





# CBO: Deficit will fall, rise

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Bush's fiscal 2005 budget proposals would reduce the deficit over the next five years, the Congressional Budget Office said Friday, but at the expense of an enormous increase in red ink in the following five years.

Bush had pledged that his plan would cut the annual deficit in half in five years, and White House projections of the effects of his proposals suggested he would meet that goal. The CBO estimated that the Bush budget would fall slightly short of that 50 percent reduction.

And while the White House did not project where the deficit would be after five years, the CBO — Congress' nonpartisan fiscal analyst — did. The CBO found that the annual deficit would remain greater than \$200 billion through 2014. For the 10 years beginning in 2005, the cumulative deficit would total \$2.75 trillion.

By contrast, the CBO said, the annual deficit would shrink nearly to zero if the current budget were put on autopilot for the decade and no changes were made to spending or tax policy. Under this approach, the cumulative 10-year deficit would be about \$2 trillion, far less than with Bush's policies.

The report is expected to stoke a political debate on Capitol Hill and on the campaign trail over whether Bush and Congress are doing enough to rein in spending. It also likely will reopen debate over whether tax cuts already enacted but not yet in force should be rescinded and whether those that have taken effect with expiration dates should be allowed to expire as scheduled.

Robert L. Bixby, head of the Concord Coalition, a budget watchdog group based in Arlington, Va., said the numbers portended "an ugly budget year." The CBO report showed, he said, that the administration had failed to give a full picture of the country's budget problems by presenting a five-year plan when "the overwhelming impact" of its proposals came after five years.

# HAITIANS SUFFER AS CHAOS REIGNS



A Haitian Guard Coast officer carries 4-year-old Belsouf Saint-Louis upon his arrival to the port of Carrefour, in the outskirts of Port-au-Prince, Friday. Belsouf and his father Julien were among 537 Haitian boat people that were intercepted in the Caribbean by the U.S. Coast Guard and returned to Haiti.

# Haitian capital descends into total anarchy as rebels threaten blockade

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Rebels seeking to oust President Jean-Bertrand Aristide seized a strategic town Friday and said they will blockade the chaotic capital to "close the circle" around the embattled leader. Aristide said he would not step down.

Pentagon officials are weighing the possibility of sending troops to waters off Haiti to guard against a possible refugee crisis and to protect the estimated 20,000 Americans there.

Aristide, under increasing pressure to relinquish power from the United States and the rebels, told CNN that "I have the responsibility as an elected president to stay where I am."

Chaos increasingly engulfed the capital city. Armed thugs hijacked cars at will. Looters hit the capital's seaport, stealing almost everything thing in sight

and setting ablaze a freight terminal. Crowds jammed into the airport, only to find most flights canceled.

Hundreds of people looted Port-au-Prince's seaport, scurrying out with boxes of melting chicken parts and pork loins strapped to their backs. Others streamed out with television sets, table lamps, furniture and other goods.

Smoke wafted from the smoldering ruins of a torched freight terminal. No police were in sight. The body of a dead man lay on the ground amid a layer of papers and other trash; it was unclear how he was killed.

The bodies of two executed men also lay a few blocks from the presidential National Palace.

Shops put up hurricane shutters against looters, and people stayed home behind locked

doors, leaving the streets to gangs of pro-Aristide thugs who hijacked cars, robbed people at barricades and roamed the street on foot yelling "Five years, five years." Aristide was elected to a five-year term that ends February 2005.

A few police patrolled in cars, but were vastly outnumbered by the militants.

The rebels, who have overrun at least half of Haiti since they began the uprising three weeks ago, closed in on the seaside capital in a pincer movement, overrunning villages as police fled.

Police officers in Croix-des-Bouquets, just nine miles north-east of Port-au-Prince, shed their uniforms for civilian clothes, appeared to have abandoned their guns and looked ready to flee.

# Report says priests abused 11,000 children

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The nation's Roman Catholic priests sexually abused nearly 11,000 children — and perhaps as many as 14,000 — during the past five decades, according to an unprecedented and exhaustive study released Friday.

The study, prepared for the Catholic bishops by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, established that 4,392 priests — or 4.3 percent of the total — sexually molested youngsters under age 18 between 1950 and 2002.

The percentage of abusers was even higher — 5 percent — between 1950 and 2002. The nation's 195 dioceses and 140 religious orders have paid more than \$572 million in victim compensation, legal costs and treatments for victims and priests, according to the study. Most of the known abuse occurred in the 1970s and 1980s and, according to the report, dropped off markedly after 1993.

Bishop Wilton D. Gregory, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops said at a news conference Friday that he found the John Jay report "painful to read," but he called it detailed and voluminous data a "vital benchmark" that would make children safer from abuse.

The report, which runs about 140 pages and contains dozens of charts and tables, cost \$400,000 to produce.

# Iraqi Shiites quit constitution session

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — Shiite Muslim members of Iraq's Governing Council walked out of a session to draft an interim constitution on Friday after a dispute over women's rights, exposing deep divisions between the country's two principal religious groups as they seek to form a transitional government.

The walkout by eight of the council's 13 Shiite members, the first since the body was formed in July, casts doubt on the council's ability to meet a Saturday deadline set by

Gregory said that since 2002, more than 100 abusive priests have been removed from active ministry and that no priest known to have abused a minor is still acting as a priest.

"This is a terrible history, but it is history," he said.

In an analysis of that history, the Detroit Free Press reported this week that the Vatican recently reinstated a priest found to have had consensual sex with a youth who was between the ages of 16 and 18 in the mid-1970s. At the time of the offense, the Vatican said, church law held that 16 — not the 18 of today — was the age of majority. The priest is now a chaplain with the Navy in California.

Based on confidential data provided by 98 percent of the nation's Catholic dioceses and 63 percent of the religious orders, the John Jay team determined that 10,667 individuals have made credible allegations against priests since 1950.

Karen Terry, head of the John Jay study team, noted that the total is surely much higher, since many dioceses reported additional anecdotal evidence — such as reports by accusers that their siblings were also abused — indicating 3,000 more "probable victims" who haven't come forward.

Gregory on Friday voiced his "heartfelt sorrow" to the many victims and called on any person abused by clergy or personnel to come forward "if that is your choice."

the Bush administration for drafting an interim constitution.

Several members and their aides said the protest provided the clearest indication yet of the wide political gulf between majority Shiites, who largely favor a greater role for Islamic law, and minority Sunnis, who prefer a more secular government.

The disagreement stemmed from a decision to vote on a resolution introduced by some Shiites that would have imposed Islamic sharia law in adjudicating divorces, inheritances and other family matters.

# Sept. 11 committee receives more time

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Dennis Hastert agreed Friday to give the independent panel investigating the Sept. 11 attacks more time to finish its work, clearing the way for Congress to formally approve a two-month extension.

Hastert's decision to reverse his previous objections to the extension also defused a separate crisis that threatened to shut down highway programs and part of the

Transportation Department. President Bush supports the extension and the Senate earlier Friday passed on a voice vote a Senate Intelligence Committee bill including the two-month extension.

But without a guarantee that the House would act by next week on that bill, Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., held up a vote on a highway bill needed to prevent the furlough Monday of some 5,000 federal workers and a

cutoff of highway money. They lifted that hold after being informed that Kean and Hamilton were satisfied they would get the extension they requested.

# FBI orders review of Oklahoma City

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI on Friday ordered a formal review of some aspects of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing investigation, reopening the question of whether Timothy McVeigh may have had more accomplices in the worst domestic terrorist attack in U.S. history. The Associated Press has learned.

Reacting to an AP story earlier this week, the FBI ordered agents to determine why some documents did not properly reach the bureau's Oklahoma City task force during the original investigation or get turned over to McVeigh's lawyers before he was executed in 2001, officials said.

AP reported that documents never introduced at McVeigh's trial showed FBI agents destroyed evidence.

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# California justices decline to halt gay marriages

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The California Supreme Court declined a request by the state attorney general Friday to immediately shut down San Francisco's gay weddings and nullify the nearly 3,500 marriages already performed.

The decision marked yet another setback to conservatives in their fight to block the rush to the altar by gay couples in San Francisco. More than 3,400 couples have tied the knot since the city began issuing marriage licenses two weeks ago, under the directive of Mayor Gavin Newsom.

At the prodding of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Attorney General Bill Lockyer asked the justices to intervene in the emotionally charged debate while they consider the legality of the marriages. But the justices declined, and told the city and a conservative group that opposes gay marriages to file new legal briefs by March 5.

Without taking a position on whether same-sex marriages



Maj. Jeffrey McGowan, left, and Billam van Roostenberg celebrate after their wedding Friday in New Paltz, N.Y.

should be deemed constitutional. Lockyer told the justices it was a matter for the courts — not the mayor — to decide.

"The genius of our legal system is in the orderly way our laws can

be changed, by the Legislature or by a vote of the people through the initiative process, to reflect current wisdom or societal values," he wrote.

Regardless of the Friday order,

the San Francisco-based court did not indicate whether it would decide the issue. The seven justices usually are reluctant to decide cases until they work their way up through the lower courts, which this case has not.

"It's a matter of statewide concern and voters want to know. Californians want to know and couples that participated in ceremonies need to know the status of their relationship," Lockyer said.

The court challenge came as 25 gay couples exchanged wedding vows Friday on the steps of village hall in New Paltz, N.Y., opening up another front in the growing national debate.

A county clerk in New Mexico issued 26 licenses earlier this month before the state attorney general declared them invalid. More than 30 gay couples in Iowa City, Iowa, were denied marriage licenses Friday by an openly lesbian county official who said she must uphold the law.

"What we're witnessing in America today is the flowering of the largest civil rights movement the country's had in a generation," said New Paltz Green Party mayor, Jason West.

New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer refused a request for an injunction against the New Paltz ceremonies, noting that such a measure should only be a last resort. He did not issue an opinion on whether the marriages were legal.

"The validity of the marriages and the legality of the mayor's action will be determined in due course in the courts," Spitzer said.

This month's gay marriage push is rooted in a November decision by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, which ruled that prohibiting same-sex marriages violated that state's constitution. The court reaffirmed the decision this month, clearing the way for full-fledged gay marriages by mid-May.

## Safety review uncovers poor record-keeping by NASA

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA is doing a poor job keeping track of breakdowns-and other problems aboard the international space station, an internal audit released Friday found.

The post-Columbia safety review also found that the space agency has failed to maintain a complete set of blueprints of space station equipment, and that many documents, agreements and instructions are outdated and filled with inconsistencies.

Soon after Columbia was destroyed last February, NASA's space station program began examining its own operations to identify safety risks. This is the second such report issued on the space station.

The 172-page report offered 60 examples of any breakdowns or other problems that are not being adequately tracked. But it said that NASA's analysis of trends is seriously lacking, with inadequately trained personnel.

NASA was criticized after the Columbia accident for not keeping better track of recurring problems, such as foam breaching and hitting the shuttles on liftoff.

The audit found shortcomings in the computer database that is supposed to contain electronic drawings of all space station parts. Some drawings were missing; others were on a backlog of items waiting to be entered into the system.

NASA released the report a day after a spacecraft malfunction forced an early end to the first spacewalk to be conducted outside the orbiting outpost without anyone inside overseeing the operation.

A cramped cooling line caused cosmonaut Alexander Kaleris' space suit to overheat.

# From Hendrix to Blink 182

## Guitar known as the 'Strat' turns 50

By Matt York  
Associated Press writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The year 1954 was full of pop culture benchmarks. Elvis Presley recorded his first single, the Miss America pageant was televised for the first time, Ernest Hemingway won the Nobel Prize for "The Old Man and the Sea."

And in a small factory in Fullerton, Calif., an inventor named Leo Fender created his Stratocaster.

If the general public overlooked that last milestone, musicians do not. In fact, for many it's a pivotal event.

"Who knows how many different designs they've used to imitate and top it and nobody's come close," says Nils Lofgren, guitarist for Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band. "It's definitely as beautifully crafted an instrument that you'll ever find and I'm very, very grateful for all Leo went through to create it."

The guitar known affectionately as the Strat celebrated its 50th birthday in February. And it's had a busy 50 years.

Americans know this instrument, even if they don't know its name, because it's been in so

many famous hands and its tones form the foundation of so much of the music we listen to.

Jimmi Hendrix made it scream. Stevie Nicks made it cry. Eric Clapton made it rock.

Fender was known for incorporating musicians' suggestions into his designs. As a result, the Stratocaster was a collaboration by Fender and his close associates and those who played guitar for a living.

"Leo created a work of art that remains useful to millions of players and will always be useful," says Lofgren.

Says Richard McDonald, a spokesman for Scottsdale-based Fender Musical Instruments Corp.: "He just nailed it right out of the gate."

"You measure an instrument's success or failure on the merits of what gets recorded with it," says McDonald, the company's vice president of marketing. "Once huge masses of work were recorded with the Stratocaster, it became a cultural identity."

Unlike many guitars of the 1950s, the Stratocaster's body was made of solid wood, making it extremely durable. Hendrix set it on fire, Vaughan and others administered countless beatings.



Above, tuning heads are applied to Fender Stratocaster head stocks last August at the Fender factory in Corona, Calif.

Left, Nils Lofgren, guitarist for Bruce Springsteen's E Street band, plays his 1962 Fender Stratocaster at his studio in Scottsdale, Ariz., Jan. 4.

"The Strat is like a workhorse, you don't have to baby it," Lofgren says. "You can be gentle and subtle and when you're leaning into it a bit too hard, it doesn't cave early on you. It pushes back a bit. No other guitar I've played allows that."

The total result of the Stratocaster's solid body is a highly

sustained tone that produces a clean bright sound unlike hollow-body guitars.

"I was a young guitarist and mostly played jazz with hollow bodies," says Gin Blossom guitarist Scott Johnson. "When I landed my first pro gig they told me to go get a solid body for the sustain, so I got a Strat."

Its historical significance, and international success aside, perhaps 11-year-old Chris Kuecher, who uses a Strat in his guitar class, sums up the guitar's appeal best.

"I don't know much about guitars," says Chris, who attends Desert Harbor Elementary School in Peoria, Ariz., "but I know the Stratocaster has a cool sound."

## Michael Jackson shops in ski mask; police ask him to identify himself

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Michael Jackson was pulled over by police and asked to identify himself after shopping at a Wal-Mart while wearing a ski mask.

An employee called police Tuesday police Lt. Bill Kimmman said. The employee gave a description of the vehicle and Jackson was stopped a short time later. Authorities asked Jackson to identify himself, which he did by removing his mask.

"There were no problems, and that was it," Kimmman said.

The singer is known to wear disguises when in public.

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# Bill highlights rift among abortion foes

BOISE (AP) — A state Senate committee late Friday sidetracked legislation creating new hurdles for women seeking abortions in Idaho so advocates could make changes intended to smooth over a rift in the anti-abortion movement.

Without dissent, the State Affairs Committee cleared the way for the full Senate to consider those changes before taking a final vote on the proposal revising the current requirements for informing women about abortion and alternatives before they undergo the procedure.

But the offer of what supporters saw as concessions to their more conservative wing of the movement was greeted noncommittally.

Barbara Gough of Generation Life said the proposed changes appear to improve the legislation from her viewpoint, "but it's difficult for me to speak for or against the bill."

But Christ Troupis of Idaho



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Chooses Life, the leader of the anti-abortion movement's conservative wing, flatly told the committee it should take action to enforce the existing law before it puts a new one on the books.

The rhetoric was toned down from two weeks ago when Gough, whose group is allied with Idaho Chooses Life, called the bill a slap in the face to women.

Jolie Lynde of the Cornerstone Institute, which is allied with Focus

on the Family, countered that her public policy group was told its bill was dead on arrival if Idaho Chooses Life founder David Ripley was involved.

Pro-choice forces continued to condemn the bill as another attempt to harass women considering abortion and reduce the number of doctors willing to perform abortions by imposing onerous requirements.

Sen. Maria Calabretta, D-Oborn, said while the bill may attempt to address the trauma suffered by women who have abortions, it does nothing to address the personal problems women have who decide to give a newborn up for adoption, who take on the responsibility of raising the child alone.

"Those of you who are so concerned about abortion, are you as interested in helping with the social services?" she asked.

But Lynde said the measure, with the proposed changes, will

provide better more relevant information to women. Among the changes are an attempt to reconcile the definition of a medical emergency when an abortion can be performed without consent in the new bill and legislation on teenage abortions that Ripley helped write several years ago.

The pool of people who could sue doctors for violating the consent law would also be narrowed to the immediate family of the pregnant woman. The bill currently permits anyone to sue.

Still, the division within the anti-abortion movement will make approval of the bill difficult, Lynde conceded.

The rift became public three weeks ago when Cornerstone criticized Ripley, Generation Life and others for taking Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to court to force his administration to begin publishing the pamphlet detailing information about abortion and its alternatives.

## —LEGISLATIVE LOG—

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### Completes for Friday Sent to governor

SB1207 (Hodgson and Bolse) - Makes technical correction to law on criminal restitution.  
 SB1208 (Hodgson and Bolse) - Provides award drug evaluation for some first-time non drug users detained.  
 SB1209 (Hodgson and Bolse) - Makes technical corrections to the Inmate Comptroller Act.  
 SB1210 (Gammere and Barton Resources) - Updates language and makes technical changes regarding the federal unemployment trust fund.

### Confirmed by Senate

Ed Gay (Helen Roberts, in the Commission on Public and Private).  
 Sandra DeJong, Blackfoot, in the Idaho Commission on Human Rights.

### Legislative action complete

HB123 (Ways and Means) - Welcomes Idaho State University President Robert Kirtles and University of Idaho President Timothy White.

### Introduced in House

HB1283 (Appropriations) - Allocates \$1.9 million from the Idaho Millennium Fund to various agencies and departments.  
 HB1284 (Appropriations) - Allocates \$127.2 million to the Department of Corrections for 2003-2005 operations.  
 HB1285 (Appropriations) - Allocates \$1.2 million to the State Appellate Public Defender for 2003-2005 operations.  
 HB1286 (Appropriations) - Allocates \$15.2 million to the Office of the Attorney General for 2003-2005 operations.  
 HB1287 (Appropriations) - Requires the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education to develop goals for English language learning students using Limited-English Proficient monies.  
 HB1288 (Appropriations) - Establishes a new incentive credit for eligible expenditures by landowners implementing practices to improve natural resources.

### Introduced in Senate

SB1201 (Finance) - Allocates \$3.5 million for 2003-2005 operations of the Division of Public Works.



Idaho State Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes brings a rare motion before the Senate State Affairs Committee Friday to override Committee Chairman Sheila Sorenson's move earlier in the week to not bring a bill concerning gay marriage before the committee. Geddes' motion failed 5-4, virtually denying any chance the gay marriage issue will be brought up again in the legislative session.

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woman Sheila Sorenson of Boise declared that she intended to block the bill by not having a hearing.

Geddes' move to override the Sorenson and the Senate's bulwark committee system was a move rarely - if ever - seen in modern history of the body. Senate leaders have traditionally upheld the decisions of the committee chairs.

But the split vote in the GOP leadership was perhaps just as rare. Assistant Majority Leader Joe Stegner and Majority Caucus Chairman Brad Little opposed Geddes and Majority Leader Bart Davis.

"If I thought for one minute that the sanctity of marriage was under eminent threat, I would support the Pro Tem," Little said. "This isn't Massachusetts. It isn't California."

"I don't think this is necessary," Sorenson, Little and Stegner were joined by Democrats Mari Calabretta of Oborn and Clint Stennett of Keetchum to block the amendment from moving forward. Republican Sens. Mel Richardson, of Idaho Falls, and Denton Darrington, of Declo, sided with Geddes and Davis.

Sorenson reiterated comments she made earlier this week, when she announced her decision not to schedule the bill for a hearing.

"When I made the decision not to put this on the agenda, I made that very seriously. I was aware that there are procedures that could be taken to pull that bill back onto the agenda as well as back onto the floor," Sorenson said.

"The use of this motion simply underscores the fear that exists among some of our legislators," she said. "It is our responsibility as leaders, when we go home to our community, to rise above that fear and not just succumb to that fear. And I think that is what we need to do here."



Sen. Denton Darrington



Sen. Clint Stennett

Stegner said the committee system is "designed to protect the rights and interests of minority people, and this amendment is a classic example of that."

Advocates of the amendment, which would not have changed state policy but would have reinforced the state's 1996 law banning gay marriages, had previously expected the issue would come to a vote of the full Senate before the end of the legislative session next month.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Henry Kulczyk, of Eagle, looked stunned after the vote.

"I thought they would vote to have the hearing," he said. "The reason that this move was made is because there are thousands of people that are calling and saying they want this heard. I don't think it's fair not to have a hearing on this."

But even those who voted with Geddes sounded reluctant. Davis indicated that if the Senate were to consider the resolution, he might try to change it, adding that the Idaho Constitution's Equal Protection clause was stronger than in many other states.

If the amendment had passed the committee and the full Senate, it would have been placed on the November General Election ballot and needed a simple majority to pass.

## Water

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ment water for a fish hatchery with senior water rights that is suffering shortages by April 1, their rights will be curtailed, or shut off.

The order affects cities, farmers, dairymen, churches, cemeteries, schools and industries. About 1,300 wells operated by 750 entities would be affected.

### Fish farm's rights

Dreher's order came upon a call for water from Rangien, with its first water right dating back to July 1, 1957. Dreher said a combination of four years of drought plus a change in irrigation practices over the past few decades has contributed to the decrease in flow of the springs upon which Rangien had "first-in-time" rights.

"The decreased spring flows are not entirely due to groundwater pumping," Dreher said. He also said it is impossible to quantify how much each cause contributes to the decrease.

The 1957 right is for a relatively small amount of water - only 1.62 cubic feet per second. The agency has a 1962 water right for a lot more - 40.54 cfs. And there is a 1977 water right for 25 cfs.

But Dreher said he's not counting the 1977 water right because Water Resources mistakenly awarded that right based upon a measurement taken in 1972 by a Thousand Springs water master.

"That was inappropriate, in my view," Dreher said. As a result, the agency isn't calling for mitigation for that right.

The attorney for Rangien, Jason Miciak, said Dreher doesn't have the right to exclude that right because a judge for the Snake River Basin Adjudication has decreed the 1977 right is valid.

"So, the amount of water you're entitled to at any given time is up to the director, contrary to the law, including licenses and decrees?" Miciak asked.

"It makes one wonder what is the use of the SRBA," he added.

### A basis for the order

As for restoration of Rangien's first two rights, Dreher said the agency relied on a computerized model of the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer that was recently completed. Previously the only model the

agency had was one developed in 1980. And it was not documented with the kind of scientific information upon which a court case today could be based.

In addition, many of the people who worked on it are no longer alive or in the area, Dreher said. Therefore, an order such as the one delivered earlier this week wasn't previously possible.

It is interesting, however, that the computerized model isn't much different than the 1980 model, Dreher said. But what Water Resources learned from the latest model is that it is impossible to predict exactly from where the Thousand Springs water is coming.

Measurements of the area since 1987 show a drop from 44.25 cubic feet per second in January 1987 to 16.60 cfs in 2003.

Water Resources was able to rule out the aquifer in the area of American Falls as a significant contributor, Dreher said. But beyond

that, "That kind of discharge does not follow the usual rules that move through a fractured basalt groundwater system," he explained.

So, in an effort to restore full water to Rangien, Dreher said the agency has two solutions. Water users on the north side can deliver 16,000 acre feet of high-quality water to Rangien in 2004, or they can deliver 53,000 acre feet to the "reach" of the Thousand Springs area through either the Milner Canal or the Northside Canal. It is estimated about one-third of the water coming through canals will lead into the aquifer.

Lynn Tominga, who represents the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators Inc. and the Idaho Irrigation Pumps Association, said his groups are trying to find water to lease from larger owners of water rights on the Upper Snake River to send to Rangien in 2004. That gamble depends on how the snowpack fills the reservoirs, he said. In addition, his people are hoping to bolster the springs through the recharging effect of the canals and other areas designated for that purpose.

Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, who chairs the House Resource and Conservation Committee, noted the April 1 date is extremely difficult to meet for owners of Northside wells.

Dreher said he'll hold a meeting next week for those involved in the dispute to show the methodology the agency used to determine the orders.



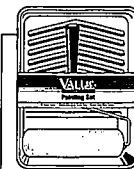
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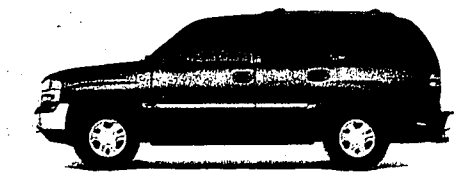
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# Policy keeps Iraqi experts on sidelines U.S. steps-up African military presence

Occupying forces tell workers they can't get repair contracts

By Ariana Eunjung Cha  
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — With nearly 40 years of civil engineering service under his belt, Sabah Al-Ani is among Iraq's top experts in water treatment. He kept the country's systems up and running through countless floods and droughts, years of economic sanctions and three wars.

After bombings and looting spoiled the water network in worse shape than ever, Al-Ani prepared to help out once again. But a directive from the U.S.-led occupation authority locked him out of the reconstruction process.

Al-Ani is an employee of the General Co. for Water Projects, one of 200-odd ventures in Iraq that are owned wholly or in part by the state and have been told they are ineligible for contracts being issued by the occupation. The company's 117 workers still collect their government salaries, but they now spend their days on floors two and three of a downtown building here playing video games, reading books and chatting to pass the time.

"When someone asks me my achievements for the last months, I cannot say anything. It is a shame," said Al-Ani, a 60-year-old who holds a PhD from Baghdad University, Iraq's Harvard.

Fixing the country's water systems is among the occupation authority's highest priorities. Congress, in its \$116.6 billion allocation for reconstruction this year, approved \$1.4 billion for water projects and another \$1.1 billion more than designated for security and law enforcement and \$2 billion more than earmarked for oil infrastructure.

One reason is the connection between good water and good health. Khudair Fadhl Abbas, Iraq's minister of health, blames contaminated water for many children's health problems, including a recent outbreak of typhoid fever that affected more than 1,000 Iraqis who live around the capital. Some 40 percent of hospital visits by children are due to gastrointestinal problems from the water, he said.

"The decision to ban state-owned companies from reconstruction



In Baghdad, chemical analyst Sarab Basim measures the mineral content to ensure water is safe for drinking.

contracts funded by U.S. taxpayers was made for both legal and philosophical reasons. The Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) was unclear how U.S. regulations apply to a company that was owned by a rogue state that no longer exists. And it was hoping to redistribute wealth and power in a country that for decades was dominated by Saddam Hussein and his Baath Party loyalists.

The problem is that practically every company of significance — including those responsible for essential public works such as the electrical grid and telephone system — was owned by the government. The Iraqi ministries have shifted some of the roughly 400,000 workers involved to other government jobs, but the others remain sidelined. This is forcing the occupation to pay a premium for foreign workers and to import materials that could be made within the country.

"We have many good, viable government factories and it would

benefit everyone if they were part of rebuilding the country," said Sami Al-Araji, director general of planning for the Ministry of Industry and Minerals, which owns 45 companies.

For example, the CPA put Bechtel National Inc. in charge of managing the reconstruction of Iraq's water supply system, including a project the General Co. used to run, the expansion of the Shahr al-Dijlah, or East Tigris River, Water Treatment Plant.

Bechtel, which estimates the project will cost \$16 million, spent four months studying the General Co. plans; concluded they were adequate, modified them slightly, city officials said, reissued orders for parts from the same supplier, and basically did what was being done before.

Under the initial postwar plan, the state ventures were to have a major role in the reconstruction. They were to be privatized, modernized and made profitable by for-

ign investors and wealthy Iraqis. But after some Iraqi leaders objected, saying they were uneasy about the idea of selling off state assets without the backing of a democratically elected government, the plan was delayed. The question of what to do with these companies has been in limbo ever since.

In recent weeks, the Defense Department decided to allow state-owned entities to compete for the new infusion of \$18.6 billion that Congress appropriated, but some other government contracting entities are still studying the issue, said retired Navy Rear Adm. David J. Nash of the CPA.

Nothing in the rules expressly prohibits contracting with state-owned companies, although sometimes it requires waivers that compound paperwork. However, the regulations explicitly state that agencies and contractors should not acquire services or supplies from entities owned by the government of Iraq.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The United States is scaling up its military presence in Africa as concern mounts over terrorist threats — both immediate and future — on the continent, the deputy head of American forces in Europe said Friday.

"The threat is not weakening, it is growing," Air Force Gen. Charles Wald said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from Lusaka, Angola. "We can't just sit back and let it grow."

The focus on Africa is part of major restructuring as U.S. forces in Europe reposition for the war against terror.

The European Command oversees U.S. military activities in Africa excluding the Horn, site of a U.S. counterterrorism effort for northern Africa and Yemen.

Africa is a growing strategic interest to the United States because of its terror links and its oil, which is seen as a possible alternative to Middle East fuel.

European Command is not looking to station large concentrations of troops on the continent, Wald said. But it intends to make its presence felt through joint exercises, training initiatives and other exchanges.

U.S. forces have also negotiated access to a number of sites, including air strips in Angola and Gabon, that can be used for stopovers, refueling, or to position troops and equipment.

Wald said this will allow U.S. forces to respond with light, mobile troops — whether for peacekeeping, crisis response or a specific terrorist threat.

"We're actually going to get more capability with less force because of our ability to move around fast," he said.

Key to the effort is supporting the development of regional security groups, improving the capabilities of African police and soldiers, and building relationships with governments and militaries, Wald said.

Wald's trip includes stops in regional military powers Nigeria and South Africa; oil-rich Angola, Gabon and Sao Tome and Principe; and Algeria and Niger, whose vast desert expanses are seen as a potential haven for terrorists.

At the same time, U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Kohler, the European Command's point man on planning for force reconfiguration, has been visiting the Saharan nations of Mauritania, Mali and Niger.



Gen. Charles Wald  
Terrorism and oil

The three generals are leaders in proposals awaiting a decision in Washington to shift from Cold War-era troop buildups in Western Europe to smaller concentrations closer to the world's trouble spots.

"We are going to do business differently," Wald said. "Waiting for a crisis to occur just isn't the way to do business any more."

The general said there were specific terrorist threats in Africa at that moment, which he declined to characterize. But the United States is also convinced there will be more threats in the future.

"Nothing is really immune, particularly areas that traditionally have weak government or an inability to control their territory," Wald said.

The al-Qaida terror network has already staged deadly attacks in East Africa, bombing U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998, and a Kenyan hotel in 2002.

Western military and security officials also worry about possible terrorist activity along ancient Sahara trading routes linking Arab and African nations.

They suspect terror groups have already set up training camps in the remote deserts of Mali and Niger.

Of particular concern is the Algeria-based Salafist Group for Call and Combat, which allegedly has ties to al-Qaida. The group was blamed in the kidnapping of 42 European tourists in the Sahara last year.

The United States is helping train and equip four Saharan nations — Mali, Niger, Mauritania and Chad — to better guard their porous borders against terrorists, arms and other trafficking.

There are also agreements to conduct exercises and training in Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco, Wald said.

Further south, the United States wants to protect oil supplies in the Gulf of Guinea, where it gets 15 percent of its oil.

## Ex-ambassador says spying at U.N. is likely

LONDON (AP) — A former British ambassador to the United Nations said Friday he wouldn't be surprised if countries engaged in spying at U.N. headquarters. Former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan's Houtouros (Chili) said he always assumed he was an espionage target.

Aid in Australia, former U.N. chief weapons inspector Richard Butler said it was "plain silly" to think his phone calls were not being monitored during his tenure.

The debate surrounding espionage at the United Nations deepened after allegations that Britain

spied on U.N. officials before the Iraq war.

Clare Short, former international development secretary in Prime Minister Tony Blair's cabinet, said Thursday she had read transcripts of U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan's conversations and that Britain had been spying on his office in the build-up to the Iraq war. She quit her job last year over Blair's Iraq policy and has since been a vocal critic of the prime minister, repeatedly urging him to resign.

Blair has refused to confirm or deny Short's allegation and brand-

ed his former minister "deeply irresponsible" for commenting on sensitive security issues.

The United Nations warned that spying on Annan is illegal and said that allegations of British eavesdropping, if true, would undermine his work. Annan wants any spying activities stopped immediately, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

Sir Crispin Tickell, Britain's U.N. envoy from 1987-90, said Short could have addressed her unease about the behavior of the secret services without going public. "If there is a policy question

which comes up about which you are uneasy, there are different ways in which you can go round and say I am very unhappy about this," Tickell told British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

## Kurdish parties to ban cars without plates

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. soldiers arrested five Iraqis on Friday after a roadside bomb struck a U.S. convoy north of the capital. A series of explosions shook the volatile area of Fallujah, but the U.S. military said they caused no casualties.

American troops sealed off the area and arrested the Iraqis after the roadside bomb went off Friday morning in Khadija, 10 miles north of Baghdad. A civilian SUV was damaged and three passengers may have been injured, witnesses said.

A U.S. Army spokesman also said a mortar was fired Thursday night at the Forward Operating Base St. Marc in Fallujah, but it caused no casualties or damage to the post. Witnesses, however, said they heard multiple explosions.

In nearby Hanadi, witnesses said a pair of Army Humvees were attacked with RPGs as they tried to visit a police station. Hatif Mahmoud, who saw the attack, said there didn't appear to be any casualties, but a window on one of the Humvees was broken.

In the Shiite holy cities of Najaf and Karbala, meanwhile, tens of thousands of Shiite men, including many Iranian pilgrims, performed traditional self-flagellation rituals Friday as part of the feast.

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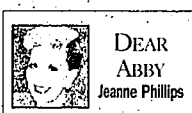
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# Man gets caught in family tug-of-war

DEAR ABBY: I have a 12-year-old son I'll call "Josh." His mother, "Jan," and I are divorced. Jan is verbally and emotionally abusive. I see Josh three days a week. I took him for counseling, but Jan told him counseling is for crazy people, and now he refuses to go. I told the doctor what my ex said, and he said she needs help because she's destroying Josh's self-esteem.

My son wants to move in with my wife, "Sue," and me when he's old enough. For eight years he's had a dog named "Rascal" that he loves. When Josh says he wants to live with me, Jan threatens to get rid of Rascal if Josh isn't there to take care of the dog.

Jan said I can have the dog, but Sue says, "No way!" She hates dogs and will not have one in the house, Abby. Rascal is a small inside dog, so keeping him outside is not an option. I think Sue should accept the dog for my son's



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

sake. I tried to explain that it is for Josh's emotional well-being. She says it's her or the dog. I say the choice is not the dog, but my son's happiness.

I said she doesn't care about my son or she'd accept Rascal, and she went crazy - yelling four-letter words. She actually threatened the dog and says I told her I must take Rascal over her because Josh is my first priority. What should I do?

-TORN BETWEEN MY WIFE AND SON

DEAR TORN: How sad. You know you have to do. Your son must be your first priority.

PS. Before involving yourself with any more women, please get counseling to find out why you are drawn to self-centered abusers.

DEAR ABBY: My 80-year-old mother lives alone in a small apartment and maintains a fairly independent lifestyle with the help of public assistance.

I live across the country, but talk to her on the phone several times a week. During one conversation, she told me that my 50-year-old brother has been storing furniture in her tiny living room even though she asked him not to. I wrote to my brother, asking him to remove the items immediately and to apologize for causing our mother aggravation. (He has a good job and a grown family.)

Mother has since reiterated to me that she wants the furniture out, but says she's afraid my brother will retaliate - which

shucks me. While I can't fathom my brother taking advantage of our mother this way, I wouldn't put anything past him.

Several years ago, he took a jazz album collection that belonged to me out of Mom's apartment without my permission and refused to return it.

Is there something more I can do - or some agency that can help?

-FRUSTRATED IN CALIFORNIA  
DEAR FRUSTRATED: There certainly is. Since you are concerned about elder abuse, contact the Administration on Aging Elder Care Locator service, toll-free (800) 677-1116 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time, or on the Web at: www.eldercare.gov. Please don't wait. Your mother has the right to feel safe and secure in her own home.

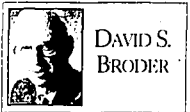
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## Nader makes his push to join debates

This is a story about an eight-year-old Boston dinner party, a three-week-old phone call and something to keep an eye on this fall that could affect the outcome of the presidential race.

The dinner story, told to me by a member of the Massachusetts House delegation who attended, concerns a gathering of congressmen from the Commonwealth, summoned for counsel and assistance by Sen. John Kerry soon after he had learned that his opponent in 1996 was going to be the popular two-term Republican governor, William Weld.



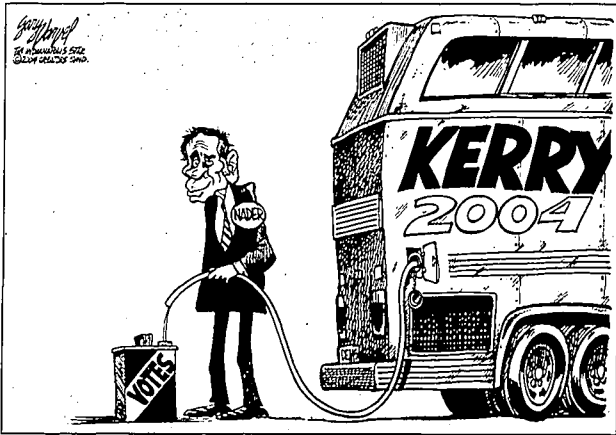
DAVID S. BRODER

After a rather bibulous evening, Kerry put his fears on the table: Voters don't agree with Weld on the issues, he said, but they really like him, while for the senator, the reverse was true. How to avoid defeat?

The answer, my informant said, was to lure Weld into a series of debates, and use the debates to force the amiable governor to specify his policy differences with Kerry, thereby defining himself as much more of a conventional Republican than ever before. It worked brilliantly and cost Weld the support of many independent voters and Democrats who had previously backed him in his gubernatorial races.

The recent phone call came from Ralph Nader, urging me to attend a news conference announcing the formation of the Citizens' Debate Commission, a nonpartisan group aiming to challenge the Commission on Presidential Debates, the privately financed consortium created by the leadership of the Democratic and Republican parties that has staged all the general election debates Americans have watched in recent cycles.

Nader, Patrick Buchanan and another minor-party candidate are still using the existing commission over their exclusion from the 2000 debates between Al Gore and George Bush, so Nader's interest in the new group, whose leaders range widely across the political spectrum, was obvious. As it happened, I was out on the



campaign trail and missed the news conference, but I have caught up with the group since then.

When Nader announced last Sunday that he was running for president again, I naturally thought back to the phone call. And minimal checking revealed that the ground rules the new group has proposed are much more to candidate Nader's liking. The old commission, dominated by the two major parties, set a threshold of 15 percent support in some reputable national poll to qualify a candidate for inclusion in its debates. The rival commission would set the threshold at a much more attainable 5 percent.

Further, it says that any candidate whose presence in the debate is favored by at least 50 percent of the public in a reputable poll is in automatically—whatever his or her likely share of the vote.

That much is fact. Now, a plausible surmise. Ask yourself which candidate other than Nader would benefit from having Nader in the debate—Bush or Democrat front-runner Kerry?

The answer, I think, is clearly Bush. Kerry, like all politicians, wants to do what has worked in the past, so he wants one-on-one debates with Bush—and as many as possible.

Nader has claimed in interviews that his candidacy opens "a second front" against Bush and would appeal greatly to disillusioned conservatives and Republicans.

That is malarky.

Bush and would appeal greatly to disillusioned conservatives and Republicans. That is malarky. Republican pollster Bill McInturf surveyed likely voters last month and found that the subgroups most prone to consider voting for Nader were "younger white men, liberals and Democrats, particularly in the mid-Atlantic and Pacific regions," the Democratic heartland. "This data makes it

clear that Nader's entry into the presidential race will have no impact on Republican or Bush voters," he wrote.

If you assume, as most Republicans and Democrats I've interviewed do, that Bush professes as few debates as possible this year, Nader's candidacy gives Bush a great card to play. Whoever the sponsor, Bush as the incumbent can bargain for Nader's inclusion, or at least issue of Nader's role to delay negotiations and reduce the number of debates that can be scheduled.

And if Nader gets into the debates, you can count on him making his argument that both the Democrats and Republicans in Washington are puppets in the hands of corporate interests—a contention that thoroughly undercuts one of the major themes of Kerry's campaign, the argument that he would fight the "special interests" he claims have free range in the Bush administration.

I have no real idea what motivates Ralph Nader to run for the presidency, and I cannot begin to guess how many votes he will win. But thinking about how Kerry beat Nader in their debates and about Nader's phone call promoting the exact same commission, it's easy to see how Nader might influence the outcome of the election—even before Election Day.

## Open the presidency to the foreign-born

ZEF CHAFETS

Over the recent school vacation, my family and I took a trip to Washington. Security is tough down there these days, and some of the best events, like the FBI tour, have been canceled. You have to know somebody to visit the White House. We do, so we did.

The experience had an especially powerful effect on our 7-year-old daughter, Annie. Somewhere between the presidential dish collection and the roped-off ballroom, she decided that 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is her dream house. At lunch, she launched into a spontaneous campaign for her father.

Annie believes that every kid should have money for a tutor and that senior citizens must be taken care of.

"Children," she intoned, "remember that your parents are getting older by the minute!"

Combine that with her longstanding habit of putting her allowance money in envelopes marked "For poor people in Afghanistan," and you have the makings of an internationalist Democrat.

I can honestly say that after a lifetime of being around politicians, I can't think of a better future president than Annie. And yet she has no chance.

The barrier isn't gender—it's only a matter of time before a woman gets elected—it's geography. Annie was born in Israel. And according to the U.S. Constitution, only native-born Americans can be president.

Perhaps that rule made sense 200 years ago, when the new republic was intent on building its own identity. But today it is an illogical and unfair anachronism.

In these globalized times, thousands of Americans are born overseas every year. Millions of immigrants arrive, many as small children or infants. Why should they be disqualified from the nation's highest office?

Any immediate talk of amending the Constitution is going to focus on the issue of gay marriage, now that President Bush has put it on the front burner. But that is obviously controversial and is likely to be thrown out. The issue of striking nativist language from the Constitution should stir no such furor.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, has offered an amendment that would allow anyone who has been a U.S. citizen for 20 years to run for America's highest office.

On "Meet the Press" Sunday, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger came out in favor of that amendment. And why not? Why should his ambitions be limited by his place of birth?

Same for Jennifer Granholm, the Canadian-born governor of Michigan, and the 11 members of the United States.

Hatch's initiative should be expanded to repeal the 22nd Amendment, which limits presidents to two elected terms. This post-FDI, close-the-barn-door approach to the amendment would give the public the right to choose its own leader and second-term presidents a performance incentive.

It also would wreak havoc in Bill and Hillary Clinton's household, a not-inconsiderable benefit for lovers of political soap opera.

And while we're reforming, it's time for a law regulating the voting eligibility of ex-felons in federal elections. Right now, every state has its own rules. The same guy who is barred from voting for president in Florida can move to New York and vote all he likes. This is nuts—unless, of course, your goal is to disenfranchise as many former felons (a demographic that trends Democratic) as possible.

It is wrong to deny a vote to someone with a paid-off debt to society.

It is wrong to keep voters from re-electing the leader they want. And it is especially wrong to bar an aspiring future president just because she happened to have been born in Jerusalem instead of Jersey City.

The time to correct these injustices is right now. As Annie would say, we're getting older by the minute.

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## LETTERS

**Express your support for smoking ban**

This letter is to all people who are in support of the new smoke-free bill.

This bill will be voted on shortly by the Idaho House of Representatives. We need all the support we can get. To support this bill, please call ASAP (800) 626-6171 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on any weekday. Let them know you are calling in support of the smoke-free bill and would like all of the legislators that will be voting on it to know you support it.

Thank you.

JAMES GLANDON JR.  
Twin Falls

**Courts reaffirm confidence in Jerome County officers**

The men and women in our

law enforcement communities do the best job they can. Did the Jerome County Sheriff's Department lead by Sheriff Jim Weaver and his Under-sheriff Jocelyne Roberts do all that the law commands them to do and what the public pays them to do? The U.S. District Court says yes. So with that unbiased ruling by the legal authority, I hope we can again fully support and have faith in our law enforcement.

It is obvious that Sheriff Weaver and his department take their oath of office as just that, an oath to do their job of enforcing the laws of the land. The public can and will always Monday-morning quarterback life and death decisions that sometimes have to be made in seconds while we the public have weeks and years to weigh the pros and cons of these decisions.

Do Sheriff Weaver and his staff

wish to have that night back and start all over? Damn straight they would. Did they act as reasonably as any law enforcement agency would in the same set of circumstances? The courts say yes. Did they learn from this tragic incident? Yes! We always learn from terrible situations.

No one ever wants an outcome when anyone gets hurt, let alone the loss of life, but I for one feel the people of Jerome County are lucky to have a sheriff's department that goes by the letter of the law while enforcing the law. And when things do go bad (and they will while enforcing laws) that the taxpayers have learned that had training or leadership will not put them in financial peril.

A good job! I would say that Sheriff Weaver would be the first to say no because of the loss of life, but wasn't done as professionally and reasonably as it could. I say yes, as does the U.S. District Court.

ROBERT NORTON  
Twin Falls

This girl will not be able to write when arthritis sets in at old age. I was taught in the old school "the Parker system" of gliding across the page with movement of the wrist and complete control of the pencil. Good penmanship and clarity in writing cannot be a thing of the past.

Iolding a pen or pencil should be taught in kindergarten. I have seen so many youngsters doing the exact same grip.

Does the American school system think that it can change the world's writing? Do we realize that our children may have to take courses in college to read cursive? All they would be exposed to would be printed man-uhp and legible.

There are 14 letters in my name. I can sign my name in six seconds, and it is legible.

GEORGE V. DONDERO  
Bellevue

have a DNA done. And a lawyer does not have to do what he is hired to do for you and they don't have to refund your money. This is what Idaho law calls justice. No all attorneys or judges are this way.

A person can come in say he is the dad without a DNA, put his name on a child and the law will hand over this child to this person then turn around and sue the mother for child support without a DNA test. This is justice. The same man can be around or see his own child because Idaho says no, but yet Idaho hands over a child that might not be his. Why, because an attorney can say keep the child away from his mother. This is justice in Idaho.

If you don't get a fair shake in Idaho justice. People say we are free here. What's free—we are told we have to wear seat belts so after a crash test, life is disabled for life because of a seat belt. Yes, this is justice when some people would have been better off dead than alive. This is justice to whom—the people or is it for our government where the justice where the truth of hiring an attorney who will not work for you? Takes your money, then nothing is done. Is this justice where our freedom of

speech is out the window. Nowadays one law tells us we can, another tells us we can't. We have too many laws and our freedom here in the USA is going out the window so is justice.

It's pulling families apart, making its own families doing whatever they wish to do with our lives. When is it going to stop? Where is justice and honesty in our laws?

DEB K. CASTER  
Jerome

**State leaders have tough choices on health care**

Now the Idaho State legislators are starting to face what we all must face—and that is the rationing of medical care.

I have long felt that our country would soon reach the point of recognizing that, as a country, we could not afford a heart-lung transplant for everyone who wanted it. And at that time is near. Now is the time to start the discussion as to how we will decide whose lives are to be extended by these expensive procedures. It will extremely hard to admit that some lives may be, in some way, more valuable than others. But that must be done.

JOHN R. BONNETT  
Twin Falls

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**Writing cursive correctly requires the right grip**

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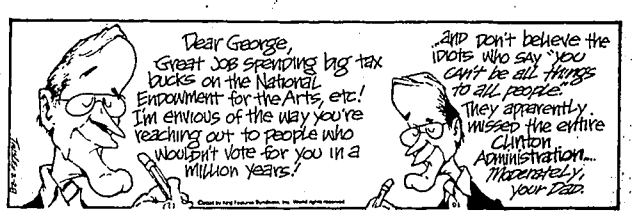
**State laws on the books are not about justice**

Justice is where a cop can come in to where you live, tell you to sit down, shut up, don't talk like that, don't do that or you will go to jail. You know a woman can't ask for a DNA in Idaho to prove who is a child's father? She has to hire a lawyer to get a court order to

### Doonesbury



### Mallard Fillmore



# Justice Antonin Scalia finds little to like this term

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the space of a few days, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia groused when his colleagues overturned a Texas death sentence, ruled about a gay rights decision and sarcastically suggested their church-state ruling could steal health benefits from nuns.

He found something bad in each of six divided rulings handed down this week, unusually contentious even for a justice known for his volume of passionate dissents.

Scalia seemed to revel in stirring controversy within the confines of the court, even as he quietly weathered criticism from outside about the appearance of conflicts of interest.

The conservative Reagan appointee has been under attack for taking a hunting trip to Louisiana with Vice President Dick Cheney in January, after the court agreed to consider a privacy case involving Cheney's energy task force. Another hunting trip with a lawyer appearing before the court in 2001 was reported Friday.



Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

But his fiery manner hasn't been dimmed. Scalia was on the losing side in five rulings this week, more than any other justice. And he wasn't fully satisfied with a sixth decision, noting his opposition to one paragraph and a footnote.

In one dissent in a case involving a lawsuit against a Greece-based airline, Scalia used such language to accuse his colleagues of inconsistency.

Then he reminded the justices of two earlier rulings he opposed: barring states from executing the mentally retarded and from prosecuting gay sex. The sodomy ruling last June energized the movement for gay marriages, just as Scalia had warned it would.

"Justice Scalia's voice has always

been clearest when he dissents," said Washington lawyer Thomas Goldstein. "You almost get the sense that he prefers the freedom to cut loose."

The church-state decision, a loss for the Bush administration and other conservatives, prompted another strongly worded dissent in which Scalia warned that his colleagues were inviting state control of religion.

"What next? Will we deny priests and nuns their prescription-drug benefits on the ground that taxpayers' freedom of conscience forbids medicating the clergy at public expense?" asked Scalia, a Roman Catholic and father of a priest.

When the court ruled 7-2 that Texas woefully failed to give death row inmate Delma Banks a fair trial, Scalia agreed with Justice Clarence Thomas' assessment that a jury had all the evidence it needed to sentence him to death.

Of a 6-3 ruling that blocked reverse age discrimination lawsuits from workers in their 40s,

Scalia wrote that the court's reasoning was "anything but regular."

For all the volume of dissents, Scalia had nothing to say about the Sierra Club's request that he step down from hearing the case that will determine whether names and details of the vice president's energy task force must be released to the environmental group.

Twenty of the country's 30 largest newspapers have called on Scalia to recuse himself because of the vacation Scalia and Cheney took, the Sierra Club told the court in a filing earlier this week that included a sampling of editorials.

On Friday, the Los Angeles Times reported details of a separate pheasant hunting trip to Kansas that Scalia took when the court was considering public policy appeals involving that state.

The Kansas governor accompanied Scalia, flying to a hunting camp in November 2001 aboard a state plane, a trip arranged by University of Kansas School of Law Dean Stephen R. McAllister, who was the state's lawyer in the cases,

the newspaper reported.

In a response, Scalia said: "I do not think that spending time at a law school in which the counsel in pending cases was the dean could reasonably cause my impartiality to be questioned." Nor could spending time with the governor of a state that had matters before the court.

Scalia, who is just a few weeks away from his 68th birthday, had said earlier that his trip with Cheney was not improper and that he did not plan to stay out of the case.

"It truly reflects the arrogance of power," said Herman Schwartz, a liberal law professor at American University. "It doesn't give a damn."

Fiercely intelligent and with a flair for language, Scalia is known for sometimes cutting dissents.

"I don't think he's walking around thinking he's a defeated man," said Les Choper, a law professor at University of California-Berkeley. "He will live to fight again."

## North Korea talks will close today with little progress made

BEIJING (AP) — High-level talks between six nations on North Korea's nuclear program will end today after encountering "differences" and "difficulties" and will be continued by less formal working groups, news reports and Chinese officials said.

But one report said another round of talks by senior delegates from the United States, China, Japan, Russia and the two Koreas will be held before April 30.

South Korea's Yonhap News Agency said the lower-level working groups will discuss energy aid to the impoverished North in return for a nuclear freeze and "comprehensive nuclear abandonment" by Pyongyang.

The agency cited no source, but its reports were issued after the South's chief spokesman held a briefing exclusively for reporters from South Korea news organizations. The spokesman, Shin Bong-ki, would not confirm the report and said it was "way too ahead."

The agency's reports came as China said the current round of talks would end Saturday. Little apparent progress has been made and both main players — the United States and North Korea — remain deeply at odds over the fate of the North's nuclear ambitions.

China's chief delegate, Vice Foreign Minister Wang Yi, said earlier Friday that there were "differences, difficulties and contradictions" among the sides.

North Korea and the United States have been at odds over Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions for years and especially since October 2002, when U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly said the North told him it had a secret weapons program based on enriched uranium — thus violating a 1994 agreement.

North Korea publicly denies having a uranium program in addition to its known plutonium-based program, but it brandishes the threat of what it vaguely describes as its "nuclear deterrent" in an effort to extract concessions.

# Mastermind of nerve gas attack faces death sentence

TOKYO (AP) — Former doomsday cult guru Shoko Asahara was convicted Friday and sentenced to hang for masterminding the deadly 1995 nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway and other crimes that killed 27 people and alerted the world to the danger of high-tech terrorism.

Asahara, founder of the apocalyptic Aum Shinrikyo cult, also was convicted of ordering his followers to produce and stockpile arsenals of conventional and chemical weapons, including the surin gas used in the subway attack.

Asahara, 48, stood in silence as the sentence was read. Asahara is the 12th person sentenced to hang for the attacks, and the decision was widely expected. None of the 12 has been executed.

Presiding Judge Shoji Ogawa, who led a four-judge panel, detailed Asahara's crimes before announcing the sentence, saying they expanded from individual murders to "indiscriminate terror attacks using chemical weapons."

"His crimes not only affected families and relatives of the victims but also threw our country and

neighboring countries into extreme fear," Ogawa said. "It involved a series of extremely vicious acts that none of us had experienced before."

Japan has no jury trials.

The former cult leader's attorneys immediately appealed, arguing that prosecutors ignored testimony showing Asahara was not behind the crimes, lead defense lawyer Osamu Watanabe said.

"The court did nothing but put the final touches on the prosecution's argument. It's an empty verdict," Watanabe said.

The appeal could prolong the case for another decade, some say.

Watanabe added that the defense team would resign after filing the appeal.

During the eight-year trial, defense attorneys argued that Asahara lost control over his flock by the time of the March 20, 1995, subway attack that killed 12 and sickened thousands.

The attack sent the country into a panic as sickened, bleeding passengers stumbled from subway stations, shattering the image of Japan as a largely crime-free country.



Former cult guru Shoko Asahara is seen in this September 1995 photo in Tokyo, some days.

Koizumi said, according to the Asahi newspaper's Web site. "But it would have been better if the trial had ended sooner. It must be unbearable for the victims. I understand their frustration."

Asahara also was convicted of masterminding a June 1994 sarin gas attack in the central city of Matsumoto, the murder of anti-Aum lawyer Tsutomu Sakamoto and his family, and the killings of wayward followers and people helping members leave the cult.

At his height, Aum claimed 10,000 followers in Japan and 30,000 in Russia. The guru used a mixture of Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity and yoga to entice his devotees, who engaged in bizarre rituals such as drinking his blood and wearing electrical caps that they believed kept their brain waves in tune with his.

Many terrorism experts also point to Aum's weapons program as an early indication of how individual groups, not only national governments, could use money and technology to compile arsenals of weapons of mass destruction.



Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi gestures as he listens during the second extraordinary summit of the Assembly of the African Union in Sirte, Libya, Friday.

## Gadhafi calls for unity at the start of African Union summit

SIRTE, Libya (AP) — Basking in the glow of improving ties with the West, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi hosted a summit of African heads of state on Friday, urging the continent to close ranks and become an influential force in the world.

Gadhafi opened the two-day gathering with a speech notably free of the anti-Western rhetoric that has been a hallmark of his 35-year rule. However, he criticized the West for historical sins such as colonizing Africa and enslaving millions of its people.

"I must believe we are dealing with a new European mentality. We hope we are also dealing with a new American mentality," Gadhafi told delegates in the coastal city of Sirte, about 230 miles southeast of the Libyan capital, Tripoli.

European Commission President Romano Prodi praised Gadhafi in a speech to the summit, saying "Libya has taken very bold steps and is back on the world stage."

In recent months, Libya has accepted responsibility for the 1988 bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, and agreed to dismantle and international inspection its facilities for developing weapons of mass destruction.

Reinforcing the break with its "rogue state" past, Libyan Foreign Minister Abdel Rahman Shalgam confirmed reports Friday that his country would begin destroying a

stock of bombs designed to deliver chemical weapons.

The moves have ruffled a new page in Libya's relations with Europe and the United States, which still lists Libya as a sponsor of terrorism. On Thursday, Washington lifted a 23-year-old ban on American travel to the North African country — a move Shalgam welcomed as "positive."

Over the showman, Gadhafi rolled up to the podium on an electric golf cart that was also carrying Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali. Gadhafi's female bodyguards ran alongside.

During his speech, Gadhafi was frequently interrupted by hundreds of Libyan youths chanting "Africa for Africans" and "Nobody's going to fight us!"

The spectacle then continued into the speeches of Mozambique President Joaquim Chissano, the current chairman of the African Union, and Alpha Oumar Konare, who runs the unions secretariat. Some delegates couldn't refrain from laughing.

Gadhafi's message was that Africa has the resources — oil, diamonds, gold and people — to speed to the world on equal terms.

"We have the capabilities that would allow us to be as strong as the United States and the European Union, and this is a good thing, so there could be balance in the world," Gadhafi said. "When there is no balance, there are wars and conflicts."

## Searchers find body of Macedonian president

BITONJA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Searchers on Friday located the wreckage of a plane crash that killed Macedonia's president and eight other people and were clearing a path through a mine field to reach the bodies, the Macedonian government said.

The plane carrying President Boris Trajkovski crashed Thursday in heavy fog in a remote, mountainous corner of Bosnia still swarmed with mines from that country's 1992-95 war.

Police in a helicopter found the wreck more than 24 hours after the accident, said Capt. Dave Sullivan, of Bosnia's NATO-led peacekeeping force. Pieces of the plane were strewn over a 200-yard area near the village of Huskovići, about 50 miles south of Bosnia's capital, Sarajevo, and searchers could see the bodies.

The plane went down just 40 miles from the spot in neighboring Croatia where a plane carrying U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown crashed in bad weather in 1996, killing him and 34 others on a trade mission.

The death of Trajkovski, a 47-year-old moderate leader who helped unite his ethnically divided country, comes at a critical time for a nation still tense after its mostly Muslim ethnic Albanian minority took up arms in 2001 in a fight for greater rights.

Trajkovski was widely respected for his neutral stance in the former Yugoslav republic. He had called for a greater inclusion of ethnic Albanians in state bodies and institutions, and had been widely hailed for his efforts to get both sides to live together in peace.

World leaders urged Macedonia's government to carry on Trajkovski's work to secure lasting stability in the country.

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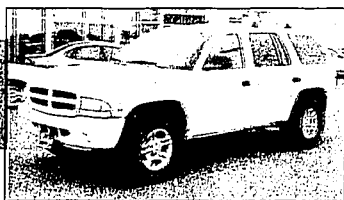
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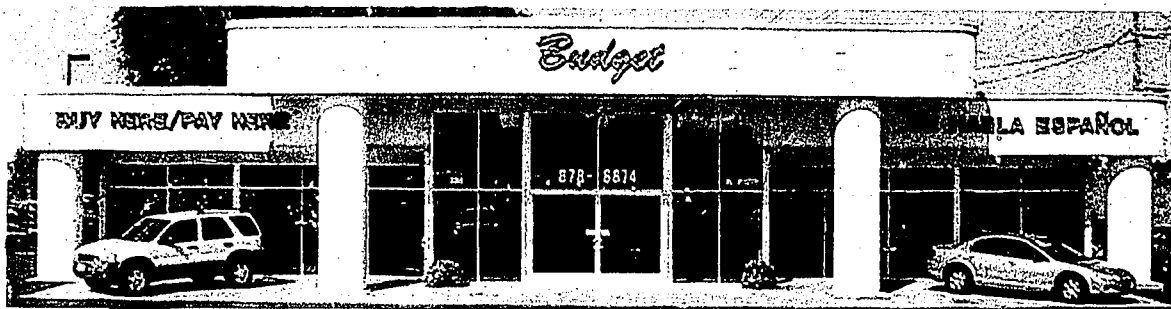
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Section B

## YOUR WEEKEND

### Old-time gospel

- What: Magic Valley Arts on Tour will present the Blind Boys of Alabama.
- Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
- When: 7:30 p.m. today.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students and children, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurr's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Crowley's Old-Time Soda Fountain, the Magic Valley Arts Council office and the CSI Community Education Center in Twin Falls; Saw-Mor Drug in Burley; Adams Flowers in Jerome; and the CSI outreach centers in Burley, Hatley and Gooding.

### Think spring

- What: The 24th annual Southern Idaho Home and Garden Show, sponsored by Clear Channel radio stations, will be held in Twin Falls.
- Where: Expo Center, College of Southern Idaho campus.
- When: Today from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- How much: \$2.



### A guy thing

- What: Actor Chris Sullivan will star in Rob Becker's touring Broadway hit, "Defending the Caveman."
- Where: Limelight Room, Sun Valley Inn, Sun Valley.
- When: 7 p.m. Sunday.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$25 and \$35 for adults and \$12 and \$15 for students under 18, are available at Chapter One Bookstore, Johnny G's Sub shack and River Ranch Clothing in Ketchum and at Foli's in Hatley.

### Sing, sing, sing

- What: Sun Valley Opera will open its third season with "Merry Widow and More."
- Where: Presbyterian Church of the Blessed, Ketchum.
- When: 8 p.m. Sunday.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$25 and \$35 for adults and \$12 and \$15 for students under 18, are available at Chapter One Bookstore or can be reserved by calling 726-2220.

### Dance for a cause

- What: Rupert's Renaissance Arts Center will host its second annual Banquet and Ball to benefit the restoration of the Wilson Theater.
- Where: Burley Inn.
- When: No-host cocktails begin at 6 p.m. today, with dinner at 7 p.m. and the auction at 8 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$40, can be reserved by phoning 436-2787.

with art in editorial ("sammy kershaw color for saturday mv")

### Songs and smiles

- What: Danny Marona will perform two shows at Cactus Petes Resort Casino.
- Where: Jackpot.
- When: 8 and 10 p.m. today.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$15, \$20 and \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

## Snowpack levels

| Watershed         | % of Avg. | % season peak** |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Upper Snake Basin | 94%       | 73%             |
| Salmon Falls      | 111%      | 90%             |
| Salmon            | 97%       | 78%             |
| Oakley            | 114%      | 94%             |
| Big Wood          | 98%       | 79%             |
| Little Wood       | 108%      | 86%             |
| Henry Fork/Teton  | 114%      | 88%             |
| Big Lost          | 112%      | 82%             |
| Little Lost       | 94%       | 69%             |
| As of Feb. 27     |           |                 |

\*Comparison of basin snowpack, on the way, with a 30-year average.  
\*\*Indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in March.

# Agency suggests dam solution

## State: Repair dam or work on storage reduction

The Times-News

CAREY - Irrigators can avoid breaching Fish Creek Dam if they complete repairs to nine buttresses and build increased spillway capacity before spring runoff. Otherwise, they must limit the dam's holding capacity.

That's the word from Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Karl Dreher, who had ordered Fish Creek Reservoir Co. in October to breach the dam or repair the deteriorating structure. Irrigators submitted an engineer's plans to replace buttresses. The Fish Creek company estimated a cost of between \$40,000 and \$50,000 to be paid by its 35 shareholders. The irrigators still must submit to the state by May 31 a plan for permanent replacement of the dam. State authorization to store water beyond the 2004 irrigation season will depend on a dam

inspection and on progress in plans to fix other deteriorated portions of the dam, such as the arches in the maximum height section. Failure to comply with the order could result in the state draining the dam. If the company isn't able to repair the buttresses soon, it will be required to limit holding capacity by installing an outlet at 67 feet or at the height of completed repairs. The outlet has been provided as an option to avoid breaching. Other safety measures operators must take include regular testing of the dam's emergency warning system with no less than 100 per-

cent system reliability, and daily visual inspection of the downstream face of the dam once the dam fills to 67 feet. In its existing condition, the 92-foot-high dam has been deemed safe to store water only up to 67 feet. The department says repairs must be made or the dam must not hold more than about 4,300 acre feet of water. That's about one-third of its more than 12,000-acre-foot capacity. When full, the dam can supply enough water to cover the shareholders' total 8,600 acres of farmland with water a foot and a half deep. Construction of the concrete

dam was finished in the early 1920s. It irrigates about 8,000 acres - mostly hay and alfalfa for cattle feed. A dam inspection in August 2003 revealed continuing deterioration so severe that holes appeared in seven locations through 2-foot-thick concrete buttresses, according to Water Resources. Flood plain studies show that in the event of a structure failure, about a dozen homes and a state highway would be flooded, the department said. Estimated costs to rebuild the dam have ranged from \$7.5 million to \$20 million.

## SELL YOUR HEART OUT



Rubie Jo Harmon and her husband, Elmer, listen to Richard Deuel sell cookware during the Southern Idaho Home and Garden Show at the College of Southern Idaho's Eldon Evans Expo Center Friday. The show continues from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 for ages 12 and older. Ages 21 and younger get in free.

# Supreme Court orders Cassia County to pay fees

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia County has been ordered to pay attorney fees in a lawsuit between the county, the city of Burley and Magic Valley Sand and Gravel.

The Idaho Supreme Court issued an opinion Thursday overturning a 5th District Court ruling by Judge Monte Carlson that the county pay the attorney fees for the business. The opinion, written by Justice Wayne Kidwell, states "because the county acted without a reasonable basis in fact or law, the order of the district court is vacated and remanded."

The ruling sends the matter back to District Court for a hearing at which the dollar amount is to be determined. This week's ruling stems from a 2001 lawsuit in 5th District Court in Cassia County related to zoning in the area of impact around Burley.

Magic Valley Sand and Gravel owns three parcels of land in Cassia County and mined gravel on two of those sites since 1984, Kidwell wrote.

In November 1998, Burley city officials enacted a zoning ordi-

nance that extended city zoning rules into the city's area of impact. The property owned by Magic Valley Sand and Gravel was affected by that zoning decision.

Cassia County commissioners adopted an ordinance that same month that said the city had zoning authority over those impact areas but, Kidwell wrote, the county ordinances did not state "which, if any, of the city's zoning classifications applied to the area of impact."

On March 17, 1999, the Burley City Council imposed for 120 days the city's residential R-1 zone classification on the three parcels of land owned by Magic Valley Sand and Gravel, according to Kidwell's opinion. "The zone change was classified as an emergency zoning based upon a finding of imminent peril to public health and welfare," On Sept. 7, 1999, the city followed up with findings and another ordinance, which Kidwell said, "when read together ... expressed the city's intent to 'zone the three parcels of land as residential R-1 until permanent zoning is enacted or Sept. 1, 2000, whichever comes first."

"The ordinance selectively imposed the R-1 zone on all three Magic Valley parcels without pur-

porting to affect the use of other adjoining property," Kidwell wrote.

On May 31, 2000, officials from Magic Valley Sand and Gravel applied for a special-use permit from Cassia County to mine sand and gravel on the third parcel of land, which they hadn't previously mined. County officials didn't process the request and returned it to the business, saying a permit was needed from the city of Burley. When Magic Valley Sand and Gravel personnel applied for a city permit, it was denied because the land was zoned for residential use.

Magic Valley Sand and Gravel filed a lawsuit on Feb. 8, 2001, to have the city and county ordinances regarding zoning in the area of impact overturned. Magic Valley Sand and Gravel was granted a summary judgment in that case, which meant the judge agreed with their position, but no trial was held to dispute any material facts.

On Oct. 16, 2001, the District Court judge voided the city and county ordinances in question and directed Cassia County officials to process Magic Valley Sand and Gravel's application for a special-use permit pursuant to the

county zoning ordinance in effect at the time the application was originally filed in May 2000, Kidwell wrote.

Burley city officials filed for reconsideration of the court opinion. On Dec. 18, 2001, the District Court judge modified the Oct. 16, 2001, opinion, Kidwell pointed out. At that time, the District Court ruling didn't void the ordinances because that was considered too harsh for the city and county because it would have required both entities to "unnecessarily go through the burdensome zoning process a second time."

Again the court ordered the county to process the special-use permit by applying the zoning ordinances that were in place at the time of the application, Kidwell said.

After entry of that judgment, Magic Valley Sand and Gravel attorneys moved for an award of attorney fees. Burley city attorneys objected and moved for relief from that order. Judge Carlson concurred and on July 26, 2002, saying the city didn't have to pay attorney fees and denied Magic Valley Sand and Gravel's request.

In a supplemental opinion

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## Prosecutors drop vehicular manslaughter charge

JEROME - Prosecutors dismissed the case against a man who was charged in connection with the death of a motorist.

John Jacob VanVleet, 41, faced one count of vehicular manslaughter stemming from a Sept. 22 accident in Jerome County that killed James Welshite, 50.

Witnesses to the accident said VanVleet ran the stop sign at the intersection of 500 South Road and Golf Course Road, according to an affidavit written by Trooper Gerald Kurz of Idaho State Police. VanVleet was cited for failing to stop and was scheduled for a court appearance. "The investigating officer reported it was in his opinion more of an

## Magic Valley in brief

accident than a criminal offense," said Mike Selts, Jerome County deputy prosecuting attorney. In his review of the case, he agreed with that conclusion.

## Embezzlement case goes to district court

TWIN FALLS - A woman charged with embezzling money from a school fund was questioned by officers and admitted to taking the money, the affidavit says. She may appear before a district judge as early as next week.

In connection with \$15,000 in missing funds from Harrison Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization.

Behunin worked as volunteer secretary/treasurer of the PTO beginning in 2002, according to an affidavit written by Detective David Heldemann of the Twin Falls Police Department.

School officials, conducting a routine review of the accounts, noticed a large sum of money unaccounted for. Behunin was questioned by officers and admitted to taking the money, the affidavit says. She may appear before a district judge as early as next week.

— compiled from staff reports

## Six people will face drug charges in Minidoka County

The Times-News

RUPERT - Arrest warrants for six Mini-Cassia residents for a variety of drug offenses were recently issued by the Minidoka County prosecuting attorney's office.

Charges are pending against the six following an investigation of drug trafficking by deputies from the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department, according to a press release from Prosecuting Attorney Jason Walker.

Warrants were issued for Ignacio Rebolledo, 31, of Heyburn for pos-

session of a controlled substance and delivery of a controlled substance; Lonnie Delayne Abernethy, 34, of Heyburn for delivery of a controlled substance; Velmar Jess Abernethy, 38, of Burley for delivery of a controlled substance; Richard Home Martin, 44, of Heyburn for delivery of a controlled substance; Efrain J. Arreaga Jr., 23, of Rupert for possession of a controlled substance and delivery of a controlled substance; and Jose Luis Dominguez, 21, of Rupert for delivery of a controlled substance.

## Jury convicts ear-biter of battery, not mayhem

By Lorraine Cavenor  
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - A Shoshone man accused of biting off part of another man's ear was acquitted of a felony mayhem charge Friday but found guilty of misdemeanor battery.

Jonathan C. Pugh, 46, originally was charged with mayhem and battery following a bar fight in July at Big D's Bonzai Club off Rail Street in Shoshone. Pugh was suspected of biting off part of the ear of Mark Meyer, 39, after the two began to scuffle.

According to Idaho law, a person commits mayhem when he "unlawfully and maliciously deprives a human being of a member of his body, or disables, disfigures or renders it useless, or cuts out or disables the tongue, puts out an eye, slits the nose, ear or lip."

Pugh could have faced 14 years in the state penitentiary upon a mayhem conviction, but a 12-month jury returned with a conviction on battery only following four hours of deliberation.

Because that's a misdemeanor, Pugh now faces sentencing at a later date in 5th District Magistrate Court.

During closing arguments of the two-day trial in 5th District Court in Lincoln County, Patrick McMillen, Pugh's attorney, gave his take on the fight where Meyer lost his ear.

"In a bar fight there are no rules," he said. "When someone has sucker punched you, who is to know how you would react?" Lincoln County Prosecuting Attorney L. Scott Paul, however, presented the jury a different perspective.

"Bats are not black holes where the rules disappear," he said. "The law is rules in bars just like any other place. Those rules apply even if you don't like the people."

Paul reviewed testimony from the previous day during his closing arguments.

He acknowledged that Meyer had admitted to throwing the first punch and calling his estranged wife - whom Pugh was dating - names.

But McMillen argued that Meyer was the first to bite. "When the two men became locked in a tight scuffle on the bathroom floor, Meyer bit Pugh on the left side of his chest just before Meyer lost his ear, McMillen said.

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# Tattoo enthusiasts get home-grown convention

## Salt Lake City welcomes more than 50 tattoo studios

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Gary Dodge is getting a tattoo. As the hum of mechanized needles fills the air, the 35-year-old computer technician slumps over a chair, a line of sweat along his furrowed brow, while the black tribal tattoo covering his right shoulder slowly increases in size.

Dodge grimaces in pain, but concedes: "They're very addicting."

More than 50 tattoo studios, some from as far away as Japan and Germany, were on hand Friday to kick off the three-day Salt Lake City International Tattoo Convention at the Salt Palace.

The first-ever Utah event was a sea of colored ink, a celebration of tattooed arms, legs, necks and hands - and who knows where else.

"I've tattooed Mormons. I've tattooed cops, lawyers, everybody," said bedecked artist Adam Moore, who attended the convention with his wife, Tasha, and three-year-old son, Anthony.

Anthony also got into the spirit, sporting an assortment of fake press-on tattoos, the purple dragon being his favorite.

Convention organizer C.J. Starkey said he began about a year ago inviting artists that he knew and admired, but soon the project picked up steam, locally and internationally.

Starkey anticipates about 3,000 people a day will visit, see the latest art and hopefully take a seat in the tattoo chair.

The visiting tattoo enthusiasts, many of whom complain of being stereotyped by an unenlightened public, even got a welcome note in the program from Mayor Rocky Anderson, surprising some.



Rickey Boy Lua, left, a tattoo artist from Las Vegas, Nevada, draws the design for a tattoo on the arm of Gary Dodge before applying ink at the International Tattoo Convention Friday in Salt Lake City.

"We wouldn't get one from the president of the (LDS) church, that's for sure," said Aaron Reber, 31, who had a mere four tattoos.

But many attendees said people would be surprised how many residents of the conservative, Mormon-dominated state of Utah have embraced the ancient art of tattooing.

"I've tattooed all my mom's ward," said artist Steve Hyde, 29.

Local artist Sergio Acat, originally from Guadalajara, Mexico, said he's been pushing for a show since the late 1980s.

"They were saying, 'This town is not ready,' but it is ready. We've

been waiting a long time," said Acat, who claimed to have about 60 tattoos, including one of his wife's name.

"She earned it for 25 years of putting up with me."

Acat was working on a tattoo covering the back of fellow artist Jimmy Sever, 36, who said he was CEO of the only gay-owned shop in the state, a distinction that has led to personal threats and intimidation.

Sever's in-progress tattoo depicted him tattooing his own neck. That neck tattoo, which Sever said will be his next, will say "slave to the needle."

Although original tattoos like Sever's keep the art exciting and fresh, more classic designs like roses, skulls and panthers will never go out of style, said Timothy Hoyer, an artist from Richmond, Va.

"They're love, hate, death, happiness, devotion distilled into a few lines and some color," Hoyer said.

Long-time tattoo artists have seen the body art grow in popularity over the past decade.

And someday soon, Acat predicted, tattooing will become so mainstream that people will say, "You don't have any tattoos? Oooh, you're weird."

# European Union looks into price-fixing for chips

BOISE (AP) - Micron Technology acknowledges its legal problems have expanded, saying the European Union has been investigating price-fixing among world-wide memory chipmakers.

The investigation mirrors an ongoing case launched by the U.S. Department of Justice nearly two years ago that has targeted Micron, Infineon Technologies in Germany, and Hynix Semiconductor and Samsung Electronics in South Korea.

In the April 2003 timeframe, we were contacted by EU regulators via a letter seeking certain information, which we understood was sent to all DRAM manufacturers," said Micron spokesman Dave Parker. "We are fully and actively cooperating with the European authorities."

Micron's primary product is dynamic random access memory chips for computers and other electronic devices.

On Thursday, the Wall Street Journal reported price-fixing

charges by the Justice Department could be imminent against some chip makers, and that companies such as Micron were negotiating plea deals.

"If this is a cartel, it's the worst cartel in history," said Andrew Norwood, an analyst with Gartner Dataquest. "How many profitable quarters has Micron had in the past few years?"

Micron has had three straight years of losses and only one quarter where earnings broke even.

Boise-based Micron is the state's largest private employer and has suffered through decades of ongoing recession. Samsung is the world's largest memory chipmaker. Micron is the second-largest and Hynix is in third.

The Justice Department and DRAM companies have not disclosed the nature of the investigation, but it is widely believed to center on a claim of price-fixing among the world's largest manufacturers.

# Committee will discuss county building purchase

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The city's Urban Renewal Agency will meet Monday to discuss possible sites for county offices.

Twin Falls County commissioners are looking at the old Anderson Lumber building as a place to consolidate and expand county offices. They agreed to examine other options as well after a recent meeting with Urban Renewal members, who would like to keep county offices closer to downtown. Some of those options include:

- Former Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital - Now owned by Magic Valley Regional, the three-floor, 80,000-square-foot property, located on Shoshone Street just across from the courthouse, houses some hospital services but has

some extra space that could be used by the county. More space could open up in the future depending on the hospital's long-term facilities plan.

- Former Swift's Cheese property - The building (located at 254 Fourth Ave. S. in the middle of the warehouse district) is now occupied by a publishing company. There's a nearby parking lot and an available warehouse across the street.
- Building from the ground up - Urban Renewal owns 15 acres off U.S. Highway 30 between Rock Creek Canyon and the railroad tracks and the city's Parks and Recreation building. The county could consider building from the ground up on the property.

Monday's meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the City Hall council chambers at 321 Second Ave. E.

# Lawmakers want Frank Church airstrips kept open

BOISE (AP) - Angling pilots have won four backcountry airstrips for more than two decades, members of Idaho's congressional delegation want them kept open.

The U.S. Forest Service recently ruled that four airstrips in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness would be shut down except for emergency use.

The ruling is part of the revised management plan for the 2.4 million-acre wilderness. Federal law defines wilderness as an area "untrammelled by man." The

Forest Service wants to limit human activity and do away with the dangerous airstrips in the steep river canyons.

In Thursday letter to Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman, Republican U.S. Sens. Larry Craig and Michael Crapo, as well as GOP Reps. Michael Simpson and Butch Otter, said access to the strips is critical. "They said restricting access would run contrary to the legislation that authorized the wilderness in 1980," Dewy Moore, Mile-TII,

Simmonds, and Vines airstrips have been used by aviators for over 20 years. These backcountry airstrips provide citizen access to unique areas of the wilderness and serve a vital purpose in emergency operations," the delegation wrote.

Restricting the public use of these airstrips is contrary to the legislation which created the wilderness in 1980, the delegation wrote.

The law calls for the written consent of the state aviation agency to close or render unserviceable any

airstrip in the Frank Church. The state Division of Aeronautics has called for the strips to remain open, the delegation said. Additionally, the Legislature has passed two resolutions outlining their support for the airstrips.

There are more than 60 airstrips across central Idaho.

Forest Service officials say these four have only been used for emergencies since 1984, have never been designated for public use and are very dangerous.

# Post Falls High considers new drug testing program

POST FALLS (AP) - School officials are considering a drug testing program for Post Falls High School students in extracurricular activities.

"We're in the research phase, making sure all stakeholders are on board with this before making any decision," Principal John Biltz said. "This is something we've contemplated for a number of years, but it's been cost-prohibitive in the past."

A proposal could go to the school board this spring and be implemented for the 2004-2005 school year, Biltz said.

Football coach Jerry Lee said he

supports the effort.

"We probably have to take a test in the workplace anyway, and this may give kids another chance to say no," Lee said. "Kids come from many different backgrounds. Maybe we can help somebody by doing this."

Chautia Hasselquist, state coordinator for Safe and Drug Free Schools, said only 17 of the 114 districts last year had random testing for students in extracurricular activities. Twenty-six districts had random testing for athletics only, Hasselquist said.

Drug tests range from \$3 to \$11 per kit, officials said.

# Service academies agree to meet, discuss sexual assault procedures

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) - The sexual assault response teams of all five service academies will meet next month or April for a two-day workshop aimed at finding the best ways to help victims. Lt. Gen. John Rosa said Friday.

"I think it is time to get together and see what is working," the Air Force Academy superintendent said Friday.

He spoke after a meeting of the superintendents, deans, commandants, athletic directors and other top officials of the Air Force Academy, the U.S. Military Academy, Naval Academy, Merchant Marine Academy and Coast Guard Academy.

Rosa was the one that generated the most discussion, was sexual assault reporting procedures, sexual assault problems, what we have learned," Rosa said. The leaders of the academies meet once each year, but last year's meeting was canceled because of

the sexual assault scandal at the Air Force Academy.

He said the leaders also discussed other problems including alcohol abuse and misuse of the Internet. Air Force Academy cadets have been accused of using the Internet for pornography, but Rosa spoke Friday of plagiarism and other honor code issues.

The academies are under pressure not to download music without permission of copyright holders.

Also discussed was how to root out cadets who lack the integrity required of officers.

"We know they are smart young people, but what is in their hearts?"

What do they believe? Rosa said, suggesting more time may need to be spent on interviews and references.

Now 60 percent of a cadet's evaluation comes from academic tests, 20 percent from extracurricular activities and 20 percent from the interview process.

Rosa declined to comment on the problems at the University of Colorado, where the football coach has been suspended amid a scandal over alleged sexual assaults football players and recruits. He said the academy

already has brought its athletic department, once a stand-alone department, under the control of the commandant.

He said he is familiar with the argument that athletic departments should be eliminated and teams be made a regular part of the administration.

Rosa said academy officials are trying to find the most efficient way to run athletics.

He also said there will be additional emphasis on intramural sports, with teams possibly traveling to other academies.

During talks about sexual assault, the leaders agreed that confidentiality will have to be offered to cadets who report sexual assault.

The Air Force previously allowed victims to remain anonymous but after the scandal broke, commandants said all attacks must be reported to them so they could punish offenders.

# Kootenai County Jail needed more than \$12M could give

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Overcrowding is once again a problem at the Kootenai County jail, despite a \$12 million expansion completed a few years ago.

The jail, which was expanded to hold 325 inmates in 2000, has been at or over capacity for 15 days in February, officials said. On weekends the population has risen to 404 inmates.

"There's no one single issue here," Sheriff Rocky Watson said. "There are a number of factors that have increased the inmate population. I believe the bottom line is we are a growing county."

Before the expansion in 2000, the jail had an average daily population of 162.

The expansion was expected to be sufficient for up to 10 years, and engineers allowed space for a future addition that could house 244 inmates.

But state budget cuts reduced the number of Health and Welfare programs available to mentally ill or disabled residents, leaving some people who have been arrested in jail instead of in treatment facilities, officials said.

The first addition and update to the jail still has a balance of \$7 million, which county property owners are paying with the local option sales tax passed in November.

County commissioners took their quarterly inspection tour of the jail Thursday.

"It's crazy because we seem like we can't keep up," said Commissioner Gus Johnson. "My gut feeling is we've got to start planning in two to three years to expand and build another pod. I'm not ready to go back and ask for a continuation of the half-cent sales tax by any means."

# Battery

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"If somebody is locked on your chest, all you're going to be able to bite is his left ear," he said. "In Idaho you do have the right to defend yourself. You do have the right to use violence against violence. You are not obligated to turn the other cheek."

The Rev. Jim Scarrow of the Assembly of God Church in Shoshone testified that Pugh had shown him bruises on the left side of his chest.

Meyer's estranged wife also had testified to Pugh's bruises.

But a Shoshone police officer, who had later investigated the incident, did not think the marks were significant enough to photograph, Paul said.

The self-defense statute was not relevant, Paul told the jury.

"It's not there," he said. "Simple, end of the story. Pugh had his teeth chomped down on (Meyer's ear) for the sole purpose of biting

his ear off. That is mayhem, clear and simple."

While the jury did not agree with Paul's assessment of the incident, neither did Hoyt Pugh, John Pugh's father.

During jury deliberations, Hoyt Pugh told a reporter his son's trial was a waste of taxpayer dollars over a "barroom brawl."

"You've got a right to protect yourself," he said. "In the heat of an argument anything can happen."

Scarrow, who attended the second day of the trial to show moral support to Pugh, one of his parishioners, gave his take on the incident.

"It's a good lesson," he said. "Bars are no place to be."

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# Rancher accuses agent of trespassing

CODY, Wyo. (AP) - A western Wyoming ranch is accusing the federal government of trespassing earlier this month to cull four wolves.

Larsen Ranch Co. owners are considering asking Park County Attorney Bryan Skoric to file criminal trespass charges against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service over the alleged violation.

"It's aggravating and upsetting," said Randy Kruger, a ranch stockholder and employee. "It's causing me loss of sleep. It's a matter of terrorism."

He made his comments to the Cody Times-News.

Wolf biologist Mike Jimenez did not have permission to be on the ranch when he was discovered Feb. 14 with four tranquilized wolves, Kruger said.

Jimenez did not immediately return a phone call Friday seeking comment. Agency representatives,

however, have called rancher Ralph Larsen to apologize, Kruger said.

According to Kruger, he saw Jimenez and Cody resident Wes Livingston with the wolves while driving across a pasture.

"They acted guilty, in my view," he said. "They said they were trying to get the wolves collared. They were on our deeded land and in our collaring pasture."

It's unclear whether the wolves were found on the land or if they were transported there.

The men told Kruger they had trapped and collared the wolves "in the area." The animals were beginning to silt when Kruger drove off.

They were nice, well-fed looking wolves, right in their prime," he said.

Kruger presented the information Wednesday to Commissioner Tim Horton, who planned to turn the case over to Skoric.

# Fees

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issued Aug. 28, 2002, Judge Carlson wrote that although the court ruled in favor of Magic Valley Sand and Gravel, there was no finding that the actions of the city and the county lacked a reasonable basis in fact or law. Based on that reasoning, the request for attorney fees was denied.

Magic Valley Sand and Gravel attorneys appealed the fee ruling.

The prevailing party in a lawsuit is entitled to attorney fees if they show the state agency "acted without a reasonable basis in fact or law," the court ruled.

The Supreme Court recognized as far back as 1919 that a city's exercise of jurisdiction in an impact area lying beyond a city's limits is inconsistent with the con-

situtional limitations placed on a city's powers, Kidwell stated.

Burly city officials didn't have the authority to enact those particular ordinances, he said, although he pointed out that in upholding later ordinances the city was "making a good faith attempt to act and interpret" the local land use planning act.

But Cassia County's ordinance "was not" of the terms of the local land use planning act, Kidwell wrote.

The county's ordinance allowed the city to make changes without parallel county action. Therefore the county didn't have a reasonable basis in fact or law when it enacted the particular ordinance in question. "Thus the county is responsible for attorney fees," he said.

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Capital Commandments proposal dies

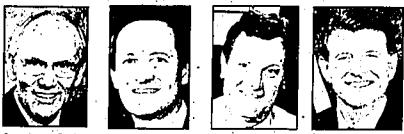
BOISE (AP) - The state Senate's leadership committee late Friday killed legislation authorizing an historical documents display in the state Capitol that would include the Ten Commandments.

The five-member majority on the State Affairs Committee remained concerned about the potential constitutional problems raised by plans to finance the monument with private money.

"I want to err on the broad side of maintaining that separation" of church and state, said Assistant Republican Floor Leader Joe Stegner of Lewiston. "This comes too close."

Freshman Republican Sen. Jerry Sweet of Meridian called the legislation the most important bill he would handle as a lawmaker when he announced late last year that he would sponsor it. He called it a way to honor our unique and diverse American heritage.

The Capitol monument would have included the Ten Commandments with six other historic documents including the Magna Carta and the preamble to the state constitution. The monument would be designed by legislators.



Sen. Larry Craig, Sen. Mike Crapo, Rep. Mike Simpson, Rep. Butch Otter

Rabbi Daniel Fink objected on grounds that there are multiple versions of the Ten Commandments depending on religion and picking one would essentially be an endorsement of that religion by the state. He called Sweet's bill an "opportunistic front for theorists to include the Ten Commandments."

Defeat of the monument (came despite the endorsement of public displays by the state's all-Republican congressional delegation and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

"The intention of our founding fathers was to keep church and state separate, but they did not intend to create a Goddess nation."

Kempthorne wrote in a support letter to Allen Gorin, one of the leaders in the battle with the city of Boise to keep a Ten Commandments monument in a city park.

"The multicultural nondiscrimination guidance offered by the Ten Commandments Defense Act, which protects expressions of religious faith on public property.

"The multicultural nondiscrimination guidance offered by the Ten Commandments has stood the test of time. It is the basis for many of our laws and standards of social conduct," Otter wrote in his letter to Gorin of the Idaho Alliance for Traditional Values.

Simpson joined Sens. Michael Crapo and Larry Craig in pointing out numerous public references to God from the nation's currency to inscriptions on government buildings. He called the Ten Commandments "one of the cornerstones upon which our country was founded."

Sweet's bill was prompted by the controversy over the monument in Boise's Julia Davis Park, which the city council decided to remove after a Kansas preacher said he wanted equal park space for his monument condemning homosexuality.

The Rev. Fred Phelps said his anti-gay monument is based on his own religious beliefs, and if the city endorses one form of a religious marker it cannot deny another.

An Episcopal church across the street from the state Capitol has agreed to relocate the park's Ten Commandments monument on its property, but religious leaders want it to remain in the park.

That would be in defiance of a federal district court decision, which allowed the city to remove the monument over the objections of religious groups.

Utah shelves its education rebellion

Bush administration scores a victory in defusing hostility

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Utah has shelved its rebellion against the federal No Child Left Behind education program, at least for now, with the Utah Senate voting to study the problem instead of passing a law prohibiting the use of state or local tax money to pay for federal mandates.

The Senate on Thursday sent the bill to a committee that meets only in summer, handing a victory to the Bush administration. Administration officials have visited the Utah Capitol three times in recent weeks, hoping to defuse hostility over President Bush's education program.

The Senate's action came without debate on a voice vote. House Education Chairman Rep. Margaret Dayton, R-Orem, said the study committee wasn't a "graveyard." Dayton presides over the Education Interim Committee and vowed to review the issue for next January's legislative session.

"It's not dying," Dayton said. "It's putting off and deferring." She noted the bill passed the Utah House and a Senate committee before being squelched, despite lobbying by White House and federal education officials to



Then sixth-grader Shelby Bliss peeks into her classroom at Sunset View Elementary in Provo, UT, before the first day of the summer session.

kill the bill in committee. "It didn't die in committee, and it's not going away," she said.

Dayton was pushing to prohibit Utah schools from using any state or local money to comply with the No Child Left Behind mandates. She and many other Republican lawmakers complained the act imposed costly new obligations without providing the money to carry out the goals, which include improving all students' academic performance and upgrading teacher qualifications.

Dayton originally wanted to

abandon the program, but federal officials warned that would have cost the state half of its federal funding, or about \$106 million a year. Dayton said the 75-member House "didn't have the stomach" for that, so she wrote her bill to have Utah comply with only those mandates "where there is adequate federal funding."

State School Superintendent Steven O. Laing has said full compliance could cost Utah \$1 billion a year, or about 10 times more than the state receives in federal funding for the program.

The bill was enacted in haste, and some suggested it be sent to an interim committee for longer study.

"The bottom line is this is a hasty action," said Rep. Roz McGee, D-Salt Lake City.

Rep. Ben Terry, R-Corinne, proposed amending the bill so that it would take effect July 2005, giving legislators time to correct any problems during the interim.

Rep. Loraine Pace, R-Logan, pleaded with legislators to hold off passage of the bill. In tears, Pace described the damage child abuse can do to children, even lasting into their adult years.

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Lawmakers fund Utah reading plan

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - With Friday's budget-bill deadline looming, Gov. Oene Walker and lawmakers reached an agreement on funding her "must-have" \$30 million elementary school reading program by splitting the cost between the state and local school districts.

Walker and Senate leaders announced the state would provide \$15 million. The other \$15 million would come from so-called leeway taxes that individual school boards would have to pass if they wanted to get the state funding. The tax would be about \$24 per acre on a \$200,000 home.

Sen. Leonard Blackham, chairman of the Executive Appropriations Committee, said the compromise was reached without having to raid the Centennial Highway Fund, which Walker had proposed but lawmakers implacably resisted.

A sticking point remains, however. Blackham said the House doesn't like the way the state would figure how to distribute the \$15 million, with 60 percent of the money allocated according to how many students receive federal free lunches and 40 percent on the weighted pupil unit.

The formula "has the tendency to help those (districts) that definitely have a lower economic strata," Blackham said.

Walker emphasized that if local districts did impose the leeway tax, the revenues couldn't be used for anything but the reading proficiency program, aimed at kindergarten through third grade.

Blackham, R-Moroni, said he expected the appropriations committee decision Friday afternoon on the state's \$0 billion budget would come quickly. On Thursday, however, House Speaker Marty Stephens said the meeting would be long. "Bring your jammies," he said.

But there is more "tweaking" to come, Walkers said.

House rewrites child-protection code

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Utah House has passed a bill that redefines abuse and neglect in the child-protection laws. "This bill changes the presumption that parents are guilty," said the sponsor, Rep. Wayne Harper, R-West Jordan. "It changes the presumption back to parents being innocent until proven guilty, and it changes back that families are OK."

Opponents say it jeopardizes children's safety and could unravel the state's settlement of a lawsuit by child-protection groups that has left Utah's child-welfare system

under the oversight of the federal court.

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Business to Business advertisement for Southern Idaho Business, featuring a 'Jump on board...' headline and contact information for Barbara at 735-3210.

American Red Cross advertisement for the Red Cross Ball, scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2004, at the Ballroom, 205 Shoshone Street North. Includes details about dinner, dancing, and ticket information.

Weighty issue advertisement for The Cabinet Store, featuring a cartoon character and text: 'This wife despairs as her husband eats. Dear Abby has a suggestion in Monday's Times-News.' Also includes 'Kitchen Tune-Up' logo and contact info.

TACK and SADDLE AUCTION advertisement for Monday, March 1st, 7 PM. Includes details about the auction location, items for sale, and contact information for Red Lion Hotel - Canyon Springs.

HALEY ESTATE AUCTION advertisement for Monday, March 1, 2004. Lists various items for sale including tractors, trucks, and machinery, with contact info for Lorenzo 'Ren' Haley Estate.

# SPORTS

Sports Editor: Joe Paidea, 735-3239. (Hours: 2-11 p.m.)

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## Coming Sunday

All the area's state wrestling champions.

## MORNING LINE

## SPORTSQUOTE

Baseball doesn't need me. I need baseball.

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—Boston Red Sox player Manny Ramirez

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

## Boys basketball

4A state play-in game  
Burley vs. Bonneville, 1 p.m.  
Highland HS, Pocatello

## Wrestling

State tournaments, Holt Arena, Pocatello.

## IN BRIEF

## Hansen pep rally and fund-raiser is tonight

HANSEN - The Hansen Huskies basketball teams are hosting a chili feed and community pep rally Saturday. The feed, which costs \$1.50, starts at 5 p.m. with the rally following at 6. The rally will celebrate the boys first-ever trip to the state tournament on Wednesday and the girls fourth-place finish last week.

## Kimberly boosters meet Monday at school

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school's media center. Voting for athletic awards will be held. For more information, call George Flew at 423-4997.

## Co-ed volleyball toureys set for March 6

FILER - Filer and the Idaho State University men's volleyball clubs will hold a co-ed volleyball tournament fund-raiser on March 6 at Filer High School and Filer Middle School.

There will be A, B and C divisions with six teams in each division in a double-elimination format. The cost is \$75 a team. To sign up, call Shaun Pohlman at 404-0660.

## Track coaches, officials will gather on Monday

TWIN FALLS - The area's track and field coaches and officials are asked to attend a rules interpretation meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in Twin Falls High School's facility lounge.

## Jerome rec district plans Monday baseball meeting

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District will hold the Youth Sports Advisory Committee meeting on Monday, March 1 at 6 p.m. in the Jerome Recreation Center conference room. Some of the agenda items to be discussed are youth baseball, swimming programs, and other youth sports issues.

The public is welcome.

## It's time to register for soccer, volleyball

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District is offering youth co-ed spring soccer and youth volleyball.

Soccer registration runs March 1-9 for leagues for kindergarten through Grade 8 students with play beginning in April. The league lasts for four weeks. Shin guards are highly recommended. The fee is \$15.

Youth volleyball will be offered to children in grades 5-9. This league is an instructional program with a few scrimmages. The fee is \$20.

Contact the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3399 for more information.

## Ropers hold practice at Copus Cover Arena

BUHL - The Copus Cove Arena will hold team roping practice at 1 p.m. Saturday.  
The cost is \$15 a horse. There will be a ranch rodeo held at noon Sunday.

Compiled from staff reports

## CSI women take title

By Kevin Colbert  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Whew! After hearing all week long about their failure to clinch an outright Scenic West Athletic Conference title last weekend at Salt Lake Community College, the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team showed that it can, indeed, thrive under pressure, dropping Snow College 66-57 Friday night.

The win clinched the team's first-ever outright SWAC title and assured that the men's and women's Region 18 tournament will be held in Twin Falls this coming week.

But there was plenty of time for doubt to set in.  
After leading by as many as 17 points in the first half, Snow (12-14 overall, 9-14 SWAC) led the Golden Eagles (23-6, 19-4) 43-10 in the second half before CSI took control.  
The Eagles also led just 54-53 with 8:08 remaining after the Badgers' Anna Barnes completed a three-point play.

"We won the game by the last eight minutes there," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "When they came all the way back, I know the kids were disappointed that they caught us."

But the Eagles stayed tough down the stretch, pounding the ball inside to Melamee Halaula. She scored two key baskets in the post, the second giving the Eagles a 62-55 edge with 3:00 remaining.

CSI was also strong at the free throw line. After beginning the second half 4 of 12 from the line, the Eagles made six of their eight tosses to finish the game.  
"You talk about clutch free throws with those we had at the end," Rogers said. "But if we hit the ones earlier, we wouldn't have been in that position."

Maria Snovs' spurt came to begin the second half when Carmelle Curtis scored the first nine points after halftime, all on 3-pointers. Her third try tied the game at 40.

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College of Southern Idaho center Melamee Halaula shoots the ball while Snow College defender Candace Barton Jones tries to block her shot during the second half in Twin Falls Friday.

## Kent: Who knows if past stars were clean?

The Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. - If baseball fans are going to talk about steroids, Jeff Kent thinks Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and other past stars should be included in the discussion.

Kent created a stir this week when he wondered whether past stars were clean.

"People are so pinned on the era now versus the era then," the Houston Astros second baseman said Friday. "Do we really know about them? I think we're starting to understand and learn more facts about now, so everybody's trying to relate the records broken, the way ballplayers are bigger and badder and better than ever now, but how do we know about them?"

"We never really tested, so that was my reference. I apologize to all the Babe Ruth fans out there, but geez, I was just trying to make a point."

In comments that appeared in Friday's Houston Chronicle, Kent asked whether it can be proved that past players such as Ruth and Gehrig didn't use drugs to improve their performance. Steroids were first developed in the 1930s.

"Babe Ruth didn't do steroids," Kent was quoted as saying. "How do you know? ... People are saying Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth how do you know those guys didn't do steroids?"

So all of a sudden, you've got guys doing steroids now in the 20th century, 21st century? Come on.

"Keep going backward. Pete Rose? Who knows? ... How do we know those guys were clean? Did they test those guys?"

The Hall of Fame's file on the history of steroids dates back to 2001," said Jeff Kubiak, vice president of communications.

The issue has loomed over baseball since 5-7 percent of anonymous tests last year were positive for steroids. That triggered the start of testing with penalties this year.

Earlier this week, Colorado reliever Turk Wendell said it was clear to him that Barry Bonds, Kent's former teammate on San Francisco, had used steroids.

Bonds and New York Yankees' 30th baseman Jason Giambi were called to December to testify before a federal grand jury investigating the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, admitted to giving steroids to several players and was one of four men with ties to the BALCO charged this month with illegally distributing steroids. Anderson pleaded guilty, and Bonds and Giambi have denied using steroids.

Kent calls the problems a "pure embarrassment" for baseball, though he also lamented the rampant speculation about who might be cheating.

"I think that's wrong for the media to point fingers at one big-chested guy versus a skinny guy," he said. "Did he, he didn't do it," Kent said.

Then again, he acknowledged it doesn't aid an when almost every player denies taking such substances.

"For people to sit back and say, 'I didn't do it, well, there's about 10 percent of the players who are doing it and that's a shame,'" Kent said. "There should be more integrity in this game, and integrity is that you don't cheat."

And for those Ruth backers who might have gotten offended:

"Wah," Kent said with a mock cry.



Jeff Kent

## Burley grappler Jones continues to roll

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

POCATELLO - It would seem like Burley senior Cole Jones is just following the natural progression of a high school wrestler career. Last year he was the Bobcats' only wrestler to place at state, taking fourth at 215 pounds. This year, he entered the 4A state tournament with a 17-0 record and the top ranking in his weight class. A good run, but not exactly the stuff that legends are made of.

But there is one little hiccup, a bump in the road that Jones has overcome to get to this point. Jones missed nearly half the wrestling season, sitting out some of the season's most important meets and tournaments thanks to the injury bug. He could've very well be 34-0, but the senior is just happy to be in Pocatello, happy that his coach believed in him.

"[Clint] Millron just stuck with me," Jones said. "He believed in me and kept me on the team even though I was injured."

What Jones lost in preparation time and conditioning, he has more than made up for with brute strength, solid technique, and proper focus.

"The conditioning has been the hardest part," Jones said. "I didn't think I'd be ready. But it's all men-



ERIC LARSEN/The Times-News

Burley's Cole Jones listens to Bobcat coach Clint Millron's instructions while putting the squeeze on Blackfoot's Mark Wortman. Jones, the top-ranked 4A 215-pounder, pinned Wortman in 3:04 to advance to Friday night's semifinal round of the 2004 Class 4A Idaho State Wrestling Tournament.

tal. No matter how tired you are, you just go."  
The real turning point in Jones' season came during the Red Halverson Memorial Invitational. Jones wrestled his way to a tournament championship, defeating some of the best 5A wrestlers in his weight class along the way.

"I love that win," Jones said. "It was my best win of the season."  
But wins like the one at Halverson placed a burden on

Jones' shoulders. As Burley's only ranked wrestler, Jones has faced well-meant pressure from friends and Bobcat supporters through the year. With some of his Bobcat teammates struggling early, Jones has been the shining light of the Bobcat wrestling program.

"There's a lot of pressure on me, everyone in class kept asking me if I'm going to win state," Jones said.

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## Raft River duo stays in hunt for third

By Jared Ehom  
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO - They come from one of the smallest schools in the state. The wrestling team is actually just a handful of guys and they are forced to compete at the 2A level because most 1A schools don't have wrestling teams.

That's not going to deter Raft River's Brody Or is it the Brodies? Brodie Hutchison and Brody Erickson are two of just a few Trojans competing at Holt Arena and both are representing the Little Schools well.

"There's a lot of motivation with that," Hutchison said after winning his 145-pound quarterfinal match against Malad's Levi Christensen. "We come up here to wrestle, just like everyone else. So we don't care if we're from a small school. We're here to win, too."

Hutchison cruised past his second-round opponent and threat-

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## Pole vaulter Dragila now knows athleticism alone isn't good enough

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Stacy Dragila relied on sheer athleticism to become a pole vault champion. She knows it will take more than that to remain one.

"The pole vault came around so fast for me. I picked it up so quickly that I never became a technician," she said on Friday as the former Idaho State University standout and coach prepared to defend her title at the U.S. Indoor Track and Field Championships.

"Now I realize, 'Hey, I'm going to be in the mix with these young girls who learned to do it properly right from the get-go, it need to work on this.'"  
A high school rodeo star and a heptathlete, Dragila was among the pioneers of women's pole vaulting when it was first contest-

ed internationally in the mid-1990s. She won the inaugural gold medal in the event at the Sydney Olympics in 2000 and has won 14 U.S. indoor and outdoor titles in all.

But all that early success may have kept Dragila from honing her craft.

Although she trained just as hard back then, she now realizes that she didn't pay enough attention to the fundamentals of jumping. It didn't seem to matter much when she was setting the world record eight times over, but with Russians Svetlana Fofanova and Yelena Isinbayeva surpassing her last year, it was time to worry.

Dragila, who turns 33 next month, lost both the indoor and outdoor world records in 2003, the former to the 23-year-old Fofanova and the latter to the 21-



AP Photo

Stacy Dragila clears the bar during the pole vault qualification at the World Athletics Championships in France on Aug. 23.

year-old Isinbayeva. After Dragila non-highlighted at the indoor worlds, she dedicated herself to learning

the sport all over again.

No more taking off as much as 18 inches too close to the box and

cosing herself valuable height on the upswing. No more winging it, relying on her athleticism to make up for a lack of technique.

"I kind of had to make a decision right then and there what I wanted to do with my career," she said.

Dragila changed coaches and moved her training from Idaho to Phoenix. Greg Hull, who also trains men's gold medalist Nick Lyons, is trying to teach Dragila, the things she never bothered with, before because she was good enough to win most times without them.

Hull vaults Dragila jump farther, from the box - 11.5 or 12 feet away, instead of as little as 10 - which is no small feat because to do it she must overcome the fear that she will not have enough push to make it to the crossbar, and instead will

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### It's number crunching time for the TFWBA

### Wood River Gun Club takes after week four

TWIN FALLS - The participation part of the city tournament is over for the Twin Falls Women's Bowling Association. Now it's down to week-end checking that all scores were written down, added, handcaps figured and averages reported correctly.

A lot of verification work is now in store. The Board of Directors has 30 days to do all of this.

Pending that verification work the team standings are First Place, Gold Key, with 2,514. Team members were Leanne Christian, Mary Fleams, Lisa Burton and Becky Harton. Second place is Backstroke III, 2,509, with April Leason, Bernice Lile, Robin Martinez and Tracey Hoffman; third place is held by the Grumpy Pack at 2,505. Virginia Mulkey, Ruth Simpson, Bonnie Draper and Pat Glass. The high game of the tournament was rolled during the team event by Virginia Mulkey with a 244.

In the doubles event, sitting in first place is Jennifer Wall and Jerry Green at 1,418. Second is Ami Lynch and Arne Poppleton 1,343. Third is JoAnn Sigar and Teena Thompson 1,328.

In singles, it is Cheri Langford 693. Jennifer Wall 691 and June Lowe 685. All events scratch is led by Kristy Rodriguez at 1,697, followed by Cheri Freeman, 1,664 and Eddie Barkley, 1,585. The all events handicaps is led by Jennifer Wall, 2,030; Johanna Brown, 1,987; and Teena Thompson, 1,954.

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Centennial Commission, Public Art Legacy Project. This project will feature a larger-than-life bronze sculpture of Lt. Perrine near the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center. Upon each foot will be installed individual commemorative bricks which will include as many as three lines of text of your choosing. Showcase your community spirit, honor or thank a friend; commemorate a birthday, anniversary, graduation, wedding, retirement or other special occasion. These items can be purchased by contacting the commission at 726-0100 or 308-7272.

In closing, I will add that Ms. Lezanski rolled the opening ball of the tournament. She did it in great style. Picking up the bowling ball, lined up on the approach, got a line of sight and put ten pins in the pit for a strike. Great job, Bonnie! We all enjoyed your telling us about the celebration of the great City of Twin Falls.

Low about following Ms. Lezanski's example and "Let's Go Bowling!"

Thelma writes a column for YourSports. You can contact her at 733-4357 or e-mail at tucker@magielink.com or fax (208) 733-3197.

TWIN FALLS - The Wood River Gun Club recorded a perfect 100 during week four action in the Snake River Trapsnooting Association's weekly competition.

The perfect score enabled the club to have first-place lead over the Caldwell Gun Club, 398-386, heading into week five of the season.

The Pocatello Trap Club is in third with 392 targets while the Twin Falls Gun Runners and Cliff Hangers are tied for fourth with 389.

Results from the last four weeks follows:

| Gun Club        | Week's Score | Cumulative Score |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| WOOD RIVER G.C. | 100          | 159              |
| POCATELLO G.C.  | 99           | 126              |
| TWIN FALLS G.C. | 98           | 115              |
| CLIFF HANGERS   | 97           | 104              |
| WOOD RIVER G.C. | 96           | 93               |
| POCATELLO G.C.  | 95           | 82               |
| TWIN FALLS G.C. | 94           | 71               |
| CLIFF HANGERS   | 93           | 60               |
| WOOD RIVER G.C. | 92           | 49               |
| POCATELLO G.C.  | 91           | 38               |
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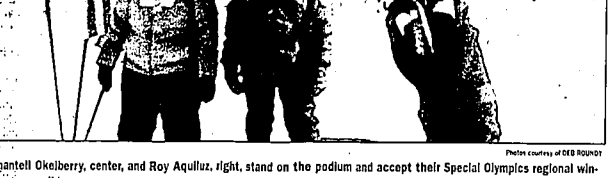
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Tim Olsen landed in 5.4 pounds to take second prize, a float tube provided by Snake River Outfitters.

Travis Dailley's 5.1-pound haul earned him a season fishing pass at Clark Lakes Country Club.

Jeff Laybourne won a camp fire place/grill from Mountain West Fly for his five-pound catch. Mike Grazulis took fifth with 4.8 pounds, good for a Coleman cooler from Southside Dairy.

More than 100 anglers competed.



Chantell Okelberry, center, and Roy Aquiluz, right, stand on the podium and accept their Special Olympics regional winter games ribbons.



Minico Spud Fred Studer races to the finish in the 200-meter dash.

### Minico Spuds place in Special Olympic snowshoe races

POCATELLO - The Special Olympics Regional Winter Games were held Feb. 13 at Milk Creek near Pocatello with several Minico Spuds athletes placing high in the snowshoe competitions.

Colten Homer took third in the 300-meter race while Matt Braden

took fourth. Chantell Okelberry took first place in the 100 meters, and Ed Phillip Lee in the boys race.

Second-place finishers were Colten Homer, Lacie Beita, Roy Aquiluz and Matt Braden. Rolando Martinez took third while Fred Studer participated.

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| <b>WEEK 3</b>     |     |     |
| WOOD RIVER G.C.   | 100 | 100 |
| POCATELLO G.C.    | 99  | 99  |
| TWIN FALLS G.C.   | 98  | 98  |
| CLIFF HANGERS     | 97  | 97  |
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| POCATELLO G.C.    | 91  | 91  |
| TWIN FALLS G.C.   | 90  | 90  |
| CLIFF HANGERS     | 89  | 89  |
| <b>WEEK 2</b>     |     |     |
| WOOD RIVER G.C.   | 100 | 100 |
| POCATELLO G.C.    | 99  | 99  |
| TWIN FALLS G.C.   | 98  | 98  |
| CLIFF HANGERS     | 97  | 97  |
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| CLIFF HANGERS     | 89  | 89  |
| <b>HOCKEY</b>     |     |     |
| WOOD RIVER G.C.   | 100 | 100 |
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| TWIN FALLS G.C.   | 98  | 98  |
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| POCATELLO G.C.    | 91  | 91  |
| TWIN FALLS G.C.   | 90  | 90  |
| CLIFF HANGERS     | 89  | 89  |
| <b>BASKETBALL</b> |     |     |
| WOOD RIVER G.C.   | 100 | 100 |
| POCATELLO G.C.    | 99  | 99  |
| TWIN FALLS G.C.   | 98  | 98  |
| CLIFF HANGERS     | 97  | 97  |
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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Payless ShoeSource posts \$17M loss

TWIN FALLS — Kansas-based Payless ShoeSource Inc. — which has stores in Twin Falls and Burley — on Friday said it posted a fourth-quarter loss of 25 cents per share, including a nonrecurring benefit of 2 cents per share from lower-than-anticipated restructuring costs.

That compares with diluted earnings per share of 7 cents a year earlier. The company recorded a net loss of \$17.2 million during the most recent fourth quarter, compared with year-ago net earnings of \$5.1 million.

For the year, Payless recorded a net loss of \$100,000 — or zero per share — compared with net earnings of \$105.8 million and diluted earnings per share of \$1.55 during 2002.

### CSI offers seminar on managing money in Burley

BURLEY — The College of Southern Idaho's Mini-Cassia center is offering a "Successful Money Management Seminar" to help individuals of all ages define financial goals and chart a course to achieve them.

The three-class seminar meets from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, March 3-17. Using the teaching method "hear it, see it, write it," students will walk through real-life examples and document the process in a workbook designed as a reference tool, CSI said.

Financial professionals Brett Rablson and G. Clay Espin instruct the course and supplement the material with years of investment experience, organizers said. Participants will not receive sales pitches or hear details about specific products or financial services.

Cost is \$59 in advance or \$69 at the door. Advance registration is required. Each participant may bring a spouse or guest at no extra cost.

For information, call 678-1400.

### Gasoline prices surge since mid-January

BOISE — Idaho's average price of unleaded gasoline has jumped more than 11 cents a gallon since mid-January in an apparent response to surging demand and limited supplies.

The American Automobile Association on Friday reported the average price of unleaded, self-service gasoline at \$1.695 a gallon, essentially matching the price of a year ago. The price on Jan. 14 was just over \$0.58 a gallon.

The Idaho average was barely a penny more than the national average, which rose six cents in the past month.

Analyst Trilby Lundberg said several factors were responsible for the hike, including OPEC's decision to cut oil production by 1 million barrels a day beginning April 1. Lundberg also cited rising crude oil prices and cold weather that increased the demand for heating oil.

Compounding the problem was the unexpected shutdown early this week of two refineries in California. The price surge led Idaho to the 15th highest average in the nation.

### Simplot's fortune grows to \$2.5 billion, ranks 205th

BOISE — The fortune of Idaho's richest man is on the rise again.

Forbes magazine's annual ranking of the world's billionaires put J.H. Simplot's chip fortune — potatoes and computers — at \$2.5 billion.

That was up from \$2.2 billion the year before in a possible reflection of the recovery in the stock market and the gradual improvement in the value of computer chip maker Micron Technology Inc., the company Simplot helped to finance.

Simplot's stockholdings, although reportedly in the millions of shares, are less than 5 percent of total shares, according to Micron's last proxy statement.

The 55-year-old magnate ranked 205th on the Forbes list, slipping from 177th last year.

The run-up in the stock market ballooned the Simplot fortune to \$4.4 billion in 2000, ranking him 14th in the world. But the value had been slipping since then until the latest report.

The other billionaire on the Forbes list with Idaho ties was Dennis Washington, 63, of the Montana businessman who heads Boise-based Washington Group International Inc. Washington's fortune was valued at \$1.8 billion, ranking him 310th.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Baskets take on centennial theme

By Virginia S. Hutchins-Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Starting this summer, the hanging baskets of blooms that decorate old-fashioned light posts in downtown and Old Towne will draw attention to the city's 100th birthday.

And, of course, to the businesses that pay for them.

For the past five years, each basket has been paired with a pretty sign advertising the basket sponsor's name and hanging from the same streetlight.

This spring, those signs come down. For the basket project's second five-year round, they'll be replaced with new signs sporting Twin Falls' centennial logo, the word "Welcome" and the basket sponsor's name — in larger type than the original signs used.

For a business to get its name on one, however, it has to make a five-year commitment.

Each sponsor can opt to can pay \$1,150 upfront to cover flower-growth, watering and maintenance costs for five years. Or the sponsor can opt to pay \$350 in the first year and \$275 each year after. Either way, the organizer — the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce — insists on a five-year pledge.

(The price has gone up. When

the chamber lined up sponsors in 1999, it charged \$275 for the first year and \$200 per year thereafter.)

Along Shoshone Street and Washington Street South are 72 spots for hanging flower baskets and signs.



"I think we have close to 30 sold," chamber executive Kent Just said this week.

Chamber leaders hope to finish securing donors by the first of May — or earlier — and hang the blooming baskets before Memorial Day.

For the basket project's first five-year round, locations for each sponsor's sign were determined by drawing. That method drew some complaints from businesses.

This time around, the chamber has a different plan: Each spring, as fresh blooms go up, the chamber will rotate each sign two blocks north or south.

"That will give every sponsor five different locations over the five-

year period." Just said.

"Twin Falls' flower baskets — an idea borrowed from a British Columbia city — have drawn admirers and copycats themselves.

"From the get-go, it's been such an eye-catching project that we've had chambers from all over the West call to say 'How did you do it?' Just said. And similar projects have arisen in Buhl, Jerome and Pocatello that were aware of, and I'm sure there's others out there."

Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 733-3242 or virginia@emagicvalley.com.

# Martha wins a round in court

## Defendant still faces four criminal counts

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal judge Friday tossed out the most serious charge against Martha Stewart, a court alleging she deceived investors in her company when she publicly declared her innocence in an insider-trading scandal.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum came just five days before jurors are expected to begin deciding the case against the celebrity homemaker and her stockbroker.

"I have concluded that no reasonable juror can find beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant lied for the purpose of influencing the market for the securities of her company," Cedarbaum wrote.

Stewart still faces four criminal counts at the trial — conspiracy, obstruction of justice and two counts of lying to investigators. The judge declined to throw out any of the five counts against her, though a conviction would carry a five-year and a \$250,000 fine, though a conviction would carry a far lighter penalty under federal sentencing guidelines.

"I'm pleased that the judge has dismissed the most serious of the charges against me, concluding that there is no evidence to sup-



Martha Stewart and her lead attorney Robert Morvillo leave from lunch Friday at a Chinatown restaurant in New York. U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum threw out the securities fraud charge against Stewart Friday.

port it," Stewart said in a message posted on her personal Web site.

Legal analysis said the ruling was cause for celebration for Stewart's defense team — but cautioned it was by no means a signal that she will be cleared of all charges by the jury.

"There's no question the government put forth evidence that at least supports their version of events," said Jack Sylvia, a veteran Boston securities lawyer. "And there is a very minimalist case the defense put on."

The securities fraud charge had been criticized by Stewart's lawyers as a violation of the First Amendment, and the judge herself has referred to it as "novel" and "problematic."

The count accused Stewart of trying to prop up the stock price of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia when she claimed in 2002 that she

had sold IMCone because of a deal with Bacanovic to dump the stock when it fell to \$60.

Stewart personally stood to lose \$30 million for every dollar her stock price dropped.

The government claims that was a lie, and that Stewart sold instead because Bacanovic sent word to her that his friend, IMCone Systems founder Sam Waksal, was frantically trying to sell his IMCone shares.

Still, many legal experts said they believed the charge was unprecedented, and Stewart's most ardent supporters cried that she was being prosecuted for simply saying she was innocent.

Cedarbaum issued her decision just as lawyers began meeting with her behind closed doors to discuss the instructions the judge will give jurors when they begin deliberating.

The decision put a charge into Martha Stewart's Living Omnimedia stock, sending its shares up on the New York Stock Exchange.

Stewart herself was in the meeting with lawyers and the judge. Prosecutors, leaving the judge's robing room for lunch, declined comment, and a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office did not immediately return a call for comment.

Closing arguments in the trial are scheduled to begin Monday and last well into Tuesday. The jury is expected to receive its instructions and begin deliberating on Wednesday.

Stewart's lawyers still must convince the jury that she was not lying to investigators when she told them in 2002 that she had no memory of being tipped about Waksal.

# Stricter rules hurt rendering markets

By Carol Ryan Dumas Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Producers who think the U.S. Department of Agriculture's recent announcement of stricter regulations on cattle processing and products containing animal material won't affect their operations much, should think again.

The fallout could hit producers in ways they haven't thought of yet.

In light of the single-case discovery of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in a Washington state dairy cow — one of Canadian origin — the USDA has ramped up its regulations regarding cattle processing. Those include how cattle are killed and butchered, and what carcass parts can be used in what manner. Increased limitations are now hovering snugly over material headed for both human and animal consumption and human health and beauty products.

The Jan. 26 release of the interim rules left no doubt that renderers' markets would tighten, with the backlash of the BSE discovery felt almost immediately since that time, according to Noll Katzen of Darling International, a renderer with operations in Twin Falls and Boise.

"It's a very difficult time in our industry right now. Some places, it's impossible to sell," says the company's executive vice president of operations said in today's edition of *AgWeekly*.

In addition to market chaos on how meat is rendered, an allow will fit into the stricter regulations, more than 40 countries banned all U.S. beef products following the BSE discovery.

"The price of proteins fell right off the map," Katzen says. "The value of meat and bone dropped to less than half. The implications of that are just unbelievable. Right now on deads, carcass worth is a negative value."

Katzen pointed the tallow market has also dropped. Tallow is used in such products as shampoo, cleaning creams, soap, textiles, ink and lubricants. Companies that manufacture such products are now calling for raw material with fewer impurities, which means further processing and more cost for the renderer.

"Perception may be hurting more than anything," Katzen says. "Adding federal consumers might have stopped using certain products and might be driving the call for more processing or the banning of animal material in those products."

"Right now, we really have no idea which way it's going to go, until we get a little more guidance on what's going to be declared safe," he said.

### Market crash

The immediate hand on exports from more than 40 countries took a huge toll on the rendering industry, said Mike Schraeder, market reporter with USDA Market News in Des Moines, Iowa. Prices on such products as meat and bone meal, blood meal and fats dove significantly, more than half in blood meal markets.

"I had a tremendous effect," he said of the BSE announcement. "I drew the domestic market down. So if it (rendered product for export) was on its way to docks or to Mexico — that, plus anything on the books, got dumped on the

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# Unemployment rates begin to drop

## Magic Valley starts 2004 with lower joblessness than a year ago

By Virginia S. Hutchins-Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — January unemployment rates throughout Magic Valley — even in Mini-Cassia, had hit by layoffs in the past two years — are down from year-earlier levels, the Idaho Department of Labor said Friday.

The two-county jobless rate for Minidoka and Cassia edged down at a tenth of a percentage point from December to reach 7.6 percent in January — three-tenths of a point lower than a year ago. The combined rate for Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties crept up a tenth of a point from December to 3.9 percent — also three-tenths of a point below January 2003.

That's despite the bad weather that, in late December and early January, slowed down the valley's construction industry.

"So far, our post-holiday period has been very good — it's better than last year, which is always a good sign," said Greg Rogers, Idaho Labor Department's labor economist for Magic Valley. "I'm just very, very pleased with post-holiday unemployment that we're looking at now."

## A look at local labor

Magic Valley's major three-county labor market remains significantly below state and national jobless rates. The department forecast Idaho's January joblessness at 4.8 percent, while the nation's rate stood at 5.6 percent.

The state's annual benchmarking process, in which it confirms its estimates using reports from individual employers, delays the release of January data, and February jobless rates are scheduled for release next week.

And they'll be telling, Rogers said. February rates show more fully the effect of retailers' cutbacks before the March beginning of seasonal agricultural hiring starts taking up the slack.

Typically February rates tend to kick up a little bit, he said.

| County     | Jan. '04 | Dec. '03 | Jan. '03 |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Blaine     | 7.7      | 3.6      | 4.1      |
| Camas      | 5.7      | 4.5      | 6.7      |
| Cassia     | 6.7      | 8.7      | 7.2      |
| Gooding    | 3.5      | 2.4      | 4.9      |
| Jerome     | 3.9      | 3.9      | 4.1      |
| Lincoln    | 5.4      | 5.2      | 6.1      |
| Minidoka   | 8.4      | 8.8      | 8.7      |
| Twin Falls | 3.9      | 3.9      | 4.3      |

Source: Idaho Department of Labor forecasts

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The Associated Press

BOISE — More people were on the job in Idaho in January than ever before, signaling a possible acceleration in the state's economic recovery, the state Labor Department reported Friday.

The department reported the January jobless rate at 4.8 percent, down two-tenths of a point from a revised figure for December and eight-tenths of a point lower than a year earlier.

More than 653,000 people were working in January, the sixth month in a row that total employment set a record. Nearly 13,000 more people were employed last month than in January 2003.

Workers without jobs fell another 1,100 from December to drop to less than 84,000 for the first time since August 2001.

The brightening job picture was the result of dramatic revisions state analysts made to employment statistics for 2003 as more accurate information arrived.

Unemployment rates in the early part of the year were even higher than economists had been expecting from the sluggish recovery, but as the pace quickened later in the year, more people flooded into Idaho to find work.

Analysis said employment was lower than originally estimated during the first six months of 2003 and markedly higher during the second half, underscoring Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's assessment that the state's economic fortunes were improving as the year ended.

Overall, the revised figures put average total employment last year

at 655,100, more than 2,000 than originally calculated. The work force averaged 692,500, 3,000 high or than the earlier figure. That put seasonally adjusted unemployment for 2003 at 5.4 percent, a tenth of a point higher than reported last month.

The January report reinforced predictions from Deputy Labor Director Dwight Johnson of the erosion of relatively high-paying manufacturing jobs as abated while the other sectors of the economy are growing.

Idaho remained below the national jobless rate (5.6 percent) for the 13th straight month.

While there were job gains in tourism, education, financial services and health care last month, mining, manufacturing and wholesale trade remained weak. The effect was felt in 18 major rural counties, where the jobless rate was still over 6 percent although only one county — resource-dependent Adams in west-central Idaho — was still coping with a double-digit jobless rate.

Employment losses from a year ago were limited to just 15 counties. Bannock suffered the most with the disappearance of more than 500 jobs.

The bulk of the new jobs over January 2003 was in the state's two growth areas — Ada-Canyon counties where 4,000 more jobs materialized, and Kootenai County, which picked up another 1,300. Twin Falls was the biggest job generator, putting 3,400 more people to work over the past year.

MONEY

IRS: This year's average tax refund will be almost \$100 more

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first batch of checks mailed from the Internal Revenue Service this year showed the average tax refund climbed 89¢ compared to those issued at the same time last year, according to figures released Friday.

Last week the Treasury Department said, "The president's 2003 tax relief will increase refunds by \$1.1 billion this spring by an average of \$300."

of Macroeconomic Advisers LLC, a St. Louis forecasting firm, "I don't have alarm bells going off."

Office, porch undermine home's value

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CONFLICTING ECONOMIC NUMBERS LEAVE STOCKS MIXED

NEW YORK (AP) — A sell-off in tech stocks and buying in consumer products left Wall Street mixed Friday as investors tried to reconcile conflicting economic data.

The major indexes ended February mixed, stalling an 11-month rally, and the Nasdaq composite index suffered its first monthly decline since September.

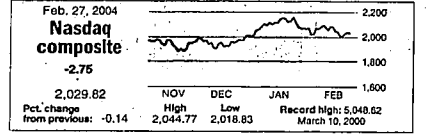
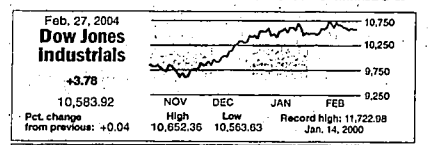
The day's trading continued the listless pattern that marked Wall Street's performance throughout February. Strong, early gains were eroded by profit-taking on tech stocks, but the markets recovered somewhat by the afternoon.

"We saw some selling in semi-conductors that took everything with it, but there's no reason behind it. It's a quirky kind of market."

Wachtel added that until economic data provides a stronger indication of the pace of the recovery, the wavering market will likely continue.

The government's jobs creation report expected next Friday could move the markets again, analysts said.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 3.78, or 0.04 percent, to 10,583.92. The Dow ended the week 0.3 percent lower. Its biggest weekly decline.



percent, at 2,029.82, finishing the week 0.4 percent lower, the sixth straight down week for the index.

It was up less than 0.1 percent higher for the week after last week's loss.

February, the Nasdaq lost 1.8 percent. The Dow gained 0.9 percent and the S&P 500 climbed 1.2 percent.

But in spite of widespread expectations that stocks could retreat during the month, there was still disappointment that Wall Street's rally of the past year had come to an end.

By Friday, traders were pleased by the Commerce Department report that the economy grew by an unexpected 4.1 percent annual rate in the last quarter of 2003.

The government's latest data on the gross domestic product — the broadest measure of the economy's health — beat the 3.8 percent growth forecast by economists.

Initially, Wall Street did not seem dissatisfied by the University of Michigan's latest consumer confidence report.

"If you look at it historically, there's a real disconnect between what consumers tell you versus what they actually do," said Scott Wren, equity strategist for A.G. Edwards & Sons.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, OEF, and various stock symbols like AAPL, MSFT, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Columns include Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diaries.

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Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Market, and the 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange.

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domestic market," he said. That probably doubled the amount of rendered product on the domestic market and subsequently lowered prices dramatically.

"It was an excellent bargain for those who could use it," he said. "But you just can't pile it up outside."

Schrader said he expects most markets to recover, but others are more tenuous. "They're still not exporting much. I think it's just starting to open up a little. If they can get the Mexican border opened up ... that will be a real help."

As for Darling, Katchen said he could not give any exact amounts of the increase. "It may have doubled in some cases," he said. "It's impossible for me to give that number, it depends on what we yield. Deaths are very low yielding, basically all protein."

Several Idaho dairymen contacted said they hadn't even heard yet that hauling fees were not supposed to be possible.

One Wendell dairymen, however, said the price hike was fairly well detailed in a notification letter from Darling dated Feb. 6.

Edwin Southfield said the notification letter had been received as \$3 per calf, \$6 per yearling and 1.5 cents a pound - or \$15 per cow. New prices were to go into effect Feb. 16, although there seems to be some reconsideration of the 1.5 cents-per-pound equation.

"A lot of people raised a stink" about the price hike, he said. The Southfield dairy currently pays 10 cents a pound for milk at \$165, he said. At 10 cents a month and \$15 a cow, the price will stay about the same. But other operations with higher mortality rates won't be as lucky.

Recycling

On average, slaughterhouses, packing plants, supermarkets, butcher shops and restaurants collectively generate at least 40,000 metric tons of animal byproduct each year in the United States.

In 2002, the total amount of rendered products in the United States was 2,148.8 thousand metric tons.

"It depends on each individual dairy, how fast you get rid of the ones (cows) that are off," he said, adding that his dairy culls more aggressively than some.

"One way or another, they're not going to lose money to pick up dead animals," he said.

"But they're going to do something," he said. "If the price gets too high, producers will have to seek other means of disposal, Southfield said. As for Darling, Katchen said he could not give any exact amounts of the increase.

Commercial cattle slaughter nationally during 2002 totaled 35.7 million head, and commercial calf slaughter totaled 1.05 million head, according to the USDA-National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Looking for soul mate:

Online network help link like-minded Muslims

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Section C

## Marriage a contract, a covenant

"We are cross-eyed from watching the appalling legislature try to do its business. What is marriage, anyway?" This was the question, e-mailed from a longtime friend who lives in Massachusetts. She nailed the issue. For most Americans it's coming down to the definition of the word "marriage."

The painful discussion in Massachusetts' constitutional convention revolved around that word as legislators struggled with constitutional amendments to ban the gay marriages ordered by that commonwealth's Supreme Judicial Court. And by the time this column is published, close to 4,000 licenses probably will have been issued to same-sex couples in San Francisco. Couples who take each other as "spouse for life" in marriage vows. Couples for whom "civil unions" are not enough.

But marriage licenses guarantee little at this point in the cultural war. New and unresolved questions emerge as a result of what legal scholars call the principle of "conflict of laws." For starters, same-sex couples who travel to marry in San Francisco and, after May 17, in Massachusetts may not have their rights honored in the states where they live. The 1996 Defense of Marriage Act specifies that no state is obligated to recognize a same-sex marriage performed in another state.

The steam is building for a constitutional amendment. The text most discussed has been drafted by the Alliance for Marriage. It states: "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution or the constitution of any state, nor state or federal law, shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups."

Many religious leaders are adamantly opposed and support a constitutional amendment. They represent primarily Catholic and Orthodox Christians, evangelical Protestants, Orthodox Jews, and Muslims.

But there is another religious perspective. Many of us who are committed members of faith communities think that even though marriage is universally a civil arrangement, legitimate, legally by the state, its sanctity resides elsewhere. And faith traditions have not always supported what we tend to think of as traditional marriage. The Judeo-Christian view of marriage, for instance, did not always live to the proposed amendment's definition. Polygamy can be justified on the basis of selected biblical texts, and the practice was revived for a while as late as the 19th century by the Latter-day Saints.

Other changes in marriage have occurred within my lifetime. Marriage was at one time an affair in which women were considered chattel. "Who gives this woman to be married to this man?" Only women of ill repute did not "belong" to some man. And no-fault divorce and prenups were not part of the picture when so few of us took marriage seriously.

"Civil contract" and "religious covenant" are not synonymous terms. The state legitimizes, but does not sanctify marriage. Nothing, therefore, in legalized same-sex marriages requires dissenters or clergy to compromise their definitions of marriage.

The Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony (1620) instituted the custom of civil marriage in part because they believed that clerical marriage, particularly as practiced in England, was unscriptural. Even when clergy began to perform marriages, the notion of civil legislation continuing and clerical marriages were still performed with the state's understanding that ministers are acting as its agents.

But clergy are designated agents of state or only in part as the marriage license is concerned. Believers think that there's more going on in the marriage rite. The vows (promises) clergy solemnize are between two persons who enter the marital covenant before God and their loved ones. The sanctity of marriage is imparted not by Caesar but by the grace of God, which sustains the vows in their commitment to those two. Gender is not the crucial concern. It's the vows, stupid.

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LEO SANDON



One of many beautiful sunsets at Perkins Lake beckons visitors to camp nearby.

## Camp Perkins provides fellowship and natural beauty for half a century

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

Fifty years of campfire sing-alongs.  
50 years of nature hikes.  
50 years of swims in the lake.  
50 years of tears on the last day of camp.  
50 years of sharing God's Word - equals 50 years of memories.

Stanley on the Lake Alutras Road off Highway 75.

Our real enjoyment has been to see how the ministry has benefited

the many young people," said Hank Mayland, a member of the Camp Perkins board of directors. "Camp Perkins has been an opportunity to set aside a time in one's life to reflect on what God has done for us."

Camp beginnings date to 1954, when the Lutheran Layman's League, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and its Walther League contracted a 100-year lease agreement with the U.S. Forest Service to secure 13 acres of land in the Stanley Basin, now known as the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Hugo Meyer, an early manager of the camp, described how that happened: He and several other young people had been to a Baptist camp at Esley Hot Springs, which they enjoyed so much that they began to envision their own camp. A couple of sites were considered, but did not materialize because, according to Meyer, "God had something much bigger in mind."

A fire had damaged the site the U.S. Forest Service offered to camp planners. Meyer recalled, "The Walther League took a proposal for the site to the layman's league."

"There was very little discussion," Meyer said. And a man from Nampa named Walter Lenz stepped forward and laid down a \$1,000 check.

The Walther League then committed to be on board until the first phase was completed - six cabins and a lodge. That's when about 15 people started living out of a 16-by-32 army

tent, a few smaller tents and some campers. "By the third year, we had the cabins built," Meyer said.

The logs came from dead trees around Lake Alutras that the forest service had marked to be cut down.

Meyer explained, "When we run out of those we went up Beaver Creek."

The loggers, working in pairs, used two big roan horses to pull cut trees to a pile. The logs were later taken to the sawmill at Smiley Creek, where they were cut into 6-foot "house logs."

One day, one of the saws quit and Meyer went to Halley to find one. "It doesn't cost more than \$256, I'll buy it," he told the others. That was the amount he had in his bank account.

"We found one in Halley and that was exactly what it cost," he said.

In the 1980s, the camp became a

year-round ministry, as the first full-time staff was hired and the first winterized facility was completed. When the Sawtooth National Recreation Area came into being, government procedures changed and the camp



This photo of the Camp Perkins assembly hall in its main lodge was shot in the late 1950s or early 1960s.

was asked to submit a 20-year plan. After a fund-raising drive was full short, a Lutheran church in Boise closed and gave the camp its equity and furnishings, which was used for a new lodge. In 1984, an endowment

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## POLITICIANS & RELIGION:

### COMMANDER-IN-CHURCH:

A president in the pews can cause stir

By Susan Hogan/Albach  
The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON - The upholstery is unraveling in Pew 54, Row 9. In exactly the spot where the president worships. The narrow pews, perfect for 5-foot-6-inch James Madison, the shortest president, are a challenge for the 43rd president, who is nearly 6 feet tall.

"This isn't trivia you'll hear at the Smithsonian or any of the city's other famous museums. Tourists curious about the spiritual lives of politicians are turning to houses of worship where, for example, they can study a cornerstone dedicated by Harry Truman, a Baptist from Missouri.

A Catholic priest tells the curious that President Kennedy tapped his bodyguards for cash when the collection plate came around because he didn't carry

money to church. A Presbyterian pastor says Andrew Jackson took offense when he was told not to pack a pistol in God's house.

No detail appears too minor: Yes, that's a cat under the table in the stained glass window of the Last Supper at President Bush's church.

Among some voters, there's a fascination with spiritual trivia. They wonder whether the Rev. Al Sharpton's faith is as expansive as his hair. Whether a spat over a bike path was a good reason for Howard Dean to leave the Episcopal Church. Why Wesley Clark switched faiths several times.

Politicians who don't answer the questions with grace risk falling from grace. Dean, for example, was castigated by some Christians when, pressed to name his favorite New Testament passage see PRESIDENT, Page C3

### Reverend to the Clintons recalls stormy, hard years

By Susan Hogan/Albach  
The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON - In the early days of the Monica Lewinsky scandal, the Rev. J. Philip Wogaman carefully chose a passage to read to worshippers - including, on that Sunday morning, Bill and Hillary Clinton.

"Love is patient, love is kind," he read from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

"That is the worst drive I have ever heard," one woman spouted on her way out of church.

At the time, Wogaman still held out hope that the president hadn't committed adultery. It's one of the stories he shares in "An Unsuspected Journey," a new book about his 10 years as pastor of Foundry United Methodist Church.

Wogaman, who retired two years ago, examines Clinton's scandal-tainted presidency from a pastor's perspective. He not only counseled the president but also wrote a book about his 10 years as pastor of Foundry United Methodist Church.

He won't say whether he also counseled Hillary Clinton.

Foundry is an old, cavernous church about a mile from the White House. It's known for its outreach to the homeless and people with AIDS. On Sundays, pews are filled with worshippers in casual sweaters and practical shoes. They pray earnestly for social justice and sing hymns with all the fervor they can

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Justin Timberlake reaches across Janet Jackson just before he pulled off the covering to her right breast during the half-time performance at Super Bowl XXXVIII in Houston on Feb. 1.

### Broadcasters see opportunity after Janet Jackson fiasco

By Paul Nowell  
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Evangelical Protestant broadcasters see something more in Janet Jackson's Super Bowl flash than exposed flesh and bad taste - namely, the opportunity to market themselves as a wholesome alternative to mainstream television.

"People are hurting, both economically and morally, and as a

broadcaster I feel we have a chance to offer them hope." Carol Jones Saint said last week at the annual convention of National Religious Broadcasters, a trade association of 1,600 radio and TV stations, networks and program producers.

Saint, whose family operates a Christian radio station in Erie, Pa., was among 6,000 media executives who attended the Charlotte extravaganza. The

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# Iraq's Baptists survive, but ranks thinning

By Tod Roberson  
The Dallas Morning News

BAGHDAD, Iraq — They call themselves the original Baptists, but with similarities to Americans of that description pretty much end with the waterborne ritual they share.

"Iraq's Baptists, known as the Sabeaan Mandaean, don't gather in suburban megachurches equipped with TV screens and state-of-the-art sound systems. Their Baghdad headquarters is a tiny temple whose cash-strapped congregation doesn't own so much as a bullhorn.

Preaching the Gospel and winning converts are not among their strong suits. For one thing, while some Mandaeans have studied the Bible, they don't regard it as their holy book. For another, these Baptists don't consider themselves Christians. Their faith, with influences from Judaism, Gnosticism, pre-Christian religions, Christianity and Islam, predates Christianity, possibly by centuries, if not millennia.

For the Mandaeans, there is no such thing as missionary work or conversion. Membership in the religion is so exclusive that it can be attained only by birth, and only if

both parents are Mandaeans. Having survived thousands of years under harsh circumstances, the Mandaean religion risks being erased in a region where Islam is, by far, the dominant religion. In some respects, they credit the non-secretarian government of ousted leader Saddam Hussein with helping protect and preserve their faith when few others would.

The word Sabeaan comes from the Aramaic-Mandaic word saban, "immersed in water," according to the group's Web site, www.mandaean.org. Mandaean comes from the word menda, or "knowledge." Principal among

Mandaean beliefs is that water is the source of all life.

"We are one of the oldest monotheistic religions in the world. Some say we are the oldest," Sheikh Jabbar Hilo, the most senior Mandaean cleric, who wears a long gray beard, flowing robes and is a fluent speaker of Aramaic, the language of Jesus and John the Baptist. "Our religious texts date to Seth, son of the prophet Adam. Our last prophet was John the Baptist."

He estimated there are only 100,000 to 150,000 Mandaeans worldwide, mostly concentrated in Iraq and Iran.

# A colorful blend of faith, fun — and a film

By Ken Garfield  
The Charlotte Observer

The National Religious Broadcasters' convention that brought 6,000 to Charlotte, N.C., recently was a colorful blend of Christianity, commercialism, politics. "The Passion" and free falafels from the Israel Ministry of Tourism.

Three compelling moments:

- That Bush endorsement
- NRB President Frank Wright says he was OK with evangelist Franklin Graham's fiery pronouncement that President Bush is the only one who can save America from the "garbage" we saw at the halftime of the Super Bowl. Wright didn't sound too OK with it. He said Graham was invited to lead worship at last Sunday's morning service — he wasn't asked to give a political speech. While it's good for Christians to apply their faith to the culture, Wright didn't want anyone mistaking Graham's unofficial endorsement of Bush for an NRB endorsement. Wright called endorsements "a death penalty" for groups wanting to maintain tax-exempt status. Wright's parting words to the ever-blunt, often-controversial evangelist from Boone? "Franklin is a free spirit!"
- Foreman talks faith, grills

Franklin and others sing pitched his grill to guys who can't cook, reminisced about finding Christ in his locker room after a loss in 1977, and said a former foe is now a dear friend — except when he preaches to Muhammad Ali about Christ. "He tells me to shut up," Foreman said, laughing.

"The Passion" dominates.

And then there was "The Passion of the Christ." The private screening of Mel Gibson's controversial film for 3,000 before its public opening was the convention's most talked-about event. NRB delegates were chosen to watch the sneak preview because of their willingness as conservative Christians to go home and promote the work on their TV and radio stations. I didn't attend the screening — we chose not to sign the pledge agreeing not to talk or write about the film until the week of its release. The Charlotte Observer wanted to be free to cover this extraordinary blend of faith and film without restriction. I told that people wept as they watched the film, prayed together in the ballroom, and even, I was asked, walked back to their hotel rooms in silence. What will happen now that "The Passion" has opened nationwide? I believe Christians who go in anticipation of watching a graphic portrayal of their savior's crucifixion will be moved to tears, then go home content. I believe those concerned about the film's portrayal of Jews, and Gibson's decision to make such a dark and violent film, will be shocked, then go home wondering about the value of what they saw. And I believe everyone will be forced to think harder about what they believe.

# Mary Magdalene rides new wave of interest

By Mark L. Pinsky  
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — At least once a day, Frances Garcia checks a Mary Magdalene Web site, and most nights she spends at least an hour reading histories and commentaries about Jesus' devoted supporter and her contemporaries.

"Mary Magdalene is part of my life," said the University of Central Florida student. "She is what inspired me to know more about Christianity."

Jesus' devoted follower has been inspiring a lot of enthusiasm in recent years. Experts say a confluence of feminism, biblical research and pop culture has placed Mary Magdalene in the front rank of Jesus' first followers, at least for the moment.

"She's one hot commodity right now," said Marvin Meyer, professor of religion at Chapman University in Orange, Calif.

Mary Magdalene is the subject of a boom in scholarly literature, with at least six new books suggesting roles for her that range from the 13th apostle to a goddess. In 2003, the American Bible

Society in New York staged an exhibit of Mary Magdalene portraits.

This wave of academic interest has been propelled into the mainstream by popular fiction. "Mary, Called Magdalene," a historical novel by Margaret George, became a best seller in 2002. The following year, "The Da Vinci Code" burst onto the scene. The fast-paced thriller claims that Mary Magdalene's role as Jesus' wife has been systematically suppressed. With 6 million copies in print and a sale to Hollywood, it has also sparked numerous Web sites and discussion groups.

Plus, Jesus' devoted follower has landed on the covers of Time and Newsweek and on national TV specials. And Mary Magdalene is featured in the Mel Gibson film, "The Passion of the Christ."

According to the four Gospels of the New Testament, Mary Magdalene witnessed Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, rallying the depressed and disbelieving male disciples. For 1,500 years, she was portrayed, in art and theology, as a prostitute whose life was transformed by Jesus' forgiveness. This was the result of an erroneous sermon preached in 591 by Pope

Gregory the Great. The pontiff, misreading the Gospel of Luke, confused Mary Magdalene with another woman described as "sinful." His finding was reversed by the Vatican in 1969.

The second-century Gospel of Mary Magdalene was found in the late 19th century by archaeologists but remained largely ignored for 50 years. It is the only account named for a woman and offers a different view of Christianity — one that describes an "interior spirituality," said Karen L. King, author of "The Gospel of Mary of Magdalene: Jesus and the First Woman Apostle."

In the Mary Magdalene account, "Salomon is not something that comes from an external savior," said King. "One has to seek salvation within." Thus, the Magdalene Gospel depicts Jesus as a teacher rather than as a savior who dies to atone for humanity's sins.

Because Mary Magdalene may have been a rival to the Apostle Peter, some Gospel accounts with favorable references to her may have been excluded by the male church leaders who compiled the New Testament, according to King and other scholars.

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# Recording focuses more on fashion than content

The Dallas Morning News

CD "World Service," Delirious? (Parlophone Records/Sparrow Records, 57 min.)

After helping launch the contemporary praise revival in the United States with the "Cutting Edge" CDs, delirious? seemed to many to turn its back on praise, intent instead on being fashionable. Sure, the British rockers released a string of often-bombastic, over-the-top, packed with crunchy guitars, blistering rhythms and just about every studio trick in the book, but American fans in particular lamented losing the soaring simplicity of "Cutting Edge Sessions." "World Service" is the band's most diverse record, opening with a blast of feedback in "Grace Like a River" and closing with the heartfelt, piano-driven

monies, soaring background vocals and superior production values. The lyrics reflect a spiritual journey that honestly questions, then embraces faith. The catchy number "All Kicks off the CD with its engaging melody and sing-along chorus: "Deep in my heart/deep in my soul/there was always something missing/Now you've got my full attention/I give you my life, surrender control/I finally learned to listen to your call/I give you my all."

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titude in God the seminal event of the Protestant Reformation. His hatred of the sale of indulgences started a chain of events that forever changed the religious and political landscapes of the Western world. For all his radical transformations of the way the Gospel was read and the church was administered, Luther, as he became known, was a conservative at heart, sharply reprimanding lower classes seeking a new way of government. It was princes, seeking their own freedom within a Holy Roman Empire, who protected Luther while the papacy and emperor sought him for execution. Marty, noted religious historian, writes, "It makes most sense as a vessel with God, indeed, as a God-obsessed seeker of certainty and assurance in a time of social trauma and of personal anxiety."

—Bob Trimble

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During his tenure, critics said Wogaman was blinded by his loyalty to Clinton — and, perhaps, by the limelight that comes with being the president's pastor. As calls for the president's impeachment multiplied, the pastor wrote a book outlining reasons why Clinton should keep his job.

"I do not think my preaching voiced any particular concern designed to please politically powerful people, like the president, who were there," he wrote in his new book.

During the Lewinsky scandal, Wogaman served as one of Clinton's three spiritual advisors, along with the Rev. Tony Campolo, a Baptist college professor from Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Gordon MacDonald, who led an evangelical church in Massachusetts.

Once Clinton finally acknowledged his involvement with the White House intern — considerably after his infamous "I did not have sexual relations with that woman" news conference — the president was truly contrite, Wogaman said.

# President

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book, he picked Job — which is in the Old Testament.

Years ago, a visitor stopped by Foundry United Methodist Church, not knowing President Clinton was a regular there. She was alarmed to see bomb-sniffing dogs "like metal detectors and pusses being searched."

"She'd heard crime in the city was really bad, but never expected this," said the Rev. J. Philip Wogaman, Foundry's retired pastor. "She didn't realize this is the routine when a president comes to church."

Many Washington churches have "national" in their names, even as they testify that God transcends nationalism. Lyndon Johnson's daughter, Lucy, married at the National Shrine, the Catholic basilica that's home to "Malibu Jesus" (the nickname for the blond, muscular mosaic behind the main altar). In 1953, President Eisenhower was baptized at National Presbyterian Church. Today, it's better known as the sanctuary where retired Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., and his wife, Elizabeth, took refuge after the Clintons became regulars at their Methodist church.

Some famous Democrats and Republicans do worship together, though "they usually sit in opposite aisles," said Monsignor Peter J. Venti, who leads St. Patrick's Catholic Church. One exception was the late Sen. Daniel Patrick

Moynihan, the colorful New York Democrat, who liked to usher at St. Patrick's. He would take his time and thank people for their donations, almost as if he were on the campaign trail, the Monsignor said.

President Lincoln paid rent for Rev. 14 at what's now New York Episcopal church, his official membership is with Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas. Clinton kept his membership with a Southern Baptist church in Arkansas though he attended a Methodist church while president.

Reagan didn't attend church, ostensibly because of the disruption it would cause a congregation. But he was "deeply spiritual and not into astrology," like his wife, Nancy, argues Paul Kengor in "God and Ronald Reagan: A Spiritual Life."

President Nixon, a Quaker, also preferred to stay at home on Sundays, inviting pastors to deliver sermons personally to him at the White House.

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**Kimberly Baptist Church**

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Church Service 11:00 am  
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Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 pm  
Larry Maxwell - Pastor  
423-4106

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181 Morrison Street  
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Pastor Jim Sommer

**First Southern Baptist Church**

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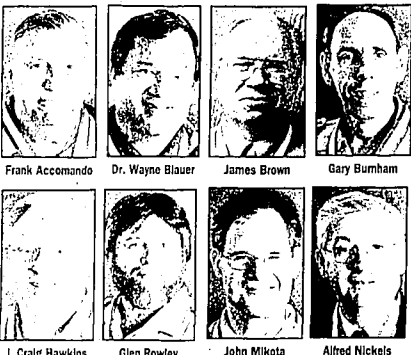
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## Scouts award highest honor

**TWIN FALLS** - The Snake River Council of the Boy Scouts of America will hold its 79th annual Council Recognition Banquet today at the Turf Club.

The dinner program will begin at 7 p.m.

The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Silver Beaver Award, which is the highest award that can be presented by a local Boy Scout Council. The Silver Beaver will be presented to:

- Frank Accomando, Cubmaster of Pack 32, Gooding.
- Dr. Wayne Blauer, district chairman of the Cassia Scout District.
- James Brown, assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 44, Buger.
- Gary Burnham, assistant district commissioner of the Northside Scout District.

J. Craig Hawkins, council commissioner of the Snake River Council, which is headquartered in Twin Falls.

Roger Kelley, chartered organization representative of Pack and Troop 27, Shoshone.

John Mikota, roundtable commissioner for Falls Scout District.

Alfred Nickels, past council president of the Snake River Council.

Glen Rowley, Scoutmaster of Troop 20, Burley.

Also at the dinner, Fred N. Locke of Troop 33 in Gooding will be presented with his 75-year veteran pin.

There will also be recognition given to districts for excellence in their Friends of Scouting campaign and for qualifying as Quality Districts.

## Read Comunidad on Thursdays. News for and about Latinos

### Magic Valley Singles Square Club meets Tuesday

**JEHOME** - The Magic Valley Singles Square Club will meet Tuesday.

There will be a workshop at 7 p.m. and advanced dancers will dance from 8:30-10 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Jerome. Names beginning with 'D' should bring finger foods and clean up.

### Jerome Rec. discusses youth baseball, swimming

**JEHOME** - The Jerome Recreation District will hold a Youth Sports Advisory Committee meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the Jerome Recreation Center conference room.

Agenda items are youth baseball, swimming programs and other youth-sports issues.

The committee is comprised of volunteers who provide community the district-run youth sports and act as a sounding board. Public is welcomed.

### Blaine Co. Rec., ski club host snow box derby

**HAILLEY** - The Blaine County Recreation District and the Rotarun Ski Club will host the third annual Snow Box Derby.

Participants will design, construct and race their cardboard creation from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. March 6 at the Rotarun Ski Area, west of Hailley.

Rules can be obtained at the recreation office. The snow box inspection starts at 9:30 a.m. The races for ages 5-8 and 9-12 start at 11 a.m. and the races for ages 13-17, over 18 and the business categories start at 1 p.m.

The entry fee is \$5 per person and \$25 per person in the professional category. Prizes will be awarded in each category for the fastest run, most creative snow box, best wipe out and longest run.

The event is open to a limited number of entries; pre-registration is required at the district's new office, 1050 Fox Acres Road in Hailley. For more information, call Susie Wentmore at 788-2117.

### More evening computer classes offered at CSI

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho will offer several evening computer courses in March.

### DeMary Library celebrates Dr. Seuss birthday

**DRUPERT** - A celebration of the 100th birthday of Dr. Seuss will be held from 1-6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, March 1 to April 7. The class is one credit.

"Using Internet and E-mail" will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, March 8 to April 12. The class is one credit.

Each credit costs \$82.50, not including the textbook.

For more information, call Olenka Paredes at 732-6441 or oparedes@csi.edu.

### Richfield basketball team schedules spaghetti feed

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The dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Richfield School cafeteria with delivery to Richfield area. Homemade garlic bread, salad, spaghetti, dessert and beverages will be included.

The cost is \$20 for a family, \$1 for senior citizens, \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. There will also be a baked food auction at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Sheri Ross at 487-2790.

### Albion Public Library holds fund-raising dinner

**ALBION** - The Albion Public Library will hold its annual spaghetti fund-raising dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Albion Grange Hall in Albion.

The cost is \$12 for a family, \$4 for an adult or \$2 for children under the age of 12. Take-outs will be available. For more information, call 673-5549.

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For more information, call the library at 934-0889.

## SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

**Paperwork** - Hospice Visions needs volunteers to copy and compile forms so others can produce new patient file folders for nurses. This job is important and needs someone with knowledge of complex paperwork. For more information call Flo Slater at 735-0121.

**Hospice** - Volunteers are needed for hospice families in need. For more information, call Lynn Shoemaker or Bev Williams at 732-5370.

**Electric wheelchair** - Charity Anywhere Foundation is in need of an electric wheelchair. For more information, call 734-8041.

**Hospice care** - Volunteers are needed for hospice care, visiting with patients and relieving caregivers and office help. For more information, call Susan or Grace at 734-4061.

**Answer phones** - Volunteers are needed to answer phone calls from seniors needing transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping and making arrangements with volunteer drivers. Volunteers must be 55 or older. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 734-4764.

**Tutors** - The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program is looking for volunteer tutors for adult students in reading, English, math and English as a second language. For more information, call 732-8536 or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 6536.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help.

If you need a volunteer, call the Rotarun Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 738-2122, Ext. 320. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

Please submit your request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Call weekly to retain request.

## Photography contest focuses on architecture

**HAILLEY** - Photographer Martyn Mallory lived in Hailley in the early 20th century. His recorded buildings that have been since torn down or remodeled, and the people and ways of doing things that no longer exist, in essence the "everyday" of Hailley long ago.

Almost a century later, Mallory's accomplishments have inspired the Hailley Public Library to hold a photography contest entitled, "Hailley Today for Tomorrow."

Selected entries will be on display at the library from June 2 until July 31, showcasing Mallory pictures from the early 20th century.

This exhibit will be shown in tandem with the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit, "Yesterday's Tomorrows: Past Visions of the American Future," which will be held at the Hailley Public Library during the same period.

The subject of the "Hailley Today for Tomorrow" contest will be the architecture of downtown Hailley. Photographers will be asked to follow specific guidelines that may be picked up at the library, 7 Crox St. W., or received by mail or e-mail. Interested people can call 788-2236 to request the information. Photographers should tell a story about Hailley in the early 21st century that would interest and inform



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Entrants must provide a brief statement about their chosen subject.

The top three photographers will be awarded framed prints of an old Hailley scene from the library's Mallory collection. The deadline for entries will be June 1.

If inspiration is needed, the Hailley Public Library's Mallory Collection may be viewed during regular hours.

## HONOR SOCIETY LEADERS



National Honor Society officers at Shoshone High School are, from left, top: Valerie Pantone, president; middle row: Rosa Lopez, secretary; and Allicia Lucas, historian; bottom: Ian Ingram, vice president.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Kimberly resident celebrates 80th birthday**

**KIMBERLY** - Don Dean of Kimberly will celebrate his 80th birthday from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the Kimberly Senior Center, 310 Main N.

He was born Feb. 26, 1924 in Twin Falls and married Jeanne Dean on Dec. 20, 1947. He has lived in the Magic Valley all his life. His children are Ed and Janice Easterling of Kimberly and Dennis Dean of Boise; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Buhl students display talents at two concerts**

**BUIH** - Buhl choir and band students will perform two concerts this week.

High school choir and band will perform at the Buhl High School Pops Concert at 7 p.m. Monday in the Buhl Middle School Auditorium, 216 7th N.

Admission is \$1 for students, \$2 for adults or \$5 for family. Children 5 and under are free. Students with a Buhl High School activity cards are free.

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### M.V. new neighbors group will hear from attorney

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley New Neighbors will meet for a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho Taylor Building, room 277.

Local attorney Penny Parker will present a program on estate planning and the CSI Foundation.

Luncheon cost is \$10. The public is invited. For more information or reservations by Sunday, call 420-8234.

### Safety council offers CPR, first aid classes

**TWIN FALLS** - Safety First, a National Safety Council Training Center, is offering cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid classes this month.

The schedule is as follows: "Adult, Child, Infant CPR and First Aid re-certification," Tuesdays, March 2-30. The cost is \$25.

"Adult CPR and First Aid," Thursdays, March 4-25. The cost is \$25.

"Infant, Child CPR and First Aid," Fridays, March 5-26. The cost is \$25.

"Adult, Child, Infant CPR and First Aid," Wednesdays March 3-31. The cost is \$30.

For more information on class times and locations, call Marty Buss at 736-6105.

### Jerome High Booster Club will meet Monday

**JEHOME** - The Jerome High School Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Jerome High School, 104 Tiger Drive.

Anyone interested in supporting Jerome High School athletics is encouraged to attend. For more information, call chairman Bart Paterson at 324-5706.

### Filer Rose Society will discuss irrigation system

**FILER** - The Filer Rose Society will meet at 9 a.m. March 6 at the Twin Falls County Fair Office, 215 Fair Ave.

The installation of an irrigation system and spring and summer events will be discussed.

Anyone interested in growing roses is invited. Roses are still offered for placement in the Memorial Garden. For more information, call Barbara Urie at 326-5636 or Shari Hart at 326-4087.

### 'Grandma Maude Miller' will speak at visitor center

**HAGERMAN** - Mary Inman will appear as "Grandma Maude Miller" on the Oregon Trail from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument Visitor Center, 221 N. State St.

Admission is free.

For more information, call 837-4733 Ext. 5224.

### Birthday celebration for Dr. Seuss held at Buhl Library

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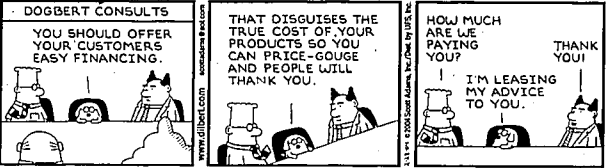
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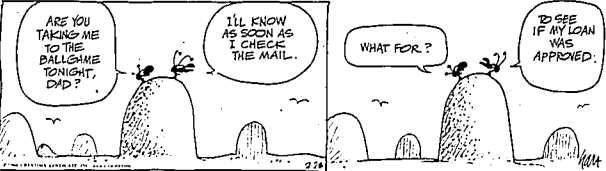
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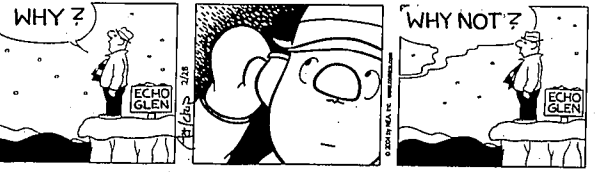
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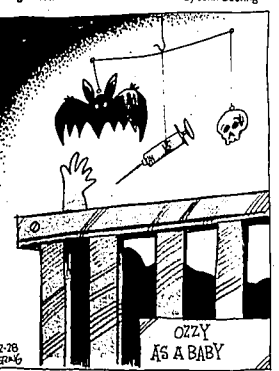
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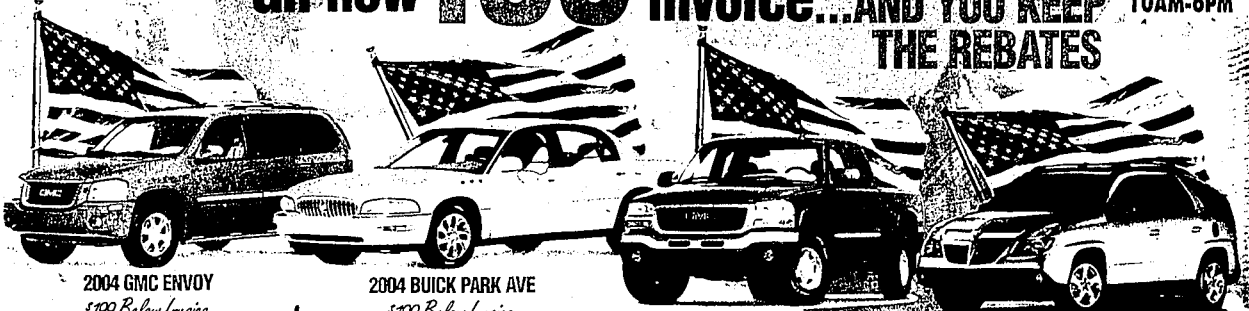
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