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# Storms boost snowpack



Terry Morasch, an employee with the city of Twin Falls, shovels snow in downtown Monday. Several inches of snow fell on the area Sunday and Monday, and the forecast calls for a continuing chance of precipitation today and Wednesday.

## But more's needed to alleviate drought, officials say

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Idaho water users can only hope that sunny skies in Pennsylvania on Groundhog Day signal six more weeks of winter-beyond-just-the-East Coast.

While Groundhog Day revelers on the other side of the country booted the famous marmot Punksutawney Phil after he saw his shadow - supposedly meaning an extension of winter - any rodents brave enough to venture outside in south-central Idaho Monday morning were greeted with wind, snow and cloudy skies.

Many Idahoans would prefer Phil's forecast, as six more weeks of winter could be counted as good news for the state's water outlook.

**Slick roads produce wrecks**

Snow and ice on the ground sent drivers sliding all over the Magic Valley Monday.

A spokesman for the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center said there were about 30 cases of vehicles sliding off roads in Twin Falls, Jerome, Lincoln and Gooding counties by about 7 p.m. Officials expected more wrecks as the evening progressed.

At least two accidents were rollovers, but there were no major injuries, officials said.

With winter storms blowing through Idaho over the past weeks, stalled mountain snowpacks are once again gaining ground. Chances of precipitation

are forecast to continue for the next couple of days.

"We had two weeks of a dry spell in there. Last week helped out quite a bit," said Ron Abramovich, a water supply specialist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Boise.

The snow season is 60 percent complete, and most Idaho mountain snowpacks are at least that far along or better. A few are still behind, though, including the Little Lost River Basin in central Idaho and the Bear River Basin in southeastern Idaho.

Abramovich continues to warn that an average snowpack won't necessarily yield an average water year - a better-than-average snowpack is needed. Dry soils could soak up as much as 10 to 20 percent of runoff before it can fill

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**Snowpack levels**

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak **
Upper-Snake/River	99%	63%
Henry Fork/Teton	117%	73%
Big Lost	99%	62%
Little Lost	90%	53%
Salmon	99%	61%
Big Wood	93%	60%
Little Wood	101%	62%
Salmon Falls	112%	70%
Oakley Basin	105%	69%

As of Feb. 2.

\*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 20-year average.  
\*\*An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

# Water worries

Aquaculture official says spring users lack confidence in agency to resolve dispute

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** - A major player in one of the state's most historic water wars accused the Idaho Department of Water Resources Monday of over-appropriation and poor management of water rights.

Randy MacMillan, research and environment director for Clear Springs Foods Inc. near Buhl, said he has a "tremendous lack of confidence" in Water Resources' ability to resolve a dispute between spring users in the Snake River Canyon and groundwater pumps on the plateau above.

MacMillan spoke at the Idaho Farm Bureau's Legislative Leadership Conference. Water Resources Director Karl Dreher and Jeff Martin of the North Snake Groundwater District also spoke. Each gave his perspective on the issue of water appropriation based upon a dispute between surface users and groundwater pumps that has heated up as a result of recent drought years. Dreher also predicted the Magic Valley fight is just the first of similar groundwater battles that will ensue in other areas of the state.

Three aquaculture businesses have made verbal "calls" to shut down some groundwater pumping in the Magic Valley fight. They say groundwater pumps with junior water rights should be curtailed in light of declining spring flows for senior right holders.

The groundwater pumps have offered a mitigation plan they say would remedy the situation, but some 60 other entities are protesting the plan, including Clear Springs Foods, the Twin Falls Canal Co., the city of Twin Falls, Idaho Power Co. and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

What has motivated spring users' calls for water, MacMillan said, is "a lack of trust that the state, that the Idaho Department of Water Resources will do anything to restore water to those facilities."

The problems began 30 years ago, MacMillan said, when Water Resources began over-appropriating water rights as far east as American Falls. And now the entire Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer is sick, MacMillan said.

Spring users have already brought a lawsuit against Dreher in Ada County that could overturn any order he issues on the mitigation plan the pumps offered.

MacMillan said his company sees the diminishing spring flows that it and other aquaculture com-

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## Fair board raises most fees; price for kids will drop

By Rebecca Meany  
Times-News writer

**FILER** - It will cost more for most people to get into the Twin Falls County Fair this year.

In an effort to offset rising costs, the Fair Board voted Monday to increase adult admission from \$6

to \$7 for a single entry. Children, however, will pay \$3 each, a dollar less than last year.

The changes stem from an effort to help families, Fair Manager John Pitt said. With the majority of tickets going to adults, a lower kids' fee shouldn't stifle revenue, he said.

However, family passes - which admit two parents and three children 18 and under - will increase from \$20 to \$25.

Senior citizen entrance fees and season passes will stay the same.

At the same time, the board

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**Twin Falls County Fair fees**

Fee	Old	Now
Adults	\$6	\$7
Children	\$4	\$3
Family pass	\$20	\$25
Season pass	\$25	\$25
Seniors	\$6	\$6

## Bush's budget boosts military spending, aims to trim the deficit

Proposal includes cuts in EPA, agriculture

**WASHINGTON** - President Bush on Monday sent Congress a \$2.4 trillion federal budget that would boost spending for defense and homeland security, squeeze domestic programs and reduce the record 2004 deficit.

The fiscal 2005 budget leaves no doubt about Bush's priorities as he seeks a second White House term. It calls for a 10 percent increase for homeland security, a 7 percent boost for defense and would slash spending for the Environmental Protection Agency, the Agriculture Department and the Transportation Department.

Despite pressure to reduce the deficit further, the proposal includes a mix of new or expanded tax cuts in the name of sustaining economic recovery. But simply making permanent the tax cuts already enacted, as the president requests, would reduce federal revenue

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**Bush's proposed 2005 budget**

Estimates for revenues and spending in President Bush's proposed \$2.4 trillion budget for 2005:

**Revenues: \$2.04 trillion**

- Individual income taxes: 43%
- Corporate income taxes: 11%
- Excise taxes: 4%
- Payroll taxes (Social Security, Medicare, other): 3%

**Spending: \$2.4 trillion**

- What can be changed: 81%
- Defense: 18%
- Domestic: 20%
- Interest on debt: 7%

**Highlights:**

- ↑ 6% more for NASA
- ↑ 7% more for defense
- ↑ 10% more for homeland security
- ↓ 6% less for agriculture
- ↓ 7% less for environment

\*Includes spending for education, transportation, crime, environment, parks, aid to states, arts, science, technology, housing

Source: U.S. Office of Management and Budget, AP

## FCC launches probe of Super Bowl show

The chief federal regulator of broadcasting said Monday he was outraged by the Super Bowl halftime show in which Justin Timberlake tore off part of Janet Jackson's costume, exposing her breast, and said he was ordering an "immediate investigation."

Timberlake blamed a "wardrobe malfunction," but Federal Communications Commission chief Michael Powell called it "a classless, crass and deplorable stunt."

"MTV, which produced the show, and CBS, which broadcast it, both said they had no idea that their halftime show Sunday night would include such a display."

"CBS deeply regrets the incident," spokeswoman Leslie Anne Wade said.

The two singers were performing a flirtatious duet to end the halftime show, with Timberlake singing, "Rock Your Body," and the lines he sang at the moment of truth were: "I'm gonna have you naked by the end of this song."



Justin Timberlake and Janet Jackson perform Sunday in Houston. With that, Timberlake reached across Jackson's leather corset and pulled off the covering to her right breast, which was partially obscured by a sun-shaped, metal nipple decoration.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Isolated to scattered light showers and mostly cloudy winds. Highs in the mid 30s to near 40

Tonight: Chance for light snow. Lows in the lower to the mid 20s

Tomorrow: Light snow possible. Highs in the 30s

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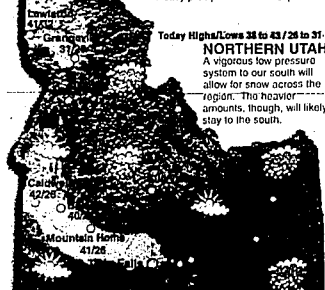
Today: Scattered snow showers. Highs in the lower 30s.

Tonight: Light snow continuing. Lows in the 20s.

Tomorrow: Few flurries still possible, otherwise mostly cloudy. Highs in the 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. The High Country will be able to cash in on some fresh powder over the next couple of days as smaller weather disturbances move through the atmosphere...



Yesterday's State Extremes: 42 at Lewiston, Low: 14 at Stanley weather key: S=sunny, P=partly cloudy, M=mostly cloudy, C=cloudy, H=hazy, R=rain, S=snow, SH=snow showers, W=windy

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes monthly and daily data.

Barometric Pressure

Table with 2 columns: Sunrise and Sunset. Includes times for today, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

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Table with 2 columns: Low, Moderate, High. Includes a note about sun protection.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists cities and their weather forecasts.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists major cities and their weather forecasts.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists Canadian cities and their weather forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Water

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But Dreher said he doesn't view the Idaho water law so simplistically. The issue becomes cloudy when talking about the time lag for water to get into the aquifer as well as how the water disperses geographically.

Martin also said his group does not believe the problems with the springs arise from pumping on the north side. Instead, the springs have been artificially increased through irrigation throughout the plain that started at the beginning of the 20th century.

Both Dreher and Martin said senior users can't prevail on their call to shut down groundwater pumping unless they prove that water would reach them if the junior rights were to be curtailed, though.

Martin said the issue of where water goes and who is using it is too complicated for him to believe that a small group of pumpers on the north side of the Snake River is to blame for declining springs.

Dreher said there is significant economic development of more than 230,000 acres of farmland on the north side, hydrologist Jeff Martin said. He also pointed to the \$1 billion dairy industry at the end of the Eastern Snake River Plain.

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Utah House votes for U.S. out of U.N

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Utah House of Representatives voted Monday to urge Congress to withdraw from the United Nations, asserting the organization was a threat to American sovereignty.

Rep. Don Bush, who for years has been trying to find approval for a nonbinding resolution expressing Utah's will to the president and Congress. A year ago his resolution was passed in the House.

Rep. Scott Daniels, D-Salt Lake City, said it drives his constituents crazy when the Utah Legislature gets bogged down in issues that have nothing to do with the environment.

"A message I get from them a lot is, 'What are you doing up there? We have taxes to think about. We have important state issues. Why do I read that the Legislature is discussing the United Nations or the UN?'"

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Fair

Continued from A1. opted to not let attendees bear the whole burden of increased fees. This year, indoor vendors and exhibitors will be charged \$300, and food vendors will have to pay 15 percent of their gross take.

"We want to spread out the cost of the fair instead of just me growing," Pitz said.

Results of a questionnaire indicated that many vendors supported an increase on their end rather than for attendees, he said. Higher prices at the fair, he said, might scare people away from the fair and therefore out into vendors' sales.

"Everybody should share part of the cost," board member Jim Barker said. "It shouldn't be on the backs of admissions alone."

Last year, the fair finished with an \$11,000 deficit.

Other revenue-generating options included raising adult admission to \$8 and admitting children 12 and under free, raising fair admission \$1 across the board, bringing adult admission to \$7 and child admission to \$5, or increasing adult admission to \$7 and decreasing child admission to \$3.

In 1997, admissions went up \$1 for adults from \$3 to \$4. In 2000, the board increased it from \$4 to \$6.

"This year costs are going up 3 percent over last year," Pitz said. "This should carry us through."

Board members wanted to tip their hats to the accomplishments of local youth, but also to tap into the city of Twin Falls' centennial celebration.

"The Power of Youth for All Generations" satisfies both members agreed.

Board members didn't want to neglect the nearly 65 percent of Twin Falls County residents who live in the city and attend the fair.

"We probably generate 50 percent of the income from them," said Tom Mikeseil, county commissioner and Fair board member.

"You have to tie in to their centennial."

The centennial theme will not die with the end of this year's fair, however.

Twin Falls County will hold its centennial in 2007, and the fair will have a 100th anniversary in 2016.

Felix Kimberly and Buhl also has the 100-year mark in the next few years. The fair will likely pay tribute to all of those milestones in some way, members said.

Pitz also told the board that fair attendees will have better access to ATMs in the fair grounds and will be able to buy tickets with debit cards as well as credit cards.

"The new equipment is expected to save the fair \$1,400 a year due to lower transaction fees.

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Early tests show poison in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) - Preliminary tests of a white powder discovered in a Senate office-building Monday were positive for the potentially deadly poison ricin.

Two out of three tests indicate ricin. Chief Terrance Gainer said late Monday the third test came out negative, and a fourth, more definitive test was under way, with results expected Tuesday.

Sixteen people who were in the floor when the white powder was discovered on mail were being decontaminated and would be allowed to go home, Gainer said.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., also at the news conference, said no symptoms were reported by those near the powder.

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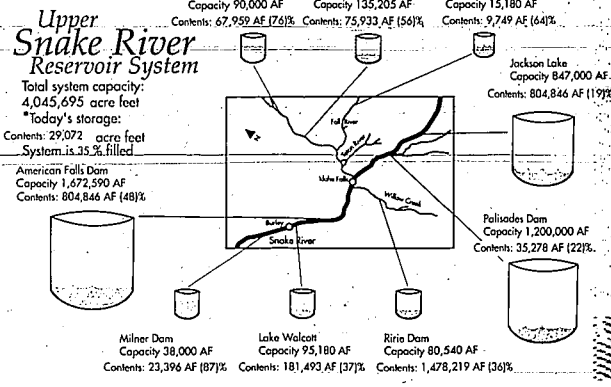
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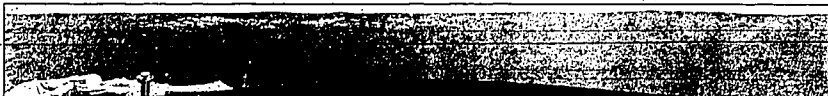
Continued from A1. reservoirs—that reached record lows in the fall. A wet spring would help ease that problem.

"We have a good enough snowpack that American Falls water rights are assured to be filled," said Mike Beus, a hydrologist with the Bureau of Reclamation in Burley.

But American Falls, the Upper Snake River's largest storage reservoir, may not physically fill, he said.

Springs that feed the reservoir year-round and supply "natural flow" water for the Twin Falls and Northside canal companies still are low. Runoff from an average snowpack in the Upper Snake River and a well-above-average snowpack at Henry's Fork will be moved downstream to American Falls to supply the reservoir that holds senior water rights with water.

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NASA on Monday unveiled the first 360-degree color panoramic image taken by the Mars rover Opportunity of its landing site.

# NASA declares Spirit back, receives photo

Los Angeles Times

The Spirit rover is alive and well and set to work on Mars, mission controllers at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said Monday. "Spirit" made incredible progress over the weekend," mission manager Jennifer Trosper said. "Today we are doing science on Spirit. She is back to the state she was in on Day 1."

twirl, Opportunity sent back its first full-color panorama of the small crater it landed in on Jan. 24 and deployed its instrument arm to begin looking at the soil more closely. Both rovers are expected to begin moving around the Martian surface later this week. Spirit will spend two or three more days examining the football-size rock called Adirondack before doing so, while Opportunity will spend a similar amount of time studying

the soil before it heads toward a rock outcrop that has fascinated geologists. Over the weekend, the instruments on Opportunity confirmed that the soil at its Meridiani Planum landing site contains the iron-bearing mineral hematite, which was why the craft was targeted to the site. Hematite is most often formed in the presence of water, and preliminary data from the rover hint that the soil contains other minerals that would

have been formed in that process. A close look with the sophisticated instruments on the rover's arm may confirm those hints. If water once existed on the Martian surface in large quantities, then, scientists believe, it is possible that there once was life there as well. "This is just such an amazing site that we are still trying to figure out," said geologist Jeff Johnson of the U.S. Geological Survey, a member of the mission's science team.

# Bush announces probe of pre-war intelligence

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush announced Monday he would form an independent panel to help uncover "all the facts" about U.S. intelligence on Iraqi weapons, even as Democratic critics questioned whether the panel would be impartial and complained its findings wouldn't be out until after the presidential election. Bush also met privately with former chief U.S. weapons inspector David Kay for the first time since Kay urged creation of such a commission and said he didn't believe

Iraq had the illegal weapons Bush claimed. The president continued to defend his decision to invade Iraq. "We do know that Saddam Hussein had the intent and the capabilities to cause great harm, we know he was a threat," Bush said. In London, meanwhile, a spokesman said British Prime Minister Tony Blair would follow Bush's lead and appoint a commission to investigate faulty intelligence before Blair's government joined the United States in going to war with Iraq.

# Counties see more election officials quit.

Turnover among election administrators in the nation's largest counties since the 2000 presidential stalemate has been unusually high with, by one expert's count, at least 20 top officials leaving office.

While individuals have cited various reasons for leaving, many have faced greater scrutiny because of the 2000 race and new demands to fix long-time problems, but haven't given the resources to make changes, said Richard Smolka, an election expert who compiled the list.

# Antidepressant effects on children

Parents are urging the Food and Drug Administration to court hearings on Monday to end the use of prescriptions of adult antidepressants for children, saying the drugs can increase youths' risk of suicide and violence.

- Signs of depression in children and adolescents**
- Frequent vague physical complaints such as headaches, muscle aches, stomachaches
  - Talk or efforts to run away from home
  - Social isolation, poor communication
  - Outbursts of shouting, complaining or crying
  - Frequent absences from school or poor performance in school

**Treatments**

**Psychotherapy** — Cognitive-behavioral therapy is based on depressed kids having cognitive distortions of themselves, the world and the future.

**Medication** — Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) have been shown to be safe and effective for short-term treatment of depression.

SOURCES: Associated Press; National Institute of Mental Health

# Candidates vie for key primaries

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Kerry and John Edwards swapped charges as their South Carolina primary fight shaped up to be key to Kerry's dreams of sweeping seven states today and seizing command of the Democratic nomination fight.

On the eve of a cross-country contest, Howard Dean joined Edwards in calling the front-runner a friend of special interests. But there were fresh signs of weakness in Dean's campaign, and Kerry went for the jugular against Edwards, questioning — the North Carolina senator's credentials and electability.



Sen. John Kerry

"This is not the time for on-the-job training," Kerry told South Carolina reporters Monday via satellite from Altaville, N.Y. In a speech, the four-term Massachusetts senator looked confidently beyond the nomination fight to a potential race against President Bush.

"Like father like son. One term only," Kerry said. "Bush is going to be done."

Though they would agree with that point, Kerry's chief rivals said he is not the candidate best suited to stand up to Bush.

"It's going to take one tough hombre," Wesley Clark said while courting Hispanic voters in New Mexico. "And I'm one tough hombre."

# FDA hears criticism, praise of antidepressants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents who blame popular adult antidepressants for their children's suicides faced families who credit the pills with saving their youngsters as the government opened an emotional public debate Monday on the drugs' risks.

British health authorities sound the alarm last year saying long-suppressed research suggests certain antidepressants might sometimes increase the risk of suicidal behavior in children and teenagers. Because only one drug, Prozac, has been proven to alleviate pediatric depression, Britain declared other drugs called SSRIs and their close relatives —

unsuitable for children. Now, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is wrestling with whether the suicide risk is real, and if so, what to do. It's a difficult decision because depression itself can lead to suicide.

Among 25 studies of the suspect medications involving 4,000 young people, there were no completed suicides. But 109 patients experienced one or more possibly suicide-related behaviors or attempts, FDA medical reviewer Dr. Thomas Laughren said Monday.

The problem, he said, is that studies varied dramatically in what was considered suicidal behavior.

# Budget

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by \$396 billion the next 10 years, White House budget experts say. "We will continue to provide whatever it takes to defend our country," Bush said in his annual budget message to lawmakers.

Congressional Democrats declared the spending plan dead on arrival and ridiculed the president's promise to cut this year's record \$521 billion deficit in half within five years. The 2005 budget projects a deficit of \$364 billion. The budget submission set the stage for a bitter election-year struggle over spending-priorities and the direction of the country.

Bush's pledge to rein in domestic spending is likely to be tested by lawmakers eager to fund popular programs — from health research to highway projects — before they too face the voters in November.

Yet Democrats still blasted the president as a big spender.

Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., the top Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee, said the federal government would spend \$991,000 more per minute than it takes in under Bush's plan.

"This president is running us right over the fiscal cliff," Conrad said. "The president says he wants to be free. He's taken the deficit to the moon."

Even some Republicans questioned the president's plan for slashing the deficit.

"The numbers simply do not add up," said Rep. C.W. Bill Young, R-Fla., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

The budget didn't include any new funding for military operations in Afghanistan or Iraq, but administration officials acknowledged that Bush is likely to ask Congress for as much as \$50 billion more in a separate budget request sometime after the November election.

# Probe

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The network quickly cut away from the shot, and did not mention the exposure on the air.

Roswell told the commission to open an investigation, promising it would be "thorough and swift." Such an investigation could result in a fine of up to \$27,500 or — if the FCC applied the sanction to each CBS station — in the millions.

Messages left with Jackson's record company and her personal publicist were not returned Monday morning.

MTV, CBS' corporate cousin in Viacom, issued an apology, saying the incident was "unrehearsed, unplanned, completely unintentional and was inconsistent with assurances we had about the content of the performance."

Wade said CBS officials attended rehearsals of the show all week, "and there was no indication any such thing would happen."

In an interview posted on MTV.com in the days before the show, Jackson's choreographer, Gil Duldulao, talked about the show, saying: "She's more stylized, she's more feminine, she's more of a woman as she dances this time around. There are some shocking moments in there too."



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## Group offers musical Valentines

By Trena Tegan  
Times-News writer

**REPURT** - Is there anything more romantic than a song? Imagine being serenaded in barbershop harmony for Valentine's Day.

The Snake River Flats are offering just that. For \$25, a quartet will visit any area home or business, perform a love song and present a gift to that special someone on Feb. 14. The sender may choose flowers or candy to be presented with the song. There will be three quartets traveling throughout the Minicassia area that day to ensure that

**Want to send a singing valentine?** For more information on the group or to print a call form, contact Trena Tegan at 735-6047.



The Dependents is one of three quartets that will be delivering singing valentines Feb. 14 in the Mini-Cassia area. From left are Tom Pierce, Duane Knox, Claud Bowman and Dave Spreler.

each valentine is delivered in a timely fashion.

The Snake River Flats have been harmonizing since 1968, performing at many local functions and events. During the holiday season they performed at the Christmas and "Sharing" Christmas Tree Festival in Rupert and the Festival of Trees in Burley. They also spent time entertaining at local care centers and held a show at the Wilson Theater in Rupert to raise funds for the building's restoration project.

The group held its Christmas party Dec. 20 at Harmony Hall, which included a meal, visiting and a gift exchange. Thirty-four people attended, and the evening concluded with the Snake River Flats chorus singing "Mary Had a Baby".

The group's spring show will be the first week of April at the King Fine Arts Center in Burley.

The 30-member group will meet at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Harmony Hall, 123 K St. Rupert. Men of all ages participate in the group and new members are welcome.

## STORK REPORT

**St. Benedict's Family Medical Center**  
Skyler Jake Gonzales, son of Tommy and Judy Gonzales, was born on Monday, Dec. 22, 2003.

**Skyler Gerben VanderZee**, son of Gerben and Cynthia VanderZee, was born on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003. Constance Marie Clements, daughter of Eric and Megan Clements, was born on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003.

**Dana Loue Sage**, son of Jim and Joyce Sage of Wendell, was born Monday, Jan. 12, 2004.

**Tanna Marie Hill**, daughter of Adam and Kimberly Hill of Gooding, was born Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004.

**Nancy Viridiana Aguilar**, daughter of Bladimir Aguilar and Claudia Martinez of Gooding, was born Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004.

**Jaxson Levi Kelley**, son of Jason Kelley and Janell Janes of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004.

**Dylan John Lemmons Russell**, son of Jennifer Lemmons of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004.

**Dakota Storm Hair**, son of Richard and Sherrill Hair of Jerome, was born Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004.

**Fabian Gonzalez**, son of Carlos and Bertha Gonzalez of Jerome, was born Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004.

**Marcus Dean Irwin**, son of Jesse and Lena Irwin of Jerome, was born Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004.

**Skyler Ruth-Ann Mullins**, daughter of Kenneth Mullins and Robyn Ring of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004.

**Parker Austin Williams**, son of Kevin Williams and Nicole Kemp of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:  
Jami Whitte  
The Community Page  
The Times-News  
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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 735-3278

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

**Ashley Noellani Eggers**, daughter of Kelly and Kurt Eggers of Halley, was born Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004.

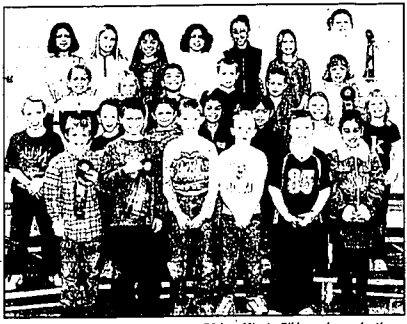
**Quinn George VanLaw**, son of Deborah and Tucker VanLaw of Sun Valley, was born Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004.

**Cassia Regional Medical Center**  
Roxley Paul Morales, son of Paul and Rebecca Morales of Rupert, was born Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004.

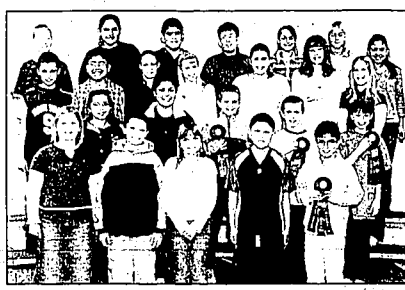
## OREGON TRAIL ACHIEVERS



Oregon Trail Elementary in Twin Falls named its first semester 50 in a Minute Ribbon winners. Winners in the morning kindergarten and first grade were: from left to right, front row: Willey Babutte, Jordan Ragala, Ally Garner, Zaira Arteaga and Brooke Swafford; second row: Darin Tschida, Ashley Greco, Allisha Trejo, Jeremy Lott, Dylan Thompson and Armin Masic; back row: Jose Orozco, Josh Garner, Auja Bywater, Cella Verduzco, Omar Nedelsky, Jared Lott and Angelica Hernandez. Not pictured were Halle Newhouse, Forest Radmal, Tyler Rutherford and Austin Standloe.



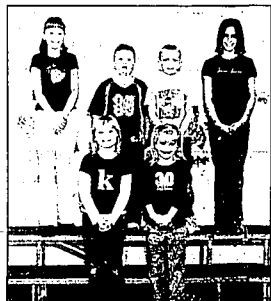
Oregon Trail Elementary first semester 50 in a Minute Ribbon winners for the second and third grade were, from left to right, front row: DeMar Lott, Sam Ross, Cayleb Ward, Riley Bywater, Kade Lindback and Gabriella Austin; second row: Riley Hughes, Colton Bankhead, Macy Urrutia, Rebecca Caballo, Jessica Ortega, Emmalee Coleman and Katelyn Durham; third row: Jorge Santacruz, Erin Madsen, Noe Ruiz, Brandon Couch, Mason Lounsbury and Kai Archibald; back row: Sabrina Palomo, Katelyn Fischer, Leslie Partida, Stephanie Sanchez, Haley Hutchison, Erica Reeves and Emma Stephens. Not pictured were Sara Basham, Kara File, Jullanna Flolds and Chance Vincent.



Oregon Trail Elementary first semester 50 in a Minute Ribbon winners for the fourth and sixth grade were, from left to right, front row: Kendra Durham, Garrett Basham, Sara Nutsch, Isalaz Diaz and McKenzie Martinez; second row: Blanca Rodriguez, Arturo Tello, Braydon Urrutia, Erik Harris and McKenzie Drenker; third row: Brandon Keller-Garner, Juan Romero, Stevie Reeves, Olivia Ragala, Elizabeth Lara, Kelli Garner, and Libbie Oler; back row: Jordan Fulfer, Cipriana Valencia, Humberto Magana, Chase Herzings, Erin Contreras, Crystal Nutsch and Jasmine Cruz. Not pictured were Taylor Gumb, Dylan Powell and Melanie Rhodes.



Oregon Trail Elementary first semester 50 in a Minute Ribbon winners for fifth grade were, left to right, front row: Bruno Gonzalez, Nigel Cvencek, Soledad Verduzco, Jordan Staley and Adam Craig; second row: Jenna Sharp, Marie Short, Salma Miramontes, Ben Strausbaugh, Josse Partida and Tyler Ford; back row: Eric Rodriguez, Wyley Ward, Kevin Strickland, Vladimir Kryshal, Shalene Dickard and Sarah Sheen. Not pictured were Danielle Fontes, Ricardo Lopez, Dylan Nielson, Jacob Nielson and Colton Sweesy.



Oregon Trail Elementary first semester 50 in a Minute medal winners were, left to right, front row: Katelyn Durham (second grade) and Ally Garner (Kindergarten); back row: Whitney Ward (fifth grade), Kade Lindback (second grade), Riley Bywater (third grade) and Sarah Sheen (fifth grade). Not pictured were Dominic Calhoun (Kindergarten), Halle Newhouse (Kindergarten), and Colton Sweesy (fifth grade).



Oregon Trail Elementary first semester 50 in a Minute Ribbon winners for the afternoon kindergarten were, from left to right, front row: Lizette Flores, Dealey Orr, Anthony Miller and Natalie Yorgensen; second row: Dominic Calhoun, Fernando Fregoso and Alex Bauer; back row: Jamie Heya, Yahaira Tolentino, Victoria Lueberke and Caitlyn Fuller. Not pictured was Alvin Phengphongphanh.



Oregon Trail Elementary first semester 50 in a Minute Trophy winners for kindergarten were, left to right: Dominic Calhoun, with Melissa Butcher (Kindergarten teacher), and Ally Garner. Not pictured was Halle Newhouse.

## West Magic Lake Rec Club hosts 'Fun Days' event

**SHOSHONE** - The West Magic Lake Recreation Club will host a weekend of fun in the snow.

Saturday's events include snowmobile races, indoor games, a poker run and bingo.

Participants can sign up for the snowmobile events, including broom, blindfold, Slalom and barrel races, from 9:10 a.m. at the airport runways. The cost is \$2 for each event.

The indoor games, card games, children's games and GoLo golf, which costs \$5 a person, start at 9 a.m. at the Burren West Resort.

Bingo finishes the day at 7 p.m. at the Burren West Resort. Trophies or cash prizes will be given for first and second places.

Sunday will feature a sweetheat brunch from 9 a.m. until noon. The cost is \$5 a person and \$2 for champagne at the Burren West Resort.

The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, hash browns biscuits and gravy, fruit, coffee and juice. The monthly club meeting will be held at 1 p.m. at the Burren West Resort.

For more information, call 487-2288 or visit [www.damfools.com](http://www.damfools.com)

## CSI offers conversational Spanish classes on Mondays

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho will be offering zero-credit Spanish classes on Mondays, Feb. 9 to April 19 in the Shields building, room 109, on the campus. The cost is \$80 each.

"Basic Spanish" will meet from 6:30 p.m. and intermediate students will meet from 7:30-9 p.m. The students will be given the basic tools needed to help carry on simple conversations. The course will focus on conversational skills and structure of the language.

"Intermediate Spanish" will review basic grammar, structure and work on developing reading and writing skills. Students will continue conversational skills in group discussions.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

## St. Edward's hosts benefit dinner, auction Saturday

**TWIN FALLS** - St. Edward's Catholic School will have a dinner, provided by the Outback Steakhouse with appetizers and desserts, provided by Idaho Joe's, at 7 p.m. Saturday with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. at The Radio Rodeo on Main Avenue.

Auction items include a wine table, an etched leather mirror, two-day raft trip, a lawn, braces, Dutch oven dinner for eight, digital camcorder, boat lawnmower, 12-gauge shotgun, season passes for the Magic Valley Speedway and more.

The raffle prizes include trips for two to the Caribbean, Cancun and Las Vegas. These include round-trip airfare and accommodations. Raffle tickets are \$100 each.

Tickets are available from the school and at every Mass until the auction. For more information, call St. Edward's School at 734-3827.

## Deadline approaches for livestock judging contest

**TWIN FALLS** - The Idaho State Angus Association Show and Sale will be held Feb. 12-14 at the College of Southern Idaho Expo

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Center in Twin Falls** 4-H chapter judging teams are invited to judge a contest Feb. 14.

Registration for the contest will begin at 8 a.m. and the judging will start at 9 a.m. Call the Cassia County University of Idaho, Cooperative Extension Office at 878-3461 for the enrollment form that needs to be sent in by Friday.

For more information, call Jim Knight at 732-6414.

## Gooding County Senior Citizens serves breakfast

**GOODING** - The Gooding County Senior Citizens will serve breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at 308 Senior Ave. The menu includes coffee, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy and juice. Everyone is welcome.

The Gooding County Senior Citizens also play bingo at 6 p.m. every Friday night at the senior center. Everyone is welcome to play.

## Filer Rose Society will discuss garden plans

**FILER** - The Filer Rose Society will hold its first meeting of 2004 at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Twin Falls County Fair Office in Filer. Garden plans and events for the coming season will be discussed. New members are invited.

For more information, call Barbara Urie at 326-5636 or Shari Hart at 326-4087.

## T.F. store offers 'Dutch Oven Cookin'' class

**TWIN FALLS** - Rudy's is offering a "Dutch Oven Cookin'" class at 7 p.m. Feb. 11 at the store, 147 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls. The cost is \$20.

Cooker Susan, Dutch oven cookbook author and teacher, will teach participants how to cook baked ham with cherry almond glaze, squash with candied apples, cherry crumb cake and Dutch oven workbenches. For more information or to register, call Rudy's at 733-5477.

## CSI continues holistic health workshop series

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho will offer a series of holistic health workshops taught by board certified alternative medical practitioner, Bob Willitte.

The cost for each workshop is \$48. The workshops will be held from 7:30 p.m. in the Taylor building, room 256 on the CSI campus.

"Quit Killing Yourself" will show why illness is directly related to foods omitted, eaten and prepared, about digestion/intestinal imbalance; why most people worsen their long-term conditions by taking remedies that provide temporary symptom relief instead of dealing with the root issues; what degrades health; and the need to be careful with vitamins and supplements. This workshop will be on Feb. 11.

"Live Longer and Healthier" will show how to increase wellness and longevity by applying basic principles of holistic health; the importance of maintaining their "inner terrain"; the impact of toxins; how to restore mineral balance; and understand the interactive nature of body systems and how they can be strengthened. This workshop will be held on March 2.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Forest Service takes ATV use comments

FEATHERVILLE - The U.S. Forest Service is accepting public comments on a proposal to manage off-highway vehicle use at the Baumgartner Campground east of Featherville.

The Southwest National Forest proposed a trail and parking area to prevent alternarv vehicles from riding through the campground. Heavy use and excessive speeds have created a safety problem.

But a number of people have asked that the proposal be reconsidered, a Forest Service news release said.

"Before we make any decisions, we want to check once again with the people who use this area to see if there is any merit or support for these proposals," said Ann Frost, natural resource specialist with the Fairfield Ranger District.

The Forest Service wants to build a gravel parking lot for off-road vehicles. Hitching posts would be available to secure vehicles when not in use. A trail would provide off-road vehicle access to the parking lot around the campground.

Submit written comments by March 5 to the Fairfield Ranger District, P.O. Box 189, Fairfield, 83327, to the attention of Frost, or e-mail her comments to [afrost@fs.fed.us](mailto:afrost@fs.fed.us). For more information, call Frost at 208-764-3216.

### T.F. County Democrats plan for caucus tonight

TWIN FALLS - The 2004 delegate selection caucus is the main topic for this regular monthly meeting of the Twin Falls County Democratic Central Committee at 7 p.m. today in the Twin Falls City Hall conference room, 321 Second Ave. E.

The purpose of the county caucus, scheduled for Feb. 24, is to elect delegates to the Idaho Democratic Convention in Pocatello June 17-19.

Twin Falls County Democrats will nominate 12 delegates and three alternates for the convention.

Central Committee Chairman Harry Phillips said any county Democrat who is old enough to vote (18 by the time of the Nov. 2 general election) is eligible to serve as a delegate.

The committee also is seeking volunteers to fill leadership positions in several of the county's 45 voting precincts, Phillips said. He urged residents who may be interested in elective office, delegate or precinct roles to attend tonight's meeting.

Phillips may be reached at 735-8825, or by e-mail at [harryphillips@gmail.com](mailto:harryphillips@gmail.com).

### Area schools get special accreditation honors

TWIN FALLS - Five Magic Valley schools received recognition beyond basic approval in the 2003-04 accreditation summary report given to the State Board of Education last month.

In the Northwest Accreditation Standards, Wood River Middle School in Blaine County was rated exemplary for the third year. The Cassia County School District received two first-time honors: Burley High School was rated exemplary, and Declo High School got merit and exemplary status.

"According to Idaho Elementary/Secondary Accreditation Standards, Jerome Middle School in Blaine and Harrison Elementary School in Twin Falls both received merit status for the first time.

Idaho law requires schools to be accredited. Schools with merit status meet the accreditation standards and improve student performance or exceed state averages on standardized tests, said Allison Westfall, spokeswoman for the state Department of Education. Exemplary status recognizes success in specific school programs.

"The rest of the schools in the Magic Valley were approved for accreditation."

Compiled from staff reports

# Newcomb blasts slaughter system

Idaho house speaker talks to Idaho Farm Bureau Legislative Leadership Conference

BOISE - Idaho House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said Monday he expects the repercussions of mad cow disease to be around for some time.

Speaking to the Idaho Farm



Bureau Legislative Leadership Conference, the Burley rancher maintained the problem of bovine spongiform encephalopathy is far more likely to be found in dairy cattle than in beef cattle.

If dairy cattle are given "hot

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feed," or feed with nervous system and brain tissue of slaughtered cattle that had BSE, they're more likely to develop the disease because they live longer than beef cattle, Newcomb said.

A dairy cow can live longer than five years, the time it generally takes for the disease to first manifest, he said. If beef cattle happen to get the feed,



Bruce Newcomb

they are slaughtered long before the disease can develop. Cattle feed that includes cattle products has been banned in the United States since 1997. The single cow that was detected with BSE was found in a Washington state herd shortly before Christmas. It was determined that cow had come

from Canada, where scientists suspect it had been given infected feed.

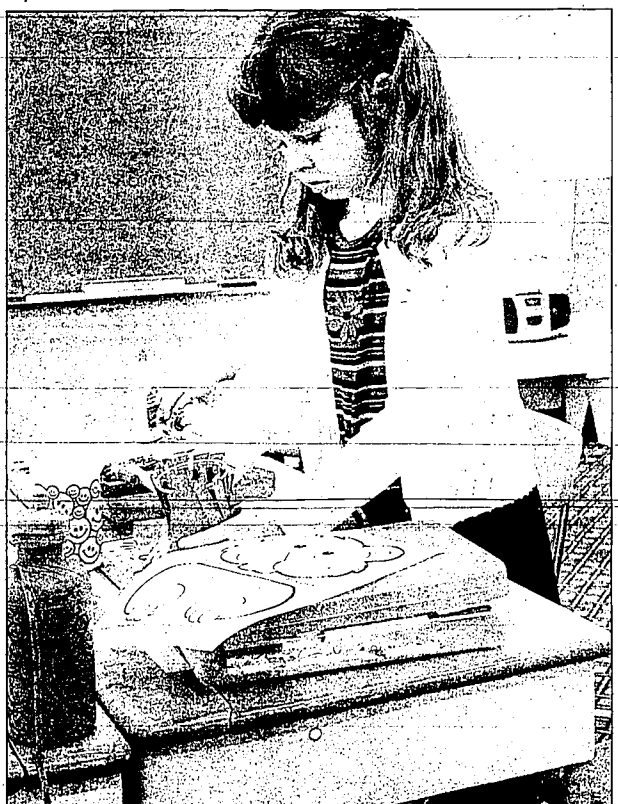
The cow was a "downer" when it went to slaughter - or in other words, it could not walk or was exhibiting signs of illness. Its brain tissue was sent away for testing.

When it came back positive for BSE, meat from the batch of cows in which that cow's meat was included was recalled all over the Northwest.

Newcomb criticized the USDA

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## MAKING-GROUNDHOGS



First-graders at Albion Elementary School observe Groundhog Day Monday by making groundhog pop-up puppets. Gunner Adams and Krystine Flowers glue glass to their puppets during the class.

# Heyburn mulls irrigation rate hike

By Brandon Fiala Times-News writer

HEYBURN - Water users could see their annual irrigation bills increase by about \$7 if the City Council approves a proposed increase next week.

The increase is needed because the irrigation rates charged the city by the Minidoka Irrigation District went up, Heyburn Mayor George Anderson said.

"The city isn't making any money off this," he said. "We're just handing down what we're being charged."

Anderson said about 75 percent of Heyburn residents use low-pressure irrigation water on their yards and gardens. That's about 825 households. Not everyone can use the low-pressure irrigation system.

City Superintendent Scott Spiveak said. The elevation at some

### Public hearing on irrigation rates

A public hearing about a proposed irrigation rate increase is scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 11 at Heyburn City Hall.

- Current rate - .35 cents per square foot.
- Proposed rate - .4 cents per square foot.

homes isn't adequate to handle the system.

A public hearing about the proposed increase will be held next week during the regular City Council meeting. The council meets at 7 p.m. Feb. 11 at City Hall. Council members will probably make a decision following the hearing, Deputy City Clerk Deb Hopkins said.

"I expect it will be approved," Anderson said.

The irrigation rate hasn't

increased often, Hopkins said. From 1986 to 2002, the rate was 23 cents per square foot. Last year, the rate was increased to .35 cents.

The rate was increased last year because irrigation rates charged the city went up by 73 percent, now-retired City Clerk Ruth Davis said at the time.

If the proposal is approved, the average Heyburn resident will pay an extra \$7 per year, Hopkins said. The average residential lot in Heyburn is about 14,000 square feet, she said.

Residents watering an average-sized lot currently pay the city \$49 per year, Hopkins said. If the proposal passes, those residents would pay \$56 per year.

Times-News reporter Brandon Fiala can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia Bureau at 208-735-4042, Ext. 638, or by e-mail at [bfiala@magicvalley.com](mailto:bfiala@magicvalley.com).

# Twin Falls council approves subdivision

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With a unanimous vote from the City Council, the City Vista Subdivision is moving forward.

Council members gave their approval Monday to the final plat of the proposed subdivision at 2916 E. 3600 N., despite the protest of resident Steve Beer.

Beer, who said he was speaking on behalf of some of his Ponderosa Street neighbors, told the council that residents of the Southwood Subdivision were concerned by the traffic that would increase if the City Vista development went ahead as planned.

Developer Doug Vollmer told the council the traffic impact would be minimal.

The 77-lot subdivision is planned for 18.5 acres in the south part of the city that were recently annexed. Zoning in the area provides for lots of at least 4,000 square feet for each single-family house and 7,000 square feet for each duplex.

The city Planning and Zoning Commission approved the plat in October on a 5-2 vote, with the condition that it be subject to technical review by the city's engineering department.

Other council business included:

- Stepping down - Councilman Trip Craig resigned from his appointment as vice mayor, citing health reasons. Craig remains as a member of the council.
- The council appointed Lance Clov to replace Craig as vice mayor. Clov served as mayor from 2002 to 2004.
- Term extension - The council voted 7-0 to accept the extended terms of two members of the Historic Preservation Commission. The terms of Mary Edgar and Russell Tremayne will expire on Dec. 31, 2005.
- Edgar has been on the commission for about two years. Tremayne for almost three, said preservation committee Chairman Paul Smith.
- According to city code, commission members can't serve more than two full terms.

# Jerome council looks at irrigation assessments

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - People using irrigation water in the city would see a slight increase in their water assessments if the City Council adopts a city staff proposal tonight.

The council will set 2004 irrigation water assessments, as it does every year.

The city holds 871 water shares in trust for the townsite. The Northside Canal Co. assessed the city's shares for 2004 at \$17,422 (a 6 percent increase over last year).

The American Falls operation and management assessment is \$713.

The staff has estimated the city will need \$97,606 to maintain and operate the irrigation system for the fiscal year. That reflects a 1 percent increase over last year. The increase works out to a 42-cent increase on a normal-sized lot and 5-cent increase on the minimum bill.

The city's assessments to residential irrigation water users are based on lot size. There are 2,231 lots in the city irrigation system. The fee for a normal-sized lot (50 by 125 feet) or 6,250 square feet is assessed at 691 cents per square foot, or \$43.17. On larger lots, any square footage that exceeds 6,250 is levied at a much reduced rate of .112 cents. There are also a few lots that are a core part of the system but do not have access to irrigation water. Those lots are billed at a minimum fee of \$5.90.

Other council business tonight includes:

- Mission statement - City mission and vision statements as well as a city motto will be presented. A city employee policy committee will work on the statements and motto during the last year. The council will discuss and possibly adopt them at tonight's meeting.

### Meeting tonight

The Jerome City Council meets at 7 tonight in council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. The public is welcome.

The proposed mission statement is "Working together to provide quality professional services for all citizens, businesses and visitors, by continuing to maintain and enhance services to ensure public health and safety." The vision statement is: "The city of Jerome will be a welcoming, culturally diverse community that preserves its past and fosters community spirit." And the proposed city motto states: "Today's decisions and actions create tomorrow's opportunities."

Library - The city library has requested council approval of 70 library cards to rural patrons at \$26.50 each to be paid from the Evelyn Crowder fund. The cards were issued to rural patrons who might not otherwise have been able to afford them.

Upon her death in 2002, Evelyn Crowder donated nearly \$2 million to the city and the school to be split evenly and used for libraries. The school is building its library addition. The city will soon review architect proposals for a city library expansion.

Agreements - The council will consider memoranda of understanding between the city of Jerome and the city of Wendell and the city of Jerome and Jerome County to exchange building official services among the entities in the event of illness, vacation, training or other absence of the building officials. There must be at least 48 hours' notice for building inspector services, and the services will be billed at a rate of \$16.11 per hour.

# Burley man faces probation after pleading guilty to statutory rape

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BURLEY - A Burley man is scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 13 in 5th District Court in Cassia County on a charge of statutory rape.

Roberto Dominguez, 18, has pleaded guilty to the charge as

part of a plea agreement with the Cassia County prosecuting attorney's office. In exchange for his guilty plea, the prosecutor's office has agreed to recommend Dominguez receive a suspended prison sentence of two to seven years and instead be on probation for three years.

According to the court information filed by Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus, Dominguez is accused of having sexual intercourse with a girl who was then 14. The sexual activity reportedly occurred several times between July and December 2001 at Dominguez's

sister's house in Burley.

Dominguez would have been 16 years old at the time.

The girl, who lived in Jerome, became pregnant as a result of the sexual intercourse. She had a baby girl in June 2002. Dominguez had signed papers to remove out of the city of Wendell and Welfare stating he is the child's father, according to the court affidavit.

Dominguez was bound over to District Court after he waived his June 4, 2003, preliminary hearing in Magistrate Court. His case was moved out of the juvenile court in November 2002.

OBITUARIES

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**Charles I. Jones - Hailey**

Charles "Chuck" Jones passed away Monday, Dec. 15, 2003. He was born in Hailey, Idaho, to Fern and Albert Jones on June 27, 1942. He attended Hailey schools until the 12th grade. At that time he joined the U.S. Army. After joining the Army and returning home on leave, he married his childhood sweet-

heart, Shirley Schmoce. He spent time in France, then, after military discharge, Shirley and Charles moved to California. They moved to Oregon for a short time, then back to Yermo, Calif. During this time they had two children, Daniel and Debroah. He passed away in Shingle Springs with his family close by.

Charles is survived by his wife, Shirley, his two children, Daniel and Debroah; two grandchildren; his mother, Fern Jones of Hailey; and six brothers, Bill Jones of Everett, Wash., Hiram Jones of Lincoln, Calif., Don Jones of Phoenix, Ariz., and Jay Jones, Fred Jones and Lee Jones, all of Hailey, Idaho.

**Dennis Earl 'Denny' Woodruff - Kuna**

Dennis Earl 'Denny' Woodruff of Kuna, age 61, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, of natural causes at St. Al's Hospital.



A service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 4, 2004, at the Kuna LDS Stake Chapel on Kuna Road. A graveside service will follow at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. A viewing will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Zeyer Funeral Chapel, 83 North Main and Blvd. Nampa, and from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday at the church before the service. A family gathering will be held at Mooning Recreation Center immediately following the service.

Denny was born in Buhl, Idaho, March 25, 1942, he was the first born of Earl and Nadine Woodruff. He was raised on a farm in Wendell and graduated from Wendell High in 1960 where he served as student body president and was a state farmer in FFA. He married Carolyn Barrus.

his high school sweetheart, in 1961. Together they raised six children. Denny received his bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho and worked at the university for many years. In 1977 he moved his family to Kuna, Idaho, where he worked in agriculture. Denny loved his 22 grandchildren, his wife, children, his dogs and his horses. He

leaves a legacy of love and respect for his country and the great outdoors. He was actively involved in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he loved working with the youth.

He is survived by his mother, Nadine Woodruff of Buhl; his wife, Carolyn; two sisters, Aletha Day and Anita Svancara, his children and their spouses: Kim and Gina, Kevin and Kelly, Dan and Kim, Stacy and Kris, Denise and Randy Bauer, and Kyle and Mary; and 21 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Earl Woodruff, his grandparents (Woodruff and Messley); and his brother-in-law, Tom Svancara.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Glycogen Storage Disease on behalf of his grandson. Checks are payable to the Glycogen Storage Disease c/o Gina Woodruff, 1866 Baldy Mt. Road, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864

**LaVon Young**



LaVon Young, 86, passed away to be with her loved ones on Jan. 31, 2004.

She was born on March 19, 1918, at (Conner Creek) Elba, Idaho, to Quince and Ruby LaVon Savage Wickel. She grew up in the Elba and Albion area, and attended schools at these areas. She married Joseph Milton Brown on Nov. 26, 1935, at Burley, Idaho. Together they raised six children. They farmed in the Burley, Richfield, Castledorf, Buhl and Hollister areas. They moved to Twin Falls in 1956, when her husband had to leave farming because of ill health. He died in 1963. LaVon married Fay J Young in 1965, and he passed away on March 19, 1966.

LaVon had a child-care center in her home for many years while raising her youngest daughter. She later went to work at Heritage Retirement Center until her own retirement. She loved her children and each new grandchild that was born. They were her pride and joy. She loved

her home and loved working in her rose gardens and her yard. She had six children, 19 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; one brother, Virgil; one sister, Lola; and three grandchildren.

LaVon is survived by four

daughters, Ila Oliver, Joan Branson, Fae Nickels, all of Twin Falls, and Kay (Steve) Ochoa of Wyoming; and two sons, Joe Brown and Larry Brown, both of Utah.

Her surviving family includes sisters Nellie (Rex) Garrett and Iva (Smokeley) Vanastan, brother Theo (Clara) Wickel and sister-in-law Arrella Wickel, all of Burley, Rupert and Heyburn areas; sister-in-law Laurabell Brown of Twin Falls; and brother-in-law Viri (Norma) Brown of Blackfoot. She will be greatly missed by all those who loved her and knew her. Mom always told her family that time helps to ease our pain, and she will be in our hearts.

A service for LaVon Young will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at White Mortuary Chapel, with Bishop Robert C. Brown conducting. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

**Ellen Smith - Heyburn**



Ellen Smith, 88, a former resident of Heyburn, Idaho, suffered a stroke Dec. 19, 2003, while at work in her place of business on Olvera Street, Los Angeles, Calif. She died at the USC Medical Center on Dec. 23, 2003.

Ellen was born in Ogden, Utah, June 30, 1915, and spent her early years in Benson, Utah. She later moved to Burley, Idaho, with her parents, Joseph and Marie Holmes, at age 14. She married Arthur David Smith on June 27, 1937, and they had three daughters: Arlene, Dee Lynne Variano, Deanna Marie Smith and Sally Ellen Brescini.

Ellen was well-known in Los Angeles as a graphoanalyst, an expert in what she once told a Los Angeles Times reporter was, "the science of determining character and personality from the study of handwriting." All her customers had to provide was a handwritten sentence. "I tell them their emotions, their mental abilities, how they relate to people and what professions they may work well in," she said.

She became interested in handwriting analysis after seeing an advertisement for it in a magazine. She studied her art in a correspondence course with the

International Graphoanalysis Society, receiving a master's certification in 1959. Soon afterwards she founded the Idaho Chapter of Graphoanalysis and served as the first chapter president in 1960. She also conducted seminars and taught local introductory classes in G.A.

Moving to California in 1963, she later began working on Olvera Street with another woman who practiced the trade. She eventually took over the business and, according to the LA Times, was a fixture on Olvera Street for

decades. She was nationally named Graphoanalyst of the Year on several occasions.

She is survived by three daughters, Arlene Dee Lynne (Donald Joseph) Variano of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., Deanna-Marie Smith and Sally (Armando) Brescini of Lakewood, Calif. She had four grandchildren, Monica Lynne Variano Dalton of Chicago, Don Jason Variano of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., and Andrew Scott Brescini and Jeffrey Alan Brescini of Lakewood, Calif.; two great-grandchildren, Grace Elizabeth Dalton and Ruby Lynne Dalton of Chicago; two sisters, Mabel Holmes Judd of Burley, Idaho, and Nadine Holmes Vogt of Salem, Ore.; and three brothers, Dean Holmes of Mesa, Ariz., Derrahl Holmes, Burley, Idaho, and Wayne Martin Holmes of Las Vegas, Nev.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and four brothers.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at Hansen Mortuary, Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main. She will be buried in the family plot at the Riverside Cemetery, Heyburn, Idaho.

DEATH NOTICES

**Blake Froehlich**

KIMBERLY - Blake Froehlich, 84, of Kimberly, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at Rosetta Assisted Living Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary.

**The Rev. Mervyn C. 'Mike' Shay**

FRUITLAND - The Rev. Mervyn C. "Mike" Shay, 82, of Fruitland, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at his home in Fruitland. Arrangements will be made by Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, Fruitland.

**Lois E. Brown**

TWIN FALLS - Lois E. Brown, 81, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be made by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

**Golden R. Burch**

OAKLEY - Golden Russell Burch, 91, of Oakley, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

**Gayle Ann Boyd**

TWIN FALLS - Gayle Ann Boyd, 49, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be made by

Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

**Maria Gaudalupe Plascencia**

HOLLISTER - Maria Gaudalupe Plascencia, two months, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements will be made by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

**Ronald MacDougall**

PORTLAND, Ore. - Ronald MacDougall, 37, of Portland, Ore., died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004. A service will be held at a later date in Portland, Ore. Cremation was under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

**Roger C. Tracy**

BURL - Roger C. Tracy, 88, of Buhl, died Feb. 2, 2004, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

**Verla Banner Wrigley**

BURLEY - Verla Banner Wrigley, 95, of Burley, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at Rockhaven Retirement Home in Oakley. Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

**Cora Lus DeToro**

RUPERT - Cora Lus DeToro,

57, of Rupert, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at her home in the care of her family.

Arrangements will be made by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Facts of Life**



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- At Age 65:
  - 45% are dependent on relatives
  - 30% are dependent on charity
  - 23% are still working
  - 2% are self-sustaining
- Cost & Result of Stock Trading:
  - 97% lose money
  - 2% break even
  - 1% make money
- 3.85 out of 100 People Reaching Age 65 Do Not Even Have A Paltry \$250.

Source: Social Security Administration  
Source: Harvard School of Business Study  
Source: Social Security Administration  
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**Marvin Nels McKinley - Buhl**

Marvin Nels McKinley, 51, of Buhl, passed away Sunday, Feb. 2, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Seattle, Wash. Nov. 21, 1952. He is survived by O'Malley Harrison of Buhl; son John Harrison of Burley; daughter Sara McKinley of Tacoma, Wash.; and two grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth in Buhl.

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## OBITUARIES

## Jan B. Smith - Lake Havasu City, Ariz.



Jan B. Smith, 67, passed away on Nov. 7, 2003, at his residence in Lake Havasu City, Ariz. He was born on April 16, 1936, in Wendell, Idaho. Jan moved to Lake Havasu City, Ariz., three years ago from Ukiah, Calif. He worked as a tour bus driver for Western Charter in Petaluma, Calif., for three years; Jan served proudly in the U.S. Navy. He enjoyed woodworking, was an avid fisherman, loved boating, flying and snow skiing. Jan loved his neighbors and would do anything for them. He loved his family and especially his dog, Rambo. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Fran Smith, of Lake

Havasu City, Ariz.; daughter Christine-Fryman of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; mother Emily Mull of Wendell, Idaho; brothers Everett Smith of Corvallis, Ore., Chet Smith of Woodside, Calif., Eddie Smith of Gold Hill, Ore., and Bruce Smith of Modesto, Calif.; sisters Cheri Folk of Warrenton, Ore.; Charlene Smith of Wendell, Idaho; and Dorothy Treharne of Seaside, Ore.; and grandsons Steven and Jason Fryman. A memorial service was held at Lietz-Fraze Chapel at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003, with the Rev. Carol Sheffield officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Lietz-Fraze Funeral Home.

## Betty Louise Shelby - Farmington, Utah

Betty Shelby passed away Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, from complications following surgery for a brain aneurysm.

Betty Louise Nelson Shelby was born in Oakley, Idaho, on March 11, 1930, daughter of Clarence LeRoy Nelson and Ilva Vera Poulton Nelson. She was the seventh of eight children. She attended grade school, junior high and senior high school in Oakley. She was active in cheerleading. She was a drum major and enjoyed drama.

Her father died when she was 12 years old. She helped her mother milk cows and helped on their farm. Betty graduated from Oakley High School in 1948. She married Dale L. Shelby on June 7, 1948, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They had five children, Dian Shelby of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Darla Hall (deceased) of Boise, Idaho, Mark (Jan) Shelby of Spokane, Wash., Sam (Jim) Spokang of Helena, Mont., and Joe (Amber) Shelby, American Fork, Utah.

Betty and Dale Shelby operated supermarkets, car washes, coin-operated laundries and



ranches in the Twin Falls, Burley and Buhl, Idaho, areas. They lived in the majority of their lives in southern and eastern Idaho, and the last 10 years in Farmington, Utah.

Betty was an extremely loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She spent her life in the service of her family and others. She was a lifelong member of the LDS Church, serving in ward and stake primary, young women, and relief society leadership. She had a strong and abiding faith in

Heavenly Father, and communicated that in every facet of her life. We love and honor her and appreciate her commitment to her family.

Betty is survived by her husband, Dale of Farmington, Utah; her sister, Bea Smith of Burley, Idaho; brother, Robert (Claudia) Nelson of Boise, Idaho; sister Carol (LaDell) Handy of Glenns Ferry, Idaho; four children; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, and four sisters.

A funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at the Farmington 20th Ward building, 1885 North Summerwood Drive. Friends and family may call from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church. A graveside service will be held at 4 p.m. at the Oakley Cemetery, Oakley, Idaho. Arrangements under the direction of Lindquist's Kayville Mortuary, 400 North Main.

E-mail condolences to the family at [lm@lindquistmortuary.com](mailto:lm@lindquistmortuary.com). In lieu of flowers, donations would be accepted to Rexburg Idaho LDS Temple Fund.

## Claude E. Pennington - Mukilteo, Wash.



Claude E. Pennington, 87, of Mukilteo, Wash., died Jan. 19, 2004, at Steven's Hospital in Edmonds.

He was born March 6, 1916, in Hollister, Idaho, one of 10 children. He grew up in Idaho, attending Hansen High School and graduated from Hansen High School in 1934. He later served in the U.S. Army in Europe, earning a Bronze Star during WWII.

Following the war he opened a cleaners in the Green Lake area. Claude then joined Boeing and worked for them for over 22 years, retiring in 1979. Claude was well known for his sense of humor and

truly loved dancing with his lifetime partner of over 67 years, Florence.

Along with Florence, he leaves his daughter Janice Grandon of Mukilteo, granddaughter-Emily Misner, and the last surviving brother, Ross Pennington of Twin Falls, Idaho.

No service will be held per his request. Private cremation arrangements were under the direction of Beck's Funeral Home, Edmonds, (425) 771-1234. Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association, 12721 30th Ave. NE Suite 101, Seattle, Wash., 98125.

## Billy L. Mort - Burley



Billy Leroy Mort Sr., 60, of Burley, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at the Burley Care Center of complications of dementia. His family surrounded him at the time of his passing.

Billy was born on March 11, 1943, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was the third child of Virgil and Lavina Bill Kersy Mort. He spent most of his childhood in Twin Falls and Burley. At the age of 20, he joined the Army Reserves and served for 20 years. On May 1, 1965, he married Sharon Craper in Burley, Idaho. To this union five children were born. Billy and Sharon later divorced.

During the times of raising their children they moved many times to Nevada, Montana and throughout Idaho. He loved to fish, hunt and go dancing. He worked for Roundup Jones Potatoes in Rupert for 18 years. He always tried to be a hard worker and seldom missed work. Billy always enjoyed sitting in the coffee shop drinking coffee and talking to his friends. During the time he lived in Burley, he especially enjoyed being at Charlie's Cafe. Billy loved his kids. He loved playing with and teasing his grandchildren. He also had a fondness for

animals. Dogs always seemed to sense his kindness.

After finding out he had dementia he spent the last couple of years at Highland Estates, Rosetta House and the Burley Care Center. He loved being at Highland Estates and was often seen holding hands with his "girlfriends." Later at Rosetta House he loved dancing with the nurses and other residents.

Billy is survived by his mother, Lavina Mort of Burley; his children, Billy Mort Jr. of Renton,

Wash., Lisa (Craig) Grant of Heyburn, Travis (Kathy) Mort of Burley, Kevin (Judy) Mort of Heyburn and Joshua "Andy" Mort of California; and nine grandchildren, Britany, Sarah, and Courtney Grant of Heyburn, Nate and McKay Mort of Burley, and Armony, Arseny, Nichelle and Dallas Mort of Heyburn. He is also survived by his siblings, Gary (Mary) Mort of Kimberly, MaryAnn, Miller of Burley, Orville (Rosemary) Mort of Rupert, and Robert (Christina) Mort of Lincoln, Neb. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins also survive him.

His father, Virgil Mort, a sister, Margie Mort, and a special nephew, Gregory Mort, preceded Billy in death.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at the Burley 2nd, 4th, and 10th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 E. 10th St., Burley. Bishop Michael Jansen will officiate.

Friends may call from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, and from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Thursday, at the church.

## Mary Jane Klaas - Jerome



Mary Jane Hall Klaas, 84, of Jerome, died Jan. 31, 2004.

Mary Jane was born in Maywood, Neb., on Nov. 8, 1919, the daughter of Stanley and Orice Hall. In 1927 the family moved to North Platte, Neb. She graduated from North Platte High School in 1937. Jane attended college at Loretta Heights College in Denver, Colo., and majored in business. In 1940 she moved to Los Angeles, Calif., to take a position with a life insurance company.

During the next two years she also dated a young man by the name of Harold Klaas, who was working at Lockheed Aircraft. On May 16, 1942, they were married in Glendale, Calif., and eventually moved to Jerome, Idaho, when Harold was discharged from the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1945. It was in Jerome that they settled to raise a family that eventually totaled eight children, including five girls and three boys.

Jane was actively involved in a variety of community organizations while raising her family. As a member of St. Jerome's Catholic Church, she and Harold were lifelong volunteers, often visiting nursing homes and hospital residents. She was elected to several

leadership positions in the Catholic Women's League during the years she was an active member. In 1970 she accepted a position as grade school librarian in the Jerome School District, where she worked 16 years teaching library skills to countless students, many of them her own grandchildren.

Jane's loyal and consistent service to her family, church and community, as well as her wit and sharp sense of humor will be remembered and missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include her children,

Orice Klaas of Moro, Ore.; Connie (Katherine) Klaas of Neskovin, Ore.; Tim (Glenda) Klaas, Mary (Leon) Vogel and Ted (Beth) Klaas, all of Jerome; Tom (Susan) Klaas of Basking Ridge, N.J.; Marty (Loretta) Klaas of Natick, Mass., Idaho; and Theresa (Ken) Rydberg of Jerome. She is also survived by her sister, Eileen Henry of Hillsboro, Ore.; brother, Stanley Hall Jr. of Denver, Colo.; 24 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Jane will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome, where family and friends may call beginning at 6 p.m. Mass of Christianization will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, also at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, with Father Ronald Wekerle presiding. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to St. Jerome's Catholic Church, Building Fund, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome, Idaho, 83338. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho, 83338.

## Leanea D. Russell - Twin Falls



Leanea D. Russell, 44, died suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at her home in Twin Falls.

Leanea was born Sept. 4, 1959, to Larry and JoAnn Mamber, she was raised and attended school in Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1977. She married Russ Russell on June 1, 1984. From this union came the joy and light of Leanea's life, her daughter, Erin, of Leanea called her "Pumpkin."

Leanea would frequently call her family and friends to report on Erin's latest achievements and was very proud of her beautiful daughter. Leanea was a loving and caring mother and was always devoted to her family and friends. She never met a stranger and greeted everyone she met with compassion and unconditional love. She was an organized person, who loved to

camp and fish as well as write poetry. Leanea was dedicated to assisting persons who were elderly and disabled and gave herself selflessly to their care. She cared for her brothers and then her sister, Peggy,

in their last days.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Grant, Shane and Greg Mamber; and one sister, Peggy Mamber; by her mother and father, Larry and JoAnn Mamber; her daughter, Erin; Russ Russell; three nieces; one nephew; and many friends.

She will be greatly missed. "Give me sin to the devil, my soul to God. If you wish to remember me, do it with a kind word or deed, to someone who needs you. And I will live forever."

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at the Valley Cemetery in Twin Falls. Friends may call at Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004. The family requests in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Erin Russell Trust c/o Key Bank.

## SERVICES

Funeral Home, Burley).

Genevieve Hildebrand of Burley, graveside service at 1:30 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Service, Twin Falls).

Ruby Rose Bristow of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Ereest Donald Harry Cadwell of Wendell, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Eckersell Memorial Chapel, 101 W. Main St. in Rigby, Idaho. The family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Russell Glenn Draper of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Burley West Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Park Ave. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Kessia LaFren Winder Morrison Klitzman of Kuna, service at 11 a.m. Friday at Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home, 105 E. Carlton Ave., Meridian; viewing from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

## Newcomb

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for even allowing the meat of that downer cow to get into the nation's food supply.

"Why would they take a downer cow go into the food chain before the test came back?" he asked.

Newcomb advocates a brand for cows coming out of Canada, in addition to embedded computer chips.

He also said he does not want the borders opened up to Canadian dairy cows until an identification system including a brand and microchips are in place.

Seven cows that came in the same Canadian herd as the Washington cow were traced to a dairy near Burley, just a few miles from where Newcomb ranches.

The fact that the dairy kept such good records made it easy to track down the animals, Newcomb pointed out. That is why that an identification system would work, he said.

## Death row inmate dies in prison

BOISE (AP) — James Edward Wood, on Idaho's death row for the 1993 murder, molestation and dismemberment of a 11-year-old Peacotele newspaper delivery girl, died Sunday at the Idaho Maximum Security Institution.

Ada County Coroner Erwin Sonnenberg said the autopsy on Monday showed Wood died of natural causes, although additional tests will be performed.

"It appears he had a lot of medical problems," Sonnenberg said. "We feel it was probably heart and lung."

Prison spokeswoman Teresa Jones said Wood, 55, complained of breathing difficulty Sunday morning. He was taken to the prison medical unit, where personnel

started evaluating him. An ambulance was called but Wood had stopped breathing by the time it arrived. He was pronounced dead at 9:32 a.m.

Jones said a defibrillator was not used.

The Pensacola, Fla., man pleaded guilty to killing Jeralee Underwood. Wood had kidnapped the child's car before she collected from customers on her newspaper route. He was arrested about a week later and led authorities to the body that had been thrown into the Snake River in Idaho Falls. "The wages of sin are death," Wood said after sentence was imposed on Jan. 14, 1994.

Sixth District Judge Lynn Winnill, now a federal judge, at

the time called Wood "a cold-blooded, pitiless slayer," in citing his 30-year trail of crime that covered 16 states and involved at least one and possibly three other killings in Louisiana, an attempted murder and as many as seven alleged rapes.

Winnill said Wood would probably kill again if given the chance. Underwood said she, Jeralee's mother, said her family heard the news about Wood's death before it was released to the public.

"I think he got the easy way out, but I think now he's where he will get true justice," Joyce Underwood said. "It is a very consolation. It's a good feeling to know that we don't have to go through any more trials."

## Woman faces charges in slaying of ex-husband, his girlfriend

RIGBY (AP) — A Rexburg woman was charged on Monday with first-degree murder in the slaying deaths of her ex-husband and his girlfriend.

Shanna Parkinson Whitmore, 38, was arrested at Madison County Memorial Hospital on Sunday after authorities linked

her to the slayings early Sunday of Greg Whitmore, 38, and Karen Cummings, 29.

The bodies of Greg Whitmore and Cummings were found by officers in Whitmore's Rigby home in Jefferson County. Police Chief Larry Anderson said both had been stabbed multiple times

but the weapon had not been recovered.

Anderson said Shanna Whitmore called 911 from a convenience store in neighboring Madison County, telling the dispatcher that she was covered with blood but did not know how it got on her.

## Magic Valley in brief

## Burley's centennial committee will meet

BURLEY — A meeting to continue planning for Burley's centennial celebration — which is in 2005 — is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday in the Little Theatre at the King Fine Arts Center.

The meeting is open to anyone who would like to help plan the centennial year events or who has specific ideas for centennial events. People who are interested in the committee but unable to attend the meeting may contact Brian Tibbets at City Hall, 878-2224, for more information.

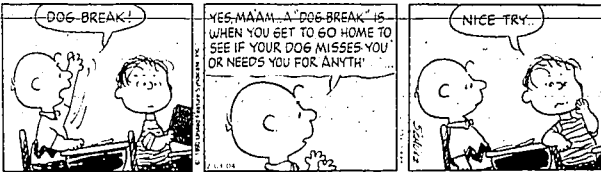
The centennial committee is a subcommittee of the city's Gem Community team. The group has held one meeting to brainstorm ideas. Plans call for meeting about twice a month, centennial group Chairman Doug Manning said.

— compiled from staff reports

# COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz

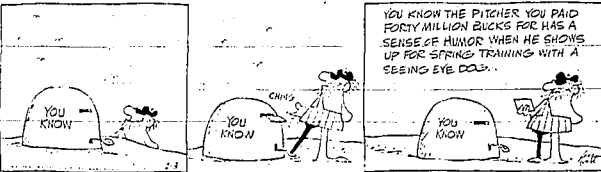


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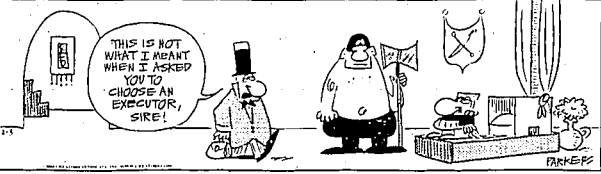
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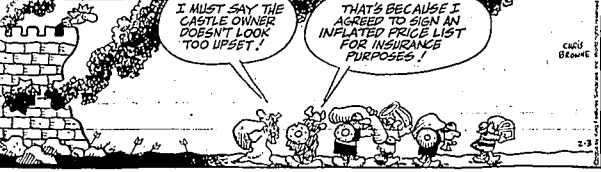
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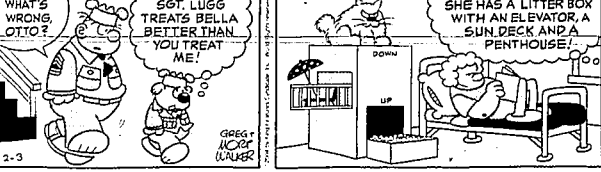
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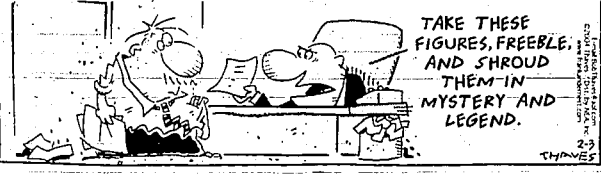
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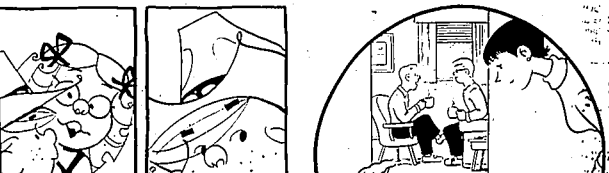


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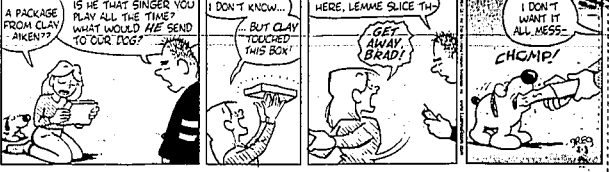


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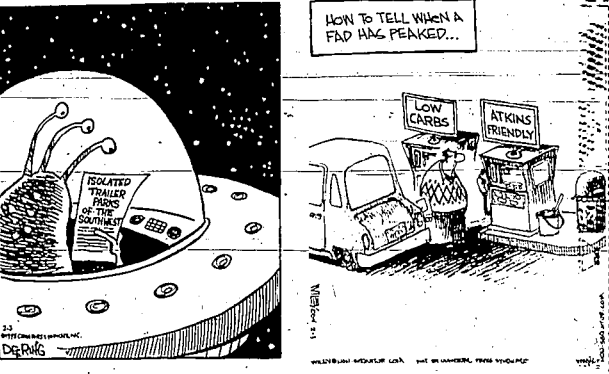
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- 20 Bush's state
- 22 "Lilo"
- 23 "Annie"
- 24 Canadian prov.
- 25 Without warning
- 27 Amusing
- 30 Long steps
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- 32 Bush's step
- 35 Old crane
- 36 What person?
- 37 The theory
- 38 Sign
- 39 Neighbor's
- 40 Call a formal meeting
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- 45 Woodcorn's
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- 58 The and Franklin
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**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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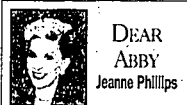
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# Threats may lead to violence

**DEAR ABBY:** I can't stop thinking about the letter from the girl whose boyfriend threatened to kill her parents if she breaks up with him.

When my cousin was 14, her parents forced her to break up with a boy who was too old for her. His solution was to shoot her and himself. She survived but was left a paraplegic.

Your advice to that girl was right on. You advised her to tell her parents immediately. That way, they can take the necessary precautions. The girl should not assume that her own life is safe. Logic has nothing to do with obsession, and that boy is clearly obsessed.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

he wasn't getting his way, it doesn't take a large leap of logic to conclude that at some point, he could turn on her. Read on.

**DEAR ABBY:** Lifelong sufferers of domestic violence often begin that sad journey as teenagers, tolerating violent behavior from boyfriends. The boy in that letter

isn't the only one who has mental problems. So does the girl. If her first serious relationship is with a boy who is psychotic as that one and her problems are not addressed, she will continue to think that kind of behavior is normal.

**LONGTIME READER IN KANSAS:** **DEAR LONGTIME READER:** Good point. Furthermore, the girl's first priority must be to protect her family.

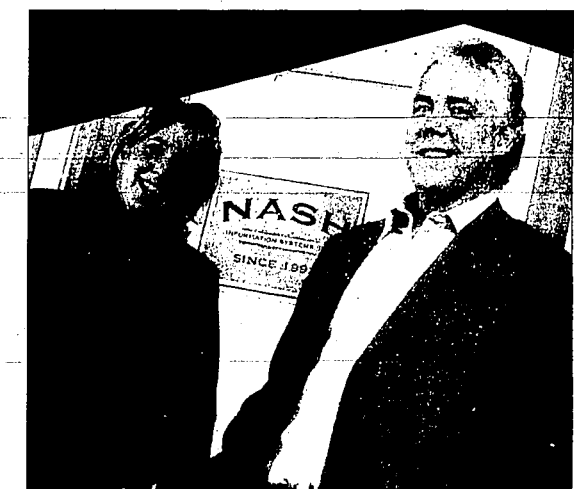
**For L.M. Boyd,**  
see page A12.

**CONCERNED**  
**DEAR CONCERNED:** When I printed that letter, I thought it was unusual. To my dismay, I have a bushel of mail and e-mail on my desk that proves otherwise. Read on for a sample:

**DEAR ABBY:** Your advice to "Anonymous in Fort Myers, Fla." was correct. When I was a teen, my best friend was also dating a controlling guy her parents weren't too sure about. He raped her, but she stayed with him anyway.

When she became pregnant, he beat her almost to death. She lost the baby and very nearly her life. Please let that girl know how important it is for that guy to be out of her and her family's lives.

**LORI IN VA:**  
**DEAR LORI:** You're right. If the young man would threaten the lives of her parents because



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# Leo: Strong feelings stir within you

**IF FEBRUARY 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ...** you love to talk to anyone and everyone. Avoid talking on more than you can finish; you'll disappoint others less by saying no in the beginning. Highly creative, you probably have more than one artistic pursuit. Social and fun-loving, you can always be found "surrounded" by laughter and friends.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Friends and groups with whom you associate are still strongly highlighted. To avoid being overly idealistic, be sure your eyes are wide open.

**Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20):** Mars moves into Taurus, so you may feel more aggressive than normal for a couple of months. Avoid knee-jerk reactions, and be as deliberate as possible now.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Even though you may feel lucky, don't risk too much in a financial gamble. Both intimate and friends' relationships intensify. Hidden anger could be a booby trap. Work it through alone.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Powerful feelings may come out today, as your heart is on your sleeve. Make sure you're only revealing what is good for you to reveal.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** More strong feelings may be surging around deep inside today. As Mars moves into your house of career, you re-emerged in that area. Be sure to deliberately direct your

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Jeraldine Saunders

plentiful energies into positive channels.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You find yourself with a greater urge to break out of restrictive patterns of thinking and living now. Learn to encompass more of the world, but be careful not to approach new situations more aggressively than is warranted.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Career—is especially—highlighted today, and you are a real force to be reckoned with. Don't let the burdens get you down; this is a time to move mountains and to reap all that you have worked toward.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Mars moves into your relationship sector today, so you may find issues relating to love and romance heating up, both in passion and in anger, for several months.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** With Pluto continuing its long journey through Sagittarius and Uranus in your home sector, many things you have thought were locked into place are undergoing change.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Since Mars is moving into the sector ruling your children and creativity, as well as casual romance

for single Caps, all these areas are due to heat up.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** As the sun and Neptune continue their travel through Aquarius, you feel strong, energetic and especially creative. Your idealism has an upsurge.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Financial "plans," especially with friends, take a leap forward and look very interesting. Be sure to be truthful with yourself about their real potential, though. Then later in the day, make sure you just enjoy life.

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Monsters 8:30 - 9:30

**Twin Cinema 12**  
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Cheaper by the Dozen 7:30 - 9:30  
Calendar Girls 8:30 - 9:45  
You Got Served 8:30 - 9:45  
Date with the Doctor 7:30 - 9:30  
Something's Gotta Give 8:30 - 9:30  
House of Cards and Log 8:30  
Lord of the Rings 3 10:30  
Calendar Girls 8:30 - 9:45  
Big Bosses 8:30 - 9:15  
Big Fish 10:30 - 9:45  
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EDITORIAL

Accurate sales tax data could help Idaho grow

Imagine trying to analyze the New England Patriots' Super Bowl victory, with no information except the final score. That's how local economic leaders feel about sales-tax revenue.

tracking retail sales in specific communities. "We specifically want this for the creation of jobs," said Scott Martin, a member of the Twin Falls chamber's legislative committee.

Our view: Idaho

economic leaders need to know how much tax revenue is generated in individual counties.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

A proposal from Idaho chambers of commerce aims to fix that problem. The business groups, including the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, want the Legislature to change the law, so that sales-tax revenue can be recorded county by county.

As it stands now, the tax commission's county-by-county reports are incomplete. They reflect only sales by businesses with stores in single counties.

Considering how much business these bigger retailers do, that information is essential for

It's important to note this proposal is, about reporting tax revenue - not redistributing it. The state hands out sales tax revenue to local governments based on population.

Opponents of this proposal say changing the reporting method could wind up changing the distribution formula - thus enriching major retail hubs at the expense of smaller towns.

There's some truth to that argument. But revenue distribution should be debated in the open, with all the facts on the table.

The tax reporting issue is really about accuracy of revenue information. Why continue a policy of enforced ignorance, when accurate tax data could aid economic development?

Legislators should listen to the chambers and give the tax reporting measure some thought. What local economic leaders don't know about tax revenue really does hurt them.

Spotlight now moves to Mrs. Kerry

The Republicans launched a tricky new tactic last week, aimed at catching Teresa Heinz Kerry - and her husband - in the Muskie trap.

Hardly anyone remembers Sen. Ed Muskie of Maine, but back in the winter of 1972 he was as famous as John Kerry is today. A tall, Lincoln-esque figure, Muskie came into the New Hampshire primary as front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The publisher of the Manchester Union Leader, famed Republican hit man William Loeb, did him in by accusing Muskie's wife of being a drunk. Muskie rented a flatbed truck, stood in front of the newspaper and deflected his wife's good name in the midst of his speech, though, he was overwhelmed by emotion and started to cry.

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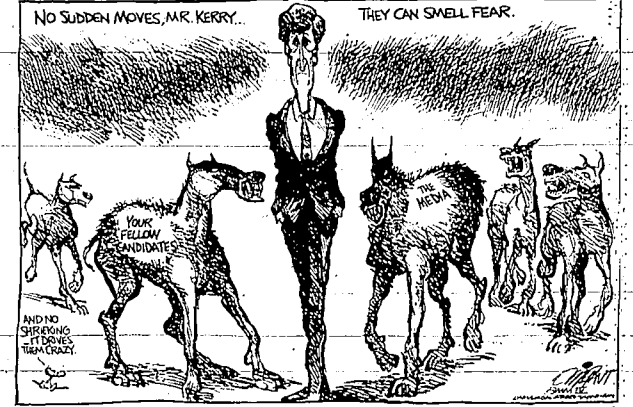
Muskie's ghost now haunts the Kerry campaign as a new generation of GOP trappers goes after his spouse.

"Kerry claims to stand up to powerful interests," writes Ann Coulter in her latest column, "but he can't even stand up to his own wife."

Coulter's bill of particulars includes the charge that Heinz Kerry made Kerry request the annulment of his first marriage to heiress Julia Thorne despite the fact that the senator has two children from that union.

Coulter also claims Heinz Kerry demanded a prenuptial agreement to protect her \$700 million fortune from her new husband.

Kerry, according to Coulter, is "a gigolo" and a fortune hunter who has been sponging off rich women



she has no role in the campaign beyond that of spouse. This is probably less a case of false humility than of legal calculation.

She has already given her husband's campaign \$1 million, the mortgage she shares of the Boston mansion that she bought, and she has let it be known that if he is unfairly attacked, she'll spend more to defend him.

Under new campaign laws, she can only do that as an independent donor, a status that prohibits her from acting "in cooperation, consultation or concert" with the candidate.

It is unlikely Heinz Kerry would be moved to open her mouth or her wallet to rebut charges that her husband is, say, soft on NAFTA.

But allegations that he's an unscrupulous fortune hunter are a

different story. After all, if he's a kept man, what does that make her?

I doubt John Kerry will fall into the Muskie trap. He's too cold-blooded and professional. Besides, what is he supposed to say? "How long have you been sponging off your wife?" is a trick question, unanswerable as well as insulting.

It is possible, though, that Heinz Kerry, less experienced and more temperamental than her husband, will allow herself to be goaded into a good public cry or a loud public scream.

Either one could be enough to make Kerry look like a guy with a wife - and a campaign - that are out of control.

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Bush and his security weakness

If a Democrat is going to beat President Bush come November, I write this it appears that Democrat will be Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts - he is going to have to make the case that he can better protect the nation's security than Bush.

For all the attention that domestic issues are getting in the Democratic primaries, I still believe that foreign policy will be the determining factor in 2004.

The conventional wisdom is that the Democrats will lose on the national security issue. The Democrats appear to be reluctant and uncertain in using American power. Say what you will about Bush, his national-security approach has been neither weak nor uncertain. Flawed? That's another matter. But one major reason Kerry has become the front-runner is that Democrats believe he, a decorated war hero, can stand up to Bush on using military force.

As is often the case, reality is different from image. Kerry has been part of the Democratic problem. He voted against the Gulf War in 1991, for the war in 2002, but against the \$87 billion funding bill for the post-Iraq war period.

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Those votes look more like political opportunism than solid judgments about the nation's security needs. Howard Dean has criticized Kerry's flip-flops on the Iraq issue, but that's his play compared to what the Bushies will do to him.

But a closer examination of the Bush administration's record on national security shows that it isn't all that it is supposed to be, either. What the Democrats have to some how get across to swing voters (the Democratic base already believes the war in Iraq was wrong) is that Bush and his vaunted foreign policy team have proven to be nearly incompetent in handling the nation's security. They have to demonstrate that not only was the decision to launch a war against Saddam Hussein unnecessary at the time, but the manner in which it was done was stupendously bungled.

For instance, the decision in the summer of 2002 that not only was the decision to launch a war against Saddam Hussein unnecessary at the time, but the manner in which it was done was stupendously bungled.

Qaida and the terrorist threat it represents. Solid Republicans such as Brent Scowcroft, the retired general and former national-security adviser to two Republican presidents, made that very point in August 2002.

Even more damning, it was clear to many foreign policy experts before the war began that it would be essential to have broad allied support, including the United Nations, for what was certain to be a very difficult but equally critical nation-building effort. The Bushies ignored every expert, every warning, every offer of help from officials who had experience in Iraq. They knew better. Rebuilding Iraq wasn't going to be that hard once the big, bad guy was gone, said the Pentagon. Read the new reports about how the Pentagon's neo-conservatives rejected expert advice (George Facker in The New Yorker in November, James Fallows in the current Atlantic Monthly). It smacks of malfeasance.

The one Democrat who has made these points most clearly is Wesley Clark, the retired general. Unfortunately, his late start and his weak campaigning - in inability to answer totally pre-

dictable questions such as why he said he supported the war resolution - have hurt his campaign. But there are no better indicators that the Bush camp knows it's very vulnerable on these points than the actions it has taken in recent days: trying to bring the United Nations into the reconstruction effort and this week's Chicago Tribune report of a major missile offensive against al-Qaida. Karl Rove, the president's political guru, clearly has more common sense than Vesp Dick Cheney, the real leader of the neo-cons.

Kerry talks about working with allies, which is fine but not enough. In laying out his plans for the country, he must also demonstrate he understands the importance of using force to protect the nation's interests and how to combine that with aggressive diplomacy. Bush is vulnerable on what should be his biggest asset. But the Democrats still haven't demonstrated they will provide an acceptable alternative.

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LETTER

County control doesn't add to hospital success

I keep re-reading your Sunday editorial (Jan. 25) about hospital governance, and keep tripping over the "accountability" mantra, given with an air of "this is so, because I say it is." I seriously question that county governance was that much of a driver for the prosperity of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. It certainly hasn't been with other hospitals I've observed. I think it had more to do with Twin Falls being the population and economic center for central southern Idaho and that major competition is three to five hours away.

If the commissioners are so good at fiscal oversight, then why did it

take so long to get Mr. Fort's hand out of the cookie jar?

But financial control is only one aspect of a successful hospital. The overriding need is to provide a constantly updated facility with well-modified and motivated staff, that will attract the best new doctors and that will have the confidence of the community in the quality of care. I don't see how county ownership or commissioners' control contribute to that. Such a hospital needs an administration and knowledgeable board that can concentrate on running a hospital, period. The commissioners are spread too thin to contribute much beyond "no."

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Hand hygiene is a human right for children

Yesterday, I read with dismay the letter to the editor in The Times-News titled "Elementary bathroom could use more supplies" written by Matthew Ashley. As an infection control nurse, I would recommend no one remove soap from any bathroom - no matter what problems may be occurring. I spend much of my time educating children and adults about the

importance of appropriate hand hygiene to reduce the risk of illness and infection. As stated by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention emphasizes, hand hygiene is the most effective manner in which to reduce infections and "Clean Hands Saves Lives."

I have talked many times to school children, civic groups, to medical personnel and other business and the importance of hand hygiene. Children are the best pupils for this subject. They are just

beginning to grasp the connection between the use of precautions and the reduction in infection. It is imperative that they know adults take this subject seriously.

Please do not ever give the message out that hand hygiene is something to take away as punishment. Hand hygiene is a basic human right. To take away the tools to practice hand hygiene goes against every health-care recommendation. After submitting a letter to

administration at L.B. Perrine, I received a response from them. I have been told that they are actively working a solution to the problem and that the children had soap and towels in each classroom the entire time. I must emphasize that hand hygiene products (either soap and water or alcohol hand rinse) should be available at the point of use in the bathroom facilities.

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Mallard Fillmore



By Garry Trudeau

By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

# CBS exposes its raunchier side

Maybe it's appropriate that Super Bowls are numbered with Roman numerals. Sunday's Super Bowl XXXVII featured a halftime show that could serve as backdrop for one of California's orphans.

Remember Super Bowl XXXIV? The halftime entertainment was produced by Walt Disney Productions. This year's was put on by MTV, and the difference was as stark as that between good taste and garbage. The commercials also reflected what the networks apparently think about our remaining "community standards."

Janet Jackson, a member of America's most dysfunctional family, bared a breast during her on-stage gyrations. There were the usual network apologies to "any one who was offended." Jackson's singing partner, Justin Timberlake, should get the award for the ultimate in disingenuousness: "I am sorry that anyone was offended by the wardrobe malfunction... It was not intentional." Sure. Why, then, was Jackson wearing a pashy, instead of underwear that might have limited her exposure during the "malfunction"?

Other singers, including P. Diddy, grabbed their crotches (a la Michael Jackson) and promised through their lyrics to have sex with gyrating women, who signaled their interest by removing some of their skimpy outfits.

There were so many commercials for erectile dysfunction medications, one might have thought it has become an epidemic, on a par with AIDS or cancer. Other commercials featured a flatulent horse igniting a candle that blows up in a woman's face; a dog that bites a man in the crotch until he surrenders his beer; and a chimpanzee that puts the moves on a woman and then asks if she has a problem with back hair.

CBS, once known as the Tiffany network, has been gobbled up by its MTV division and morphed into the trash network. Sunday's halftime show was soft porn, and those apologies and assurances — that the excess was a surprise to management and won't happen again — are insufficient. A father, his children and grandchildren (and women who like football) should be able to experience rare family time in front of the television set in their own home without being surprised by such sleaze.

CBS should have expected trash. Anyone who watches even



CAL THOMAS

a little MTV knows that raunch and roll is standard programming fare. If you hire people like these, you're not going to get gospel music.

The FCC — which recently warned it might start issuing heavier fines for indecency and obscenity, and revoking broadcast licenses — announced a "thorough and swift" investigation into Sunday's halftime show. But it's a little late for the FCC and Chairman Michael Powell to be expressing outrage. Where was the commission during CBS's Victoria's Secret fashion show? Why didn't the agency take action after singer Benzo uttered the f-word during NBC's airing of Golden Globe Awards last year?

It's easy for free-speech advocates to argue that if you don't like something, you shouldn't watch. But Sunday's halftime show came as a complete surprise to viewers and, I suspect, was unwelcome by many, to judge from the calls that flooded CBS.

Freedom of speech should also allow for viewers to be free from speech they don't want to hear, and images they don't wish to see, on broadcast television, especially with young children in the room. A TV ratings system is supposed to warn audiences what to expect so they can decide whether to watch or not, and shield their children or not. One doesn't expect this sort of thing from the Super Bowl.

The National Football League says it won't hire MTV to produce another halftime show. As for CBS, it has trolled too deep and gone too far in its unending quest for younger viewers. Just after the Jackson-Timberlake fiasco, a naked man streaked onto the field. If his "acc" had been moved up just a few minutes, he would have fit seamlessly into their show. CBS cameramen focused elsewhere. Was the network suddenly gripped by pangs of puritanical morality?

One commentator made a joking reference to "naked football." I was ready for some football. I was not ready for this.

Cal Thomas is a nationally syndicated columnist and Fox News Channel commentator.

## LETTER

### Network merits a boycott by denying TV ad

I want to thank all the courageous folks who took time to protest the CBS decision to not run an ad calling attention to our country's trillion dollar deficit during the Super Bowl halftime. It used to be that we relied on the media to give us a complete and accurate accounting of important issues. Now it's apparently solely in the hands of the people.

The hypocrisy of CBS's decision to bar the MoveOn ad makes my stomach turn. The trillion dollar deficit is considered by CBS to be "controversial," to wit, it might offend someone. Our social problems wouldn't be controversial if we would fix them! CBS's solution will be to force feed millions of viewers beer and drug commercials during the Super Bowl. I am so offended that I will boycott CBS.

Laurie Black  
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A skunk's eyesight is none too good. Its hearing is not all that sharp, either. Its sense of smell is bad, too. And its capacity to taste



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is pretty limited. A skunk's main weapon is so mighty it just hasn't

needed to develop those other defenses. — That's what the Darwinian figure did mention a skunk's spray flows in the dark?

Q. What makes a female deer grow antlers?

A. Male hormones. One doe in about every 4,000 does that.

The late Robert Mitchum feared crowds. So reported a celebrity chaser. But another stu-

dent of phobias suggests, "Peers — is that the wrong word? People averse to crowds aren't afraid of them, not usually. They just don't like getting so many signals from so many sources at the same time."

Q. Did you ever find out why a blue ribbon is commonly used as a first-place prize?

A. Goes all the way back to the

England's Order of the Garter. That garb was blue.

Q. Navajo babies learn to walk earlier than other babies. Why?

A. They spend much of their first year strapped to their mothers' backs. Navajos say the tugging against cradleboard bindings develops their muscles. Their mothers' muscles, too. I'll warrant.

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TRIVIA

QUESTION:  
Before there were 24 points scored in the final 3:05 of the first half Sunday, no Super Bowl had remained scoreless as long. What is the Super Bowl record for lowest halftime score?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school girls' basketball
  - Canyon Conference tournament-Region Four-Five-Six
  - Great Basin Conference
  - Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference
- High school boys' basketball
  - Carey at Richfield, 6 p.m.
  - Hansen at Castleford, 6 p.m.
  - Martough at Oakley, 6 p.m.
  - Camas County at Shoshone, 6 p.m.
  - Lighthouse Christian at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
  - M.V. Christian at Raft River, 6 p.m.
  - Bliss at Community School, 6 p.m.
- High school wrestling
  - Burley at Buhl, 6 p.m.
  - Century at Minico, 6 p.m.
  - Glenn Ferry at Melba triangular, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Legion sets meeting for Wednesday

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls American Legion Baseball meeting for parents of players who are planning to try out for a team will take place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Room C-6 at Twin Falls High School.  
For more information, call Laird Stone at 733-2721.

T.F. Rec plans skating trips to Sun Valley

TWIN FALLS - The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering two ice skating sessions at the Sun Valley Ice Arena. The cost is \$45 and includes transportation, instruction, skate rental and admission for both Saturdays of each session. Session 1 will be Feb. 14 and Feb. 21. The second session is Feb. 28 and March 6. Children ages 6-8 must travel with a parent while those 9 years old and older may travel alone.  
The registration deadline is Monday for the first session and Feb. 23 for the second.  
Call 736-2265 for more information or register by coming by the office at 136 Maxwell Ave.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Pittsburgh led Minnesota, 2-0, at halftime of Super Bowl IX, played at Yankee Stadium in New York in 1975. The Steelers won the game, 16-6. The lowest final score in Super Bowl history was 14-7, when the Miami Dolphins defeated the Washington Redskins at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in 1973.

PLACING A CORNERSTONE:

Buhl's Will Chivers

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

BUHL - Drive by Buhl High School and you'll notice that the scene is changing. Ground is being broken and leveled in preparation for the construction of a new facility. After another year in their current building, the Indians will be on the move.

Meanwhile, two blocks away at Buhl Middle School, where the Indians play their home games, boys basketball coach Ryan Bowman is laying the groundwork for an Indian dynasty. In 6-foot-1 freshman wing Will Chivers, Bowman has solidly planted his cornerstone in Buhl's starting lineup.

"Will understands that he's a big part of our program and where it's going," Bowman said. "Our goal is to get to the point where every year we're in the state tournament. It's going to help to have somebody like Will who can be a peer and a friend to help players along so they don't all go through growing pains at the same time."

Make no mistake though, Chivers isn't a project player who will contribute someday down the line. He is averaging 12 points per game, and broke out early, scoring 13 and 20 points in Buhl's first two games of the season.

"I think any time you pull a freshman up, you're sticking yourself out there a little bit," Bowman said. "But we felt pretty strong about Will. We saw pretty quick that he's for real and he's here to stay."

Chivers has been surprised by his early success, but playing with older, stronger people shouldn't be anything new for him. The youngest child of his family, Chivers survived two older brothers, both graduates of West Point Military Academy.

"I used to get picked on a lot. If I didn't do well I'd hear it from my brothers," Chivers said. "So I've got

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ten used to playing with seniors pretty fast."

Chivers' biggest challenge this year has been improving his consistency and conditioning.

"Sometimes I get tired going up and down the floor," Chivers said. "I have to work on getting stronger. I hope I grow, too. Height would be a big advantage."

Chivers' hopes for height are more of a certainty to Bowman.

"As much as he eats, he'll grow," Bowman said. "This kid eats all the time."

Other than eating, Chivers enjoys hunting water fowl. While he hasn't been able to bag as many birds as he would like this year, he has seen some success. Buhl supporters are hoping that Chivers will find success in another hunt - one for a district championship.

"That's our goal, and ultimately our goal is to get to the state tournament," Chivers said. "I love the game, but that would give me even more reasons to play."

For Chivers, just being in position to think about the 3A state tournament is a blessing.

"It's been tough, but I've learned that if you want to play here, you have to step it up," Chivers said. "I have my bad nights and my good nights, but it's been a great experience. I didn't even know I was going to be here."

Ready or not, SCIC opponents, Will Chivers has arrived and he's here to stay.



Buhl freshman Will Chivers, top, jumps above a defender to release a shot in a road game at Kimberly Friday night. Chivers anchors the Indians' attack this season and is the team's cornerstone for the future.

GREAT BASIN CONFERENCE PREVIEW

Jerome enters postseason as conference favorite

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

JEROME - There's no "I" in team as the cliché goes. So far for the team-oriented Jerome Lady Tigers, there's been no "L" as in loss, either.

The 20-0 Tigers await the winner of tonight's 7 p.m. Great Basin Conference playoff game featuring Burley and Century (2-2, 12-8) of Pocatello. The winner of the game in Pocatello travels to league-leading Jerome for a 7 p.m. game Thursday.

For head coach Michelle Skyles, team is the most important word associated with her squad, not the 20 or the 0 in its record.

"Whitney Clark, Elisa Hope and Vanessa West get the ink thanks to their good scoring averages, but Jerome is so much more than what Burley coach Gordon Kerbs calls 'The Big Three.'"

"These are great players. A lot of people put emphasis on the points, but some of the stats that go unnoticed are based on what the whole team is doing, all the little things," Skyles said.

Starters Tara Davis and Mallory Messery have contributed all season long while Krista Kulm, Ashley Martens and Meghan Marshall add depth off the bench.

Great Basin Conference

Tuesday  
Burley at Century, 7 p.m.  
Thursday  
Winner at Jerome, 7 p.m.

"Tara has really come into her own," Skyles said. "Mallory has been a huge spark for us. (The bench does) a good job and defensively understand what we want. I have confidence putting them in."

Burley (0-4, 3-15 overall) is hoping to peak at the right time when it plays Century tonight. Burley eliminated Century last season in district play and Kerbs is hopeful this team can do it again.

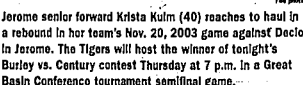
"In December and early January we rolled over when down nine or 10 points," Kerbs said. "We're not quitting now and that's a positive sign. We have excellent team chemistry for a 3-15 team."

Linsley AB leads the team with 9.5 points a game while Jessica Byington averages 8.5. Both are capable of big games while the rest of the team chips in five or six points.

Burley's weakness has been inside. Sheri Garn and Amber Funk will have to combine for 12 points and 12 rebounds Tuesday to help offset Century standouts.

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Photo by Eric Larsen



Jerome senior forward Krista Kulm (40) reaches to haul in a rebound in her team's Nov. 20, 2003 game against Declo in Jerome. The Tigers will host the winner of tonight's Burley vs. Century contest Thursday at 7 p.m. in a Great Basin Conference tournament semifinal game.

By Larry Lago Associated Press writer

DETROIT - Ivan Rodriguez finalized his \$40 million, four-year contract with the Detroit Tigers on Monday, leaving the World Series champion Florida Marlins to join a team that last year set the American League record for losses.

"This is an exciting day for me," he said. "I know they had a bad season last year, but I think this is going to be a completely different season."

The signing of the 10-time All-Star catcher was the latest high-profile move by the Tigers, who went 43-119 last season.



Ivan Rodriguez

soak this up a little bit," said Tigers manager Alan Trammell, who indicated Rodriguez could hit in the No. 3 spot in the lineup. "This is how it starts. This is how we

get better."

Rodriguez, a 10-time Gold Glove winner and MVP of the NL championship series, gets \$7 million this year, \$8 million in 2005 and \$11 million each in 2006 and 2007, according to contract information obtained by The Associated Press.

The Tigers have a \$13 million option for 2008 with a \$3 million buyout.

Detroit will defer \$2 million of his salary in 2004 and \$3 million each in 2006 and 2007, all at 1 percent interest.

If Rodriguez goes on the disabled list for 35 or more days in 2004 or 2005 because of a lower spine injury, Detroit could void

the rest of the contract by paying a \$5 million buyout.

If he goes on the DL for 35 or more days in 2006 because of a lower spine injury, the Tigers could terminate the deal by paying a \$4 million buyout.

Rodriguez would get a \$500,000 bonus if he's voted the American League MVP and award tie won with Texas in 1999.

TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

Minico, T.F. enter regional playoffs

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's playoff time and it's time to look to your floor leaders as Minico and Twin Falls prepare for the Region Four-Five-Six girls basketball playoffs.

Minico opens play Tuesday at Pocatello High with hopes of advancing to Thursday's game at league-leading Skelton.

Twin Falls awaits the winner of Tuesday's Idaho Falls at Highland clash.

A strong performance in the regular season finale against Burley has Minico coach Clint Straatman hopeful headed into tonight's game.

Minico (2-8, 6-14) will need to avoid a bad start and keep Pocatello from building a lead. In the second-to-last game of the regular season, Pocatello slowed down the game early and beat Minico 18-13.

The Spartans most consistent players have been Kabree Dayton and Amber Warrh.

"If we can control the tempo and do what we can do we have the opportunity to go far," Straatman said.

Another area team with a chance to go far, thanks in part to being the No. 2 seed, is Twin Falls (7-3, 14-5).

Forward Hannah Heidenreich is averaging 10.3 points and 8.9 rebounds while Amanda Hoover

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Getting a spot

Utah State ranked for first time in over 30 years

By Jim O'Connell Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - Utah State earned its first spot in The Associated Press men's basketball poll since 1971 on Monday, one of many changes in the national rankings - except at the top.

For the third straight week, the first three spots remained the same: Duke, Stanford and Saint Joseph's.

Other top 25 teams didn't fare as well, with 12 of them losing a total of 14 games. All those losses mean a lot of movement from No. 4 on, with 14 teams getting an opportunity to break into the rankings at No. 24.

Utah State (17-1) has won 14 straight games, the last nine over Big West opponents, since losing 56-46 at Utah State in 1971. The team was 84-46 over Long Beach State on Saturday.

The defending Big West tournament champions have won at least 20 games each of the last four seasons and have been in the NCAA tournament three of the last four years.

The last time Utah State was ranked was a 14-week run in 1970-71. Ladd Anderson's last season as coach there. One of his assistants was Dale Brown and future NBA player Marvin Roberts was the star of the team.

"It's been a while and I think any time you're in a mid-major situation it becomes very difficult to get this kind of recognition and makes it more special," sixth-year coach Steve Morrill said Monday. "Certainly I want our guys to feel good about it but not lose their edge. We've been winning but we haven't been dominant."

Once in a while when things are going well, you need to give them a pat on the back and I will do that today."

The national notice could also help Utah State when the NCAA tournament selection committee sits down to select teams or select an at-large mid-major who may have been upset in the conference tournament.

"You never know but if we can put ourselves in a position where the committee is taking a good look at us this certainly can't hurt," Morrill said, but we're a long way from that right now."

SPORTS

Murtaugh defeats Hagerman

By Dustin Lapray Times-News writer

MURTAUGH - The Murtaugh Lady Red Devils staved off elimination by fighting off a ferocious comeback from the Hagerman Lady Pirates in Murtaugh's 45-40 victory Murtaugh-Monday. The win sends the Red Devils to play Raft River Friday at 6 p.m. in another loss-out contest. "It was a big win," Murtaugh coach Doug Wright said. "They made some clutch, big-time shots there at the end when we thought we had it going. I told the girls if they make those, they make them, but just keep playing your solid game."

Local sports

"(We) didn't quit," Hagerman coach Joe Keeney said. "No matter what, you keep battling to the end of it and sometimes good things happen and sometimes they don't. But you're never going to know unless you don't try."

The Red Devils went into 12-of-16 from the free throw stripe in the fourth quarter to seal it. "We finally made free-throws down at the end," Wright said. "That made the difference for us tonight. We've had trouble with that all year, but we got it tonight."

Both teams combined to score 30 points in a heated fourth quarter. Hagerman took a 20-19 lead into halftime, then went cold in the third quarter, getting outscored 12-4.

"We said the first three minutes was critical to winning the ball game," Keeney said. "And we were absolutely correct. It was just the wrong people who had the good three minutes to start the third quarter."

Murtaugh had five different players score in that third quarter, including a pair of buckets from Jenilyn Perkins on her way to a team-high 12 points for the game. Jillian Cuder and Druce Tolman each added ten points for the Lady Red Devils.

Both Hagan and Cuder picked up their games in the fourth quarter, aggressively grabbing rebounds and cutting off the passing lanes. Cuder hit Murtaugh's only field goal of the fourth quarter and two clutch free-throws to make it a five-

point game with under 20 seconds to play. The loss ends the Lady Pirates season.

"You can't take anything away from Murtaugh," Keeney said. They shot the free-throws and they made them when they had to. We have another year, none of our kids graduate, there's not a senior in the bunch. They realize that we're a work in progress. The maturity is going to come, and when it comes and we have pressure situations like this we can step in and perform."

Murtaugh 45, Hagerman 40. Hagerman 12-19 14-15. Murtaugh 12-11 14-15. Hagerman 2005 Season Record: 11-14. Murtaugh 2005 Season Record: 15-10. Hagerman 2005 Season Record: 11-14. Murtaugh 2005 Season Record: 15-10.

Raft River 31, Castleford 27

MURTAUGH - Sophomore Hallie Ramsey led a balanced scoring attack for Raft River as the Trojans defeated Castleford 31-27 in a Magic Valley Southside Conference tournament loss-out game. Sierra Cooper added six points for Raft River while Echo Fry scored nine to pace Castleford.

Neither team outscored the other by more than two points in any quarter except the second, when Raft River held an 8-2 edge. Raft River plays Murtaugh Friday in Murtaugh in another loss-out game of the Southside tournament.

Raft River 31, Castleford 27. Raft River 12-15 14-12. Castleford 12-15 14-12. Raft River 2005 Season Record: 11-14. Castleford 2005 Season Record: 11-14.

Magic Valley Northside Conference tournament

Shoshone 58, Dietrich 47

CAREY - The Shoshone Lady Indians outscored Dietrich 15-4 in overtime to take home the Northside title and the No. 1 seed in the District-IV tournament next week.

Shoshone will play the winner of the Hansen/Oakley game in Murtaugh Friday. Dietrich will play Richfield at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Carey to decide second and third place for the

Magle Valley Southside Conference tournament

Murtaugh 45, Hagerman 40, loser

Raft River 31, Castleford 27, loser

Raft River vs. Murtaugh, Friday 6 p.m.

Oakley vs. Hanson, Friday 7:30 p.m.

Northside in District IV tournament setting. All three teams will play in Murtaugh next week.

Six Perkins scored six of her eight points in OT before fouling out.

Katie Strunk and Sarah Hubschmidt each scored 11 points for Shoshone.

Ayleen Sorenson led all scorers with 17 points for Dietrich, including three 3-pointers.

Shoshone 58, Dietrich 47. Shoshone 12-15 14-12. Dietrich 12-15 14-12. Shoshone 2005 Season Record: 11-14. Dietrich 2005 Season Record: 11-14.

Richfield 40, Carey 34

CAREY - The Richfield Lady Tigers evaded elimination by taking down host Carey 40-34 in a loss-out game. The win keeps the Richfield season alive and sends them back to Carey Wednesday to play Dietrich at 7 p.m.

Cassie Wood led the Tigers with nine points. Five others scored in the win.

Lacey Peterson also scored nine for the Lady Musters in the loss.

The defeat ends the Lady Musters' season.

Richfield 40, Carey 34. Richfield 12-15 14-12. Carey 12-15 14-12. Richfield 2005 Season Record: 11-14. Carey 2005 Season Record: 11-14.

Wood River 45, Jerome 43

HAILEY - Senior Scott Bohrer tipped a missed shot as the buzzer expired to push Wood River past Jerome, 45-43 in non-conference play. Bohrer finished with four points,

but his work around the basket was a common theme on the night for the Wolverines.

"We got the ball inside and got a lot of offensive tips," said Wood River assistant coach Jim Boatright. "A lot of our points were around the rim."

"The inside play was much needed, as Wood River shot just 3-of-12 from the free throw line in the second half and 20 percent from the field for the game.

Jason Hoffman led Wood River (6-10 overall) with 11 points and Jason Hoffman and Cory Ott added 10. Jerome's Jared Miller scored 12 points to lead all scorers.

Wood River hosts Filer on Friday for Senior Day.

Wood River 45, Jerome 43. Wood River 12-15 14-12. Jerome 12-15 14-12. Wood River 2005 Season Record: 11-14. Jerome 2005 Season Record: 11-14.

Wrestling Gooding 58, Filer 18

Filer 48 Fruitland 42

GOODING - The Gooding Senator wrestlers held serve on their home mat Monday taking down Filer 58-18 and Fruitland 58-30.

The wins give Gooding a 5-6 dual record on the season. "We've got a few guys who have definitely improved in the last couple of weeks," Gooding coach Lyle Rogers said.

The Senators will be heading to The Weiser Invitational Friday and Saturday. The tournament is one of the largest of the wrestling season with 19 teams competing. Those matches will help determine state tournament seeding as the top wrestlers in the state get to grapple with each other for the first time all season.

Gooding 58, Filer 18. Gooding 12-15 14-12. Filer 12-15 14-12. Gooding 2005 Season Record: 11-14. Filer 2005 Season Record: 11-14.

Filer 48, Fruitland 42. Filer 12-15 14-12. Fruitland 12-15 14-12. Filer 2005 Season Record: 11-14. Fruitland 2005 Season Record: 11-14.

CANYON CONFERENCE PREVIEW

Valley H.S. looks to finish what it started

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

Canyon Conference

Tournament Tuesday

Wendell at Glenns Ferry, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Wendell/Glenns Ferry at Valley, 7:30 p.m.

"TWIN FALLS" - A first-round bye in the 3A Canyon Conference girls basketball tournament is the reward for the Valley Lady Vikings' 4-0 regular season conference record. While the 16-4 Lady Vikings seemingly cruised through the regular season, nothing will be easy after tournament games start tonight.

"We have to play our best basketball to win," Valley coach Brian Hardy said. "We appreciate the fact that our hard work paid off and we get to play at home."

The Lady Vikings boast one of the most versatile offenses in the Magic Valley. While sophomore forward Lindsay Wood is a spark in the transition game, senior captain Mindy Malone can settle Valley down into a patient half-court offense.

"We need to take care of ball," Hardy said. "Teams will try to press us and take gambles. Our shooting in our half-court sets will be big, too."

Malone and Wood may get the most attention, but the play of senior starters Sara Praegeritz and Jessica Kowitz will go a long way in determining Valley's success.

"Sara Praegeritz plays great defense and hustles. She does the little things that go unnoticed," Hardy said. "Jessica is a big key. She's someone we can go to who's consistently there with eight or 10 points" and 10 rebounds per game."

The Glenns Ferry Lady Pilots are the second seed in the conference with a 2-2 conference record, 7-12 overall. Coach Kelli McElroy's team started the season slow, opening the season with a five-game losing streak. However,

the Lady Pilots have turned their season around in 2004, going 5-3 in the new year. "We've been playing really well the last four or five games," McElroy said. "I think the girls are more comfortable playing with each other now."

The improved offensive play of senior post Jessica Simons has the upset-minded Lady Pilots gunning for a spot in the 2A state tournament.

Junior point guard Vicki Barroso has steered the Glenns Ferry team, and senior Kylee Noble has been a solid outside presence.

The Wendell Lady Trojans enter with an 0-4 conference record, but confidence that they will be confident. The Lady Trojans have been in most every game, even leading Valley in the second half.

"Hopefully, we've learned to hold the lead," Wendell coach Ryan Pope said. "If there's been anything that's held us back this year it's our defensive rebounding."

Sophomore guard Hallie Kelsey is a lights-out perimeter shooter, and 5-foot-8 junior point guard Jaynie Goodbody is a physical slasher that can cause problems for smaller defenders. If the Lady Trojan guards can complement senior post Madison Campbell's solid inside play there is no reason why Wendell can't pull off an upset two in this tournament.

No. 3 Saint Joseph's stays unbeaten

VILLANOVA, Pa. (AP) - Saint Joseph's got the challenge everyone expected from Villanova on Monday night—the third-ranked Hawks are still undefeated.

The perimeter trio of Jameer Nelson, Delonte West and Pat Carroll combined for 60 points and Saint Joseph's beat the Wildcats 74-67 to extend its school-record winning streak to 19 games.

With the win over their intracity rival on the Hawks (19-0) and No. 2 Stanford (18-0) remain the only unbeaten teams in Division I. Saint Joseph's has eight regular-season games left, all against Atlantic 10 opponents and only three against teams with winning records.

The Hawks looked like they would make this meeting with Villanova (12-8) just like last year's. Last season, Saint Joseph's took a 40-9 lead on the way to a

92-75 victory. On Monday, the Hawks used some impressive defense to go on a 23-3 run and take a 27-8 lead with 8:22 left in the first half. The Wildcats, who opened the game 2-for-15 from the field, closed the half with a 7-0 run to get within 34-23.

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Carroll, who entered the game 22-for-34 from 3-point range over his last four games, hit 38 on consecutive possessions to make it 60-52 with 5:47 to go.

Bloch hit another 3 with 5:30 left to make it 60-55, but Nelson and West combined for all but one of the Hawks' points the rest of the way.

Jerome

Continued from B1 Paige Knudson. "We have to contain Knudson," Kerbs said. "She makes a lot happen for them."

Her passes from the paint to the outside open holes in the perimeter defense, getting Century's group of guards open. They usually hit from long-range. "Century is playing extremely

well—right now," Skyles said. "They create some problems for us. They really played us well down there so they believe they can play with us and beat us."

For Jerome to succeed in this postseason—getting better—each game is a must. "Hopefully, we'll continue to get better," Skyles said. "We haven't played our best ball yet."

Playoffs

Continued from B1 added 10.1 points and 2.4 assists. Amy Bratvold chips in with 8.4 points and 5.3 rebounds while Jamie Edwards and Heidi Reitema both average about six points a game. Edwards adds 2.4 assists as well.

Hovey is the linch-pin in the Bruins' offense. "I need to get girls to play well in our red uniforms," Remus said.

"Tonight's game could come down to which team is shooting the ball better. For Remus, the key to keeping Gooding from getting hot will be a complete game of pressure defense."

"I think a huge strength is our up-tempo defense," Remus said. "Wearing the other team down mentally is a huge key. We have to make them work the full length of the court."

Region Four-Five-Six

Conference Tournament

Tuesday

Idaho Falls at Highland, 7:30 p.m.

Minico at Pocatello, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Minico/Pocatello winner at Skyline, 7:30 p.m.

IF/Highland winner at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$5 adults, \$3 students with student activity cards, \$15AA and United Dalymont passes honored.

Skyline (16-4) went 10-0 in the region for good reason. Senior forward Ashley Baldwin averages 20 points a game while senior wing Britney Bettinger leads a group of solid outside shooters.

But Shepard remains hopeful, knowing Twin Falls came up two points short of knocking off the Grizzlies at Baum Gymnasium. "This team has a very positive outlook," Shepard said. "That gets tested soon."

It's anybody's game

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Find a local gym and strip yourself in, because this year's 2A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference girls basketball tournament is going to be one wild ride. From favored Wood River to underdog Kimberly, each SCIC team has shown the ability to win on any given night during the regular season. Be it Declo's 52-47 win over Wood River or Buhl's 47-45 upset of Filer, one message came out loud and clear from the regular season.

Nobody is safe. Not even Wood River, who posted a 9-1 conference record, is only losing coming to Declo. Senior Natalie Green is the Lady Wolverines' marquee player, the program's all-time leading scorer. However, Wood River isn't a one-trick pony. Green, a 5-foot-10 point guard, has seen her share of double-teams this season, opening up chances for Wood River's other players.

Natalie has seen a lot of defenses geared toward stopping her the last couple weeks," Wood River coach Brent Carmudd said. "Our other girls have really stepped their play up."

Wood River is tall and experienced with seven seniors on the varsity roster. Green's frontcourt mate, senior Jessica King, is a solid post presence, while 5-8 point guard Emily Smith runs the Lady Wolverines—show—with poise.

Jessica King has been huge for us. She's brought her game up from 12 points per game into the 20s and she's our leading rebounder," Carmudd said. "Emily Smith has hit big shots when we've needed them. She takes care of the ball and has really stepped up her defense."

The Lady Wolverines are as focused as they've been all season, sensing that they can rewrite the Wood River record books. "We're hoping to be a number of firsts for our team," Carmudd

Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament

Tuesday

Buhl at Wood River, 7 p.m.

Kimberly at Declo, 7 p.m.

Filer at Gooding, 7 p.m.

It was Wood River's first regular-season championship and it would be our first tournament championship in the SCIC and our first trip to state.

The Buhl Lady Indians will face Wood River in the first round of the tournament. While the Lady Indians posted a 2-8 record in conference, their 7-10 regular season has shown sparks of promise. The senior trio of Jessica Brown, Dani Kippes and Krystal Avelar can't be overlooked.

"I keep thinking Buhl will surprise someone," Declo coach Kurt Murdock said. Murdock's Lady Hornets enter as the tournament's second seed with a 7-3 conference record. Declo's strengths lie in their height and athleticism, a combination that will serve them well in the tournament. Combined with 5-11 twin forwards Megan and Melissa Welch, 5-10 post Ashley Peterson is the center of a formidable front line.

"Offensive patience will be key for us," Murdock said. "There are times we tend to run and gun and try to force things to happen."

Facing Declo will be the Kimberly Lady Bulldogs. Led by junior forward Whitney Funky's strong play, Kimberly is young, but dangerous.

"They make me a little nervous," Declo coach said. "They beat Gooding on a surprise deal. That shows you they have something waiting for us."

Gooding fans could be treated to the best game of the tournament as the Lady Senators face Filer's Lady Wildcats. Both teams like to run pressure defense and



Declo senior forward Sarah Kosler, left, moves into position for a shot against Filer's Tara Davis Nov 20, 2003 in Jerome. Declo beats Kimberly at 7 p.m. today in a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference girls basketball tournament contest.

an up-tempo offense. The tournament's third seed with a 6-4 conference record, Gooding is led by sophomore guard Brittanee Boone. The Lady Senators have won their last five regular-season games and seem to be peaking at the right time.

"We've been playing—really well," Gooding coach Chris Comstock said. "We have some momentum coming in."

Filer's Lady Wildcats finished their season 10-10, 4-6 in conference. While the Lady Wildcats have been up and down all year, the junior tandem of Jennica Meacham and Lindsay Heimles are the best offensive duo in the Magic Valley. Coach Kim Remus

has seen her team struggle on the road though, something that will have to be remedied if Filer expects to defend last year's district championship.

"I need to get girls to play well in our red uniforms," Remus said.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### CSI offers web site design classes

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a two-day business Web site design and development class starting Saturday.

CSI Webmaster Dan Daggett will teach participants to use Macromedia Dreamweaver to create professional Web sites and build powerful Internet applications. CSI site developers design Web site developers to allow from scratch, offering visual layout tools for rapid application without the user having to know HTML coding. The training will also cover Web graphics, the basics of digital imaging and Photoshop. Cost is \$150 per person. Preregistration and prepayment are required. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 7 and 14. Lunch is not included.

For information, contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or at srust@csi.edu.

### AARP says tax prep services are in demand

TWIN FALLS - With nearly 60 volunteer counselors at work at 17 Magic Valley and nearby locations this year, local AARP Tax-Aide leaders predict a record demand for their free income tax consulting and preparation services over the next 10 weeks.

At the area's largest Tax-Aide site, inside Fred Meyer One Stop Shopping in Twin Falls, the filing season opened Friday when more than 30 taxpayers lined up to have their state and federal income taxes prepared.

Last year AARP Tax-Aide's volunteer counselors prepared over 1,700 tax returns while donating about 3,200 hours. This year, with nearly 50 percent more counselors, the program expects to show a 25 percent increase in activity.

Expanded services are available this year in Burley and Rupert, with a new site at Little Flower Catholic Church, and with the addition of Spanish-speaking tax counselors at all three Burley and Rupert sites.

Most Magic Valley Tax-Aide sites are scheduled to start operations this week, but tax help at Burley and Rupert senior center locations starts next week.

For information on all locations, with days and hours of operation, call 733-7274, 733-8542 or toll-free 1-888-227-7669.

### Federal money will help build a better potato

ABERDEEN - University of Idaho and U.S. Department of Agriculture researchers have received a federal grant to help them develop potatoes that are more resistant to viruses.

The university's Research and Extension Center has received \$270,000 for the molecular biology component of potato research in Aberdeen and \$150,000 for potato breeding research. In addition, \$1.6 million will help research genetic potato variety in Idaho and Washington, some of which will be used in Aberdeen at the research center.

Researchers at the center are studying low genetic research can develop a more virus resistant potato. Scientists are studying DNA from hybrids to find chromosome that makes them more disease-resistant.

"I hope to create a potato variety that is more resistant to viruses like Potato Roll Leaf Virus or the wire worm. The worm lives in the soil for up to five years, and eats holes in tubers.

Partners can save money on pesticides with potatoes naturally resistant to pests and diseases and they can have a more environmentally friendly operation, researcher Rich Noy said.

In addition to potato research, USDA and the University received funding for agriculture studies. Plant breeders at Aberdeen are partnering with biologists in Hagerman to improve fish operations by creating a healthy grain-based diet. Plant researchers are working to build a grain that is better for fish, and animal biologists in Hagerman are studying ways to breed fish that respond better to grain-based diets.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Surviving tough competition:

## Tribes cut into Jackpot casino earnings, profits

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

JACKPOT, Nev. - Winter weather and gaming competition from eastern Idaho's Fort Hall Indian Reservation cut into revenue at a pair of Jackpot casinos just south of the Idaho border, Ameristar Casinos Inc. said Monday.

In the final three months of 2003, net revenue declined 1.4 percent at Cactus Petes Resort Casino and The Horseshoe Hotel & Casino. "The Jackpot properties continue to be negatively impacted by increased competition from an Idaho Native American gaming facility which is closer to a portion of our market area and were also affected by adverse weather condi-

tions," owner Ameristar said in its fourth-quarter earnings statement. The quarter's margins also declined from a year earlier at Cactus Petes and The Horseshoe "due to higher health care costs and general and administrative expenses," the company said.

But the casino company overall posted fourth-quarter financial results that exceeded its management's forecasts and annual results that set new records for Ameristar. Las Vegas-based Ameristar owns and operates six properties in Missouri, Iowa, Mississippi and Nevada. The Nevada locations are major Magic Valley employers.

Ameristar has another local tie through its chairman and chief executive officer, Craig H. Neilsen. The former Twin Falls resident also is the developer of property on the Snake River Canyon's south rim in Twin Falls.

Highlights of Ameristar's consolidated earnings:   
• Net revenues of \$197.1 million for the fourth quarter, up 8.5 percent from a year earlier Record net revenues of \$782.0 million for 2003, up 12.0 percent.   
• Operating income of \$31.4 mil-

### Jackpot performance

Ameristar Casinos Inc. reported these fourth-quarter and annual financial results from its Jackpot, Nev., properties - Cactus Petes Resort Casino and The Horseshoe Hotel & Casino. Dollar amounts are in thousands.

	Three months ended Dec. 31,		Year ended Dec. 31,	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Net revenue	\$13,491	\$13,309	\$59,217	\$58,833
Operating income	\$1,410	\$506	\$9,834	\$8,022
EBITDA	\$2,386	\$1,439	\$13,539	\$11,876
Operating margin	10.5%	3.8%	16.6%	13.6%
EBITDA margin	17.7%	10.8%	22.9%	20.2%

EBITDA is earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA margin is EBITDA as a percentage of net revenue.

lion for the fourth quarter, up 24.8 percent. Operating income of \$139.9 million for 2003, up 21.5 percent.   
• Net income of \$9.5 million in the fourth quarter and \$47.6 million for the year.   
• Diluted earnings per share of 35 cents for the fourth quarter, up 84.2 percent from a year earlier and boosted by 3 cents per share from a profit for sales and use tax refunds. Record diluted earnings per share of \$1.76 for 2003, up 17.3 percent from 2002. Analysts' latest consen-

sus estimates were 34 cents for the fourth quarter and \$1.76 for the full year, Ameristar said. Ameristar said it trimmed long-term debt by \$81.6 million in 2003, "improving our position for future expansion of our existing operations and growth opportunities in new markets." Also on Monday, the casino company said it expects diluted earnings per share of 40-44 cents for the first quarter and \$1.94 to \$2.16 for all of 2004.

# Weathering the 'offshoring' storm

## As outsourcing wave breaks, some stand firm that it is not good business

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Like many Americans, Michael Prince worries about the economic impact of "offshoring," the trend of sending information-technology jobs to countries like India and the Philippines.

But politics isn't why Prince isn't exporting info-tech work at his own company. The IT chief at retail chain Burlington Coat Factory simply isn't convinced it's good business.

"I'm always under pressure to squeeze out savings," said Prince, who supervises a staff of about 180 that keeps the Burlington, N.J., company and its 300-plus stores humming. "But you can work cheap, or you can work smart."

Nobody's arguing that the migration of tech jobs to countries that offer skilled workers and cheap wages is simply a fact. Forrester Research predicts at least 3.3 million white-collar jobs and \$136 billion in wages will leave the United States by 2015. For businesses, the appeal is undeniable. Thanks to the Internet, jobs like software development and systems maintenance can be handled in countries where workers are well-trained and speak English, but command about one-sixth the wages of an American worker.

But as the offshoring wave breaks around them, some executives like Prince are holding firm, insisting it isn't the panacea. "It's absolutely cheaper," said Jim Burdiss, the chief information officer at Smurfit-Stone Container Corp., a Chicago-based manufacturer of paper packaging products that has eschewed sending tech work offshore. "But you have to look at the risk associated with it, both geopolitical as well as the morale factor with your employees."

Experts say plenty of companies are handling offshoring well and reaping genuine rewards. But many of the well-doers are big, IT-heavy companies like General Electric and Citigroup. They have been at it for years and have taken things slowly. They also have huge economies of scale, whereas Burdiss said the math simply didn't add up for his smaller company.

There is some evidence of a slowdown in outsourcing, the more general trend of which tech offshoring is a subset.



Vice President and Chief Information Officer for the Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation Michael Prince works at his computer at the company's satellite software development center in Lebanon, N.H.

A recent survey by TPI Inc., an outsourcing advisory firm, found that the biggest outsourcing contracts (\$200 million and up) were flat in 2003 at \$55.7 billion, while the number of smaller contracts fell.

Peter Allen, a TPI managing director, said that when clients ask for advice on outsourcing, 30 percent of the time he advises against it.

Many companies have already had a bad experience.

In a survey conducted by Diamond Cluster, a Chicago consulting firm, 78 percent reported having prematurely ended at least one outsourcing contract. Because it's a hot political topic, those failures tend to attract particular attention when they involve offshoring: investment bank Lehman Brothers and computer maker Dell Inc. have been in headlines after moving call-center work back to the United States. Dell's U.S. call centers include one in Twin Falls.

"It's amazing under economic pressures how many folks will jump and look for the silver bullet, and later it doesn't turn out to be what they thought it was going to be," said Chris Dishar, a vice president at Booz Allen Hamilton, a management consulting firm.

In some industries, like accounting and drug development, worries about how U.S. regulators will respond have slowed offshoring, said Christopher Koch, executive editor of CIO magazine, a publication for corporate information officers. Similarly,

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defense contractors face rules limiting involvement by foreign nationals in some projects.

But the more common problems relate to communications - and not just trouble understanding accents. Experts say companies often fail to anticipate how much money and energy they'll spend dealing with cultural differences.

"Companies look at offshore and see the salary difference and say, 'Wow, the salary difference is 90 percent,'" said Atul Vashistha, chief executive of outsourcing advisory firm neotIT. "What they really forget is that there's other investments that they have to make - investments in training, in cultural understanding on both sides."

With those costs, many analysts put the real savings at 20 percent to 40 percent.

Most importantly, however, experts say many companies fail to anticipate the way offshoring will affect their own companies. Many are structured to do their own work, not oversee it elsewhere, and too sudden a shift can do more harm than good.

## COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

BOISE - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

### Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Ladonna Jean Cunningham, 503 Third St. W., Gooding, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40122.

Brian Davidson, 240 Susan Drive, Wilton, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40137.

Heidi Suetz, Paul, also known as Heidi Suetz P.O. Box 4734, Hailey, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40142.

Jesse Camacho and Janie Camacho, 1818 Normal Ave., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40145.

Brendi Chrystal Balamonte, also known as Brendi C. Frantz, 137 Seventh Ave. N., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-40118.

Debra Kay Runemiller, also known as Debbie K. Beck, 808 19th Ave. E., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-40119.

Kelly Jay Chappell, 490 S. 200 E., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-40120.

David Ervin Wilson, 3431A N. 3000 E., Hagerman, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-250.

Deanna Kay Griffith, 342 Blue Lakes, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-40131.

Michael Bitronella Telleria, also known as Michael B. Telleria, 715 Sixth St., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40121.

Paul David Gurule Sr. and Rosa Linda Gurule, 50 E. 447 S., Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40130.

Charles M. Willmore, doing business as S&M Transport, and Sharon Willmore, 405 N. St. Filer, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40143.

Vicente D. Arroyo, 1164 E. Main St., No. 3, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40148.

Brian J. Wilson, 213 Filer Ave., W. Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40129.

# Being aware of credit card policies can save you money

Question: I have a hard time understanding the logic of "over limit" charges on credit cards. I had a card with a \$500 limit. I wanted the low limit to prevent me from running up a big bill. One month, the account got up to \$525 and I was billed the over-limit fee. I asked the credit card company why it didn't just decline the purchase. Isn't that what a limit is for?

The customer service people could not understand why I canceled the card, and instead tried to convince me to get a higher limit.



**MONEY TALK**  
Liz Pulliam Weston

Answer: Here is yet another example of why you, and not a credit card company, should be in charge of managing your finances.

You tried to put an external curb on your spending, and it

didn't work. Your plan failed because the "cop" that was supposed to stop you has an incentive to keep you spending. Lenders have learned that they can make a lot of money by letting you run over your limit and then charging you fees for the privilege.

It's up to you, not a credit card company, to track and limit your own spending. You can do the low-tech way, by writing down each purchase in a notebook or keeping a running total of your receipts in a checkbook register. Or you can log on to your credit

card company's Web site to check your balance.

Or you can simply pick up the phone, call the toll-free number on the back of the card and listen to an "update of what you owe."

However you do it, you should make sure that your spending never comes close to your credit limit. It's not just over-limit charges you have to watch for: maxing out your cards hurts your credit score and can trigger higher interest rates on all your credit cards - not just the one you've overloaded. Smart

consumers never charge more than 50 percent of their limits, and those who want to improve their credit scores keep the totals below 20 percent. I am 51 years old. My wife is 51. We are in the fortunate position of earning enough income annually that I don't qualify to contribute to a Roth IRA.

I normally would contribute the maximum to a nondeductible IRA (\$3,000 for me, \$3,500 for my wife) at the start of the year. This year, my Please see CREDIT, Page B6





MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include commodity name, high, low, close, and change.

BEANS

Table of bean futures prices, including soybean meal and soybean oil, with columns for price and change.

GRAINS

Table of grain futures prices, including wheat, corn, and soybeans, with columns for price and change.

CHEESE

Table of cheese futures prices, including cheddar and mozzarella, with columns for price and change.

POTATOES

Table of potato futures prices, including Idaho potatoes, with columns for price and change.

SUGAR

Table of sugar futures prices, including raw sugar, with columns for price and change.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock futures prices, including cattle, hogs, and sheep, with columns for price and change.

REEDS/CATTLE

Table of reeds and cattle futures prices, including various grades of cattle.

POULTRY

Table of poultry futures prices, including live chickens and turkey.

MEATS

Table of meat futures prices, including pork bellies and hams.

METALS

Table of metal futures prices, including gold, silver, and platinum.

Despite fears, Yucca Mountain would bring good jobs to West

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nevada's lawyers are fighting in court to stop the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste project. But a new study shows that the project already is providing thousands of well-paying jobs in Nevada, and ending it would mean substantial economic loss to the state economy.

In 2000, the Yucca Mountain project contributed \$195.7 million to Nevada's economy and accounted for 3,650 jobs, according to the report by the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

But the Yucca Mountain project was discontinued, economic losses would be substantial," Keith Scherer, director of the report and an author of the report, told the Las Vegas Review-Journal for a Monday report.

The study says construction of the repository — a grid of tunnels 1,000 feet underground — could boost Nevada's gross state product by as much as \$2.28 billion during peak activity in 2006.

The Energy Department projects spending \$58 billion on the repository, which it wants to open in 2010. The agency wants to submit an application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by the end of this year.

The Bush administration and Congress in 2002 approved the plan to entomb 77,000 tons of spent commercial nuclear reactor fuel and highly radioactive military and industrial waste beneath an ancient volcanic ridge 90 miles from Las Vegas.

Nevada is fighting the project in federal court in Washington, D.C., where oral arguments were heard last month. A ruling is pending.

Credit

Continued from B4 rates are uncertain. It is not clear that even the tax-deferred earnings would be worth the loss in flexibility. He is advising me to just invest the money and have it available if needed.

I assume I will be in a lower tax bracket in retirement than I am currently, but none of this is certain. The conventional wisdom is that of course one should fund an IRA each year. What do you think?

As that you have a pretty sharp tax pro giving you good advice — and that you have a great attitude. Many people in your position would be complaining about their inability to contribute or get a tax deduction, but you rightly note that you are in a privileged position indeed since a married couple's income must be above \$160,000 before they're shut out of a Roth.

Roth IRAs are, in fact, a pretty good deal for most people who are able to contribute. You don't get a tax deduction upfront,

but all your gains are tax-free in retirement and you can pass that tax-free money to your kids if you don't end up needing it.

Traditional IRAs, by contrast, have far more restrictions. You have to start withdrawing the money in retirement and pay regular income taxes on the money drawn. Those restrictions might be OK if you were getting any upfront tax benefit, but you, of course, can't deduct your contributions.

If you invest on your own, by contrast, you may be able to qualify for much lower capital gains rates and you can tap the money — or not — according to your own schedule. Another plus: You can contribute or get a tax deduction, but you rightly note that you are in a privileged position indeed since a married couple's income must be above \$160,000 before they're shut out of a Roth.

Questions can be sent to Dan Pulliam Weston at dweston@frontier.com or mailed to her in care of Money Times Business Section, Los Angeles Times, 202 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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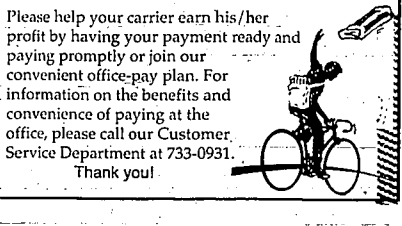
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# COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

## Flexible screens: Roll 'em, fold 'em

Technology makes e-newspapers, e-books a reality

The Washington Post

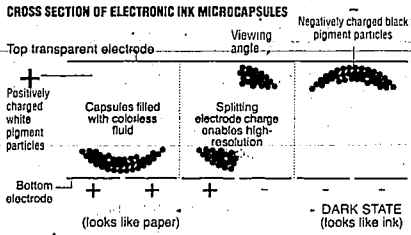
The trail has disappeared and let's face it, you're lost in the woods. But luckily you've got your trusty map rolled up in a pocket. You unroll the plastic-coated sheet... it's blank... until you turn the power on.

Suddenly the curly page jumps to life with a detailed screen display, including a selection of topographic maps showing the way back. Later, at your car, you unroll the same sheet, this time to check out restaurant reviews for local eateries.

Techno-optimists have long imagined such scenes, but reality has repeatedly delayed the introduction of flexible electronic displays. Even today's thinnest, fanciest display screens for laptops and digital assistants are topped with a layer of glass or plastic that cannot be folded or bent, much less rolled up into a handy little tube.

But after years of unabashed hype and dashed hopes, truly flexible displays are at last being ramped up to commercial production. Among the uses that manufacturers foresee are electronic newspapers that can be folded or rolled when not in use and then unroll to display the latest news, flexible strips for store shelves that display constantly updated price and product information, and watch bands or bracelets that offer streaming news or other information.

Some companies are even considering working the technology



CROSS SECTION OF ELECTRONIC INK MICROCAPSULES. \* Because similar charges repel each other, white particles move up into view when a positive charge is applied while black particles move into view when a negative charge is applied below.

NOTE: Schematic illustration. SOURCE: E Ink. Washington Post graphic.

into lines of clothing. Forget those low-tech embroidered Gap or Gucci logos on your shirts, said Barry Young, vice president and chief financial officer for Austin, Texas-based DisplaySearch, a market research company that tracks the flat-panel display industry. We're talking about a Times Square-style news crawl moving across your chest: G... U... C... L... Now we'll have to pay to be a billboard," Young quipped.

Netherlands that makes the display. The device is a rectangular screen just three times the thickness of a sheet of paper and measuring five inches diagonally. It curls into a tube less than two inches in diameter and may soon coil to the diameter of a fountain pen. With the exception of some invisibly fine gold wires, the circuitry that's inlaid into this flexible page is completely plastic. An internal layer of "electronic ink drops," creates black text on a white background, giving the plastic sheet the look of a paperback page. It weighs just 3.5 grams, about the weight of a 1/2 penny. When dropped, van Rens said, it doesn't shatter into a heap of glass shards and electronic guts: "It just flutters to the ground."

## Inventor of Ctrl-Alt-Delete combo changed computers

The Associated Press



RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, North Carolina — David Bradley spent five minutes writing the computer code that has bailed out the world's personal computer users ever since.

He programmed one of the most well-known key combinations around: Ctrl-Alt-Delete. It forces obstinate computers to restart when they no longer follow other commands.

"I didn't know it was going to be a cultural icon," Bradley said. "I did a lot of other things than Ctrl-Alt-Delete, but I'm famous for that one."

Bradley, 55, retired from IBM Corp. on Friday after 28 1/2 years. By 1980, Bradley was one of 12 people working to create the IBM PC. The engineers knew they had to design a simple way to restart the computer should it fail. Bradley wrote the code to make it work.

Bradley, who will continue teaching at North Carolina State University after retirement, was once mentioned as a clue in the TV game show "Jeopardy."

David Bradley, inventor of the Ctrl-Alt-Delete computer code, said he didn't know the keystroke would become a cultural icon.

on final "Jeopardy," if I can be a clue in The New York Times Sunday crossword puzzle, I will have met all my life's goals," Bradley said.

## Learn more about stock prices

By James Coates Chicago Tribune

Computer Q&A

Q. It's no problem to find the year's high and low prices of stocks, but I have had no success in finding Web sites that also give the dates when those high and low prices were made. It would be a big time saver if your skill with computers can find a source that provides that information.

A. It seems that most investment analysts find it sufficient to know the month when a stock tanked or the one when it soared, rather than getting bogged down in such minutiae as precise facts, eh, Mr. Ho So, as you note, when one visits the wealth of investment-oriented Web sites that offer free stock data, it's a snap to click on an icon for historical prices and get that monthly data.

The data is monthly because it takes a huge amount of space to chart the exact price for each and every day, which is what must be done to drill down to the exact days when highs and lows were marked. This is done by having the display to supply daily data, which usually is tucked somewhere out of sight.

For example, at Microsoft's excellent MoneyCentral.com site, one needs to order the server to prefer a custom view rather than the normal price history. Start by going to MoneyCentral.com and clicking a sample stock by giving the ticker symbol. You will get a display showing the last day's trading history, along with such ele-

mentary data as earnings per share, price-to-earnings ratio, dividends and other details.

To get a chart showing the highs and lows over a period of years, click on the Charts item on the left of the screen. When the Charts page comes up, pick "Jeopardy." This will let you specify a number of weeks, months or years and get line charts showing price fluctuations broken down to just the monthly data you want to get beyond.

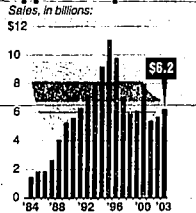
The trick on the Microsoft page is to look for the toolbar called Period just above the graph. This offers breakdowns by the week, month, year, five years and 10 years. But there also is a choice at the bottom of the Period selector called Custom. This lets you specify any range of dates you want, and then includes a series of check boxes that let you order the display to show data for the month, the week or day. After you pick daily, all you need to do is move the mouse cursor to the high point and low point on the chart, prompting a small box to appear and show the exact date and closing price.

If you don't want to mess with dragging the mouse over the jagged graph lines looking for days and prices to pop up, Microsoft's site offers an Export feature that will move the data in text form into an Excel spreadsheet. The export command resides under the File tool in the same display.

## Macintosh celebrates 20 years of innovation

Knight Ridder News Service

### Apple Computer



Sales, in billions. © 2004 RRT

Almost 20 years ago — Jan. 22, 1984, to be exact — Apple Computer Inc. used a revolutionary television commercial to launch a revolutionary product: The Macintosh.

The Orwellian-themed commercial aired just once — during the Super Bowl — and showed a rebellious woman running through an audience of drone-like humans to smash a big-screen image of Big Brother, a notvery-subtle shot at IBM's dominance of the personal-computer industry.

Two days later, the Macintosh went on sale, energizing the industry with its user-friendly mouse and a point-and-click screen that eliminated the need for users to learn arcane commands to open and manipulate the computer's files. Delecting a file, for instance, became as simple as dragging a picture of that file — called an icon — onto a picture of a garbage can.

The Mac also was — and continues to be — a wonder of modern design, a machine that invited,

Philadelphia who creates sound and visual effects for theater productions on a variety of Macs.

"It's more oriented toward the user getting work done, rather than figuring out how to use the software," Kourides said. "The beauty of it is that it lets you forget it's a machine. The computer is invisible. The technology gets out of the way of you being productive."

Yet the Mac never won over the business world, and Apple's refusal for many years to license its operating-system software to other computer manufacturers limited its reach. Rival Microsoft Corp., meanwhile, was putting its MS-DOS system, and eventually its Maclike Windows system, into PCs made not just by IBM, but also by Compaq and many other makers of IBM "clones."

So Apple's market share reached into double digits in the mid-1980s, but shrank into the lower single digits as Microsoft improved its Windows operating system in the 1990s.

Apple "had the best technology. They just thought that would

turn in their favor, eventually," said Rod Bare, an equity analyst at Morningstar Inc., the Chicago-based mutual-fund research company.

"In general, it was just an underestimation by Jobs of the importance of being the most accepted or utilized platform," Bare said, "not necessarily the best."

Most of the Mac's early history was overseen by John Sculley, the brand-marketing guru recruited by Jobs from PepsiCo Inc. Jobs resigned in 1985 after the company's managers decided Sculley was better suited to run the company.

Twelve years and another CEO later, Jobs returned and revived Apple's flagging fortunes by launching the iMac, a colorful, all-in-one computer that restored Apple's reputation as a risk-taker and the Mac's reputation as the easiest computer to use. It was the first of several "i" products from Apple; popular recent examples include the iPod music player and iTunes music-downloading service, both leaders in their markets.

## New systems cut e-mail spam

Knight Ridder News Service

We hand nightclub bouncers a driver's license to prove our age. So it's no surprise that these bouncers more people are enlisting bouncer-like technology to protect their e-mail inboxes from spam. The bouncer technology is called "challenge-response" because, like a guard, it challenges e-mailers to respond with proof of their identities.

despite its downsides, is relatively fast and reliable.

So far, challenge-response systems have not caused big problems. Techies often have written their own challenge-response software code to handle incoming mail.

But now products such as Mailblocks, Hushmail, ChoiceMail and others are pushing challenge-response on the masses, offering free accounts and trial periods so users can experience the benefits of challenge-response.

"One of the hallmarks of the product is that mail doesn't get lost," said Mike Migliore, director of product engineering for Mailblocks. "There are no filters, there are no false positives. Everything gets delivered."

WORLD/WEST

# Kurds link deaths to al-Qaida

## Death toll from bombings rises to 67



Iraqi Kurd Ismail Abbas Kakashi rests inside a hospital, where he is recovering from severe burns he received during a suicide bombing Sunday in the northern Iraq Kurdish city of Irbil.

IRBIL, Iraq (AP) — Kurds blamed an al-Qaida-linked militant group for suicide bombings that killed at least 67 people, saying Monday its members increasingly have been slipping into Iraq since Saddam Hussein's ouster.

Thousands gathered in Irbil for a funeral in a mosque, where the two main Kurdish parties — both U.S. allies, but often at odds with each other — held a joint memorial in a show of unity. The attacks Sunday devastated the Kurdish parties' offices in the northern city, the heartland of the Kurdish self-rule region.

One of the parties, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, or PUK, said a video camera captured images of the man who blew himself up in the office, slipping on a long-side-luggage. Hundreds of well-wishers greeted PUK officials on the first day of the Muslim holiday Eid al-Adha.

Only the back of the bomber's head was visible in the footage. The man, appearing to be in his 20s or 30s, shook hands with one of the Irbil office's deputy chiefs, then stepped forward and put his hand in that of another, Shukhwan Abbas.

"That's when he blew himself up," said Abdul Jurjani, head of the PUK's media department.

Almost at the same time Sunday morning, the second bomber struck a similar ceremony at the office of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, or KDP.

U.S. military officials said Monday 67 people were killed and 267 wounded in the two blasts. However, the two parties reported a higher toll — 76 — 46 at the PUK office and 30 at the KDP office.

No group claimed responsibility for the attacks, the bloodiest in Iraq in six months. But Kurdish and U.S. officials blamed Muslim extremists — particularly Ansar al-

Islam, an armed group that operates in the Kurdish enclave and is believed allied with Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida.

"All indications point to the involvement of Islamic terrorists with al-Qaida connections," Barham Salih, prime minister of the PUK-dominated sector of the Kurdish region, said by telephone from Washington. "This demonstrates that the terrorists are losing and this will only strengthen our resolve."

Ansar al-Islam, or "Helpers of Islam," is a group of several hundred Kurdish militants who have

vowed to establish an independent Islamic state in the north. It was formed in 2000 and began stepping up its activities in October 2001.

Kurdish officials say that since Saddam's fall, more Ansar fighters have been infiltrating Iraq.

"Our information indicates that al-Qaida was behind this ugly terrorist act," said Kosrat Rasul Ali, the No. 2 man in PUK, told The Associated Press. He said there was full coordination among remnants of Saddam's Baath party regime and al-Qaida.

Brig. Gen. Martin Dempsey, commander of the 1st Armored Division, told reporters the Irbil bombings, along with a Jan. 18 attack in the capital that killed 25 people, were "different from the sort of hit-and-run style" of Saddam loyalists thought to be behind anti-U.S. attacks in Baghdad and central Iraq.

"It concerns us that could be another enemy, a different enemy, a foreign-influenced enemy, a terrorist network enemy," he said in Baghdad.

Irbil, 200 miles north of Baghdad, has been scene of several car bombings in the past months, and Kurdish officials say the city's location on a plain with numerous routes leading in opens the way for Ansar operatives and others.

"Its gates are open to terrorists," said Rasul Ali, whose PUK is based in Sulaimaniyah, a less accessible mountain town.

# Idaho social services budget gets a grilling

## Director questions compassion of conservatives so shifts to economic argument in seeking funds

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's social services chief used economic impact rather than human compassion Monday to validate for lawmakers the more than \$1 billion the state spends each year to help the needy every year.

But it failed to blunt the criticism welfare programs have always drawn from conservative lawmakers.

"The tone of today's presentation where we use terms like 'strengthening communities' and 'economic development,' in my mind, we're moving away from the spirit of the welfare reform act and to economic development," Republican Rep. Scott Beaman of Oshkosh said.

Health and Welfare Director Karl Kurtz said he turned to economics over compassion to sell his budget this winter because of the doubt conservatives have had about social service programs.

"We have a lot of questions raised around the state that we're dumping money down a hole and not helping people," Kurtz told legislative budget writers.

Without it, we would have to shut down 'Elder Care' and 'Senior Services' ... But Republican Sen. Shawn Keough, who has Baker as a constituent, objected to the way Kurtz characterized the state's welfare operations. "When people are out of jobs, when businesses are closing, when it's hard to make ends meet, it's hard to pay the taxes" that support those programs.

Kurtz pointed out that of the more than \$1 billion in benefits that went to 335,000 of Idaho's 1.3 million residents last year, about 75 percent came from the federal government and would be gone to other states if Idaho had not used its share.

But Keough shot back that "federal tax dollars also come from the taxpayers."



# Sharon says he plans to dismantle Gaza settlements

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told his cabinet Monday he plans to dismantle the Israeli settlements in the Gaza Strip — his most specific comment yet on unilateral steps if peace talks fail, participants in the meeting said.

Sharon spoke to Likud lawmakers just hours after telling the Haaretz daily he "has given an order to plan for the evacuation" of the 17 Gaza settlements, which are home to about 7,500 Israelis.

"I don't know if it will be done



Ariel Sharon

in one go, or gradually, but at some point in the course of time, it will not be right to continue Jewish settlement in Gaza," a Likud spokesman said. Sharon was telling the legislators that he would refer to Jewish settlement in Gaza as "a security burden and a source of continuous

friction," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Sharon has said recently he would take unilateral steps, including removing some settlements and imposing a boundary on the Palestinians, if there is no progress in stalled peace efforts by summer.

In the Gaza refugee camp of Rafah, meanwhile, Israeli soldiers killed four Palestinian militants in an intense gun battle.

Sharon's plan was met by widespread skepticism in Israel and the Palestinian areas. Moderate

and ultra-nationalist Israeli legislators alike said they found it difficult to believe Sharon, a patron of the Jewish settlement movement for years, would take action against a core constituency and risk the fall of his center-right coalition. Some suggested Sharon was trying to deflect attention from corruption investigations of his.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat also expressed disbelief. "Seventeen trailers (settlements)? What, so they can replace them with another 170?" he said.

# Coalition offers sweeping changes in abortion law

BOISE (AP) — Strong reforms of Idaho's abortion laws will be introduced in the Legislature this week, proposing a number of hurdles that must be cleared before the bill is enacted.

The bill is expected to be introduced in the Senate on Thursday by Republican Skip Brandt of Kootenai. Rep. Janice McGeachin of Blaine Falls, will be the floor sponsor in the House.

A bipartisan, anti-abortion group of lawmakers was at Statehouse Monday to kick off the legislation at a news conference, although the sponsors refused to provide a copy of the bill itself before it was formally introduced.

McGeachin said she has worked on the legislation for more than a year with the Cornerstone Institute and Right to Life of Idaho, two anti-abortion groups.

"We talked about how important it is for women who are considering abortion to make their decisions based on facts," she said.

The Department of Health and

Welfare has been circulating an old pamphlet produced by the state of Ohio, which includes a disconnected toll free telephone number for information on abortion and alternatives.

Critics claim that fails to comply with the state's Right to Know law, which also allows physicians to withhold the information if they believe it will be harmful to their patient.

Some elements of the proposed bill include:

- The woman having an abortion and her immediate family would be allowed to sue the abortion provider if the provider fails to comply with the consent laws.
- The Idaho Health and Welfare Department would publish a new pamphlet and a Web site outlining the procedure and its possible consequences and explaining the stages of her fetus in "objective, nonjudgmental" forms "designed to convey only accurate scientific information about the unborn child at the various ages."

# Nuclear black market investigation yields tight-knit group

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The nuclear black market that supplied Iran, Libya and North Korea is small, tight-knit and appears to have been badly hurt by the exposure of its reputed head, the father of Pakistan's nuclear program, diplomats and weapons experts told The Associated Press.

They describe the network that circumvented international controls to sell blueprints, hardware and know-how to countries running covert nuclear programs as involving people closely dependent on one another.

Abdul Qadeer Khan, who founded Pakistan's nuclear program, is emerging as the head of

the ring believed to have been the main supplier through middlemen over three continents. A Pakistani government official revealed Monday that Khan has acknowledged in a written statement transferring nuclear technology to Iran, Libya, and North Korea.

The sales, during the late 1980s and in the early and mid-1990s, were motivated by "personal greed and ambition," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The official added that the black market dealings were not authorized by the Pakistani government.

European diplomats also said it

appeared unlikely President Pervez Musharraf sanctioned the deals. But with Khan close to previous governments, senior civilian and military officials before Musharraf's takeover in 1999 likely knew of some of the dealings, they said, speaking on condition of anonymity in interviews Monday and this past week.

They described Khan as the head of an operation likely involved in supplying both North Korea and Iran with uranium enrichment technology and hardware in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Libya was also a customer, receiving an array of nuclear-related equipment and know-how

that included blueprints of a nuclear bomb handed over to U.S. and British intelligence officials late last month, they said.

Middlemen responsible for the network's turnover in 1999, located in European capitals, Asia and the Middle East, they said, typically working with Iranian, Libyan and North Korea's diplomats stationed abroad.

These would identify their country's needs and the intermediaries would then procure the orders, often ordering sensitive parts from manufacturers unaware of the end destination or purpose of what they were selling, they said.

Jerome Joint School District #261 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Jerome School District #261 requests bids from contractors and suppliers for various bid packages for the construction of Jerome High School Courtyard Memorial Library Addition Jerome, Idaho.

Sealed bids will be accepted from Contractors until 2:00 p.m. Feb. 10, 2004, in the administrative office of the Jerome School District, 107.3rd Ave. West, Jerome, ID 83328.

Bids received after the 2:00 p.m. deadline will not be opened.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 26, 2004 in the library at the Jerome High School, 4 N. 100 East, Jerome, ID 83339.

Construction Documents are available from the Construction Manager, Star Corporation

Mailing address: Physical address: Star Corporation P.O. Box 48 2895 East 3600 North Twin Falls, ID 83303-0048 Telephone: 208/733-9095 Fax: 208/734-9537

A deposit of \$100.00 per set of Construction Documents will be charged. The deposit is refundable to bidding contractors if Construction Documents are returned in good condition not later than seven (7) days after bid date. If Construction Documents are to be mailed a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 will be charged for each set.

Construction documents are available for review at the following locations:

- Star Corporation 2895 East 3600 North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
- 1416 Fillmore St., Suite 703A, Twin Falls, ID 83301
- AGC 984 John Adams Parkway, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401
- Builders Exchange 120 S. 12th St., Suite 8, Pocatello, Idaho 83201
- AGC 110 N. 12th Blvd., Boise, Idaho 83702

This project is not financed by Federal Aid funds. Each contractor, subcontractor or specialty contractor is required to have a current license as a public works contractor in the State of Idaho prior to submitting a bid or proposal on this project.

To be considered, proposals must be accompanied by an acceptable security, in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid. The security may be in the form of a bond, a certified check, or a cashier's check.

Faxed bids will not be accepted.

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**BUHL RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - SEEKS BIDS ON SURPLUS PROPERTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Buhl Rural Fire Protection District will accept sealed bids on a 1.46 acre tract of land located on River Road across from Banbury Hot Springs. Interested parties may pick up a legal description and map to the property at the Buhl Fire Department, 201 N. Broadway, Buhl, Idaho or by calling 543-5664.

Sealed bids will be accepted via US Postal Service at P.O. 505, Buhl, ID 83316 until close of business on February 10, 2004. Bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "Surplus Property Bid" and must be received on or before February 10, 2004 to be eligible. Minimum Bid is \$40,500.00. Bids will be opened at 7:00 p.m. on February 11, 2004 at the regular meeting of the Buhl Rural Fire Protection District at 201 N. Broadway, Buhl, Idaho. The successful bidder will be notified and full payment must be received by the Buhl Rural Fire Protection District within 20 business days of the award. Michael Ruffing, Secretary Buhl Rural Fire Protection District. PUBLISH: January 28, 29, 30, 31, February 1, 2 and 3, 2004.

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**TWIN FALLS**

Case No. CV-04-99 NOTICE OF HEARING

JARED WILLIAM CLINE

Date of Birth: Dec. 7, 1977

A decision by Jared William Cline, born on December 7, 1977 in Gooding, Idaho of Idaho now residing at 645 Fairchase Ave #246, Twin Falls, proposing a change in name to Jared William Sunra has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for this change in name being Selected name with spouse when married, symbol of new beginning. The petitioner's father is living.

Such petition will be heard at 9:15 o'clock am on 01/27/2004, at the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name.

WITNESSE My hand and seal of said District Court this 8th day of January, 2004.

/s/Robyn Kline, Clerk

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**Contractor License is required if the bid amount on this project is \$5,000 or more.**

For further details and arrangements to inspect the project site contact Scott Nichols at (208)333-0261.

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0261. The Department of Lands reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Remove and replace grass, dirt and splinter pine on residential yard located in Twin Falls, Idaho.

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TWIN FALLS... 200-600 Highland Ave.

200-600 Park Ave Drive... 600-700 Saratoga Dr.

600-700 Windemere Dr... 1000-1300 Blake St.

1000-1300 Sunburst St... 600-1600 North Pointe

600-2500 Northern Pine... 1000-1300 Arrow Ck.

1500-2000 Poplar St... 1000-1300 Juniper St.

1700-1800 Maplewood... 1000-1300 Elm St. N.

1000-1300 Locust St. N... 1000-1300 Juniper St.

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