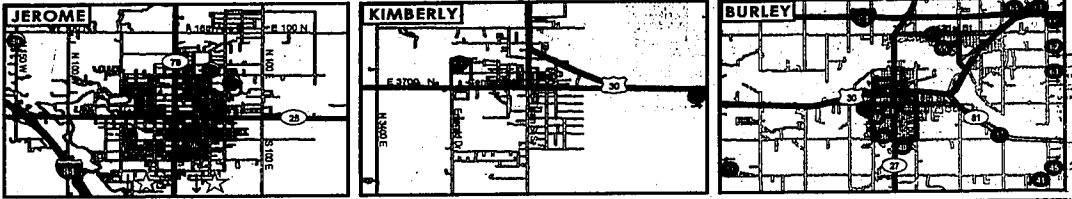
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Sat 8am-4pm ● 1636 Harmon Park Ave
Sat 8am-5pm ● 291 Bellevue Court
Sat/Sun 10am-5pm ● 720 Sunrise Blvd N.
Sat 7am ● 570 Carriage Lane N.
Sat 8am ● 240 Trailwood Ave
Sat 7:30am ● 783 El Monte
Sat 7am-3pm ● 416 Buckingham Drive
Sat 7am-7 ● 851 Blue Lakes Blvd
Sat 7am-3pm ● 2348 Castle Drive
Sat 8am-1pm ● 192 Madison
Fri/Sat 8am-7 ● 436 Highland Ave.
Fri/Sat 7am-3pm ● 156 Meadows Lane
Sat/Sun 8am-4pm ● 2848 Elizabeth Blvd.
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Fri/Sat 8am-4pm ● 1716 Sunflower Lane
Sat 8am-3pm ● 3279 Longbow Drive
Sat 7am-1pm ● 227 Dubois Ave
Fri/Sat 8am-2pm ● 2138 Oakwood Court
Sat 7am-3pm ● 527 Pierce Street
Sat 6am-7 ● 2220 Sherwood Drive
Sat 8am-1pm ● 3707 N 2528 E
Sat 7am-2pm ● 1706 Heyburn Ave. E
Sat 8am-4pm ● 2332 Hillcrest Drive
Sat 7am-2pm ● 153 10th Ave. N
Sat 8am-6pm Sun 10am-7 ● 1059 Pinewood Circle
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