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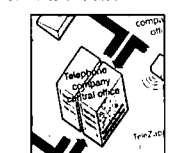
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# The Times-News

## Wasted time?

### Lawmaker votes against 'public interest' legislation

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Saying the "local public interest" legislation was basically a waste of time, Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, voted against a bill on Monday that would limit application of the phrase only to the subject of water.

The bill passed the House Resource & Conservation Committee 13-4. From the Magic Valley, voting in favor of it were Reps. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and Scott Belke, R-Oakley.  
"I'm not sure this bill does very much," Jones said, predicting that the Idaho Department of Water Resources

would continue looking to its sister agencies to determine if such things as odor, flood lights, noise and excessive traffic that come with large dairies count when considering their water transfers.  
But Jones did lash out at local officials.

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Rep. Doug Jones

## HAMMER TIME



Doug Keiley, left, and Ron Setser, right, hold a rail and railroad tie in place while Daniel Beltran pounds a spike in place on a rail siding in Kimberly. The rails were warped in the intense heat of a warehouse fire on October of 2001. Several sections of charred ties have to be replaced, as well as the rails, before the track can support heavy rail cars again.

## U.S. discounts flurry of Iraqi activity

Baghdad crushes more missiles, unearths bombs

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq crushed missiles, sliced casting chambers, and sent scientists to talk with U.N. weapons inspectors Monday, all in a desperate effort to prove it is disarming before a crucial U.N. report at the end of the week.

France, Russia and China urged Iraq to meet every U.N. demand in hopes of staying out of war, but the United States — which might wage war even without U.N. authorization — said the actions were too little, too late.  
"Iraq is not cooperating," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Monday. "Despite whatever limited head-fakes Iraq has engaged in, they continue to fundamentally not disarm."



Lt. J.G. Candice James bids her husband, Doug, goodbye, as daughters Kristi, 13, left, and Amy, 11, wait their turn Monday in Coronado, Calif., before the aircraft carrier Nimitz deployed for the Persian Gulf.

U.S. officials said a vote on a new U.N. resolution authorizing force would likely come next week, after chief weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei address the Security Council on Friday.

The U.S.-led military mobilization entered a critical stage Monday, with B-52 bombers landing in Britain and soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division setting up camp in Kuwait.

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An Iraqi worker uses a cutting torch to destroy part of a casting chamber at the al-Rasheed factory Monday near Baghdad. Casting chambers are used to produce solid fuels for missiles.

## GOP disputes claims that deficit will set record

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government is on track to amass annual federal deficits this year and next exceeding \$300 billion for the first time, Republicans insist the

red ink would not be a record, a contention Democrats reject in a linguistic duel less about economics than politics.

"They're not always engaged in an academic search for truth," Indiana University economics

professor Willard Witte said of both parties.

Economists agree the most meaningful way to compare historic budget figures is to factor in changes in the dollar's value or the size of the economy.

Republicans say that when inflation is considered, there have been nine shortfalls since World War II worse than the projected deficits for 2003 and 2004.

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## Free speech or fraud? Court mulls legality of misleading charity fund drives

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The telemarketer's pitch sounded good — contribute money for Vietnam veterans down on their luck — but only pennies of each donated dollar went to help those in need.

The solicitation may have been misleading, but several Supreme Court justices seemed hesitant Monday to call it a crime.

The court heard arguments and is expected to rule by summer on whether charity fund drives that shade — or ignore — the

truth about how donations are spent amount to fraud or free speech.

"We ask this court not to hold that half-truths are constitutionally protected," Illinois Assistant Attorney General Richard Huzagah told the justices. His

state wants to go after a professional fund-raising firm for allegedly defrauding donors to a charity the fund-raisers called VietNow.

Telemarketing Associates Inc. took in more than \$8 million on behalf of the veterans' charity,

## Adopted in concept

T.F. council likes idea of renaming downtown streets

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It will happen, but exactly when and how is yet to be decided.

The Twin Falls City Council in a split vote late Monday approved the idea of renaming streets in the city's downtown quadrants. But the council stopped short of actually adopting the street names recommended by the Historic Old Towne committee. The Old Towne group had offered an alphabetized list of names significant to Twin Falls' formative years.

Council members Gloria Thompson and Tom Craig voted against the measure. Mayor Lance Clow and council members Flame Steele, Gloria Galan and Chris Lalkington voted for it. Councilman Howard Allen abstained, citing a conflict of interest because his family name is one on the recommended list.  
It wasn't yet clear late Monday when the council will take up the matter of choosing actual new names for the streets, Clow said.

One of the reasons cited for putting off the decision over names included requests that the field be opened up to historic names further down the alphabet. The current list ends with "X."

But the basic plan will be the same, to rename the streets and leave the downtown avenues.

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## Pet-advocacy group dislikes panel plan

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Even though its first meeting hadn't yet been scheduled, a commission created to oversee the Twin Falls Animal Shelter might have already failed in one of its primary objectives, the leader of an area pet adoption group said.

"The Sheena Foundation is very upset with the way this commission was set up," Bob Powers said to the Twin Falls City Council late Monday.

Powers is president of Sheena, a Filer-based pet adoption organization.

The council earlier that evening had voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of seven members of the newly formed city animal shelter advisory commission. The commission will operate in the same manner as the city council's other advisory boards — such as the airport board. It will make recommendations to the City Council, which will still have the final authority over the animal shelter.

One of the reasons for forming the animal shelter commission was in hopes of smoothing conflict between the Sheena Foundation and another animal-advocacy group, People for Pets. People for Pets has since the late 1980s run the animal shelter under a contract with the city. That contract was recently renewed.

But given the Sheena Foundation's mood after Monday's vote, a truce probably

and pocketed 85 percent of the money. Would-be donors allegedly were told their money would go for food baskets, job training and other services for needy veterans, with no mention of fund-

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# Officials search terror suspect's hideout

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI and CIA experts dug through piles of information Monday from the Pakistani home of alleged Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, searching for clues that new strikes might be imminent.

U.S. authorities also questioned Mohammed on Monday, seeking information about safe houses and hideouts used by the al-Qaida terror network, a Pakistani intelligence official said. Mohammed's exact whereabouts were unclear.

Mohammed had been plotting attacks against targets in the United States and Saudi Arabia in the weeks before his capture, U.S. counterterrorism officials contended.



Khalid Shaikh Mohammed

Intelligence about Mohammed's activities led in part to the orange alert that lasted most of February, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said.

"Some of the concerns we had

that caused us to raise the threat level were attributable to the planning he was involved in," Ridge said. "There were multiple reasons that we raised the threat level and his relation to one of the plot lines was one of the several."

Ridge declined to discuss specifics but said the threat level was lowered last week because later information showed that plans for attacks had been disrupted and were less likely to occur.

Authorities recovered a huge amount of information about al-Qaida at the house in Pakistan where Mohammed and two others were arrested early Saturday, a senior law enforcement official said Monday.

Recovered at the home in Rawalpindi were computers, disks, cell phones and documents. Authorities believe the materials will provide names, locations and potential terrorist plots of al-Qaida cells in the United States and around the world.

Mohammed also was believed by U.S. officials to have details about the group's finances.

He was captured as he slept early Saturday. Pakistani Ahmed Abdul Qader and an unidentified third man were also detained.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said, "We are hoping that this will lead to substantial additional information on al-Qaida, on al-Qaida's plans and al-Qaida's operations."

# N. Korea fighter jets intercept U.S. spy plane

WASHINGTON (AP) — North Korean fighter jets intercepted a U.S. Air Force reconnaissance plane over the Sea of Japan and one used its radar in a manner that indicated it might attack, U.S. officials said Monday.

Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said it was the first such incident since August 1969 when a North Korean plane shot down a U.S. EC-121 surveillance plane, killing 31 Americans.

The latest incident happened Sunday morning, Korean time, and there was no hostile fire, Davis said.

Four North Korean planes "shadowed" the American plane over international waters for about 20 minutes before breaking off, he said.

Two North Korean MiG29 fighters and two other aircraft that Davis said appeared to be MiG23 fighters intercepted the Air Force RC-135S reconnaissance plane, which Davis said was conducting a routine intelligence mission over the Sea of Japan about 150 miles off North Korea's coast.

The closest the fighters came was about 50 feet, Davis said.

He did not know whether there was any communication between the North Korean and American crews.

At one point one of the fighters "locked on" to the U.S. plane with its fire-control radar, Davis said. This is an action that would indicate a possible intent to fire, although in this case there was no hostile fire.

# Government looks at environmental risks to kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — Babies and toddlers have a 10 times greater cancer risk than adults when exposed to certain genotoxic chemicals, the government said Monday, in proposing tougher environmental guidelines that would take into account the greater hazards to the very young.

If its guidelines are made final, the Environmental Protection Agency would for the first time require that the substantially greater risk to children be weighed in the development of regulations covering a variety of pollutants.

While scientists have long known that very young children are more vulnerable than adults to genotoxic chemicals, this is the first time the EPA has formally proposed calculating the difference in assessing the danger from some pesticides and other chemicals.

The guidance on cancer and children, which must still be reviewed by EPA's panel of science advisers and has to be subjected to a lengthy process before becoming final, is part of a broader reassessment of how the EPA evaluates cancer risk.

The agency on Monday also issued a separate guidance document, expected to be made final in a few months, that is to be used by EPA scientists when they evaluate cancer risks to all segments of the population.

That document, which updates official guidance issued in 1986, is designed to take into account the latest data science has to say about cancer, agency officials said.

Environmentalists said they welcomed the EPA acknowledgment of the increased risk to children from some cancer-causing chemicals. But at the same time, they said they were concerned that new guidelines aimed at adult risks may actually weaken the regulation of cancer-causing chemicals.

The document on the risks to children focuses on so-called mutagenic chemicals that cause irreversible damage to genes, altering the DNA, and making the individual more susceptible to cancer later in life.

Exposure to these chemicals cause a 10 times greater risk of a future cancer in children under 2 years old and fetuses where the mother is exposed, the EPA said.



Keith Kaseman and Julie Beckman of New York discuss their winning design of a memorial honoring victims of the Sept. 11 attacking on the Pentagon during a Monday news conference.

# Pentagon officials select plan for Sept. 11 memorial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Victims of the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon will be remembered outside the massive Defense Department headquarters by a grove of trees, 184 lighted poles and benches engraved with the names of those who died.

Pentagon officials announced Monday that the memorial's design, by two New York architects, had been chosen from among more than 1,100 entries in a competition.

The two-acre memorial will be 165 feet from the Pentagon, near the spot where terrorists crashed a hijacked jetliner into the building.



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The benches will sit atop small lighted reflecting pools, arranged by age of the victims, from 3 to 71, and positioned parallel to the plane's flight path, officials said.

# Judge rejects defense's anti-death penalty motion in sniper case

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — A judge rejected defense arguments Monday that Virginia's death penalty law is unconstitutional and barred cameras in the courtroom for the trial of teenage sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo.

Malvo's lawyer had argued that the instructions given to a jury on when to recommend the death penalty are too vague.

"The law gives juries very little guidance in what we seek from

them," lawyer Michael Arif told the judge.

Arif acknowledged after the hearing that his motion had been routine and that he had little hope the judge would overturn the law.

Circuit Judge Jane Marum Rosh said she rejected news media requests for cameras in the courtroom, and said she was "concerned with the possible prejudice to Mr. Malvo, whether still cameras or TV cameras."

# California school district plans to appeal pledge ruling

ELK GROVE, Calif. (AP) — The Elk Grove Unified School District will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn an appeals court ruling that found the use of the Pledge of Allegiance in classrooms to be unconstitutional, school officials said Monday.

District Superintendent Dave Gordon also said attorneys will ask for an extension of the current stay, which expires next Monday, which would allow school children to continue reciting the pledge each morning.

Students in this Sacramento suburb started their school day Monday with the Pledge of Allegiance.

"If the stay isn't granted, he said, the district will "absolutely follow the law" and stop the daily recitation.

The district will substitute other patriotic exercises to start the day, such as a song, a poem or quotes from historic figures, he said, but will not consider reciting the pledge without the words

"under God," Gordon said.

"We feel strongly that the words 'under God' do not push religion on children, but reflect this country's history," Gordon said.

The Elk Grove district was the target of a lawsuit that brought the pledge into federal court. Michael Newdow, a Sacramento atheist, sued the schools, alleging that his daughter shouldn't be subjected to collective recitations of the pledge.

In a case that bitterly divided the nation and the federal judiciary, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in Newdow's favor last summer, declaring that use of the pledge in public schools violates the Constitution because it includes the words "under God," which amounts to a government endorsement of religion.

On Friday, the San Francisco-based 9th Circuit stood by its decision that schools cannot have youngsters recite the pledge.

# Children survive bitter-cold night after plane crashes

MONTEREY, Mass. (AP) — Rescuers looking for a family of seven who disappeared in a small plane crash found four survivors Monday, including three children, who managed to stay alive through the night's bitter cold in the snow-covered mountains of southwest Massachusetts.

It's quite a miracle that four people were able to survive," State Police Sgt. David Paine said.

Paine confirmed the three others were killed in Sunday night's crash. The dead were not immediately identified.

Albany Medical Center

Hospital said Ryan Ferris, 2, and 5-year-old Jordan Ferris were being treated for hypothermia. Tyler Ferris, 10, was being treated for hypothermia and a broken leg. All three boys were in critical condition.

The fourth survivor, who was not identified, was taken to Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington, and was expected to be transferred to Albany Medical Center, hospital officials said.

The plane was spotted in Beartown State Forest, a mountainous area near the Connecticut and New York state lines.

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## Inspectors never noted soundproofing material

WEST WARWICK, R.I. (AP) — Inspectors never reported seeing the highly flammable and possibly illegal foam covering the walls of a nightclub where 98 people were killed in a fast-moving fire last month, according to documents released Monday that

raise the possibility the inspections were botched.

The documents — more than 60 pages covering three years of inspections at The Station by town building and fire officials — do not mention the egg-crate type packaging material employees

say was installed as soundproofing in 2000.

Town Manager Wolfgang Bauer could not say why the foam wasn't noted in the reports. "They either didn't see it or it wasn't there. Those are the two possibilities," Bauer said.

## Iraq

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But the Turkish government showed no signs Monday that it would quickly act to allow for reverse to allow in more than 60,000 U.S. troops ahead of an Iraq war, Washington's hopes for a Turkish-based northern front were dealt a blow when the parliament narrowly rejected a motion to grant the U.S. request.

Defense officials and analysts say American troops could seize Baghdad without a northern front, but at higher risk and with more difficulty.

As U.S. generals commanding about 225,000 troops in the region declare themselves ready to attack Iraq, weapons inspectors are suddenly receiving Iraqi cooperation on a swarm of issues that have dogged them for months.

Iraq met a Saturday deadline to begin destroying its Al Samoud 2 missile system, banned because its range may be slightly greater

than allowed. It is slicing up hunched casting chambers used to make another missile, the Al Fatah.

Workers have unearthed buried bombs they say are loaded with anthrax, aflatoxin and botulin toxin, and inspectors are analyzing the contents. Iraq is readying a letter to the United Nations that proposes verifying it has gotten rid of anthrax and deadly VX nerve agent.

Even Iraqi scientists who helped make missiles and chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction have begun to give private interviews to inspectors, something all but three had refused to do since December.

Another scientist was interviewed on Monday, the fourth in as many days. The United Nations has asked to speak to more than 30 scientists since December.

Clearly Iraq is appealing to members of the U.N. Security Council, who are considering a draft resolution by the United States, Britain and Spain that

would declare Iraq to be evading inspections, a step that would likely lead to war.

"The best time to press a point is when you have a meeting of the Security Council coming up," said Bill's deputy, Demetrius Pericos.

The United States expects a vote on its resolution "quite soon" after the chief inspectors report to the council on Friday, U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said Monday.

"All indications are that the vote would be next week," a U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

France, Russia and China — three of the five veto-holding members of the council — all pushed for more inspections instead of war.

"But Iraq must cooperate more actively," French President Jacques Chirac said Monday in Algeria. "Together and in peace, we must keep strong pressure on it to attain the objective we have set: the elimination of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq."

## Legislation

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in charge of land use planning and also the Idaho Department of Agriculture. He said if they had done their jobs to begin with, the issue of revamping the application of local public interest in regard to Idaho's water law would not have surfaced.

Since last fall, Water Resources has had in place a new system for processing water transfers. Before making decisions about transfers, the department refers such things as dairy odor and questions about excess traffic that could come from a water transfer to appropriate agencies, such as the Ag Department or county government.

In recent years environmentalists and neighbors of concentrated animal feeding operations have relied on the local public interest phrase to protest water transfers in the Magic Valley and recently in Canyon County.

The three-hour hearing in front of the resource committee was centered almost entirely on the effect of CAFOs in Magic Valley. Most of the testimony came from environmentalists and people from Twin Falls County objecting to CAFOs, though a couple of

dairymen and lobbyists for agriculture also testified.

"What I've heard today — which I share — is a great deal of frustration from planning and zoning to county commissioners to the Ag Department," Jones said.

Jones, who lives in a Filer neighborhood chronically pestered with strong dairy odors, said he wasn't bothered by the legislation because of its language referring to "local economy." House Bill 284 includes language that says Water Resources has to consider ruling against a transfer that would "adversely affect the local economy of the watershed or the local area within which the source of water for the proposed use originates."

Supporters for the new legislation say it would limit the use of the phrase to the effect transferring a water right would have on another water right. Stevenson, who carried the bill, has explained the language about the local economy to affect only water resources. But Jones said he thinks it goes beyond effects on water.

If property values were diminished and businesses moved or refused to locate in an area because of CAFOs, for instance, that would fall into the realm of the local economy, Jones said. A hearing officer would have to weigh that against the increase

in the economy that a CAFO is anticipated to bring, Jones predicted.

Stevenson contends that nuisance factors that can arise from large dairies should be attended to at the local level. And committee members supported him.

"This afternoon we had a hearing on odor control on dairies," said Rep. Dell Raybould, Rexburg. "This is not (Water Resources's) bailiwick."

But Bull environmental activist Bill Chisholm said protests based upon local public interest have been used since the phrase was incorporated into Idaho Code in 1978 to help other bodies of government catch up with regulation of new industries that cause problems when they first arrive.

Pointing to the example of fish farms in Magic Valley, Chisholm recalled protests of water transfers to fish farms in the 1970s and 1980s based upon local public interest.

"Local public interest is the place where we can discuss things before other laws are passed to get it in control," Chisholm said.

Jones also recalled that protests were made once upon a time on fish farms using local public interest. However, he noted that the protests involving fish farms were directly related to a use of water.

## Charity

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raising costs.

Better-known charities have taken pains to distance themselves from VietNow and its practices but still side with the charity and its fund-raiser in the Supreme Court case.

Charities say potential donors would slip down the receiver if told upfront that a telemarketer would keep the overwhelming share of any contribution. The fees and overhead costs that telemarketers charge simply are a cost of doing business, and there is an intangible value in spreading a charity's message through fund drives, charities contend.

"High fund-raising costs alone, and the failure to disclose those costs, are not fraud," lawyer

Errol Copilevitz argued for the fund-raising firm.

Charitable solicitation is protected under the First Amendment, and the Supreme Court has three times struck down state or local laws intended to regulate how much charity fund-raisers were paid or what donors must be told about the costs.

Illinois argued that free speech claims and the high court's previous cases do not apply when the telemarketer charges so much and stretches the truth besides. The state used its ordinary antifraud law to sue the fund-raiser, but lost three rounds in state courts.

The federal government, 45 states and the District of Columbia back Illinois. So does AARP, which argued that older

people often are targeted by telemarketing scams, and the Better Business Bureau. The bureau's Wise Giving Alliance calculated that VietNow spent 91 percent of what it raised in 2001 for fund raising, and spent only 3 percent on charitable programs.

"VietNow has one of the worst, if not the worst, performances of the charities reviewed," the non-profit alliance argued in a friend-of-the-court brief.

Justice David Souter asked how the court should draw a line. It may be easy to say that a company that keeps 85 or 90 percent of money raised in a charity's name is out of bounds, Souter said, but what about a split of 60-40, or 65-35?

Any attempt to set such percentage limits is asking for trouble, Justice Antonin Scalia said.



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## Telemarketing tool ups the ante

Software defeats call-blocking device

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A telemarketing tool that penetrates home privacy defenses is upping the ante in a technology battle between sales callers and consumers seeking shelter from unsolicited calls.

Castel Inc., a maker of automated dialing technology, boasts that its DirectQuest software is immune to the TeleZapper, a \$40 gadget designed to thwart sales calls by faking the tones of a disconnected number.

Beverly, Mass.-based Castel has been mailing brochures to telemarketers and other prospective customers touting the software, which also includes a feature that lets salesmen transmit any phone number or text message to residents' caller ID displays.

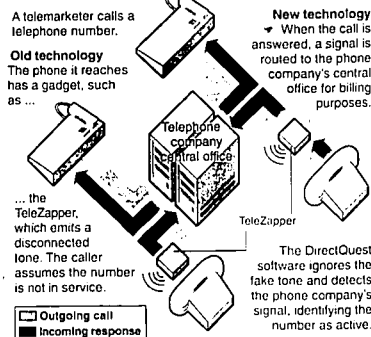
That second component allows DirectQuest to dodge such phone company privacy services as SBC's Privacy Manager and Sprint's Privacy ID, both of which reject calls that don't provide caller ID information.

Castel's software is built for the high-volume "predictive dialers" that use multiple lines to phone residential numbers and connect salesmen to people who answer.

"It's a privacy arms race," said Robert Bulmash of the privacy group Private Citizen, based in Naperville, Ill. "The industry is crowing that 'We don't want to call people that don't want to be called,' and at the same time it's

### Telemarketers 'Zap' the TeleZapper

In an effort to bypass home privacy defenses, telemarketers are using software for high-volume telephone calling that ignores gadgets designed to thwart unsolicited sales calls.



SOURCE: Castel Inc.

calling them."

Consumer privacy devices will increasingly lose effectiveness as telemarketing firms switch to the new dialing technology — which costs roughly \$2,700 per calling operator, said Bulmash.

Royal Appliance Mfg. Co., which manufactures the TeleZapper, says millions of them have been sold. The device

is designed to trick predictive dialers into dropping the call by playing the three-rings tones of a disconnected number.

The privacy services sold by phone companies target another weakness of the predictive dialer — their inability to transmit caller ID.

Castel chief executive Geoff Burr labels as "unspicacious"

dialers that succumb to privacy devices. "Serious professional operations don't use that equipment — or they won't be for long," he said.

Burr said DirectQuest is not aimed at bothering consumers, but the opposite — making sales calls less intrusive. By providing the identity of the company on behalf of which the telemarketer is calling, DirectQuest gives people the option not to take the call.

The software also helps telemarketers mind federal guidelines that require accurate and descriptive caller IDs, said Burr.

"If you're an operator that calls on behalf of MasterCard, you're supposed to put out 'MasterCard' and a number that gets to MasterCard," he said.

Instead of listening for sounds that identify the status of a phone line, DirectQuest learns the line's condition by reading signals from phone company computers, said Walter Elicker, Castel's marketing director.

Elicker said privacy gadgets don't just thwart telemarketers, but also bill collectors who use predictive dialers. "Collections people want to make damn certain they're not fooled by these kinds of devices," he said.

A more effective means of blocking sales calls lies with the emerging federal Do Not Call list as well as similar lists kept by some two dozen U.S. states, including Idaho, Burr said.

The Federal Trade Commission has said its Do Not Call list will begin collecting names this summer and be in operation by the fall.

## Survey says Americans show more interest in going wireless

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Computer geeks have been agog over WiFi for a few years. Now it appears the technology for wireless computer access has gotten some mainstream buzz as well.

Although just 3 percent of Americans have set up a WiFi network at home, the rate could increase by 50 percent in the next six months, according to a recent survey by the Ipsos Group, a marketing research firm.

About 41 percent of the people surveyed by Ipsos said they had heard of WiFi, which allows several computers to maintain a wireless connection to the Internet over short distances. Of those who had heard about it, 38

percent were familiar with the technology.

This is expected to be a big year for WiFi because an increasing number of cities, stores, hotels and airports are creating "hotspots" with free or subscription-based WiFi access. Computer makers also are integrating WiFi access into new laptops and handheld devices.

Among those familiar with WiFi, 58 percent said they believe the technology is easy to install at home, while only 9 percent said it isn't. But only 37 percent consider WiFi secure; 37 percent disagreed and the rest did not know.

The survey involved telephone interviews with 1,008 adults Jan. 21-23 and had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

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## Public latches onto Yahoo, Hotmail sites

By Phillip Robinson  
 Walk-Ridder News Service

I walk through a library's Internet area and peek at what people are doing on those computer screens.

Chances are pretty good you'll see Yahoo Mail on many of them. Some others will be at HotMail. Sure, there will also be a few eBayers, Amazoners, Chatters, and general surfers, but the free Yahoo Mail and HotMail sites occupy a big chunk of Internet attention.

In mass sense, E-mail is the single most popular use of the Internet. And Yahoo Mail and HotMail are the best-known and most popular free e-mail sites.

Actually they're "webmail" sites, a kind of e-mail. That is, sign up with either service and you get an e-mail address and a mailbox. This means the Internet has been told to watch for any messages sent to that address, and to route them to a small section of hard drive space, reserved just for you, on the massive server computers at Yahoo or Microsoft headquarters.

Whenever you want, from anywhere in the world, you can connect using any Internet-linked computer, running any Web browser program, to read your messages, reply to them, and send new messages of your own.

Webmail is more portable than traditional e-mail because you only need a Web browser to get it, not some special, configured E-mail "client" program such as Outlook Express or Eudora.

Webmail is also portable in another way: it isn't linked to any particular Internet access service. When you quit AOL or MSN, you have to give up your @aol.com or @msn.com e-mail address. But sign up for a Yahoo or Hotmail address and you can keep that address as you migrate from AOL to Earthlink to MSN to Cablemodem to any other access you like. The only other way to keep your address steady is to register your own domain, which costs about \$20 to \$30 a year more than Yahoo Mail or HotMail's \$0.

I have a half-dozen traditional e-mail addresses myself, and they're set up to work with standard e-mail programs or as Webmail addresses. But I add two Yahoo Mail addresses to my kit for their special benefits. My dad has his own e-mail address at an Internet Service Provider. My Mom gets online using the same access service but has a Yahoo Mail address. She thinks it odd that I have both traditional and Yahoo addresses. I started explaining to her the tradeoffs between regular e-mail and webmail. And that's when I realized the surprising number of options in today's webmail services, which few of the subscribers put to use or even know about.

Yahoo, for example, lets you block messages from up to a hundred different senders. If you just can't seem to unsubscribe from some e-catalog, or get off the FYI list of some bore at work, you can use the Options, Block Addresses window to list the people who are e-mailing-on-grate to you. Then you'll never even know they've been clicking Send with you in mind.

HotMail is neatly designed to work with Outlook Express. When you're away from home, you can check your e-mail on a web browser and then when you're home you can use your Outlook Express to quickly grab the messages from that same HotMail Inbox. Just choose Outlook's Tools, Accounts, Add, Mail commands and then enter your HotMail address and password.

There are drawbacks to Yahoo Mail and HotMail.

Both are pushing more advertising toward their subscribers. Both attract a lot of junk e-mail "spam." (Though both also have some spam filters to ease the pain of this spam.) And the Yahoo and Hot e-mail boxes are pretty small. They'll hold dozens of regular e-mails, but receiving one e-mail with a couple of attached digital photos can max them out, making all other incoming messages bounce until you download or delete those pictures. You can get more space to hold more mail, but at a price.

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## School productions hit the stage

### 'Odd Couple' comes to visit at GHS

By Betty Taylor  
Times-News correspondent

**GOODING** — Gooding High School drama director Shane Brown chose "The Odd Couple" for the students to perform because it is funny, and requires a small cast.

"Everyone is in sports right now, and are busy with other things. Also, it is a well-known play, and we hope that everyone will come to see it," he said.

"The Odd Couple," by Neil Simon, is about two friends who are the exact opposites, and end up sharing an apartment.

The play was originally scheduled to open on Feb. 20, but Dustin Hobley, the lead actor, came down with appendicitis so it was moved.

The students have been working hard preparing for the performances.

The two drama classes at Gooding High School have about 45 students, of which 40 are participants in the plays throughout the year. Last fall, they participated in competition and did okay," Brown said.

"I got to play a fat guy named Roy who complains all the time. It's a good part for me cause my parents say I too complain all the time," said cast member, Jillian Legaard, starting in her first play.

"I like acting," added Holly Blankenship, who plays the part of worrisome Murray, one of the poker players. "I think people will be able to relate to this play



Jillian Legaard, Laurel Moore, Andrew McLeod, Holly Blankenship and Chance McLeod, sitting, rehearse for "The Odd Couple" to be held March 11-13 at Gooding High School. Laurel, Andrew and Chance are sitting in for missing cast members.

#### Performance dates:

March 11-13  
House opens at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. at the Gooding High School Auditorium.  
Ticket prices: \$5 general, \$3 for students, with a \$1 discount for anyone with tickets to Gooding High School wrestling dinner.

because it deals with situations in today's life."

Blankenship is a first-semester graduate, but remains in school so she can perform in this play. She also plans on going to the

College of Southern Idaho next fall, and pursuing acting and psychology careers.

As in most small schools, everyone helps wherever they are needed. When someone in the cast is missing at rehearsals, their part is read by the director's assistant Laurel Moore, stage manager Andrew McLeod or lights manager Chance McLeod.

Everyone helps to prepare the stage setting with hammer, nails, and paint. The other cast members are Nick Tiller, Juan Carlos Gil, Melissa Benito, Melissa Canchola and Melissa Myers.



Minico actors include, from left, Josiah Reese, Tashina Brown, Kara Nichols, David Ketchum, Alicia Hensheld, John Lovelace, Elise Reddington, Jacob Fulcher and Tynna Jones.

## Minico performs 'Seven Brides'

**RUPERT** — Minico High School presents the classic musical, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" Thursday, Friday and Saturday, in the school auditorium, 100 S. 292 W. Rupert.

Shows will begin at 7 p.m. each night with a Saturday matinee at 1 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets are

available at the door or in advance from the Minico High School office or from any cast member.

The musical production, directed by Jeff Collier, is the story of seven brothers who live in the Oregon territory in 1850. Adam, the eldest, goes to town to find a wife, and brings home

Milly. The six single brothers decide to "bring home" brides of their own, and kidnap the girls they had met in town. They take them back to their ranch and, after a long winter, the girls eventually fall in love with them.

For more information or for tickets call 436-5355, ext. 153 or 436-6437.

## 'SONG AND DANCE MAN' AT EAST MINICO

Cast members and parents roll up their sleeves to prepare for the East Minico opera of "Song and Dance Man" to be performed at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the auditorium of East Minico Middle School, 1805 H St., Rupert. There will also be a matinee performance at 3 p.m. Saturday. The opera is a musical production about George M. Cohan with many familiar patriotic songs and dances. A donation at the door is encouraged to pay for the props and the cast party.



Photo courtesy of ALICE BATHURLAND

## STORK REPORT

### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Nicholas Andrew Swensen, son of Terri Anne and Andrew Hunter Swensen of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003.

### Cassia Regional Medical Center

Avalon RaNae Harman, daughter of Laine and Casey Harman of Burley, was born Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003.

Rylan Stone Hanks, son of Tiffany Rae and Cody R. Hanks of Burley, was born Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538 Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper, and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

Jorge Luis Castaneda, son of Jaime and Jose Alfredo Castaneda of Burley, was born Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003.

Nicolas Rueben Arrendondo, son of Ruby and Nicolas Arrendondo of Burley, was born Monday, Feb. 24, 2003.

Yamilet Jasmin Rocha, daughter of Irma Delia and Jaime Ariel Rocha of Burley, was born Monday, Feb. 24, 2003.

Tanner Cade Darrington, son of Holly Ann Price Darrington and Cade Rogers Darrington of Burley, was born Monday, Feb. 24, 2003.

Victoria Granados Leal, daughter of Lourna Leal and Daniel Granados of Burley, was born Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003.



Left, at a Penje, Ecuador orphanage, Aliece Tenney from Twin Falls, holds a 2-year-old child who suffered from oxygen deprivation as an infant, causing severely retarded growth. Tenney was one of four College of Southern Idaho students, along with two members of the local Charity Anywhere Foundation, and CSI English as second language instructor Brent Jensen offering their help to the needy in Ecuador Jan. 18-17. Students also helped with medical and dental examinations, and distributed supplies. The students are members of a student club is affiliated with Charity Anywhere. Bottom, volunteers also helped build a wall around the second story of a school in Quito. From left are CSI students Aliece Tenney and Neal Squires of Jerome, Charity Anywhere Foundation board member Deanna Carter, CSI students Amy Casper and Niquel McEath of Twin Falls, three Ecuadorian volunteers who joined brick-laying efforts, and Greg Erickson, a St. Louis resident.

Photos courtesy of BRENT JENSEN



## Knit one, purl two: Organization gathers to knit, visit

**Purl:** (definition from dictionary) a basic stitch in knitting, the reverse of the knit; to flow with a sweeping motion.

By Heather Abel  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — Purl is not just a stitch in knitting.

Purl also is a dog that enjoys hanging around with the local Knitting with Purl Guild. Purl and about 12 women spend one evening a month at Sheep to Shawl in Twin Falls to knit, and enjoy each other's company.

"The No. 1 rule is to have fun," said Christy Pyles, president of the group. "We join together to share our mutual love of fibers and knitting. The purpose of the guild is to provide education and communication to advance the quality of workmanship and creativity in our knitting endeavors."

The Knitting with Purl Guild formed in November 2002, and is

affiliated as a local chapter of the Knitting Guild of America.

"It just feels good to be in the presence of women doing this and in this environment," member Mary Kay Henson said.

Henson's two sisters, Nancy Nelson and Sherie Tanner, also are members. Henson and Nelson said they "taught the disease" of knitting from Tanner, who learned to knit in the fourth grade, and has been knitting ever since.

The group knits everything from dish towels to scarves, shawls to sweaters. Some of the members still spin their own yarn. They use needles made of ebony, rosewood or even bamboo skewers.

Tanner said she enjoys the

### Interested in learning more about the guild?

Call Christy Pyles at 735-8425. The group meets from 5:30 to 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at Sheep to Shawl, 628 Main Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

"tactile stimulation" and "the colors" when she knits.

"My favorite thing to knit is lace doilies and lace shawls," she said.

Pat Hamilton said she enjoys the different textures of

the yarns.

"You need to feel. That's the nice thing. They (the yarns) just feel so nice. All knitting is that way. It has its own texture. That's half of what we all love is creating the texture," said Hamilton, who has been knitting since she was 11 years old.

The group also enjoys the social aspect of the guild offers.

"The camaraderie in this bunch is just wonderful," Nelson said.

And, they all seem to agree on one other thing. "It's relaxing," Hamilton said. "It lets your mind work through things. Some patterns, you really

don't have to think about. For me, creativity is a lot of it."

"If I'm at home, there's always work calling," Linda Thomas said. "If I'm here, I can sit and relax and learn new things."



Above, Pat Hamilton, left, and Joan Pyles enjoy the knitting and the company of the Knitting with Purl Guild. Left, Sherie Tanner got her sisters involved with knitting. Now everyone is a member of the club.



## TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

### LEARNING ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

# Castleford releases honor roll

**CASTLEFORD** — Castleford High School and Castleford Middle School announced their latest honor roll.

#### High school

##### High honor roll

3.5-4.0 GPA  
Freshmen  
Angie Gonterman  
Lauren Kline  
Cindy Lopez  
Melissa McCoy

Keegan Cothran  
Jessica Hill  
Tim Hill  
Joni Hurley  
Carl Kinnison  
Matt Reinhold  
Wes Rodgers  
Jorie Schorzman  
Seniors  
Connie Boden  
Jill Brubaker  
Benji Graybeal  
Adrian Lopez  
Drew Maves  
Mark Reinhold  
Jennifer Strancara  
Zane Wyatt

#### Honor Roll

3.0-3.49 GPA

Freshmen  
Jessica Bohango  
Lisa Eastman  
Nancy Monge  
Angela Garrett  
Lance Black

Sophomores  
Kobi Bower  
Amanda Draper  
Rachel Maves  
Fidelia Hernandez  
Cory Gonterman  
Maribeth Watson  
Juniors  
Stephanie Guerry  
Aaron Maves  
Kyle Moore  
Evan Nolevanko  
Sue Park  
Kelly Taylor  
Heidi Wiseman  
Rosa Zavala  
Seniors  
Katie Atkinson  
Rachel Bulkley  
Rebecca Dahl  
Mahrie Graybeal  
Danielle Hoogland  
Ben Rodgers  
Bobbie Schormann  
Gabrielle Schorzman  
Blake Turner

#### Middle school

##### High honor roll

3.5-4.0 GPA

Sixth grade  
Megan Choate  
Tyler Gonnell  
Amanda Elmer  
Calvin Kinnison  
Elizabeth Lopez  
Gabrielle Machado  
Jenna Vulgamore  
Seventh grade  
Miranda Bernier  
Tim Frey  
Nathan Graybea  
Zach Kline  
Aaron Nieto  
Desiree Pasquale  
Eighth grade  
Megan Durham  
Jessica Elmer  
Daniel Hill  
Joey Hurley  
Anna Lopez  
Anthony Machado  
Landon Schindler

#### Honor roll

3.0-3.49 GPA

Sixth grade  
Dustin Chandler  
Jorge Hernandez  
Will Horner  
Julie Kinniski  
Belinda Kinyon  
Shelby Lammers  
Marie Lopez  
Billie Schorzman  
Rikki Wiggins  
Seventh grade  
Kinz Clark  
Eufemia Hernandez  
Amanda Hobson  
Rachel Rodgers  
Eighth grade  
D. J. Estrada  
Patrick Farnsworth  
Rhaine Horner  
Jesse Scharlin  
Lindsay Wiggins  
David Wiseman  
Sage Wyatt

## BICKEL ART WINNERS

Two students at Bickel Elementary School in Twin Falls won art contests. Vladimira Kresanovic won a contest where her art work will grace the Bickel Elementary Web site. Acaya Levitt won a contest where the picture she drew will be placed on the principal's business cards. From left to right, are mentor Michael McAuley, Vladimira, Acaya and Principal Kelli Schroeder.



Photo courtesy of Bickel Elementary

# Center offers calligraphy courses

**KETCHUM** — A series of weekend, evening and daytime calligraphy classes will be presented by the Sun Valley Center for the Arts with renowned artist and master teacher Carol Pallesen. Pallesen will offer "The Foundational Hand" from 9 a.m. to noon April 7-11. The cost is \$165 for center members and \$215 for non-members. Pallesen also will offer a class on making travel journals.

**For more information**  
On this or upcoming programs, call the Sun Valley Center for the Arts at 726-9491 or visit its Web site at [www.sunvalleycenter.org](http://www.sunvalleycenter.org). The center is located at 191 Fifth St. E. in Ketchum.

Students will construct journals, learning several different book structures, and then use maps, photos, postage stamps, postcards and fine papers to create a world within covers. This class meets from 5-8 p.m. April 7-11 at the center. The cost is \$145 for center members and \$195 for non-members. Pallesen's third offering is a one-day weekend class is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 12.

## THINGS TO DO

#### Music

**Snake River Flute Band** — 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at 1218 N. Rupert. All ages invited. Call 436-6667.

**Twin Falls Madonnas Band** — 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Methodist Church, 211 S. Buchanan St. E. Men of all ages invited. Call 734-4447 or 734-4440. Couples welcome.

#### Dance

**Snake River Square Dance Club** — 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Methodist Church at 211 S. Buchanan St. in Jerome. Call Janet at 734-4447 or 734-4440. Couples welcome.

#### Bingo

**Silver and Gold Senior Center** — 7:30 p.m. at 201 Wilson, Eden Does and snack bar open at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18, call 825-1642.

**Golden Years Senior Citizens Center** — 7 p.m. Wednesday at 218 N. 2nd St. W., Shoshone. Must be over 18, call 886-2369.

**AgriLife Senior Center** — 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 1800 N. 2nd St. in Burley. Anyone over age 18 is welcome. Call 424-4138.

**Golden Heritage Senior Center** — 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays at 241 Overland Ave. in Burley. Age 18 and older. Call 788-6666.

**Missidua County Senior Center** — 7 p.m. Fridays, 702 11th St. in Rupert. Age 18 and over. Call 436-1067.

**American Legion Hall in Twin Falls** — 7:15 p.m. Fridays, 447 Second St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 736-1224.

**Jerome Senior Center** — 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays, 212 First Ave. E. in Jerome. Snack bar opens at 6 p.m., early bird at 6:45 p.m., regular lunch at 7 p.m. Must be over age 18, call 224-5642.

**American Legion Hall in Wendell** — 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 610 W. Main. Doors and snack bar open at 6 p.m. Must be over 18, call 536-1642.

**Twin Falls Senior Center** — 1:15 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. Saturdays, 734-4440.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Burley** — 7 p.m. Saturdays. Call Alice at 679-9801.

**Snake River Elks 2607** — 7:15 p.m. Mondays at 1600 N. 2nd St. in Jerome. Call 244-0020.

**West End Senior Center** — 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at 2000 N. 2nd St. in Jerome. Call 244-0020.

**Burley Elks Lodge** — 7 p.m. Mondays at 1600 N. 2nd St. in Jerome. Call 244-0020.

**Snake River Elks 2607** — 7:15 p.m. Mondays at 1600 N. 2nd St. in Jerome. Call 244-0020.

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MARY LOU POTTS/The Times-News

The annual Buhl Community Fair had something for everyone. The event was sponsored by the Buhl Chamber of Commerce and West End Head Start. About 400 baked potatoes with various choices of toppings, were served to the families who came to learn about what's going on in their city at 41 information booths. The 4-H booth had rabbits that can be projects for members. Linda Winn pets 'Rex', while Emily Plaw and Rena Davidson, both age 9, show Acorn the rabbit from the Buhl Rainbow 4-H Club. Kevin Davidson was on hand to answer questions and encourage youngsters to participate in the organization.

## OPTIMIST HONOR



Twin Falls Optimist Club President David Maestas presents Optimist of the Quarter Gary Babel with his plaque at the Feb. 13 meeting. Babel is active in volunteer work, and is the 'angel' of the Coats for Kids Optimist program, which collects coats for children. He also has been selected as the Pacific Northwest District Optimist of the Quarter. The district covers four states and British Columbia.

Photo courtesy of Twin Falls Optimist Club

## Leave A Legacy holds annual spring seminar

**TWIN FALLS** — South Central Idaho Leave A Legacy will hold its annual spring seminar for managers and board directors of nonprofit organizations and others interested in expanding the sources of revenue for charitable groups. The seminar will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 13 in Room 277 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho. Sister Mary Semovick, executive director of Solutions for Non-Profits, will be the presenter. Derneveck, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Names, has more than 25 years of experience helping nonprofit organizations put together sustainable fund development programs. Her expertise includes formulating development plans, inaugurating and evaluating annual and planned giving programs, setting priorities, and working in a small development shop. The number of participants is limited, and prior registration is required. Registration fees are \$25 for one session and lunch or \$35 for all sessions and lunch. For more information or to register, Kyla Kelly at 737-2432. The goal of the Leave A Legacy organization is to promote an increased awareness of the benefits of leaving gifts to the charities.

## People for Pets/Humane Society holds meeting

**TWIN FALLS** — The People for Pets — Magic Valley Humane Society Inc. will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare office, 601 Pole Line Road in Twin Falls.

## Seafood cooking class takes place at store

**TWIN FALLS** — "Seafood Extravaganza" will be taught by Kirt Martin at 7 p.m. March 12 at Rudy's, 4 Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Martin of the Snake River Grill in Hagerman will use various cooking techniques to prepare several seafood items, such as halibut, shrimp and trout. He will cook two appetizers, and two entrees from his cookbook, "Cooking on the Wild Side." The cost is \$30. Class space is limited, and tuition must be paid in full or the reservation cannot be guaranteed. For more information, call 733-5477.

## Kimberly Nurseries offers free seminar on pruning

**TWIN FALLS** — Kimberly Nurseries will hold a free seminar on pruning at 7 p.m. March 11 at the Red Lion Hotel

## Nurseries will hold a free seminar on springtime pruning at 9 a.m.

Saturday at the Garden Gate Gift and Garden Shop at Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

## CSI offers free 'back to school' workshop

**TWIN FALLS** — The College of Southern Idaho Center for New Directions will offer a free "back to school" workshop from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday at the Center for New Directions at CSI. Participants will learn about the services available at CSI, financial-aid resources and college procedures. The free workshop is designed for any person who is considering full- or part-time college classes. For more information or to register, call 732-6680, ext. 2680 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6680.

## T.F. Christian Women's Club holds luncheon

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls Christian Women's Club will hold a "Growing from Planter to Jungle" Women's Connection luncheon from noon to 1:15 p.m. March 11 at the Red Lion Hotel

## Canyon Springs, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

James Muchow of Windsor's Greenhouses and Nursery will demonstrate container gardening. Jan Mathers from Bend, Ore., will share her "Jungle Island Adventure." Mathers is an award-winning speaker and a freelance writer. The cost is \$8.50. For complimentary child care or lunch reservations, call Betty at 736-4592 or Linda at 736-2425.

## Youth groups can submit ideas for TV commercials

**TWIN FALLS** — HealthNet, in partnership with KMYT-TV, is inviting youth groups to submit ideas for asset commercials. Commercials may focus on a specific asset, such as creative activities, or a general asset theme, such as constructive use of time. There are 40 developmental assets youth people need to succeed and to avoid high-risk behaviors, organizers say. Commercial scripts will be selected for filming based on originality, creativity, simplicity and clarity of message. The best script ideas will be filmed and edited by KMYT, where they will be televised as 30-second commercials. Filming is scheduled for mid-April in Twin Falls. HealthNet is a regional part-

## Writers of the Word, Christian writers group, 10 a.m. first Sundays at Twin Falls.

Reformed Church, 2401 E. 2nd St. in Twin Falls. Call 734-4447.

**Power Button Club** — 8 a.m. first Sundays at the month of April. Call 734-4447.

**Magic Valley Astronomical Society** — 7 p.m. second Sundays at First Union at First Center on 1st and 2nd Sts. Call 734-4447.

**Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club** — 7 p.m. second Sundays at 251 5th Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Call 734-4447.

**Snake River Canyon Keweenaw Club of Idaho** — 7 p.m. fourth Wednesdays at upstairs meeting room at CSI. Call 734-4447.

**Twin Falls Herring Society** — 7 p.m. third Tuesdays at Herring Center, call Sue at 734-4447.

**Widows' Fellowship** — 2 p.m. Wednesdays at 651 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls. Call 734-4447.

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## EDITORIAL

### Let elected leaders keep reins of Fish and Game

Voters should distrust the renewed attempt to restructure Idaho's Fish and Game Commission. When initiative organizers say they want to take power away from politicians, they're really talking about hijacking control of Fish and Game for themselves.

The real goal is to transform the Fish and Game Department into a wildlife advocacy agency, unaccountable to the people's elected representatives.

Their plan hit a snag last week, when the Idaho attorney general pointed out a clear constitutional conflict. One bit of mischief in the "Wildlife Habitat Initiative Petition" is a proposal to let the Fish and Game Commission set the department's budget. State legislators couldn't amend the budget without permission from five out of seven appointed commissioners.

The attorney general quickly spotted the problem with that idea: The state Constitution puts the Legislature in charge of the state budget. Short of a constitutional amendment, nobody can change that.

And with good reason. Our legislators have struggled this year to trim expenses in the face of eroding revenue. Imagine trying to do that if voters granted immunity to certain departments.

Don't cut Fish and Game,

you legislators. That's off-limits. And don't touch education. Or law enforcement. Or Health and Welfare.

In fact, don't cut anything. Just keep raising taxes till everybody's happy.

Yeah, wouldn't that be a great way to run a state?

The initiative wouldn't merely strip away the

legislature's budgeting authority.

It also would

crush the governor's power to appoint Fish and Game commissioners. An "advisory council" in

each of seven regions would select two nominees, of whom

the governor would pick one.

This is the same insidious

idea that failed to win support last

year — also with good reason.

The initiative supposedly

aims to make Fish and Game "less political," by tying the

governor's hands. In reality, the new selection process

would be every bit as political.

Maybe more so.

We citizens elect the governor to represent us. But whom

will these regional councils represent? Unelected and

unaccountable to citizens, they'll represent whatever

special-interest groups seize control of them.

This year's initiative is yet

another attempt to put Fish and Game in the hands of

environmentalists and wildlife

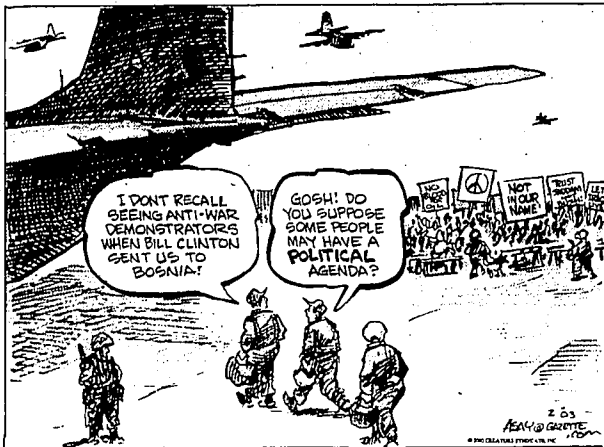
advocates, shutting out the

voices of sportsmen, farmers,

ranchers and other taxpayers.

Nobody should be fooled.

**Our view:** Under the guise of making the Fish and Game Commission less political, a proposed initiative would take away accountability. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



### Culture clash goes back to 600s

JAMES A. HAUGHT

President Bush says the war on terror and his Iraq invasion plan aren't a clash of civilizations. He's sincere, no doubt — yet there's another way to view the crisis, based on the long sweep of history.

In one sense, at least partly, the current struggle can be seen as continuing a 14-century "clash of civilizations" between the Muslim East and the Judeo-Christian West — a recurring bloodbath that has killed vast millions. Consider this record:

After Islam began in the early 600s, it unified Arabian tribes into a mighty conquering force. They battled eastward into India and westward across North Africa, spreading the faith as they went, crushing Christian communities. Leaping the Mediterranean, Muslims swept through Spain and fought their way into France, before being halted in a historic battle at Tours in 732. Muslims conquered Sicily and Crete in the 820s.

In 1095, Pope Urban II launched a famous Christian counterattack: the First Crusade. "God wills it!" became the war cry as European armies and throngs cut a gory path eastward, finally capturing Jerusalem — only to lose it later. Popes launched a Second Crusade, and a Third, and Fourth, etc. Crusading consumed Europe for five centuries, but Muslims always regained the seized territory.

What might be termed the final Crusade was launched in 1571 by Pope Pius V, who sent a Christian naval armada to destroy a Muslim fleet off Lepanto, Greece. Among the Western wounded was Miguel de Cervantes, later to write "Don Quixote." (Pius also killed Waldensian Christians in Calabria, Huguenot Christians in France and heretic Christians through the Inquisition — then was canonized a saint.)

Around the eastern Mediterranean, Byzantine Christians fought off endless Muslim invasions — slowly losing ground. By the 1300s, Muslim Turks were marching northward through the Balkans, defeating Orthodox Serbs in 1389 at Kosovo.

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In 1452, they conquered Constantinople. In 1683, they besieged Vienna a second time, but were driven back with terrible losses.

That was the high mark of Islamic conquest. After 1,000 years of advance, humiliating retreat set in. The Renaissance and the Industrial Revolution sent Christendom soaring to spectacular wealth and power — while Muslim countries weakened and declined.

Clashes continued. Conflict between Orthodox Russia and Muslim Turkey over Christian holy places caused the Crimean War in the mid-1800s. Christian Armenians maintained against Muslim Turkey for generations, and finally waged an armed rebellion during World War I — causing a historic slaughter of Armenians. After Armenia became part of the Soviet Union, it plunged into hostility with Muslim Azerbaijan.

Muslim humiliation grew as European colonial forces dominated Islamic lands. In the mid-1800s, France grabbed Algeria, and later Tunisia. In the late 1800s, Egypt begged for help in suppressing a Muslim holy war in the upper Nile Valley, and Britain sent battalions with Maxim guns — then later made Egypt a "protectorate," along with Sudan. Early in the 1900s, Iran temporarily came under British and Russian sway. Italy took Libya. Almost every European country seized parts of Morocco. After World War I, Lebanon and Syria became French colonies, and Britain took control of Iraq, Jordan and Palestine.

Many scholars have observed that millions of Muslims are resentful because their once-glorious culture stagnated and is branded off as third-rate by Westerners.

Perhaps the worst affront to the Islamic world occurred after World War II, when Western powers gave Jews a homeland in part of Muslim Palestine. Hate and killing over Israel have ensued ever since. And

there's other strife:

Recurring Muslim-Christian warfare in Sudan since the 1950s has killed about 2 million. In the 1970s, the revolt of Muslim tribes against Russian dominance in Afghanistan might be construed as part of the "clash of civilizations." In the 1980s, Lebanon was shattered by a civil war between militias of Christian and Muslim ethnic groups. In the 1990s, the rupture of former Yugoslavia pitted Muslim and Christian populations against each other. Today, other Christian-Muslim conflicts are raging in Indonesia, Nigeria, the Philippines and elsewhere.

How much of this ferment derives from the historic fault line between the two cultures — and how much is spawned merely by local hate and regional political disputes? Frankly, I doubt if the world's best scholars could say with certainty. (Plenty of other wars have been fought for entirely different reasons.)

It's oversimplified to apply bumper-sticker labels to complex international problems. Nonetheless, the great divide between the Judeo-Christian world and the Islamic realm always hovers in the background, affecting our moments.

Some militant Muslims base their entire careers on denouncing "enemies of God," meaning Westerners. And everyone knows that wealthy Osama bin Laden financed an international terror network to utilize this hate. Repeatedly, he has proclaimed that his jihad (holy war) is against "Jews and Crusaders." In his mind, at least, the East-West battlefront is quite clear.

World events can be seen from many perspectives, each correct in its own way. Is President Bush accurate in saying his blitz has nothing to do with Islam? Looking at the 14 centuries of mayhem, I'm not sure.

James A. Haught is editor of The Charleston Gazette, 1001 Virginia St. E., Charleston, WV 25301 — and author of two books on religious conflicts, "Holy Horrors" and "Holy Hatred." He can be reached via e-mail at haught@wvgazette.com.

### Albertson enriches lives of students

The assets of the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation grew dramatically in 1997, as noted in the Feb. 16 Times-News article, "A Generous Giant." The foundation moved toward a model of large-scale initiatives designed to leverage improvement in Idaho education.

The millions of dollars spent on these initiatives are well-documented. What is less well-known, however, is that concurrent with these large-scale initiatives, the foundation was also building a program for smaller

#### READER COMMENT

Alice E. Hennessey

grants accessible to all Idaho

educators.

The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation Education Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation, established in 1996, is designed to "increase student learning" and encourage innovative educators through relatively small grants (less than \$15,000). Grants from the fund are administered through ICF's three regional competitive grant cycles, in which local volunteers review applications and make recommendations for funding.

To date, this program has distributed more than \$4 million in "small grants," funding everything from Bull-High School, can talk about the impact a new

upright base and choir robes have had on the pride of her students. Participation in Big Walk Elementary School's "Biblical Literacy" program for minority youth is growing. Projects like these illustrate how valuable a few well-placed dollars can be in the lives of Idaho's youth.

The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation's commitment to students through these relatively modest grants continues in 2003, with grant funds for Twin Falls and neighboring counties available through the Idaho Community Foundation's Southwestern Region grant cycle. Applications will be available on May 1 and must be postmarked by July 1 to be eligible for consideration. Persons interested in applying may visit our Web site at [www.idcomf.org](http://www.idcomf.org) or call (800) 657-5357.

In addition to the education funds available from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation Education Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation, grant funds will also be available from ICF for a wide variety of non-educational projects.

As you review the many large-scale accomplishments of the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation, please also remember the impact their dollars have in the lives of individual students and teachers. The Idaho Community Foundation works hard to fulfill its mission to "enrich life's quality through Idaho" and is proud of its association with the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation as we work together to accomplish our shared goals.

Alice E. Hennessey is the president of the Idaho Community Foundation.

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### Water transfers must be a local public issue

The Times-News editorial board claims there have been abuses of the use of the local public interest water law in stopping dairies and other agricultural pursuits. Since my name is on some of those transfer permits, I challenge The Times-News to lay out for the public the tale of these purported abuses. Just for the record, out of 800 applications for transfers, only 83 of those have been protested and

most of those by other water users.

The primary role of government is to protect the inalienable rights of all citizens, not to protect and promote the selfish interest of a greedy few. Water is not a commodity for the good of boys to wheel and deal, it is the common denominator on which all life depends. A functioning democracy requires a full, honest and open debate. Quality of life impacts are as important as the economic impacts of a proposed project. These are the elements that are at

stake in the question of weakening the local public interest law.

Is air pollution less important than water pollution? The good of boys would have you think so. If a project receives a water permit that facilitates destruction of the quality of life of existing neighbors, lessens their property value, limits the ability to use and enjoy their property, is that not a local public interest issue?

If land-use laws don't protect and state and county government are rendered useless by design or

ineptness, doesn't the public need a safety net where their concerns can be aired and action taken to protect their rights?

The proponents of weakening local public interest are not only trying to take the safety net away, they are trying to weaken other laws and remedies designed to give neighbors some protection. They are also at the Legislature with their high-paid lobbyists trying to give them a super position in terms of a so-called "takings," if they are denied the opportunity to

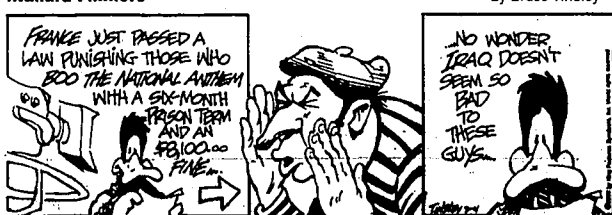
rip and rape. You, the neighbor, aren't allowed that same position. It is often hard to tell the lobbyists from the legislators and vice versa. There seems to be more concern with satisfying the wishes of selfish interests and of legitimizing their assaults on their neighbors and the environment than there is with making sound public policy. Our quality of life is at stake, and we must defend it with all the tools available to us.

BILL CHISHOLM  
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### Doonesbury



### Mallard Fillmore





# In the U.N., one must buy friends and influence diplomats

**H**arry Truman used to say: "In Washington, if you want a friend, get a dog." The same can be said for the United Nations - especially for the United States. The United Nations is simply not the place for best friends. It's the home of cold, hard political realities.

Which is why people should not be shocked that the United States is flexing its muscle at the United Nations, especially when it comes to garnering the support of various countries through - oh, say it ain't so, Joe - "economic assistance."

To be sure, that \$30 billion that Turkey wanted for its cooperation in any war effort, and even our counteroffer of \$15 billion, sounds like a lot. But maybe it's not so unreasonable when you think of how much economic damage Turkey might sustain because of

ALLAN GERSON

## U.S. intervention.

Americans seem worried about this business of buying votes or buying friendship. But actually, we are doing neither, and "buying" has an awful ring to it. It smacks of bribes, which of course are illegal in almost every judicial system. Instead, think in terms of "financial incentives," and only as one method of ensuring influence.

For instance, U.S. diplomats travel the globe to try to influence our friends ahead on how to vote on issues coming up on the U.N. agenda. And then there are the endless cocktail parties, receptions and dinners at the United Nations - all aimed at swaying others. In recent days, a rare crush of international pressure by our envoys

has been on display to win votes for the new resolution on Iraq.

The United States tries, of course, to change perspectives with the sheer value of our ideas, by the importance of our ideals - democracy, human rights, the nonuse of force. But when all that fails, money - in the form of economic or military assistance - always helps.

In 1984, Congress finally passed legislation to give U.S. diplomats some of the tools that other countries already had. That legislation required the president and secretary of State to regularly report to Congress on how various countries voted at the United Nations on resolutions deemed important to the nation. Now, if a country has a pattern of voting against the United States on key resolutions, that is something Congress certainly can take into consideration

come foreign-aid or military-assistance time.

Not that there is any automatic linkage, of course. But we no longer act as if a country's bilateral and multilateral relations are separate spheres, independent of each other.

These days, the United States is still playing sheriff at high noon inside the United Nations. Well, what else is new? The United States has never been an imperial power, so there's never been a posse - namely, a voting bloc - for us to depend on.

Today, we bemoan the fact that France seems to have turned against us. Well, again, *quelle surprise*.

For some reason, many of our history textbooks make little reference to the fact that Americans actually fought France as recently as 1942, when the United States

made its crucial landing in North Africa, only to be attacked by the forces of Vichy France aligned with Nazi Germany.

In the 1980s, France abstained when the U.N. majority introduced a resolution that condemned the United States for deporting an avowed terrorist and that proclaimed "all available means" - a euphemism for support of terrorism - were permissible in the struggle against "alien, colonial and racist rule."

Later, France would join in introducing a key U.N. Security Council resolution directly at odds

with U.S. Middle East policy. Only under the threat of a U.S. veto did the French "withdraw" that resolution - holding it in abeyance for discussion purposes.

Is it ignoble to use whatever "means of influence" are at your disposal? Absolutely not. Especially if we're talking about national defense in a post-9/11 world. And that is exactly what the Iraq debate is all about.

Allan Gerson was chief counsel to the U.S. delegation to the United Nations in the Reagan administration.

## LETTERS

### Bill would leave no protection for quality of life

The Idaho Water Users Association and Farm Bureau are sponsoring HB-284, which is anti-punitive legislation. For several consecutive years, special interest groups have joined forces, attempting to squelch the public from having a voice in Idaho's public water.

Imagine your neighborhood threatened by a proposed power plant, a confined animal feeding operation or another industry that could severely impact your quality of life. Many county zoning laws fall short when requiring notification to potentially impacted neighbors. Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality isn't always the regulatory authority in charge. Suddenly, you discover you have no recourse at the local level or what would seem the appropriate agency. This scenario has happened in many neighborhoods. But the existing clause in Idaho's water law allowing public participation has, at times, been the only mechanism available to neighborhoods to protect their water and quality of life from impacts by industries. It is a viable mechanism that must remain intact.

HB-284 sponsors claim applicants experience costly delays, hiring experts to respond to issues that don't relate to water. Water transactions clearly place the burden of proof that others won't be impacted on applicants. In similar cases, defending their position that impacts are imminent.

HB-284 sponsors claim in recent years, water transactions have been delayed by protests based on a broad range of social, economic and environmental issues having nothing to do with the public's water. It is baffling why sponsors wouldn't be concerned with such issues because if the public's water is impacted environmentally, it is no longer a viable resource. If the water is no longer viable,

there are all kinds of social and economic impacts that will follow.

And sponsors of HB-284 believe removing local public interest from water law will significantly reduce financial burdens on Idaho's Department of Water Resources. However, IDWR is charged with managing and conserving Idaho's water and our quality of life. If local public interest is removed from Idaho's water law, the state won't be able to fulfill its obligations to her citizens. The public must have a voice in protecting public waters. The local public interest aspect of Idaho's water law is working as it was intended, and interfering with it could prove disastrous.

Tell your legislators not to support HB-284. Call (208) 332-1000 or (800) 626-0471 today. Let your elected officials know Idaho's citizens deserve a voice in protecting our water.

BERT KEDJERN

Ketchum

(Editor's note: Bert Kedjern is the chairman of the Confined Animal Feeding Operation Accountability Project and a member of the Southwest Group of the Sierra Club.)

### 'Cyberbeggars' just leech off the rest of us

After reading the front page of The Times-News on Feb. 17 on "Cyberbeggars," I had a conviction.

I have come to realize that I must be doing something wrong in life. I guess working hard doesn't get you anywhere in life. I should just stop trying to better my family and myself and just wait for a handout like Doug Willard. But I can't do that; I was taught to work hard and go after what you want in life and, more importantly, to take care of my responsibilities.

I'm very blunt about things like this. It makes me sick to think that you can actually be that lazy and not have the pride in yourself to go find work. Instead, you are willing to wait for more liberal pro-

grams that continue to suck the money away from hard-working people to pay for you and others like you.

It's funny that you can sit there and have your picture taken looking desperate and have a computer with the Internet! I see where your priorities are, Doug! You haven't been able to find a job in 10 months? How lazy are you? I guess specializing in dairy work makes it hard to flip hamburgers or dig ditch for a construction outfit. Anything other than dairy work is beneath you, huh? I understand how you think - a \$5-an-hour job is just not good enough!

It makes me angry to see you continue to sit in your lazy boy and change channels instead of looking for work. This is why America continues to have dependent people, because we let people like you suck the life and money out of the rest of us.

Be a man, Doug, and grow up! Be self-reliant for a change. You're the one that was dumb enough to let him use your credit card. You got yourself in this hole. Climb out of it by spending your time looking for work instead of begging for money.

JEFF ABRAHAM  
Twin Falls

### Putting a cap on damages would encourage fraud

The proposed tort reform legislation (HB-92) designed to limit the amount of money that can be used as punishment for intentional or criminal misconduct in civil litigation is bad law and must be rejected. Evaluating this bill using a cost-benefit analysis, the cost of this legislation far outweighs the benefits to Idahoans.

Consider the proposed cap of \$250,000 on punitive damages. Punitive damages are assessed in very few cases. The cases must involve purposeful criminal misconduct. For example, punitive damages are most useful in discouraging business fraud. Hypothetically, an illegal business

seam might net \$10 million by cheating 5,000 citizens of Idaho out of \$2,000 each (\$5,000 times \$2,000). By limiting the amount of money that could be assessed as punitive damages, the corrupt corporation (or individual) is assured of huge profits by bilking consumers with almost no risk.

Punitive damage caps benefit Enron and World Com. The cost of House Bill 92 to the citizens of Idaho is justice. Such legislation will only attract thieves and defrauders to "set up shop" in our state. These criminals must be deterred. Yet it is seldom that such "white collar" crimes are prosecuted in criminal court where jail is a possible consequence. Most "white collar" crimes are litigated civilly. The punishment available in a civil case is a monetary one.

The Legislature is the wrong branch of government to decide the merits of individual cases. Let Idaho juries do their jobs and preserve their right to assist that the punishment fit the crime. In doing so, the citizens of Idaho are preserving their right to protect themselves. Reject HB-92.

JEFFREY J. HEPPWORTH

Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Jeffrey Heppworth is an attorney in Twin Falls.)

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CONTEST 6:00 P.M.

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All competitors receive a free ticket to the Saturday afternoon, March 15, 2003, performance of the 27th Annual Rocky Mountain Regional N.I.R.A. Rodeo held March 14th and 15th at the C.S.I. Expo Center.

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PRICES GOOD THROUGH MONDAY

## Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

### M.V. employment ads

Local employers in February placed fewer newspaper ads looking for workers than they did a year earlier.

Last month, employers in The Times-News' classified advertising section bought 1,201 employment ads. That's 6 percent less than the 1,272 such ads placed in February 2002. But it tops the 876 of February 2001.

Companies' advertising for drivers and for medical positions has decreased, said The Times-News' classifieds sales manager, Debby Johnson.

"The other categories of help-wanted are pretty even and steady," she said.

Year-to-date 2003's employment ads are running 5 percent below the total ads placed in the first two months of 2002.

The state plans to release its forecasts of February's county-by-county employment situation Friday.

Source: Johnson

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Former senator visits Success Breakfast

TWIN FALLS — A colorful Westerner from Wyoming headlines today's Success Breakfast.

The witty former U.S. Sen. Alan K. Simpson will speak on "Politics is a Contact Sport."

The College of Southern Idaho and the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce put on the annual Success Breakfast to honor winners of the Chamber Person of the Year award and the annual Lifetime Achievement Award. Honorees' identities are kept secret until the breakfast.

The meal and award announcements will be at 7 a.m. today in the CSI gymnasium. Then attendees will take a little walk while breakfast serves. Simpson's speech will be at 8:30 a.m. in CSI's Fine Arts Auditorium.

Some ticket buyers choose to attend just one or the other portion of the event.

Cost is \$35 for chamber members, or \$45 for nonmembers. Tickets are available at the door.

### Jeweler Zale names chief financial officer

DALLAS — Specialty Jeweler Zale Corp. named Mark R. Lenz, 47, as chief financial officer.

Lenz will take over the duties from E. Cove, currently chief operating officer. She had retained CFO responsibilities with her promotion to COO in August.

Lenz, a certified public accountant, began his career with Dallas-based Zale in 1981 in the accounting department and had previously served as senior vice president and controller, the company said.

Zale, the largest specialty jeweler in North America, has 2,300 stores, including one in Twin Falls.

### 401(k) study reveals decline of 4 percent

The average balance in a 401(k) account, held at least since 1999, declined by nearly 4 percent in 2001, to \$58,785, according to the latest analysis by the Employee Benefit Research Institute and Investment Company Institute.

The survey tracks the behavior of about 14.6 million 401(k) participants — about one-third of the total. The declines reflected the drop in the equity market, though the stock market overall dropped by about 12 percent in 2001. Continuing contributions into 401(k) plans dampened the slide's impact.

Investors left their funds virtually untouched between 1996 and 2001, with about 70 percent of 401(k) accounts invested in the equity market. At the end of 2001, the survey found, about 48 percent was invested in stock funds, 17 percent in employer stock and 8 percent in balanced funds.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# WORRIED MARKET LAGS



Few cars are seen in one of the parking lots of the Towne Center shopping mall in Boca Raton, Fla., Monday. Consumers worried about a possible war with Iraq and their own financial prospects trimmed spending in January — the first such rollback in four months — and manufacturing slowed in February, sending a pair of trouble signs for an already struggling economy.

## Stocks fall on disappointing economic numbers

The Associated Press

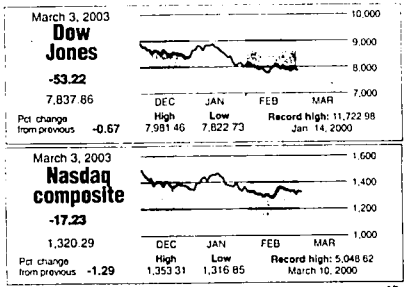
NEW YORK — Weaker-than-expected economic data and the market's persistent anxiety about a war with Iraq made for choppy trading Monday on Wall Street. Stocks waffled throughout the session before closing moderately lower.

Investors dabbled with bargain hunting, taking advantage of lower prices following weeks of heavy selling, but ultimately succumbed to uneasiness about war and the economy.

"Until we get this (war) under way, people are going to be sitting on their hands. I don't see any real reason for the market to rally," said Michael Murphy, head trader at Wachovia Securities in Baltimore.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 33.22, or 0.7 percent, at 7,837.86. Earlier in the session, the Dow rose as much as 90.38.

The broader market was also lower. The Nasdaq composite index fell 17.23, or 1.3 percent, to 1,320.29. The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 6.34, or 0.8 percent, to 834.81.



Sell-offs and fizzled rallies have plagued the market for much of this year. February marked the third straight month of declines for most stocks with the Dow shedding 2 percent and the S&P losing 1.7 percent. The Nasdaq, however, managed to gain 1.3 percent.

"The midsize confrontation is likely restraining stocks at this point. When that is concluded one way or the other, I think stocks will be unleashed to do much better," said A.C. Moore, chief investment strategist for Dunvegan Associates in Santa Barbara, Calif.

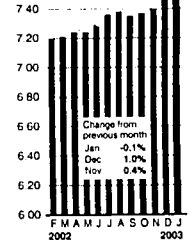
Monday's economic news was mostly discouraging, and accounted for much of the market's downturn.

The Commerce Department reported that consumers worried

### Personal spending

Here is a look at the nation's personal spending.

Seasonally adjusted  
\$760 trillion



SOURCE: Department of Commerce AP

about a possible war with Iraq trimmed their spending by 0.1 percent in January, missing econ-

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## Union Pacific plans to cut 1,000 administrative jobs

Knight Ridder News Service

OMAHA, Neb. — Union Pacific Corp. will cut 1,000 administrative jobs, with most people to lose their jobs in the first three months of 2003, according to a report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Union Pacific — which has a freight office in Rupert and is the nation's largest railroad — said in a 10-K annual report that

the 1,000 jobs will be eliminated through attrition and firings. The company will take an estimated \$45 million pretax charge in the first quarter to pay severance costs.

The annual report offers more details about previously announced plans to cut costs at the Omaha company by up to 20 percent. Union Pacific executives had said the reductions would include layoffs but not

how many.

Union Pacific spokesman Bob Turner said last week that the job cuts detailed in the filing include 400 administrative jobs, most of which are in Omaha, and 600 train jobs, mostly engineers. The train jobs are being cut as Union Pacific uses more remote-control devices in its locomotives, eliminating the need for some positions, he said.

Some of the targeted jobs

could include crew management and timekeeping positions. According to internal Union Pacific documents, those jobs could be eliminated as early as this spring. Crew managers schedule train crews.

John Lydon, general chairman of the Transportation Communications International Union in Omaha, said he expects

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## Burdensome vehicle payments can bring your finances crashing down

Americans are staggering under record levels of debt — and it's apparent in the type of questions that have been flooding in to Money Talk. This week's column deals exclusively with debt and debt-related problems.

Question: A year ago, I purchased a 2002 vehicle while I was gainfully employed. I purchased it purely on vanity (that is, it looked swell) and paid the full sticker price of about \$18,000. Three months later I was laid off from my job. I spent three months on unemployment and have worked only part time since July. I have not missed a payment, but I doubt that I can keep up the current pace based on the other bills I owe. I've tried twice to trade the vehicle in for another one, but the trade-in offers I've been given are about \$4,000 less than the current balance I owe. What do you suggest I do?



I'd really rather not allow the car to be repossessed.

Answer: First of all, good for you for not burying your head in the sand. Many consumers wait too long to deal with burdensome car payments, perhaps not realizing that a car can be repossessed if they're even a day late with a payment. Because repossession trashes your credit report, it's smart to want to avoid that outcome if possible.

Go back to your original lender and explain the situation. Some lenders are willing temporarily

to lower your payments, although you'll wind up paying more interest in the long run.

If your lender is not willing to modify your loan, your next best bet might be trying to sell the car yourself. You'll probably be able to get more for your car than dealers would be willing to give you as a trade-in, although it still might not be enough to pay off your loan. You might need to come up with money from another source — a relative, a credit card, the sale of an asset — to pay the rest of what you owe.

Then you can set about the task of finding more affordable wheels — something used but reliable. As long as your credit rating is intact and you have income from your part-time job that exceeds your other bills, you should be able to get a loan. Your car might not be as well, but it will get you where you

need to go.

Q: I am renting a house to people who filed for bankruptcy protection two years ago. They have an option to buy the home until May 2004. Are they likely to be able to get a mortgage? As far as I know, they have been paying their bills on time since the bankruptcy except for one or two late payments and some back taxes.

A: Let's turn the question around: Would you be willing to give these people money? They've already bungled their finances badly enough to wind up in Bankruptcy Court once, and fairly recently at that. They're still not paying their bills on time, all the time, which is a requirement to have decent credit. They owe the Internal Revenue Service, which is pretty much the last creditor on Earth you'd want to have. It's true that many people who

have filed for bankruptcy protection can get a home loan within two years, but they generally have their financial act in gear. Late payments or tax problems on top of the bankruptcy filing will make it tough for your renters to get a mortgage loan with any kind of reasonable rate.

Q: I have always been a careful spender, but I was married to someone who spent every dime we had coming in. We got a second mortgage on our home to pay the bills, but wound up losing the house when we couldn't pay the loan. We eventually filed for bankruptcy and divorce.

That was five years ago, and I've since been able to qualify for another home loan with a good-sized down payment. (If you don't turn around and rack up a lot of new debt, it is amazing how

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## MONEY

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## MUTUAL FUNDS

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## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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## MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
Most Active (\$1 or more)				Most Active (\$1 or more)				Most Active (\$1 or more)			
Name	Vol	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	Last	Chg
Lucant	362,004	1.66	+02	NasdaqTrl	5,889,850	24.65	-51	Crack	6,270,448	13.72	-26
GenElec	296,390	23.90	+15	SPDR	41,563,843	84.73	-81	Intel	5,771,906	16.66	-60
ADK Tix	109,337	11.20	-12	ESMR	81,882	22.73	-81	Microsoft	4,963,873	23.54	-16
Worlwide	100,000	1.00	+01	ELZA Data	7,000	1.00	+01	Surfcom	4,900	1.00	+01
NonWave	176,658	2.25	+10	Nabors	19,655	30.45	-20	Gracie	33,431.0	11.69	-27
<b>LOSERS (\$1 or more)</b>				<b>LOSERS (\$1 or more)</b>				<b>LOSERS (\$1 or more)</b>			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Zymex	8.60	+2.56	+42.4	Cogninv	2.70	+2.00	+100	Tulco	6.83	+1.81	+36.1
MARVEL	2.90	+1.11	+25.8	MeadJan	5.66	+3.36	+59.4	Ferret	15.57	+2.75	+23.4
GenCorp	5.88	+1.51	+25.7	Arcan	3.93	+1.19	+30.3	Chromad	8.66	+1.48	+20.2
RED TRF	1.00	+0.50	+50.0	InterC	0.82	+0.31	+38.1	Flow-T	2.24	+0.34	+17.9
AMT Co	3.9	+0.85	+67.0								
<b>LOSERS (\$2 or more)</b>				<b>LOSERS (\$2 or more)</b>				<b>LOSERS (\$2 or more)</b>			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WHITR	2.13	-0.60	-28.8	MassSpcl	2.63	-2.70	-9.3	RoyGrt	13.10	-6.35	-32.6
ADMA	13.17	-2.82	-21.5	Halstar	2.93	-2.90	-9.3	Intellink	2.99	-1.71	-23.7
ADMA	13.17	-2.82	-21.5	Halstar	2.93	-2.90	-9.3	Intellink	2.99	-1.71	-23.7
INCO	0.7	-0.07	-12.7	Veritas	2.00	-2.00	-83.3	Overseas	14.00	-2.99	-21.0

**NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET**[illegible]

## DIARY

Advanced	1,604	Advanced
Declined	1,614	Declined
Unchanged	188	Unchanged
Total issues	3,406	Total issues
New Highs	71	New Highs

## ARY

Advanced	335	Advanced	1,394	WorldUp
Declined	415	Declined	1,783	Analogue
Unchanged	121	Unchanged	529	AppleG 5
Total issues	871	Total issues	3,706	AppleC
New Herts	10	New Herts	62	AppleMac 1
				AppleMac 2
				AppleMac 3

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## AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

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## MARKETS

## CLOSING FUTURES

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## BEANS

**Valley Prices**  
Eggs are net to growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1  
grades. Weighs about 18 and storage charges.  
Prices subject to change without notice. Producers  
desiring more recent price information should contact  
dealers.  
Great northern, ask. pintos, ask. small reds, ask.  
Idaho pink, ask. Prices are given daily by Rangiers in  
Butte.  
Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Dean  
Hartman, U.S. Department of Agriculture - Great  
northern \$15.10, pintos, \$10.10 small reds, \$10.  
\$19-\$20. pink, \$10-\$12. small whites, \$10-\$20.  
Quoted current on Feb. 25.

## GRAINS

**Valley Grains**  
Prices for wheat per bushel, mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundred weight. Prices subject to change without notice.  
Soft white wheat: \$3.00 barley: \$4.85 (48 pound basis); oats: \$6.00; corn: \$5.20 (15 percent moisture).  
Prices are given daily by Hangers in Buhl.  
**Reed Grain and Bean** in Buhl and Hansen reports the following grain prices: soft white wheat, spot delivery, \$3.00  
barley, \$5.40 (48 lb. minimum) spot delivery in Twin Falls and Goodrich; corn, \$5.25 (Twin Falls) (spot); beans,

## LIVESTOCK

base): oats \$6.00, corn \$5.20 (15 percent moisture). Prices are given daily by Hangers in Buhi. Reed Gram and Bleas in Buhi and Hansen reports the following grain prices: soft white wheat, spot delivery, \$3.00. Barley, \$5.40 (48 lb. minimum) spot delivery in Tenn. Falls and Gooding, corn \$5.35 (Tenn. Falls only). Price

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2076	1,420	1,420	1,420
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2078	1,420	1,420	1,420

	LASTING	CHANG	CHANG	88.80	88.80
Aug					
Fri					
Mar					
				79.30	- 50
				79.50	- 40

Eel. sale 600 Fri.'s sales 662  
Fri.'s open int 2,748, up 35

## METALS/CURRENCY

Selected world gold prices, Monday.  
Hong Kong late. \$348.30 unchanged.

NY HSBG  
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	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
<b>GOLD</b>					
100 troy oz.; dollars per troy oz.					
Mar				349 20	-1 00
Apr	349 80	349 00	345 20	349 30	-1 00
May				349 70	-1 00

Apr	34
May	34
Jun	35
Aug	36

Oct	390 00	351 30	350 00	351 30	-1 10
Dec	319 90	351 80	319 90	351 80	-1 10
Feb	349 50	352 40	349 50	352 40	-1 10
Apr				352 90	-1 20
Jun				353 50	-1 20
Aug				354 10	-1 40
Oct				354 80	-1 40

May	401
Jul	465
Sep	

Dec	466 0	470 5	465 0	470 2	+7 3
Jan				470 6	+7 3
Mar				471 1	+7 3
May				472 2	+7 3
Jul				473 3	+7 3
Sep				474 1	+7 3
Dec	470 0	475 3	470 0	475 3	+7 3
Sum				475 9	+7 3

Dec  
Fr's sales  
Fr's oppo

NEW YORK (AP) - Handy & Harman silver Monday \$4.685 up \$0.050  
M&H fabricated \$5.435 up \$0.050  
The morning taken price for silver in London \$4.61 up \$0.015  
London late silver \$4.640 up \$0.040

Monday  
Aluminum -  
Mon

Copper - \$52.00 Cathode full grade U.S. destinations  
Copper - 78.75 cents per lb. N.Y. Merc spot Mon  
Lead - \$461.00 per metric ton London Metal Exch  
Zinc - 38.92-39.17 cents lb. delivered  
Gold - \$349.20 Handy & Harman (only daily quote)  
Gold - \$345.50 100 oz. N.Y. Merc spot Mon  
Silver - \$4.685 Handy & Harman (only daily quote)  
Silver - \$4.682 Treasury N.M. Mint combining

## Stocks

omists' expectations for a 0.2 percent gain. The department said income grew by 0.3 percent, shy of the anticipated 0.4 percent increase.

There was some positive economic news, however, as the Commerce Department reported that construction spending jumped by 1.7 percent in January as builders bet that low mortgage rates would continue to support the housing market. The increase — the largest in a year — followed a strong 1.5 percent advance in

**Cut** \_\_\_\_\_

Continued from B1

He said the technology may increase efficiency, but it won't

Turner acknowledged that some crew management positions

# Weston

**Continued from B1**  
much you can save.) I also have a credit card with a \$1,800 limit and a 16 percent annual rate. This was originally a secured card that limited my purchases to an amount I had deposited with the credit card company, but it

I would like to get another card in case of an emergency, but I want better terms than I'm being offered. When can I reasonably expect to qualify for a credit card with decent terms? Five years is long enough to be paying your dues.

**A:** Not quite. Legally, your bankruptcy filing can remain on your credit report for 10 years, and many mainstream lenders won't be interested in you as long as that huge black mark stays on your file.

It might seem strange that it's easier to get a mortgage after a

Ford declined 25 cents to \$8.07 after reporting that February

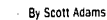
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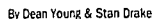
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By Charles M. Schulz



**By Lynn Johnston**





## AROUND THE VALLEY

### T.F. lawyer gets new term on ed board

BOISE — Twin Falls attorney Laird Stone was appointed to a full six-year term on the state Board of Education on Monday. Stone, whose nomination is subject to Senate confirmation, originally was appointed 16 months ago to replace banker Curtis Eaton, who resigned.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne made the appointment in advance of the board's March meeting because of the major issues facing the panel, including the continuing controversy over the financial maneuvering by the University of Idaho for the \$136 million University Place at Boise project.

Kempthorne spokesman Mark Snider said Stone was "thoughtful and has demonstrated a grasp of the issues."

### Bowcut gets another court date: March 24

FRESNO, Calif. — A trial date for accused Internet pornographer Leslie Peter Bowcut will be selected March 24.

On March 24, a trial-setting conference is scheduled in U.S. District Court in Fresno, Calif., according to Assistant U.S. Attorney John Conklin.

Bowcut faces a federal charge of conspiring to sexually exploit children. He is in jail in Fresno during the federal court proceedings.

Bowcut, who uses Pete as his common first name, was one of 20 people in the United States indicted Aug. 9, 2002, as part of an international child pornography ring, following an investigation by the U.S. Customs Service.

Bowcut was sentenced to 30 years in life in the Idaho State Penitentiary after he pleaded guilty in 5th District Court to 14 counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child younger than 16. Bowcut has appealed the district court sentence imposed by Judge Roger Burdick, calling it "excessive."

### Hospital offers classes for new parents

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is offering a new program for new parents.

NuParent is an eight-week parent development program that balances a focus on the needs of children with a focus on the needs of adults, according to a hospital news release. Each session includes time for a parent/child activity, a knowledge-building exercise and a parent support group.

Parents of babies and toddlers are encouraged to participate in NuParent.

Topics to be covered include health and safety, parenting styles, nurturing, playing and guiding your baby, infant massage and much more.

"NuParent is designed to meet the needs of parents who voluntarily seek to be the best parent they can be through the support of parent education resources," said instructor Susan Beck.

The classes will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays beginning March 12 at Magic Valley Regional's downtown location at 660 Shoshone St. E. Registration is required. To sign up call 737-2102.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak **
Upper Snake River	83%	67%
Salmon Falls	60%	50%
Seaside	86%	71%
Oakley	53%	46%
Big Wood	86%	71%
Little Wood	98%	70%
Hannys Fork/Teton	79%	64%
Big Lost	90%	70%
Little Lost	75%	67%

\*A comparison of basin snowpack on March 3 with the 1971-2000 average.  
\*\*As of March 3.

# Local workers get smallpox vaccine

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They would be on the front lines if a smallpox epidemic broke out.

So Monday morning, three South Central District Health workers traveled to the health district office in Boise to get their smallpox vaccinations.

One of them was Tom Machala, public health response manager

for South Central District Health.

"It's like getting tapped on your skin with a wooden toothpick," Machala said. "It's not nearly as painful as other vaccinations."

The vaccine, made from a virus called vaccinia which is a "pox" type virus related to smallpox, is given using a two-pronged needle that is dipped into the vaccine solution. When removed, the needle retains a droplet of the vaccine. The needle is used to prick

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the skin a number of times in a few seconds. The pricking is not deep, but it will cause a sore spot and one or two droplets of blood to form. The vaccine usually is given in the upper arm.

Some people who get the vaccinations do experience side effects, though rarely serious,

according to the Centers for Disease Control.

"It's something you have to be aware of," Machala said. "Flu-like symptoms and achiness are typical of most vaccinations."

Machala said other workers in the office will be traveling to Boise in coming weeks for their vaccinations.

The last known case of smallpox was in 1977 in Somalia and the last case of smallpox in the

United States was in 1949, according to the CDC. Routine vaccinations against smallpox ended in 1972, but immunity only lasts for three to five years.

But on Sept. 11, smallpox went from being a disease of the past to a potential biological weapon. And the United States is preparing for that possibility.

Public health workers and mili-

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## SLIDIN' ON THE SNOW



Five-year-old Drake Vernoy's Crocky Sled, made of egg carton scales, clay eyes and a half-gallon of bright green paint, amazingly made it all the way to the finish line of Sunday's Snow Box Derby without losing any teeth.

## Winter's best-dressed cardboard takes to the slopes

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Think Akron with an ice cream headdress. The Indy 500 dressed up in cardboard and duct tape.

Add it up and you have Hailey's second annual Snow Box Derby.

All manners of cardboard fashioned into a Viking ship, pasta bowl, blue demon shark, choo-choo train and even a Portapotty raced down the slopes of Rotarun ski hill Sunday.

The event, sponsored by the Blaine County Recreation District, prompted a run on duct tape, just as the East Coast experienced a few weeks earlier.

Buffalo Rixon rocketed down the hill in his snazzy silver rocket ship. Others somersaulted down the course. Some had to

### Snow Box Derby winners

Winners of the second annual Snow Box Derby:  
Most creative — Jesse and Travis Forgiven for their Red Baron and UFO. Haley's Smoky Mountain Pizza for its pasta bowl. Tony Estrada for a rocket. and Bryce Moulton for a colorful snow box.  
Fastest times — 5, through Bryce Moulton, Ryan Chadlow, Gailen Barker

and River Dyer, 9 through 12: Travis Forgiven, Doug Engel and Kelly Chapman, 13 through 17: Justin Salas, Bryce Moulton and Doug Beall, 18 and up: Nick Stekela, Black Bart and Kevin Thomas.  
Corporations — Rusotto/Latham Blanton Architects, Ketchum's Smoky Mountain Pizza and Wicked Spud.

push their way across the finish line with their mitten-covered hands when their crafts stopped a few yards short. And others took a page from the Jamaican bobsled team in "Cool Runnings" as they jumped out and ran their vehicles across the line of orange in the snow.

Eight-year-old Jesse Forgiven took on the appearance of

Snoopy and the excitement of the Wright Brothers as he wrapped a scarf around his neck and climbed into his shiny Red Baron aeroplane. But the plane balked and tipped on its wing as it hit a snow bank just shy of the finish line.

Jesse's 12-year-old brother Travis literally spun his way to first place in his age group in a

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— Mike Chapman, on his son Ryan's cardboard toilet

4-foot-wide UFO. Encased inside the spinning saucer, he couldn't see a thing. "I could have spun into a Martian and not known it," he said later.

Others weren't quite as successful. Ryan Chapman's cardboard toilet took a long time to flush down the hill. "Must've had a clog. We needed some Drain-O," said Chapman's dad.

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## Idaho driving deaths exceed national average

By Pat Murphy  
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Although Idahoans have gradually reduced the rate of road and highway fatalities since the mid-'80s, they still kill themselves at a higher rate than the national average — and one statistic may help explain why. 1985 to 2001.

While an average 75 percent of Americans used seat belts in 2002, the Idaho average among drivers was down to 63 percent, according to Jeff Stratten, a spokesman for the Idaho Transportation Department.

That, along with other factors, contributes to Idaho's 1.8 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles per year, against the lower national average of 1.5 deaths per 100 million miles. However, in 1985, Idaho's fatality rate was 3.3 deaths per 100 million miles driven.

The ITD's Web site ([www2.state.id.us/itd](http://www2.state.id.us/itd)) provides a five-year tracking of causes of accidents and deaths on major state roads as well as rural thoroughfares. The site includes accidents by age groups, drug or alcohol impairment, vehicle type, roadway defects and other categories.

Although the latest complete annual report covers the year 2001, Stratten said preliminary 2002 statistics show that 264 people were killed on state roads, of which 230 were motor-vehicle accidents, compared to 225 deaths in 2001, of which 212 were motor-vehicle accidents. The complete report will be available in a few months.

Of the 212 who died in 2001, ITD reports 149 were not using seat belts. Stratten said experience shows that half of those

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## DR. SEUSS DAY



Allison Elementary School students celebrated Dr. Seuss' March 2 birthday on Monday. Students ate a breakfast of green eggs and ham, read numerous Dr. Seuss books, made the trademark red and white top hats and had an afternoon snack of cupcakes. Teacher Lynette Rowe reads a Dr. Seuss book to students such as Logan Bennett while the youths work on their hat projects.

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

## Speaker's 'takings' bills sail through House easily

BOISE — House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Barley, won a decisive House victory on Monday with his "regulatory takings" bills with a 55-14 vote on one and a 51-19 on the other.

The legislation still has to pass the Senate, and Sen. Laird Holt, R-Kimberly, said Monday the two bills could meet with more resistance there.

Newcomb's legislation would require government entities to do an analysis of "partial" takings through decisions about regulations that government makes.

Regulatory takings is based upon the idea that uses and value of private property are reduced whenever government regulates property. The concept is based upon the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which says that government shall compensate private property owners for taking their property.

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# Mini-Cassia counties look to stave off invasion of river weed

By Tina Johnson  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Mini-Cassia leaders are bracing for an alien invasion. This time, it's the attack of the little green plants.

As Idaho weed awareness campaign coordinator Roger Batt described, Emerald water milfoil, a plant that can grow two feet a day, transforming waterways into thick, brackish vegetable soup, he sounded like the narrator of a

low-budget science fiction film.

But county governments could expect to spend an all-too-real \$50,000 per year to keep Eurasian water milfoil in check, if it gains a toehold in the Snake River, Batt said.

Cassia County Weed Supervisor Gordon Edwards held a meeting Monday to alert Mini-Cassia county commissioners and irrigation managers to the danger of the weed. To stymie the spread of water milfoil Edwards pro-

posed to place signs at boat launch, look for the weed in the river, inspect boats at the Idaho Regatta and educate recreation and homeowner groups.

The weed has spread down the Payette River to Emmett, Batt said. It would only take a fragment of the plant, half the size of a pinky finger, to establish a population in the Snake River between Minidoka and Cassia counties, said Bureau of Reclamation Natural Resources

Specialist Ryan Newman. A leaf could dry out on the bottom of a boat, then rehydrate when the boat was lowered into the water up to two weeks later, Batt said.

If Eurasian water milfoil reaches the Snake River it would grow as thick as well-fertilized corn in the rich sediment, Batt said. The weed turns water alkaline, kills fish and makes boating and swimming impossible.

Idaho Regatta Chairman Jack Bell objected to the suggestion

that racing boats should be singled out for inspection. The racers pay attention to their boats, keep them sparkling clean and remove propellers for transportation, he said. It is much more likely that sportsmen would transport the weed than racers, he said.

"The regatta won't have one hundredth of the impact of sportsmen, Bell said.

White Edwards plans to post signs and do spot inspections on boats, he thinks it is too soon to install hoses at launch sites or require inspections for out-of-area boats. The counties should consider these more extreme measures when "it starts to reach the level where it's going to impact us economically," Edwards said.

Other Cassia County Commission business included:

• **Hearing continuance** - Commissioners agreed to postpone a March 10 hearing on Dustin, Duane, Dalene and Matt Seales' request for a zone change if the Seales submit a formal request for continuance.

The Seales had asked to change the zoning of some of their property south of Burley from agricultural to prime agriculture.

Bill Parsons, who is the Seales' attorney, asked the commissioners to resolve disagreements among the neighbors. Commissioners set March 24 as the new tentative hearing date.

Since the Seales are asking for a change, it won't hurt anyone to grant their request for a continuance, Commissioner Clay Handy said.

• **Leadership class** - Commissioners met with a ninth-grade leadership class from Burley Junior High School. The commissioners explained their role in county government and took questions from the class.

• **Veteran request** - George Schwendner of the local chapter of Disabled American Veterans asked commissioners to set aside \$5,000 for the year 2005 when the group would like to buy a new van. The veterans have a 1998 van they are trying to sell, a 2000 van that is currently using and a new van on its way.

## Smallpox

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tary personnel across the nation are in the first phase of the country's vaccination program which began in January. As of Feb. 4, a total of 37 states and counties have begun shipments of smallpox vaccine, and 18 states and counties have begun smallpox vaccination. No serious adverse events have been reported, according to the CDC.

"It's actually going pretty well," said Cindy Howarth, immunization manager and smallpox coordinator for the Central District Health Department in Boise. "We've had a couple people who have had mild symptoms, such as a very mild fever, soreness in arms and glands, and some itching. No one has missed work."

Phase 1 of the volunteer vaccination program targets the military and smallpox response teams who would provide care for smallpox patients. The government plans to vaccinate nearly 500,000 health workers. Phase 2 will involve other first responders, such as those in police and fire departments as well as emergency medical technicians and other health care personnel.

As of Feb. 27, 7,354 people in the United States had received smallpox vaccinations, said Von Ruebuck, a spokesman for the CDC.

"This is a great step toward preparedness," Ruebuck said. "There hasn't been an imminent threat, but the potential is always there."

The final phase will involve the general public. The United States has a big enough stockpile of smallpox vaccine to vaccinate everyone in the country who might need it in the event of an emergency, but unless there's an attack, the vaccine won't be available to the general public until next year. Production of new vaccine is also under way, according to the CDC.

As of Feb. 19, the CDC had shipped out 274,000 doses of the vaccine to 52 states and counties.

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However, so far the courts of the land have ruled only in favor of paying for permanent and total takings, not temporary or partial takings.

"You really don't own anything in this country," Newcomb said in his floor argument. "The government holds the first mortgage. Right now the private property owner has no recourse against government taking his property. The onus should be on agencies. This basically makes them stand back and ask, 'Is there another alternative?'"

The Idaho Cattle Association pushed an amendment to the Idaho Constitution last year, but city and county elected officials came out strongly against the bill. This year's bill is only a "baby step" toward last year's goal, Newcomb said.

Former Idaho Cattle Association president, Rep. Scott Bodke, R-Oakley, said the basis of the bill is that the foundation of the United States is based upon ownership of private property.

If the greater society wants to take private property based upon the greater good, then the greater society should pay for it, Bodke said.

The bills that passed the House

## INEEL

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human error on the loose barrel seal. Jackson said he is aware of these news accounts but that INEEL is not finished with its evaluation.

"DOE has not drawn any conclusions regarding the cause of contamination," he said.

The department continues to evaluate why the locking-ring went loose, if there were any other problems with the barrel, and what corrective action is appropriate, he said.

The shipment had been involved in a collision just before it reached the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. Officials said they

detected no radiation released into the environment at the crash site.

When INEEL pinpointed the contaminated barrel, the amount of alpha-emitting contamination on its surface was barely detectable, Jackson said. The highest level of contamination detected on a lid measured 109 disintegrations per minute (a measurement of radioactive decay).

The limit is 20 dpm, required by transportation officials and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, said Kathleen Trever, director of the state of Idaho program overseeing INEEL activities.

Airborne alpha particles are hazardous if lodged in the respiratory system. Alpha particles do not penetrate the skin.

Levels detected on the contaminated barrel were a problem because they were not contained, Trever said. In a contained environment, that level of radiation would not have been an issue.

"It wouldn't even be enough to qualify for WIPP," Trever said.

When the contaminated shipment arrived back in Idaho, there was no facility at INEEL permitted to open and possibly treat the waste. INEEL has a "hot shop" to handle radioactive waste. But it

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## Who shouldn't get the vaccine

**P**regnant women should not get the vaccine because of the risk it poses to the fetus. Women who are breast feeding should not get the vaccine. Children younger than 12

months of age should not get the vaccine. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices advises against the use of smallpox vaccine in children younger than 18 years of

age. In addition, those allergic to the vaccine or any of its components should not receive the vaccine.

Source: Centers for Disease Control

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## Rep. Simpson sponsors economic development fair

ALBION - U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, is sponsoring a "Funder's Fair" aimed at helping groups learn more about economic development through federal, state and private programs.

The day-long conference will be held March 19 at the March Creek Event Center in Albion.

The fair will feature travel throughout the state, community leaders tell me finding funding sources is like maneuvering through a giant maze," Simpson said.

The workshop will offer participants more information on four funding areas - infrastructure, arts, history and museums, small business, and agriculture and natural resources.

The workshop costs \$20 per person. Registration is due by Monday. To register, call the Albion Chamber of Commerce and Development Council at 733-5380, Ext. 132.

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Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella wasn't thrilled to discover New York Yankee owner George Steinbrenner has purchased season tickets to Devil Rays games

### TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who was the first Los Angeles Laker to lead the NBA in scoring?

...answer below

### IN BRIEF

#### Lighthouse Christian holds football meeting

TWIN FALLS - All persons and parents interested in the new football program at Lighthouse Christian, are invited to attend an organizational meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Lighthouse is located at 259 Main Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

#### Babe Ruth Baseball hosts coaches meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Babe Ruth Baseball organization will be hosting an informational meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Maxie's. This meeting is for all past and prospective coaches interested in coaching a baseball team. Babe Ruth Baseball consists of boys from 13-19 years of age throughout the Magic Valley. The season will begin in May and end in June.

For any questions or information, please contact Linda Brittsan at 733-4600.

#### Registration starts soon for new Babe Ruth league

JEROME - The North Side Babe Ruth baseball league for players aged 13-15 in Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln and Blaine counties will begin registration and coaching observations on March 14-15 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Rotary Field in Jerome.

Players must be between the ages of 13-15 as of July 31. Players need attend only one of the two sign-up dates and must bring a birth certificate and \$55 registration fee.

For more information, call Tom or Darcie Bobrowski at 324-2345. Blaine County residents should contact Steve Anderson at 788-9550.

#### Boise hosts annual Roadster Show

BOISE - The Boise Roadster Show returns to the Western Idaho Fair Expo Thursday through Sunday.

Show hours are Thursday from 4-10 p.m., Friday from 3-10 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Some of the featured cars are the XK-7 stunt car from the movie "The Fast and the Furious," Mike Schillflier's "Zeffler," a 1938 Lincoln Zephyr, and Ricky Ruiz's five-second "Nevada Ratler."

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and children under 6 are free. For more information, call (208) 938-8986.

#### Correction

The coach for the Timberline boys basketball team was misidentified as Gary Laren in Monday's sports section. The Wolves' coach is Buhl High School graduate Alan Thornberry, who is in his first year as head coach at the Boise School.

The Times-News regrets the error.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

#### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Werry West averaged 31.2 points in 1969-70

## BOYS STATE BASKETBALL

# Hornets, Wildcats head into state tourney upbeat Vikings will seek another title run

By Scott Thompson  
Times-News writer

### Meet the teams - D2

championship as the Class 3A Real Dairy Boys Shoot Out tips off Thursday at Meridian High School.

The teams, which split in the regular season as each won on its home floor, are on opposite sides of the bracket, with Declo (18-2) going up against Snake River in the first round at 3:15

p.m. and Filer (17-5) facing Preston in the 8 p.m. game.

Even though Annala admitted to hoping for an all-District Four final, Preston (17-5) has his full attention.

The most important game is the first game," Annala said. "That's the one where you get comfortable in the gym and with the pressure. From there please see 3A, Page D2

### BOYS

By Scott Thompson  
Times-News writer

The last time Valley made it to the state tournament, the Vikings brought the title home.

And they feel good about their chances this time around as they face Firth in the first round of the Class 2A Boys Real Dairy Shoot Out beginning Thursday at 8 p.m. at Capital High School in Boise.

"We went up and watched Firth play Malad (in a state play in game) and we feel that we match up well with them," Valley coach Bernard Mummman said. "Their better players are guards and they are hard to defend."

The most difficult matchup will be with 5-foot-9 senior guard Logan Berg, who is scoring 21.2 points a contest for the Cougars.

"He runs the point a little bit but then they run a few things for

Please see 2A, Page D4

# War worries spread to sports

By Hal Bock  
AP Sports Writer

Oakland pitcher Tim Hudson knows he's supposed to be excited about opening the major league baseball season in Japan. And if the world situation were less precarious, he probably would be.

Instead, with the United States preparing for war with Iraq, Hudson is worried about the March 25-26 games against Seattle.

"We may as well have big targets on our backs saying, 'We're Americans, come bomb us,'" Hudson said Monday. "I'm definitely going if the team goes, but I wouldn't want my family to come along. It's too dangerous."

There are other signs of concern in the world of sports: Tiger Woods withdraws from a tournament in the Midwest, passing up a \$2 million appearance fee; two college basketball players turn their backs on the U.S. flag during the national anthem; NFL Europe players, like Hudson, worry about traveling.

Teammate Scott Hatteberg understands Hudson's concerns.

"When your country is about to go to war, it could cause problems," Hatteberg said. "I'm still excited about going, it's just bad timing."

Mariners pitcher Joel Paineiro, the team's player representative, has his own misgivings.

"We just have to hope for the best," he said. "I've got to worry about throwing strikes. I can't let it affect me. None of us can let it affect us."

Plenty of athletes have been thinking more about safety than wins or losses - or paydays.

Woods gave up the big check from the Dubai Desert Classic because he knows the United Arab Emirates is just 900 miles from Iraq.

"It's just not a safe environment over there right now," the world's No. 1 golfer said. "I don't think it would be wise for me to go over there at this particular time."

Wide receiver Eugene Baker, trying to establish himself in pro football, has fewer options. He is heading for Berlin, where the NFL Europe season starts April 5.

"The danger is in the back of your mind," he said.

The A's and Mariners are headed for Japan, but baseball player Kevin Millar is not. He pulled out of a \$6.2 million, two-year deal with Japan's Chunichi Dragons, citing concerns about playing overseas if there is a war. Boston Red Sox offered him a \$5.3 million deal.

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Tiger Woods plays a shot from the fairway during the second day of the Dubai Desert Classic at the Emirates golf course in Dubai, March 2, 2001. Woods pulled out of the event this year with the threat of war in Iraq, which is only 900 miles away from the tournament.

## Ex-Eagles take spotlight in free agency

The Associated Press

The Philadelphia Eagles could find it a lot more difficult to defend the NFC East title next season.

The team lost two players Monday: Shawn Barber to Kansas City and Brian Mitchell to the New York Giants.

The Eagles also stand to lose their top defensive end and pass rusher, Hugh Douglas, another unrestricted free agent, although they hope to re-sign him.

Barber, one of several sought-after linebackers available this year, signed with a team attempting to bolster a defense that was the NFL's worst statistically last season.

The 34-year-old Mitchell, one of the best return men in NFL history, is expected to provide a major boost to the Giants' special teams, which have been dismal the past three seasons.

Tennessee, meanwhile, re-signed guard Zach Miller, one of the better offensive linemen available; Atlanta signed former



Shawn Barber Brian Mitchell

Cincinnati safety Cory Hall; Dallas signed punter Toby Gowen; the New York Jets re-signed full-back Gerald Sowell, who probably will become their starter at that position.

Marty Mornhinweg, fired Jan. 27 as coach of the Detroit Lions, found a new job Monday as a senior assistant coach for the Eagles. Mornhinweg and Philadelphia coach Andy Reid worked together on Mike Holmgren's staff in Green Bay in the mid-1990s, and before that in college.

Both Barber and Mitchell are ex-Redskins once removed. Both began their careers with Washington, which dominated the free-agent market in the first

three days. The team signed eight players, primarily offensive and defensive linemen, and traded for running back Trunc Candate.

The Redskins also acquired a fifth-round draft pick this year from New England for a seventh-round selection this year and a fourth-round selection next year. They also released guard Brendan Stai.

Washington's official additions Monday were guards Lennie Friedman and Tre Johnson, who both signed free agent contracts.

Barber signed a seven-year deal with the Chiefs, who finished 8-8, excelling on offense but allowing the most yards in the league last season.

"He possesses the skills, abilities and experience that should improve our defense immediately," Chiefs president Carl Peterson said.

Mitchell, who is 35 next season, gives the Giants the kickoff and punt returner they've lacked since the days of Dave Meggett a decade ago. He averaged 12.3 yards on punt returns last year and 27 on kickoffs. His 21,987 combined yards is second only to Jerry Rice on the NFL's career list.

## Arizona, Kentucky 1-2 for third straight week

The Associated Press

Arizona and Kentucky held the first two spots in The Associated Press college basketball poll for a third straight week Monday.

Arizona widened its lead over its fellow Wildcats from last week by one first-place vote.

Arizona (23-2) won its 10th Pac-10 regular-season title in coach Lute Olson's 20 seasons after last week's sweep of a Bay area road trip. The Wildcats received 59 first-place votes and 1,787 points from the national media panel.

Kentucky had 13 first-place votes and 1,737 points.

Kentucky (24-3) ran the nation's longest winning streak to 18 games with victories over Tennessee and Georgia.

Florida and Texas each moved up one place to third and fourth. Oklahoma, which lost at Missouri last week, dropped from third to fifth.

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and was followed by Pittsburgh, Marquette, Wake Forest and Duke. The Blue Devils' 72-71 loss at St. John's dropped them from sixth to No. 8.

Xavier, winners of 13 straight, was No. 11 followed by Syracuse, Maryland, Illinois, Louisville, Notre Dame, Stanford, Memphis, Creighton and Oklahoma State.

The last five ranked teams were Dayton, California, Mississippi State, Wisconsin and Georgia.

Wisconsin (21-6) moved into the poll while Utah (21-5) dropped out from 22nd after beating BYU 71-64 last Monday in a matchup of the top two teams in the Mountain West Conference, then losing 76-69 at New Mexico on Sunday.

Memphis' jump from No. 24 to No. 18 was the week's biggest. The biggest fall was Notre Dame's drop from No. 9 to No. 16.

## SPORTS

## MEET THE CLASS 3A FIELD

## Bonners Ferry Badgers

Coach: Dan Meddock, third year

Record: 14-9

Road to state: District One runner-up

Key players: 6-3 sr. F Ben Greenblatt (13 ppg, 4 rpg); 6-2 jr. F Joe Lowther (13 ppg, 6-4 sp); F Ben Mitchell (12 ppg, 6 rpg); 6-2 sr. G Matt Behrens.

Scouting report: Greensblatt is a three-point standout, who quarterbacked the Badgers' play and pitches in baseball. ... Mitchell throws in 12 points and six rebounds a game and Behrens is the team's defensive stopper. ... Bonners Ferry, fourth last year, is making its third straight trip to state.

## Declo Hornets

Coach: Loyd Garey, ninth year

Record: 18-2

Road to state: District Four champions

Key players: 6-1 sr. G Marc Christensen; 5-11 sr. G Trae Jones; 6-1 sr. G Billy Allphin; 5-9 sr. G Spencer Glenn; 6-2 sr. P Terry Darrington; 6-2 sr. P Jordan Bagwell.

Scouting report: The Hornets return nearly everyone from last year's state runner-up team, and along with a lot of experience, this team is talented. ... Christensen, who's back after twice blowing out his anterior cruciate ligament a year ago, including in Declo's title game loss to Snake River, makes the Hornets go. He can post big scoring nights or he can be happy finding teammates for easy baskets. ... Should Bagwell be cleared to play, as he may by Thursday after a back injury late in the season, the Hornets will have to be considered the prohibitive favorite. ... The defensive standout can't go, the Hornets will be minuscule and will likely struggle against a big team. ... Declo plays with tremendous intensity and looks to attack—offensively and defensively—every possession.

## Filer Wildcats

Coach: Jim Annala, first year

Record: 17-5

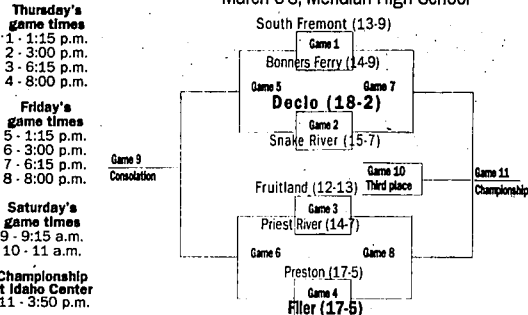
Road to state: District Four runner-up

Key players: 6-3 sr. P Luke Gerlach (15 ppg, 9 rpg); 5-11 sr. G Justin Mecham (13 ppg); 6-2 sr. P Jason Garner (8 ppg, 10 rpg); 6-3 sr. F Paul McLaughlin (8 ppg).

Scouting report: Gerlach can score from anywhere on the floor,

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Friday's game times  
5: 1:15 p.m.  
6: 3:00 p.m.  
7: 6:15 p.m.  
8: 8:00 p.m.

Saturday's game times  
9: 9:15 a.m.  
10: 11 a.m.  
Championship at Idaho Center  
11: 3:50 p.m.

making him a nightmare to defend. ... He is quick, strong and capable of posting up or hitting from beyond the arc. The senior is also clutch, tipping in the state-clinching shot just before the buzzer. ... Garner gives Filer a strong inside presence and the rest of the Wildcats are all capable of big scoring nights. ... Mecham can score from mid-range out to the arc and McLaughlin also creates matchup problems. ... Filer should be one of the best defensive teams in the field. ... Many of the Wildcats saw considerable action at state last year when Filer went two-and-out.

## Fruitland Grizzlies

Coach: Mike Fitch, fourth year

Record: 12-13

Road to state: District Three champions

Key players: 6-2 Garrett Ashton (12 ppg); 6-3 Jeff Taylor (8 ppg); 6-4 Derrick Mahan (7 rebounds).

Scouting report: Making first-ever trip to 3A state tournament since joining the classification in 1998. ... Was a regular at state tournament, going to tournament 17-of-18 seasons between 1978 and last state appearance in 1996. ... Grizzlies have won six of last eight games and three in a row.

## Preston Indians

Coach: Cody Pratt, sixth year

## Record: 17-5

Road to state: District Five champions

Key players: 6-0 jr. G Kelly Rawlings; 6-0 jr. G Kolby Rawlings; 6-8 jr. C Shawn Olverson.

Scouting report: The Indians like to get out and pressure the wings to force turnovers and can afford to do so because of Olverson's presence in the paint. ... Preston is also an extremely good rebounding team.

## Priest River Spartans

Coach: Gary Stewart, fifth year

Record: 14-7

Road to state: District One champions

Key players: 6-3 sr. P Ryan Schlechte (17ppg, 7 rpg); 6-4 sr. Ben Stansell (11 ppg).

Scouting report: The Spartans won their first district title since 1994 when they last went to state. ... They have won eight of their last nine games. ... Four players average eight points or more for the Spartans, with Schlechte and Stansell complementing each other well in the south.

## South Fremont Cougars

Head coach: Rick Berrett, fourth year

Record: 13-9

Road to state: District Six

## champions

Key players: 6-8 sr. C Brandon Bair (19.2 ppg, 10.9 rpg, 3.1 bpg); 6-0 sr. G Tyler Berrett (4.4 apg); 6-2 sr. F Dirk Forbush.

Scouting report: The Cougars won their first district title since 1985. Bair is the team's centerpiece on both offense and defense, but can get into foul trouble. If he gets in a rhythm, watch out. He can be slowed by double teams if the Cougars—especially Hobbs—are not hitting their outside shots.

## Snake River Panthers

Head coach: Bob Coombs, tenth year

Record: 15-7

Road to state: Obliterated rival Shelley 79-49 in the 3A state play-in game at Blackfoot.

Key players: 6-1 sr. G T.J. Shawver; 5-11 sr. G Thad Truman; 6-4 sr. F Preston Kelly; 6-2 sr. G Dexter Van Orden.

Scouting report: Defending 3A state champions in both basketball and football, the experienced Panthers (who beat Filer, Shelley and Declo in the 2002 state tournament) like to shoot 3-pointers and can be deadly if they get hot. ... They buried Shelley Saturday by hitting 10 of 12 in the first half. ... The Panthers split with Declo in the regular season, with both teams winning at home.



Air Force's Joel Gerlach goes over Utah's Tim Frost, right, in the first half in Air Force Academy, Colo., Monday. Gerlach was called for a foul on the play.

## Utes hold off Falcons

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (Ticker) — Tim Frost and Nick Jacobson each scored 16 points as No. 23 Utah bounced back from just its second loss in 2003 with a 57-52 victory over stubborn Mountain West foe Air Force. The game was close throughout, as the Utes (22-5, 10-2 MWC) never trailed but did not lead by more than eight points.

After Frost's 3-pointer with 8:31 left gave them a 45-37 lead, the Utes were blanketed from the field but went 12-of-13 from the foul line over the final 3:43.

Joel Gerlach's bucket cut the deficit to 48-46 with 2:20 to go, but Jacobson and teammate Marc Jackson each hit two free throws, and Frost sank three more in a 7-4 spurt that gave Utah a 55-50 lead with 12 seconds to play.

Utah has won nine of its past 10 and 16 of its last 18 contests. Gerlach scored 15 points and Tim Keller 11 for Air Force (11-15, 2-11), which lost for the 14th time in its past 15 meetings with the Utes.

## No. 6 Kansas 65,

## Texas Tech 56

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Keith Langford scored 20 points as No. 6 Kansas beat Texas Tech 65-56

## War

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It's not just about traveling to Asia. The head of Japan's soccer federation said that two matches scheduled for late March in the United States would be canceled because of worry about a war.

"Even if no war breaks out, there is nothing how things will turn out," Saburo Kawabuchi said. "It's not worth taking unnecessary risks."

The next major event on America's sports calendar is the NCAA men's basketball tournament. CBS is in the first year of an 11-year, \$6 billion deal with the NCAA — but the network also is preparing to shift coverage to cable networks in the event of war.

Two female basketball players, Toni Smith of Manhattanville and Deirdra Chatman of Virginia, recently protested U.S. foreign policy by turning their backs to the flag during the national anthem.

Two weeks ago, Purdue coach Gene Keady was angry after his

## College basketball

Monday night, clinching at least a tie for the Big 12 conference title. Kansas (23-6, 13-2 Big 12) led most of the way and built a 13-point early in the second half. Tech narrowed the margin to 59-53 with 5:01 remaining in the game.

Bur Kansas' Aaron Miles scored back-to-back baskets — one off his steal and ensuing easy layup — to stretch the lead back to 10 at the 4:21 mark. The Red Raiders (16-10, 6-9) scored only three points in the final five minutes.

The Jayhawks have won 10 of their last 11 games and can clinch the title outright with a win at Missouri on Sunday.

## No. 19 Creighton 86, Wichita St. 60

OMAHA, Neb. — Larry House scored a career-high 28 points to lead Creighton past Wichita State.

Creighton (26-4, 15-3 Missouri Valley Conference) outscored the Shockers 26-8 in the first eight minutes of the second half to put the game away.

Paul Miller scored 18 to lead Wichita State (17-10, 12-6).

team lost to Ohio State and someone suggested the players were down.

"Why would they be down on themselves?" he said. "Send them off to Afghanistan and they'll get fired up real quick."

Terror jitters even sank the America's Cup yacht races in New Zealand when a group calling itself "September 11" threatened the U.S., Australian and British embassies with a cyanide attack in case of a move against Iraq.

In November, former East German soccer coach Bernd Stange signed a four-year contract to coach soccer in Iraq, with a clause allowing him to withdraw in case of war. On Thursday, he left the country after the German Foreign Ministry warned about 20 of its citizens about the danger of being there.

Stange wrote a letter to each of his players, saying: "I pray to God that he guards you and your family."

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anything can happen."

Declo coach Loyd Garey couldn't imagine a better first-round opponent for his team than Snake River (15-7), which thumped the Hornets 66-49 in the title game a year ago.

Declo played much of the game without star guard Marc Christensen, who blew out his anterior cruciate ligament for the second time of last year's school year in that contest. Christensen is again leading the charge for the Hornets.

"I haven't seen a team more focused than this one in a long time," he said.

The teams also have a more recent history as Snake River handed Declo its only other loss of the season just before the Christmas break. But just as it did against Filer, Declo got revenge on its own floor in the

second meeting.

But Garey wanted only to talk about the loss to Snake in the championship game a year ago.

"They beat us pretty convincingly and we just didn't play very well," he said. "We'd kind of like to change that. We feel that we have some unfinished business with them."

Declo senior post Jordan Bagwell may also be cleared to play in time for the state tournament after injuring his back late in the regular season.

"That would be great because we're a whole different team without him on the floor," Garey said. "We go to four guys on perimeter without him, and I like two guys inside a lot more."

Either way, the Hornets will be looking to exploit their quickness on the perimeter — with Christensen and fellow seniors Billy Allphin, Trae Jones and

Spencer Glenn — against bigger teams.

Filer will also be going up against a decidedly bigger team in the Preston Indians.

"We have to limit them to one shot," Annala said. "They are an excellent rebounding team."

Center Shawn Olverson is the best on the boards as the 6-8 junior can be dominating.

"If we play man-to-man, we will probably send someone down to double-team him," Annala said.

And junior twins Kelly and Kolby Rawlings are tough perimeter defenders who can light it up from outside.

"We have to protect the ball and make sure we get a shot every time down the floor," Annala said. "And we want to keep it a close game. We've had a lot of experience with that."

Indeed, The Wildcats clinched

state with a last-second tip-in by senior forward Luke Gerrish to beat Kimberly.

"That gave us a lot of momentum," Annala said. "And Gerrish and (Justin) Mecham started to find their shots again in that game. We're starting to peak at the right time."

Annala may be excited at the thought of a tie-breaker between the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference teams but he admits it's not because his players necessarily want to see Declo achieve success.

"Let's just say the players have a lot of respect for one another but we're not going to be hanging out together at the mall," Annala said.

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## SPORTS

## MEET THE CLASS 2A FIELD

## Firth Cougars

Head coach: Stewart Portela, third-year

Record: 16-7  
Road to state: The Cougars beat Malad 38-35 in a play-in game at Blackfoot.

Key players: 5-9 Sr. G Logan Berg (21.2 ppg, 4.7 rpg, 85 percent free throw shooting); 6-0 Jr. F Clint Jolley, 6.0 (10.3 ppg); 5-8 Jr. G Doug Messick (10.1 ppg, 2.2 stpg, 41.7 percent 3-point shooting).

Scouting report: The Cougars will go where Logan Berg goes. He can score inside and outside (he shoots better than 40 percent from beyond the 3-point line). Messick is a good backcourt match with Berg as he can also shoot the 3-ball and is an excellent passer. From there the Cougars have a eight-man corps of improving role players.

## Gracie Grizzlies

Coach: Greg Bergholm, year N/A

Record: 16-6  
Road to state: District Six champions

Key players: 5-11 Jr. G Tyler Lloyd; 6-4 Jr. F Scott Thomas

Scouting report: The Grizzlies come into the tournament as one of the favorites after falling to Lapwai in the title game a year ago. The bulk of last year's team is back. ... The Grizzlies are excellent athletes who like to get up and down the floor.

## Grangeville Bulldogs

Coach: Pat Sullivan, fourth year

Record: 18-6  
Road to state: District One-Two runners-up

Key players: 6-5 Jr. P Chris Kaschmitter; 6-0 Jr. G Brad Mundi; 6-2 Jr. G Alex Frei

Scouting report: The Bulldogs have just two seniors on their roster.

## 2A

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him coming off screens," Mussmann said.

But Mussmann is hoping to keep the Vikings (18-4) in their basic man-to-man defense and rotate defenders on Berg.

Down low, Valley 6-3 senior post Mark Egbert will be bigger than anyone Firth (16-7) puts on the floor regularly.

"It will be a rarity for us in that we'll have the height advantage, so we'll look to exploit that some," Mussmann said.

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sell in the sport.

"You got to go out and show them that you belong and do well, that's how you get experience and that's how you get good," he said.

Eddy was back in the office Monday of his business, Magic Valley Pipe & Steel. He was busy fielding calls from customers, his crew and even a potential new sponsor.

Eddy, who next races March 22 at the Southwest Series stop in Bakersfield, Calif., said he is hoping to land a new sponsorship deal or two or three. Two of his former sponsors pulled out after last season, taking with them \$50,000.

"That's what we're looking for now," Eddy said with a sigh. "The economy is terrible right now." The car he ran Saturday wasn't

## Class 2A Boys Real Dairy Shootout

March 6-8, at Meridian High School

Thursday's game times		Pottlatch (23-2)	
7:00 p.m.	Game 1	Glacier (17-9)	Game 7
7:30 p.m.	Game 2	Rite (14-6)	Game 8
8:00 p.m.	Game 3	Malad (16-7)	Game 9
8:30 p.m.	Game 4	New Plymouth (19-1)	Game 10
9:00 p.m.	Game 5	Grangeville (15-6)	Game 11
9:30 p.m.	Game 6	Valley (18-4)	Game 12
10:00 p.m.	Game 13	Firth (16-7)	Game 14

ter and the bulk of the damage comes from the junior class, with Kaschmitter the dominating performer when going to the hole. ... Mundi, who already has the school's career rushing record on the ground, is a nice basketball player with a smooth outside stroke and great quickness.

## Melba Mustangs

Coach: Bob Lenz, fifth season

Record: 16-7  
Road to state: District Three runners-up

Key players: 6-3 Sr. F Stuart Mullins; 6-4 Sr. C Matt Johnson; 6-1 Sr. G Robert Johnson

Scouting report: Mullins and Johnson are both third-year varsity players and most of the team also is benefitting from the Mustangs' title run in football this past fall. ... No Class 2A District Three team has won a state basketball title since New Plymouth won in 1993.

## New Plymouth Pilgrims

Head coach: Scot Garrick, season N/A

Record: 19-3  
Road to state: District Three

champions

Key Players: 5-9 Drew Johnson; 6-3 Kyle Hawker; 5-10 Akeem Micheli.

Scouting report: Started season 10-0. ... Beat Malad 56-55 for District Three title as they split with Malad during the regular season. ... The Pilgrims' defense sparks their offense.

Pottlatch Loggers

Coach: Ron Lovell, sixteenth year

Record: 21-2  
Road to state: District One-Two champions

Key players: 6-1 Jr. PG Cody Morgan (16.6); 6-6 Sr. P Darin Nagle (15.1); 6-4 Sr. F Shaun Cochrane (16 ppg)

Scouting report: This marks the fifth straight trip to the state tournament as Lovell looks to lead the Loggers to their first title since taking over the reins 16 years ago. However, he has led Pottlatch to four second-place finishes. ... Morgan sets the tone for the Loggers both offensively and defensively, regularly logging 32 minutes a game and seeming to gain energy. ... Nagle has

ward Michael Grant and seniors Anthony Nelson and Kyle Anderson all are tough matchups because of their quickness and outside shooting ability.

But the Vikings have to resist the temptation to bomb away from the 3-point line and make sure to attack the basket. In the District Four title game, the Vikings fell behind early as they became enamored with 3s but came roaring back when they attacked the basket off the dribble and got the ball in Egbert.

It will be hard to score on the Cougars, who beat Malad 38-35 in the play-in game.

"They are a real good defensive team," Mussmann said. "I don't really know why it was so low scoring against Malad. They pushed the ball up the court and went through their offense. But they are good defensively."

Mussmann said the field is as wide open as it ever has been, but because Gracie played in the title game a year ago he'd label the Grizzlies as favorites.

improved greatly from a year ago, providing a presence in the middle despite his light frame.

## Ririe Bulldogs

Coach: Eric Torgerson, 2nd year

Record: 14-6  
Road to state: District Five champions

Key players: 6-4 Jr. C Adam Summers (18.3 ppg, 11.6 rpg, 2.1 blpg); 6-1 Sr. F Scott Wheeler (12.0 ppg); 6-1 Jr. F Brian Landon (9.0 ppg, 9.2 rpg, 4.0 apg); 6-0 Jr. G Corey Holland (8.0 ppg).

Scouting report: It's not secret that the Bulldogs like to give it to their big center Summers. If he scores his average throughout the tournament, Ririe could go deep into the bracket. ... Wheeler, Landon and Holland are all capable shooters. ... The Bulldogs have qualified for the tournament two out of the last three years.

## Valley Vikings

Coach: Bernard Mussmann, 2nd year

Record: 18-4  
Road to state: District Four champions

Key players: 6-1 Jr. G Michael Grant; 5-10 Sr. G Anthony Nelson; 6-3 Sr. C Mark Egbert; 5-8 Sr. G Kyle Anderson; 6-2 Sr. F Kevin Thibault

Scouting report: The Vikings are back at state for the first time after winning it all in 2001 but none of this year's players saw much action then. This is Mussmann's first trip to state also.

Grant can be dominating with a combination of good outside shooting, quickness and strength posing matchup problems. ... Nelson and Anderson are also tremendously quick. ... At 6-3, strong and athletic, Egbert can make up for considerable height disadvantage. ... Thibault is rock solid. ... Depth could be a problem for the Vikings.

—Scott Thompson

## Celtics hold off Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Paul Pierce, who missed Boston's last two games with lower back pain, scored 31 points and grabbed 13 rebounds Monday night as the Celtics held on for a 111-110 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies.

Pierce connected on 12-of-19 from the field as the Celtics won for the third time in four games. The loss snapped a three-game home winning streak for the Grizzlies.

Memphis was within three, 108-105, when Jason Williams missed a layup and Pau Gasol missed the followup jam with 26 seconds left. Tony Battie made one free throw and J.R. Bremer two for Boston before a 3-pointer by Memphis' Shane Battier with under a second remaining accounted for the final score.

Seven Grizzlies scored finished

in double figures led by Gasol's 23 points and 17 rebounds.

## Magic 104, Bulls 89

CHICAGO — Tracy McGrady shot just 6-of-19 but scored 26 points — eight in the final 4:45 — tied his career high with 13 assists, and had nine rebounds as the Orlando Magic won for the sixth time in seven games.

Pat Garrity scored 21 points, Gordon Girecek 18, Darrell Armstrong 14 and Drew Gooden 13 for the Magic. Jalen Rose led the Bulls with 24 points and Donyell Marshall had 15.

As they've done since joining the Magic in a trade from Memphis on Feb. 19, rookies Gooden and Girecek provided a spark. Gooden had six points and Girecek live in a 206 run to start the third quarter as the Magic pulled out to a 17-point lead.

## Clippers fire coach Gentry, promote assistant Johnson

By Beth Harris

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Alvin Gentry's roster of young, talented players just kept losing, and that cost him his job as coach of the Los Angeles Clippers.

Gentry was fired Monday with 24 games left in another disappointing season. Assistant Dennis Johnson replaced him.

"With Alvin, he was just too nice," team vice president Elgin Baylor said. "Dennis' personality is totally different. I think Dennis is more of an aggressive person."

The Clippers took a five-game losing streak and a 19-39 record into Monday night's game against New Orleans. They're last in the Pacific Division and have blown 20 games when holding a fourth-quarter lead.

Baylor said he told Gentry a while ago that a coaching change might have to be made.

"Obviously, it didn't get any better. The last 10 games, we're 2-8," Baylor said. "Alvin understood this. He expected it to happen sooner. He was around longer than he probably expected. I'd given him every opportunity to try to turn things around."

Johnson, 48, won three NBA titles with Seattle and Boston during his 14-year playing career. He was in his fourth season as a Clippers assistant.

Gentry, 48, had a record of 89-

133 since becoming coach before the 2000-01 season. Prior to that, he was 73-72 as coach of the Detroit Pistons. He also coached the Miami Heat, in between 10 seasons as an assistant with three NBA teams.

"I know that this has been a very difficult season to endure," Gentry said in a statement. "I wish so much that I could have gotten this team into the playoffs."

I do believe we have good people and good players on this team. I think the players must try to make something positive out of the remainder of the season."

Gentry was the Clippers' fourth coach in six seasons. The team last made the playoffs in the 1996-97 season, under coach Bill Fitch.

Adding to the Clippers' woes have been numerous injuries, and questions about keeping the team together next season. Starters Elton Brand, Lamar Odom, Michael Olowokandi, Corey Maggette and Andre Miller will be free agents after the season.

Brand, the team's leading scorer, has a stress fracture in his left leg and had missed three consecutive games. Olowokandi underwent arthroscopic knee surgery Feb. 3, and backup guard Keyon Dooling and forward Tremaine Fowles also are on the injured list. Odom missed 29 of the first 43 games with an ankle injury and a sore right wrist.

driving on ice.

"We need a lot more help," he said. "Just be more prepared with the car and us knowing what to expect. It's twice as much work with all the inspections and stuff."

"You got to be fast off the trailer with those guys."

Eddy said he plans another go with the Busch drivers, probably at the Nov. 1 race in Phoenix.

Though Saturday's race itself was exciting, tracking Eddy made it that much more fun to watch.

I was skeptical about what to expect going in, as was Joe. We had both witnessed enough races fans walking up and down the Strip in garish team jackets with the likes of Viagra, Pfizer, UPS and DuPont slapped across them to make you think twice about joining the fanatical NASCAR crowd for fear of being assailed if you didn't blend in.

But once inside the grounds, the folk were friendly, funny and even engaging.

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