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# In the limelight

## Former Twin Falls actress lands part in prime-time ABC series

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A JUMP Company alumna is about to take a bigger leap. Christina Hendricks, who first studied the craft of acting with longtime Junior Musical Playhouse impresarios Dennis McCracken and Robin Havens, has landed a regular role on the new ABC television drama "The Contender," which debuts tonight. Sally Field stars as a former governor of Ohio who becomes the swing vote on a bitterly divided Supreme Court. Hendricks, who's 26, plays Betsy Tyler, a production assistant to an aggressive TV reporter (Craig Bierko) who covers the court.



### What's it on?

The Contender premieres tonight on ABC, broadcast 8 p.m. (ET/PT), 7 p.m. (PT). ABC is seen on cable channels 3, 8, 13, 34 or 40.

The fair-skinned, red-haired Hendricks, whose family moved from Twin Falls to Virginia 12 years ago while Hendricks was a student at O'Leary Junior High School, made

an instant splash when she went to New York City to try modeling at age 19. By the time she was 21, Hendricks' photo had appeared in Harper's Bazaar, Elle, Mademoiselle and People magazines.

After a stint working as a model in London, she returned to the United States four years ago and landed a guest spot on the sexy MTV anthology series, "Undressed," and in 1999 a continuing part on the Showtime series, "Beggars and Choosers," as Kelly Kramer, an intern at a struggling television network.

In January, she won continuing role on the highly rated NBC series, "E.R.," playing Joyce, a battered wife and a neighbor of nurse

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# TACKLING DAIRY POLLUTION



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signed agriculture bills into law Monday in the company of his young friends, Murphy and Berkeley Olmstead, and gave them the pens he used when he was finished. He was also accompanied by state Reps. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, and Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, at the ceremony in Alice's Restaurant at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

# Updated odor legislation becomes law

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A new and improved version of dairy odor legislation became law Monday after Gov. Dirk Kempthorne flew into Twin Falls to sign it. Kempthorne spoke to a crowd of about 50 people at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. He said the Idaho Department of Agriculture officials, lawmakers and members of the dairy industry had looked at what was working and what needed improvement from the state's first-time-ever ag odor legislation put in place last year. Together they

## Kempthorne calls measure 'step forward,' critics say time will tell

came up with what he saw as a sensible move ahead on the issue so that the \$1 billion-a-year Idaho dairy industry could continue to flourish. "This legislation is a step forward," he said. "In addition, I have given instructions for aggressive monitoring for air quality, soils and water — and particularly of lagoons." Kempthorne emphasized that the law goes into effect immediately.

We're leaving our fingers crossed."

Some things that might improve the Ag Department's ability to evaluate strong ag odors are provisions for a more specific definition of "odor" and when and where it is to be applied. Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, who carried the new bill forward, has said he expects that definition will accommodate new technology that will measure "frequency, intensity, duration, offensiveness and health risks" beyond "acceptable agricultural practices."

The new law also lays out clear-  
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# In Afghanistan, a fourth consecutive year of little rain

## 'Wet' season ends with low moisture for parched land

The Associated Press

ARGHANDAB, Afghanistan — A popular Afghan ballad sings of Arghandab's orchards, a cool, quiet retreat that "I can't forget even if I try." This spring Arghandab will have to try hard to remember the green of Arghandab, amid the caked and cracked earth, the empty streams, the lifeless trees. Rain briefly softened the heat in southern Afghanistan last week, but the sun soon returned, the wind blew all the harder, and winter drew to its close, the fourth annual "wet" season with scant precipitation here at the epicenter of the most extensive



A farmer takes up dead plants from his vineyard near Kandahar Monday.

drought in the world. Some rain and snow may have helped other regions, but in the south less than a half-inch of rain fell in the "rainy" month of February, reported U.N. agroeco-

# Feds report lax security after 9-11

## Agents passed guns, simulated explosives through airport gates

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Transportation Department inspector general found airport security screeners on several dozen occasions failed to catch guns and simulated explosives, even after the September terrorist attacks, a person familiar with the report said Monday.

Inspector General Kenneth Mead's report found screeners missed knives 70 percent of the time, guns 30 percent of the time and simulated explosives 60 percent of the time, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The story was first reported in USA Today. Tests of the security system were conducted at 32 airports while the screening checkpoints were still primarily under the supervision of the airline industry, with some oversight by the Federal Aviation Administration. The new Transportation Security Administration took over responsibility for airline security Feb. 17.

Security administration spokesman Paul Turk said the White House requested the investigation. "The idea was to get a realistic assessment of potential needs," he said. The security agency is hiring 30,000 federal employees to take over passenger screening. On Monday, it began training the first 300 of 1,200 senior supervisors, who will run the airport checkpoints. The other 900 will be trained over the next three weeks. The supervisors all have law enforcement, security or military backgrounds, Turk said.

# Dismal Idaho revenue data improve a bit

The Associated Press

BOISE — The drop in Idaho's revenue last month wasn't as bad as state leaders had expected. Tax collections in February were \$6.7 million short of the target. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's administration, however, originally forecast a \$10.3 million shortfall.

Dismal revenue forecasts helped legislative budget cutters win approval of an austere 2002-2003 state spending plan earlier this month. The spending cuts topped \$100 million and included the first-ever cut in state support for schools.

Figures released on Monday show the state earned more  
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mist Mohammad Morad in nearby Kandahar. "It's very bad," he said.

"Half of them have left already," district chief Haji Nalik Nazari said of Arghandab's people. "They've gone to different countries — Iran, Pakistan, America."

"The ones still here have mostly abandoned their farms. They're trying to work as day laborers or cleaners or drivers or selling small things."

Most of the orchards — Arghandab's apples and peaches and pomegranates — are dead," he said. In this Afghan dust bowl, desperation forms a line each morning in the district office courtyard, as people arrive from villages as far as five miles away, by foot, by donkey, pushing wheelbarrows to pump water from the only well.

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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

## IDAHO

**Idaho Extremes Yesterday:**  
 High 62°  
 Hollister 62°  
 Low 24°  
 Hill City

**Missoula 1/19/32**  
 Shows today's weather. Temperature and precipitation are today's highs and tonight's lows.

## ALMANAC

**Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday**  
 High/Low: 48/30°  
 Normal high/low: 53/30°  
 High/Low last year: 58/30°  
 Record high: 80° in 1998  
 Record low: 5° in 1905

**Precipitation**  
 24-hour ending 6 p.m. year: trace  
 Normal monthly to date: 1.00"  
 Water year to date (Oct. 1): 4.42"  
 Normal to date (Oct. 1): 6.29"

**Humidity**  
 Yesterday at noon: 62%

**Barometric Pressure**  
 Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.07 in.

**Fog/visibility in Twin Falls**  
 Fog: Absent  
 Wind: Absent  
 Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunny to partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Breezy, a shower or two possible.	Partly sunny.	Nice with a good deal of sunshine.	Sunny to partly cloudy and pleasant.
▲ 56°	▼ 34°	▲ 58° ▼ 34°	▲ 56° ▼ 34°	▲ 60° ▼ 34°	▲ 62° ▼ 36°

## REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** Partly sunny today with a pleasant afternoon. High temperatures will range from near 40 in the mountains to near 60 in the lowest valleys across the west. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight.

**Boise:** Sunshine and patchy clouds today; a nice afternoon. High 58. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. Low 38. Partly to mostly sunny and breezy tomorrow. High 60.

**Northern Nevada:** Clouds and occasional sunshine today; a few spots might have a sprinkle. Highs mostly in the 50s and the 60s. Partly cloudy tonight. Lows in the 20s and 30s.

**Northern Utah:** A mixture of clouds and sunshine today; turning milder than recent days. Highs from near 40 in the mountains to near 60 in the lowest elevations. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight.

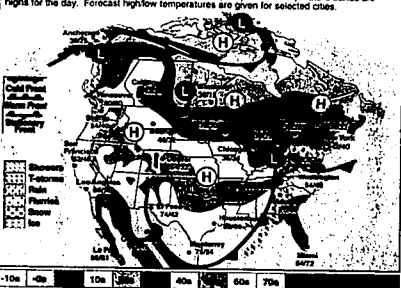
**Northern Idaho:** A mixture of clouds and sunshine today with a pleasant afternoon. Highs will range from a 40s in the mountains to the 50s in the valleys. A rain and mountain snow shower possible tonight.

## NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 90° in Fort Myers, FL. Low -15° in Ironwood, MI

## NATIONAL WEATHER

Show areas where weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are shown for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures and precipitation for selected cities.



## CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Calgary	41	38
Edmonton	42	38
Regina	34	32
Saskatoon	34	32
Winnipeg	26	20

## WORLD CITIES

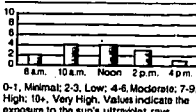
City	Today	Wed.
Acapulco	90	83
Athens	54	53
Auckland	67	68
Bangkok	81	80
Beijing	68	58
Berlin	43	48
Buenos Aires	80	78
Cairo	65	70
Hong Kong	78	80
London	54	56
Los Angeles	80	81
Madrid	57	56
Moscow	39	43
Paris	50	49
Rio de Janeiro	80	80
Rome	52	52
Seoul	61	57
Singapore	80	80
Tokyo	55	61
Warsaw	41	40
Zurich	42	45

## SUN AND MOON

**Sunrise today:** 6:31 a.m.  
**Sunset today:** 6:57 p.m.  
**Moonrise today:** 4:34 a.m.  
**Moonset today:** 5:48 a.m.

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## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	70	44
Atlanta City	46	40
Baltimore	62	56
Birmingham	60	54
Boston	42	34
Charlotte, SC	78	57
Chicago	57	52
Cleveland	40	36
Denver	54	32
Detroit	34	25
El Paso	74	42
Houston	36	21
Indianapolis	35	24
Jacksonville	61	61
Las Vegas	71	50
Los Angeles	54	35
Los Angeles	52	30
Memphis	50	30
Miami	84	72
Milwaukee	38	32
Nashville	57	33
New Orleans	71	50
New York	40	34
Oakland, CA	64	34
Oklahoma City	58	34
Omaha	40	26
Philadelphia	68	35
Phoenix	83	59
Portland, ME	37	38
Raleigh	54	30
Rapid City	41	21
San Antonio	61	32
San Diego	65	43
San Francisco	62	43
Seattle	54	30
Tucson	79	50
Washington, DC	54	30

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Boise	56	30
Bornera Farm	53	34
Coeur d'Alene	52	34
Elko	55	27
Eggen, OR	58	38
Hagerman	57	31
Idaho Falls	49	31
Kalispell, MT	52	29
Lewiston	58	40
Malad	50	33
Maha	37	25

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
McCall	42	24
Missoula, MT	49	32
Pocatello	52	34
Prater, OR	42	24
Richland, WA	50	37
Salmon	51	30
Salt Lake City, UT	50	32
Stanton, WA	54	40
Steinbock, WA	54	30
Stuart	50	32
Sun Valley	50	32
Yellowstone, MT	34	16

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## Odor

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or problems associated with nutrient and odor management plans. I think the clarifications in the new bill will help," Takagusi said, explaining that its criteria for identifying and notifying violators are easier to apply.

So far, the only fine the Ag Department has levied for inappropriate odors is \$2,500 in mid-February on Hank Hagliger, who owns Desert Rose Farms near Arghandab. Hagliger received the fine because it was his second violation. Hagliger had not followed the Ag Department's plans when he pumped wastewater into what is called pond No. 7 at the dairy, reports from the Ag Department indicated. The pond is approved to handle waste only under various circumstances, said Mary Patten, chief of the Ag Department's Dairy Bureau.

Takagusi said the department is prepared to charge more if the violations continue.

"The \$2,500 - it depends on if he follows our management plans we issued, but if he doesn't, then we're holding this fine over his head as a hammer to charge a large amount if necessary," he said.

Takagusi also said he believes that size of a dairy does not affect odor as much as management.

Smith responded, "There's probably some truth to that, but when dairies get so large it becomes difficult to get a good management plan put in place that deals with the problems, then it becomes a constant catch-up game."

## Publisher's gubernatorial pursuit creates tricky issue for newspaper - C5

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Shallow household wells, of the bucket variety, went dry long ago. The Afghan Red Crescent Society and other aid organizations are working to install deeper pump wells, one to every village, but the program - at \$500 a pump - takes time. "Many villages are still without hand pumps," said Abdul Latif of Kandahar's Red Crescent, the Muslim equivalent of the Red Cross.

Scenes similar to those in Arghandab are playing out in villages across Afghanistan, in the west wrought to parch his luckless land in a half-century, a natural disaster that greatly complicates efforts to restore normal economic life after 23 years of war.

Millions of Afghans displaced by fighting and the collapse of agriculture depend on international food aid to survive. But the impact of the drought, affecting 60 million people in six southern and central Asian nations, reaches far beyond day-to-day needs.

In this traditional fruit-growing belt, for example, farmers have had to rip out half the grape vines in their vineyards - some vines 80 years old or more - to try to help the others cling to life with water rationed from scattered deep wells.

About half the fruit trees across southern Afghanistan also have been lost, said Morad, head of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization office in Kandahar.

Dry-land wheat - wheat fed by rain, not irrigation - has disappeared completely from the six southern provinces, said Morad.

Climatologists suspect relatively high sea temperatures in the eastern Indian and western Pacific oceans have indirectly caused the drought, by keeping winter storms from moving through this region. Rainfall has been less than 55 percent of average since the 1998-99 winter.

## Dry

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Some late-in-the-session negotiations in the governor's office resulted in a more subjective fine policy than Jones had proposed. But Ag Department Director Pat Takagusi said the department is in a better position now to assign penalties and to observe and evaluate dairy odor problems than when officials began working with the regulations for the first time in September.

"Before, we were just looking

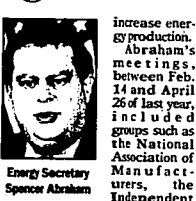
# DOE met only with businesses in developing Bush energy policy

The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** - Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham met with 36 representatives of business interests while helping to write President Bush's energy policy, and he held no meetings with conservation or consumer groups, the Energy Department disclosed Monday night.

The information was released by the Energy Department just a few hours before a court-ordered deadline and after 11 months of resistance by the administration to lawsuits by public interest groups seeking to determine who influenced the writing of the administration's energy plan.

A first review of the 11,000 pages of documents released bolsters the contention of Democratic lawmakers and environmental groups that the Bush administration relied almost exclusively on the advice of executives from utilities and producers of oil, gas, coal and nuclear energy while a White House task force drafted recommendations that would vastly



Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham

increase energy production. Abraham's meetings, between Feb. 14 and April 12 of last year, included meetings with industry groups such as the National Association of Manufacturers, the Independent Petroleum Association of America and the Nuclear Energy Institute. Top executives of Westinghouse Electric Corp., Duke Power, Entergy, Exelon Corp., Utilicom, American Coal Co. and others sat down with environmental groups said their efforts to meet with the energy task force were rebuffed.

The Energy Department has said that environmental groups did not respond to its request for input, and the administration has said it held at least one substantive discussion with 10 environmental groups in late March, prior to the May release of the energy policy. An e-mail release Monday by the Office of Management and Budget indicates the task force had a "draft interim report" no later than March 5.

Energy officials said Abraham declined requests for meetings with Jeffrey Skilling and Kenneth L. Lay of Enron Corp. But the energy company, a major Bush donor that collapsed late last year and is facing a criminal probe, did meet with other representatives of the task force six times, the administration has disclosed. One of those meetings was between Lay and Vice President Dick Cheney.

The department released the 11,000 pages response to a Feb. 27 federal court order won by the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group. Another 15,000 documents were withheld for privacy, security and other reasons, Energy officials said.

## Actress

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"After seeing what goes on in TV, I don't want any part of that aspect of acting," she said in an interview. "I'd like to act, but in the theater. I'd love to do something like dinner theater."

Although Field has done lots of television in the interim, "The Court" is the 55-year-old actress' first series since "The Girl with Something Extra" (1973-74). She won an Emmy Award in 1976 for her performance in the TV movie "Soyuz" as well as best-actress Oscars for "Norma Rae" (1979) and "Places in the Heart" (1984).

"The Court" co-stars Pat Hingle as the chief justice and Diabann Carroll as an associate justice. The series was created by Carol Flint, the former executive producer of "E.R."

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## Idaho

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interest income than expected last month. Those earnings partially counteracted a drop in corporate tax income and paycheck withholding.

Psychic withholding, a key indicator of the economy's underlying job strength, fell short of the target for the 15th straight month, economists for the Division of Financial Management said. But at \$2.6 million, the slip was significant, less than shortfalls posted earlier in the winter.

The state also collected \$1.4 million more in sales taxes than expected. It's the first time since July that indicator of consumer confidence has bested state estimates.

Still, February's performance leaves the state \$43 million short of a revenue estimate that had already been slashed by more than \$60 million.

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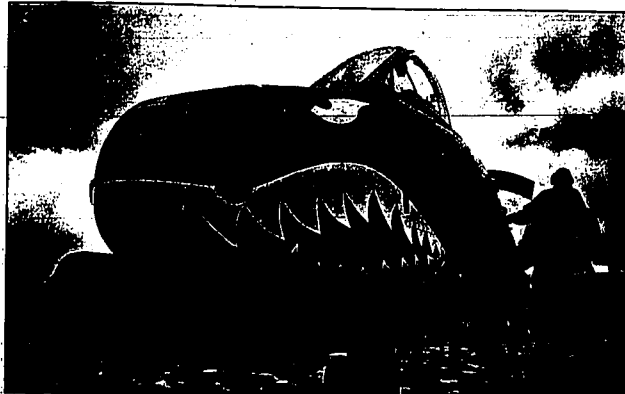
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## CORRECTIONS

A story in Monday's paper incorrectly reported the amount of a library services and technology grant for a consortium of Bobl, Castelford and Filer libraries. The federal grant administered through the state library amounts to \$204,423. The Times-News regrets the error.

Information was inadvertently deleted from Saturday's Ag Weekly article on Adrian Allen Linds Boer of Jerome, Idaho's role in the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame. The article should have included that sons Kevin and Ken are partners in the family dairy business. Ag Weekly regrets the error.



U.S. Air Force engineer Lisa Craven prepares for the flight of an A-10 Thunderbolt ground-attack plane Sunday in Afghanistan. The 30-millimeter Gatling gun mounted on each plane can fire about 60 rounds per second.

## U.S. flies A-10s to Afghan air base

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — The U.S. military bolstered its firepower in eastern Afghanistan for its campaign against the Taliban and al-Qaida.

The military has brought a small number of A-10 Thunderbolt II attack jets to this base to bolster America's capability to provide close air support for combat operations against al-Qaida and the Taliban, a U.S. military spokesman said.

The A-10s, armed with a 30-millimeter Gatling guns as well as

AGM-65 Maverick and AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles, have already been used in operations in Afghanistan, including the just-concluded Operation Anaconda.

The campaign against Taliban and al-Qaida quickened as the A-10s took up positions at Bagram, making them available more quickly in case al-Qaida and Taliban targets are spotted.

"The A-10s that are coming in here give us an additional air platform," said Maj. Gen. Frank

Hagenbeck. "They bring close air support and a little bit more coordinates than our helicopters can cover on any given mission."

A-10s can survive direct hits from armor-piercing and high-explosive projectiles. The twin-engine jet aircraft can be used against ground targets like tanks and other armored vehicles, as well as caves and fortified positions.

The Gatling gun mounted on each plane can fire 3,900 rounds a minute.

## Embassy reopens after security threat

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo reopened Monday after shutting down for four days amid fears that al-Qaida terrorists were planning a major attack on Americans in Bosnia.

The embassy had closed to the public Wednesday, saying it had received word of a possible terrorist threat, and on Friday it shut down entirely.

U.S. officials have declined to say anything specific about the possible threat, but a Bosnian official said Saturday that members of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization were planning an attack last week after meeting in Bulgaria to identify targets.

Bulgaria's Foreign Ministry said Monday that authorities are scouring the country for al-Qaida members. "The U.S. Embassy has handed to Bulgaria a list of suspected al-Qaida members on whom a detailed check will be carried out," the ministry said.

It did not name those on the list.

## Jury finds men innocent of Georgia slaying

DECATUR, Ga. (AP) — Two men accused of killing the Sheriff-elect on orders from his predecessor were acquitted of murder and other charges Monday.

David Ramsey and Melvin Walker were charged in the ambush slaying of Sheriff-elect Derwin Brown, who was gunned down in his driveway in 2000, three days before he was to be sworn in.

The case against the two men was based almost solely on the testimony of two alleged participants in the plot who were given immunity from prosecution. They said that outgoing Sheriff Sidney Dorsey ordered the hit and that the four men carried it out, with Walker serving as the triggerman after the men drew straws.

Brown had defeated Dorsey in a bitter campaign four months earlier after promising to clean up corruption in the Sheriff's Department. Not long before his death, he had vowed to fire 38 of Dorsey's deputies.

## Al-Qaida plot to booby-trap cars, officials say

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Suspected al-Qaida and Taliban fighters planned to kill international peacekeepers by setting off car bombs in Afghanistan's capital, authorities said Monday.

Six cars were rigged with booby-traps to be detonated near peacekeeper security patrols, according to Flight Lt. Tony Marshall, a spokesman for the security force.

The vehicles were placed under surveillance, but no arrests have been made, he said. However, the international security force chose to make the plot public after a French captain revealed details of it to French journalists, officials said.

"We were aware of these vehicles ... where these vehicles were being kept and what the intentions were of these groups," Marshall said. "If there had been any move to actually use these vehicles in any way, in the matter that I've just described," peacekeepers would have acted, he added.

## Special Forces may train Afghans

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon unveiled a plan to speed formation of a national army in Afghanistan Monday, announcing that as many as 150 U.S. Special Forces troops would soon begin training local Afghan recruits.

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the number of U.S. trainers could grow into the "low hundreds." But at a news conference, both he and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld acknowledged that many details of the plan were being worked

out, including how it would be financed, how large an Afghan force will be created and how long the process would take.

"What we've decided to do is to try to get it started and be helpful with one piece, but the total package has not been fleshed out," Rumsfeld said.

The announcement followed U.S. statements last week making clear that the alternative of expanding international peacekeeping forces beyond Kabul, the Afghan capital, was dead, largely as a result of Pentagon opposition to committing any U.S. troops to the effort.

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HOUSTON (AP) — Playboy is hoping to entice some of the women who lost their shirts in the Enron scandal to reveal a little bit more.

The magazine is putting together a "Women of Enron" pictorial and is inviting employees past and present to send snapshots of themselves in bikinis if they wish to pose.

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### Smokers of light cigarettes file lawsuits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Class-action lawsuits seeking billions of dollars from tobacco companies have been filed in 11 states contending cigarette makers use terms like "light" to mislead smokers into believing those brands are safer.

The same argument helped survivors of a 53-year-old Oregon woman who died from lung cancer win a jury award of \$150 million from Philip Morris Cos. Inc. last week.

The class-action lawsuits name the nation's three largest tobacco companies — Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and Brown & Williamson Corp. — and allege violations of consumer protection laws.

"It's a scam, because they get people to believe that they reduce health risks when that's a false statement," said Stephen Sheller, a Philadelphia attorney who began preparing the cases four years ago.

Tobacco companies say the lawsuits have no merit. R.J. Reynolds spokesman Seth Moskowitz said cigarette manufacturers use terms like "full-flavor," "lights" and "ultra lights" to differentiate strength of taste and amount of tar and nicotine.

"These terms do not, and are not meant to, imply that any cigarette brand style or any category of cigarettes is safer than any other," he said.

The Oregon jury said Philip Morris falsely represented low-tar cigarettes as more healthful. It was the first such verdict in the nation.

The Federal Trade Commission, which has some regulatory authority over marketing and advertising of cigarettes, does not define "light." The tobacco industry generally uses that term to describe cigarettes with less than 15 milligrams of tar, a carcinogen produced when tobacco is burned. Tar helps deliver nicotine to smokers.

### Astronomers find evidence to support accelerating universe expansion theory

The Washington Post

Astronomers have found new evidence for a controversial theory that the universe is expanding at an accelerating rate.

Two teams of astronomers three years ago reported that by studying the light of massive exploding stars, they had found signs that the expansion of the universe appeared to be accelerating instead of slowing down, as had been thought.

The finding suggested that the universe was filled with some kind of strange "dark energy," an idea first proposed but later discarded by Albert Einstein.

Now, a team of 27 astronomers led by George Efstathiou of the University of Cambridge has found new evidence for the existence of dark energy, using an entirely different method.

The researchers used the Anglo-Australian Telescope in New South Wales in Australia to study 250,000 galaxies, comparing the structure of the universe today with what it must have been like when it was only 300,000 years old.

Their results are being published in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.

### Researchers make blood vessels

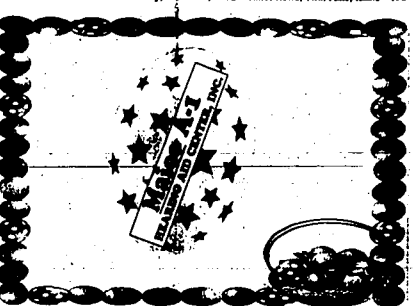
WASHINGTON (AP) — Cells extracted from a human embryo have been nurtured into tiny blood vessels, a key step toward someday using embryonic stem cells to aid ailing hearts or fix blocked arteries, researchers say.

For the first time, researchers have demonstrated that human embryonic stem cells can be coaxed to spontaneously form blood vessels and organize themselves so they could nourish tissue in the body, said Robert Langer, leader of a laboratory team at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Langer said that if the technique is refined, scientists may eventually be able to make in the laboratory blood vessels that could replace diseased arteries.

"There are thousands of operations a year now where doctors take vessels from one part of the body and transplant them to another," Langer said. Eventually, he said, such vessels might be made outside the body from embryonic stem cells.

"This shows that you can make endothelial cells from human embryonic stem cells," said Langer. Endothelial cells line veins, arteries and lymph tissue. They are key to the formation of vascular structures that carry blood throughout the body.



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**Angelica Mendoza**, daughter of Gloria M. Mendoza of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 1, 2002.

**Sebastian Nico Campos**, son of Leticia Gutierrez of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, March 2, 2002.

**Luke Owen Knes**, son of Stacie Ann Marie and Robert William Kaes Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, March 13, 2002.

**Johoshua Perry Daniels**, son of Rachel Rena and Timothy Vernon Daniels of Filer, was born Wednesday, March 13, 2002.

**Brendan Lain E. J. Koehn**, son of Lacey Jannie and Brandon K. Koehn of Buhl, was born Wednesday, March 13, 2002.

**Kash Dee Young**, son of Nissel Rena Young of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 14, 2002.

**Hannah Mary Brown**, daughter of Melanie Engel and Russell Warren Brown of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 14, 2002.

**Kelsey Danielle Walock**, daughter of Kari Lee and Daniel Lee Walock of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 15, 2002.

**Tenlee Kristine Lopes**, daughter of Sara June and Bradley John Lopes of Gooding, was born Friday, March 15, 2002.

**Andrew John Noh**, son of Julie Ann and John Kenneth Noh of Kimberly, was born Friday, March 15, 2002.

**Ethin Scott Rucker**, son of Mandi Kay and William Scott Rucker of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 15, 2002.

**Ryan Michael Phelan**, son of Tina Renee and Michael Raymond Phelan of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 15, 2002.

**Sarah Jean Stults**, daughter of Crystal Priscilla Noriega of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 15, 2002.

**Samantha McAndrew**, daughter of Sentia Denis Ruelas and Alvaro Melendrez of Jerome, was born Monday, March 18, 2002.

**Cassia Regional Medical Center**

**Junior James McClain**, son of Kira Straubhaar and Timmy McClain of Burley, was born Wednesday, March 13, 2002.

**Mason Kraig Zimmerman**, son of Marty Zimmerman

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and Nicole Franks of Burley, was born Thursday, March 14, 2002.

**Jasue Ramirez Zamudio**, son of Lourdes and Feligonio Ramirez of Burley, was born Friday, March 15, 2002.

**Rogelio Manoz**, son of Maria Dina and Rogelio Munoz of Burley, was born Sunday, March 17, 2002.

**MaKenna LaNell Wells**, daughter of Deonna and Stephen Wells of Burley, was born Monday, March 18, 2002.

**Natalia Villaseñor**, daughter of Jose and Blanca Villaseñor of Rupert, was born Tuesday, March 19, 2002.

**Hannah Lee Copmann**, daughter of Laurie and Steve Copmann of Rupert, was born Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

### Minidoka Memorial Hospital

**Mackenzie Elizabeth Gallegos** and **Brianna Almee Gallegos**, twin daughters of Christine Bapties and Robert Gallegos of Rupert, were born Monday, March 18, 2002.

### St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

**Madison Michelle Fallows**, daughter of Samantha and Scott Fallows of Richfield, was born Tuesday, March 12, 2002.

**Lucas Croce Macdonald**, son of Jamie and Cameron Macdonald of Bellevue, was born Wednesday, March 13, 2002.

**Janet Albarran**, daughter of Janet and Daniel Albarran of Ketchum, was born Saturday, March 16, 2002.

**John Milburn Weekes III**, son of Katherine and Jack Weekes of Ketchum, was born Sunday, March 17, 2002.

**Dade Michael Neal**, son of Julie "Nicole" and William Neal of Bellevue, was born Monday, March 18, 2002.

### Out of the area

**Megan Patrice King**, daughter of Heidi L. and Robert L. King III of Springfield, Mo., was born Tuesday, March 12, 2002.

## Lodge women



The Ladies of the Elks do community service and have fun. Members include, from left, front row: Lena Smith, Mary Ann Plummer and Joy Stuart; middle row: Maria Yurkevich, Clydie Muegerl, Ila Miller and Gen Jewsbury; back row: Brenda Bolton, Gail Quinn and Irene Herbst.

## Ladies of the Elks meet for service, fun

By Heather Abel  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - The Ladies of the Elks enjoy helping others and being with each other.

"They sponsor everything the Elks do," member Barbara Lemire says.

President Mary Ann Plummer says the group is trying to reorganize since the move into the new Elks lodge, which is located north of Twin Falls at the 93 Golf Ranch. The group also is trying

Elks for about one decade.

So, what do they do?

They help with cooking, cleaning and preparations for their charity balls.

All funds raised go to the Elks Rehabilitation Center in Boise.

"It's always for good causes," Lemire says. "When you're doing it for other people, it makes you feel pretty good."

"We're trying very hard to get more younger people in," she adds.

Lena Smith, the treasurer for

the group, says she enjoys the social aspects, as well as the fund-raising.

"I've enjoyed the camaraderie of the ladies," Smith says.

Plummer reiterates that the group is for social gathering and for helping the Elks with their many charitable projects.

"We're people that enjoy each others' company," Plummer says. "We just enjoy getting together. Our main theme is to try to help the Elks in any of their projects."

### Want more information?

If you are interested in learning more about the Ladies of the Elks, call Mary Ann Plummer at 733-3241, Gen Jewsbury at 733-4640 or the Elks lodge.

to recruit new members.

Lemire says the Ladies of the Elks must be "associated" with a member of the Elks, meaning someone in the family must be a member of the Elks. Lemire is an Elk, and has been a Lady of the

## Rupert school holds Family Math Night

**RUPERT** - Math can be fun, and for the family.

At least, that was the plan at Memorial Elementary School in Rupert, which held its first Family Math Night on Jan. 28-30.

Each evening, there were different teachers and different activities for parents and students. Teachers presented math activities for parents to help their children at home.

Parents could move from one station to another, playing the games with their children. Activities also were set up to challenge the parents.

There was great attendance, with an average of 60 people each evening and some parents attending all three nights, organizers say. The purpose of the event was to involve the family in math



Children and family members enjoy the first Family Math Night at Memorial Elementary. The event included games and other activities.

activities, and show that math is fun, exciting and "fearless."

Door prizes were given, and the evenings concluded with refreshments made by the Memorial school cooks.



## LABOR OF LOVE



Photo courtesy of Ruth Parish.

Ruth Parish, 94, of Twin Falls has been crocheting afghans for several years to keep her hands and mind busy. After making an afghan for almost everyone in the family, she decided to make smaller sizes and give them to people in wheelchairs, her daughter Neva Edwards said. She took 20 of her afghans to the long-term care and convalescence unit at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. Her daughter called it an act of love.

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## Minico dance team brings home four trophies

**RUPERT** - Minico's Spartan Dance Force brought home four trophies from competition in Las Vegas, Nev.

The team earned first place in the song and dance, hip-hop and variety categories, Coach Sandee Nelson said.

The biggest trophy came from a second place finish in the production category, with a dance that pairs football players and the senior dance team members, Nelson said.

The coach said the competition was very formal with no clapping or yelling allowed during the performances - enthusiasm the Minico team feeds off of during performances at basketball games.

The "football dance" was the last of more than 130 dances at the competition, and by the middle, people were clapping and shouting, Nelson said.

"The rule apparently went out the window," she said.

Competing against senior level teams, the Minico team - including the football players - were at an elementary level.

"They're not dancers; they're football players," Nelson said.



Minico's Spartan Dance Force shows the four trophies they earned at competition in Las Vegas, Nev. on March 10.

But the group still came home with a trophy they are very proud of.

"We did very well," Nelson said.

The football dance will be per-

formed at least once more, Nelson said.

The performance is scheduled during the upcoming Miss MHS pageant, and requests have been made for other performances.

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Nelson said competition was really the pinnacle of the year for the dance team. Try-outs for next year begin in about a month.



TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

CAPITOL READERS

Sen. John Sandy, R-Hagerman, reads a book to first-graders from Boise and Caldwell as part of 'Read Across Idaho Day' at the State Capitol. The annual event is to encourage parents and educators to make reading to children a priority. Each child also was given a book to take home.



Photo courtesy of Idaho State Senate

Shoshone students get 'caught being good'

SHOSHONE - Shoshone Elementary School students "caught being good" through March 14 are as follows:

Anton Pearson, Chanise Tujillo, Britnie Eberhard, Matt Walsh, Dakota Brown, Ciera Swainston, Alex Cardoso, Lupe Ruis, Jasmine Branch, Jessy Gutierrez, Jordan Pederson, Heather Haskovic,

Joshua Mortenson, Mandy Cooper, Nikhole Perkins, Aislinn Cardoso, Logan Feyman, Alicia Lucas and Brian Ross.

Principal award winners Three students earned the Principal Award by showing outstanding behavior. Logan Feyman, a fifth-grader, shared her popcorn with another student who wasn't able to buy

popcorn. Sixth-grader Joshua Mortenson and fourth-grader Brian Ross took their recess time and offered to help school secretary, Linda Larsen, record and put up results from the "Read With the Principal" night.

The Manhattan Restaurant provides ice cream to the students.

BLOOD PRESSURE TEST



Photo courtesy of CSI

Practical nursing students at the College of Southern Idaho help with a blood pressure screening in the CSI gym. Mariel Olsen, left, took a break from her exercise class to take advantage of the free service from student Connie Misenheimer. For information on CSI's practical nursing program, contact Julie Atkins at 733-9554, Ext. 2717 or by e-mail at j Atkins@csi.edu.

BUHL STUDENT BODY OFFICERS



MARY LLOYD PETERSON/The Times-News

Buhl High School student body officers are, from left, vice president Cat Azvedo; and sergeant-at-arms, Brian Avelar. Not pictured is president, Ashlee Nye and secretary, Hailey Campbell.

SERVICE NEWS

Stout completes basic Marine training in San Diego

Marine Corps Pvt. Jason E. Stout, son of Mr. and Mrs. David E. Stout of Elko, Nev., has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. He is a 2001 graduate of Elko High School in Elko.

Stout successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new recruits physically and mentally. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Stout spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship,

hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Asuncion graduates from advanced training

Army National Guard Pvt. Jaime F. Asuncion has graduated from the light-wheel vehicle mechanic-advanced individual training course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Asuncion is the son of Jose R. and Maria S. Asuncion of Buhl. The student was trained to perform maintenance; troubleshoot repair wheeled vehicles and related mechanical compo-

nents, including suspension systems, internal combustion engines and power trains, wheel-hub assemblies, hydraulic brake and steering systems; and operate a wheeled vehicle crane, hoist, and winch assemblies.

Wiersema reports for duty on aircraft carrier

Navy Firearm Vincent A. Wiersema, son of Estelle Wiersema of Twin Falls and Lloyd Wiersema of Jerome, has reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, homeported in Everett, Wash.

Wiersema is a 2000 graduate of Jerome High School and joined the Navy in December 2000.

American Red Cross offers class on CPR

TWIN FALLS - The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho will offer a class on CPR for the professional rescuer on April 6 at the Sawtooth Branch, 1139 Falls Ave. E., Suite B, Twin Falls.

The class trains participants to overcome reluctance to act in emergency situations, and recognize and care for life threatening respiratory or cardiac emergencies in infants, children and adults. The course meets OSHA-identified first aid guidelines.

For more information about cost, call 733-6464 or (888) 367-6321.

Workshop program offers tips for parents

GOODING - The MegaSkills Workshop program will be offered from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning April 10 in the Gooding Middle School Library. The six sessions are free and open to the

Magic Valley community.

Registration is limited. If a parent misses one workshop, they can continue with others. Parents who have participated report better school attendance, improved grades and greater enjoyment in doing activities together, and teachers report higher test scores and fewer discipline problems, organizers say.

Parents will learn how families can stimulate children's in and out of school learning through easy, enjoyable home activities. Handouts will be available after each workshop.

Activities are designed to help children preschool to 18 years of age develop confidence, motivation, effort, responsibility, initiative, perseverance, caring, teamwork, common sense, problem solving and focus.

Workshops dates and subjects are: April 10; Introduction to MegaSkills; April 17, Confidence and Motivation; April 24, Effort and Responsibility; May 1, Initiative and Perseverance; May

8, Caring and Teamwork; and May 15; Common Sense and Problem Solving.

For more information, call Sally Walker at 934-4941, Ext. 134.

CSI will hold two basic flagging classes

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is signing up students for two basic flagging classes.

Instructor Jere Mason says openings for flaggers come up regularly in the Magic Valley. Hourly wages range from approximately \$10. to \$23. Students need no education, but must be at least 18-years-old.

The Twin Falls class will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 6 at the CSI Canyon building. The class in Burley will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 4 in the CSI Mini-Cassia Center.

The cost of either class is \$65. Successful completion will certify the student to work as a flag-

COMMUNITY EVENTS

anywhere in the country. Students can register for either class at the Mini-Cassia Center in Burley or at the Canyon Building office or Taylor Administration Records Office in Twin Falls.

Mary Time Club schedules next meeting in April

TWIN FALLS - The Mary Time Club met March 6 at the home of Connie Smith. Thirteen members were present and roll call was a household hit.

Members thanked the secret pal for cards, and the white elephant was won by Gladwin Theener.

The husband dinner was held at Sheaffer's Place in Filer with 24 members present.

The next meeting will be held April 2 at the home of Marie Webb. The meeting will include a baked potato bar at 12:30 p.m. Members will meet at 12 p.m. at

the home of Ilene Mai. Roll call will be "What did you do on Easter or April Fools."

Hospital honors Girl Scouts with birthday celebration

JEROME - In honor of National Girl Scout week, Troop 735 sponsored a celebration for the first baby born at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center during the week.

The child was Hailey Danielle Berry, daughter of Danny and Brandi Berry of Jerome. She was born on March 12. On March 12, troop leader Jackie Sabo presented the baby girl with gifts. The baby also shares the same birthday as her mother and the Girl Scouts.

The Jerome troop will host a party for the Berrys and appoint Hailey as an honorary Girl Scout at 2 p.m. May 11 in the St. Benedict's cafeteria.

This is the second year the troop has appointed an honorary Girl Scout.

Get into the swing with CSI dance courses

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is offering the following dance classes:

Country Western Swing will be held from 6-7 p.m. Fridays, April 5-19. Students will learn all the rhythm and correct feet patterns for swing and two-step, and then move into arm movements and intricate partner-spinning techniques. The cost is \$20 per person.

Ballroom Dance will be held from 7:30 p.m. Fridays, April 5-19. Students will learn all the necessary moves to dance to their favorite bands of today and yesterday with the swing, waltz, fox trot, country swing and more. The cost is \$35 per single or \$50 per couple.

Both classes will be held at Lori Head's School of Dance, 434 S. Main. The instructor is Lori Head.

For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

THINGS TO DO

Music

Snake River Flute Babershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 123 K. St., Rupert. Men of all ages invited, call 436-0471.

Dance

Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; call Vera at 734-4647 or Tom at 324-6440. Couples welcome.

Bingo

Golden Years Senior Citizens Center - 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at 218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone; Must be over 18, call 886-2369.

Agape Senior Center - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 181 Main Street in Kimberly. Anyone over age 18 is welcome, call 423-4338.

American Legion Hall in Twin Falls - 7:15-8:30 p.m. Fridays - 447 Seventh St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 736-1729.

Jerome Senior Center - 6:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays, 212 First Ave. E. in Jerome, snack bar opens at 6 p.m. early bird at 6:45 p.m., regular stage at 7 p.m. Must be over age 18, call 324-5642.

American Legion Hall in Wendell - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone; Must be over 18, call 886-2369.

Thursdays, 610 W. Main. Doors and snack bar open at 6 p.m. Must be over 18, call 530-6642.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Burley - 7 p.m. Saturdays. Call Alice at 679-9881.

Singles

Christian Singles Group - 7 p.m. on Oct. 1 and every other Monday, Christian Four-square Center, 191 Morrison St., Twin Falls, 734-6255.

Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singles - 8 p.m. Saturdays at Spaulsauer's Barn for dancing; For other activities, call 735-9044.

Miss-Cassia Singles - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 1901 W. St. in Keyhole - 676-5528.

Cards

Bridge - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls; 733-8679. Newcomers welcome.

Magic Valley Pinchle Club - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall, Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls.

Valley Vista Retirement Center Pinchle Club - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 653 Rowe St. N. in Twin Falls; 733-5531.

Free bridge lessons for beginners - 7 p.m. Tuesdays starting March 19 at Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave., call 735-8308.

Other

Writers Support Group - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Chapter 1 Bookstore, 120 N. Main, Hailey; 726-5425.

Magic Valley Iris Club meets for luncheon and meeting, call Glenda at 733-6080 or Vicki at 733-8838. New members welcome.

Writers of the Word, Christian writers group - 10 a.m. first Saturday at Twin Falls Reformed Church, Carolyn Lewis at 734-6115.

Pioneer Button Club - 6:30 p.m. last Friday of the month at Kimberly Public Library, Call Marylou at 423-6225.

Magic Valley Astronomical Society - 7 p.m. second Saturday in Frost room at Herriet Center on CSI campus, call 736-2447.

Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club indoor range - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 253 36th Ave. W., Twin Falls. Limited to 22 rifle, moderate pistol caliber, call Stu at 324-5960 or Larry at 734-4213.

Snake River Canyon Kennel Club of Idaho - 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday at upstairs meeting room at CSI Taylor building, call Debbie at 736-9118.

LOCKS FOR LOVE



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Kimberly Middle School student Kelly Stout donates 12 inches of her hair to the Locks of Love Foundation, which provides wigs and hair pieces to cancer patients. Kelly, 14, is in the eighth grade, an honor student and year book editor. Cyndi Snow-Flowers of Today's Image in Twin Falls donated the hair cut.

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## EDITORIAL

### Local fundraising brings out the best in Twin Falls

Finding donations for a summer public event in Twin Falls isn't as hard as it may seem — thanks to the giving public.

Local sponsorship for this summer's Fourth of July fireworks show and the 2002 Magic Valley air show is growing stronger, thanks to the giving spirit of Twin Falls citizens. It just goes to show, when you need to rally support for local traditions, there's no better place to go than to the people who cherish them.

Donations for the Twin Falls fireworks display have been coming in at a healthy rate, ever since the call went out for local support. The display was sponsored for years by Universal Frozen Foods, then by a group of local businesses, until this year.

But thanks to boosters such as Twin Falls lawyer Lynn Dunlap, the skies will blaze for the Independence Day display at the College of Southern Idaho. Dunlap and his fellow fund-raisers have a goal of raising \$17,000, and they expect to meet or exceed that goal. They already have closed to \$12,000 in the fund, which includes an expected \$5,000 donation from the city of Twin Falls. Other corporate donations are expected before funds are totaled in May.

The fireworks fund-raisers and organizers deserve credit for taking the initiative to keep Twin Falls' summer holi-

day tradition going. Locals who have donated deserve praise for getting on board. It's an encouraging sign that the community will pony up to preserve a traditional celebration.

For both the fireworks display and the air show, credit also goes to the city of Twin Falls for a willingness to do its part. The city's pledge to keep donating to the fireworks show certainly helps the campaign move right along.

The city also is moving forward to make the 2002 air show better than the last one. The bi-annual event will once again have the city's support, despite some early reluctance to get involved. (The 2000 air show left the city \$20,000 in the hole.)

That means the air show will also be partly funded by a \$5 parking fee. That may seem pricey to some, since the event was previously free. But it's a sound idea to make sure the city isn't left writing a huge check.

The air show also will get a boost from some early fundraising events and some local sponsorships.

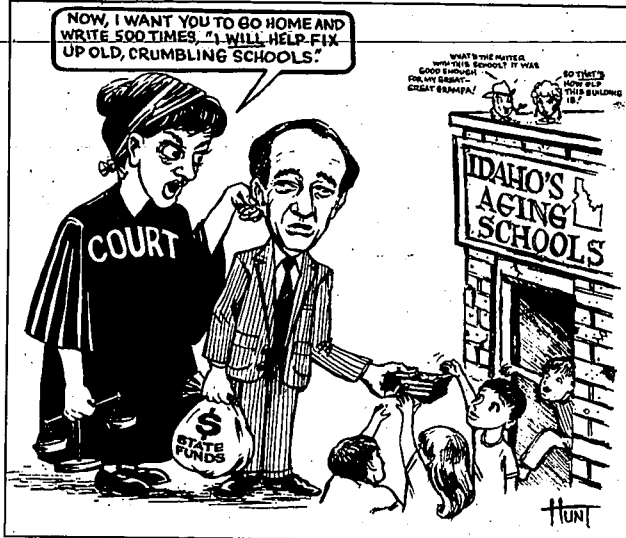
It's fitting that holiday and summertime celebrations that are enjoyed locally will be paid for locally. The fireworks show and air show have become enjoyable traditions in Twin Falls. Working together to stage them should become a tradition as well.

**Our view: Twin Falls rises to the occasion by raising funds for this summer's fireworks display and air show. Want to help? Send your donation to the law office of M. Lynn Dunlap, trust account—fireworks display, P.O. Box 2754, Twin Falls, 83303.**

## The Times-News

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## Don't keep Ridge off limits

LARRY EICHEL

You see Tom Ridge almost everywhere. The director of the Office of Homeland Security has held news conferences on a fairly regular basis. He's been a frequent guest on the weekday morning and Sunday news shows. He recently let a news-magazine chronicler every detail of his working day.

But one place you haven't seen him is on Capitol Hill, testifying before Congress. If the Bush administration has its way, you won't ever see him there.

Another confrontation over the rights and privileges of the executive branch vis-a-vis the legislative, along the lines of the dispute between Cheney and the General Accounting Office over the energy task force records. Another example of the administration's insistence on sharing information grudgingly, if at all.

Members of both parties in both houses of Congress want Ridge to give a formal appearance. This is hardly a surprise, given the events of the last year and the scope of his responsibilities.

The lawmakers have no desire to give Ridge a hard time or make him blurt out something that would compromise national security. They just want to ask some questions of the man in charge of an extraordinarily important governmental function for which the

administration has requested \$38 billion, twice as much as last year. Sounds pretty routine, doesn't it? But there is an objection to be raised, one that seems to matter mightily to the Bush administration.

Despite his impressive title, Ridge is merely a presidential adviser, serving in an executive position that Bush created. The former Pennsylvania governor has no statutory responsibilities. His appointment was not subject to Senate confirmation, nor does he have a formal budget of his own, as would the Secretary of Commerce or the head of the FBI.

For all these reasons, Bush says, Ridge's duties are not subject to normal legislative oversight, and he does not have to testify. The argument may have some legal merit. But even if Ridge wouldn't have to appear, why doesn't he? The executive branch is hardly under siege, and presidential advisers have testified voluntarily during past administrations. There's an issue here only because Bush and company want the

argument may have some legal merit. But even if Ridge wouldn't have to appear, why doesn't he? The executive branch is hardly under siege, and presidential advisers have testified voluntarily during past administrations. There's an issue here only because Bush and company want the

Besides, Ridge is not your typical presidential adviser. The title usually describes someone like Lawrence Lindsey, who counsels

Bush on matters economic. You never see Lindsey announcing policy; that's not his job. But last week, Tom Ridge was the one to tell the nation about the new color-coded system of terrorist alerts.

In many ways, Ridge has functioned as if he were a Cabinet member or an agency chief. Many in Congress have argued from the outset that the position merited cabinet status.

Or as Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., asked Ridge in an open letter this week: "How do you propose that Congress exercise its responsibility to oversee this critical process of heightening national preparedness, and your key decision-making role, without your guidance and insight?"

Good question. The White House's response has been to indicate that Ridge might be available for informal, closed-door briefings. But many in Congress want what they routinely get — formal, open testimony with portions in private as necessary. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., has even threatened a subpoena.

Congress is trying to do its job. The White House should let it. There is no reason to draw a line in the sand. Ridge should testify.

Larry Eichel is a columnist and editorial-board member for the Philadelphia Inquirer.

## Bush can't buy the world's love

President Bush told a United Nations conference on global development in Monterrey, Mexico last week that Americans have an obligation to "share our wealth" with poor nations. He proposed a 50 percent increase in foreign aid. He thinks more aid should be in the form of grants, not loans. He would also forgive much of the current Third World debt. The president said new aid would only go to nations that reform their governments, economies and human rights practices.

Bush also announced his support for a Senate bill that would grant amnesty to 200,000 nonlegal Mexican immigrants as part of an "incremental" approach that could lead to amnesty for as many as 12 million people. That's the number of people from countries the Immigration and Naturalization Service believes have broken our immigration laws.

Let me see if I can be straight. Individuals can violate our immigration laws and get amnesty. Nations can refuse to repay the debts they owe (many in fact, do pay) and be forgiven. And not only give money, but grants, not loans, so they never have to worry about repaying us or any justice system supported by the American taxpayer.

As Russian comedian Yakov Smirnoff says, "What a country!" The president apparently believes his aid plan will dampen the hatred some nations feel toward the United States, if not buy their love. He is mistaken. Nations are poor for at least three reasons: They have the wrong government system, which does not allow citizens to choose their leaders; they have the wrong economic system, which stifles free enterprise and discourages capital investment; and/or they have the wrong religious system, which tells them they must pay an angry deity, not serve a loving God who has blessed them.

Since the Marshall Plan rebuilt Western Europe after World War II, the United States has given away more of its wealth than any other nation. Some of those who've taken our money hate us and are worse off economically than before we started writing checks.

Even the liberal Brookings Institution now concedes that foreign aid does not work. Brookings scholars Michael O'Hanlon and Carol Graham studied the effectiveness of U.S. foreign aid and concluded in 1997 that "countries getting more aid do worse macroeconomically, on average, than those getting less." The reason, according to a study of 96 countries by Peter Boone of the London School of Economics, is because virtually none of the money is invested. All such aid does, says Boone, is increase consumption and expand the size of government without any benefits to the poor.

As for immigration, each new amnesty encourages additional waves of people, who look for the same system, though their parents came here presumably because our system is far better than the one they left.

President Bush's heart is in the right place, but he should study the history of foreign aid and amnesty for illegal immigrants before repeating the mistakes of the past.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the *Los Angeles Times*.



CAL THOMAS

## Sources of information are available to voters

One of the recent letters to the editor mentioned that it would be wonderful if our elected officials considered what the people want them to do and if they knew the U.S. Constitution. Think about that.

Anyone interested in Term Limits (either way) can find that information if you have a computer or Web TV by going to <http://www.asterlimit.org> or you can call toll free (800) 733-6440.

If you want information about the Democratic Party, you can contact John Radford at 735-4096, or Donald Morgan at 773-4500. His e-mail is [donaldmorgan@yahoo.com](mailto:donaldmorgan@yahoo.com).

XENIA WILLIAMS  
Jerome

## Community Action Network leaders ignore complaints

I get involved with the Idaho Community Action Network to stand up against injustice and to help the poor and less fortunate. The organization began sending me for training to learn ways to stand up against prejudice, they taught me things such as how money, power and position can corrupt people. What happened next is very interesting because this same organization itself became the very thing we were taught to fight against.

Upon filing a complaint against several ICAN leaders about issues concerning jealousy, misappropriation of funds, stealing of food and violation of the organization's by-laws, these same people began a campaign of slandering my name by claiming I was aggressive and out of control.

I filed a grievance with the executive director back in September 2001. Later, I had many other members contact me telling me they, too, had similar issues as I had and told me they, too, had filed a grievance with the executive director and state board members. We met in December 2001 to air our grievances. We asked that the independent audit be conducted by an independent agency.

To this day, we have gotten no answers to any of our questions. We continue pressuring the orga-

nization for answers, but it ignores us in the hope that we will just give up and go away. It has been more than six months, and we've gotten no satisfactory answers. I can't help but feel that the reason nothing is being done and everything happening here is because the corruption runs all the way to the top.

The problem is not with the members of ICAN but with the leaders locally and the higher-ups in Boise. Locally, this organization discriminates against whites and, in the other state chapters, it discriminates against Hispanics because they do not make an attempt to make it diverse. This organization fights against injustice, supposedly, but when it comes to dealing with injustice within its ranks, then it becomes something it just wants hushed up. It's not, then it hires attorneys to protect itself while refusing to allow us, as members, equal representation.

But no, we are not giving up and we will go to the attorney general, legislators, Human Rights Commission, etc. I got involved to fight against injustices where I can, and ICAN is as good a place as any

## LETTERS

to start!

LARRY J. ARCHULETA  
Burlley

### Planned Parenthood can't mask abortion stance

Planned Parenthood of Idaho doesn't ask in-house abortions. It makes abortion referrals instead. The results are the same: an unborn baby dies and an abortionist makes money — another offering has been sacrificed at the altar of the modern-day idol named "choice."

The idol of "choice" dresses up in "celebrity" clothes with lots of smiles and positive talk about compassion, caring and help of the underprivileged. In an American culture that has been conditioned to look into most anything that buys good on the surface, is it any wonder that millions of well-intending people choose to ignore the horror of abortion, the ultimate act of child abuse? The idol of "choice" most always effectively distances itself from truths that contest where it wants control. "choice" isn't concerned about truth or consequences. It's more about convenience, quick solu-

tions to difficult problems and popularity. "Choice" is now even succeeding in redefining what truth is. "Choice" is relative — there's your truth and my truth. Wait a minute? I thought truth was based on facts. Keep in mind, an effective lie contains 97 percent truth — it sells itself easier that way.

Granted, Planned Parenthood of Idaho will offer some beneficial services to women in our area, but at the same time, their abortion connection can't be swept under the rug.

They are attempting to distance themselves from this element of their operation for the sake of community acceptance, but bring a light into the "closet" of their operation and see what you find.

By the way, isn't Dr. Glen Weyhrich, who's listed as Planned Parenthood's volunteer medical adviser an abortionist?

Planned Parenthood's "tiger stripes" haven't changed. They've just slightly rearranged them to appear more like a house pet than a predator.

DUANE LUCHSINGER  
Twin Falls

Staff members of a conservative student group at UIC, Urbana, Ill., are being harassed by a group of students.

Get their names from other students. We have had their office broken into.

And all copies of the magazine stolen and burned.

Call, excuse me, I was just waiting for the home of indignation from civil rights groups and first amendment advocates.



Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley

# Arab foreign ministers meet under tight security ahead of crucial summit

BEIRUT, Lebanon - The head of the Arab League said Monday the Middle East was at a crossroads and nations had to choose between justice, peace and progress or "total chaos."

Arab foreign ministers met under tight security to prepare for a summit of heads of state Wednesday that is expected to launch a Saudi proposal demanding Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands in return for full Arab recognition.

Arab League chief Amr Moussa said challenges include occupation of Arab land, threats of strikes on an unspecified Arab country - a reference to U.S. threats of military action against Iraq - and threats to Islamic culture.

The Palestinian issue is high on the agenda, but it was not clear whether Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat would be able to take part in the deliberations. He needs Israeli permission to travel from the Palestinian territories to Beirut, and an Israeli official said Israel will decide whether to grant it only today, the day before the summit.

## Poland tells Europe to ease up on its criticism of U.S.

BUCHAREST, Romania - Poland's president urged Europe to mute its criticism of Washington's war on terror, telling a summit of prospective NATO members Monday that American lives were the first more than a decade after the collapse of the Soviet bloc, removed the menace of large-scale conventional ground war in Europe.

The meeting brought together leaders from the 10 candidate countries - Romania, Slovakia, Macedonia, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Albania, Croatia, Bulgaria and Slovenia - as well as guests from NATO member states, like Kwasniewski, and Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage.

The meeting is one of a series being held before a NATO summit in November in Prague, where the U.S.-led alliance will decide which countries to admit.

Armitage, delivering a message from President Bush, said that while the threats facing NATO have changed, its role should not be diminished in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks and solidarity among its members should be strong.

## Peru head tells Bush that Berenson issue is closed

LIMA, Peru - President Alejandro Toledo told President Bush the issue of Lori Berenson, an American jailed here on terrorism charges, is "totally closed." Peru's vice president said Monday.

Raul Diez Canseco said Bush brought up the New York native's case in closed-door talks with Toledo on Saturday. Berenson, 32, was sentenced in June to 20 years in prison for collaborating with leftist rebels in a thwarted plot to seize Peru's Congress in 1995.

According to Diez Canseco, Bush was "respectful" of the court decision and said the trial was fair. But he also suggested "something about clemency" for Berenson, the vice president said.

Berenson's parents had lobbied for Bush to seek a presidential pardon for their daughter. Berenson says she is innocent and considers herself a political prisoner, convicted for her leftist ideas and not on hard evidence.

If anybody needs me...



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## World in brief

### Scientists say Antarctic ice shelves face more breakup

WELLINGTON, New Zealand - The Antarctic's huge ice shelves may break up as ice floes across the frozen continent slow or even stop and the global climate warms, a New Zealand climate researcher warned. The collapse reported last

week of the Larsen B Ice Shelf in Antarctica was "a wakeup call to expect more collapses," said Tim Naish, a senior researcher at the government-owned Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences. Such collapses would have "a dramatic effect on global currents, by disrupting ocean currents," he said.

Larsen B, made up of about 720 billion tons of ice, disintegrated after 50 years of sharp temperature rises on the Antarctic

Peninsula unmatched elsewhere in the world.

### Court convicts Canadian teen of harassing classmate

VANCOUVER, Canada - A Canadian court convicted a 16-year-old girl Monday of criminal harassment in connection with the suicide of a classmate.

Prosecutors accused the girl of bullying Dawn-Marie Wesley, 14, who hanged herself in November

2000. In her suicide note, Wesley named some former friends who prosecutors said taunted and bullied her in the days before her death.

The 16-year-old, who name was not released because she is a minor, faces up to six months in custody or two years probation. Officials did not say when she would be sentenced.

A second 16-year-old was acquitted. Youth Court Judge Jill Rounthwaite said prosecu-

tors failed to prove their case. A third girl has yet to go to trial.

Prosecutors said the other teens had accused Dawn-Marie of spreading lies.

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WORLD



Safiya Hussaini is escorted out of court after she was acquitted of alleged adultery by the Shariah appeal's court in Sokoto, Nigeria, Monday.

### Appeals court averts stoning

Nigerian woman escapes death when acquitted of adultery

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) - A Muslim appeals court on Monday acquitted the first Nigerian woman sentenced to death by stoning for sex outside wedlock, ruling there was insufficient evidence to justify the harsh punishment under Islamic law.

Tambari Usman, one of four judges sitting on the panel in the northern city of Sokoto, said an alleged confession by Safiya Hussaini was inadmissible because prosecutors and police had not adequately informed the 35-year-old mother of five of the nature of the crime of adultery and its seriousness under Shariah, or Islamic law.

An Islamic court convicted Hussaini in October of conceiving a child with a married neighbor. The court ordered that she be stoned while the lower part of her body was buried in sand.

Hussaini, a Hausa-speaker, did not understand Monday's court verdict as it was read in Arabic but smiled broadly and said softly, "Thank you, thank you," after the ruling was translated to her by well-wishers sitting nearby.

Her lawyers hurried her from the courtroom.

The case stirred outrage well beyond this troubled West African nation, where opposition to the imposition of Islamic law, or Shariah, in the north has resulted in Muslim-Christian violence that has killed thousands since early 2000. International rights organizations, women's groups, European Union parliamentarians and U.S. lawmakers all condemned the ruling.

President Olusegun Obasanjo's government and rights groups provided lawyers for Hussaini's defense. Last week, the Nigerian government for the first time, declared Shariah punishments such as executions and amputations "unconstitutional." However, several northern state governments, including Sokoto, have said they will continue to uphold Shariah laws.

Hussaini and her lawyers say she was impregnated by her former husband before their divorce "some years ago." Although she gave birth to a baby girl, Adama, more than a year after the marriage ended, the defense argued that up to seven years can pass between conception and birth under Islamic law, despite the biological improbability.

Prosecution lawyer Mohammed Bara'u Kamarawa argued last week Adama's birth 13 months ago was enough to prove adultery.

Although Hussaini was the first to be ordered stoned to death since northern states began implementing Shariah law in 2000, at least one other woman has been similarly convicted and sentenced to death by stoning for adultery.

A Shariah court in Bakori, Katsina state, on Friday ordered Aminu Lawal Kurami to be executed for giving birth to a girl more than nine months after divorcing her former husband. The man, who Kurami said was her sexual partner, Yahaya Mohammed, was acquitted for lack of evidence.

Kurami was given 30 days to appeal the ruling.

## Investigators blames girl for setting fire

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) - A student who stubbed out a cigarette on a pile of papers caused the March 11 school fire that killed 15 girls, but the authority that oversees girls' education was also held responsible for neglecting problems at the facility, Saudi press reports said Monday.

However, the investigation into the fire in the holy city of Mecca absolved the powerful mutawa, or religious police. The

final report described as "untrue" earlier reports that said the mutawa blocked rescue attempts by male firefighters and paramedics because some girls were not wearing long black cloaks and head coverings required in public.

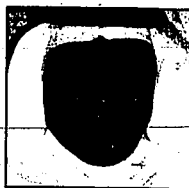
The report, carried by most Saudi papers, came a day after King Fahd fired the retirement of Ali bin Mursheid el-Murshid, a Muslim cleric who headed the Presidency of Girls' Education.

The king dissolved the girls' education authority and replaced el-Murshid with Khedir al-Qurashi, a technocrat in the Education Ministry, which until now had overseen only boys' education.

The step removed a key institution from the control of the religious establishment. Since girls' education was made possible in the 1960s, a clergyman had been in charge to reassure parents their daughters were

safe. After the fire, the media reported rampant corruption and scores of problems plaguing schools in the world's richest Muslim country. Newspapers carried reports about scorpions and snakes in some schools, crumbling ceilings and recurrent electric short circuits in others.

Saudi newspapers, which had made unprecedented demands for el-Murshid's removal, reported the news in large headlines.



Khedir al-Qurashi was named Sunday to oversee girls education in Saudi Arabia.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Zions sells digital signature division

**SALT LAKE CITY** - Zions Bancorporation agreed to sell its Digital Signature Trust unit to Identrus LLC in exchange for a 33 percent stake in the electronic signature and security company.

Zions on Monday said the transaction, which should close during the second quarter, will help maintain its e-security software profile - a market the company entered in October as a way to reduce its dependence on traditional banking functions of deposits and loans.

The combined company will keep the Identrus name and will have headquarters in New York City and "significant" operations in Salt Lake City. Sales offices will be in London and Washington, D.C.

Zions' chief financial officer, Doyle Arnold, and Donald Ogilvie, executive vice president of the American Bankers Association, will likely become Identrus directors.

### Aqua Vie agreement allows sale of Hydrators

**KETCHUM** - Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. said Monday it has entered into agreements with four natural-products distributors who will distribute the company's lightly flavored spring-water Hydrators throughout northern and southern California, Arizona and Hawaii.

The company expects to make an initial shipment to Hawaii this week.

"We continue to receive excellent response to Aqua Vie products throughout the western United States, and we especially look forward to increasing our distribution to Hawaii, which not only represents a very lucrative natural products market but also a solid base of more traditional retail outlets," said Thomas Gillespie, president and chief executive.

### Champion Enterprises foresees sales decline

**FILER** - Michigan-based Champion Enterprises Inc. - a housing manufacturer that has retailer Westwind Homes in Filer - said Monday it anticipates sales will be off about 5 percent from a year ago, or in the range of \$305 million to \$315 million, for the first quarter ending March 30.

Champion expects a 27 percent loss in the range of 23 cents to 27 cents per diluted share in the quarter, said Walter R. Young, chairman, president and chief executive.

The company with a loss of 55 cents per diluted share on revenues of \$326 million in the quarter that ended March 31, 2001.

Prior-year results include 7 cents per diluted share for non-cash fixed asset impairment charges related to closed homebuilding facilities and retail sales centers and 5 cents per diluted share for goodwill amortization expense.

Although Champion will report a loss in the first quarter, Young said, encouraging signs include manufacturing sales increases, cutting operating losses by about one-third on lower sales volume, and more projected funding of real estate mortgages in the company's retail pipeline.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

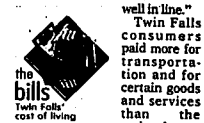
# Twin Falls cost of living rises

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Thanks to higher electricity and other energy bills, and to a less favorable grocery-price comparison, the cost of living in Twin Falls in the fourth quarter moved up a little closer to the national average than it was a year earlier.

But a local business leader who keeps his eye on costs isn't complaining.

"I'm just pleased that the numbers came in strong again," said Kent Just, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's executive. "The one that really stands out for me, I guess, is that our housing cost is once again very



cery prices here edged barely above average. But comparatively low housing prices helped hold the city's cost of living down a few points below average in the fourth quarter.

That's according to the latest report from the American Chamber of Commerce Research Association, a nonprofit organization based in Alexandria, Va.

**T.F. cost of living**  
Percent of national average

Category	4th Q 2001	3rd Q 2001	4th Q 2000
Grocery items	100.7	93.1	93.3
Housing	84.5	87.5	82.6
Utilities	94.7	93.3	82.3
Transportation	104.2	110.3	105.7
Health care	92.2	94.3	97.0
Misc. goods and services	103.2	98.4	101.6
Composite index	96.4	95.1	93.9

Source: American Chamber of Commerce Research Association. Fourth-quarter 2001 data is most recent available.

The association's overall cost-of-living index takes into account groceries, housing, utilities, trans-

portation, health care and miscellaneous goods and services. For October through December, Twin Falls' index crept up a notch to 96.4 percent of the average for cities surveyed, from 95.1 percent in the third quarter.

That's after dropping to 96 percent of average in the second quarter of 2000, 95 percent in the third and 94 percent in the fourth; then edging back up to 95 percent in the first three months of 2001 and 96 percent in last year's second quarter.

As the latest results show, October-December 2001 was better than in most recent years for the city's fourth-quarter composite cost measure. It was at 97 percent of the national average in the final

three months of 1996, 98 percent in 1997 and 102 percent in 1998, before it retreated to 97 percent in 1999 and 94 percent in fourth quarter 2001.

Of course, those statistics don't mean it's easy for everybody in Twin Falls to pay their bills. A labor analyst says many residents earn less money than a worker needs to support a family of four here.

ACCR's fourth-quarter report is based on 59 items priced in more than 300 urban areas of various sizes around the nation. The Twin Falls chamber participates in the survey, along with other chambers of commerce, economic-development organizations and

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## Tense times



Al Lambert, owner of Precision Optical in Costa Mesa, Calif., has contracted with massage therapist Ann Marie Brautigam, background, right, to give his employees neck and back massages two days a week.

### Companies cope with executive, employee stress

**COSTA MESA, Calif.** - Al Lambert wasn't a fan of mass therapy.

Then a year ago, the owner of Precision Optical in Costa Mesa had health problems that forced him to get physical rehabilitation, including massage.

The experience made him such a believer in the business value of massage therapy that he brought Ann Marie Brautigam, a licensed massage therapist, to his firm in December to give massages to employees. Now she visits Precision Optical twice weekly, and the company foots the bill.

"We make precision optics, which can cause a lot of shoulder tension and arm aches," Lambert explained.

Companies of all sizes are facing a tension crisis. Besides the ever-present competition and pricing pressures, they're feeling the effects of cutbacks, layoffs, customer or vendor bankruptcies, and now the additional fears of terrorist attacks.

No wonder small-business

### Deal with it

Recommended ways for business executives and employees to deal with stress in the workplace:

- Exercise, including cardiovascular workout (running), weights, yoga, stretching.
- Prayer, meditation or mental relaxation exercise.
- Massage.
- Commit to an activity that is not related to work or the business.
- Talk out issues with trusted business friends.
- Set aside some quiet time each day.
- Take a nap.
- Improve ergonomics both in the workplace and personal areas (for example, a pillow that keeps the spine straight).
- Eat nutritionally balanced meals; don't overeat.
- Alleviate anger.
- Take frequent short breaks during the workday.

owners and their employees are uptight. Owners like Lambert are trying to address it because the costs of stress

are high.

"Stress that arises from work activities is a contributor to such costly problems as low productivity, occupational illness, absenteeism, poor employee morale and high health-care costs," said the California Department of Industrial Relations.

The Web site, www.job-stresshelp.com adds that list other potential business problems: Stress causes inattention and fatigue that can contribute to workplace injuries and makes employees rude, which may alienate customers.

The National Council on Compensation Insurance estimates that U.S. companies spend \$95 billion a year on lost work productivity and another \$26 billion for stress-related medical and disability payments.

An entire industry has developed to provide corporate stress solutions.

Some Orange County companies have turned to Wellness Alliance Network in Irvine, for example, which offers a workshop series to help employers maximize productivity, reduce

absenteeism and boost employee morale.

Lambert of Precision Optics said, "I'm a firm believer in keeping employees happy to improve productivity. One of the company's biggest expenses outside direct payroll is insurance for work-related injuries."

As another stress-reduction tool, Precision Optics also pays part of health-club memberships for its employees. A third of the 70 workers use that benefit.

Although Lambert said the struggling economy makes it tough to afford stress-reduction services, he figures the company will come out ahead.

Stress-reduction therapies like massage make employees more productive, happier about going to work and less likely to file workers' compensation claims, said Brautigam.

One method she uses, called soft-tissue release, can relieve symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome, repetitive strain injuries and frozen shoulder problems in just 15 minutes, she said.

## New businesses can tap Boise State's experts

The Associated Press

**NAMPA** - A new academic program will take Boise State University professors out of the classroom and into the competitive world of technology startups.

Construction is set for May on a Technology and Entrepreneurial Center at Boise State's West satellite campus.

The center will be a high-tech business incubator for 20

to 30 small business start-ups aided by business and engineering experts from the university.

Center Director John Glerum said about 10 businesses have shown an interest in the center, which received a \$1.9 million grant last year from the U.S. Department of Commerce. Boise State committed another \$1.3 million.

The center will have 30,000 square feet of space, a third of it

zoned for light industrial use. Companies can use it for three to five years.

"At-the-end-of-the-day, the objective is to help them move on," Glerum said.

Glerum said the university will hold a certain percentage ownership in the company and retain the shares after it leaves the center.

The state could profit from the investment.

Glerum said professors may

eventually become business owners themselves, using their research work done at the university.

Lynn Russell, dean of the Boise State College of Engineering, said the center will give professors experience they can bring back to the classroom.

"It provides additional duties and opportunities for them to get involved in real-world experience," Russell said.

## Stocks drop sharply

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** - Taking no chances before first-quarter earnings reports begin, investors collected profits and sent stocks sharply lower Monday, erasing nearly all the gains the Dow Jones industrial average enjoyed during their March rally.

Analysts said Wall Street was concerned that earnings might not be solid enough to justify the rally earlier this month. Low volume, which tends to exaggerate the market's losses or gains, was another factor as traders prepared to close Passover and Easter.

The Dow closed down 146.00, or 1.4 percent, at 10,281.67, its fourth consecutive decline. The average last closed lower on Feb. 28th at 10,106.13.

Broader stock indicators also slipped. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 16.83, or 1.5 percent, closing at 1,131.87, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 38.50, or 2.1 percent, to 1,812.49.

Although the start of first-quarter reports is still a week away and relatively few companies have indicated they won't meet expectations, two difficult years on the market have taught many investors to play it safe and not leave themselves too exposed. As a result, Wall Street is more inclined to sell on uncertainty rather than risk disappointment.

"People want earnings season to start so they can at least get some corroboration that things have turned," said Will Bruman, chief investment officer with John Hancock Funds. "When there's this kind of uncertainty ... the natural reaction is to curl up in a ball in the fourth quarter and that's what the market is doing."

Monday's losses appeared most concentrated in the tech sector, which has struggled in recent weeks on doubts it will turn around as quickly as hoped. IBM slipped \$2.04 to \$103.56, while Intel finished down 59 cents at \$30. Both are Dow components.

But the broader market also lagged. McDonald's fell 43 cents to \$27.22, continuing a decline that began Friday on an earnings warning. Boeing lost 67 cents to \$45.72.

The stock of the holding company for America West fell 26 cents to \$5.24 after the airline announced it was reducing some fares, a move viewed as potentially limiting revenues. The selling spread to other airlines, including Delta, which lost \$2.15 to \$30.99.

Investors also bid Philip Morris down \$1.53, or 2.9 percent, to \$1.96 after an Oregon jury ordered the company to pay \$150 million in damages in a case involving low-tar cigarettes. The tobacco company plans an appeal.

Oil service stocks were one of the few bright spots as the sector rebounded from selling last week. Baker Hughes, which reduced its first-quarter outlook Friday, advanced 49 cents to \$37.24.

Despite a big rally early this month, stocks have pulled back in recent sessions as investors sell rather than risk losing their winnings should the market's momentum fizzle.

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Other groups that collect prices quarterly.
Wonder where the money went?
Twin Falls residents in the fourth quarter paid higher prices for looking good and well dressed than their counterparts in Boise and Pocatello - the other two Idaho cities in the recent report.
Idaho Falls, included in past quarterly reports, was not this time. But locals shelled out less than other city-dwelling Idahoans to visit a doctor or a dry cleaner. They paid smaller energy and phone bills. And they paid less for gasoline, hamburgers, pizza, cigarettes and toothpaste than residents of the two other cities surveyed.

The news was tilted to the negative side at the grocery store. Seven grocery items (including ground beef and cereal) cost less in Twin Falls, ACCRA's data showed. By 15 grocery items (such as milk, eggs and potatoes) had higher prices there than in either Boise or Pocatello.
Those findings are similar to The Times-Veeb's own economic report on the fourth quarter, when Twin Falls shoppers paid the highest weekly grocery bills at any time in at least the past three years. The newspaper's three-store survey showed Twin Falls shoppers paid more for a selection of grocery items in the fourth quarter (the three stores averaged \$90.76 for items on the newspaper's survey list) than in December 2000 (\$86.81 on average). Meanwhile, a basket of 30 items for \$188.333 in Twin Falls would have cost more both in Boise (\$222.630) and in Pocatello (\$226.500), the ACCRA report said. Twin Falls posted the lowest mortgage interest rates of the three cities in the fourth quarter.

Of the Idaho cities ACCRA surveyed this time, Twin Falls had the lowest principal and interest on home mortgage payments. \$904 in Twin Falls corresponded with \$1,077 in Pocatello and \$1,097 in Boise.

But apartment rent of \$542 in Twin Falls was between the corresponding \$523 in Pocatello and \$764 in Boise in the fourth quarter.
For other items on the ACCRA list, Twin Falls' prices fell in the middle of the Idaho state.

Overall, Boise regained its status as the city with the most attractive costs among the reporting areas of the state.
The composite cost of living in Boise came in at 106.6 percent of the national average, and in Pocatello at 96.9 percent in the fourth quarter.

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## COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

# Americans get a bead on GPS

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) - Per Engle remembers the days when global positioning system devices were the size of microwave ovens and were temperamental. They had to wait for passing satellites to get their bearings.

Considered one of the pioneers of GPS, the Stanford University professor never imagined back then - more than two decades ago - how the technology would improve while shrinking in size and cost. Now, GPS receivers are built into all kinds of things.

Cars. Watches. Cell phones. Handheld computers. Soon, maybe even a microchip implant for humans.

Once strictly a government tool, GPS was quickly adopted by pilots, boat captains and map geeks as the navigation system - based now on a network of 24 satellites - became available for civilian around the clock.

Now there's a crop of GPS-based devices that will help you find your child, car, or the best fishing spot.

Global positioning devices receive radio signals from satellites to tell users where on earth they are.

Coupled with software and



SIRF founder Karwar Chadha holds the latest Motorola cellular phone with one of the SIRF GPS chips inside at SIRF headquarters in San Jose, Calif.

mapping programs, the devices pinpoint locations by altitude, longitude and latitude to within a meter of accuracy.

"It's stunning," Engle said. "In the beginning, the expected marketplace was 40,000 receivers -

total - for military use. Today, we build 100,000 receivers a month, and most of it isn't for the military."

Wherify Wireless Inc. just introduced a GPS car-tracking device and a GPS-enabled battery pack that can turn a cell phone into a personal locator. In June, the company plans to start selling a wristwatch-like device that can help parents find their children or track down a lost Alzheimer's patient.

Soon, Pulse Data HumanWare will sell a portable GPS navigation system that tells sight-impaired users how to get to more than 15 million "points of interest," such as museums and amusement parks.

Blind since birth, Carrie Schieu, 24, of Los Angeles, can't wait to use it. "I stick to routes I know because I don't have to rely on others for help. This will help me be a little adventurous and go other places I haven't been."

Already, golf courses are outfitting carts with GPS systems to help players measure distances between shots. Automakers are offering in-dash navigation, allowing drivers to get directions or find the nearest restaurant.

## Chip might be the culprit

Q. My system is extremely unstable. I have a Pentium 1.5 GHz with a Nvidia GeForce3 DDR64 card. The main problem is that when I am online, the computer will just stop, lock up and/or reboot. This happens every time, not just once in awhile. Most often this happens when I am scrolling, but it can happen when I do no input. It has rebooted on its own or I ended up when not online, but usually it happens when I'm connected.

The only solution anyone has been able to help me with was Microsoft's suggestion to boot in VGA mode. At 8 bits the system seems to be more stable than at 16 or 32. This means my display is always big at 640 by 480. I am assuming there is some sort of conflict between my video card and Windows or Windows Explorer.

Have you heard of this problem and is there a permanent solution that would allow me to still use the benefits of my video card?

-Ron Lee, Livermore, Calif.  
A. It's very likely that you have a faulty memory chip in your computer, maybe in the machine's RAM chips and maybe in the memory inside that graphics card, Mr. L.

You can nail down whether you've got this bit of bad news by downloading memory-testing software. I am assuming, hopefully, that you can keep your PC online long enough at low resolution to do the download.

Once you know that you have a faulty memory chip, the fix is easy but hardly inexpensive. You will need to either replace one of the RAM cards, called DIMMs, inside

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your computer or else get a new graphics card with a properly functioning memory chip.

The reason that this is almost certainly a memory chip glitch is because you can fix it by changing the resolution and thus reducing the amount of data that must pass through both the graphics card and RAM. There is no way of telling, however, if the manufacturing glitch is in the RAM chips or the graphic memory.

To find out, go to [www.download.com](http://www.download.com) and get Gold Memory 5.07, an easy-to-use memory-testing program designed to find chip-manufacturing errors whether they're in RAM or elsewhere in motherboards or other modules, which is what you need to know.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Buhl police warn of 'Canadian Lottery'

**BUEHL** - A con game that has hit the Magic Valley before is apparently back, and Buhl police are warning people not to fall for the "Canadian Lottery" scam.  
An elderly Buhl man was apparently recently targeted for the scam, and local police are investigating the case in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police according to a press release from the Buhl Police Department.  
The scam is simple but has proven effective in fleecing unwary people out of thousands. Potential victims are contacted - usually by telephone - and told they have won \$250,000 or more in the Canadian Lottery. The catch is that the victim must send \$3,700 or so to Canada as a duty fee or international tax to authorize the transfer of the money into the United States. The Canadian lottery scam hit the Twin Falls area last year.

Another scam that has become common involves con artists posing as Nigerian government officials asking for potential victims to send deposits to help transfer large sums of money from Nigeria to the United States for safekeeping.  
Anyone who suspects a scam should never give out any personal information - such as bank account numbers. Instead, contact local law enforcement.

### Episcopal Church will break ground tonight

**TWIN FALLS** - The Episcopal Church of the Ascension breaks ground for its new building on Eastland Drive in a ceremony today at 6 p.m.  
The Rev. Brian Thom, the church's pastor, says the first scoop of dirt will be lifted by the Episcopal bishop of Idaho, the Rt. Rev. Harry Bathbridge III, wearing his robe, seated in the cab of a backhoe.  
"He will do so following a prayer ceremony during which four stakes will be placed where it is thought the altar will be located, and at the corner of the building that it is to be the worship part of the church. A string drawn between these will form an X, the Greek symbol for Christ.  
More prayers will be said, and a string will be drawn around the four corners to represent the outside four walls of the church. At this point the bishop will break ground for the site of the altar.  
"After he's done, then we're going to let all the priests and children have turns," Thom said.

### Hospital foundation receives \$75,000 gift

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation has received a major gift from the estate of Dorothy F. Bacon, according to a foundation news release.  
The unrestricted gift in the amount of \$75,000 will be placed in the foundation's general fund to support the programs of the foundation and the hospital, the news release said.  
Bacon was a longtime resident of the Magic Valley and supported the foundation and many other charities over her lifetime. She worked for many years as a legal secretary in a local law firm, according to the news release.

### Newspaper will publicize Easter egg hunts

**TWIN FALLS** - Planning an Easter egg hunt this weekend? Share the news with us - and your neighbors.  
The Times-News will publish a roundup of church, civic and community group sponsored Easter egg hunts in Friday's WeekEnd section. Submit the information to us by Wednesday at noon, and we'll include it.  
Send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83401, fax it to 724-5538, or e-mail to [comp@magicvalley.com](mailto:comp@magicvalley.com)  
Compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average
Upper Snake River	81%
Sawtooth Foothills	102%
Oakley Basin	106%
Snake River	106%

# Commissioner plans bid for state Senate

## Smith announces he will run again

**The Times-News**  
**TWIN FALLS** - State Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, announced Monday he is running for a third term in the Idaho Legislature.  
Meanwhile, Gooding County Commissioner Tom Faulkner filed Monday to run for the state Senate, while four other incumbent legislators representing Magic Valley districts submitted their candidacy papers on the first day of the 2002 primary election filing period.  
Smith now occupies Seat A in District 23; under a new legislative district map, he's running for Seat A in District 24. That

district takes in most of the city of Twin Falls and portions of eastern Twin Falls County, including Kimberly, Hansen and Murtaugh.  
"This session - just ended was a difficult one, but by staying focused on what we had to do with budgeting, we got the job done in record time," Smith said.  
Republican Rep. Sharon Block previously announced she is running for Seat B in the new District 24. She was appointed last spring to take the place of Rep. George Swan, who died during the 2001 legislative session.  
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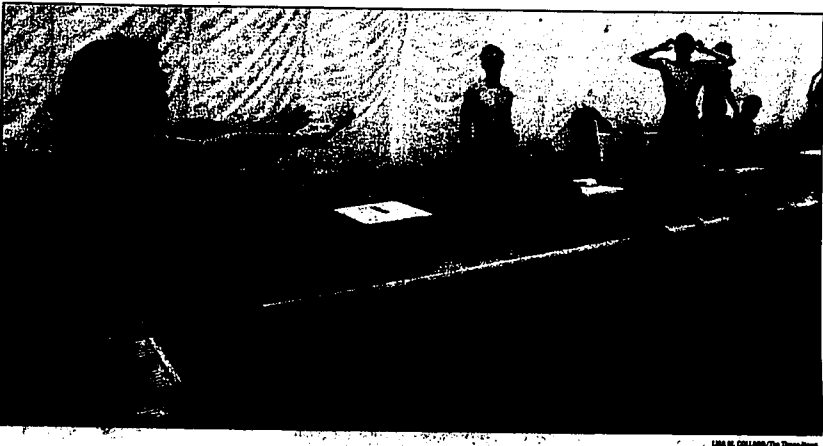
### Running for the Legislature

Here's a rundown of new legislative districts in the Magic Valley area and a list of people who've either announced or filed for election. Each district will be represented by one senator and two House members. The filing period began Monday and ends April 5.  
District 23: Most of western Twin Falls County, some western portions of the city of Twin Falls and all of Owyhee County.  
Senators: Tom Cannon, R-Buhl; House: Doug Jones, R-Filer (incumbent); Frances Field, R-Grand View (incumbent).  
District 24: Most of the city of Twin Falls, portions of eastern Twin Falls County, including Kimberly, Hansen and Murtaugh.  
Senators: Laird Noh, R-Kimberly (incumbent); Tom Faulkner, R-Blass (incumbent); Tom Rindinger, R-Shoshone (incumbent); Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum (incumbent).  
District 26: All of Jerome and Minidoka counties.  
Senators: Dean Cameron, R-Rupert (incumbent); House: Maxine Bell, R-Jermore (incumbent); Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert (incumbent).  
District 27: All of Cassia, Oneida and Power counties and portions of Bingham County, including Aberdeen.  
Senators: Denton Darrington, R-Declo (incumbent); Ralph "Moon" Wheeler, R-American Falls (incumbent).  
House Seat A: Scott Bedke, R-Oakley (incumbent).  
House Seat B: Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley (incumbent).  
District 28: All of Blaine, Carnas, Gooding and Lincoln counties.  
Senators: Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum



Elections around Magic Valley

## LEARNING TO SAVE LIVES



Aquatics Director Gretchen Scott demonstrates the breaststroke for the lifeguarding class that is in session at the Twin Falls City Pool over spring break. High school students are using their break to get ready for summer jobs by getting certified. The next class will be held in early June.

## Arts Council makes its move for city money

**TWIN FALLS** - A 13-year-old arts organization serving more than 11,000 people per year says it's time for the city to show its support with some funding.  
Rhonda Shaff, who heads up the Magic Valley Arts Council, told the Twin Falls City Council on Monday the nonprofit organization has been running its \$56,000 annual budget by securing grants and donations, charging membership fees and ticket sales.  
But Shaff said the group provides so many programs and activities at a relatively low cost that members have concluded it should receive some city government support, just as the parks and recreation program does, for instance.  
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# Burley man awaits bail reduction request decision

**By Shelley Rideout**  
**Times-News writer**  
**BURLEY** - A Burley man remains in jail pending action on his appeal for a reduction in bail.  
Ridie Peter Bowcut was in the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center since his Feb. 15 arrest, in lieu of posting a \$250,000 bond on two charges of sexual exploitation of a child.  
Bowcut pleaded not guilty to the charges at his March 15 arraignment in 5th District Court. He waived his preliminary hearing in Magistrate Court and was bound over to District Court on March 6.  
Bowcut, who uses Peter as his first name, is represented by Pocatello attorney Steven

Richert. On March 6 Richert filed a motion to reduce bail. That motion was opposed by Deputy Cassia County Attorney Kerry McMurray.  
A hearing on the request has been delayed because on March 15, District Judge Monte Carlson recused himself from the case. District Judge Roger Burdick was appointed to the case on March 18.  
The motion to reduce bail seeks Bowcut's release on his own recognizance, release to his parents' custody or a significant reduction in the amount of bail required for him to post bond.  
Richert wrote that Bowcut is a Burley native and his family lives in Burley. Bowcut's parents have agreed to allow their son to live with them and to make sure

he attends all court hearings. The motion states Bowcut has neither the "means nor desire to flee the community, nor does he have a place to go to hide from or fail to respond to this or any court."  
"Before this action Mr. Bowcut held a high reputation as a family man, and one to provide for the support of his family," Richert wrote.  
Richert pointed out Bowcut has no prior criminal or arrest record.  
The motion refers to the \$250,000 bail as "simply exorbitant and designed to hold Mr. Bowcut."  
Bowcut, 28, was charged last month after an investigation by the Cassia County Sheriff's Office. That department learned

of Bowcut's alleged actions from the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office. The Minidoka office was contacted by a detective from the Clovis (Calif.) Police Department about a possible child pornography ring in Burley.  
One charge against Bowcut alleges he prepared and produced a photograph of a man sexually molesting a child. That charge also accuses him of preparing and producing a sexually exploitative photograph of the girl.  
The second charge alleges Bowcut prepared, produced and distributed another photo of the girl in which her body was exposed in a sexually exploitative manner.  
Clovis Police Detective James

Gentry found compact disks with a connection to Bowcut's Web site when they searched a home in Clovis, court records state. Computer data from that search included information linking pornographic sites to Bowcut, via his business ventures, according to the court complaint.  
In an interview with police after his arrest, Bowcut "claimed he was being blackmailed" and the pornographic images were e-mailed to him. As well, he said someone who had lived with his family had taken the photos without his knowledge.  
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# Oakley woman's pleas lead to insurance legislation

**By Nijla Johnson**  
**Times-News writer**  
**BURLEY** - A few phone calls from Loretta Gorrage of Oakley put into motion a plan which led Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to Burley Monday to sign a bill which places restrictions on Idaho insurance companies.  
The bill adds to existing law to provide that no insurance firm can charge a higher premium or cancel a policy or coverage based primarily upon an individual's credit rating or credit history.  
"It's discrimination, that's what it is," Gorrage said.  
Gorrage became concerned when her car insurance premiums made a huge jump early this year. She shopped around, but every insurance company quoted her high premiums. The agents told Gorrage her lack of credit history made her a liability. Gorrage had never used a credit card in her life, she said.  
She called the Idaho Department of Insurance, where employees told her the insurance companies were breaking no laws. Gorrage next called Rep. Scott Bedke of Oakley. Bedke

knew Sen. Jinni Goodie of Coeur d'Alene and Rep. Sheila Greenman of Boise had introduced a bill to limit the use of credit ratings by insurance agencies. Moved by Gorrage's story, Bedke became the floor sponsor for the bill in the House.  
Sen. Dean Cameron of Rupert, in the insurance business himself, said many insurers were unhappy with the bill.  
"They put on a full-court press," Bedke said at the Golden Heritage Senior Center in Burley, where Kempthorne signed the bill.  
"There are some in the insurance industry who believe someone's credit is a reflection of their chance of having a claim," Cameron said.  
Idaho insurance agencies can still use credit history as an indicator to determine premiums, and can still discount for a good credit rating, but they can't use it as the sole factor, Cameron said.

Loretta Gorrage of Oakley shows off a pen Gov. Dirk Kempthorne used to sign a bill she helped spear through the Idaho Legislature. Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, looks on, along with a number of area senior citizens. Bedke sponsored the bill in the House of Representatives. Kempthorne signed the bill Monday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center in Burley.



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SERVICES

**Paula Rae Finley** of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of the Eucharist at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; burial will follow today at Twin Falls Cemetery; viewing will be from 9-11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

**Rp. Richard L. Goodworth** of Rupert, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Francis Cemetery in Kamas, Utah (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

**Simonsen** of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at the Buhl LDS Church, 3rd Ward on Fair Street; visitation from 12 p.m. today at the church; a service will also be held Thursday in Winton, Calif.

**Olga Doris Kean** of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 10 a.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church Guadalupe Chapel; entombment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park (Reynolds Chapel, Twin Falls).

**Robert A. Hanes** of Kimberly, service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. "Funeral" will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery; visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**Nettie Ratcliffe** of Portland, Ore., memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Twin Falls.

— DEATH NOTICES —

**Kenneth O'Toole** of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel; burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery.

**Opal May Jagels** of Clover, service at 2 p.m. today at the Clover Trinity Lutheran Church; viewing will be held before the service at the church (Farmer Funeral Home, Buhl).

**Lewis Edward Parish Sr.** of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel; burial service with military honors will be held before the Elmhurst Cemetery in Gooding.

**Gwendolyn Elizabeth "Beth"**

**Juanita Cecelia Drexler HAILEY** — Juanita Cecelia Drexler, 95, of Hailey, died Sunday, March 24, 2002, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls.

The rosary and vigil service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailey. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailey.

Graveside rites will follow in the Hailey Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the care of the Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

**Walter Adams** — **GOODING** — Walter Adams, 62, of Gooding died Monday, March 25, 2002, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931. Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obits@magvalley.com](mailto:obits@magvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

**TWIN FALLS**



**Violet Naomi Faubion Gosssett**

Violet Naomi Faubion Gosssett, 86, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, March 23, 2002, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

She was born March 19, 1916, on the family farm near Sheldon, Missouri. She was the youngest of three daughters born to George and Dollie Henrietta Patterson Faubion. She received her education in the small country schools in the area. She married Buford Owen (Jack) Gosssett on April 25, 1936 in Lamar, Missouri. They later moved to Colorado and started their family. After Jack's death in January 30, 1945, she and her two small sons moved to Twin Falls to be near her mother and sister. Violet worked long hard hours to support her family, baking for the Depot Grill and various cafes around town. She catered and served many large dinners at the American Legion Hall. She had her own lunch counter known as "V's Snack Bar." She ran the lunch counter at Pennywise Drug Store when it opened in the Lynwood Shopping Center. She later worked as store buyer and managed the Hallmark Card and Gift Shop. Because of her many years of service and her integrity, a Hallmark store was named in her honor.

Violet was a member of Tyler Street Baptist Church until her health kept her at home. She had a sweet servant spirit, and a great sense of humor. Vi was an avid reader and also completed countless crossword puzzle books in her later years. Her mind was sharp to the end.

Violet loved her family and time spent together.

She is survived by two sons: Charles (Peggy) Gosssett of Burley and Warren (Jan) Gosssett of Twin Falls; two grandchildren, Eric (Julie) Gosssett and Kimberly (Raymond) Sharp, both of Jena, Louisiana; three step-grandchildren, Gwen (Tom) Stuart of Jerome, Jerry (Marie) DeBlain of Boise, and Peg Richards of Boise, and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and two sisters, Mildred Ferguson and Ruby Miller.

A Celebration of Violet's life will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2002, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Rev. Jerry Kester officiating. Inurnment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call today from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

**JEROME**



**Marshall Everheart**

On March 24, 2002, Marshall Everheart made it to his final resting place. He is now in his float tub, rod and reel in hand forever, catching the big rainbow trout.

Marshall was born on December 31, 1921, in Texas, the son of Marshall Edwards and Novella Williams Everheart. He attended grade schools in both Texas and Idaho. During WWII he was drafted into the Army. Following his discharge he returned home and graduated from Boise High School. He then received an engineering degree from Boise State Junior College. On April 8, 1958, Marshall married his high school sweetheart, Marvel Fleming and became a loving, wonderful father to Pat and Jody.

One of Marshall's great loves was hunting and fishing. This led to his buying Birds Sporting Goods, which he successfully operated for 30 years. After retiring, he continued to be a businessman, operating his locksmith business, however he made plenty of time to hunt and fish. He also served his community well. Marshall was a scout leader and became mentor to many young men, as he taught them about his love of the outdoors.

He organized the Jerome Rod and Gun Club and also started the Jr. Rod and Gun Club in the schools, was active in politics and very active in the Republican Party. Marshall served two terms as Mayor of the City of Jerome, 12 years on the city council, was a member and officer in the VFW and was a member and held other offices in many organizations.

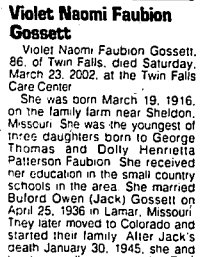
Marshall is survived by and greatly loved by his wife, Marvel; two daughters, Pat (Gerald) Sticme of Burley, Jody Mulligan of Boise and a foster daughter Mary (Kenneth) Robbins of Jerome; three

sisters, Kate (Elmer) Serr of Paul, Tammy Kiser of Nampa and Annabess Blair of Washington; 6 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins and all the children who knew him as "Pat."

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Tex, Jr., Victor and Dan.

Funeral services for Marshall Everheart will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2002, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel by Rev. Quinton Kimbro. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel on Wednesday evening from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

**RICHFIELD**



**Patsy Parker**

Patsy Parker, 65, of Richfield died Saturday, March 23rd, 2002, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Patsy was born on February 9th, 1937, in Oklahoma. Patsy met her life-long love, Jody, and was married June 8th, 1956, in Fresno, California. They moved to Idaho a year later to start their family. Patsy was active in numerous clubs and organizations in the local community. In later years she accompanied her husband, Jody, in their long-haul trucking business. They traveled 50 states and got to see many sights. Patsy loved to stop in Jackpot, where she would play the nickel slots and would frequently win enough to pay for their dinner. Patsy enjoyed the beauty of her yard, where she had numerous flowers and fruit trees. Patsy was a very caring and generous person and she was always giving of her time to loved ones in need. Our family will cherish many fond memories of Mom.

She is survived by: Jody, her husband of 45 years; her mother-in-law, Pearl of Shoshone; her mother, Kathryn of Oklahama; her daughter, Debby of Twin Falls; her son, Joe and his wife, Michele along with two grandchildren, Mike and Melissa, all of Boise.

Our sincere appreciation and heart felt gratitude to all the staff at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center that took great care of Patsy and support of the family.

Graveside service will be held on Wednesday, March 27th, 2002, at 2:00 P.M., at the Shoshone Cemetery in Shoshone.

At Patsy's request no public arrangements is planned. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

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**School district works to improve communication with parents**

NAMPA (AP) — The Nampa School District is enlisting new allies to make sure students are attending school and keeping their grades up; parents.

Educators are aggressively using online resources to improve communications with parents.

This month, the district began using a new computer program called ParentLink, which informs parents about their students' attendance. In the next few months, the program will allow the district to post individual students' test scores and grades that parents can check out by telephone or online.

The system is being implemented at Nampa and Skyview high schools and at West and South middle schools.

"If parents have easy access to information, I think there will be a greater interest among them to track how well their children are doing in school," said Stan Bastian, building administrator at Nampa High School.

"We want to make it very convenient for parents to be involved," said Bill Beverage, the district's information technology services administrator.

ParentLink is programmed to call parents at home on all unexcused and unverified absences. It also will call on three or more tardies in the first period.

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Environmental groups claim victory in lawsuit settlement

**BOISE (AP)** — Environmentalists claimed victory Monday after a settlement of a federal lawsuit accusing the Bureau of Land Management of continuing to allow grazing on a southeastern Idaho allotment already degraded by livestock.

The Idaho Conservation League and Western Watersheds Project said the agreement would reduce livestock numbers by 19 percent this year on southeastern Idaho's Pleasantview grazing allotment, west-northwest of Malad.

There was no immediate reaction from the BLM. U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill had yet to consider approval of the settlement.

The BLM agreed as part of the settlement to rescind a June 2001 grazing decision that — according to environmentalists — the agency's own studies showed would continue to damage streams and plants on 59,000 acres of public land.



John Marvel

"We are sorry it takes a lawsuit to force BLM to obey the law and heed its own scientists, but we are glad the agency recognized it was wrong and is willing to take the needed steps to comply with the law," the Idaho Conservation League's Lynn Kincannon said.

Environmentalists, citing guidelines for maintaining healthy range in the Federal Land Policy Management Act, alleged that BLM staff determined in 2000 that a 19-percent reduction in the number of livestock on the allotment was needed.

The BLM agreed as part of the settlement to enforce grazing reductions and take other steps to protect sensitive streams. The conservation groups agreed to allow grazing on the allotment for a shorter period of time — until the BLM prepares a new decision.

"This settlement will give a long-overdue boost to wildlife and water quality in southeastern Idaho," said Hailey architect Jon Marvel, executive director of Western Watersheds Project.

Although the allotment produces only about \$10,000 in fees each year, the lawsuit claimed the government has spent \$500,000 on various installations on the tract over the past quarter century and intends to spend up to another \$400,000 on new fences, pipelines, troughs and cattle guards.

Grazing critics claimed the investments the bureau has made in that one allotment prove that public land grazing in the West is not economical without federal subsidies.

Craigmont man pleads guilty in traffic death

**NEZPERCE (AP)** — A sentencing is scheduled May 16 for a Craigmont man who pleaded guilty to vehicular manslaughter and aggravated drunken driving for an accident that killed a Utah man last fall.

Frank Gollan, 75, had a blood

alcohol content of 0.13 at the time of the October collision on U.S. Highway 95 near Craigmont that left Owen Wright, 75, of Salt Lake City, dead. The legal limit for blood alcohol content is 0.08.

Court records show Wright was a passenger in a Suburban

driven by Dale Ridd, 83, of Sandy, Utah.

Gollan allegedly turned in front of Ridd and their vehicles collided.

Ridd's Suburban, which was towing a boat, left the road, hit a light pole and continued over an embankment.

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# Cassia County puts cell phone fee on hold

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Cassia County commissioners are waiting to see the outcome of a lawsuit between Ada County and several cellular telephone companies before deciding to assess a \$11 fee on cellular telephone lines.

Ada County officials have asserted their right to add a \$1-a-month fee to the bills of cellular phone customers based on an ordinance. Some cell phone company officials say the ordinance applies only to land lines, Cassia County 911 coordinator Kent Searle said. If Ada County wins the lawsuit, Cassia County can ask for the \$1 fee as well, Searle said.

"Ada's got the money — let them do the fight. Then we can tug along," Searle said.

If implemented, the proceeds from the \$1 fee would be used to buy and install equipment in the county's dispatch center. That

equipment would give 911 operators information about the cellular phone callers, including the call-phone numbers and the locations of the cellular towers or repeater sites nearest the callers.

After more money is accumulated and additional equipment purchased, the 911 system would provide operators with the location of the callers.

All that information is now available when a land line customer calls 911 in Cassia County.

"I'm not a person who likes a whole lot of taxes, but \$1 for 911 is pretty well accepted," Searle said.

Commissioner Paul Christensen suggested commissioners hold a public hearing to give Cassia County residents a chance to voice their opinions on the fee.

Other commission business included:

- Almo school support — Commissioners voted to the Cassia County School Board to

not close the Almo school. The school board could decide to close the school, Commissioner Dennis Crane said.

Students from Almo would have to ride the bus nearly four hours a day if the school closed, he said. Students from Yost, Utah, would have to drive to Tremonton, Utah, if they could not go to Almo. The school is also the only public building in Almo or Elba not affiliated with a church, making it the only public building in which government organizations can hold legal meetings.

The county uses the building as a polling place during elections, County Clerk Darrell Roskelley said.

Cassia County School Superintendent Mike Chesley said closing the school has been "one of the items that has been on the table. If we can work out some savings out there, we will have a hard look at leaving it open."

- Homeowners exemption

appeal — Henry Busby asked commissioners for the tax reduction received by county residents who live in homes on property they own. Though he works in Ohio, Busby told commissioners he often visits his Cassia County home and soon plans to retire there. Commissioners took the appeal under advisement.

- Radio license — Commissioners approved Searle's request to buy a VHF tactical license for \$350. The frequency will allow Bureau of Land Management fire crews to better communicate with city fire departments.
- Water resources reappointment — Commissioners reappointed Low Peck to the Middle Snake Regional Water Resources Commission.

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# Simpson representative West End visits

**TWIN FALLS** — A field representative for U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson will hold office hours throughout the Magic Valley on Wednesday.

Simpson field representative Linda Culver will visit with constituents at Castletree City Hall from 9 to 10 a.m., Buhl City Hall from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.; at the West End Senior Center in Buhl from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; and at Filer City Hall from 2 to 3 p.m.

Simpson field representatives travel to towns throughout the Second Congressional District as part of the traveling district office program. Constituents with specific problems or questions about Social Security, Veterans Affairs or the Internal Revenue Service are encouraged to attend.

**Valley in brief**

**Wood River watershed group to meet tonight**  
FAIRFIELD — The Wood River Watershed Advisory Group meets at 7 p.m. today at the Forest Service office, 102 First St. E., corner of State Highway 20 and First Street in Fairfield.

A review of the draft of the Camas Creek subbasin assessment and total maximum daily load will be conducted, as well as regular business.

The public is encouraged to attend.

— compiled from staff reports

# Legislators say tax cuts wouldn't have worked

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** — Increasing taxes wouldn't have offset funding cuts from the Legislature, Minidoka County officials were told Monday.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, talked with county commissioners and department heads Monday about the recently concluded legislative session.

Cameron said repealing tax cuts or adding new taxes were not good ideas to combat the cutbacks which occurred because of the downturn in the state's economy. Last year's bill allowing tax cuts has been in place more than a year, Cameron said. To repeal those cuts would have required new tax forms be prepared and distributed and would have meant people who had filed their 2001 tax returns would have had to file again.

Raising taxes would not have solved the problem either, he said.

"First of all, no one wants to raise taxes," Cameron said.

Revenue would not accrue until next year, Cameron said the only way to help the current situation

was to have been to raise sales tax, and raising any taxes could cause a further downturn.

Sales tax revenue is at projected levels, but income tax is below projected levels, Cameron said. The state could be another \$30 million to \$50 million short in April.

Stevenson said more significant budget cuts could come next year if the economy doesn't change.

There is less money set aside for one-time "bail-outs," Cameron agreed.

County officials talked with Cameron and Stevenson about legislation which affected them. Cameron commented on the budget for the county extension system. Agriculture research and extension work was "still a bad budget," Cameron said, but was one of two budgets which exceeded the governor's recommendation.

You guys took a pretty hard hit. We tried to mitigate it the best we could," Cameron said.

Stevenson said budget cuts could change the emphasis in the extension office more to research over other extension activities.

There was also some discussion

about bills affecting planning departments and uniform building codes, as well as the assessor's office and subdivisions.

Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Administrator Paul Aston also briefed commissioners about the county zoning ordinance. A public hearing is set for April 18 during the county planning and zoning meeting. A second public hearing before the county commissioners is set for May 13.

Aston voiced some concerns about publishing the ordinance. Publishing the entire ordinance will be expensive, he said.

Reviewing and rewriting the subdivision ordinance is the next step, Aston said. The process is already started and should move quickly.

In other commission business:

- Zoning appointments — The commission reappointed Dave Coats, DeLyle Bennett and Cheryl Koyle to the county planning and zoning board. They will each serve a three-year term.
- Commissioners will contact people currently serving on other boards whose terms are up and find out if they wish to continue serving.
- Court notices — Public Defender Doug Whipple said

judges recently decided notices of hearings were to be sent from the attorneys' offices. Previously the county courts have sent those.

Between March 12 and 22, Whipple's office prepared and sent 54 notices. Funds have not been allocated to pay for the time or the postage to prepare and send the notices, Whipple said. He said he will speak to judges about the change.

Commission Chairman Don Handy said having the attorney sent out the notices could cause a "healthy change" in the budget.

- Sheriff's remodeling — The sheriff's office building is coming along nicely, said Sheriff Paul Fries. Windows were being installed on Monday.

Aston said this is the peak of the mess.

Aston commended sheriff's office personnel who had been working on the project in their time off to keep costs down. The project will take about another month to complete.

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# Seattle man, four relatives die in crash near Bologna

**BOLOGNA, Italy (AP)** — A truck swerved into oncoming traffic on a northern Italian highway Monday and crashed head-on into a small van, killing five members of an American family, including a man who worked for Micron, and leaving two others seriously injured, officials said.

The accident occurred near the northern city of Bologna on the highway leading to Padua. Police said the truck driver lost control and swung into the wrong lane before hitting the van. Authorities were investigating the cause of the crash.

Among the dead were van driver Barton Kraft, originally of Seattle, and his two sons, Samuel and Benjamin, said Sean Mahoney, a spokesman for Kraft's employer, Micron Technology Inc. Kraft's wife, Jill, and her sister, Jody Chehey, were hospitalized in serious condition. Mahoney said the women's mother, Shirley Johnson, and Jody Chehey's daughter, Sarah Nicole Chehey, were also killed.

The truck driver was also injured, police said.

Kraft worked in an office that Boise-based Micron operates in Avezzano, central Italy, where he and his family lived, Mahoney said. Kraft was from Seattle but had worked in Boise for several years before going to Italy, the spokesman said.

"We are extremely saddened to learn of the tragic events that occurred to one of our Micron team members and his family today in Italy. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to his immediate and extended families," the company said in a statement.

The collision was the second fatal crash involving Americans in Italy in a week. On Friday, three American tourists were killed when a truck crashed into their tour bus near the Tuscan resort town of Montecatini.

**Two die in head-on collision**

**BOISE (AP)** — Two men were killed Monday when their cars collided on Idaho Highway 21 north of Lucky Peak Dam.

The sheriff's office identified the victims as Douglas McNulty, 42, and Clifton Pereira, 49, both of Boise. They were each driving different vehicles.

Officers said the northbound vehicle drifted across the center line and sideswiped another vehicle before hitting the other vehicle head-on near the Hill Top Cafe.

# Boulder, a small Utah tourist town, finally gets its first liquor license

**BOULDER, Utah (AP)** — Finally, this small town has a restaurant where customers can drink a glass of wine with dinner.

Boulder's first restaurant liquor license was granted last week to Hell's Backbone Grill at Boulder Mountain Lodge, owned by Blake Campbell and Jen Castle.

"I think it was time," said Boulder council member Donna Wilson. "Five years ago around the world and be in almost every state. Tourists expect it."

"Tourists far outnumber the 180 year-round residents who call Boulder home. Just 10 years ago 126 people lived in this tight-knit community."

"Now it's artists, authors and environmentalist-type people who are moving in," said Wilson. "The ranchers are getting older, and they're being offered big

*"Tourism has kind of taken over. That's really what brought about this change."*

— Judi Davis, Boulder town clerk

prices for their land. A lot chose to sell out.

President Clinton's creation of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument a few years ago increased Boulder's reputation as an outdoor destination.

The license means the restaurant can now serve wine and liquor in addition to the beer already on its menu.

Five years ago another owner of Hell's Backbone Grill was

barred from getting a state liquor license after the Town Council refused to allow alcohol sales within the city.

The owner took his request to court, arguing the council should not be able to impose its religious beliefs against alcohol on him or his business.

Like most small towns in Utah, Mormons have a strong influence in Boulder. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints tells its followers not to drink alcohol.

The issue eventually was heard by the Utah Supreme Court, which sided with the council.

But the influx visitors has changed the town's outlook.

"Tourism has kind of taken over. That's really what brought about this change," said town clerk Judi Davis. "There's been a big shift in our demographics."

# Foundation contends agency kept illegal database with info on clients with HIV

**BOISE (AP)** — The Idaho AIDS Foundation alleged on Monday that the Idaho Housing and Finance Association collected and stored personal information about clients who tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS.

Complaints filed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne contend that the agency violated the security of the Idaho State HIV Surveillance Database.

The foundation asked for official state and federal investigations.

Kempthorne spokesman Mark Snel said the governor was traveling Monday and had not had time to review the complaint.

A Housing Finance Association executive said the agency, which acts as a go-between for federal financing of low- and moderate-income housing projects, did

nothing that was not required to do by Housing and Urban Development.

"We are acting as an administrator of HUD funds," said Julie Williams, the Housing Finance Association's vice president for community housing services.

"Whatever documentation we require is at the express direction of HUD under federal regulations required to receive payment for public activities."

But Boise lawyer and former Idaho attorney general David Leroy accused the Housing Finance Association in a letter to Housing and Urban Development of accessing confidential health HIV with information and referral services.

"We believe that executives and managers of IHFA conspired under the color of law to deprive low-income and HIV positive individuals and their families of rights to privacy and equal protec-

tion under the law," Leroy wrote. "We also believe that IHFA has accessed personal records from project sponsors with full knowledge that informed consent was absent but necessary."

The complaint alleges that the Housing Finance Association compiled detailed information from third parties and public health record systems and used it to develop its own database for tracking and monitoring HIV-positive people.

The AIDS Foundation contends the database was compiled using money intended for use in developing community-based resources to assist people with HIV with information and referral services.

Mark Welch, executive director of the Idaho AIDS Foundation, said his organization also has "records indicating that the information was illegally released to third parties."

# Elections

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sion. Ron Black, who served as a representative from 1986 through 1998, is challenging Block.

Faulkner, meanwhile, wants to move from the Gooching County courthouse to the State Capitol in Boise to represent Separate District 25, which includes Blaine, Camas, Gooding and Lincoln counties. The Republican is the first to file as a candidate in that new district, where incumbent Sens. Clint Stennett, J. Ketchum, and John Sandy, R-Hagerman, reside. Sandy is expected to seek re-election, while Sandy has announced plans to run for state controller.

Faulkner, a Bliss certified public accountant and rancher, knows the face of a formidable task to unseat Stennett. Hevity Demoscratic Blaine County accounts for about half of District 25.

"It's going to be a challenge, no doubt about it. It's about 50-50 with Republicans and Democrats, and incumbents have won pretty solidly the last few elections," Faulkner said. "I'm hoping that with the work I've done through my committee for Gooching County, I'll do well here and in Lincoln and Camas counties. Blaine County is where I'll really have to work to get my name out. I'll

have to get a respectable percentage of votes in Blaine County to win."

Also submitting papers to the Secretary of State's Office Monday were Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Deer; House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley; Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley; and Sen. Robbi Barruta, R-Glenns Ferry.

Smith managed to push through an innovative piece of legislation in the recent session without one negative vote. The new law, titled the Small Business Resolution Act, enables people involved in lawsuits under \$25,000 to access an "evaluation" process by which they can get a judgment without going to court. Smith said he wanted to see the law passed because it will save people time and money, and it will also help clear out some of the caseload of the court system.

"I believe that act is a major piece of legislation that will serve Idahoans well," he said.

Smith and Sandy were the only local Republicans who voted against repeal of term limits. At the time, Smith said he was representing the large number of people who had contacted him demanding that term limits should stand.

In addition to practicing law in Twin Falls for 34 years, Smith is a registered

engineer in three states. He is a partner in the law firm of Smith, Beeks & Hodge. He served three years in the Army. He is also a past mayor of Twin Falls, past prosecuting attorney for Twin Falls County, and he served almost eight years on the Idaho Transportation Board.

Faulkner, meanwhile, is giving up his Gooching County Commission seat after six years to run for the Legislature. He also chairs the Bliss School Board and is seeking re-election to that body, on which he has served six years.

Faulkner, 43, said his service on the Idaho Association of Attorneys' legislative committee exposed him to the Legislature.

"I saw how it works and found it interesting," he said. "I just feel with my financial background, I might be able to help out a little bit in understanding where the money's going and coming from."

Faulkner said the Legislature's 2002 financial woes resulted from overspending in 2001.

"They got themselves into a hole by being a little too loose with money the year before," he said. "I think if they'd been more frugal the year before, they would have come through this year OK."

# Council

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Considering the positive impact on the quality of life in Twin Falls the council has made, we think it's time for financial recognition," she said. "We are asking for \$15,000 to \$20,000 for general operating support."

Council member Howard Allen recalled that the arts council has never taken money from the city.

"The arts council is of great value," he said. "We've been off the hook, but we need to get with it."

Shalk enumerated numerous programs and projects such as the Art in the Park program for children in the summer, Arts on Tour programs the council provides in collaboration with the College of Southern Idaho, and a five-week foreign film festival, to name a few.

She said other Idaho cities of comparable size support their arts organizations. For example, Nampa funds its civic center for art programs \$25,000 per year. In addition, Idaho Falls gives its local arts council \$100,000 a year. Eagle recently provided \$30,000 in seed money for an arts council.

Councilman Trip Craig mentioned the concept of giving matching funds to the council at a rate of 1 percent of each capital improvement project the city

pays for. It's an idea used by other Idaho cities, but Mayor Lance Clow pointed out those funds have to be dedicated to one-time projects of the arts council.

Still, he instructed City Manager Tom Courtney to look into the mechanics of putting such a funding program in place.

Councilman Chris Talkington said it would be hard to disagree with the positive work the council does, but he said if the city did get involved with funding, he would recommend taking a "hands-off" stance in order to step away from paying personnel.

But Talkington also warned that should the city decide to fund the arts council, every other group doing non-profit work in the area would line up at the door wanting support.

Courtney advised City Council members that given the economy throughout the state, they should be cautious in taking on new financial responsibilities this year.

He also noted the Twin Falls School District had already made a request for thousands of dollars to provide fishing lights at cross crossings and additional crossing guards.

The City Council will vote on the request when it considers the 2003 budget.

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# Newspaper struggles with publisher's politicking

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — It's the kind of news that gives newspaper editors cold-sweat nightmares. The publisher is running for governor.

That is what's happening at the Post Register in Idaho Falls.

Publisher Jerry Brady announced in mid-March that he is making a run for the state's highest office, putting his family's newspaper in the awkward position of covering the boss as a political candidate.

"Everything we do now is second-guessed," managing editor Dean Miller said.

Roger Plothow, general manager and acting publisher, said: "I wouldn't wish it on anybody. I don't like notoriety for this reason."

Brady, a Democrat whose great-grandfather James H. Brady was governor of Idaho in the early 1900s, has taken a paid leave from the newspaper. His office is dark and will be turned into a nursing room for new mothers.

Brady said the paper will cover him like any other candidate, and he will treat the Post Register as he would any other paper.

In fact, Brady did not tell his own newsroom he was running. "We were damn near scooped," Miller said. The paper stumbled upon the story when an opinion writer was researching an unre-

lated story.

"As not my job to give them the tip," Brady explained.

After the initial shock, Miller said he tried to think of a way to talk Brady out of running. Then he decided he had to come up with a game plan.

Miller consulted journalism experts around the country.

From their responses, the paper drew up an eight-page coverage plan and a script for receptionists to use when they get calls about the campaign.

The paper has hired an ombudsman to monitor its election coverage. Lee Warnick, head of the Brigham Young University-Idaho communications department, will write columns between now and the election. His contract stipulates that the paper can edit his writing only for grammar and style.

The paper has a circulation of about 25,000. That would make it a small publication in many states, but in Idaho the Post Register is the second-largest newspaper. It serves Idaho Falls, a city of 50,000, and the surrounding counties, which are dominated by potato fields and dotted with Mormon churches.

The people here are predomi-

nantly Mormon and politically conservative. The Post Register's editorial page is liberal and frequently riles its readers. Brady, 65, has been a leading force on the opinion page for 13 years, writing one or two editorials a week.

This early in the race, Brady has no other Democrats challenging him for the nomination. However, he faces Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, a Republican incumbent in a Republican state, meaning he is a long shot.

The situation in Idaho Falls has recent precedents. Michael Bloomberg, New York City's new mayor, owns

Bloomberg LP, a financial news service. Journalists there must read carefully when covering the city. In Minnesota, Democratic state Sen. Becky Lourey, who is running for governor, has picked former Minneapolis Star Tribune publisher Joel Kramer as her running mate. Kramer left the newspaper in 1998.

In Idaho, Brady will have no role in the paper's coverage while he is running for election, according to the acting publisher. But that is not good enough for some readers.

Joseph Campbell of Idaho Falls wrote to the paper questioning the distance between the publisher's campaign and the news coverage. He also said it was wrong for Brady to continue to take his paycheck.

Aly Colon, an ethics specialist at the Poynter Institute, a media think tank, said that is exactly the problem with a publisher hiring the campaign trail: The newspaper finds its objectivity questioned.

"The importance of the news in general is its independence, and tied to this is credibility," he said. "From a journalistic and credibility point of view, there is nothing I can see that is positive in this."



Jerry Brady

# New office reflects Farm Bureau's agricultural focus

POCATELLO (AP) — Architect Keven Shropshire wanted his latest project to make people think agriculture.

So the partner at Pocatello-based H&S Architects packed the 13-million Farm Bureau building with symbolism.

The sidewalks and concrete work outside the building that opened Friday are laid out in the pattern of a tractor sprocket. The front entrance mimics a grain silo. Stainless steel plowshares decorate the building's exterior. The front desk is a scale model of the building as seen from the east.

The 93,600-square-foot structure is the new home to 174 employees of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance, Farm

Insurance Brokerage and Western Community Insurance.

"I came up with a couple of goals I wanted to do with this," Shropshire said. "One is to upscale the building environment of Pocatello. The other is to have a draw for new businesses to come to Pocatello. Any traveler coming through our freeway is going to see this and think Pocatello is on the edge and might be a good place to come and settle down their company."

Construction started in June 2000. The new building has a 100-car underground parking deck and a 100-car open-air parking lot. It also has a complete kitchen and cafeteria and an employee fitness room with large windows overlooking the city and mountains beyond.

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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African-American actors hit social landmark with double Oscar wins

By Michael Wilmington Chicago Tribune

HOLLYWOOD - Oscar made history Sunday night and for many it was a sweet victory, long past due.

The double victory for Denzel Washington and Halle Berry... who became the first African-Americans to win Best Actor and Best Actress trophies in a single year.

In 1939, Hattie McDaniel became the first African-American actor to win an Oscar for "Gone With the Wind."

Now Washington has won for his part as Alonzo Harris in the violent police thriller "Training Day."

Mostly, they showed that African-Americans could be portrayed onscreen as complex human beings-part good, part bad-rather than the bigot fodder of decades ago.

Washington was smiling, upbeat in his brief speech. The ultimate Best Picture victory for the intimate docudrama "A Beautiful Mind" (and the Best Director award for Ron Howard) showed that Academy Awards

Analysis

voters still like to reward those films that in their view display the most favorable image of Hollywood to the world outside.

"A Beautiful Mind" may not be a completely truthful or scrupulous record of Nobel Prize winner John Forbes Nash's complex life and emotional troubles.

The Oscar for Danis Tanovic's Bosnian war film "No Man's Land" won the great audience favorite "Amelie" was only a mild surprise.

Then there was the deeply moving tribute and honorary Oscar to Polanski. Polanski's appearance was heightened by the drama of the Best Actor and Actress contest, but it quickly became something transcendent.

Oscar recipients

List of winners at the 74th annual Academy Awards, presented Sunday night at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, Calif.

Picture: "A Beautiful Mind." Director: Ron Howard. "A Beautiful Mind." Actor: Denzel Washington. "Training Day." Actress: Halle Berry. "Monster's Ball." Supporting Actor: Jim Broadbent. "Ins." Supporting Actress: Jennifer Connelly. "A Beautiful Mind." Adapted Screenplay: Akiva Goldsman. "A Beautiful Mind." Animated Feature: "Shrek." Animated Short: "For the Birds." Art Direction: "Moulin Rouge." Cinematography: "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring." Costume Design: "Moulin Rouge." Documentary Feature: "Murder on a Sunday Morning." Documentary Short Subject: "Thoth." Film Editing: "Black Hawk Down." Foreign Language Film: "No Man's Land." Bosnia-Herzegovina. Live Action Short: "The Accountant." Makeup: "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring." Original Score: "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring." Original Screenplay: Julian Fellowes. "Gosford Park." Original Song: "If I Didn't Have You." by Randy Newman, from "Moulin Rouge." Sound: "Black Hawk Down." Sound Editing: "Pearl Harbor." Visual Effects: "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring."

all-star gallery of African-American talent (from Spike Lee to Washington and Berry), it crescendoed into movingrases "thank-you." Then came Polanski's acceptance speech-one of the most eloquent in recent Academy history.

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JEROME (5)

The Times-News is currently looking for carriers for independent Junior routes available in the Jerome area.

ROUTE 523 100-700 West Ave. B 100-700 West Ave. A 300-800 West Ave. D

ROUTE 529 100-500 W. Ave. G 200-300 W. Ave. I

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JEROME 5 MOTOR-ROUTE

The Times-News is currently looking for an independent Motor Route Carrier in the JEROME area. Valid drivers license & reliable vehicle a must. Route #13

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MINI-CASSIA

The Times-News is currently looking for an independent Motor Route Carrier in the MINI-CASSIA area.

If you live in the Mini-Cassia area & are interested in being a Newspaper Carrier, please contact the Burley Times-News office at 677-4042 or stop by the Burley office at 1263 Overland Ave. (Roper Building)

MALTA

The Times-News is currently looking for an independent Motor Route Carrier in the MALTA area.

ROUTE #63

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TWIN FALLS (6)

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ROUTE 634 TWIN FALLS MOTOR ROUTE

BUHL ROUTE 622 MOTOR ROUTE

TWIN FALLS (7)

The Times-News is currently looking for carriers for independent newspaper routes on the East side of Twin Falls

ROUTE 705 400 Aspenwood Lane 400-500 Cypress Way 2500-2600 Elizabeth Blvd.

ROUTE 746 1800-2000 4th Ave. E. 400-500 Madrona 240-465 Morningdale St. 400-500 Wakefield St.

ROUTE 750 500 Baker St. 2000-2100 Elizabeth Blvd.

ROUTE 770 600-1000 Aspenwood Lane 600-900 Greenview Way 600-900 O'Leary Way

ROUTE 829 100 - 400 Jefferson

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Tuesday, March 26, 2002

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolf

"Anytime things appear to be going better, you have overlooked something." - Anonymous

"Finally, a good result for us," offered a relieved West. "Against a heart game you probably would have led a club, and we would have won no tricks. At spades, I had a normal diamond lead, and we took our three tricks.

"Don't be so sure," cautioned East. "The duplicate field will be in spades, your diamond lead is routine, and we did drop a trick."

Had North played in four hearts, it was unlikely that East would have led a diamond. Even if he did lead his ace, West's defense would probably have not led to a club shift. So, defending against spades was preferable to defending against hearts.

Against the spade game, West led his diamond king and continued with his low diamond when East signaled with his nine. East's ace won, and a diamond return netted the first trick. The first three tricks. What did West overlook that would have diminished his euphoric view of his duplicate result?

West overlooked the potential of his trump 10. Since East was marked with the diamond ace and several other diamonds, there was no reason for West not to cash his queen for West to lead a third diamond. Had he done so, East would have led a fourth diamond, and West's trump 10 would have become a winner (trump up-er-ut).

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NORTH 432-2A  
A 7 3  
K J 9 8 7  
Q 5 3  
Q

WEST 10 4 2  
6 5  
K Q 2  
K 7 5 4 2

EAST 10 4 2  
A 9 8 5  
10 9 8 6 3

SOUTH A K J 8 6 5  
Q 3  
10 7 4  
A J

Vulnerable: North-South  
Dealer: South

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 Pass 2 Pass  
2 Pass 4 Pass

Opening lead: Diamond king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:  
A 10 4 2  
6 5  
K Q 2  
K 7 5 4 2

North South  
1 NT  
2 NT

ANSWER: Three no-trump. North promises about 17-18 HCP with a five-card heart suit. There should be a decent play for game.

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“We're not having any more press conferences with the two of them together in the future.”

—Mike Tyson adviser Shelly Finkel, in reference to the Tyson-Lewis press news conference in New York that caused the fight to be run out of Las Vegas when Tyson threw a punch and then a tantrum

### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:** Which school holds the NCAA Final Four single-game record for steals?  
.....answer below

### IN BRIEF

#### Minico sweeps twinbill from Skyline

RUPERT — Kody Cole hit for the cycle and had eight RBIs on the day to help Minico sweep Skyline 8-0 and 18-10 in high school baseball Monday at Warburton Field in Rupert.  
Cole is the first Minico player to hit for the cycle since standout Jared Price did it in 1999. The cycle came in a wild Game 2, that saw the Spartans (2-2) rally from a 10-0 deficit after a half-inning en route to the win. In the opener, John Fennell and Jason Tominga combined on a two-hit shutout.  
In the nightcap, Spartans Kruz Schow had four hits and four RBIs and Fennell had three hits and four RBIs as Minico's 3-4-5 batters had a combined 11 hits and 14 RBIs.  
Minico plays at the Bucks Bags Tournament Friday and Saturday in Boise and Caldwell.

**Game 1**  
Minico 8, Skyline 0  
10:00 p.m. - 11:15 p.m.  
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**Game 2**  
Minico 18, Skyline 10  
10:00 p.m. - 11:15 p.m.  
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#### Wood River drops 1-0 heartbreaker in San Diego

SAN DIEGO — The Wood River Wolverines opened with a tough, 2-0 loss to Southwest High of El Centro, Calif. at the 52nd annual Mike Marow Invitational in San Diego on Monday.  
Kellen Chatterton and Paul Tinker doubled and Joe Paisley had a single to account for all of the Wolverines' hits. Matt Beck tossed a three-hitter in defeat.  
The tournament, which ends on Thursday, has 94 teams.  
Wood River (4-2) faces Madison of San Diego today at 1 p.m.

**Southwest 2, Wood River 0**  
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 p.m.  
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#### Correction

A story in Sunday's sports section incorrectly reported that Dixie State College won its first men's basketball national championship Saturday. The Rebels also won the men's championship in 1985.  
The Times-News regrets the error.

#### TRIVIA ANSWER

Nevada Las Vegas, 16, against Duke in the 1990 championship game.

# UPPER CRUST

## Final Four men's teams sport quality seniors

By David Teel  
Daily Press (Newport News, Va.)  
Mocked as chumps by many, they become champs each spring.  
We're talking about college basketball's lost boys juniors and seniors.  
The game's ruthless street culture dismisses them. After all, if a player's not ready for the League after two years or less of college, then he ain't got game.  
Juan Dixon, Aaron McGhee, Dane Fife and Drew Gooden beg to differ. Dinosaurs all, they led their respective teams to this

weekend's Final Four.  
We shouldn't be surprised. Even as dozens of high school seniors and college underclassmen defect annually to the NBA, quality juniors and seniors continue to dominate the NCAA Tournament.  
Sure, early outs such as Kobe Bryant, Allen Iverson, Kevin Garnett, Chris Webber and Jason

Kidd figure to rule the NBA playoffs. But March belongs to the lost boys, no matter the perspective.  
National champions? Duke started two seniors in 2001, Michigan State three in 2000, Connecticut in 1999 started one senior and three juniors.

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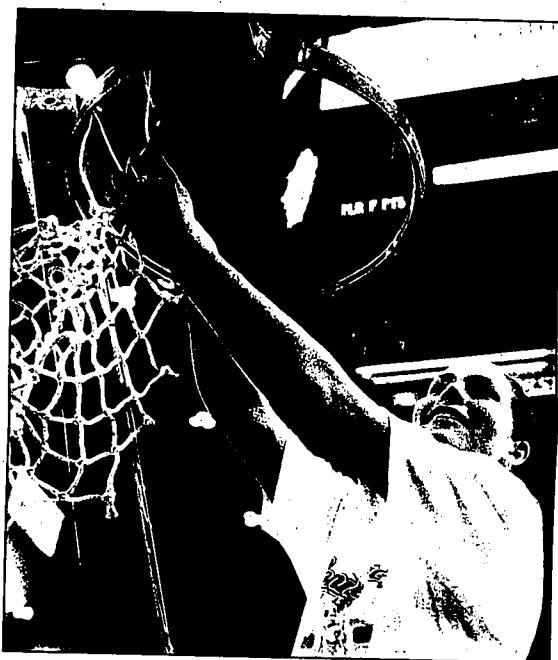
**The Final Four**  
At The Georgia Dome, Atlanta  
National Semifinals  
All Times MST  
Saturday's games  
Indiana (24-11) vs. Oklahoma (31-4), 4:07 p.m.  
Maryland (30-4) vs. Kansas (33-3), TBA  
National Championship  
Monday, April 2  
Semifinal winners, 7:18 p.m.

# UConn heads back to Final Four

## Tennessee, Duke, Oklahoma advance

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Sue Bird and the unbeaten Connecticut Huskies bounced the party crashers right out of the NCAA tournament.  
Bird scored a career-high 26 points and dished out 11 assists as UConn, seeking its third national title in the last eight years, advanced to the Final Four by beating Old Dominion 85-64 Monday night with a dazzling first-half display.



Connecticut's Sue Bird cuts down the net after UConn defeated Old Dominion 85-64 Monday in the NCAA Midwest Regional final game in Milwaukee.

**NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament**  
All Times MST  
East Regional championship  
Duke 77, South Carolina 68  
Midwest Regional championship  
Connecticut 85, Old Dominion 64  
Midwest Regional championship  
Tennessee 63, Vanderbilt 63  
West Regional championship  
Oklahoma 94, Colorado 60

**The Final Four**  
At The Alamodome, San Antonio  
National Semifinals  
Friday, March 29  
Duke (31-3) vs. Oklahoma (31-3), 5 p.m.  
Connecticut (37-0) vs. Tennessee (29-4), TBA

The top-seeded Huskies (37-0) now face Tennessee in Friday's national semifinals. The Volunteers downed Vanderbilt 68-63 in the Midwest Regional championship. Connecticut beat Tennessee 86-72 in Knoxville on Jan. 5.  
Opening the Final Four round Friday will be Duke against Oklahoma.  
The Lady Monarchs (28-6), miffed at their No. 7 seeding, used the perceived slight to fuel upsets of second-seeded Purdue and third-seeded Kansas State. But they could only watch helplessly as the top-ranked and top-seeded Huskies (37-0) made their first 13 shots and sank their first five free throws in racing to a 34-14 lead less than 10 minutes into the Midwest Regional final.  
"Everything went our way, everything was just clicking," Bird said. "We were running our break, running our offense and getting a lot of layups. And considering it was the biggest game of the year, that's the best we've played."  
And the best team in the country playing its best basketball of the year was the last thing

the Monarchs needed.  
Over the weekend, Old Dominion coach Wendy Larry, whose team lost to the Huskies by 14 in December, but had won 21 in row, said: "We're in a position now to ruin parties."  
To which UConn coach Geno Auriemma jokingly retorted: "Party crashers usually get beat up or arrested, don't they?"  
They were turned away at the door Monday night.  
With a dominating display of crisp passing and accurate shooting, the Huskies jumped to a 20-4 lead in less than five minutes. They

# Tyson, Lewis bout gets OK

## Boxers will fight June 8

The Associated Press

Lennox Lewis and Mike Tyson will meet June 8 in Memphis for the heavyweight championship, under a deal wrapped up Monday night after weeks of on-again off-again negotiations.  
Promoters were set to formally announce the agreement, which was finalized just before a deadline by the International Boxing Federation. Showtime cable network spokeswoman Marina Capurro confirmed the fight was on.  
The major stumbling block — a \$12.5 million site fee — reportedly had been resolved earlier in the day but some details were still pending.  
Among those details was an agreement from the champion himself that he would fight



The fight originally was going to be April 6 in Las Vegas, but Nevada boxing authorities refused to give Tyson a boxing license after an outburst at a January press conference.  
The much-shopped fight had to be resolved by Monday or the IBF was going to order Lewis to fight No. 1 challenger Chris Byrd instead of Tyson.  
Promoters had hoped to announce a deal last week, but plans fell apart after local promoters in Memphis failed to come up with the site fee from a local bank.  
Tyson and Lewis each are reportedly guaranteed \$17.5 million to fight for the IBF and WBC titles Lewis holds, and could earn millions more if the fight grabs the attention of the public.  
Promoters also stand to make a bundle, with projections that the fight could gross \$100 million from the site fee and pay-per-view sales.

# Spring brings new sports

## T-N golf page debuts April 3

The Times-News

Spring arrived nearly a week ago and with it came an entirely new set of sports for area high schools. For now, the basketballs have been put away in favor of baseballs, softball, golf and tennis balls and track and field spikes.  
And those sports' athletes have been playing their trades for the past couple of weeks already. With the new sports seasons upon us, *The Times-News* begins its annual look this week at all five sports beginning with baseball on Wednesday. Softball will follow on Thursday with golf on Friday and tennis on Saturday.  
Next week, track and field will be featured with Classes 5A-4A on April 4, 3A teams on April 5 and the 1A teams on April 7.  
*The Times-News* will also preview the major league baseball season, which opens on Sunday. Readers can expect capsule looks at both leagues as well as a stand-alone standings box and league roundup all season long.

## Spring high school previews

The Times-News begins looking at area high school spring sports this week.

**Wednesday**  
Baseball  
Thursday  
Softball  
Friday  
Golf  
Saturday  
Tennis  
Next week  
Track & Field, all classes

And with spring, comes another exciting season of golf. With the golf courses in the magic and Wood River valleys finally thawing out, *The Times-News* is looking forward to bringing you a new feature this year with a bi-weekly golf page that debuts April 3 and runs every other Wednesday through September.  
And don't forget the Magic Valley Speedway racing season, which opens April 13 at Idaho's only NASCAR-sanctioned race track.  
These are just a few of the many upcoming features and items we hope to bring you this spring and summer.

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SPORTS

# Sonics stuff Jazz, stay in playoff hunt

SEATTLE (AP) — Rashard Lewis scored 11 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter as the Seattle SuperSonics defeated the Utah Jazz 106-90 Monday night to hold onto their playoff position in the West.

It was Seattle's first win over Utah in more than two years.

Lewis also grabbed seven rebounds in the final quarter. Gary Payton added 24 points and seven assists, and Brent Barry had 18 points and six assists for the Sonics, who entered with a half-game lead over the Jazz for seventh place in the Western Conference.

Karl Malone had 24 points, six steals and five rebounds for Utah, which is battling to stay ahead of the Los Angeles Clippers for the conference's eighth and final playoff spot.

The Jazz, who had won four of five, got 17 points and nine assists from John Stockton a night before his 40th birthday. Bryon Russell added 16 for Utah and substitute Andrei Kirilenko had 10 points and seven assists.

Sonics coach Nate McMillan wanted his team to force Utah to shoot from outside, and the plan worked for much of the game. The Jazz shot 40.3 percent, including 4-for-13 from 3-point range.

Utah had won eight straight games against Seattle, including three meetings this season. The Jazz beat the Sonics with big second-half runs in all three wins. The Sonics' last win over the Jazz was 104-96 on Feb. 1, 2000.

Utah shot 35.4 percent in the first half and had no players in the double figures, but outscored Seattle 16-7 in the second half. Stockton scored five and Malone six in the game and the Jazz pulled to 76-69 going into the fourth quarter.

## Grizzlies 103, Trail Blazers 100

PORTLAND, Ore. — Rodney Buford scored 14 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter as the Memphis Grizzlies rallied from 19 points down in that period to beat the Portland Trail Blazers 103-100 Monday night.

Lorenzen Wright scored 21 points to lead the Grizzlies, who had lost six straight and 15 of 17. Memphis (18-5) began the night just a half-game ahead of Chicago for the league's worst record.

The Grizzlies trailed by as many as 25 late in the third quarter, making this the biggest comeback in the franchise's seven-year history. The previous largest was



Miami's Jim Jackson takes a foul from Boston's Tony Battie, left, Monday during the first half in Miami. Boston won the game, 87-82.

23 points in a win over New Jersey in January 2000.

Bonz Wells scored 34 points to lead the Blazers, and he had a chance to tie the game in the final seconds. Trailing 100-97, Wells missed two free throws, but grabbed his own rebound on the second miss.

He ran toward the 3-point line, turned around and swished the shot with 6.4 seconds left, but the officials ruled Wells' foot was inside the line, giving the Grizzlies a 100-99 lead.

## Celtics 87, Heat 82

MIAMI — Erick Strickland scored a season-high 23 points, including a pair of 3-pointers late in the fourth quarter, leading Boston to a 87-82 victory over Miami on Monday night.

Strickland, filling in for the injured Kenny Anderson at point guard, helped the Celtics pull

away in the fourth quarter and secure a much-needed win. Boston, which had lost three of its previous four after winning seven straight, moved 1.5 games ahead of Milwaukee for the No. 3 spot in the Eastern Conference.

Miami lost for the third straight time and has dropped five of its last seven. The Heat, once a half game out of the playoffs, fell four games behind Indiana for the final playoff spot.

The Heat's loss also clinched a playoff spot for New Jersey, which was idle.

Alonzo Mourning scored 20 points to go along with 10 rebounds, and Eddie Jones had 19 points for Miami.

## Nuggets 84, Knicks 83

NEW YORK — Yosthon Lenard scored 16 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter and hit the winning shot. Juwan Howard added

20 points and 12 rebounds for the Nuggets, who trailed by as many as 13 points in the second half. Latrell Sprewell scored 33 points for the Knicks, who led by as many as 19 in the first half. Kurt Thomas added 15 points and 14 rebounds for the Knicks, who have lost 15 games when leading by double digits this year.

## Suns 102, Cavaliers 96

PHOENIX — Jake Tsakalidis scored a career-high 23 points and grabbed nine rebounds, and Dan Majerle netted two 3-pointers in the final 3.5 minutes.

Shawn Marion scored 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for Phoenix. He sank consecutive jumpers from 17 and 20 feet to put the Suns in control for good 96-89 with 1:11 to play.

Stephon Marbury had 20 points and a season-high 14 assists for the Suns.

# SPORTS IN BRIEF

## Huggins withdraws name from West Virginia search

CINCINNATI — Basketball coach Bob Huggins announced Monday that he will stay at Cincinnati and not consider the basketball coaching vacancy at West Virginia University, his alma mater.

"Consideration of my family, my players, the visible support and my working conditions at the university have played a major role in my decision," Huggins wrote in a Monday statement.

"After careful deliberation, I have determined that we still have much to do here at the University of Cincinnati."

Huggins' decision followed a series of meetings with athletic director Bob Goia, the latest occurring on Monday afternoon. Huggins recently completed his 13th season at Cincinnati where he has compiled a 372-100 record. He has led the Bearcats to 13 straight postseason appearances and seven consecutive Conference USA titles.

Huggins has a 21-season record of 500-172. He became the 95th coach in NCAA history to reach 500 career victories. West Virginia's second choice was apparently Florida assistant John Peluprey, who took himself out of the running by taking the South Alabama job.

Newspapers were reporting West Virginia's offer, including incentives, was worth more than \$1 million per season.

## Raiders' Russell pleads innocent to sexual assault

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Oakland Raiders defensive tackle Darrell Russell pleaded innocent to sexual assault charges on Monday. Russell and two friends were arrested early last month after a 27-year-old woman claimed she was drugged and raped in an Alameda home on Jan. 31.

Russell was charged with 25 felonies as an accomplice. He has been free since posting bail on Feb. 7. Prosecutors contend Russell ran a videocamera that taped the woman being assaulted at least one of his friends.

Under California law, Russell could be found guilty of crimes committed by either of his two friends charged in the case if he did not intervene. Russell, 24, of Berkeley, and All Hayes, 27, of Oakland also were charged in connection with the alleged assault.

## BYU coach withdraws from consideration at Fresno

PROVO, Utah — BYU coach Steve Cleveland on Monday removed his name from consideration for the vacancy at Fresno State, which opened when Jerry Tarkanian retired earlier this month.

Cleveland explored the job because he is a Fresno native who was hired by BYU after coaching at Fresno City College. Cleveland led BYU to the NCAA tournament after the 2000 season, capping a four-year rebuilding project where he took over a team that went 25 in 1996-97. Last fall, he signed a three-year contract extension.

"We knew it would take time to rebuild our men's basketball program and Steve has done a remarkable job over the last five years," BYU president Merrill Bateman said. "We look forward to a long relationship."

BYU was 18-12 this season, losing to Memphis in the second round of the NIT. Cleveland is 85-69 overall in five seasons.

## Hodges asks to talk with Gonzaga coach Few

SPOKANE, Wash. — University of Washington athletic director Tom Hodges has asked permission to talk with Gonzaga men's basketball head

## Huskie's vacant head coaching position

Gonzaga athletic director Mike Roth told the Spokesman-Review late Sunday that Hodges contacted him over the weekend to ask permission to talk with Few about his interest in replacing Bob Bender.

Bender was asked to resign last week after nine seasons at Washington, and Few's name surfaced immediately as a potential successor.

Few, 39, has an 81-20 record at Gonzaga, the best of any third-year coach in the history of Division I men's basketball. This year's team had a 24 record, but was beaten by Wyoming in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Few has refused to comment publicly on whether he has any interest in replacing Bender as close friend, at Washington. He did not return phone messages left at his home Sunday evening.

## UW gets permission to court Mizou's Snyder

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Missouri gave Washington permission Monday to talk with Quin Snyder about the Huskies' vacant head coaching job.

Missouri sports information director Chad Moller said Washington officials contacted Missouri athletic director Mike Alden during the week.

Moller said Alden gave his permission for the Huskies to approach Snyder, who is in his third year at Missouri and led the Tigers to the NCAA West Regional final. Missouri lost to Oklahoma 81-75 on Saturday.

Moller said Snyder was unavailable for comment Monday about his future at Missouri. Four years remain on Snyder's five-year contract, which was re-negotiated last summer to give him more money.

Snyder is a native of Mercer Island, Wash., and has family and friends in the area. Snyder told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on Sunday that he had no plans to leave Missouri but was not promising he would stay in Columbia.

## Yankees 3B Ventura

CLEARWATER, Fla. — New York Yankees third baseman Robin Ventura sprained his left ankle Monday against Philadelphia, making him questionable for next week's season opener.

Ventura was injured in the third inning trying to avoid getting into a double play. With Brent Williams on first, the slow-footed Ventura grounded to first baseman Dave Hollins, who threw to second base for the out. Trying to beat the return throw, Ventura stepped on Hollins' foot at first base.

"A mild sprain. We'll see what happens," Ventura said. "I don't think it's too bad."

## Panthers bring back kick returner Bates

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers brought back former special teams standout Michael Bates, signing the kick returner to a one-year deal Monday worth \$750,000.

Bates, a four-time Pro Bowl selection, played five seasons for the Panthers but was with Washington Redskins last year because Carolina didn't bring him back after drafting Steve Smith.

Smith, the only rookie to make the All-Pro team last season, returned two kickoffs and a punt for touchdowns. But he could be used as wide receiver under new coach John Fox.

Bates is among the all-time league leaders in kickoff returns, with 347 punks for 8,422 yards and five touchdowns.

— compiled from wire reports

# Women

## Tennessee 63, Vanderbilt 68

AMES, Iowa — Tennessee beat a familiar opponent to put itself back in a familiar setting.

Gwen Jackson had 18 points and 12 rebounds, and Michelle Snow hit three key shots down the stretch as second-seeded Tennessee beat top-seeded Vanderbilt 68-63 in the Midwest Regional final Monday night, sending the Lady Vols to the Final Four for the 13th time.

Tennessee (29-4) built a 15-point lead early in the second half against its Southeastern Conference rival, then survived a rally that got the Commodores (30-7) within two points.

Chantelle Anderson's 35 points and 12 rebounds weren't enough to get Vanderbilt to the Final

Four for the second time. Vanderbilt lost to eventual champion Notre Dame in the Midwest Regional final last year.

Now, Tennessee, a six-time national champion, gets another crack at unbeaten and top-ranked Connecticut, the Midwest Regional champion. They'll meet in the national semifinals in San Antonio on Friday night.

## Oklahoma 94, Colorado 60

BOISE — Chalk up another major accomplishment for Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale: a trip to the Final Four.

LaNeisha Caufield scored 25 points and Stacey Dales had 20 as top-seeded Oklahoma rolled past No. 3 Colorado 94-60 on Monday night in the West Regional final, sending the Sooners to San Antonio.

Caufield shot 5-for-5 in the second half and scored 14 points during a 32-6 second-half run that guaranteed Oklahoma (31-3) of becoming the first Big 12 team ever to reach the Final Four.

Jamie Talbert and Rosalind Ross each scored 12 for Oklahoma, which lost in the NCAA tournament's second round the past two years. Coale, in her sixth season, has a Final Four to go with three straight Big 12 titles.

## Duke 77, South Carolina 68

RALEIGH, N.C. — Alana Beard wasn't about to let Duke fall short of the Final Four.

Beard scored 24 points and Monique Currie added 15 as the top-seeded Blue Devils beat South Carolina 77-68 Monday in the East Regional championship

to earn their second trip to the Final Four.

The Blue Devils (31-3), who have won a school-record 22 straight games, advance to San Antonio to face Oklahoma, a 94-60 winner over Colorado in the West Regional final. Duke is returning to the Final Four for the first time since 1999, when they lost to Purdue in the championship game.

Beard was 9-for-12 from the floor, and had seven rebounds, five assists, five steals and two blocks to earn Most Outstanding Player honors.

Third-seeded South Carolina (25-7) scored the game's first eight points and rallied from a 13-point halftime deficit to take a one-point lead midway through the second half. But the Blue Devils never lost their poise and answered every run.

# Seniors

Final Four MVPs? Five of the last seven were seniors. The other two were juniors. Among the group: Shane Battier, Richard Hamilton and Mateen Cleaves.

This year's Final Four? Glad you asked. Each starts four juniors or seniors.

The point is, experience still matters individual and collective. Postseason pressure affects the best, but more seasoned teams and players are least likely to choke on that pressure.

## Sooners

Oklahoma's McGhee, a senior forward, averaged 15 points a game during the regular season. In four NCAA Tournament games he's scored 87 points, a 21.8 average.

Guard Hollis Price led the Sooners in assists, steals and minutes last season as a sophomore before maturing into an All-Big 12 player this year. He scored a

team-high 23 points in Oklahoma's Big 12 tournament upset of Kansas and was voted MVP of the West Region.

The Sooners led conference rival Missouri throughout the West title game, but in the waning minutes, the Tigers cut an eight-point deficit to three. Enter the senior, McGhee's 3-pointer ended any doubt.

## Hoosiers

Indiana, Oklahoma's opponent Saturday at the Georgia Dome, needed a similar shot from a similar source to survive upstart Kent State in the South Regional final. The Hoosiers were coasting by 20 before a 13-0 run brought the Golden Flashies within seven.

Fife, a senior and the Big Ten's defensive player of the year, then hit his fifth and final 3-pointer to lift the team-high 17 points.

While sophomore forward Jared Jeffries clearly is Indiana's leading man, he's surrounded by

the likes of Fife, senior Jarrad Odie, fourth-year Junior Kyle Horsnby and senior Tom Coverdale. Such experience is invaluable to Mike Davis, still adjusting to life as a head coach after two seasons on the job.

Coaching experience is not an issue in Saturday's other semifinal. Kansas' Roy Williams and Maryland's Gary Williams are established coaches blessed with veteran teams.

## Jayhawks

With only one senior starter, Kansas is the baby of the Final Four. But guard Jeff Boschee isn't playing with kids. Nick Collison, Kirk Hinrich and All-American Gooden are juniors competing in their third NCAA Tournament.

Gooden was MVP of the Midwest Region and Collison posted 25 points and 15 rebounds against Oregon in the title game. Boschee? All he did was make the most important shot of Kansas' postseason.

The Jayhawks, seeded No. 1 in the Midwest, inexplicably struggled in the first round against Duke. They trailed for much of the game until Boschee's 3-pointer with 6:38 remaining gave them a lead they never relinquished.

## Terrapins

But Boschee's shot paled to Dixon's on Sunday. Maryland trailed Connecticut 77-74 in a riveting East Regional final. The Terps couldn't defend Canton Butler and couldn't gather an offensive rebound.

Then Dixon hit a 3-pointer. Then two free throws. Maryland won 90-82. Dixon, a senior playing in his 14th NCAA Tournament game, finished with 27 points. Lenny Baxter, also a senior, scored a season-high 29.

Dixon, Baxter, senior Byron Mouton and junior Steve Blake make Maryland the Final Four's oldest team. All may be dinosaurs. None is a chump.

# CSI

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far," she said. "The next step for Brockstedt will be securing a scholarship to attend NCAA Division I college." She said one of the reasons she chose CSI over other schools was because she felt it would help her make the leap. She also turned down an offer from Division II University of North Alabama.

"I've always wanted to play Division I," Brockstedt said. "And I think going to CSI will help me get that. I'm really excited about it. I would fit in there but after talking with coach Stroud and the other players, it was an easy decision."

## News and Notes

The Eagles plan on attending

three tournaments this spring and will possibly hold a fourth tournament in Twin Falls on April 20. The volleyball team will be in Bozeman, Mont., on April 6, in Weber State University on April 13, and at Idaho State University on April 27. CSI sophomore Tresha Biggers is still undecided on what school she is attending next fall, but Florida State University and Georgia State University have shown interest. Sophomore Amanda Baxters will play at Albion College next season.

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SPORTS

Pettitte looks healthy for Yankees

The Associated Press

Andy Pettitte may be ready for the New York Yankees when the season starts, but the AL champion could be missing Roidin Ventura.

Pettitte, pitching in a major league spring training game for the first time since March 3, allowed one run in four innings of the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday in Clearwater, Fla.

Pettitte had thrown twice in minor league games since being scratched from a start on March 8 because of a strained left elbow. "Oh yeah," Yankees manager



Joe Torre said when asked if Pettitte would be in the rotation to start the regular season. "We just don't know where he'll fit in."

Pettitte struck out three and walked one. He threw 39 of 60 pitches for strikes. He will make one more exhibition start.

"The news wasn't all good for the Yankees. Ventura sprained his left ankle and is questionable for next week's season opener.

Also Monday, Phillies utility player Tomas Perez injured his left knee on a hard takeout slide by Brian Spencer and his status for the season is uncertain.

An MRI exam revealed that Perez has a sprained medial collateral ligament in his left knee and a slight meniscus tear, team physician Dr. Michael Cicotti said. Perez will probably be out 3- to 6 weeks.

Elsewhere, Pittsburgh outfielder Armando Rios, still recovering from reconstructive left knee surgery, bruised his right knee during a hard collision with Minnesota first baseman Mike Cuddyer.

Primeau sparks Flyers to 4-1 win

NHL

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Keith Primeau celebrated his return to the Philadelphia lineup with two goals as the Flyers extended their unbeaten streak to four games with a 4-1 victory Monday night over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Simon Gagne scored a shorthanded goal for the Flyers, who moved within two points of Eastern Conference leader Boston with two games in hand. Dan McCallis added an empty-net goal.

Islanders 4, Rangers 2 UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Oleg

Kvasha scored the tying and game-winning goals in a 4-5t split late in the third period as the New York Islanders over the New York Rangers.

Claude Lapointe added an empty-net goal, and Kip Miller also scored for the Islanders. Chris Osgood made 27 saves.

Devils 3, Panthers 1 EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Joe Newenburgh set up goals by linemates Patrick Elias and Jamie Langenbrunner to lead New Jersey past Florida.

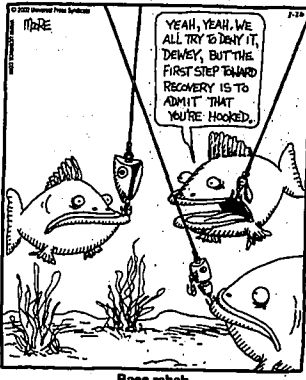
John Madden added a breakaway goal in the final minute, and the Devils blanked Florida to 15 shots against in their final game in winning for the sixth time in eight games, and sending the Panthers to their fifth straight loss.

Predators 3, Red Wings 3 NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Scott Hartnell had a goal and an assist as the Nashville Predators tied the Detroit Red Wings 3-3 Tuesday night.

Nashville is the only team in the NHL not to lose in overtime this season.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



Bass rehab.

Down South, the bass fishing season is in full swing. The weather is perfect, the water is clear, and the bass are biting. It's a great time to be on the water.

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TRANSACTIONS

NASCAR: Fred Goetz, Jr. has been named as the new crew chief for the #14 team of Dale Earnhardt Jr. at Dover International Speedway.

MLB: The New York Yankees have signed free agent pitcher Andy Pettitte to a one-year contract.

NFL: The Philadelphia Eagles have signed free agent defensive end Jason Strain to a one-year contract.

NBA: The Los Angeles Lakers have signed free agent guard Steve Nash to a one-year contract.

NHL: The Philadelphia Flyers have signed free agent forward Keith Primeau to a one-year contract.

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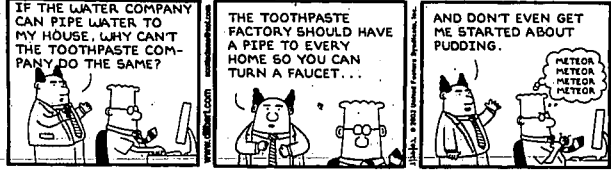
For Better or For Worse

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Dilbert

By Scott Adams



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



B.C.

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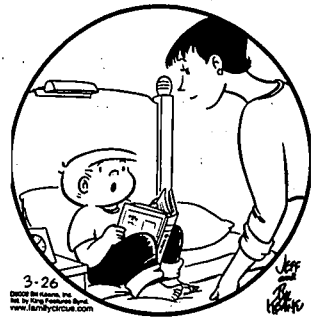
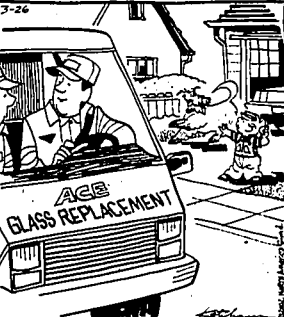


Denise the Menace

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The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



The Wizard of Id

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"EVERY HOUSE WITHIN A STONE'S THROW OF THE MITCHELL KID IS A STEADY CUSTOMER."

"If Miss McElfresh gave a test on Harry Potter, I'd have it made!"

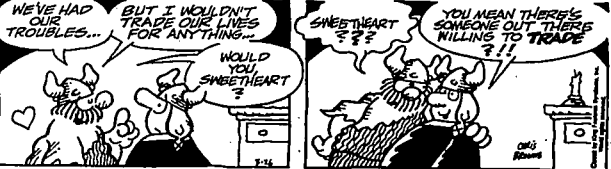
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Hagar the Horrible

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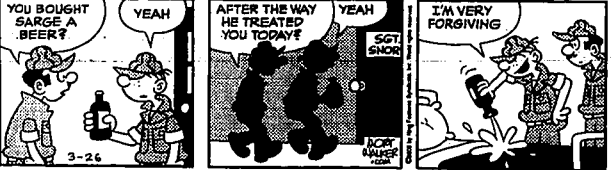
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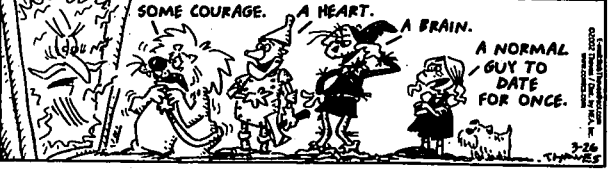
Luann

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Frank and Ernest

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Non Sequitur

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The Born Loser

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