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### Storms boost snowpack | Water



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Terry Morasch, an employee with the city of Twin Falis, shovels snew in downtown Monday. Seversi inches of snow fell on the area Sunday and Monday, and the

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

By Jennifer Sandmann

Times-News writer

Times-News writer

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

While Groundhop Day revelers
on the other side of the country
booed the famous marmot
Punxsutawney 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.

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

By Rebecca Meany Times News writer

Slick roads produce wrecks

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

drivers sliding all over the Magic Vallery Monday. A spokesman for the Southern Hidsho Reglonal 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 colleges are the business on males colleges.

rollovers, but there were no major injuries, officials said.

With winter storms blowing through Idaho over the past week, stalled mountain snow-packs 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 central Idaho and the Bear River Basin in the southeastern Idaho.

Abramovich continues to warn that an average snowpack won't

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

Fair board raises most fees; price for kids will drop

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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### worries

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

BOISE - A major player in one of the state's most historic water wars - accused the Idahi Department of Water Resources Monday of over-appropriation and poor management of water rights. Randy MacMillan, research and environment of director for Clear Springs Foods Inc. near Buhl, said he has a "tremendous lack of con-

environment director for Clear springs Foods Inc. near Bulh, 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 pumpers on the plateau above.

MacMillan spoke at the Idahn Farm Bureau's Legislative Leadership Conference. Water Resources Director Karl Drehe Spoke. Each gave his perspective on the issue of water appropriation based upon a dispute between surface users and gleff agoundwater pumpers 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, actual "calls" to shut down some groundwater pumping in the Magic Valley fight, they say

have made actual "cals" to shut down some groundwater pumping in the Magic Valley fight. They say groundwater pumpers with junior water rights should be curtailed in light of declining spring flows for senior right holders.

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The groundwater pumpers have offered a mitigation plain 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 Iwin Falls Canal Co., the city of Iwin Falls Canal Co., the city of Iwin 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 wears

thing 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 Aquifurts sick MacMillan said. Spring users have abready brought a lawsuit against Dreher in Ada County that could overturn any order he issues on the mitigation plan the pumpers offered. MacMillan said his company sees the diminishing spring flows that it and other aquaculture com-

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### 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 familles, Fair Manager John Pitz said. With the majority of tickets going to adults, a lower kids' fee shouldn't stifle revenue, he said. Bush's budget boosts military spending, aims to trim the deficit

Proposal includes cuts in EPA, agriculture

Knight Ridder News Service

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WASHINGTON - President Bush on Monday sent Congress a S224 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 econòmic 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

Revenue: \$2.04 trillion

Mandatory What can spending be changed

Interest on debt 7% \*Includes spending for education, transportation, crime, environment, parks, aid to cities, arts, science, technology housing



### FCC launches probe of Super Bowl show

Fee Adults Childre

The chief federal regulator of broadcasting said Monday he was outraged by the Super Bowl half-time show in which Justin Timberlake tore off part of Jame 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."

Twin Falls County Fair fees

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 regrest the incident," spokeswoman LeslieAnne Wade said.

The two singers were performing a filtratious 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 Timberiake and Janet Jackson

With that, Timberlake reached across Jackson's leather gladiator outfit and pulled off the covering to her right breast, which was partially obscured by a sun-shaped, metal nipple decoration.

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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST Today: Scaffered 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.

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"Why should a small segment of wells at the end of the aquifer that does \$1 billion in business be shut down?" Martin said. "That's not an option."

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option."

- A recent economic study found that shutting down wells north of the Snake River could result in losses topping more than \$100 million in the Magic Valley, Assuming losses topping more than 310 million in the Magic Valley. Assuming—that—groundwater—rights—estab—lished after 1967 are currialled, 67\*—percent—of—the water—used—for—dairies in Jerome, Lincoln and Gooding counties would be shut off. And that doesn' include vulnerable dairy water in Minidoka County.

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 rumping unless they prove that water would reach them if the junor rights were to be currialed, they said.

Martin said the issue of where

nor rights were to be curtailed, they said. 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. MacMillan, on the other hand, said he does not trust the database that Water Resources and Martin are relying on for their conclusions. He also predicted environmental problems with the midmental problems with the mid Snake River if spring flows don't

Dreher said he expects to release new orders on the case later this week. He also said he expects to be immediately chal-lenged in court, no matter which side he takes.

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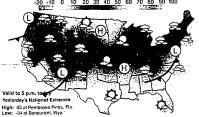
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#### Water

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issue, prener said. One is that own-ers of senior water rights can't intervene if junior water users have brought about significant economic development through using those rights. "Mitigation bridges junior use and economic development," Droher said.

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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 Aquifer as a main reason for going with mitigation plans. In his district, he said dairymen own most of the farm ground on which 100 dairies with 190,00 cows are located.

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

ereignty.

It was a 42-33 victory for state
Rep. Don Bush, who for years has
been trying to find approval for a
nonbinding resolution expressing
Utah's will to the president and

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

nonbinding resolution expression trains with the the president and Congress. A year ago his resolution was put on hold as President Bush unsuccessfully sought U.N backing for an invasion of Iraq. 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 state government. "An message I get from thism a Iot Is, Whiat 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 war in Iraq or whether IoliO should be our state dessert? Why don't you stick to the issues what are really-the-state issues?"

#### Early tests show poison in Senate

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 rich, the U.S. Capitol Police chief said.

Two out of three tests indicatericin, Chief Terrance Gainer said late Monday the third test came out negative, and a fourth, more definitive test was under way, with results espected Tuesday. Sixteen people who were on the Hoor where the white powder was discovered on mail were being decontaminated and would be allowed to go lome, Gainer said. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn, also at the news conference, said no symptoms were reported by those near the powder.

#### Fair

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Results of a questionnaire indicated that many vendors support-

Results of a questionnaire indi-cated that many vendors support-ed an increase on their end rather than for attendees, he said. Higher prices at the turnstile, they said, might scare people away from the fair and therefore cut 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.

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

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This year costs are going up 3 percent over last year, Pitz said. This should carry us through. We shouldn't have to mess with fair admission for another four years. Pitz said he expects to see an 18 percent increase in revenue this year, if attendance numbers band. Meanwhile, the Fair Board sertied on a theme for the 2004 event. 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.

celebration.
"The Power of Youth for All Generations" satisfies both, mem-

bers 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 Mikesell, county commissioner and Fair Board member.

"You have to tie in to (their centennial)."

The centennial tieme will not die with the end of this wars fair.

die with the end of this year's fair,

die with the end of this year's faur, however.
Twin Falls County will hold its centennial in 2007, and the fair will have a 100th anniversary in 2016. Filer, Kimberly and Buhl also hit, 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 attendese will have better acress to ATM machines this year and will be able to buy tickets with debrards as well as credit cards.
The new equipment is expected to save the fair 51,400 a year due to

The new equipment is expected to save the fair \$1,400 a year due to

lower transaction fees. The fair will be held Sept. 1-6.

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

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

the Bureau of Reciamation in Burley. But American Falls, the Upper Snake River's largest storage reservoir, may not physically fill,

he said.

he said.

Springs that feed the reservoiryear-round- and supply "natural
flow" water for the I'win 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 Henrys Fork will be
moved downstream to American,
Falls to supply the reservoir that,
holds senior water rights with
water.

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### Bush-announces-probe

of pre-war intelligence

### NASA declares Spirit back, receives photo

The Spirit rover is alive and well
and back to work on Mars, missiort controllers at the National
Acronautics and Space Administration said Monday.
"Spirit made incredible progress over the weekend," mission
manager Jennifer Trosper said.
"Faday we are doing science on
Spirit. She is back to the state she
was into nDay 1."
Halfway around Mars, Spirit's

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 school

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 sounded at alarm last year, saying long-suppressed research suggests crutian antidepressants might sometimes increase the risk of suicidal behavior in children and telenages. Because only one drug Prozac, has been proven to alleviate pediatric depression, Britain declared others - drugs called SSRIs and their close relatives -

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by \$936 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 deadon arrival and ridiculed the president's promise to cut this year's
record \$521 billion defeit in half
within five years. The 2005 budget
projects a deficit of \$364 billion.
The budget submission set the
stage for a bitter election-yearstruggle-over-spending-prioritiesand 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

Budget

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FDA hears criticism.

praise of antidepressants

twin, 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.

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 irron-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 fligure out," said geologist Jeff Johnson of the U.S. Geological Survey, a member of the mission's science team.

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The network quickly cut away from the shot, and did not mention the exposure on the air. Powell told the commission to open an investigation, promising twould 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 cousts in Viacom, issued an apology, saying the incident was "unrehearsed, unplanned, completely unitentional 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 the MTV.com in the days before the

pen." 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 feeminine, she's more a woman as she dances this time around. There are some shocking moments in there too."

Probe -

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### **Candidates** vie for key

went for the jugular against Edwards

a g a i n s t
Edwards, quesrioning the
Sen. John Kerry North Carolina
senator's credentials and electrability.
"This is not the time for on-thejob training." Kerry, told South
Carolina reporters Monday via
satellite from Albuquerque, N M.
In. a. speech, the four-turn
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courting Hispanic voters in New Mexico. "And I'm one tough hom-

### NEED HELP WITH QUICKBOOKS®?

Sen. Kent Conrad, D.N.D., the top Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee, said the federal government would spend S991,000 more per minute than it takes in under Bush's plan.

"This president is running us right over the fiscal cliff," Consultation Said. The president says he wants to go to Mars. 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.P.Ia., the 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. "VISA?"



Medication - Selective

serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) have

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.

been shown to be

safe and effective for 1 treatment of depression

WASHINGTON (AP) - John 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 nom-

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ination 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 
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caronia reporters Monday Visastellite from Albuquerque, N.M.
In a speech, the fourtermMassachusetts senator Tookedconfidently-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 Public Processing Sonobody would miss the point, So nobody would miss the point, Clark spoke a bit of Spanish and told voters about his 5-week-old grandson - Wesley Pablo Oviedo Clark - whose mother, the wife of Clark's only son, is Colombian.







MASHINGTON (AP) – President Bush announced Monday he would form an independent panel to help uncover "all the facts" about U.S. intelligence on Iraqii waqonos, even as Democratic orics 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

mer chief U.S. weapons inspector David Kay for the first time since Kay urged creation of such a com-mission and said he didn't believe Iraq had the illegal weapons Bush claimed.

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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 danger," 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

The Associated Press

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 been given the resources to make changes, said Richard Smolka, an election expert who compiled the list.





### Group offers musical Valentines

RUPERT - Is there anything more romantic than a song? Imagine being serenaded in bar-bershop harmony for Valentine's

Day.
The Snake River Flats are offer ing just that. For \$25, a quartet will visit any area home or busi-Want to send a singing

valentine? 436-6047.

home or business, perform a love song and present a gift to that special someone on Feb. 14. The nder choose flower or candy to be

presented with the song There will be three quar-tets traveling throughout the Mini-Cassia area that day to ensure that



tines Feb. 14 in the Mini-Cassia area. From left are Tom Pierce, Duane Claud Bowman and Dave Spreler.

The Snake River Flats have been harmonizing since 1968, per-

forming at many local functions and events. During the holiday season they performed at the Caring: and—Sharing—Christmas—Tree-Festival in Rupert and the Festival for Irvees in Burley. They also spent time entertaining at local care centers and a held a show at the Wilson Theater in Rupert to raise. Inuds for the buildings restoration project.

funds for the commandation 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 vening concluded with the Snake River Flats chorus singing "Mary Had a Babu."

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 meets 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. Benedicts Family Medical Center Skyler Jake Gonzales, was not formmy and Judy Gonzales, was born on Monday, Dec. 22, 2003. Skyler Gerben Vander/Zee, son of Gerben and Cynthia Vander/Zee, was born on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003. Constance Marie Clements, was born on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003. Datkon Lane Sage, son of Jim and Joyce Sage of Wendell, was born Monday, Jan. 12, 2004. Thrum Marie Hill, daughter of Adam and Kimberly Hill of Gooding, was born Huesday, Jan. 13, 2004. Nancy Viridiana Aguilar, daughter, Mancy Viridiana Aguilar, daughter Mancy Viridiana Aguilar, daughter Skyler Skyle

Gooding, was born luesday, Jan. 13, 2004.

Nancy Viridiana Agullar, daughter of Bladimir Agullar and Claudh Martinez of Gooding, was born Sautrday, Jan. 17, 2004.

Jasson Levi Kelley, son of Jason Kelley and Janell Jenks of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004.

Dylan John Lemmons Russel, was born Schenstay, Jan. 21, 2004.

Dakota Storm Hait, son of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004.

Fabian Gornaler, son of Carlon, was born Sautrday, Jan. 24, 2004.

Fabian Gornaler, son of Carlon, was born Sautrday, Jan. 25, 2004.

Narreis Dan Irvin, son of Jesse and Bertla Gornaler, on of Jesse and Bertla Gornaler, on of Jesse and Bertlar Gornaler, and Jerome, was born Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004.

Sixylar Ruth-Arm Mullins, daugh-

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Jami Whited The Communi The Times Ne The TimesNews
PO. Box 548
Twin Falls, ID 83303
Or fax to: 734-5538.
Deadline: noon fuesday for
Sunday's paper; and noon Friday
for Tuesday's paper.
More Information?
Call 735-3278

ter of Kenneth Mullins and Robyn Ring of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004. Parker Austin Willams, son of Kevin Williams and Nicole Kemp of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004.

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

Madical Center
Ashley Noeland Eggers, daughter
of Kelly and Kurt Eggers of Hailey,
was born Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004.
Quentin George VanLaw, son of
Deborah and Tucker VanLaw of
Sun Valley, was born Sunday, Jan.
25, 2004.

Cassia Regional Medical Center Rowdy Paul Moralez, son of Paul and Rebecca Moralez 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 Hists grade west: (poin left) or Light, Front Fowk Willy Babbitt, Jordan Ragain,— Ally Garner, Zaira Arteaga and Brooke Swafford; second row; Darin Tschida,

Ashley Greco, Alisha Trejo, Jeremy Lott, Dylan Thompson and Armin Masic; back row: Jose Orozco, Josh Garner, Aula Bywater, Cella Verduzco, Omar Nedzelsky, Jared Lett and Angelica Hernandez, Not pictured were Halls Newhouse, Forest Radmall, Tyler Rutherford and Austin Standle



Oregon-Trail-Elementary first semester 50 in a Minute Ribbon winners Orgon Trail-Elementary, Jirst. semester, SQ. In, a. Minute, Mibbon, winneys for the fourth and skith grade ween, from left to right, front row Kendra Durham, Garrett Basham, Sara Nutsch, Isalas Díaz and McKenzy Martinez; second row: Blanca Rodríguez, Arturo Tello, Braydon Urrutla, Erik Harris and McKenzec Peneker; thiel row: Pranden-Kellor Sartner, Juan Romero, Stevio—Reeves, Olivia Ragain, Elizabeth Lara, Kelli Gamer, and Libble Oler; back row: Jordan Fuller, Cipriana Valencia, Humberto Magana, Chase Herzinger, Erin Contreras, Crystal Nutsch and Jasmine Cruz. Not pictured were Taylor Gumb, Dylan Powell and Melanic Rhodes.



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, Gaylob Ward, Riley Bywater, Kade Undback and Gabriella Austin; second row: Riley Hughes, Cotton Bankeard, Maye Yurutia, Rebrecc - Loabilor, Jassica - Ortega, Emmalee Coleman and Katelyn Durham; third row: Jerge Santacrur, Erlin Madsen, Noe Ritt, Brandon Couch, Mason Lounsbury and Kall Archibald; back row: Santhar Parlam, Katelyn Fischer, Lealimar Parlam, Stephanie Sanchez, Haley Hutchinson, Erlea Reeves and Emma Stephens. Not pictured were Sara Basham, Kara Fife, Julianna Fields and Chancee Vincent.



Oregon Trail Elementary first semester 50 in a Minute Ribbo uregon trail Liementary inst semester bu in a minute Ribbon winners for fifth grade were, left to right, front rows Bruno Gonzalez, Nigel Cveneck, Soledad Verduzco, Jordan Staley, and Adam Craig; second rows. Jenna Sharp, Maria Short, Salma Miramontes, Ben Straushaugh, Josse Partida and Tyler Ford; back row: Eric Rodríguez, Whitney Ward, Kevin Strickland, Vladimir Kryshtal, 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: Minute modal winners were, left to right: front row."
Katelyn Durhan (second grade) and Ally Gamer
(kindegarten): back row: Whitney Ward (fifth
grade), Kade Lindback (second grade), Riley
Bywater (third grade) and Sarah Sheen (fifth
grade). Not pictured were Dominic Calhoon (kindergarten), Halfo (swhouse (kindergarten), and Cotton
Sweesy (fifth grade).



Oregon Trail Elementary first semester 50 in a Minute Ribbon winners for the afternoon kinds minute Hisbon Winders for the attention Kinder garten were, from left to right, front row: Lizotte Flerros, DeeJay Orr, Anthony Miller and Natalie Yergensen; second row: Dominic Calhoon, Fornando Fregoso and Alex Bauer; back row: Jan Huey, Yahaira Tolentino, Victoria Luebberke and Caltiyn Fuller. Not pictured was Alvin Phongphongphanh



Oregon Trail Elementary first semester 50 in a rte Trophy winners for kindergart to right: Dominic Calhoon, with Melissa Butcher (kindergarten teacher), and Ally Gamer. Not pic-

#### COMMUNITY EVENTS—

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

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 snow.
Saturday's events include snownobile races, indoor games, a
poker run and bings.
Participants can sign up for the
snownobile events, including
proom, blindfold, Stalom and barrel races, from \$-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 cost \$85 person, sarar at a
mingo finishes the day at 7 pm. at
the Buren West Resort. Puphiesor cash prizes will be given for first
and second places.
Sunday will feature a sweetheart
brunch from 9 a.m until noon. The
cost is \$5 a person and \$2 for champagne at the Buren West Resort.
The menu includes scrambled
eggs, sausage, ham, hash browns
biscuits and gravy, fruit, coffee and
will be held at 1 pm. at the Burren
West Resort.
For more information, call 487288 or visit www.damfools.com

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Spanish classes on Mondays

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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 rown 109, on the
campus: The cost is 850 cach.
Hasie Spanish will meet from
7:30 p.m. und intermediate students will meet from 7:309 p.m.
The students will be given the basic
tools needed to help carry on stimple conversations. The course will
focus on the praismar and structure of the language.
"Intermediate Spanish" will
review basic grammar, structure,
and work-on-developing, readingand work-on-developing, readingand-work-on-developing, readingand-work-on-developing, readingand-work-on-developing, readingand-work-on-developing, readington-time of the state of the state

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

TWIN FALLS – St. Edwards
Catholic School will have a dinner,
provided by the Outback
Steakhouse with appetizers and
dessers, provided by Idaho Joe's,
7 pm. Saturday with a social hour
at 5:30 pm. at The Radio Rondevoo
on Main Avenue.

at 5:30 p.m. at are rather Protection
on Main Avenue.
Auction items include a wine
table and stretched leather mirror,
two-day raft trip, a luan, braces,
Dutch oven dinner for eight, digital
camcorder, boat lawinnower, 12
gauge shotgun, season passes for
the Magic Valley Speedway and

the Mage Vauey operating ammore.

The raffle prizes include trips for two to the Caribbean, Cancan 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

Center in Twin Falls. 4-H chapter judging teams are invited to judget a contest Feb. 14.
Registration for the contest wall-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 878-9461 for the enrollment form that needs to be sent in by Friday. For more information, call Jim. Knight at 732-6414.

#### **Gooding County Senior**

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Citizens serves breakfast
GOODING - The Gooding
County Senior Citizens will serve
breakfast from 730-10-30 a.m.
Saturday at 308 Senior Ave. The
cost is 3350-The ment includescoffee, eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy and juice-Everyone iswelcome.

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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

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FILER - The Filer Rose Society
will hold its first meeting of 2004 at
9 am. 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 Sharl
Hart at 326-4087.

#### T.F. store offers 'Dutch

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Oven Cookin' Class

TWIN-FALLS - Rudy's is offering a "Dutch Oven Cookin" class at 7p.m. Feb. 11 at the store, 147 Main Ave. W. Twin Falls. The cost is \$30-Colleen's Sioan, Dutch oven cookebook author and teacher, will teach participants how to cook baked, ham with cherry almond glaze, squash with candied apples, cherrycrumb cake and Dutch oven white only. Feb. 188 and Falls of the cooking the cooking of the cooking the cooking of the cooking the cooking of the coo

### CSI continues holistic

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 atternative medical practitioner, Bob Willhite.
The cost for each workshops: 548. The workshops will be held from 79-30 pm in the Taylor building, room 256 on the CSI campus.
"Out Killings Yoursel" will show why illness is directly related 150 roods omitted, eaten and prepared about digestion/intestinal imbalances, why most people worsen their longsterm conditions by taken and the series of the continues of the conti

#### AROUND THE VALLEY

#### Forest Service takes ATV use comments

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

The Sawtooth National Forest proposed a trail and parking area to prevent all terrain vehicles from riding through the campgound. Heavy use and excessive speeds have created a safery mobiler.

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 peo-

want to check once again with the peo-ple who use this area to see if there is any merit or support for these propos-als," said Ann Frost, natural resource specialist with the Fairfield Ranger District.

District.

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

ground.

Bubmit 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 afrast@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 the regular monthly meeting of the Twin Falls Country Democratic Central Crimittee at 7 pm. today in the Twin Falls City Hall conference room, 321 Second Ave. E.

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The purpose of the county caucus, scheduled for Feb. 24, is to elect delegates to the Idaho Domocratic Convention in Pocatello June 17-19, Priyin-Falls. County. Democrats. will name 12 delegates and three alternates for the convention.

Central Committee Chairman Harry Phillips said any county Democrat who

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.

use Now 2 general election) is eligible to serve as a delegate.

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

Phillips may be reached at 735-8825, or by e-mail at harryphillips Gemail.com.

#### Area schools get special accreditation honors

TWIN FALLS - Five Magic Valley schools received recognition beyond basic approval in the 2003-04 accredi-

basic approval in the 2003-04 accredi-tation 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

-m ainne County was rated extension.

In the final year The Cassa County School District received two first-time homers Burley High School was rated examplary, and Dedo High School got mirit and exemplary status.

Index of the school in the school in the school in Homers School in Twin Falls both received merit status for the first time. Idaho law requires schools to be accredited. Schools with ment status meet the accreditation standards and improve student performance or exceed state averages on standardized the schools with ment status meet the accreditation standards and improve student performance or exceed state averages on standardized status and the schools with ment status meet the accreditation standards and improve student performance or exceed state averages on standardized performance or exceed state averages on standardized performance in the status Department of Pulcation. Exemplary status recognizes success in specific school pro-

grams. The rest of the schools in the Magic Valley were approved for accredita-

#### Rupert council begins centennial preparations

Centennial preparations

\*\*RUPERT - Planning for the 2006
emental in Rupert starts tonight at
the City Council meeting.

Council members are to consider
emproving a resolution which would
establish a centennial commission to
begin planning for the city's 100th
birthday. The touncil meeting begins
at 7 pm. in the upstairs meeting room
at City Hall. It's open to the public.

Council members are also to discuss
a recommendation from the city
employer elations committee regard-

a recommendation from the city employee relations committee regard-ing the city's vacation policy and to consider renewing a lease agreement with Tim Darrington. He leases farm ground from the city north of Rupert's city limits.

Compiled from staff reports

### Newcomb blasts slaughter system

Idaho house speaker talks to Idaho Farm Bureau Legislative Leadership Conference

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

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 encephalopa-thy is far more likely to be found in dairy cattle than in beef cat-

If dairy cattle are given "ho

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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 than beef cattle.

the disease because they nive longer than beef cattle, Newcomb said.

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



shortly before Christmas. It was determined that cow had come

The cow was a "downer" when 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 grass to their puppets during the class. rs glue grass to their pupp

### Heyburn mulls irrigation rate hike

HESPBURN - Water users could see their annual irrigation bills increase by about S7 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 about shading any money off this," he said. "We're just handing down what we're just handing down what we're just handing down what we're come of Heyburn residents use low-pressure irrigation water neity ards and gardens. That's about 825 households. Not everyone can use the low-pressure irrigation water one can use the low-pressure irrigation. one can use the low-pressure irri gation system, City Superintendent Scott Speval said. The elevation at some

#### -Public-hearing-onirrigation rates

A public hearing about a proposed Irrigation rate increase is sched-uled for 7 p.m. Feb. 11 at Heyburn Gity Hall. †

• Current rate – ,35 cents per square foot.

• Proposed rate – .4 cents per square foot.

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A public hearing about the proposed increase, will be held, next week during the regular City Council meeting. The 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.

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 57 per year, Hopkins said. The average residential lot Heyburn is about 14,000 square feet, she said. Residents watering an average-sized fot currently pay the city 549 per year, Hopkins said. If the proposal passes, those residents would pay \$56 per year.

Times-News reporter Brandon ala can be reached at the newspa-

### Twin Falls council approves subdivision

Times-News writer

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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 the 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 .77-10t subdivision is planned for 185 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 \$2 vote, with the condition that it be subject to technical review by the city's engineering department.

Other council business included:

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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 Clow to replace Craig as vice mayor. Clow served as mayor from 2002 to 2004.

• Term extension – The council voted 77 to accept the extended terms of two members of the Historic Preservation Preservation

Historic Preservation
Commission. The terms of Mary
Edgar and Russell Tremayne will
expire on Dec. 31, 2005.
Edgar has been on the commis-

Edgar has been on the commis-sion for about two years, Tremayne for almost three, said preservation committee Chairman Paul Smith. —According to city code; commis-sion members can't serve more than two full terms.

### Jerome council looks at irrigation assessments

By Dixle 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 irriga-tion 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

city's states for 2004 at \$77,422 (at 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 will need \$97,600 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.

and S-cent increase on the mini-mum bill.

The city's assessments to resi-dential 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 feet, or \$43.17. On larger lots, any square footage that exceeds 6,250 is levided 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 mis-

includes:

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

Meeting tonight he Jerome City Council meets at 7 tonight in coun-cil 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

Seb30 can to the prevention of the cards-were issued to rural patrons who night not otherwise have been able to afford them. Upon her death in 2002, Evelyn Crowder donated mearly \$2 mil-lion 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.

\*\*Authors\*\* 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 blilled at a rate of \$16.11 per hour.

### Burley man faces probation after pleading guilty to statutory rape

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 -part of a piea agreement with the Cassia Country prosecuting attor-ney'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 proba-tion for three years. According to the court infor-mation filed by Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus, Donninguez is accused of having sexual intercourse with a gir who was then 14. The sexual activity reportedly occurred sev-eral times between July and December 2001 at Donninguez'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 girl, who need in Sciences became pregnant as a result of the sexual intercourse. She had a baby girl in June 2002. Dominguez has signed papers at the state Department of Health

and Welfare stating he is the child's father, according to the court affidavit.

court affidavit.

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

#### **O**BITUARIES

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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 27, 1942. He attended Halley schools until the 12th grade. At that time he joined the U.S. Arny. After joining the Arny and returning home on leave, he married his childhood sweetheart, Shirley Schmoe.
He spent time in France, then, after military discharge, Shirley and Charles moved to Californai.
They moved to Oragan for a short time, then back to Vermo, California this time they had condition, 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 Debroal, two grandchildren; his mother, Fern Jones of Hailey, and six brothers, Bill Jones, Everett, Wash, Himm Jones of Jincoln, 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 64, died Saurday, Ban. 31, 2004, of natural causes at St. Al's Hospital.

A service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday Feb. 4, 2004, in the Kuna LDS Stake Center on Kuna Road. A graveside service will follow at 4 p.m. Wednesday, at the West End Comercyr in Sulfallow at 4 p.m. Wednesday, at the West End Comercyr in Bult. A viewing will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Zeyer Funeral Chapel, 83 North Midland Blvd., Nampa, and from 9 a.m. to 9.345 a.m. on Wednesday at the church before the service. A family gathering will be held at Moonglo 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.

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

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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, chil-dren, 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,
Madine Woodruff of Bulh; 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
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Ile was preceded in death by his father, Earl Woodrulf, his grandparents (Woodrulf and Messley); and his brotherin-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 co Gina Woodrulf, 1866 Baldy Mt. Road, Sandpoint, Jdaho 83864

#### LaVon Young



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

and seven greatest and dren.

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, Jean Brannon, 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

sisters Nellie (Rex) Garrett and Iva (Smokey) Vanattan, brother Theo (Clara) Wickel and sisterin-law Artella Wickel, all of Burley, Rupert and Heyburn areas; sis-ter-in-law Laurabell Brown of Twin Falls; and brother-in-law -Virl (Norma) Brown of Blackfoot.

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 Bistop 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, sulfered 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 Mable Holmes, at age 14. She married Arthur David Smith on June 27, 1937, and they had three daughters. Arlene, Dec Lynne Yuriano, Deanna-Marie Smith and Sally Ellen Brescin.

Ellen was well-known in Los Angeles as a graphoanalyst, an

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

professions they me, in," she said. She became interested in hand-writing analysis after seeing an advertisement for it in a maga-zine. She studied her art in a cor-respondence course with the

#### Marvin Nels McKinley - Buhl

McKinley – Bulni
Marvin Nels McKinley, 51, of
Buhl, passed away Sunday, Feb.
1, 2004, at Magic Valley
Regional Medical Center.
He was born in Seattle, Wash.
Nov 21, 1952.
He is surviwed by O'Malley
Harrison of Buhl; son John
Armonian at Service will be
held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb.
4, 2004, at the Farmer Funeral
Chapel, 130 N. Ninth in Buhl.

decades. She was nationally decades. She was nationally ammed Graphaanalyst of the Year on several occasions. She is survived by three daughters, Arlene Dec Lynne (Donald Joseph) Varianno of Ranche Palose Verdes, Calif., Deanna Marie Smith; and Sally (Armando) Brescini of Lakewood, Calif. She had four grandchildren, Moraldon Jones Smith; and Sally (Armando) Brescini of Lakewood, Calif. She had four grandchildren, Moraldon of Chicago, Don Jason Variano of Ranche Scott Breschildren, Grace-Elizabeth Dalton and Ruby Lynne Scott Breschildren, Grace-Elizabeth Dalton and Ruby Lynne Dalton of Chicago; two sisters, Mabel Holmes Judd of Burley, Idaha, and Nathur Holmes Volgt of Salem, Ore; and three brothers, Lenn Holmes of Mesa, Ariz, Dernill Holmes, Burley, Idaho, and Wash Martin Holmes of Las Vista, New She was preceded in death by She was preceded in death by the parents, one sister and four brothers.

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, 74 a.b.

### Vlemories



International Graphoanalysis Society, receiving a master's certification in 1959. Soon afterwards she founded the Idalio Chapter of Graphoanalysis and surveit site first chapter president in 1960. She also conducted seminars and anothe local introductory classes in Graph local introductory classes in Graph colar introductory classes and the control of the colar of th

in GA.

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

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#### 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

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FRUITIAND — 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.

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 Rüssell 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

Arrangements will be made by

Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

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.

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
BUHL - Roger C. Tracy, 88, of
Buhl, died Feb. 2, 2004, at the
Magic-Valley-Regional Medical
Center in Twin Falls.

Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

BURLEY - Verla Banner Wrigley, 95, of Burley, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at Rockhaven Retirement Home in Oakley.

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#### Ronald MacDougail

Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

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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 Chanel.

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#### — Obituaries—

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



Jan B. Smith, 67, passed away Nov. 7, 2003; at his residence in

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 Petalumer. Callif, for three years; jar served-proudly in the U.S. Navy. He enjoyed woodworking, was an avid fisherman, loved boating, R. Ving and snow skiing, Jan loved his neighbors and would do any thing 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

ICY, AFIZ.

Havasu City, Ariz.; daughter—Christine Fryman of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; mother Emily Mull of Wendell, Idaho, brothers Ewerett Smith of Corvallis, Ore., Chet Smith of Woodside, Calif., Eddie Smith of Godd Hill, Ore., and Bruce Smith of Modesto, Calif.; sisters Cherl 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. osturday, Nov. 15, 2003, with the Rev. Card Sheffield officiating, Arrangements were entrusted to Lietz-Fraze Funeral Home.

#### Betty Louise Shelby - Farmington, Utah

Betty LouBetty Shelby passed away
Staurday, 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, Idaha, on
March 11, 1930, daughter of
Clarence LeRoy Nelson and Ila
Vera Poulton Nelson. She was the
seventh of-eight children. Sheattended grade school, junior
high and senior high School in
Oakley, She was a cirue in cheer
leading. She was a drum.
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 June7,
1948, in the Salt Lake LDS
Temple. They had five children
Jian Shelby of Coeur d'Alene,
Lidaho, Darla Hall (deceased) of
Boise, Idaho, Mark (Jan) Shelby
of Spokane, Wash., Suzi (Jins
Stanger of Helena, Mont., and Joe
(Amber) Shelby, American Fork
Utah.

Betty and Dale Shelby operated
ded supermarkets, car washes,

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 the majority of their lives in southern and eastern Idaho, and the last 10 years in Farmington, Utah.

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 life-long 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; Parandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; she was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, and four sisters.

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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 at 4 p.m. at the
Oakley Cometery, Oakley, Idaho.
Arrangements under the direction of Lindquist's Kaysville
Mortuary, 400 North Main.
E-mail condelences to the family at Ilm@lindquistmortuary.com/
stop. 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.

2004, at Stevens Hospital in Edmonds.

He was born March 6, 1916, in Hollister, Idaho, one of 10-children. He grew up in Idaho, attending Hansen schools 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 life-time 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 Talle Labase. Falls, Idaho

Tables, 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.

#### SERVICES

Birdie Stevens of Gooding, serv-ice at 11 a.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Moselle Baker Stock of Burley, Moselle Baker Stock of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints, 2200-Oakley Ave.; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church.

Wm. Brian Drew of Paul, amemorial service at 1 p.m. today fat the Calvary Baptist Church, 515 W. 27th St., Burley; friends and family may call before the and family may call before t service at the church (Rasmuss

Funeral Home, Burley).

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

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

Everett 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.

Russell Glenn Druper of Burley, service at 11 am. Wednesday at the Burley West Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, 2420 Parke Ave, friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at. Razmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. folit St. Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 am. Wednesday at.

Jessie LaFern Winder Morrison Kiltzman of Kuna, service at 11 a.m. Friday at Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home, 105 E. Carlton Ave, Meridian; viewing from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the

Billy\_Leroy Mort Sr., 60, of Burley, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at the Burley Care Center of com-plications of dementia. His family surrounded him at the time of his passing

surrounded him at the time of this passing.
Billy was born on March 11, 1943, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was the third child of Virgil and Lavina Bell Kersey 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 Draper in Burley, Idaho. To this union five children were born. Billy and Sharon later divorced. were bon divorced.

During the times of raising their 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 Rolland Jones Potatoes in Rupert for 18 years. He always tried to be a hard worker and seldom missed work. Billy always cnjeyed siring in the coffee shop drinking to the 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 grand-playing with and teasing his grand-playing with and teasing his grand-

#### Billy L. Mort - Burley



animals. Dogs always seemed to sense his kindness. After finding out he had demen-tia 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 resi-dents.

Billy is survived by his mother, Lavina Mort of Burley, his chil-dren, Billy Mort Jr. of Renton,

Wash., Lisa (Craig) Grant of Heyburn, Travis' (Katie) Mort of Burley, Kevin (Judy) Mort of Galifornia; and nine grandchidren, Brittany, Sarah, and Courney Grant of Heyburn, Natie and McCay Mort of Burley, and Argeny, Arseny, Nichelle and Argeny, Arseny, Nichelle and Argeny, 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 (Christene) Mort of Lincoln, Neb. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and

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.

Belly 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. 16th St. Burley. Bishop Michael James will conduct the service.

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 Platec, Neb. She graduated from Sr. Patrick's 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 ame of Harold Klaas, who was working at Lockheed Aircraft. On May 16, 1942, they were married in Glendele, 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.



leadership-positions-in-the Catholic Women's League during Catholic Women's League during the years she was an active mem-ber. In 1970 she accepted a posi-tion as grade school librarian in the Jerome School District, where she worked 16 years teaching library skills to countless students,

library skills to countless students, many of them her own grandchilder. 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

Orice Klaas of Moro, Ore; Connie (Kaline) Klaas of Neskowin, Ore; Tim (Glenda) Klaas, Mary (Leon) Vogel and Ted (Beth) Klaas, all of Jerome; Tom (Susan) Klaas of Basking Ridge, N.J.; Marty (Idaho, and Theresa (Ren) Ryder of Kuna, Idaho, and Theresa (Ren) Ryder of Greme; She is also survived by her sister, Elleen Henry of Hillsboro, Ore; brother, Stanley Hall Jr. of Denver, Colo; 24 grandchildren. A rosary and vigil service for Jane will be conducted at 7 pm. 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-pm. Mass-of-Christian-burlal will be celebrated at 10 am, Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, also at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, with Father Ronald Wekerle presiding. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

emetery. The family suggests that memo-

The family suggests that memo-rial contributions be made to St. -lerome's—Catholic—Clurch, Building Fund, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome, Idaho, 83338. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 Suggestion of the control of the control of the 8338.

### five girls and three boys. Iane 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 Leanea D. Russell - Twin Falls

Leanea D. Russell, 44, died sud-

Leanea D. Russell, 44, died suddenly and unexpectedly on
Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at her
home in Twin Falls.
Leanea was born Sept. 4, 1955, to
Larry and JoAnn Mambert. She
was ruised and attended school in
Twin Falls, graduating from Twin
Falls High School in 1977. She married Rex Russell on June 1, 1984.
From this union came the joy and
light of Leanea's life, her daughter,
Erin, or as Leanea called her,
"Tumpkin".
Leanea would frequently call

"Tumpkin".

Leanea would frequently call her family and friends to report on-Erin's latest achievements and was very proud of her beautiful daying the Leanea was a loving and earing mother and was always devoted her family and friends. She never met a stranger and greeted every one she met with compassion and unconditional—love—She—was—an organized person whe a



camp and fish as well as write poet-ry. Leanea was dedicated to assist-ing persons who were elderly and disabled and gave herself selflessly to-their-care,-Sho-cared-for-her-brothers and then her sister, Peggy,

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in their last days.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Grant, Shane and Greg Mambert, and one sister, Peggy Benkula.

She is sauvived by her mother and father, Larry and JoAnn Mambert, her daughter, Erin; Rex Russell, three nieces, one nephew, and many friends, one nephew.

Mambert; her daughter, Erin; Rex Russell; three nieces; one nephev; and many friends.
She will be greatly missed. "Give my sins 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 Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls. Friends my call at Parke's Margic 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.

### Newcomb .

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Continued from A5 for even allowing the meat of that downer cow to get into the nation's food supply. "Why would they let 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 computate thins.

An addition to embedded compara-fer 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

iplace.

He said he's working with others to see if he can make sure Ldaho does not accept Canadian dairy cows until a national Deystem is in place.

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

anches.
The fact that the dairy kept uch good records made it easy to rack down the animals, lewcomb pointed out. That is roof that an identification sysem 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 an 11-year-old Pocatello 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—aithough 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, 56, complained of breathing difficulty Sunday morning. He was taken to the prison medical unit, where personnel

RIGBY (AP) - A Rexburg woman was charged on Monday with first-degree murder in the stabbing deaths of her ex-hus-band and his girlfriend. Shanna Parkinson Whitmore, 38, was arrested at Madison

l, was arrested at Madison bunty Memorial Hospital on unday after authorities linked

started evaluating him. An ambu-lance was called but Wood had stopped breathing by the time it arrived. He was pronounced dead arrived. He was part of the state of the sta

The Pensacola, Fla., man ples the Pensacola, Fla, man pleaded gulty to killing Jeralee
Underwood, Wood had kidnapped
-the child the evening before as shecollected 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
Winmill, now a federal judge, at

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

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

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

Winnill said Wood would probably kill again if given the chance.

Joyce—Underwood,—Jeralecksmother, said her family heard the most shout Wood's death before it

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," o Joyce Underwood said. If there is any consolation, "It's a good feeling to know that we don't have to go through any more trials."

but the weapon had not been recovered. Andersón said Shanna Whitmore called 911 from a con-renience store in neighboring Madison County, telling the dis-patcher that she was convered with blood but did not know how it got on her.

TWIN FALLS - The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Magic Valley - a Faith in Action program - is having a "Share a Caring Heart" fund-raiser. Anyone who wants to participate can sponsor a Valentine Por \$30, a periorial participate of a participant's Valentine will be displayed on a poster-sized heart in the Magic Valley Mall through Feb. 16, Call 733-NEED (6333) to participate.

Those who sponsor hearts will have their names entered into a drawing for a variety of prizes, including a whitewater rafting trip and dutch oven lunch donated by Idaho Guide Service.

—Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Magic Valley is a nonprofit organization providing volunteer assistance to the final elderly, disabled and chronically ill and respite to its homebound caregivers.

For more information, contact Hillary Lyde at 733-6333 or 404-6293 or hillaryalyde@msn.com.

Magic Valley in brief

### Burley's centennial

Caregivers begin 'Share a

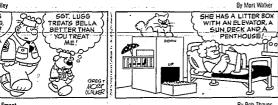
Caring Heart' fund-raiser

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 centennial year events or who has
specific ideas for centennial
events. Feople who are interessed
in the committee but unable to
attend the meeting may contact
Frian Tibbets at City Hall, 578
- 2224, for more information:
The centennial committee is a
subcommittee of the city's can
the group has
held on meeting to brainstorm
ideas. Plans call for reacting
about rvice a month, centennial
group Chairman Doug Manning
said.
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if FEBRUARY 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you love to talk to anyone and everyone. Avoid taking on more than you can finish; you'll disappoint others less by saying no in the beginning. Highly creatye, you probably have more than one artistic pursuit. Social and Van-loving, you can always be found "surrounded" by laughter and friends.

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

you associate are sun associated in the property idealistic, be sure your eyes are wide open.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20)—
Mars moves into Taurus, so you may, feel more aggressive than inormal for a couple of months. Applicknee-jerk reactions, and be aspfelibrate as possible now.

SEMINM (May 21-June 20):
Ergi-though you may feel lucky, don't risk too much in a financial gamble. Both intimate and friendly relationships intensify. Hidden arther 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 (Iulv 23-Aug, 22): More

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Léo: Strong feelings stir within you

HOROSCOPE. 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.

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

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 sec-

Since Mars is moving into the sec-tor ruling your children and cre-ativity, as well as casual romance

### Threats may lead to violence

he wasn't getting his way, it does-n'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, tel-erating -violent behavior -from boyfriends. The boy in that letter

DEAR ABBY: I can't stop think-ing 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

rus southon was to shook net and imself. 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.
—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:

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 he, but 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 INVA.

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

for single Caps, all these areas are for single caps, an utes areas and 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

cially 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 foot truthful with yourself about their real potential, though. Then later in the day, make sure you just enjoy life.

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isn't the only one who has mental problems. So does the girl. If her first serious relationship is with a boy as 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,—thegirls first priority must be to protect her family. DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

For L.M. Boyd, see page A12.

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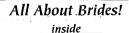


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#### Editorial

### Accurate sales tax data could help Idaho grow

-economic leaders need-

to know how much tax

revenue is generated in

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this

individual counties.

and other issues

magine trying to analyze the New England Patriots' Super Bowl vic-tors, with no information except the final score: That's how local economic lead-ers feel about salesstax revenue. The Idaho Tax Commission's

The Idaho Tax Commission's monthly revenue reports have limited value, because they lack accurate county-by-county breakdowns. That's because chain stores report their figures in statewide

lumps. That's like try-ing to understand. ing to understand, the Super Bowl with no information about the leading rusher, passer or tackler. With no way to break down the revenue from various communities, there's no way to see the state's expension onmic strengths. nomic strengths or retail trends.

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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 salestax 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. A multicounty retailer such as Albertsons or Target reports its a data in a statewide lump. These businesses surely monitor their sales store-by-store for their own purposes; but the state doesn't collect that data.
Considering from much business these bigger retailers do, that information is essential for

Clark Walworth . . . . Managing editor

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 com-mittee. "We believe if we can get accurate information, we can accurate information, we can use that tool to go out and bring in industry, which brings jobs to the area. That's been the goal for

the last three years."

It's important to note this pro-Our view: Idaho

posal is about reporting tax rev-enue – not redis-tributing it. The state hands out sales tax revenue to local govern-ments based on

ments based on population.
Opponents of this proposal say changing the reporting method could wind up changing the distribution formula—thus enriching

- thus enriching major retail hubs at the expense of smaller towns. Once of smaller towns. Once Kootenai, Ada and Bonneville counties see how much revenue they produce, what's to stop them from lobbying for a bigger

There's some truth to that argu

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 burt them.

### Spotlight now moves to Mrs. Kerry

NO SUDDEN MOVES, MR. KERRY.

The Republicans launched a tricky new tactic last week, aimed at catching Teresa. Heinz Kerry – and her husband—in the Mussice trap.
Hardly anyone remembers Sen, Ed Mussice of Maine, but back in the winter of 1972 he was as famous as John Kerry is today. A tall, Linconhessyne figure, Mussice came into the New Hampshire primary as front-rainor for the Democratic presidential nominary as into the lost it, literally and figuratively.
The publisher of the Manchester Union Leader, famed Republican time of the manufacture of the mention and started to cry.

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emotion and started to cry.

That was the end of his candidacy

#### ZEV CHAFETS

Muskie's ghost now haunts the Kerry campaign as a new genera-tion of GOP trappers goes after his

"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."

wife."
Coulter's bill of particulars
includes the charge that Heinz
Kerry made Kerry request the
annulment of his first marriage to annulment of his first marriage to heiress Julia Thorne despite the fact that the senator has two chil-dren 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

all his life.
Coulter's indictment was gleefulby picked up and trampeted by
Rush Limbaugh. It is a soap operatic theme you will be hearing a
lot from now on 'Kerry as kept
man, Teresa Heinz Kerry as domineering wife.
Will it stick?
Kerry has famously modeled

Will it sicle?
Will it sicle?
Kerry has famously modeled himself on John F. Kennedy, but his spouse is no breathless society girl. Five years the candidate's senior, filthy rich, tough minded, opinionated and highly combustible. Heinz Kerry is more like Joe Kennedy than Jacrqueline.
Not suprisingly, the Kerry campaign has taken pains to keep her quiet. We've come a long way since Cannedo, but nobody knows if the American public is ready for a first lady of Heinz Kerry's octan.
In interviews, Heinz Kerry insists

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 husand's campaign 55 million (he mortgaged his share of the Boston massion 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.

sultation or conserved didate. 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

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

he?
I doubt John Kerry will fall intothe Muskie trap. He's too coldblooded 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
temperumental 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 nake Kerry look like a guy with wife – and a campaign – that are ut of control.

Zev Chajets is a columnist for the New York Daily News; e-mail: zchafets@yahoo.com.

### Bush and his security weakness

LETTER-

I a Democrat is going to beat President Bush come November - and as 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 pertine in the

round the determination of the 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 conventional vision is that the Democrats will lose on the national-security issue. The Democrats oppear to be reluctan 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 first. son 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 frem image. Kerry has been part of the Democratic probbeen part of the Democratic prob-lem. 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.

JAMES KLURFELD

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 fraq issue, but that's child's 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'd lith at it is supposed to be, either. What the Democratis have to somehow 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 Bush and his vaunted foreign poli-cy team have proyen to be nearly incompetent in hundling 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.

bungled.

For instance, the decision in the summer of 2002 to take on Iraq inevitably meant that not as much attention would be paid to al-

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

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 warn-ing, every offer of help from offi-cials who had experience in Iraq. They know better. Rebuilding Iraq used very entry the trait even. Incy knew bester. Robusting land 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 Packer in The New Yorker in November, James Fallows in the current Adantic Monthly). It smacks of malfeasance.

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 wooden campaigning – an inability to answer totally pre-

dictable questions such as why he said he supported the war resolu-tion – have hurt his campaign. But there are no better indications tion—nave nutr its cathpogn, as 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 days trying to bring the United Nations into the reconstruction of the Control of the Control

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.

James Klurfeld is editor of lewsday's editorial pages.

### -LETTER

The Times-News

The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Stephen

Hartgen, Clark Walworth, Steve Crump, David Cooper and Shelley Ridenour.

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#### County control doesn't add to hospital success

to hospital success
I keep rereading your Sunday celloral (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 Yalley Regional Medical Center It certainly hasn't been with other hospitals I've Osgarwed. I think it had more to do with Twin Falls being the population and economic center for central southern to three to five hours away.

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

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 as uccessful hospital. The overriding need is to provide a constantly updatted facility, with vell-qualified and motivated staff, that well-qualified and motivated staff, 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 oncentrate on run-

administration and knowledgeable board that can concentrate on run-ning a hospital, period. The commis-sioners are spread to of thin to con-tribute much beyond 'no." Give me private, nonprofit status like Saint Alphonests any day. NORMAN TILLEY

#### Write to us

he Times News welcomes let-ters from readers on subjects of public interest. Because of space constraints, please limit let-ters to 400 words, include your sig-nature, mailing address and tele-

brought to our Twin Falls or Burley office; mailed to PO. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303; faxed to (208). Z34 5538; or emailed to letters@magicvalley.com.

#### Hand hygiene is a human right for children Yesterday I mad

right for children
Yesterday, I read with dismay the
letter to the editor in The Times
News tilled "Elementary bathroom
could use more supplies" written
by Matthew Ashby, As an infection
control nurse, I would recommend
no one remove soap and towels
from any hathroom — 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 ill-

hygiene to reduce the risk of ill-mess and infection. As stated by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention emphasizes, hand hygiene is the most effective man-ner in which to reduce infections and "Clean Hands Sawes Lives." Thave talked many times to school children, civic groups, to medical personnel and other busi-nesses about 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 don't ever give the message out that hand laygiene is something to take away as punishment. Hand laygiene is a basic human right. To take away the tools to practice hand laygiene goes against every health-care recommendation.

After submitting a letter to

administration at I.B. Perrine, I administration at Lib Corney, received a response from them. I have been told that they are active yworking 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 the bathroom facilities.—PATRICIA HEATH, RN, BSN<sub>1</sub> CIC

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Doonesbury









By Garry Trudeau

#### Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



### CBS exposes its raunchier side

aybe it's appropriate that Super Bowls are numbered with Roman numerals. Sunday's, Super Bowl XXXVIII, featured a halltime show that could served as backdrop for one of Caligula's orgies. Remember Super Bowl XXXIV? The halltime entertainment was produced by Walt Disney Productions. This year's was put on by MTV, and the difference was as stark as that between heaven and hell, between heaven and hell, between good taste and garbage. The commercials also reflected what the networks apparently

The commercials also reflected what the networks apparently think about our remaining "community standards."

Janet Jackson, a member of América's most dysfunctional family, bared a breast during her onstage gyrations. There were the usual network apologies to "anyone who was offended." Jackson's cineius network luties.

one who was offended." Jackson's singing partner, Justin
Timberlake, should get the award for the ultimate in disingenuousnesse. "I am sorry that anyone was offended by the wardrobe malfunction... It was not intentional." Sure. Why, then, was Jackson wearing a pasty, instead of underwear that might have limited her exposure during the "malfunction"?

Other singers, including P.

tion"?

Other singers, including P.
Diddy, grabbed their crotches (a la Michael Jackson) and promised through their lyries 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 fearmed a flatulant horse ismitine a

tured a flatulant horse igniting a candle that blows up in a woman's face; a dog that bites a

caidife 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 problement of the control of the out being surprised by such

sleaze.
CBS should have expected trash. Anyone who watches even

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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.

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 CBSs Victoria's Secret fashion show!
Why didn't the agency take

Victoria's Secret fashion show? Why didn't the agency take action after singer Bono uttered the I-word during NBC's aring of Golden Globe Awards last year? It's easy for free-speech adon't cates 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 was unwelcome by many, to judge from the calls that flooded CBS.

judge from the calls that flooded CRS.
Freedom of speech should also flow 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

snow. 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 "act" had been moved up just a few minutes, he would have fit seamlessly into their show. CBS cameramen focused have fit seamlessly into their show. CBS cameramen focused elsewhere. Was the network suddenly gripped by pangs of puritanical morality? One commentator made a jok-ing reference to "naked football." I was ready for some football. I' was not ready for this.

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

#### LETTER

#### Network merits a boycott by denying TV ad

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
halltime. 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 MovoOn 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

wouldn't be controversial if we would fix them! CBS's solution will be to force feed millions of viewers beer and drug commer

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cials during the Super Bowl,
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A skunkty eyesight is none too good its hearing is not all that

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

needed to develop those other-defenses.—That's—what—the-Darwinians figure. Did I mention skunk's spary glows in the dark? Q. What makes a female dear grow antiers? 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.
—Fears—is—the—wrong—word— People averse to crowds aren't afraid of them, not usually. They just don't like getting so many spures at the same time.

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rst-class prize?

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Section B

#### MORNING LINE SPORTSQUOTE

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George Toma, the grass guru who has been the head groundskæper for all 38 Super Bowls, on the grass at Reliant Stadium, site of Super Bowl XXXVIII. All 99,000 square feet of the Bermuda seeded with rye and bluegrass, in 30-foot rolls, were shipped in from Casa Grande, Aris, via 49 refrigerated trucks, arriving two weeks ago.

#### Trivia OUESTION:

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?

#### TODAY'S SCHEDULE High school girls basketball

Canyon Conference tournamen Region Four-Five-Six Great Bäsin Conference Sawtooth Central Idaho

High school boys basketball

Carey at Richfield, 6 p.m. Hansen at Castleford, 6 p.m. Murtaugh at Oakley, 6 p.m. Camas County at Shoshone,

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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.
Glenns 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 G-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 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 adone.

one. • 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.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

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A halftime of Super Bowl IX, played at Tallane Stadium in New Orleans in 1975. The Steelers won the game, 166. The lowest final score in Super Bowl bit for the 177 when the Bowl history was 147, when the Miami Dolphins defeated the Washington Redskins at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in

### PLACING

### **CORNERSTONE:**

#### Buhl's Will Chivers

By Eric Larsen

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 facili-

tor the construction of a new facture.

V. 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 solidy planted his connerstone 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."

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au go inrough growing pains at the same time." Make no mistake though, Chivers isn't a project player that will con-tribute 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

20 points in Buhl's first two games of the season.
"It 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 or real and he's here to stay of the sarly success, but playing with older, stronger people shouldn't be anything new for him. The youngest child of his family, Chivers survived child of his family, Chivers survived child of his family, Chivers survived two older. brothurs, both graduaters.

critic of his family, Chivers Survived two older brothers, both graduates of West Point Military Academy. "Tused 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-

RISING

ten used to playing with seniors

ten used to playing wan semon-pretty fast."

Chivers' biggest challenge this year has been improving his consis-tency 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 bie advantage."

hope I grow, too. height while he a big advantage." Chivers' hopes for height are more of a certainty to Bowman. "As much as he cats, he'll grow," Bowman said. "This kid eats all the time."

Bowman said. "This kid cats 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. Buth 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.

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 think even-know-Lwas-poing-to-blere. Teady 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 a road game at Kimberly Friday night. Chivers anchors the Indians' attack this season and is the team's comerstone for the future.

GREAT BASIN CONFERENCE PREVIEW

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Jerome senior forward Krista Kulm (40) reaches to haul in Burley vs. Century contest Thursday at 7 p.m. In a Great Basin Conference tournament semifinal game.

### Jerome enters postseason as conference favorite

By Joe Paisley Times-News w

JEROME -There's no "!" 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 tonights 7 p.m. Great Basin Conference playoff game between visiting 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 Thursdaw.

lea of the gaint in Octation United 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 6 in its record.

Whitney Clark, Elisa Hope and Vancasa-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."

"Those 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 Meservy 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.

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 jeb
and defensively understand what we
want: have confidence putting them in."
Burley (94, 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 doit regain.
"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."
Liney Abo 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 standout,
Please see JEROME, Page 82

### Rodriguez signs \$40 million-contract with Tigers

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 th: I last year set the American League record for losses.

"This is and 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.



Detroit won five of its last six games to avoid tying, the post-1900 major league record of 120 losses, set by the 1962-New York Mets.

"If you don't mind for a moment

Ivan Rodriguez for a moment
I'm going to
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
his salary in 2004 and \$3 million

his salary in 2004 and \$3 million each in 2006 and 2007, all at 1 per-

cent 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

the rest of the contract by paying a S5 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 S4 million buyout.

Rodriguez would get a S50,000 bonus if he's voted the American League MVP, an award he won with Texas in 1999.

If he wins the award twice under the contract, he would get

If he wins the award twice under the contract, he would get \$1 million the second time. Rodriguez had a \$10 million, one-year deal with the Marlins last season.

He asked for a \$40 million, four-year contract from Florida, which broke off talks Dec. 7.

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-Free-Six girls basketball playoffs.
Minico opens play Tuesday at Pocatello High with hopes of advancing to Thursday's game at league-leading Skyline.
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 Streatman hopeful headed into tonight's game.

Minico (28, 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 folloshowed down the game early and beat Minico 36-12.

The Spartans most consistent players have been Kabree Dauton.

Minico 36-12. The Spartans most consistent players have been Kabree Dayton and Amber Warth. "If we can control the tempo and do what we can do we have the opportunity to go far." Straatman said.

Straatman said.
Another area team with a chance to go far, thanks in part to being the No. 2 seed, is Twin Falls.
Forward Hannah Heidenreich is averaging 10.3 points and 8.9 rebounds while Amanda Hovey

### Getting a spot

Utah State ranked for first time in over 30 years

/ Jim O'Connell sociated 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 runkings – except at the

Monday, one of many transpess according to makings – except at the top.

For the third straight week, the first three spots remained the same. Duke, Standard and Saint Josephs.—Other Top 25 teams tiddn't faire about, which was a special with 120 of them losing a total of 14 games. All those losses meant a lot of movement from No. 4 on, giving the Aggles an opportunity to breath into the rankings at No. 24.—Urah State (174) has your left the trainings at No. 24.—Urah State (174) has your left the trainings at No. 24.—Urah State (174) has your left the training at the same training to the same training training the same training t

sons and have been to the NCAA tournament three of the last four years.

The last time Utah State was runked was a 14-week run in 1970-71, Ladell Andressen last season as coatch there. One of his assistant was Dale Brown and future NRA player Marvin Roberts was the star of the ream.

"It's been a while and I think any time you're in a mid-major situation the properties of the ream of the

part on the back and 1 van colors to day."

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

nament.
"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 were a long way
from that right now."

Valley H.S. looks to

finish what it started

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 con-ference record. While the 16-4 Lady Vikings seemingly cruised through the regular season, noth-ing will be easy after turnament

ference record. While the 10-4
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 Lindsy Wood is a spark in
the transition game, senior captain Mindly Malone. can settleValley down into a patient halfcourt offense.

"We need to take care of ball,"
Hardy said. "Teams will try to
press us and take gambles,
Outsides 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 Praegiter
and Jessica Kowitz will go a long
way in determining Valley's success.
"Sara Praegitzer plays great

"Sara Praegitzer plays great defense and hustles. She does the 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."

### Murtaugh defeats Hagerman

MURTAUGH - The Murtaugh Lady Red Devils staved off elimi-nation by fighting off a ferocious comeback from the Hagerman Lady Pirates in Murtaugh's 45-40

Lady Pirates in Murraugh's 45-40 wirrim Murraugh Monday. The win sends the Red Devils to play Rafa River Friday at 6 pm. in another lose-rout contest. "It was a big win," Murraugh coach Doug Wright said, "They made some clutch, bigdime shots there at the end when we thought we had it goin. I told the girls if they make those, they make them, but just keep playing your solid game."

game."
With Hagerman down 40-32,
Lady Pirate Shannell Knight Lady Pirate Shannell Knight drained two 3-pointers to close the gap. Knight scored a game-high 17 points in the loss.

#### Local sports

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

The Red Devils then went 12-of-16 from the free throw stripe in the fourth quarter to seed it.

"We finally made free-throws they will be the difference of the try of

each added ten points for the Lauge Red Devils. Both 'Yoliman and Cutler picked up their games in the fourth quar-ter, aggressively grabbing rebounds and cutting off the passing lanes. Cutler hit Murtaugh's only field goal of the fourth quarter and two clutch free-throws to make it a five-

to play.

The loss ends the Lady Pirates

The loss ends the Loop, con-season.
"You can't fake 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

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#### Raft River 31. Castleford 27

MURTAUGH - Sophomore Hallie Ramsey led a balanced scor-ing attack for Raft River as the Trojans defeated Castleford 31-27 in a Magic Valley Southside Conference tournament loser-out

Silver Cooper added six points for Raft River while Echo Frey scored nine to pace Castlefort. Neither team outscored the other by more than two points in any quarter except the second, when Raft River held an 82 edge. Raft River plays Murtaugh Friday in Murtaugh in another loserout game of the Southside tournament.

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Magic Valley Northside

#### Conference tournament Shoshone 58, Dietrich 47 OT

CAREY -The Shoshone Lady Indians outscored Dietrich 154 in overtime to take home the Northside title and the No. 1 seed in-the-District-IV-Tournament-next-

in-the Districtive owers.
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

#### Magic Valley Southside Conference tournament

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Raft River vs. Murtaugh, Friday
6 p.m.
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7:30 p.m.

Northside in District IV tourna-ment seeding. All three teams will play in Murtaugh next week. Sis Perkins scored six of her eight points in OT before fouling

out.
Katie Strunk and Sarah
Hubsmith each scored 11 points for

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

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CAREY – The Richfield Lady
Tigers conded elimination by taking down host Carey 40-34 in a
loserout game.
The win keeps the Richfield scason alive and sends them back to
Carey Wednesday to play Dictrich
at 7 p.m.
Cassie Wood led the Tigers with
nine points. Five others scored in
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Lacy Peterson also scored nine
for the Lady Mushers in the loss.
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#### Boys basketball Wood River 45, Jerome 43

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

Bohrer finished with four points,

but his work around the basket was a common theme on the right for the Wolkerines.

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

"Tho inside play was rmuch 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, 16-10 overall with 11 points and Jason Hoffman and Kory Ott added 10. Jerome's Jared Miller scored 12 points to lead all scorers. Wood River hosts Filer on Friday for Senior Day. for Senior Day

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.

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#### Gooding 58, Filer 18 Gooding 58, Fruitland 30 Filer 48 Fruitland 42

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

#### Canyon Conference

#### Tournament

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

the Lady Pilots have turned their season around in 2004, going 5-3

season around in 2004, going 53 in the new year.

"Wo've been playing really well the last four or five games." McHone 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.

tournament.

Junior point guard Vicky
Barroso has steered the Glenns
Ferry ship all season, and senior
Kylee Noble has been a solid out-

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side presence.

The Wendell Lady Trojans enter with an 0.4 conference record, but confidence that they will be competitive. 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 Ryon Pope said." If there's been anything that's held us back this year it's out defensive rebounding."

Sophomore guard Hailie 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 compliment senior post Madison Campbell's solid inside play, there is no reason, why. Wendell can't, pull off an upset or two in this tournament.

#### No. 3 Saint Joseph's stays unbeaten

game."
The Glenns Ferry Lady Pilots are the second seed in the conference with a 22 conference record, 7-12 overall. Coach Kelli McHone's team started the season slow, opening the, season, with a, five-game losing streak. However,

No. 3 Saint Josep.

VILLANOVA, Pa. (AP) - Saint Joseph's got the challenge everyone expected from Villanova on Monday—night—The—third-tanked. The perimeter trio of Jameer Nelson, Delonte West and Pat Carroll combined for 60 points and Saint Joseph's boat the Wildcats 74-67 to extend its school-record winning streak to 19 games.

With the win over their intracity rival on the road, the Hawks (19-0) and No. 2 Stanford (18-0) remained to 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

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.

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On Monday, the Hawks used some impressive defense to go up a 23-3 run and rule a 27-2 load with 8-22 left in the first half. The Wildcats, who opened the game 2 for-15 from the field, closed the hair with a 7-0 run to get within 34-23. Villanova's defense improved in the second half and the Wildcats made several runs at the Hawks, closing within five points twice before Andreas Bloch's 3-pointer with 64-6 left had them within 54-50. Carroll, who entered the game 22-for-34 from 3-point range over his last four games, hit 3s on consecutive possessions to make it 63-2 with 5-47 to go.

Bloch hit another 3 with 523 of 61 to make it 60-55, but Nelson and West combined for all but one of the Hawks' points the rest of the way.

#### Jerome\_

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Paige Knudson.
"We have to contain Knudson,"
Kerbs said. "She makes a lot hap

Kerbs said. "She makes a lot nap-pen for them."

Her passes from the pain 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 layed us well down there so they believe they can play with us and beat us.". For Jerome to succeed this postseason,—getting—better—eachgame is a muly. we'll continue to ger better," Skyles said. "We haven't played our best ball yet."

### **Playoffs**

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adds 10.1 points and 2.4 assists.
Amy Bratvold chips in with 8.4
points and 5.3 rebounds while
lamie Edwards and Heidi
Reitsma both average about six
points a game. Edwards adds 2.4
assists as well.
Howey is the lind-pin in the
Bruins offense.
"She's kind of our senior
leader," Bruins coach Joe D.
Shepard said. "She does a lot of
things for us. We count on those
two. (Howey and Heidenreich) to
play real well."
Edwards and Belinda Turley are
two more players who have
stepped up their play in the second half of the season.
"Opponents can't concentrate
on just Annanda or Hannah,"
Shepard said. "That makes us a
lot Bruins are planning on facme Heidland Thurday

lot better."
The Bruins are planning on fac-ing Highland Thursday.
The Bruins split with the 14-6
Rams, who are led by forward.
Tatum Dixie and shooting guard
Celeste Hill.

Celeste Hill.

"They play aggressive defense and caused us to give up 18 turnovers," Shepard said. "That's a real concern."

#### Region Four-Five-Six Conference **Tournament**

Tuesday
Idaho Falis 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 accords with student according to the IHSAA and United Dairymen passes

Skyline (16-4) went 10-0 in the region for good reason. Senior furward Ashley Balkwin averages agame while senior wing Britmey Bettinger leads a group of solid outside shooters.

But Shepard remains hopeful, knowing I'win Falls came up two points short of knocking off the Grizzlies at Baun Gymnasium. "This team has a very positive outlook," Shepard said.

That gets tested soon.

### SAWTOOTH CENTRAL IDAHO TOURNAMENT PREVIEW It's anybody's game

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No lody is safe.
"Not even 13-6 Wood River, who
posted a 9-1 conference record, its
only loss coming to Declo Senior."
Natalic Green is the Lady
Wolverines' marquee player, the
program's all-time leading scorer.
However, Wood River isn't a onetrick pony, Green, a 5-foot 10 post,
has seen her share of doubleteams this season, opening up
chances for Wood River's other
players.
"Natalic has seen a lot of
defenses geared toward stopping
her the last couple weeks," Wood
River coach Brent Carnduff said.
"Our other girls have really
stepped-their play up".

Wood River is tall and experimed 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 truns the
Lady-Wolverines' show—withpoise.

"Jessica King has been huge for
solid passer." She's brought her game up

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," Carnduff said. "Emily Smith has hir big shots when we've needed them. She takes care of the ball and has really stepped up her defense."

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 do a number of firsts for our team," Carnduff

**Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament** 

Tuesday Buhl at Wood River, 7 p.m. Kimberly at Decke, 7 p.m. Filer at Gooding, 7 p.m.

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

The Buhl Lady Indians will face Wood River in the first round of the tournament. While the Lady Hoding stope 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 Krystel Awelar 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 Scond seed with a 7-3 conference record. Declo's strengths lie in their height and arthleticism, a combination that will scree them well in the tournament. Combined with 5-11 twin forwards Meagan and Melissa Webb, 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 Funk's surrong-play, Kimberly is, young-but dangerous; "They make me a little nervous," Murdock said. "They beat Gooding on a surprise deal. That shows you they have something waiting for us."

Gooding on a surprise deal. That shows you they have something waiting for us."

waiting for us."
Gooding fans could be treated
to the best game of the tournament, as the Lady Senators face
Filer's Lady Wildeats. Both teams
like to run pressure defense and



Jerome's Tara Davis Nov. 20, 2003 in Jerome, Docio hosts Kimberly at 7 p.m. today in a Sawtooth Central Idaho Cenference girls basketball tournament

an up-tempo offense. The tourna-ment's third seed with a 6-4 con-ference record, Goodling is led by sophomore guard Brittanie Thone. The Lady Senators have won their

The Lady Senators have won their last five regular-season games as seem to be peaking at the right time.

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

Filer's Lady Wildeats finished their season 10-10, 4-6 in conference. While the Lady Wildeats have been up and down all year the junior tandem of Jennica Mecham and Lindsay Heimkes are the best offensive due 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 dis-vice championchie.

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—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 "It him he hoge strength is our up-tempe defense." Remus said, "Waaring the other team down mentally is a huge key. We have to make them work the full length of the court."

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"I need to get the girls to play
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SPORTS IN BRIEF-

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T.F. Rec plans youth wrestling program
TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department and the Twin Falls school district are sponsoring a youth wrestling program for grades kindergarten-6 Tuesday and Thursdays from 4-5 pm. starting Feb. 10 and continuing through March-16.
Twin Falls High School coach Saild Dabestani and Bruin wrestlers will lead the program. The fee is Sla for those who live inside the city limits and \$21 for outside. A Bruins wrestling T-shirr is included with the fee. The deadline to register is Thursday.
Call 736-2265 for more information. Register at the recreation of fife to the control of the

mation. Register at the recreation office at 136 Maxwell Ave.

Organizers plan car show for August

JEROME - Joe Mama's Sixth Annual Jerome Car Show will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Jerome City Park. The major sponsors include Wal-Mart of Jerome, Swire Coca Cola and 99.9 FM "The Ruzz." For more information, call Joe Skaug at 324-8959.

No. 5 UConn blasts No. 18 Syracuse, 84-56

HARTFORD, Conn. - Emeka
Okafor had 25 points, 11
rebounds and four blocks and
No.-5 Connecticut cruised to an
84-56 win over No. 18 Syracuse
on Monday.
Okafor had his 14th double-

Okafor had his 14th double-double of the season, and 43rd of his career. Ben Gordon fin-ished with 13 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists for the Huskies (18-3, 6-1 Big East), winners of eight of their last 12 neetings with the Oranezemen.

East), winners of eight or onen-last 12 nheetings with the Orangemen.—Hakim-Warrick led Syracuso-(144, 4-3) with 26 points and 11 rebounds. He had 16 points in the first half, but was held with-out a field goal for the first 11 minutes of the second half.

Knight gets into verbal

Knight gets into verbal spat with chancellor LUBBOCK, Texas — Texas Tech coach Bob Knight got into a verbal spat with the university chancellor at a grocery store Monday, prompting a review by school officials. School spokeswoman Sally Logue Post said she did not

know details of the encounter between the basketball coach and br. David Smith. No one was injured, she said.

Gerald Myers, the university's athletic director who was instrumental in bringing Knight to Tech in 2001 after he was fired at Indiana, witnessed the encounter, Post said.

The men were getting food—around—bunchtime—art—Market—Street, an upscale grocery store about two miles from the university, said ban Sanders, chief marketing officer for United marketing officer for United Supermarkets, which-owns the stage where—the incident occurred.

Report: Bucs give Gruden

Report: Bucs give Gruden two-year extension

TAMPA. Fla. - The Tampa Tribune reported Monday that Jon Gruden, who led the Bucs to their first NFL title in January 2003, has been given a two-year contract extension that will keep him with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers through 2008.

Gruden signed a five-year, 517.5 million deal two years ago and is set to earn \$3.6 million each of the next two searsons. The Tribune said pain sold in the deal of the sold in the contract of the received recently will inon in 2006 and that the extension he received recently will pay him \$4.3 million in 2007 and 2008.

The Bucs acquired Gruden from the Oakhand Raiders in February 2002 in exchange for four high draft picks and \$8 million each. He led Tampa Bay to "a 15-4 record en route to winning last year's Super Bowl, but couldn't replicate the success this season when the team dropped to 7-9 and missed the playoffs.

Seattle Sonics activate

Seattle Sonics activate
Frahm from injured list
SEATTLE - The Seattle
SuperSonics activated shooting
guard-Richie Frahm-from the
injured list on Monday, bringing their roster back to 12.
Frahm, averaging 4.0 points
and 12 rebounds, spent 10 days
on the injured list because of
right knee tendinitis. The
Sonics had only 11 players in
Saturday's home loss 'to
Sacramento.

Sonies had only 11 players at Saturday's home loss to Sacramento. Shooting guard Brent Barry went on the injured list last week after surgery to repair a broken finger on his right hand. He is expected to miss another four to five weeks.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



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of digital imaging and Photoshop.
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from 9 a.m. to 5 pm. Feb. 7 and 14.
Lunch is not included.
For information, contact Sherry
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For information, contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or at srust@csi.edu.

#### AARP says tax prep services are in demand

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-morethan 30 taxpayers lined up to have
their state and federal income
taxes prepared.

Last year AARP Tax-Aide's vollunteer 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 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

tion of Spanish-speaking tax coun-selors at all three Burley and Rupert sites.

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 7331-734, 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

Additional Vis. Department of Agriculture researchers have received a federal grant to help them develop potatoes that are more resistant to vinues.

The university's Research and Extension Center has received \$270,000 for the molecular biology component of potator 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.

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

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They 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 Tor up to five years, and eats holes in tubers.

Farmers can save money on pesticides with potatoes naturally resistant to pets and disease, and they can have a more environmentally friendly operation, researcher Rich New said.

In addition to potato research, USDA and the University received funding for aquaculture studies. Plant researchers in Aberdeen are pairing 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. grain-based diets

Compiled from staff

### Surviving tough competition:

#### Tribes-cut-into-Jackpot casino earnings, profits

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

JACKPOT, Nev. - Winter weath

JACKPOT, New - Winter weather and gaming competition from east-ern Idaho's Fort Ifall Indian Reservation cut into revenue at pair of Jackpot South of the Idaho border, Casinos Inc. South of the Idaho border, Casinos Inc. Said Monday.

In the final three months of 2003, net revenue declined 1.4 percent at Cactus Petes Resort Casino and The Horseshu 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 fourths quarter cannings statement. The quarters margins also declined from a year earlier at Cactus Petes and The Horseshu Caute to higher-health care costs and general and administrative expenses," the company said.

But the cusino company overall posted fourth-quarter financial results that exceeded its management's foreasts and annual results that set new records for Ameristar Las Vegashased Ameristar owns and operates six properties in Missouri, fowa, Mississippi and Nevada. The Nevada cusinos are major Magic Valley employers. "Ameristar has another local tethrough its chairman and chief executive officer, Graig It. Netlson. The former Twin Falls resident also is the developer of property on the Snake River Canyon's south rim in Twin Falls.

It lightly for a fameristar'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 \$820 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 Horseshu Hotel & Casino. Dollar amounts are in thousands.

	Tittee t	nonths :	Year ended Dec. 31.		
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
ot revenue	\$13,491	\$13,309	\$59,217	\$58,833	
perating income	\$1,410	\$506	\$9,834	\$8,022	
BITDA	\$2,386	\$1,439	\$13,539	\$11,876	
perating income margin	10.5%	3.8%	16.6%	13.6%	
BITDA margin	17.7%	10.8%	22.9%	20.2%	

EBITDA is earnings before interest, takes, depreciation and amortiza EBITDA in argin is EBITDA as a percentage of net reserves is

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 mil-

the fourth quarter was considered 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 credit for sales and use tax refunds. Record diluted earnings per share of \$1.76 for 2003, up 17.3 percent from 2002. Applysts' latest consent

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 opera-tions and growth opportunities in new markets."

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.

### Court **FILINGS**

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

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#### Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

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04-250. Donna Kay Griffith, 342 Blue Lakes, Twin Falls, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 1-15 credi-tors, assets under 550,000, liabili-ties 550,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 04-40131.

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Paul David Gurule St. and Rosa Linda Gurule, 850 W. 447 S., Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-99 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40130.

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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:

### 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 int 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."

"But you can work circopy of your smart."
Nobody's arguing that the migration of tech jobs to countries that offer skilled workers and cheap wages is simply a fad. Forrester Research predicts at Icast 33 mil-lion 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 deserlorment and systems maintenance can

Thanks to the Internet, jobs like software development and systems maintenance can be handled in countries where workers are well-trained, and, speak, English, Dut.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 off-shore. '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 bie. It's

dung utstatuing weather are big, II-theavy companies like General Electric and Chigroup. 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 companies.

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 Core

A recent survey by TPI Inc., an outsourc-ing advisory firm, found that the biggest out-sourcing contracts (5200 million and up) were flat in 2003 at S55.7 billion, while the number of smaller contracts fell. Peter Allen, a TPI managing director, said that when clients ask for advice on out-sourcing, 30 percent of the time he advises against it.

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Many companies have already had a bad experience.
In a survey conducted by DiamondCluster, 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 off-shoring, 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 Palls.

"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 Disher, a vice president at Booz Allen Hamilton, a management consulting firm.

In some industries, like accounting and

firm.

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

Computer maker Dell Inc. has been in headlines after moving a call-center work back to Twin - Falls and other U.S. facilities.

defense contractors face rules limiting involvement by foreign nationals in some

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 fall to unticipate how much make the state of t

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 not oversee it elsewhere, and too sudden a shift can do more harm than good.

### 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 Pulllam Weston

Answer: Here is yet another xample of why you, and not a redit card company, should be a charge of managing your

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o on your spending, and it

didn't work. Your plan failed because the "cop" that was sup-posed to stop you has an incen-tive to keep you spending. Lenders have learned that they, can make a lor of money by let-ting you run over your limit and then charging you fees for the privilege.

privilege.
It's up to you, not a credit card
company, to track and limit your
own spending. You can do it 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 lis-ten to an update of what you

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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 formaxing out your credit score and can trigger higher interest rates on all 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.

19: 1 and 7 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.

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

### Stocks close mixed on good news | Stocks may not be the way to go to

NEW YORK (AP) – Investors uncertain about the direction of the economy sent stocks fluctuating throughout an erratic session Monday, with prices ending mixed. Blue chip stocks finished eigher while tech stocks extended their slide.

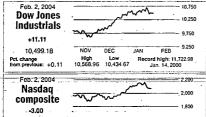
The market struggled to interpret the latest reading on manufacturing from the Institute of Supply Management. Although the group's index of business activity reached a healthy 63.6 in January, up from 63.4 in December, the figure was slightly off analysts' expectation of 64, and many investors were disappointed. Stocks did manage a rally during the afternoon, but for the most part, only the bigname stocks held their gains. Such ambivalence was perhaps to be expected in a market that has seen two weeks of declines after having reached its highest levels since 2001.

"Stocks rose between mid-November and mid-January at an annualized rate of almost 80 per-cert per annum," said Rod Smyth, chief investment strategist for Wachovia Securities.

"This market clearly cannot sustiff high the security of the control of the reaching the security of the province of the

ing like this over the next couple of months."

The Dow Jones industrial average finished up 11.11, or 0.1 percent, at 10.49.18, after losing more than 50 points in the morning and posting more than 80 points of gains in the aftermoon. Broader stock indicators were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 4.13, or 0.4 percent at 1,135.26, and the Nasdag composite index finished down 3.00, or 0.2 percent, at 2,063.15. Analysts said come of the afternoon buying was due to investors who realized that earnings



2.063.15 Pct, change from previous: -0.15

reports released over the past two weeks were probably better than they initially thought. "Overall, we've got earnings coming in that are ahead of consensus and great underlying economic fundamentals," said Scott Wren, equity strategist for A.G. Edwards & Sons. "There's a lot of retail investors who missed a lot of this run and so you have a lot of this run and so you have a lot of jump on the bandwagon meriality to help you recover." Investors were also encouraged by an influx of east, due to a toptier firm pulling money out of bonds and putting it in stocks, according to Keith Keenan, vice president of institutional trading at Wall Street Access. It was not immediately clear which firm carried out the transactions. "It was fairly busy in the latest flurry." Keenan said. "It's that-kind of market. Little things rouse people pretty quickly."

International Paper Co. reported a fourth-quarter profit of 23 cents per share before one-time charges, beating Wall Street



expectations by 5 cents. Its shares rose 24 cents at \$42.51. Gament Co. advanced 24 cents to \$85.95 after the media company announced a 3-percent increase in quarterly profits, meeting analysts estimates. Semiconductor stocks fell after the Semiconductor Industry. Association reported an 18 percent hike in chip sales in 2003. Intel Corp. fell 20 cents to \$30.32, while Advanced Micro Devices Inc. lost 22 cents to \$14.64. Buoyed by a large increase in defense spending in President Bush's \$2.4 rtillion budge proposal, defense companies also gained, with Boeing Co. up 79 cents at \$42.54 and Raytheon Co. rising 48 cents to \$30.99. Ford Motor Co. shed 59 cents to \$13.95 after Deutsche Bank cut its rating on the company from "hold" to "sell" due to doubts the automaker could meet earnings goals.

The Russell 2000 index of

goals.
The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 0.22, or 0.04 percent, to 580.54.

### achieve good retirement protection

By Marshall Loeb and Brendan January Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK - Many people rely on historic stock returns (which tend to range between 8 and 13 percent) when calculat-ing how much they will need in

and 13 percent) when calculating how much they will need-inorder to retire.

This strategy, however, can
be dangerously flawed, especially if you withdraw money
from your investments on an
annual basis and you fall into
a bear market at the wrong
time.

For example, a person who
retires at age 65 with a \$500,000
portfolio – 60 percent in stocks
and 40 percent in government
bonds – would appear to be in a
financially good position.

That person may decide to
withdraw between 8 percent
-(\$340,000) or 5 percent (\$25,000)
from their portfolio annually. At
such a low rate, the retiree
could expect-historic stockreturns to allow him or her to be
comfortable for at least 20
years.

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But if the person started with drawing money in 1972, which marked the onset of a massive bear market that saw stocks decline 43 percent, watch how last the money disappears: Withdrawing \$40,000 a year, the entire \$500,000 would have been gone by 1983. At \$25,000 at year, the money petered out by 1993.

1993.
So'how do you protect your-self? In his book about retire-ment strategy, "We're Not in Kansas Anymore," journalist Walter Updegrave advises that we consider our retirement nest

egg differently.

Instead of calculating how
much we need each year and
then just taking it, we should try
to withdraw no more than 4 percent of our nest egg annually and live as well as possible on

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#### 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.

nels 1,000 feet underground – could boost Nevada's gross state product by as much as \$228 mil-lion during peak activity in 2006. Average annual economic benefit from transportation and operations could top \$127 mil-lion per year.

operations could top 5127 mu-lion per year.

The Energy Department pro-jects spending 558 billion.on the repository, which it wants to open in 2010. The agency plans to submit an application to the Nuclear. Regulatory Commission by the end of this year.

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 volcaniz ridge 90 miles from Las Vegas. Newada is fighting the project in federal court in Washington, D.C., where oral arguments were heard last month. A ruling is pending.

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tax-free money to your kids if you
don't end up needing it.

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have to start-withdrawing the
money in retirement and pay yeaular income taxes on those withdrawals. Those restrictions might
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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

sheet...It's Diank—until you ton.
Suddenly the curly page jumps
Life with a detailed screen display, including a selection of topographic maps showing the way
back. Later, at your car, you unfur
the same sheet, this time to check the same sheet, this time to check out restaurant reviews for local

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.

the. 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 opened 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 offer streaming news or other information.

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Because similar charges repel each other, white particles move up into view when a positive charge is applied below and black particles move into view when a negative charge is applied below.

Capsules are about the diameter of a human hair (50 to 100 microns) and the black and white particles inside are less than a micron each.

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play.
The device is a rectangular screen just three times the thick-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.

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 "flectronic ink drops" creates black text on a white background, giving the plas tic sheet the look of a paperback

page. It weight of 1 1/2 pennies. When dropped, van Rens said, it doesn't shatter into a heap of glass shards and electronic guts: "It just flutters to the ground."

Two advances underlie the arrival of flexible computer displays. One involves improvements in electronic paper, or "e-paper"—thin plastic sheets packed with closely spaced black and white dosely spaced black and white dosely spaced black and white plastic space of the plastic are that oppositive or negative charge is applied to that capsule, either the white or the black specks leap to the sheet's visible surface at that spot.

By applying positive or negative

spot.

By applying positive or negative charges in pinprick patterns across the "page," the black and white specks can be arranged to make letters and words that look just like those printed with ink on page.

just like those printed with ink on paper.
Unlike standard computer and PDA displays, which generate tiny points of light, the E Ink system simply reflects ambient light off its white background, like a newspaper or book. So it is easily read outdoors in bright sun and at virtually any reading angle. Lightemitting screens are difficult to read in bright places and must be viewed fairly straight on.

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

The Associated Press

RESEARCH TRIANGLE
PARK, North Carolina - David
Bradley spen 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 Crrl-All-Delete. It
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"I didn't know it was going to be
a cultural icon." Bradley said. "I
did a lot of other things than CrrlAll-Delete, but I'm famous for
that one."

Bradley, 55, retired from IBMCorp. on Friday after 28 1/2 years.
By 1980, Bradley was one of 12
people working to create the IBM
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people working to create the IBM
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The computer should it fail.
Bradley wrote the code to make it
work.
Bradley, who will continue
teaching at North Carolina State

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."

"After having been the answer

David Bradley, inventor of the Ctri-Alt-Delete computer code, said he Alt-Delete computer code, said h didn't know the keystroke would

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

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 hig time saver if your skill with computers can find a source that provides that information.

Henry Halmo, Elizabeth, N. J.

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 minutule as precise facts, eh, Mr. H? So, as you note, when none visits the wealth of investment-oriented Web sites that offer free stock data, it's a samp to click

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of sight.

For example, at Microsoft's excellent Money Central com site, con enceds to order the server to proffer a custom view rather than the normal price history. Start by going to Money Central com and celling up a sample stock by giving the sticker symbol. You will get a display shrong the last days trading history, along with such ele-

Computer Q&A

mentary data as carnings per share, price-to-earnings ruto, 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 Historical data. 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. The property of the property

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 spread-sheet. The export command rests under the File tool in the same disnate.

### Macintosh celebrates 20 years of innovation

Almost 20 years ago .- Jan. 22,

Almost 20 years ago — Jan. 22, 1984, to be exact — Apple Computer Inc. used a revolutionary television commercial to Isuanch a revolutionary product: The Macintosh. — 3the Orwellian-themed comfectual aired just once — during the Super Bowl — and showed a rebellious woman running through an audience of dronelike humans to smash a big-screen image of Big Brother, a not very-subtle shot at IBM's dominance of the personal-computer industry.

Two days later, the Macintosh Two days later, the Macintosh went on sale, energizing the industry with its user-friendly mouse and a point-and-like screen that eliminated the need for users to learn arcane commands to open and manipulate the computer's files. Deleting 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,

#### Apple Computer

into lines of clothing. Forget those low-tech embroidered Gap or Gucci logos on your shirts, said Barry Young, vice president and hief financial officer for Austin, Texas-based DisplaySearch, anarket research company that tracks the flat panel displaydiatory. We've talking about a Times Square-style news crawl moving across your chest G... U... C... C... I. "Now we'll have to pay to be a billboard," Young quipped. Flexible-display blouses are still some years off. But a more modest rollable display - the first to be truly mass-produced – is now being churned out at the rate of 100 per week and may reach production levels of 1 million a year by the end of next year, said Bas JLE. van Rens, general manager of Polymer Vision, the division of Royal Philips Electronics of the



Tather than intimidated, its users.

Apple cofounder Steve Jobs
dubbed the Mac the computer
'for the rest of us,' and it quickly
became the PC of choice for
graphic designers and educators.

And users quickly became passionate about it.

"If you ask a Mac user to
switch, they'll fight you. You'll
have to drag them kicking and
screaming," said Nick Kourtides,
a freelance sound designer in

Philadelphia who creates sound and visual effects for theater pro-ductions on a variety of Macs.

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

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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. limited its reach. Rival Microsoft Corp., meanwhile, was putting its MS-DOS system, and eventu-ality its Maclike Window's sys-tlem, into PCs made not just sy-IBM, but also by Compaq and many other makers of IBM "clones."

"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 com-

based mutuary...
"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

Bare said, "not necessary bistory was overseen by John Sculley, the brand-marketing guru recruited by Jobs from Pepsilo Inc. Jobs resigned in 1985 after the company's managers decided Sculley was better suited to run the commany.

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Twelve years and another CEO
later, Jobs returned and revived
Apple's flagging fortunes by
launching the iMac, a colorful,
allinone computer that restored
Apple's reputation as a risk-taker
and the Mac's reputation as the
easiest computer to use. It was easiest computer to use. It was
the first of several "i" products
from Apple; popular recen
examples include the iPod music
player and iTunes music-down examples include the iPod music player and iTunes music-down-loading 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. 250 it's no surprise that these 250 it's no surprise that the product their e-mail inboxes from 25am. The bouncer technology is 25alled "challenge-responses" bouncer technology is 25alled "challenge-respond with 15go of their identities. 25ome companies, including 15a Altos, Calif-based 35allblocks, are using free trials and free versions to push challenge-response into the mainstream. But critics warn that unless the new crop of software bouncers get smarter, they could implode a widely used e-mail communications system—that, We hand nightclub bouncers a

despite its downfalls, 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.

ing mail.

But now products such as Mailblocks, Hushmail, ChoiceMail and others are push-

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 tost," said Mike Migliore, director of product engineering for Mailblocks. "There are no filters, there are no false-positives. Everything gets delivered."



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### Kurds-link-deaths-to-al-Qaida | Idaho social services

bombings rises to 67

IRBIL. Iraq (AP) – Kurds blamed Ansar «d-Islam, an al-Qada-linked militaut group, for suicide bombings that killed at least fo people, saying Monday its members increasingly have been slipping, into Iraq-since-Saddam Hussein's outster. Thousands gathered to mourn a Irbit's Layoust measure where

Thousands gathered to mourn at Irbi's largest mosque, when the two man Kurdish parties — both U.S. dlhes, but often a odds with each other — held a joint memorial in a stone of unity. The attacks Sunday devastated the Kurdish parties offices in the attacks Sunday devastated the Kurdish parties offices in the corthern city, the heartland of the Kurdish self-rule region.

One of the parties, the Patrick Country of Martistan, or PUK, said of the man who blew latingelip inside its office, slipping in along-side hundreds of well-wichers precting PUK officials on the first day of the Muslim holiday Eid al-Adha.

Only the back of the hombor's

ona. Only the back of the bomber's the back of the bombers head was visible in the footage. The man, apparently 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, Shakhwan Abbae.



raqi Kurd İsmail Abbas Kakashi rests inside a hospital, v from severe burns he received during a suicide bombing Sunday in the northern iraqi Kurdish city of Irbii.

Almost at the same time Sunday morning, the second bomber struck a similar ceromony 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.

the PUK office and John 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-Ladenyal-Qaida.

"All indications point to the involvement of Islamic terrorists with al-Qaida connections," Barham Sallh, 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."

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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.

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ronst network enemy, no security and 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.

### budget gets a grilling

Director questions compassion of conservatives so shifts to economic argument in seeking funds-

Idaho

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BOISE (AP) - Idaho's social services chief used economic impact rather than luman com-passion on Monday to validate for lawmakers the more than \$1 bil-lion the state spends each year to help tile needy every year. But it falled to blunt the

tion 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, were moving away from the spirit of the welfare reform act and to economic development,' Republican Rep. Scott Bedke of Oakley 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 mouey down a hole and not helping people,' Kurtz told legislative budget writers.

In the coming year Idaho will spend more than 51 billion on health care for hundreds of thousands of people, S90 million on food stamps for about 85,000 people, tens of millions of dollars in direct cash assistance for the poorest and \$30 million in substidized child care for the working poor so

they can keep working.

The welfare budget claims more general tax revenue than any other budger except public school

orther budger except public school support.

"Take this money out of our counties and we not only endainger the care and well-being of people who need help, but we also adversely affections of the counties and local businesses."

Kurtz told the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

Kurtz told the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.
He quoted Melissa Baker of Sandpoint, the operator adure of Alidicare business with 10 employees, as saying the state subsidized program is critical to her future.
"Without it, we would liave to shut down," Baker said: But Republican Sen Shawn, Keough, who has Baker as a constituent, objected to the way Knitz characterized the state's welfare operations. "When people are out of jobs, when businesses are desping, when its hard to make ends neet, it's hard to pay the taxen that want to 355,000 of Idaho's 1.3" million residents last year, about. "S percent came from the federal government and would have gone to other states if Idaho had not used its share.
But Kough shot back that "fed" eral tax dollars also come from the every happers.

### Sharon says he plans to dismantle Gaza settlements

Nuclear black market investigation yields tight-knit group

JERUSALEM (AP) - Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told his stunned Likud Party on 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.

said.

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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

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The nucleur black market that supplied fran, 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 the country of the control of the control of the country of the countr

ent on one another.

Abdul Qadeer Khan, who founded Pakistan's nuclear program, is emerging as the head of



in one go, or gradually, but over the course of time, it will not be right to continue Jewish ser thement in Gaza," a Likud official quoted Sharon as Sharon as

Artel Sharon

the ring believed to have been the main' supplier through middle-men over three continents. A Pakistani government official revealed Monday that Khan has acknowledged in a written star-ment transferring nuclear tech-nology\_to\_Iran, Libya.and\_North Korea.

Arlel Sharon referred to Jewish settle-ment in Gaza as "a security bur-den and a source of continuous

friction," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Sharon has said recently he would take unilateral steps, sinculading removing some sestlements and imposing a boundary on the Palestinans, 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 sun battle.

in an intense gun battle.
Sharon's plan was met by widespread skepticism in Israel and
the Palestinian areas. Moderate

and ultra-nationalist Israeli legis-lators alike said they found it dif-ficult to believe Sharon, a patron of the Jewish settlement move-ment for years, would take navio-against a core constituency and risk the fall of his center-gith coalition. Some suggested Sharon was trying to deflect attention from corruption investigations of him.

him.
Palestinian leader Yasser
Arafat also expressed disbelief.
"Seventeen trailers (settlements)? What, so they can replace
them with another 170?" he said.

that included blueprints of a nuclear bomb handed over to U.S. and British intelligence officials late last month; they stid.

Middlemen responsible for meshing supply and demand were located in European capitals, Asia and-the-Middle-east, rhey-said-typically working with Iranian, talbyan 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.

### 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 an abortion could be performed. The bill is expected to be introduced in the Senate on Thursday by Republican Skip Brandt of Kooskia. Rep. Janice MCGeachin, R-Idaho Falls, will be the floorsponsor in the House.

Kooska. Rep. Janice McGeachin, P.-Kldahn-Falls, will-be-the-floor-sponsor in the House.

A bipartisan, anti-abortion group of lawmakers, was, at 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..."

The Department of Health and

Welfare has been circulating an old pamphler produced by the state of Ohio, which includes a disconnected toll free telephon-number for information on abortion and alternatives.

Critics claim that fails to comply with the states 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:

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\*The woman having an abortight and her immediate family would be allowed to sue the aborten provider. If the provider fails:to.comply with the consent laws.

\*The Idaho Health and Welfare Department must 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 unborh child at the various ages."

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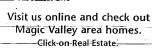
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Two years ago, Canada won their first-ever major bridge title when they defeated Poland in the finals of the Salt Lake City Grand Prix. In the Round Robin, Canada picked up a huge swing against the U.S. team.

Both teams had reached a grand slam here, a contract that looks easy enough. However, on a spade lead, the communications to run the club sait had been disrupted. South for the United States had reached seven clubs, and he followed the normal line of putting up the spade ace at trick one, then leading the club acc, rashing his own queen. Thus be could not survive the bad trump spilt and bad to go down a trick. For Canada Fred Gitelman played seven no-trump, and healso took the spade ace at trick one. Consider carefully what you would do next!

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The problem with running clubs at once is that you might survive a 5-1 club split, but if only one red suit behaves, how will you guess what to discard on the run of the clubs? You have to discard prematurely from your hand without knowing what to keep.

Once you see that, you can work out the solution easily enough. Declarer simply took the spade ace and played on hearts at once, then tested diamonds pitching dummy's spades. When the diamonds behaved, South had 13 tricks without needing to rely on clubs. He took one spade, three hearts, five diamonds, and four club tricks.

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▲ 9·8 ♥ A K Q 9 7 ♦ A-K Q 6 5 ♣ Q

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Opening lead: Spade three

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South holds:

A A Q J.

8 6

9 3

A K J 10 4 2

West North East Pass 1 ♥ Pass Pass 3 ♥ Pass

ANSWER: Bid three spades. Three hearts is foreing (the only way to stop, in a partscore would be for partner to pass three clubs). So try three spades suggesting values rather than a suit—hoping to hear three no-trump from partner. Bidding notrump yourself with no diamond stop would be a wild gamble, and raising hearts would require three trumps or a very good doubleton.

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