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Guardsmen go on alert

About 2,600 in Idaho - including 350 locals - face likely deployment to Iraq

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - In many years as the wife of a soldier, Sonya Nowland has never seen her husband shipped overseas.

That's likely to change later this year or early next year, as Sgt. 1st Class Kent Nowland and about 3,500 other members of the 116th Cavalry Brigade - including about 350 guardsmen in south-central Idaho - have been placed on alert for deployment to Iraq.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne announced Monday that the Department of Defense had put 2,600 Idaho Army National Guard soldiers on alert. The soldiers join



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Maj. Gen. Jack Kane talk Monday at the Idaho National Guard's Gowen Field in Boise about the alert.

guardsmen from three additional units nationwide for a total of 18,000 soldiers on alert status. The announcement underscores

the deepening involvement of Guard and Reserve forces in U.S.-led efforts to quell the insurgency in Iraq and stabilize the country.

About 95 percent of the Idaho guardsmen and women were notified of the alert on Sunday. Adjutant General Jack Kane said. If all the soldiers are called to active duty, it will be the single largest deployment of National Guard troops in Idaho's history.

The men and women will be mobilized over the next several months to conduct training before their new assignment, the Pentagon said.

Kempthorne said the deployment. Please see GUARD, Page A2

Wolves at the doorstep

Animals kill cow, calf near Glens Ferry

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

GLENS FERRY - A ranch west of here lost at least one cow and calf to wolves over the past week.

Rancher John McCallum said Monday there are children who live on the ranch, and they are his biggest concern. He spotted three sets of wolf tracks.

"There were fresh tracks this morning. I found tracks 80 feet from my house," he said.

It's the first year the McCallums have encountered wolves on a ranch north of Hammett. The wolves are coming down from the Bennett Hills, McCallum said.

The ranch runs 500 head of cattle over a large area. The kills have occurred within 100 yards of one ranch house, and the children no longer are permitted to go outdoors alone, he said.

George Graves, assistant state director with the federal Wildlife Services office in Boise, said that wolf kills have been confirmed involving a cow and a calf on the Hammett area ranch.

"We believe it's more than two wolves involved in the predation," Graves said. Wildlife Services agents are federal hunters hired for predator control services. In this case, the agents were given directions from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, because gray wolves are under federal protection in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana.

The Fish and Wildlife Service wants the animals trapped, fitted with radio collars and released again to locate their pack and track its movements, Graves said.

Livestock owners in the area over the past two years have reported suspected losses to wolves, but these are the first confirmed wolf kills in the area. Graves said the wolf was killed the night before.

The wolves mortally wounded the cow and her calf, but they ate the calf, McCallum said. He said there has been another calf killed and consumed and another cow killed.

McCallum said he thinks wolves should be limited to a certain migration area and then eliminated if they pass out of the boundaries into populated areas.

For wolf eradication advocates, the rapid recovery of the gray wolf population has been an endangered species success story. Fifteen gray wolves were released in central Idaho in 1995. The reintroduction program already has produced 35 verified Idaho wolf packs and nearly 400 wolves in the state, according to the latest counts.

But conflicts with people and livestock continue to be a hot point of contention.

There have been no verified cases of wolves attacking humans in Idaho.

In 2002, confirmed wolf kills of Idaho livestock totaled nine calves and 15 sheep, the Fish and Wildlife Service reported. There were seven other cases of probable wolf kills involving calves. Four dogs were

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IN LIKE A LAMB



Taking advantage of the warm weather on the first day of March, St. Edward's Catholic School fifth-grader Ashton Meeks, left, jokes with sixth-grader Maddeline Paterson while the two lie on a lawn near the school and do math homework before being picked up from school Monday. Look for high temperatures in the lower 40s today.

Search finds marijuana in junior high

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Eight students at Robert Stuart Junior High School received citations last week after police found marijuana in the school.

The discovery was unusual, the school's principal said, and not necessarily indicative of a larger drug problem.

"It's not a common thing," Principal Craig Aiverson said, "but we have drugs in the community, and schools are a part of the communities they're in."

Members of the Twin Falls Police Department were called to the school around 10:30 a.m. Thursday. With the help of a narcotics dog from Idaho State

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County receives three financing plans for purchase of lumberyard

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

Building details - A2

TWIN FALLS - County commissioners Monday opened three proposals to finance the purchase of the old Anderson Lumber building to serve as county offices.

Meanwhile, they're exploring other options, looking for the best deal they can get for county taxpayers.

"We're looking for the best bang for the buck," Commissioner Tom Mikesell said. "We'll look further into it."

Commissioners received proposals for a \$2.1 million lease-to-buy loan from D.L. Evans Bank, First Federal Savings and Loan and GE Capital Public Finance Inc. There is a little about what each financial organization had to offer: • D.L. Evans Bank - Ten-year

loan with semiannual payments of \$120,000 beginning in July. Loan would have a fixed 4.39 percent interest rate. A non-appropriation clause - which would allow future boards of county commissioners to decide not to renew the loan - would be included in the note. There would be no prepayment penalties.

• First Federal Savings and Loan - The loan would be paid in 19 annual principal and interest payments of \$238,523, with a final payment of all outstanding principal and interest. The loan would have a fixed interest rate of 4.51 percent. Prepayment would be allowed without penalty. The loan would include a non-appropriation clause.

• GE Capital Public Finance Inc. - The company is offering a three-year agreement for \$800,000 with a 3.89 percent base interest rate and a 15-year agreement on a remaining \$2.3 million with a 5.01 percent base interest rate. Interest rates would be subject to change based on the U.S. Treasury swap rate at the time of signing the agreement. The agreement contains a reference to a non-appropriation clause. Commissioners said they would review the proposals and pursue the deal that would be best for the county.

"We have to make sure it meets our needs and the needs of the citizens of Twin Falls County," Mikesell said.

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Joyous Haitians greet rebels in nation's capital

U.S. denies it forced out President Aristide

The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - Thousands of people cheering the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide greeted a rebel convoy in the capital Monday with shouts of "Liberty" as U.S. Marines and French troops secured key sites in the capital.

Dozens of insurgents packing an eclectic array of weapons dating to World War II swarmed around a posh hotel, where rebel leader Guy Philippe met with members of the political coalition that opposed

Aristide. He was joined by rebel commander Louis-Jodel Chamblain, who is a former army death squad leader and a convicted assassin.

With U.S. military forces on the ground and more on the way, U.S. critics questioned whether Aristide resigned of his own accord Sunday.

After being flown aboard a contracted U.S. government plane to the impoverished Central African Republic, Aristide on Monday reportedly called members of the U.S. Congress and an African-

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U.S. Marines take position Monday morning at the International Airport in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. French forces also are part of the vanguard of a multinational force approved by the U.N. Security Council. Right, a footer leaves a market Sunday one block from the National Palace in Port-au-Prince.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and cool with breezy conditions and a few afternoon rain showers. Highs in the lower 40s.
 Tonight: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and spotty snow showers or flurries. Lows in the middle 20s.
 Tomorrow: Partly to mostly sunny, mostly dry and cool. Highs in the lower 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and isolated afternoon rain showers. Highs in the lower 40s.
 Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies and isolated snow showers. Lows in the lower 20s.
 Tomorrow: Partly to mostly sunny, mostly dry and cool. Highs in the upper 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Scattered snow showers will come and go for today with a low snow showers possible tonight. Tomorrow looks mostly dry with redeveloping snow showers on Thursday and Friday.

Today Highs: 28 to 37. Tonight's Lows: 23 to 28
BOISE A low light rain showers are not at all likely today but they will be scattered and very light. Cool and mostly dry for Wednesday with increasing clouds and scattered rain and snow showers on Thursday.

Today Highs: Low 40s to 48. High 20s to 28
NORTHERN IDAHO Mostly dry and cool for today and Wednesday. Temperatures will be near normal and overall it will be a couple of nice days.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 41	Low 24	42 / 22	37 / 20	42 / 25	46 / 28

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prop
Burley	41	21	0.00"
Donner	48	28	0.00"
Donner of Alene	48	28	0.00"
Elmore	34	21	0.00"
Lowell	n/a	n/a	n/a
Maha	n/a	n/a	n/a
Shoshone	35	28	Trace
Rupert	34	28	0.00"
Stanley	34	28	0.00"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Today High: 41	0.00"	42%	30.1	7:08 AM - 6:31 PM
Record High: 89 in 1922	Water Year to Date: 1.28"	Yesterday Low: 24	30.1	Friday Sunrise: 7:04 AM - Sunset: 6:31 PM
Record Low: -28 in 1922	Temp. Below Freezing: 0.00"	Today's Forecast Low: 24	30.1	Saturday Sunrise: 7:02 AM - Sunset: 6:31 PM

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Today: 5:51 AM / 7:51 PM
 Tomorrow: 6:01 AM / 7:58 PM
 Wednesday: 6:11 AM / 7:58 PM
 Thursday: 6:21 AM / 7:58 PM
 Friday: 6:31 AM / 7:58 PM
 Saturday: 6:41 AM / 7:58 PM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	42-52	38-48	32-42
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Iraqis hail compromise on interim constitution, but keep details private

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi politicians hailed the agreement on the terms of an interim constitution Monday as a model of compromise between the country's principal religious and ethnic groups that will create the most progressive, democratic government in the Arab world.

"The interim constitution's bill of rights is 'something that is unheard-of, unprecedented in this part of the world,'" said Adnan Pachachi, a leader of the U.S.-appointed Governing Council.

Another council member, Mustafa al-Bustani, proclaimed "a historic day in the long march toward building

a new Iraq.

But the council's 25 members, who hashed out the interim constitution in marathon meetings with American and British officials, were reluctant to provide details of the document on Monday. Officials with the U.S.-led occupation authority also refused to disclose the specifics. The plan is to be unveiled to the Iraqi public on Wednesday, after English and Arabic drafts are reconciled and Shiites finish celebrating a religious holiday. "The final wording still has to be agreed upon," said Jeremy Greenstock, the top British diplomat in Iraq.

Pachachi was asked by reporters to list some of the liberties enshrined in the bill of rights.

Reading from the final draft, he said it included the freedom of expression, assembly, demonstration, privacy, thought, conscience and religious belief, among others.

He also said it contains a broad social contract that appears far more extensive than some in the Bush administration favor. The document guarantees all Iraqis health care, education and the right to strike, he said. But one right the document does not endorse, he said, is the freedom to bear arms.

The lack of an official summary of just what the interim constitution says, however, has resulted in political leaders describing the language of the 63-article law in ways favorable to them, even if they are not entirely accurate.

Candidates vie for bushel of delegates

The Associated Press

John Kerry vowed that he would not be another "wishy-washy, mealy-mouthed" Democrat, pledging Monday to wage a bare-knuckled campaign against President Bush as he sought a Super Tuesday sweep to lay claim to the party's nomination.

Kerry highlighted the short political career of rival John Edwards in an interview with a television station in Georgia, where advisers to both candidates say the freshman North Carolina senator poses the biggest challenge.

"I have a stronger, longer, broader, deeper record than John Edwards," Kerry, a 49-year Senate veteran, told WGLB in Albany, John Edwards' respect — he's been in the Senate since 1999. But there is no showing that he has a stronger record than I do with respect to putting people back to work and what we need to do to show the leadership of the future."

On the eve of their 10-state showdown, Edwards faced signs of political distress as Kerry's last major Democratic rival — meager polling, paltry crowds and a growing realization inside his own ranks that the end may be near.

"At some point, I've got to start getting more delegates or I'm not going to be the nominee," he said in Ohio.

Regardless of today's results, Bush plans to begin a multimillion-dollar TV ad campaign Thursday to reverse his downward trend. Kerry's campaign is considering a modest response designed to put the White House on the defensive, said two senior advisers who spoke on condition of anonymity. Democratic rallies may move sooner.

Edwards drew 300 people to a University of Toledo rally, three times fewer than a crowd that recently welcomed Kerry to the same venue. Drawing even smaller crowds in Dayton, Ohio, and Cleveland later Monday, Edwards seemed listless and indifferent, stumbling over signature lines in his stump speech.

It seemed prophetic when aides at the Cleveland rally played Fleetwood Mac's "You Can Go Your Own Way."

Some just say no to Medical Marijuana PAC

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Medical Marijuana PAC made its first contributions last week, saying it would back medical marijuana supporters in close races. The first batch of \$1,000 contributions went to a bipartisan group of six candidates in close races.

It's "the next step in the evolution of medical marijuana as a political issue," the Marijuana Policy Project's Steve Fox said in an announcement, adding that public support for medical marijuana is in the 75 to 80 percent range.

Even so, three of the six — Reps. Bob Beauprez, Al Cole, and Michael Michaud, D-Maine; and Rick Larsen, D-Wash. — just said no ... thanks.

IRS allows tax break for treatment

The Associated Press

Some, but not all, insurance plans cover them.

The IRS designated obesity as a disease in April 2002 and established deduction guidelines in its Publication 502. Previously, taxpayers were not allowed to claim the cost of weight loss programs recommended by a physician to treat a specific disease associated with obesity, such as hypertension.

"The IRS ruling took a lot of people by surprise," said Morgan Downey, executive director of American Obesity Association. "This takes a different approach from the normal kind of urging everyone to diet and exercise as a lifestyle recommendation because it recognizes obesity as a major medical problem."

The IRS ruling does not define obesity — generally described as excess body fat of 30 pounds, or a more over ideal body weight, or a mass index index of 30 or more. A doctor's diagnosis is required before the surgery or nutrition counseling costs can be deducted.

There is growing evidence that obesity is taking a toll on the nation's health. The number of obese adults has doubled in 20

years, and is now up to nearly 59 million people, or almost a third of all American adults. Childhood obesity has tripled, with one child in six considered obese.

The cost of obesity

The IRS allows a tax deduction for weight-loss related expenses. To qualify, expenses need to be over 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income and a doctor's diagnosis of obesity is required.

National medical spending on obesity

Insurance category	In billions
Out-of-pocket	\$ 6.9
Private	16.1
Medicaid	10.7
Medicare	13.8
Total	\$47.5

Note: Estimates are from a 2003 study of information from 1998.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Drugs

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Police officers found marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia. Detective Scott Smith said.

Smith declines to reveal where the drugs and accessories were found, or the amount.

Two students were arrested for marijuana possession and sent to detention, Smith said. It will be up to a judge to determine the next course of action for them.

Six students received citations — three for possession of drug paraphernalia and three for "incurability," Smith said. They were released to their parents.

Ainsworth said the school staff was tipped off by students.

"One of the good things about this is that students are not putting up with (drug use)," he said. "I credit our character education ... that teaches respect, responsibility and accountability. That's part of our culture here."

The opinion was shared by some parents.

"I'm thrilled the kids feel comfortable and safe enough to report it," said Michelle Downard, hospitality chairwoman and past president of the school's Parent-Teacher Organization. "I'm pleased the atmosphere is that they can do that, and the administration jumps on it quickly."

Although there have been similar incidents this year, Downard said she doesn't see cause for alarm.

Officials charge relative with murder of family

YAZOO CITY, Miss. (AP) — The bodies of three family members who disappeared from their home on Valentine's Day were found in a wooded area of Mississippi on Monday, and a relative was charged with murder, authorities said.

District Attorney James Powell told The Associated Press late Monday that the bodies had been identified as Michael and Rebecca Hargon and their 4-year-old son. An autopsy was scheduled for late Monday night or Tuesday.

"It's awful. You deal with bad stuff all the time but rarely where the whole family was killed," Powell said.

Bill Hirtz, Rebecca Hargon's father, said the discovery of the bodies gave him a measure of solace. "At least, I know where they were at," he said in a telephone interview Monday night.

The discovery of the remains and the charges against Ernest Lee Hargon capped an intense three-week search for clues in the case. Hargon, a 43-year-old truck driver, was arrested on unrelated drug charges Friday, and authorities rushed to the search area in southern Mississippi on Monday morning.

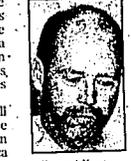
Teams of law officers using portable lights searched through

scattered rain and into the evening hours for the bodies.

In Yazoo County courthouse about 100 miles away, Ernest Lee Hargon heard the three capital murder charges read and was ordered held without bond.

He is a cousin of Michael Hargon, 27, who disappeared on Feb. 14 along with his 29-year-old wife and their son, James Patrick. Friends and relatives of the family, many visibly shaken, attended the brief court appearance.

Blood and spent bullet casings were discovered at the family's home in Yazoo County after their disappearance. Investigators have not found a 22-caliber weapon that apparently was fired in the house.



Ernest Hargon

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"I don't think there is a big problem," she said. "It's a concern for parents of elementary school, junior high and high school kids. But it's not something we need to panic about. I have no qualms sending my kids to Robert Stuart. The administration and staff are doing all they can to protect our kids."

"I think this proves the system in place is working," she added.

Wolves

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killed. And 32 wolves were killed in control actions.

Livestock operators can receive compensation for livestock confirmed to have been killed by wolves.

Idaho and Montana are ready with federally approved state wolf management programs that would allow for state management to maintain and control wolf population. That can't happen until Wyoming revokes a wolf management plan the federal government will accept.



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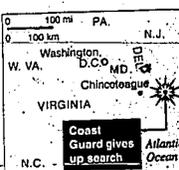
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Feds want docs barred from testifying unless they provide abortion records

WASHINGTON - The Justice Department sought Monday to bar doctors from testifying in a lawsuit challenging the Partial-Birth Abortion Act unless the government gains access to their patients' medical records. The Justice Department motion filed in U.S. District Court in New York also pointed out that the National Abortion Federation, a professional association of abortion providers, has argued previously that patient records are essential to determining a procedure's medical necessity. The Bush administration has been criticized broadly by abortion rights groups and privacy advocates for seeking the records, even though Attorney General John Ashcroft insists that patient names and personal information would be removed before government lawyers brought in New York, Nebraska and California are challenging a new law barring a procedure referred to by critics as partial-birth abortion and by medical organizations as second-trimester abortion. During the procedure, a fetus' legs and torso are pulled from the uterus and its skull is punctured. The Justice Department is attempting to persuade federal judges to order at least six hospitals and clinics to provide the abortion patient records so the government can defend the law. The hospitals and Planned Parenthood are resisting on privacy grounds.

Nation/World in brief

administration unveiled an expanded crackdown Monday on what it called the growing new abuse of prescription drug abuse, which it said now touches and harms more than 6 million Americans yearly. Top administration officials said the initiative, the first comprehensive one of its kind, would increase state monitoring programs that detect suspicious prescriptions and patients suspected of doctor shopping. It would also increase education to doctors about how to detect potential abusers of prescription drugs. It will also take on the burgeoning use of the Internet to purchased controlled drugs. Karen Tandy, the head of the Drug Enforcement Administration, said in a press conference that there are thousands of Web sites that regularly offer narcotic medications without a prescription or a doctor visit. She said it has been very difficult to move against them because they shut down as soon as they are identified, and then reappear under a different name.



SOURCES: Associated Press, ESRI AP

Coast Guard gives up the search for missing crewmen

NORFOLK, Va. - The Coast Guard gave up the search Monday for 18 crewmen missing after a tanker carrying industrial ethanol exploded and sank off the Virginia coast. At least three other crewmen were killed and six survived. "It is my sincere hope the friends and family know we did everything in our power to find their loved ones," said Rear Adm. Sally Brice-O'Hara, a Coast Guard district commander. The 576-foot Bow Mariner went down Saturday night more than 50 miles east of Chincoteague. The Coast Guard said that the explosion was accidental but that the exact cause was under investigation.

Snowstorm tears through Western, Midwest states

Heavy snow blown by wind up to 45 mph closed hundreds of miles of highways Monday in South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska, shutting down schools and at least one city government. More than a foot of snow had fallen in parts of Wyoming, inches in the Colorado mountains, and snow drifted on roads in South Dakota on Monday as fast as plows could clear them. "It's been snowing since Saturday night," said manager Morgan Dvork at the Mid-America Travel Plaza at Belle Fourche, S.D. Drifts were 5 feet high, as high as the letters on some stop signs, she said. The storm was headed toward the northeast, and the National Weather Service issued winter weather advisories for eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota, saying light snow and freezing rain were possible.

Putin taps former head of tax police for key post

MOSCOW - Mikhail Frdkov, a little-known bureaucrat who once headed the feared Russian tax police, was selected by President Vladimir Putin on Monday as the country's new prime minister. Frdkov, 53, a specialist in foreign trade, has held various senior posts under Putin, although he has never been seen as part of the president's inner circle. For the past year he has been stationed in Brussels, Belgium, serving as Russia's representative to the European Union. The selection followed Putin's surprise dismissal last week of the previous prime minister, Mikhail Kasyanov, along with the entire Cabinet.

Analysts now are expecting a major realignment of ministries and personalities within the government. Putin has promised the new lineup will be in place before the presidential election March 14, which he's expected to win in a landslide. That would consolidate his already immense power further. And, with the selection of Frdkov, Putin also gives himself a "rival" prime minister who's expected to carry out the Kremlin's wishes and directives. - compiled from wire reports.

Protesters mark anniversary of Bikini tests

TOKYO (AP) - Thousands marked the 50th anniversary Monday of a U.S. nuclear test on Bikini Atoll in the Pacific that exposed Japanese fishermen to radiation, laying flowers at the grave of one of the victims and staging a protest against atomic weapons. About 2,100 marchers carrying photographs of Aikichi Kuboyama, who died six months after the

March 1, 1954, bombing, walked about a mile through his hometown in Yaizu to a ceremony at his grave, police said. Many also repeated what they said was Kuboyama's dying wish: "I hope I will be the last victim of atomic and hydrogen bombing." Kuboyama was a radio operator aboard the No. 5 Fukuryu Maru - or Lucky Dragon - when the

United States tested a hydrogen bomb on the atoll in the Marshall Islands. In the central Pacific Ocean, exposing him and 22 other fishermen to radiation. The ship, trolling for tuna, was about 100 miles away. The bomb was some 1,000 times more powerful than the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima at the end of World War II, historians say.

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Court: Catholic health plan must provide birth control

SAN FRANCISCO - A Roman Catholic charitable group must include birth control coverage in its health care plan for workers even though it is morally opposed to contraception, the California Supreme Court ruled Monday. The 6-1 ruling could reach far beyond the 183 full-time employees of Catholic Charities and affect thousands of workers at Catholic hospitals and other church-backed institutions throughout the state. The high court said Catholic Charities is no different from other businesses in California, which is one of 20 states that require company-provided health plans to include contraception coverage if the plans have prescription drug benefits. In California, "religious employers" such as churches are exempt from the requirement.

White House targets prescription drug abuse

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Avalanche kills snowmobiler

By Pedro Salom
The Wood River Journal

KETCHUM - Investigation was continuing Monday following a Saturday avalanche that killed a 29-year-old Kimberly snowmobiler. Justin Frederickson died Saturday afternoon after he was crushed under the force of the avalanche and left buried beneath 6 feet of snow southwest of Easley Hot Springs. An investigation by the Sawtooth National Avalanche Center was taking place at the scene, 16 miles into the backcountry from the nearest paved road in the Baker Creek area north of Ketchum.

Frederickson was riding his modified 2001 Thundercat ZR1800 out along Apollo Creek with five friends from the Magic Valley at 4:50 p.m. when the slope he was crossing broke loose, the avalanche sucked him in, and he disappeared under the snow. His party was crossing the slope one at a time, and none of the others were caught in the slide or injured. "They weren't being foolish," said Chief Deputy Gene Ramsey of the Blaine County Sheriff's Department, who said the party had been taking proper precautions. "They were experienced riders."

The group was equipped with avalanche rescue gear, and his friends located Frederickson under the snow by tracking his emergency beacon. After 20 minutes of fierce digging, they found his body. The force of the avalanche had ripped off his helmet, he was not breathing and he had no pulse. The Blaine County coroner's report determined that Frederickson died due to the force of the avalanche and the injuries he suffered, rather than asphyxiation.

The party placed a 911 call from the Baker Creek trailhead at 5:39 p.m., and search and rescue personnel were dispatched to the scene. However, searchers determined that due to the onset of darkness and the existing avalanche danger, they would postpone the recovery of Frederickson's body until the next day. Sunday morning, a rented helicopter from Sun Valley Heliski delivered Frederickson to the county coroner. "This weekend the snow was very unstable. We've seen several avalanches," Ramsey said. "It's easy for us to get lulled into the feeling that the snow is melted and compacted. It's somewhat deceiving."

The Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center has listed the avalanche danger as "considerable" for the past week, meaning that "human-triggered avalanches are probable." "We are dealing with a snowpack condition that is called deep slab instability. Due to multiple buried weak layers ranging from 12 inches to over several feet deep, the possibility exists for a large avalanche," the center said. Please see **AVAILANCHE**, Page A7

AROUND THE VALLEY

Bill would redefine statutory rape.

BOISE - The House State Affairs Committee on Monday agreed to print a bill that would redefine statutory rape to exclude some cases where the alleged victim and perpetrator are close to the same age and the act was consensual. The bill, 30 pages long and sponsored by Democratic Floor Leader Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum, would repeal the definition of rape as a sexual act with a female 18 years old or younger, even if it was consensual. Instead, it would define statutory rape as sex with a girl under 16 years old, or where the girl is 16 or 17 years old and the man is three or more years older than the girl. It would also be a felony crime with a possible penalty of up to life in prison.

Another section of the bill would exempt youths convicted of statutory rape from having to register as sex offenders if they were under 18 years old at the time of the offenses. Jaquet referred to these kinds of situations as "prom rapes," which may actually be consensual sex between young people. The bill is opposed by the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association, which contends that law enforcement already has discretion about whether to proceed with charges against an alleged offender. "This bill says it's OK for a 16-year-old to have sex with a 19-year-old," said Heather Reilly, who represents the association at the Legislature.

However, Reilly acknowledged that current law could be changed to exclude the kind of situations Jaquet is trying to avoid.

Judge sets hearing in case of dead woman.

TWIN FALLS - A man facing a first-degree murder charge appeared for his arraignment in 5th District Court Monday, but the defense asked for a delay. A plea hearing for Jody Randall Okley Carr, 31, was set for next week, at which time he's expected to enter a plea to the charge. Carr was indicted by a grand jury last week and charged with killing Twin Falls resident Sheri Brokshieck, 31. Her body was found in a field south of Filer on Feb. 5. Carr was arrested in California, transferred to Idaho and was being held in the Twin Falls County Jail Monday.

School helps students appreciate the arts

TWIN FALLS - Students at Robert Stuart Junior High School are getting in touch with their inner artists this week for **STUART WEEK**. Students and staff will display about 200 pieces of visual artwork and be exposed to various performing arts throughout the week. The events culminate with a field trip Friday to see excerpts from the Magic Valley School of Performing Arts' spring production of the musical, "Les Miserables." Each grade will present a talent show in the cafeteria today. The seventh grade will perform at 8:15 a.m., eighth will be at 9:15 a.m., and ninth will be at 1:15 p.m. All grades will participate in another show in the cafeteria at 7 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	9,000-foot
Upper Snake Basin	94%	75%
Salmon Falls	115%	95%
Salmon	92%	78%
Oakley	117%	99%
Big Wood	95%	75%
Little Wood	105%	86%
Henry's Fork/Tolon	109%	88%
Big Lost	106%	82%
Little Lost	92%	71%

*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average. **Indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

Council rejects shelter bids



The office cat at the Twin Falls Animal Shelter, O.C., rests atop a perch as Josh Bateman enters the shelter in search of a basset hound Monday afternoon. The Twin Falls City Council on Monday rejected bids to build a new shelter and will request new bids for a scaled-down version of the project.

City will try again with scaled down design

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With an \$85,000 discrepancy between available funds and bids for a new animal shelter, the City Council voted unanimously Monday to scrap the bids and start anew. Architect Russ Lively recommended rejecting the current offers and putting the project back out to bid, anticipating a four-to-eight week delay. "There are a number of places that costs can be cut," he said. Changes to the design, including replacing the concrete between kennels, and asking city staff to perform some of the work would save thousands of dollars, he said. City Engineer Gary Young coun-

tered against working with the low bidder to try to huddle over cost reduction. "Renegotiating contracts before awarding them doesn't work for public entities," he said. Rather, the city has to revisit the public process of soliciting bids with the adjustments it deems necessary. There is \$600,000 available for the shelter. The estimate was published at \$550,000 because officials were sure bids would come in under estimate, Lively said. Two companies submitted bids for the proposed shelter. The low bid, submitted by Stanley and Associates Inc., was \$685,300, with \$2,530 in alternates. The other bid, \$699,900, was submitted by Darren Hall Construction Inc., with \$4,700 in alternates.

Plumbing and concrete costs made up much of the unexpected expenses, Lively told the council. "I've never been able to rationalize or explain to city staff why those costs came in as they did," he said. The concrete came in about \$45,000 over budget. Plumbing was close to \$30,000 higher than expected. Putting the project back out to bid will mean building in the middle of the construction season, possibly increasing costs. That, and other unknowns, could bring in bids similar to those the city has now. "This doesn't mean we're not going to get bids still over \$600,000," Lively said. The city has earmarked \$400,000 for the animal shelter. People for

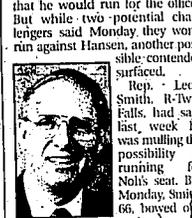
Pets has raised \$220,000, which would drop to try to meet \$209,000 after the brick is paid for, Lively said. Councilman Chris Talkington suggested that the council consider another plan of action in case bids come in too high again, saying the city should be prepared to wait a year. "We're still fund-raising. People for Pets raised was in cash, not pledges, and money in the bank could gather interest. Money from other means could be harder to come by. "We're still fund-raising," he said, "but once this bid is at the streets and was published, fund-raising's going down fast." Council members opted to forge ahead with the new bidding process in hope of completing the project this year.

Smith says he'll run again for House

Another potential candidate to replace Noh bows out

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - As of late Monday, Twin Falls resident Randy Hansen had no official competitors for the District 23 state Senate seat that longtime legislator Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, is giving up. Hansen, who served in the state House from 1998 through part of 2000, made it formal announcement last week that he would run for the office. But while two potential challengers said Monday they won't run against Hansen, another possible contender surfaced.



Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, had said last week he was mulling the possibility of running for Noh's seat. But Monday, Smith, 66, bowed out. "I'm not running," he said. "I'm not running." For Smith, seniority was one major factor for staying with the House. Only 27 of the 70 representatives remain with whom he served during his first term six years ago, he said. Senior legislators can have a

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Budget cuts could affect dairy odor study

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - It would be a small change in the overall state budget, but it could be significant for the Magic Valley. Budget writers and the governor's office are discussing the possibility of restoring about \$170,000 for air quality issues such as dairy odor that had been cut out of the budget adopted by the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee last week. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne had recommended \$308,700 for certain ongoing air quality projects under the Department of Environmental Quality. But HAC slashed the budget to \$137,000, or 55 percent. Chairwoman Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, contends that DEQ has plenty of money to subsidize the cut. The dairy odor funding was intended to cover such things as measuring emissions from large dairies, said Ron Sheffield, an agricultural and waste manage-



ment engineer for the University of Idaho. The university contracts with DEQ in using equipment to conduct such studies. In particular, a dispute between the Idaho Conservation League and Magic Valley dairymen has Sheffield wanting to find out exactly what and how much of certain toxic gases are coming off certain dairies. The study is the result of a September lawsuit against Filer dairymen Hank Halliger. The Idaho Conservation League had accused Halliger of not disclosing to the federal government large amounts of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide emissions. Later the same group warned a Jerome dairymen before he built a

new 6,000-cow dairy they would sue him if he did not get permits up front for large amounts of the same emissions. Sheffield said he is not sure of the validity of the textbook values upon which the Idaho Conservation League is basing its suit. "The majority of these values are entirely inappropriate," Sheffield said. "I'll, 'good, bad or indifferent, we have to know where we are so we can start from there." In addition, he said there are air quality issues in the Treasure Valley regarding how ammonia from concentrated animal feeding operations and other sources will react with nitrous oxides and sulfur oxides. "We have to develop a control plan that will protect the health and environment of all of Idaho," Sheffield said. "Cutting these funds would put the project in jeopardy and to generate programs based off hearsay is, in my mind, negligent." Please see **DAIRY**, Page A7

Burley judge accepts plea agreement in murder case

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Rupert man pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of voluntary manslaughter in a Monday hearing in 5th District Court. Jesus Guzman, 21, agreed to plead guilty to one count of manslaughter and one count of enhanced penalty for using a deadly weapon in the crime. The charges stem from the May 24, 2003, beating of Gaudalpe Arredondo in the parking lot of Burgers Etc. in Burley. Arredondo died May 27 as a result of blunt trauma to his head sustained during that beating. In exchange for Guzman's guilty plea, Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barnes amended the charges against Guzman and dismissed a charge of first-degree murder. Guzman faces a possible maximum prison sentence of 15 years on each count and a possible max-

imum fine of \$15,000. Part of the plea agreement provides for Guzman to pay child support to Arredondo's two children until they each reach the age of 18. The exact amount of that child support is to be determined later, by 5th District Judge Monte Carlson. As the judge laid out what had happened the night of May 24, 2003, Guzman concurred that he and Arredondo and others got into a "sudden quarrel" which occurred "in the heat of passion" and that Guzman hadn't gone to the parking lot with the intention of killing Arredondo. When the judge asked Guzman if he had used a golf club to hit Arredondo in the head and hit blow to the head resulted in Arredondo's death, Guzman admitted that had occurred. But Guzman told Carlson he didn't intend to hit Arredondo so hard and didn't intend to

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Marian Louise Anglund Kalbfleisch - Filer

Marian Louise Anglund Kalbfleisch, born March 10, 1921, in Galesburg, Ill., and long-time Filer, Idaho, resident died Feb. 28, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after a long illness. As a young woman in Galesburg, Marian enjoyed singing, dancing, swimming, fashion and art. She met her husband, Paul Kalbfleisch, a young radio engineer, in Galesburg while with mutual friends at Lake Story, a favorite swimming spot. They married in Galesburg and lived in several small towns in Illinois while Paul set up the engineering for new radio stations. They moved to downtown Chicago and later to the Loop where Paul worked for CBS and Marian pursued her interest in art, tinting pictures, embroidering and home-making. During World War II, when Paul was overseas with the Army Air Corps, Marian took care of her childhood home and family in Galesburg and their daughter, Karen, was born.



considered the people who visited the store and who worked in the store to be her personal friends. She often served as an informal counselor, hearing her friends' problems and showing them love and kindness.

Marian closed the store 10 and a half years ago. Paul's death, but continued to be in touch with her former customers as friends and acquaintances. Marian and Paul were married 54 years. They loved spending time together, going out to dinner, having fun and traveling. Every year for 23 years Marian and Paul traveled to Hawaii, their favorite place to vacation. They also traveled several times to Europe, Mexico, Canada and throughout the United States. Paul was a member of the Twin Falls and Flying Club and Marian and he flew many trips in a small plane that Paul flew. They especially enjoyed flying to see their daughters, Karen and Pamela. Marian and Paul provided continuous love and support to both of their daughters and encouraged them through their education and to do the best they could do. Marian continued to love, support and encourage her girls throughout her life. She was most proud of their successes and happily showed their latest books and articles that they

authored to her friends. Karen is now professor and director of the Center for Math, Science and Technology at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill. Pamela is now professor and director of the School of Communication at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, N.D. Both daughters credit their success to Marian and Paul's continued unwavering support. They hope to be like their mother, who was truly a unique person. Marian always thought the best of others and was quick to show love and kindness. She developed many wonderful friendships. Even when she was most ill, she always asked how others were doing rather than talking about her own concerns. She is well loved by both her oldest and her newest friends. Her family and her many friends, keenly feel her loss.

Marian was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Kalbfleisch; her brother, Jack Anglund; and her parents Albert and Dorothy Anglund.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen Kalbfleisch Lind of Hudson, Ill.; her daughter, Pamela Kalbfleisch and son-in-law, Jan David Gierman, of Grand Forks, N.D.; her brother, Robert Anglund and sister-in-law, Joan Walsh Anglund, of Sand Hook, Conn.; her sister-in-law, Beulah Kalbfleisch Archer of Filer, Idaho; sister-in-law, Barbara Anglund Hawkins of Galesburg, Ill. and many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

"Service for Marian Kalbfleisch" will be conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Park.

Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." Memorial contributions may be made to the Peace Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 600 Stevens, Filer, Idaho 83428.

Three years later, when Paul returned from China, the family moved back to Chicago then to Peoria, Ill. Ten years later, Marian, Paul and Karen moved to Paul's family farm in Filer, Idaho. Marian made a lovely home for her family on the farm infusing a sense of Chicago style and her own artistic flare in her home decoration. Three years later their daughter, Pamela, was born and joined the happy family. Paul then started up television repair business in Twin Falls, then moved the business to Bull and expanded it to a television and appliance sales and service business. Then moved the business to Filer as part of the family home. Marian always participated in helping Paul make the business a success.

Their motto was "Drive out and save" and their custom was to send Paul and Marian to and save and have reliable service. Marian loved greeting customers and being a vibrant part of the business. She

Velma W. Hampton - Ammon, Wash.

Velma Woodland Hampton, 84, of Ammon, Wash., passed away unexpectedly Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls, surrounded by her loving family. Velma was born Jan. 15, 1920, in Blackfoot, Idaho, to Leo Morrison and Florence Rollison Woodland. She attended Wapello and Wicks schools and graduated from Blackfoot High School.



An active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Velma served in various callings in the Relief Society, Young Women and Primary Organizations. She was a faithful follower and served as girls camp director for seven years.

Velma loved to dance with Orin at the senior centers in Shelly and Blackfoot. She was devoted to her family, and some of her greatest joy came from time spent with her grandchildren.

Velma is survived by her husband, Orin, and their six children, Ron (Ellie) Hampton of Idaho Falls, Gary Hampton of Idaho Falls, Roger (Debbie) Hampton of Rexburg, Bruce (Renae) Hampton of Grant, Doug (Beverly) Hampton of Layton, Utah; and Margene (Stephen) Reed of Logan, Utah; her brothers, Devon (Dean) Woodland of

Blackfoot, Fred (Doris) Woodland of Blackfoot, Elmo (Betty) Woodland of Spirit Lake, Idaho; her sisters, Georgia (Earl) Tredwell of Fort Hall and Oma Jones of Maryland; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Elda.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. today, Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at the Ammon LDS 50th Ward (2055 S. Ammon Rd.), with Bishop Patrick Mayo officiating. The family will visit with friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, March 1, 2004, at Wood Funeral Home, 273 N. Ridge Ave., and from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the church today. Burial will be in the Grove City Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home, 273 N. Ridge Ave., Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83402, phone 208-522-2751, fax 208-522-5413.

While in Twin Falls, she met her eternal dance partner, Orin Arthur Hampton, and they were married on July 2, 1946 in Elko, Nev. They were later sealed together in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on Aug. 2, 1975. Together they resided in Twin Falls and Blackfoot, Idaho, Henderson, Nev. and Woods, Cross, Utah, before moving to Ammon.

Dennis Reed Blackwood

Dennis Reed Blackwood, 49, was born Aug. 14, 1954, to Ray and Doris Blackwood. He died Feb. 27, 2004, on his farm next to his loving wife. He was first and foremost a kind, warm and gentle man. Dennis loved playing sports throughout his school and college years. He and his sweetheart, Debbie Simonds Blackwood, shared 34 years together riding horses, running rivers, hiking, skiing, hunting and fishing. They were blessed with three beautiful daughters, Callie, Monica and Anne. They brought great joy to their papa. He taught them how to get the most out of life. Family meant everything to Dennis. Ray (deceased) and Doris Blackwood had four children, Ron (Leannna) Blackwood, Larry (Keith) Blackwood, Julie (Mark) Kitch and a half brother Raymond "Teddy" Blackwood. Dennis loved his



Grandma Olive North who will be 99 this year. Nancy Simonds was a large family filled with brothers, sisters, in-laws, nieces, and nephews made Dennis beam with love and joy. He shared his gentle love with all of them.

His other great loves were his animals. His dogs, Solo, Mogley and Tonto were his loyal and great hunting buddies. Dennis would love to tell the stories of their great retrievers. Recently he added "Willie," a buckskin horse, to his list of great horses. Horses and dogs loved him as much as he loved them.

Service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 2004, at Ascension Episcopal Church. Burial will follow at Twin Falls cemetery. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, Dennis would love to know that his daughters' would-be taken care of. A trust in the name of his daughters has been set up at First Federal Savings Bank on Shoshone St. Living and loving were what Dennis did best. We will miss him and keep him in our hearts always.

OBITUARIES

Doris (Faye) M. Wokersien - Fairfield

On Feb. 28, 2004, Faye M. Wokersien passed away quietly in Gooding, Idaho. Her family had the privilege to be there as this precious woman left the world. Doris Faye McEachron was the third child born to Charles W. and Doris H. McEachron on Sept. 5, 1928, in Orofino, Idaho; After graduation, she attended the University of Idaho where she met her husband of 56 years, Thomas T. Wokersien and Faye McEachron were married April 30, 1948, in Lewiston, Idaho. They moved to Fairfield where they lived until her death.



Faye was very active in community affairs. She was a 4-H leader, a member of the legion auxiliary and room-mother for countless school parties and year-end banquets.

Her summers were filled with six children and their friends. The Wokersien house was a natural gathering place for kids of all ages and usually their pets. For many years they had the only swimming pool in Fairfield, so Faye took on the role of town baby-sitter and illegard on duty. She wore many hats well. She spent hours behind the wheel of the family car as her kids first words were usually, "My mom can drive." She made many life-long friends on Camas Prairie

great-grandchildren; and her favorite Schwann man, Butch Colson of Jerome. In lieu of flowers, send donations to the Camas County Senior Center. Service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Lighthouse Fellowship Church. Interment will be held at a later date. Demary's is in charge of arrangements.

Oh, my loved ones think of me, I am whole again, I am finally free. This tired body, I leave as a trade. For the next journey, God has made.

I now have the chance to float in the air I will dance with the rain and be everywhere. With the first flowers that you see, Embrace the Spring, for that will be me. The summer nights will throb my name, I will always be there, I am the same. When the sound of laughter rings in the air, I am right beside you, I will be there. I will swim like a fish, so make sure you look at the end of your fly rod in the cold water brook. The call of the elk, the coo of the dove, always listen, they send my love. So do not weep and do not cry, on the wings of the snow geese away I fly.

Warren Kerrigan Clark - Rupert

Warren Kerrigan Clark, 89 year-old Rupert resident, died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004, at the Thurstley Care Center in Burley. He was born Nov. 9, 1914, in Columbus, Neb., the son of Curtis L. and Rebecca Mae Perkins Clark. He attended school in Blue Jacket, Okla.

He moved to Idaho in the '50s. Warren worked for Pickett Ranch in Oakley, Blincoe Farms and the Amalgamated Sugar Factory. He loved fishing and hunting and he especially loved animals.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Pool of Rupert and Paula (Jo) Stewart of Nampa; three sons, Kerrigan (Nancy)

Clark of Pollock Pines, Calif., Dennis (Lynn) Clark of Aumsville, Ore., and Danny (Irla) Clark of San Francisco, Calif.; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and four sisters.

A private family memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 4, 2004, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, with Pastor James Woodley, officiating. Interment will be in the Paul Cemetery.

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SERVICES

James (Rod) Calhoun of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at Eastside Baptist Church. (White Mortuary)

Jewell Era Coffman of Shoshone, service at 2 p.m. today at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Shoshone.

R. L. "Tuffy" Warden of Jerome, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Jerome LDS Stake Center on North Tully Drive. Friends may call from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Reed C. Condie, 61, of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Friday at Demaray's Funeral Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Bertha Mae Holly Close

JEROME - Bertha Mae Holly Close, 83, of Jerome died Monday, March 1, 2004, at her home in Jerome. Arrangements will be made by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Gary Dean

RUPERT - Gary Dean, a 63 year-old Rupert resident, died Monday, March 1, 2004, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Barbara A. Wilson

BURLEY - Barbara A. Wilson, 51, of Burley, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. At Barbara's request, there will be no formal service. Burial will take place in Arkansas, Arrangements are in the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Cynthia Dawn Laim

Chiles - Cynthia Dawn Laim Chiles, 47, of Boise, formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, of natural causes. Service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise. Burial will be held at Morris Hill Cemetery. Viewing will be held one hour before service.

Nancy Anne Kruse

Nancy Anne Kruse, 80, of Kimberly, Idaho, died Sunday, Feb. 23, 2004, at her home in Kimberly, Idaho. Arrangements will be made by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

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OBITUARY

Justin Dee Frederickson - Kimberly



Justin loved to snowmobile and had been the past president of the snowmobile club. He was employed by Gordon Paving as a sales manager. He also owned his own business called Top Notch Striping. Justin was involved with the Twin Falls Search and Rescue. Justin is survived by his beloved wife, Dorothy of Kimberly; his parents, Dennis and Kathy Frederickson of Lawrence, Kan.; his grandmother, Bonnie

Frederickson and grandparents, Wayne and Jeanine Whitehead all of Twin Falls, Idaho, two brothers, Nicholas (Kelly) Frederickson of Dallas, Texas, and Patrick (Amy) Frederickson of Pocatello, Idaho; one sister, Jodi (David) McLaughlin of Mt. Home, Idaho; and six nieces and seven nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, John C. "Jack" Frederickson.

Service will be held at noon on Thursday, March 4, 2004, at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E. in Kimberly, Idaho, with Bishop Blake Gardner conducting. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, Idaho. A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls and one hour before the service on Thursday. A memorial fund has been set up in Justin's name at the First Federal Credit Union, 659 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

Justin Dee Frederickson, 29, of Kimberly, Idaho died, Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004.

Justin was born Feb. 21, 1975, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of Dennis and Kathy Whitehead Frederickson. He graduated from Lawrence High School in Kansas in 1993 and attended Kansas State University for one year.

On March 28, 1998, he married Dorothy Jean Duke in the Salt Lake City Temple.

Justin served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the San Bernardino, Calif. Mission. He was an eagle scout and was also very active in the church serving in the elders quorum as first counselor, he taught primary, Sunday school and was a scout leader. He loved working with children and spending time in community activities in Twin Falls. Justin was a devoted husband and son and loved spending time with his family. He loved life and lived it to the fullest every day. Justin was always willing to help anyone who needed help.

Bill tightening gift ban for public officials stays alive

BOISE (AP) - Legislation prohibiting all government employees and officials from accepting gifts or any benefit worth more than \$50 was kept alive on Monday by the state Senate's leadership committee.

The fate of the restrictions had been uncertain, but the State Affairs Committee sent the bill to the full Senate for an amendment to permit legislators to continue participating in the annual and biennial tours sponsored by regional chambers of commerce.

The bill was prompted by last September's acquittal of former Boise Mayor Brent Coles on two misdemeanor charges of illegally accepting a free trip to a company doing business with the city. The jury found that Coles had no direct discretion over whether Blue Cross of Idaho would get a health insurance contract with the city, so accepting the trip to the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City was not improper.

"The kind of image we are striking with this" Republican Sen. Cecil Ingram of Boise asked the committee. "I'm concerned about

the image we leave behind." To eliminate any question, Ingram's bill prohibits all gifts over \$50 for all government employees or officials from people or interests likely to do business with the government, whether or not they have any control over policy or contracts.

Fueling Ingram's crackdown on government ethics was the results of the most recent statewide public opinion survey by Boise State University that found 64 percent of those polled think campaign contributions influence the policy decisions of elected officials in Idaho.

Some lawmakers expressed concern that Ingram's bill does not require an ethics officer to know that a gift violates the law, but advocates argued that the bill left no question about the conduct expected of public officials.



Sunday liquor sales bill passes

BOISE (AP) - A Senate-passed bill that would allow county government to permit Sunday liquor sales passed the House State Affairs Committee Monday.

Sponsored by the liquor industry, the bill passed the committee 14-4. It would let county commissioners or the county voters to approve the sale of distilled spirits in their county on Sunday.

Idaho law already allows beer, wine, dessert wine, and some packaged alcohol cocktails to be sold on Sunday at a county's discretion.

Last year, the state attorney wanted to decide whether they wanted

Bill proposes property tax break for seniors

BOISE (AP) - An idea to give seniors over age 70 a \$150,000 exemption on their property taxes has a chance of passing the House Tax Committee, but members want to hear about a bill to cap annual property tax hikes before acting.

House Bill 716, sponsored by Rep. Steve McKague, R-Meridian, would allow everyone over 70 to exempt the first \$150,000 of taxable value from their owner-occupied home. That is on top of the up-to-\$50,000 exemption every homeowner gets now.

It would apply to all seniors, no matter their income level, and would likely reduce the number of people who ask for assistance under the current "circuit breaker" tax relief program for low-income and disabled residents.

Property taxes are universally the most disliked, according to polling by Boise State University and Idaho leads the West for home ownership with 74.4 percent of the population living in owner-occupied dwellings, according to figures by the Idaho Housing and Finance Association.

Researchers work to improve brucellosis test

IDaho FALLS (AP) - Eastern Idaho researchers are finalizing a new field test to determine whether cattle or bison exposed to brucellosis are actually infected.

"We're in the validation stage," molecular biologist Frank Roberto said. "We need to demonstrate it's accurate before the veterinary community will accept it."

Roberto and co-researcher Deborah Newby at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory also say the test can be modified to look for bioterrorism agents depending on the type of analysis used.

That has generated financial support for their work from the Department of Homeland Security as well as money from the U.S. Park Service and from within the INEEL itself.

The contagious disease causes cattle, bison, elk and other animals to abort their calves. It can also cause milk sickness in humans who become infected. But infection in commercial livestock can be financially devastating because it can prompt severe restrictions on interstate movement of stock.

Testing has taken on new importance in the region since the recent

discovery of the disease in cattle herds in western Wyoming. It has cost the state its brucellosis-free status, prompting sanctions from other states, including more rigorous and costly testing requirements for ranchers. The state must now go a year without new brucellosis cases before it can regain disease-free status.

Unlike the test commonly used, which only identifies whether an animal has been exposed to the bacteria, the DNA test being developed by Roberto and Newby confirms that an animal is infected. They hope to have the test ready next year.

Their test equipment can be carried in a 55-pound backpack, Newby said, and can test samples of a variety of tissues, not just blood, using paper strips that extract DNA. One sample takes about an hour and a half to process in the field.

The Park Service is interested in using the test on bison in Yellowstone National Park, Roberto said, particularly after it begins giving buffalo live Brucella vaccines.

"They want to make sure the test picks up the difference between the vaccine live virus and real infections," he said.

Gala will celebrate King Center's sixth anniversary

Philharmonic Orchestra and selections from the recent Mount Harrison production of "South Pacific" and the upcoming Oakley Valley Arts Council production of "Annie."

Show time is 7:30 p.m. at the King Center. Tickets, which are \$5, are available at The Book Plaza and Welch Music in Burley and The Book Store in Rupert, or in the lobby an hour before curtain time.

For more information, call 678-6868.

Avalanche

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billy exists to trigger a deeper, large avalanche "that can be quite destructive," center Director Janet Kellam said Saturday as part of the daily avalanche report. "The problem with the type of snowpack and persistent instability that we are faced with right now is that you may not see warning signs of avalanche conditions. Multiple people may be on a slope before it breaks and slides."

She explained that a slope can be like a paper clip, in that the more it is bent, the weaker it becomes until it finally breaks.

"There's an ongoing concern for this type of avalanche," Kellam said Monday afternoon, though she said usually if that was the type of slide Frederickson was trapped in.

Two investigators were on the scene Monday examining snow conditions and taking measurements of the slope. She warned that the lack of new snow or natural slide activity could be deceiving. "The only safe recourse is not to go on steep slopes."

Frederickson is survived by his wife, Dorothy. The couple recently built a home in Kimberly. He was a past president of the Magic Valley Snow-Mobilers, worked for Gordon Paving Co. in Twin Falls, and ran his own striping business on the side.

The Wood River Journal is a weekly newspaper based in Hallett that works in collaboration with The Times-News. For more journal stories, visit the paper's Web site at www.woodriverjournal.com

Avoiding avalanches

Ketchum avalanche forecaster Janet Kellam is dead serious about how a business, having been trapped in an avalanche, he is in the Baker Creek area two years ago. She offers several suggestions:

- Be prepared with beacons, probes and shovels - and practice with them before you ever go out.
- Travel smart. Expose only one person on a slope at any given time, and watch every step in your group.
- Always have an escape route in mind should there be an avalanche.
- Watch for tell-tale clues that the snow is unstable - a whumping sound, for instance, or cracks in the snow.
- Don't wear your ski straps when traveling in the backcountry. They can drag you down in the debris.
- Climb along ridges and watch out.
- When crossing a slope, stay on gentle ones. Avalanches rarely occur on slopes between 25 and 30 degrees.
- Be aware of your surroundings. You can trigger an avalanche from above while skiing on the flats, so make sure there's adequate runout.

Call before you go
Before you venture into the backcountry during winter, call the Avalanche Hotline at 622-8087. Or check the Web site at www.wap-fc.com. Avalanche forecasters update the avalanche hotline by 7:30 a.m. each day.

Plea

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Arredondo.

"Do you admit that you swung the golf club that hit (Arredondo) in the skull and (Arredondo) died?" Carlson asked Guzman.

"Yes," was his answer.

Guzman and Arredondo and an undetermined number of other men were reportedly involved in a bar fight on the night of May 24 to which police were called.

Carlson reminded Guzman that by pleading guilty, he was no longer presumed innocent and no longer had some of the same rights he had before entering guilty pleas to the charges. The report noted that Guzman is no longer entitled to a trial and that Guzman must be sworn in and answer the judge's questions.

Guzman acknowledged that he understood what rights he was giving up.

Guzman's sentencing was scheduled for April 15. Carlson reminded Guzman that "no one can promise you what I'm going to do" on the sentencing day, "because I don't know what I'm going to do."

Carlson said he had to review the Guzman report and hear the testimony planned for April 15 before he'll determine the appropriate punishment for Guzman.

Attorney Greg Fuller's request that Guzman's bond be reduced from \$250,000 to a \$100,000 property bond was denied by Carlson.

Fuller offered to have his client be on house arrest while out on bond, but that wasn't enough to convince Carlson to lower the bond amount.

In making his request for the lower bond, Fuller pointed out that Guzman is no longer charged with murder, but with manslaughter. Therefore, the lower bond was warranted, he argued. If Guzman was out of jail, it would be easier for Fuller to meet with his client and to arrange for psychological tests, Fuller said.

Deputy Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Blaine Cannon opposed the request for

to allow fortified wines to be sold in grocery stores. Rep. Jim Clark, R-Hayden, pointed out to the committee that only 16 of Idaho's 44 counties have chosen to allow the sales.

Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, said the sales were important to resort communities such as Sun Valley, which she represents.

Opposition came mainly from social conservatives.

Rep. Eudale Langford, a Christian Scientist from Montpelier, said the only place that sells liquor in her county is a contracted outlet that is also a gas station.

The defendant has pleaded guilty, Carlson said. "There is no longer a question of guilt or innocence. We're now dealing with someone who has no chance of acquittal, but someone who will be sentenced."

Cannon said Guzman faces a possible 30-year prison sentence and that he could miss Guzman might try to flee before he's sentenced.

"We're now dealing with a man who's guilty of a very serious crime," Cannon said, "one of the most serious. A man who admitted he took the life of another human being."

Fuller countered that before pleading guilty to manslaughter, his client faced a possible life sentence, and "there's always the possibility of probation."

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NIC students seek cash alternatives to student fees

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Students at North Idaho College are lobbying trustees to slow escalating student fees and look to other sources for the cash needed to cover limited support from the state.

"Our pockets are only so deep," student body president Joel Crane said.

The trustees are proposing an 8 percent increase in fees next year - another \$68 to \$916 a semester - after boosting fees 10 percent over the previous years.

It would generate over \$450,000 to offset state support for the 2004-2005 school year that would still be less than provided in 2001-2002.

"The administration doesn't take this lightly," college vice president Holly Jurgens said. He worked with student leaders and other school officials to come up with the fee increase plan, which is still below the maximum 10 percent annual

increase allowed by lawmakers last year.

But Crane and others said the escalating cost is coming at a time when more people who have lost their jobs during the economic slump have turned to community colleges for the extra education and training they need to return to work.

"The students have already done their part," Crane said. "Each year the college sets the goal of education further out of reach."

He suggested that the school pick up extra money from property taxpayers that would still be paying only about half the maximum levy rate authorized for supporting the school. Property taxes provide \$5.5 million of this year's \$23.6 million budget. Students pay \$7 million and the state contributes \$9.6 million. The rest comes from various miscellaneous sources.

Police worry about look-alike guns

HARRISVILLE, Utah (AP) - An array of BB-shooting air pistols look exactly like real handguns and they're a worry for police who have only a split second to try to tell which they are.

The replicas include Clint Eastwood's 44 caliber "hogleg" from his 1971 Harry films, a number of Colt .45 semiautomatics and James Bond's Walther PPK.

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was discharged from the hospital and booked into jail on charges of aggravated assault.

"It's been a huge concern ever since they started making the look-alikes 20 years ago or so," said Harrisville Police Chief Max Jackson. "Unless you had a micrometer out, you could tell it's not real."

"Typically, once an assault prod-guns a gun, he can fire in about one-eighth of a second. 'And you as an officer have three-eighths of a second at best, it takes that long to react. So you're playing catch-up - especially if you're still holstered," Jackson said.

Candidates

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great deal more impact than that of a freshman senator," Smith said. But she will be the key player in resolving the state's budget problems when the 1-cent sales tax increase sunsets on July 1, 2005.

Meinkopf simply said he decided not to run for personal reasons.

But another there's another potential candidate, Cagle said. Valley veteran state legislator Steve Coiner has been approached by a number of people who think he could fill

No's positions on the Senate Resource and Environment and the Senate Agricultural Affairs committees. Coiner, who is a Republican, also said he has not been particularly active in the Twin Falls County GOP.

Noh, who has been in the Legislature for 24 years, has chaired the Senate Resource and Environment Committee for 22 years. He was also in the State Legislature during the 1990s when the state's most monumental water fight and resulted in the largest adjudication of water rights in U.S. history.

Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, who heads the House Resource and Conservation Committee, said the current dispute between Magic Valley spring users and groundwater pumps is of the same magnitude as the Swan Falls fallout in the early 1980s. Stevenson said he's worried that after Noh departs, there won't be anyone left on the Senate resource committee who understands the impact of shutting down tens of thousands of irrigated acres on April 1. Some 1,300 wells for cities, businesses, dairies, farms, churches, schools and cemeteries on the north side of the Snake River Magic Valley stand to be shut down due to an order issued last week by the Idaho

Department of Water Resources.

"I have concerns that the members of the committee don't have the experience in irrigation water as we know it in southern Idaho," said Stevenson, who as a Minidoka County farmer could see some of his own water shut off.

Coiner, 60, is a Twin Falls County farmer who currently is serving more than two decades in several positions dealing with irrigation issues. He has spent 18 years on the board for the Twin Falls Canal Co. and 20 years on the board for the American Falls Reservoir District. He has represented Milner Dam.

He has been the chairman of the Upper Snake River Basin Advisory Group and worked on a local watershed advisory group. Probably Coiner's most influential position is that of representing the Twin Falls County on the Coeur d'Alene Council of Nine, the group that sets water policy above Milner Dam.

Coiner said he hasn't made up his mind about whether he'll run for the Senate. He also said he's concerned about stepping off some of the budget's burdens to devote the necessary time to being a senator. Stevenson agreed that Coiner is invaluable where he is, serving as a negotiator between spring users and groundwater pumps.

Hansen, a former Twin Falls car dealer, has sat on boards and committees of the legislature's water policy committee. He said he's interested in getting that seat back. Hansen dropped out of the Legislature to fulfill bishop duties in the LDS Church. He serves on the Twin Falls Republican Central Committee.

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Dairy

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Bruce Louks, who is in the air quality division of DEQ, said if the cuts remain, he'll definitely have to limit projects.

This past year, Louks said he had \$21,000 for running dairy odor projects, though not all of it will be spent. The governor recommended \$18,000 for 2005, but JFAC reduced that to \$8,000.

Bell said DEQ is authorized to move up to 10 percent from each account in the agency's \$50 million budget into other accounts within the budget.

In addition, Bell pointed out that DEQ gave out \$164,000 in bonuses to employees on Jan. 14.

"Which tells me they have savings lying around," she said. "That's not all. During the last legislative session, JFAC increased air quality funding by 43.7 percent from the year before," she said.

Kemphorne's spokesman, Michael Journe, said Monday the issue was still under discussion, and Bell said she was waiting to hear what Kemphorne staffers have to say.

But she also said many members in the Legislature tend to have a negative attitude toward DEQ, which acts as the state's environmental policeman. And that might have contributed to New Plymouth Sen.

Monty Pierce's eubherent motion last year in JFAC to cut that portion of the \$5 million air quality budget.

"The job they have to do with is not popular with citizens," Bell said. "We have story after story about how they are heavy handed." But she also added, "We have to understand it's a job that has to be done to keep our environment clean. It's tough love."

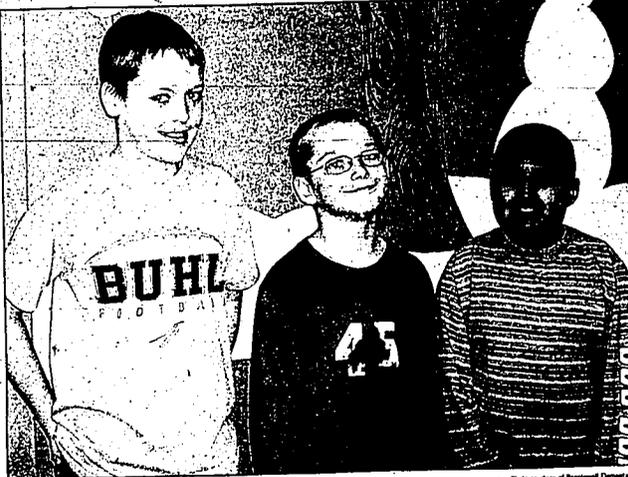
COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marcantonio - 735-3288

Poppewell students excel in math

BUHL - Several Poppewell Elementary School students have excelled in math.

Students who earned their Fibonacci awards for the 50-minute program for the first semester of this school year are: Jose Delgado Morgan McCarthy, Daniela Arias, Sololaga Avery, Jerry Chavez-Haven - Ford, Kristin Graffice, Emily Hamilton, Jeri Hamilton, Kyanna Jackson, Cay James, Adam McLean, Corona Osvaldo, Cepheus Strol, Lonny Wil, Breonna Balle, Stevie Highbarger, Alexa Johnson, Kenzi Littlefair, Reva O'Brien, Andrew Olson, Iyce Pearson, Carah Quigley, Mikayla Quintana, Mekenna Thompson, Sandra Troyo, Chantelle Baum, Rachael Beght, Nancy Carmona, Dustin Clements, Sierra Cooper, Ashley Cox, Chelsea Cerra, Jame Guible, Brittany Griffith, Kendyl Hamilton, Britney Harvey, Shelby Holladay, Janna Hipsley, Medina Hopkins, Logan Hutchinson, Dylan Jacobson, Cassidiee Kippes, Gage Kliegl, Derek Leavitt, Holly Lemmons, Shayla Lemmons, Tyler Leonard, Gustavo Magana, Tyler McLeod, Andrus Mendez, Karly Metzger, Kasai Quintero, Makayla - Bincon, Stephanie Romans, Sonja Salas, Julio Sarabia, Jordan Silva, Kayla Spencer, Jason Turner, Brandon Henkula, Ethan Compton, Kevin Costa, Sandra Garbala, Miguel Garcia, Matt Hamilton, Scott Harris, Kylie Harvey, Megan Herzinger, Trevor Hite, Kimberly Jaker, Justin Jaker, Christina Lusk, Hunter Littlefair, Blake Lively, Margot Loza, Marka Mabey, Michael McDonald, Emily-Michael, Jacob



Poppewell students, from left, Matt Hamilton, Scott Harris and Ozle Rodriguez have passed math tests that are two grades above level and earned their Math Professor status.

Morse, Yessyva Nieto, Morgan Pearson, Emily Plew, Ozzy Ramirez, Osvaldo Rodriguez, Shilo Runyan, Irineo Sanchez, Jason Silva, Alyssa Sololaga, Caleb Usery, Reed Woodruff, Evan "Wray," and Tiffany Wutsch. These students have received a

certificate of recognition for their efforts. The students who have finished their Math Master tests (one grade level above) are Dustin Clements, Kevin Costa, Matt Hamilton, Scott Harris, Osvaldo Rodriguez, and Caleb Usery.

Matt Hamilton, Scott Harris and Osvaldo Rodriguez passed math tests that are two grades above level and earned their Math Professor status. They also earned a place on the Hall of Fame board and a certificate and trophy.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center
Logan James Haney son of Kandice and Michael Jay Haney of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004.
Ivan Weaver son of Amanda May and Joshua Daniel Weaver of Buhl, was born Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004.
Jaden Anthony Silvaz, son of

Christina Sue and Bobby Dean Silvaz of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004.
Shelby Lyana Traveller, daughter of Jodi Lynne and Anthony Frank Traveller of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004.
Jude Allegiance Hillman son of Mary Jennifer and Peter Sulo Hillman of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Stuart students celebrate artistic talent with activities

TWIN FALLS - Students of Robert Stuart Junior High, 644 Caswell Ave. W., will celebrate the artist in each of them in the cabinet of this week. Students will be exposed to various art mediums in visual and performing arts. Activities include a talent show, a display showcasing student and staff art and a field trip on Friday to the Magic Valley School of Performing Arts to enjoy excerpts from their spring musical, "Les Miserables."

picnic at 1 p.m. July 25 at the Filer City Park.
Those people who have not been contacted should call Georgia Caswell at 543-4704, Nancy Tows at 733-6409, Ken Harrison at (801) 298-4693 or Mary Lou and Dan Lancaster at (208) 244-1392.

Gooding County Jaycees meet to discuss history

GOODING - The Gooding County Jaycees will meet at 6:30 p.m. March 9 at the War Memorial Hall in Gooding.
The topic presentation will be "History Around Us."
The Jaycees hold its monthly general meeting meeting Feb. 10 at the War Memorial Hall.
Diana Pauls introduced the "Trial Membership Program" offering three months of trial membership in the Jaycees.

Pauls also provided information regarding the upcoming public meeting on March 7. The U.S. Jaycees National Metro Training Director, Tracy Zechmann, will present Jaycee organization information, including benefits and training, to people and employers. The status of the sidewalk and the river walk projects also was discussed.

Daughters of the American Revolution holds meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at noon Saturday at the Garden Cafe in Twin Falls.
Vice President General of the national organization, Darley Von Vandergrieff, will speak.
Prospective members are invited to attend. For more information about DAR, call 655-4100.

For more information about the Gooding Jaycees, call Diana Pauls at 934-5125.

Burley High School class of 1994 prepares for reunion

BURLEY - Burley High School class of 1994 is planning to hold its 10-year reunion Aug. 20-21 in Burley.
Anyone who is a class member or parent of a member should e-mail contact information to the 1994 class officers at burley94@yahoo.com.
Notices will be sent out soon.

Wendell United Methodists serves beef, cabbage dinner

WENDELL - Corn beef and cabbage will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday at the Wendell United Methodist Church, 175 E. Main St.
Free will offering is accepted. For more information, call Alma Blertli at 536-2315.

Filer class of 1954 will reunite for picnic this summer

FILER - The Filer High School class of 1954 will meet for its 50th reunion at 6 p.m. July 24 at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., and a picnic

Gooding Basque Association hosts First Friday Dinner

GOODING - The Gooding Basque Association will have a First Friday Dinner from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Ave.
Entrees will include a buffet of lamb, chicken, and salmon, along with Basque tripe, bread, green beans, potato and leek soup, salad, bar, mud cake, flan, cake, pop, coffee and a hot-bar.
Dinner is \$14 or \$12 for seniors. A children's menu is available for \$5.

For more information, call Athena Sabala at 934-9067.

FFA chapter says 'thank you' with breakfast

CASTLEFORD - Showing appreciation to the community was a big part of the Castleford chapter's National FFA Week celebration.
The community was invited to breakfast recently as part of the FFA observance, with chapter members getting up early, cooking and ready to serve by 7 a.m. The free breakfast was open to the public in appreciation of the community's continued support of chapter programs and projects.

The chapter members designated theme dress days during the week and sponsored a bowling trip for students in grades eight through 12. Participants were bussed to and from a local bowling alley after school.
The bowling and bus expenses were covered by the FFA and the Castleford Safe and Drug Free School program.

The Idaho FFA Association has more than 2,900 members. The Castleford Chapter is the fifth largest in the state with more than 90 members.

FFA is a youth development organization devoted to preparing students for leadership and success through agricultural education. The theme of the National FFA Week was "FFA - Living the Legacy."

A nationwide event, it emphasizes the organization's commitment to agricultural education, leadership, service and student success, while recognizing its business, educational and civic partners at the local, state and national levels.



Garland Kyle was served at the Castleford FFA Community Appreciation-Breakfast by chapter members, from front, Larissa Bliok, Jessica Hill, Jolie Schorzman and Stephanie Guerry.

Student interns for Idaho Legislature committee

Erin Burnham, a political science major at Boise State University, was awarded an internship with the Idaho Legislature's Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee.

Burnham, the daughter of Tom and Caryll Burnham, is a 2000 graduate of Magic Valley Christian High School in Twin Falls.
She also served an internship in

T.F. graduate will intern for state Commerce Department

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T.F. graduate receives degree at Utah State

Megan Stallings Niederhauser, Kelsey Horstweyke, and Sharyah Whittemore, Erin Waldman and Kathy Kayaphone.

Former Filer student makes Seattle Pacific Dean's list

Marla Elynn Deklotz of Filer made the autumn quarter dean's list at Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, Wash.
Students on the dean's list must have completed at least 12 credits and a 3.5 or higher GPA.

Robert Stuart Junior High names honor roll students

TWIN FALLS - Robert Stuart Junior High School announced its first semester honor roll.
Seventh grade
3.50 to 3.99 honor roll
Clerissa Adams, Antonia Allred, Karen Arcega, Hadley Basich, Jordan Barnes, Kaitlee Bell, Michelle Blum, Brandon Bratcher, Christine Broadhead, Anthony Bratcher, Effran Carrillo, Anthony Casperson, Jacob Coats, Hannah Cugno, Patricia DeGid, Whitney Deweller, Kimberly DeWolfe, Alexis Elliot, Kari Graybeak, Alexa Greig, Grace Hall, Sarah Hawkins, Haley Heck, Anna Hewson, Abigail Hering, Eddan Hopkins, Joshua Holt, Lara Marja Maricetic, Danielle Martens, Brandon Moore, Leya Murphy, Justin Neekides, Aleisha Nikolova, Tyler Oda, Allison Pfeiffer, Samuel Plant, Keeley Price, Courtney Rose, Ana Sanchez, Troy Sanford, Maria Santos, Hannah Sartin, Justin Scherz, Kaitlyn Sanybon, Brooke Siggs, Tyler Olivia Turner, Andrew Vito, Jacob Wheeler, Arianna Wight and Jessica

Washington, D.C. with Idaho Sen. Larry Craig in 2002.
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T.F. graduate receives degree at Utah State
Megan Stallings Niederhauser, Kelsey Horstweyke, and Sharyah Whittemore, Erin Waldman and Kathy Kayaphone.
4.00 honor roll
Amgette Akari, Riley Baird, Dallas Basilan, Nathaniel Blagotti, Patricia Blay-Nash Rogge, Kelsey Horstweyke, Victoria Irmov, Alice Carroll, Erin Collins, Jennifer Cutler, Darel DeBoer, Karmella Hernandez, Jyle Hymas, Lara Johnson, Dolecheck, Jordani Hoytes, Helene Hopkins, Kyle Hymas, Lara Johnson, Bailey Laley, Keri Langley, Elizabeth Larion, Chelsea McBride, David Nielson, Anna Remover, Chance Requa, Amy Simonsen, Jessica Starley, Elizabeth Williams, Shelby Woodhouse and Alex Yezy.

4.00 honor roll
Heather Gutknecht, Jelena Harba, Laynen Hartley, Lindsey Hartley, Nermina Kadric, Cameron King, Bonnessa Krachunze, Chelsea Layton, Aena Lile, Logan Lynch, Robyn Marsh, Lindsay Mungahan, Margaret McCarthy, Brandon Mervin, Astin "Tina" Newberry, Ricardo Nunez, Zach Othlinger, Kirste Payne, Whitney Peterson, Jennifer Rice, Whitney Richardson, John Roberts, Jessica Schumail, Lake Schutte, Amanda Snider, Kotti Totton, Brittany Triner, and Mason Warner-Megan Wasden and Mason Wastel.
4.00 honor roll
Rachel Ashby, Haley Balish, Matthew Beale, Brittany Bowmanman, Chelsea Camps, Luke Chandler, Galleen Condon, Cory Cook, Chandra Crum, Kylee Fawell, Ian Formshell, Travis Fries, Jess Gregg, Kathleen Hamilton, Alex Hawkins, Corrin Haynes, Marie Kim, Misad Kovacic, Jennifer Lewis, Andrea Lynn, Tiffany McKeely, Abby McNeely, Erin Nummelley, Mary Sandford, Nikki Tate, Julie Warner, Chelsi West and Matthew Wells.

Stallings, a 2000 honors graduate of Twin Falls High School, is employed at Ellis Elementary in Logans.

Castleford announces latest honor roll names

CASTLEFORD - Castleford Schools announced its honor roll.

Middle school
High honor roll
3.5-4.0 GPA
Sixth grade
Courtney Allred, Elizabeth Conner, Kaitlyn DeVries, Katie Eastman, Vito Hernandez, Nicklas Howard, Allison Rodgers, Maritica Rodriguez, Chase Rount, Jessica Schuland, Jodie Wiersma, Callie Wiggins, Michael Wiseman, David Zavala, Seventh grade
Megan Choate, Annalissa Elmer, Sergio Hernandez, Jessica Hobbago, Lena Veldgarnore, Jukka Wiggins, Eighth grade
Nathan Graybeal, Zachary Kline, Rachel Rodgers, Honor roll, 3.0-3.49
GPA
Sixth grade
Larissa Grider, Alton Hildebrand, Ethan Twenty

Seniors
Keegan Cothren, Stephanie Guerry, Elizabeth Lopez, Tim Hill, Janet Hurley, Wesley Rodgers, Matthew Reinbold, Julie Schorzman, Heidi Wiseman, Hozila Zaval
Honor roll, 3.0-3.49
GPA
Freshman
D.J. Estrada, Lindsay Wiggins, David Wiseman, Sophomores
Bryce Cheney, Nancy Monge, Juniors
Kohl Bower, Andrea Frey, Daniela Myra, Justin Moore, Alicia Parks, Maribeth Watson, Pete Welch, Seniors
Robert Comer, Carl Kenisler, Christopher Lampron, Aaron Maves, Dean Nolevanko, Kelly Holt, Cory Tvedy

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OPINION

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IDWR's water action can be a positive turn

A bomb went off for groundwater users in the Magic Valley last week. But it had been ticking loudly for years.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources issued a curtailment order last week that was a long time coming. The order requires groundwater users on the north side of the Snake River to find replacement water for fish hatcheries downstream that have senior water rights.

If north-side well users don't produce enough substitute water by April 1, their groundwater wells will be shut off. The order will affect some 1,300 wells on the north side - not just dairies and farms, but water systems for cities, churches, schools, subdivisions and other industries as well.

The curtailment order came from a water call made by Rangan Inc., which uses water from Snake River Canyon springs. For years, these producers have argued that groundwater pump wells located above the springs have cut into their water appropriations. And Idaho's first-in-time water doctrine gives them the senior claim.

Under the curtailment order, wells developed after July 1962, will be shut off, unless well users can restore water to Rangan in one of two ways:

• Submit an approved plan to give Rangan Inc. 16,000 acre feet of replacement water that meets fish production water quality standards, by April 1.

• Or have a plan by the same date that uses 53,000 acre feet of canal water to help "recharge" the springs, so that more water travels down the aquifer.

Idaho's economy and its residents are bound to suffer when there are so many competing interests for water appropriations. That's the unfortunate drawback to this scenario.

But perhaps what's more

unfortunate is that this high-stakes legal and political episode could have been averted through closer management over the years. The overappropriation of Idaho's water has escalated the water issue to its current level of friction and litigation.

Obviously, a number of factors have been at work. Four consecutive years of drought have brought water supplies to extremely low levels. The conversion from flood irrigation to sprinkler irrigation, which has created more efficiencies in agriculture in recent decades, also reduced the amount of water seeping into the aquifer.

But it's impossible to ignore the exponential growth of wells that pepper the landscape above the north rim. An overall location of wells has usurped senior water rights.

It's worth restating that this scenario hurts all segments of Idaho. No one wins when economic interests are pitted one against the other for a make-or-buy resource.

The IDWR's action was inevitable - and overdue. If the agency had done so years ago, this year's predicament might have been averted.

The best possible outcome of this order would be more productive mitigation talks between groundwater and spring users.

The time for negotiation is ripe. Groundwater users with junior water rights will need to use less. Surface water users should be more realistic about expecting a guarantee that their ponds will be refilled.

Shutting down wells could wreak havoc for both private and public water users north of the Snake River, and it should be avoided at all cost. The law, however, needs to be followed. We're confident an agreement that follows water doctrine and appeases all interests can still be achieved.

state and local officials.

The deadline is March 19, not April 1. The Times-News regrets the error.

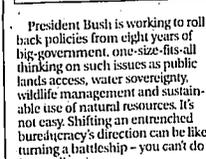
Our view: The state's curtailment order for groundwater wells could be a catalyst for successful water use negotiations.

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

Idaho stands to lose under Kerry

President Bush is leading steady progress toward a more national, realistic and responsible approach to a host of environmental and resource issues close to the hearts of all Idahoans.

For three years, the Bush administration has been encouraging stewardship, engaging those who know and understand the issues best. The idea is that people most influenced by federal policies should play a larger role in developing them. The president is committed to being a partner with local folks in the best interest of people and the resources on which they depend.



President Bush is working to roll back policies from eight years of big-government, one-size-fits-all thinking on such issues as public lands access, water sovereignty, wildlife management and sustainable use of natural resources. It's not easy. Shifting an entrenched bureaucracy's direction can be like turning a battleship - you can't do it on a dime.

Now a presidential election year has us facing the prospect of a renewed War on the West. The bottom line is: If you liked Bill Clinton and Al Gore, you're either Kerry or McCain. McCain promises to be "the true environmental president." To me, few things are scarier than a Massachusetts politician imposing his idea of "environmental" on the people of Idaho.

Kerry showed his colors in 2001 when the Bureau of Reclamation shut off irrigation water to almost 2,000 farm and ranch families in the Klamath Basin of southern Oregon and northern California. Kerry backed the move to protect suckerfish, and later called for an investigation of the Bush White House for humans as a species too.

He's talking balance now, but can we doubt where he'll stand when his friends press him to breach the lower Snake River dams or grab all the water in the Snake River Basin for a wrong-



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headed "fish flush" salmon strategy? Kerry clearly considers the Endangered Species Act the supreme law of the land. After all, the League of Conservation Voters didn't endorse him for putting the interests of real people first.

Some of Kerry's most vocal supporters have been working for years with the Alliance for the Wild Rockies to pass the radical Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act. The bill would lock up 26 million acres of new and defacto wilderness in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Kerry also says he'd implement Clinton's contentious and discredited road blocking roads and logging on more than 50 million acres of national forest lands.

Clearly, a Kerry administration would embolden environmental

extremists to press an aggressive agenda of restricting access and responsible use of public lands. The Bush administration has started the process of scaling back the non-native Canadian gray wolf population transplanted to Idaho in the mid-1990s against the will of most Idahoans. Kerry on the other hand, eagerly talks about implementing the Endangered Species Act in a way that "extends the benefits of wildlife and habitat protection to public and private lands."

While Kerry supports importing species, he's against getting nuclear waste out of Idaho. He opposes opening the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository in Nevada, where the Energy Department wants to take tons of

high-level radioactive waste now at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. That waste will remain above our Snake River Plain Aquifer if Kerry is elected. It's as simple as that.

All that most Idahoans ask of government is to stay out of the way. We have a good idea how to take care of our resources, sustain them and even add value, without East Coast help. Well, John Kerry has a lot less trust in the wisdom and good intentions of Idahoans, or people in general. He wants to establish a new "Environmental Enforcement Commission" apparently would be a kind of Super EPA to crack down on "environmental enforcement has been compromised by undue political influence" - meaning influence by anyone other than environmentalists.

U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, R-Idaho, serves in the first congressional district.

The Times-News contact information including Stephen Hartgen, Clark Walworth, Steve Crump, David Cooper and Shelley Ridenour.

Getting in touch with Sen. Mike Crapo and Sen. Larry Craig, including their contact information.

Justices erode religious freedom on college decision

The Supreme Court of the United States made a very bad call on Wednesday in the case of a student from Washington state named Joshua Davey.

Davey was the valedictorian of his high-school class, whose grades and income qualified him to receive a merit and need-based state scholarship of \$1,125 a year to attend a private college.

Both the student and the school were in all other respects qualified to receive the scholarship money. The only question raised by the graduate major was his choice of undergraduate major. Had he majored solely in business administration, his scholarship would not have been revoked, even if he had taken a large number of theology courses.

David C. Steinmetz, Circuit in San Francisco agreed with him in a 2-1 decision. Davey's case rests on an interpretation of the First Amendment of the Constitution, especially the clause mandating the "free exercise of religion."

The new American Republic decided in its First Amendment not to imitate the nations of Europe, which had sponsored state-approved religious groups. For example, no one in 18th-century England could attend either Oxford or Cambridge who was not a member of the Church of England. Higher education was barred by a religious test.

The public good is rarely advanced by the perpetuation of small injustices.

The First Amendment was written to save Americans from discriminatory laws like the Blaine amendments, whose end result was the state sponsorship of a religious perspective - in this case, mainline Protestant - at the expense of all competitors, especially Roman Catholic. Blaine represents a relapse into the old establishment mentality of Europe.

That at least is what the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court in San Francisco concluded. But the Supreme Court, evidently worried by the vision of religious organizations belying up to the public trough, disagreed. It decided 7-2 for the state of Washington and against Joshua Davey by doing so, it may have inadvertently eroded rather than strengthened the ideal of the religiously neutral state.

The public good is rarely advanced by the perpetuation of small injustices. Americans can surely find a way to draw a reasonable line between church and state without doing so at the expense of college students who are smart, religious and poor. You had the Supreme Court failed to do so.



OPINION

Jefferson's vision included a religious belief

For many years now, we have constantly heard the expression "separation of church and state" attributed to Thomas Jefferson as the explanation of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. When the issue of the Ten Commandments display at Boise came up, I decided to do some checking.

As a member of the Continental Congress in 1775-1776, Jefferson was chosen to draft the Declaration of Independence, for which he is given credit. But while he was overseas in France serving as a commissioner to negotiate commercial treaties and then as a minister from 1784 through 1789, the U.S. Constitution was written and ratified in 1787 and the First Amendment to the Constitution was passed by Congress in 1789. Yet, 13 years later on Jan. 1, 1802, he made a statement "separation of church and state" in a letter to a committee of the Danbury Baptist Association, Connecticut.

"Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legislative powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the American people which declared that their Legislature should 'make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between church and state."

During Jefferson's two presidential terms beginning in 1801, he recommended that Congress pass a treaty with the Kaskaskia Indians, providing an annual salary for seven years of \$10 from the federal treasury to support a Catholic priest to minister to the Indians. In 1787, Congress reserved lands for the Moravian Brethren for civilizing Indians and promoting Christianity. During Jefferson's terms, Congress extended this act three times, and he signed the extension into law each time.

Today's revisionists have taken the phrase, "separation of church and state," for their own political aims and completely ignored the views of those who actually wrote the First Amendment.

One can also take a sentence

from another of Thomas Jefferson's letters. On April 21, 1803, to Benjamin Rush, he wrote "To the corruption of Christianity, I am indeed opposed; but not to the genuine precepts of Jesus himself. I am a Christian."

DEBORAH THAETE
Rupert

Hospital should accept local competition

I've just read the article on the proposed new St. Benedict's facility at Crossroads.

After reading what Magic Valley Regional Medical Center has done to stop St. Ben's efforts to build this facility, I'm angry to think they can believe they have the right to stop competition and to use these tactics to do it. This is a prime example of how the power acquired from a non-competitive market can affect the public's interest.

Since when is it a negative to have more medical care in this area? Competition, especially in the medical field, benefits us all in cost and gaining better professional services.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center has had almost total control of service in this area far too long. And it has been even more obvious since its purchase of the downtown clinic. There's an attitude of "it is here or nowhere." We can always use another medical facility of the quality that St. Ben's has to offer.

The extent that Magic Valley Regional went to stop this is totally arrogant on their behalf. I question their integrity in the process. What are they afraid of but not being able to have total control over this market? I have just recently, and some in the past, talked to people who were trying to get into a doctor with a medical condition requiring immediate care and having to wait far too long to get in. Wouldn't this new facility bring in more doctors to meet these needs?

I'm not saying Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's care and facility is not of high quality. It is. But that should only ensure them that the competition will be a good and healthy thing. Shame on them for how they have interfered to the extent they have. They've tried to get new legislation to stop it, tried efforts, and even claimed to the Economic Development Administration that this new facility would not create more jobs. Are

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they kidding? A new medical hospital is always one of the top performers in creating new jobs, directly and indirectly.

I advise the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to get off its high horse and fight this the honorable way—with continued service and medical care—and accept the fact that competition will benefit the citizens in this area.

JUNE STANDLEE
Eden

Wolves come to Idaho unwanted and unneeded

Getting into a spitting contest is not my favorite endeavor, however, Mr. Pierre Tusov's letter needs a reply.

The numbers for the Yellowstone elk came from an article in *The Times-News*; however, I took the liberty of rounding down to the nearest 1,000 (13,000) the pre-wolf elk numbers and rounding up the present elk numbers to the nearest 1,000 (9,000).

Mr. Tusov states 291 elk were killed by wolves in Yellowstone in the winter of 2002. Wolf recovery biologists are quite reluctant to classify a kill as a wolf kill. Usually if they don't see the wolves eating a freshly killed animal, they lay the

blame elsewhere. A vulnerable time for elk is during the calving season. Calf kills are hard to find. The proof is in seeing a herd of 10 to 15 cows with only two or three calves or less in late summer.

I've yet to see a wolf running through the woods with a stethoscope around its neck checking the health of an animal before the kill. The wolves probably do get the weakened animals. The wolves must have thought the herd of 28 elk they killed near Sheep were sick, as they left most of them to rot. Ranchers must appreciate the wolves coming around and killing off their weak livestock. I find it hard to believe that reintroduction of wolves is responsible for all these wondrous but very nebulous improvements to Yellowstone.

Mr. Tusov asked, "How can you classify wolves their and elk's ous?" First, one needs to go back prior to the reintroduction of wolf in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem and central Idaho. The preponderance of the public's input was can reintroduction. Also, the state governments of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming were against the reintroduction of wolves. The federal Fish and Wildlife Service decided to reintroduce the wolves anyway. As a resi-

dent I feel a far greater sense of ownership in the Idaho wildlife than the 760 wolves, even if some of my tax money was used for their reintroduction and nurturing.

From all the magnificent things the wolves have accomplished in Yellowstone, I have no objections to their staying in the confines of the park. Outside the park, I don't feel they are needed. If buffalo once passed through and grazed what is now Twin Falls, do they need reintroduction here? Why are wolves needed everywhere where they once roamed?

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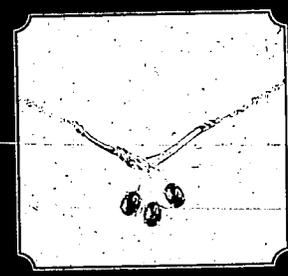
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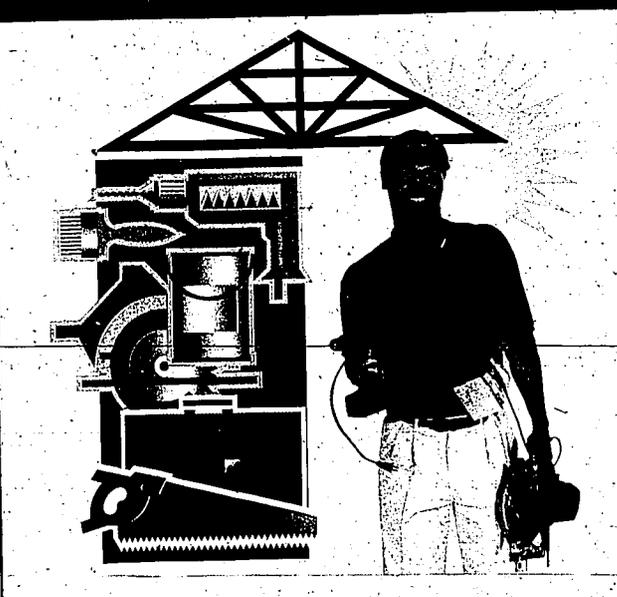


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Pedophile case opens in Belgium

ARLON, Belgium (AP) — Belgium's public enemy No. 1 and three co-defendants went on trial Monday on charges of kidnapping, abusing and killing young girls in a mid-1990s crime spree that shocked the country — as much for the inept police work as for the depravity of the acts.

Marc Dutroux, 47, his ex-wife and two other defendants sat silently during selection of a 12-member jury and 12

alternates. At one point Dutroux seemed to nod off. "Your client is going to fall asleep," Judge Stefane Goux told one of Dutroux's three lawyers.

The case deepened on the eve of the trial, when Dutroux said in a letter to VTM television network that he was part of a criminal network with tentacles in Belgian law enforcement. He said co-defendant Michel Nibhout, a 62-year-old Brussels lawyer, played a key role in the

wider organization.

Dutroux is charged with kidnapping six girls and killing four of them. The girls, two of them just 8 years old, were abused in the cellar of a house owned by Dutroux. At the time the former electrician was free on parole for abducting and raping young women.

Dutroux is also charged with killing an accomplice, Bernard Weinstein, whose body was found in a yard next to

one of Dutroux's seven homes.

A parliamentary probe found that rival police units hindered the search for Dutroux, who was finally arrested Aug. 13, 1996.

Investigating magistrates have backed over whether he was a loner or part of a pedophilia network. One magistrate was even removed for showing bias when he attended a benefit event for the victims' families.



Marc Dutroux, 2000

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Jose Canseco to reporters after a poor tryout performance for the Dodgers. Canseco plans to become a film star.

IN BRIEF

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TWIN FALLS - Unsold reserved seats and general admission tickets to the Region 18 men's and women's college basketball tournaments are now on sale from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium's main office.

Pomerelle Ski Resort hosts Competition X

ALBION - Pomerelle Ski Resort will host Competition X 2004: A Triple Challenge Saturday. All mountain bikers, skiers, and snowboarders are encouraged to compete to see who is the fastest down the course.

Burley amateur baseball registration starts soon

BURLEY - The Burley Amateur Baseball Association will hold registration for children ages five to 17 at Mountain View Elementary School starting Tuesday, March 10 from 6-8 p.m.

Jerome Cal Ripken plans registration time

JEROME - The Jerome Cal Ripken League or players ages 9-12, will hold registration March 13 and 16 at the Jerome Recreation District, 2037 South Lincoln.

Jerome Babe Ruth signs are next month

JEROME - The Babe Ruth league for players ages 13-15 will hold registration April 3 from 10 a.m. to noon at the rec district offices and from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on April 6. The fee is \$65 for the season, which runs May 1 through June 25.

Traveling teams will be selected from each league to compete in tournaments during June and July.

For more information on the leagues, call Larry or Debbie Bos at 324-3200; Mike McRay at 324-8588 or Leisi Parker at 324-4881.

Compiled from staff reports

Webber's H.S. refuses to forfeit titles

The Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Mich. - Chris Webber's high school refused Monday to forfeit three state championship basketball titles he helped win a day after the Michigan High School Athletic Association ruled he should not have been allowed to play because of his relationship with a former Michigan booster.

lated his amateur standing and was ineligible during the time he played at Detroit Country Day, the governing body said Sunday. The association had left it up to the school to decide whether to forfeit games in which Webber played, including three state championships.

Country Day Headmaster Gerald Hansen said there was no trustworthy basis to support the MHSAA's

claim that Webber was ineligible. "The assertion is based upon unproven innuendo, suspicion and speculation," said Hansen, reading from a prepared statement. "Because Country Day has been given no credible evidence that Mr. Webber violated his amateur status while a student here, the school felt obligated to fight to retain the championships and to protect the school's interests."

The association's executive director, Jack Roberts, urged the school to forfeit the championships it won from 1989-91 with Webber and recommended the executive committee strike the team and Webber's performance from its basketball records. However, the executive committee decided only to delete the references to Webber. "I suggested to them that they

voluntarily forfeit," Roberts said Monday. "That would be the most appropriate." Roberts said he wasn't surprised by the school's refusal to forfeit the titles. Ed Martin, who died last year, said he gave Webber and his family \$280,000 from 1988-93, a period extending from Webber's freshman year of high school through his sophomore season at Michigan.

Wright hopes to salvage career

By Paul Newberry Associated Press writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. - Remember Jarret Wright? You know, the guy who was only 21 when he started Game 7 of the World Series. The guy with the 95 mph fastball and the slider that buckled knees. The guy who could have been the next Roger Clemens.

Well, seven years and two seasons later, Wright has a chance to get his star-crossed career back on track with the Atlanta Braves.

"It took a lot of work to get to this point," Wright said, sitting at his locker in the Braves' spring training clubhouse. "I never thought about it. What if this doesn't work out? I just tried to stay focused every day."

Still just 26, Wright already has been through enough exhilarating highs and crushing lows to last a baseball lifetime. But the Braves, who picked him up for the final month last season, believe his career is salvageable. Wright is getting a shot to make the starting rotation. If that doesn't work out, he might take a key setup role for John Smoltz in the bullpen.

"I told him with his stuff, he should be able to get out every right-handed hitter he faces," pitching coach Leo Mazzone said. Sort of what many were saying seven years ago. After beginning the 1997 season in Double-A, Wright was in the Cleveland Indians' rotation by late June. Come October, with the season down to one game, he got the ball for the World Series finale against the Florida Marlins.

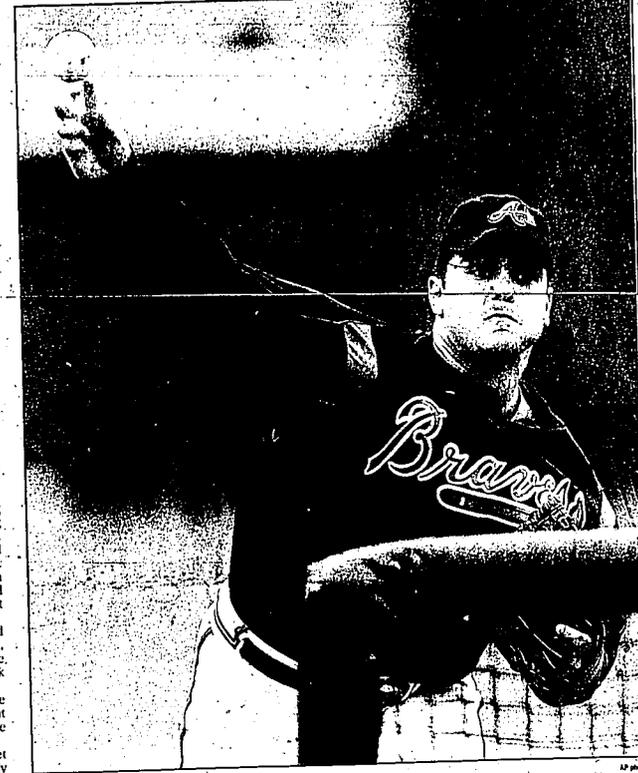
At that point, Wright already had a 3-0 record in the postseason, including the win that knocked the defending champion New York Yankees out of the playoffs.

The son of former big league pitcher Clyde Wright wasn't all that nervous about going out for Game 7 in the World Series. "It definitely came fast," Jarret Wright remembered. "I didn't really have a chance to slow stuff down and really enjoy what was going on. Of course, if I had tried to slow it down, I probably would have screwed up on the mound."

He sure didn't screw up Game 7, often though he was the second-youngest pitcher ever to start such an important contest.

Keeping his eyes firmly on his catcher - "You can have 100,000 in the stadium, but it only looks like 5,000 behind the plate," Wright mused down the Marlins through six shutout innings. The Indians had a 2-0 lead and were just nine outs from their first Series championship since 1948.

But Bobby Bonilla homered in the seventh off Wright, the Cleveland bullpen squandered the lead in the ninth and Edgar



Atlanta Braves pitcher Jarret Wright throws from the mound during batting practice at spring training on Friday, Feb. 27, 2004 at Denny's Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Still just 26, Wright already has been through enough exhilarating highs and crushing lows to last a baseball lifetime.

Renteria won it for the Marlins with an RBI single in the 11th.

The ending is still painful for Wright, who allowed just two hits in 6 1/3 innings.

"The only reason it on tape once or twice," he said. "It was definitely tough. We were very close to being world champions."

If Wright thought that was tough, he was in for a rude awakening. The injuries began to pile up. He went on the disabled list twice in 1999. Shoulder surgery in 2000 was followed by another

operation the next year. His career in Cleveland - once so promising - came to an end after his ERA soared to 15.71 in 2002.

After signing with San Diego, Wright appeared to hit rock bottom a year ago. He was a bad pitcher (11-4, 8.74 ERA) on a bad team, having totally fallen off the radar of most teams. But, when the Padres put him on waivers in August, a surprising team put in a claim.

Wright went from last place to a team that was crushing to its 12th straight division title. The Braves

were impressed with Wright's velocity and saw a glimmer of that hard-throwing rookie from '97. He took to the move right away, going 1-0 with a 2.00 ERA in 11 games to earn a spot on the postseason roster.

"There's nothing more you can ask for than going to a team in the last month that's going to the playoffs," he said. "It was amazing."

Wright believes his shoulder is fully recovered, and he's still got plenty of time to realize the potential that seemed so limitless in 1997.

Judge clears way for defense questioning of Bryant accuser

The Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. - Kobe Bryant's defense team can ask the 19-year-old woman accusing the basketball star of rape detailed questions about her sexual past when she makes her first appearance in court, the judge ruled Monday.

The decision raises the likelihood of a long day for the woman when she testifies behind closed doors. Tuesday, it will be the first time she will be in the same room with Bryant since the alleged attack at a mountain resort last summer.

The defense subpoenaed the woman to testify, saying Bryant has a right to know his accuser. The move prompted complaints from the prosecution and women's advocates that the defense is simply trying to "embarrass" and "humiliate" her.

State District Judge Terry Truckle, however, rejected a prosecution bid to limit defense questioning as he determines whether the woman's sexual conduct is relevant to the case and can be used against her at trial.

Bryant, 25, has said the two had consensual sex. The Los Angeles Lakers star faces four years in jail in prison or 20 years in life on probation if convicted of the felony sexual assault charge. The woman has told police she had sex with someone two days before the alleged attack, while the defense has said she slept with "multiple" partners that week - including someone less than 15 hours after her encounter with Bryant.

Legal experts said they don't believe defense attorneys Hal Haddon and Pamela Blancey will be allowed to hound the woman about all her sexual experiences.

"The judge will still protect the alleged victim," former prosecutor Craig Silverman said. "And there's nothing preventing prosecutors from standing up and objecting when questions are asked."

The prosecution lost another battle Monday when the judge ordered them to give the defense cuttings from two pairs of underwear worn by the accuser.

In a new filing by Bryant's attorneys made public Monday, Mackey reiterated her contention that the woman had "multiple acts of sexual intercourse" in the three days before her July 1 hospital exam and that she had another sexual partner the morning after her encounter with Bryant. She also said the woman had sex with two unidentified prosecution witnesses.

Portis, Redskins agree to \$50M, eight-year deal

By Dave Goldberg Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON - On a day other teams were figuring out ways to cut costs to get under the salary cap, the Washington Redskins - as usual - were spending money.

The Redskins agreed Monday to a \$50.5-million, eight-year deal with running back Clinton Portis, all but completing the trade that will send four-time Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey and a second-round draft choice to Denver.

But that can't become official until Wednesday the start of the free agent season. A lot of NFL players lost jobs and others got new deals as teams prepared to get under the \$80.6 million cap. Another player got an early surprise: Carson Palmer was designated the starting quarterback by the Cincinnati Bengals even though he has yet to take an NFL snap.

Drew Rosenham, Portis' agent, confirmed the deal for his client, who gained 1,591 yards for the Broncos last season. The package includes \$17 million in bonuses. Bailey was still working on a contract with the Broncos, but the sides appeared close. "Everything is skating right along on this deal," said his agent, Jack Steele. "Things might be wrapped up quickly, maybe by tomorrow."



In Cincinnati, meanwhile, coach Marvin Lewis awarded the Bengals' quarterback job to Palmer, the 2002 Heisman winner and the No. 1 overall pick in last year's draft.

He will replace Jon Kitna, who was the NFL Comeback Player of the Year last season for keeping the Bengals in playoff contention until the final weeks of the season.

Palmer said the reason he made the announcement now was to get the other players prepared for the change. "It puts the pressure on the rest of our football team," he said. "That's why right now is the time to do this." Please see NFL Page B2

SPORTS

Lightning down Avs in battle of division leaders



Cubs pitcher Mark Prior will be sidelined for five to 10 days due to a foot injury, team says.

Achilles injury makes Prior sit out games

By The Associated Press

When the Chicago Cubs start spring training games, Mark Prior will be resting his right foot instead of firing fastballs.

"When I started working out again in January on the mound it started back up and I got here and it got inflamed," Prior said Monday in Mesa, Ariz.

"They just want to get rid of it. They don't want to change anything to favor it, so I'm going to take some time off."

An MRI showed no structural damage or tear. Both Prior and Cubs trainer Dave Groeschner said the 23-year-old star will be ready for opening day.

"It's early in the spring and we can nip this in the bud and make sure he's ready for the season," Groeschner said.

Prior is slated to be the No. 3 starter in Chicago's stellar rotation behind Kerry Wood and Greg Maddux, but is also being considered the ace of the staff by some.

"He's confident he can catch up quickly, even if he doesn't get as much work in spring games as he planned."

"There is no real timetable on it," Prior said. "The first two starts, anyway, will be three to five or six innings. I'm not really worried about that. As long as I can get on the hill a few times and see some hitters in game situations, I feel like that's all I need."

Prior was 18-6 with a 2.43 ERA and 245 strikeouts last year, his first full season in the majors. He made the NL All-Star team and finished third in voting for the Cy Young Award.

He helped pitch the Cubs to the NL Central title, going over the final two months of the season. In three starts, he was 2-1 with a 2.31 ERA in three starts.

"It's my push-off foot and when I drive, it just pinches. It's a minor thing, but it's something I don't want to get serious," Prior said.

In Tampa, Fla., Yankees right-hander Mike Mussina was scratched from his first spring training start following the death of his father-in-law.

Also, New York center fielder Bernie Williams was back at spring training, one day after being released from the hospital. He had his appendix removed last Thursday.

In Tucson, Ariz., White Sox reliever Shingo Takatsu, Japan's career saves leader, threw a 7th inning of relief in an intrasquad game and flashed a tricky change-up.

"Sometimes it kind of looks like it can defy a little gravity sometimes," pitching coach Don Cooper said.

NFL

Continued from B1. I want everybody to understand the responsibility that comes to them."

Kina, the only quarterback to take every snap for his team last season, said the team was essentially starting over.

"I thought offensively we were pretty good and we'd really done some positive things and did some things that people said we couldn't do, both individually and as an offense," he said.

In other moves: Buffalo cut eight-time Pro Bowl guard Ruben Brown, who would have been due a \$1.8 million roster bonus. Team president Tom Donahue said other factors figured into the release, although he did not specify them.

Carolina re-signed wide receiver Steve Smith, who could have become a restricted free agent. Smith led the Panthers last season with 88 receptions for 1,110 yards, then had 19 catches for 424 yards and three touchdowns in the playoffs as Carolina made its way to the Super Bowl.

DENVER (AP) — Vincent Lecavalier and Martin St. Louis scored third-period goals, Nikolai Khabibulin had his 35th career shutout and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Colorado Avalanche 3-0 Monday night.

Brad Richards also scored for the Lightning in their fifth straight win. They set a franchise record for road wins in a season at 18.

The Lightning are 9-0-1-2 in their last 12 games. Khabibulin had 16 saves in his third shutout of the season. Colorado's David Aebischer had 26 saves.

Colorado's home-ice woes continued. The Avalanche are winless in their last seven home games (0-4-2-1) and have scored only six goals in those games.

They also are 1-5-1-1 in their last eight games overall. Tampa Bay outshot Colorado 10-4 in the third period, scoring twice.

Lecavalier made it 2-0, coming down the right side, faking left and scoring through an opening on the right side of the net. It was his 25th goal of the season.

St. Louis added an empty-net goal with 1:05 to go, his 32nd.

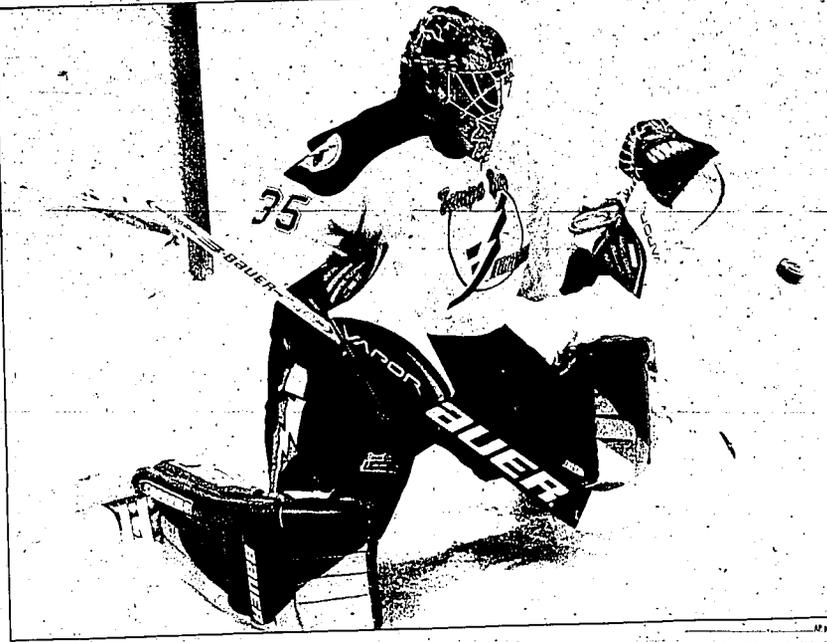
Tampa Bay had a 15-5 edge in shots in the first period and led 4-0 on Richards' 21st goal. Fredrik Modin's shot ricocheted just right of the goal, and Richards put it in.

Aebischer kept the score from being more lopsided, stopping Martin Cibak on a partial breakaway and later making a sprawling save to rob Lecavalier.

Colorado's Milan Hejduk hit the goalpost during the Avs' lone power play.

In a scoreless second period, Aebischer had a save off Richards on a two-on-one rush. Khabibulin had nice saves against Teremu Selanne and Hejduk and a glove save off Steve Moore.

Colorado had a prime scoring chance on a two-on-one early in the period, but Travis Brigley whiffed on a shot in front.



Tampa Bay Lightning goalie Nikolai Khabibulin of Russia reaches up to stop a shot off the stick of a player on the Colorado Avalanche in the Lightning's 3-0 victory in Denver on Monday.

Canadiens 2, Devils 1

MONTREAL — Jason Ward scored a power-play goal with 24 seconds left in regulation Monday night and the Montreal Canadiens extended their season-high winning streak to five with a 2-1 win over the New Jersey Devils.

Ward scored his third goal with New Jersey captain Scott Niedermayer in the penalty box, backhanding a rebound of Francis Bouillon's point shot past goalie

Martin Brodeur. Richard Zednik scored his first goal in over a month and Jose Theodore stopped 28 shots for the Canadiens, who are 6-1 in their last seven games.

Montreal, seventh in the Eastern Conference with 76 points, moved within two points of sixth-place New Jersey.

Turner Stevenson scored 7:58 into the third period to tie the game. Brodeur stopped 38 shots as

New Jersey lost its third in a row.

Blackhawks 2, Predators 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Chicago goaltender Adam Munro earned a tie in his first NHL game Monday night, stopping 33 shots as the Blackhawks tied the Nashville Predators 2-2.

The Blackhawks' top pick in the 2000 draft had been playing with Norfolk of the AHL before being

called up two weeks ago.

Chicago tied it with 1:44 remaining in regulation when Matt Keith scored his first goal of the season, by pushing the puck under goalie Tomas Vokoun from a crowd in front of the net.

Chicago needed only three seconds on the power play to score the first goal of the game. Tyler Arnason got the puck off a faceoff on the right wing and fired it past Vokoun for the only goal of the first period.

Giricek propels Jazz past Pistons, 94-86

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Reserve Gordon Giricek scored 24 points and lead the Utah Jazz past the Detroit Pistons 94-86 Monday night for their fourth straight win.

Giricek had his best game since coming to the Jazz in a trade from Orlando for DeShawn Stevenson six games ago. Giricek made 10 of 17 shots, including all four of his 3-point attempts, showing long-range shooting prowess the Jazz have coveted since left Jeff Hornacek retired in 2000.

Alexander Pavlovic scored 15 points, Carlos Arroyo had 13 and Andrei Kirilenko added 11 points, eight rebounds, six blocks and four steals. The Jazz moved one game above .500 for the first time since losing a pair to San Antonio a month ago.

Rashad Wallace scored 27 points in his best outing since arriving from Portland. Chauncey Billups had 17, but the Pistons came away empty time after time late in the game as the Jazz snapped Detroit's four-game winning streak.

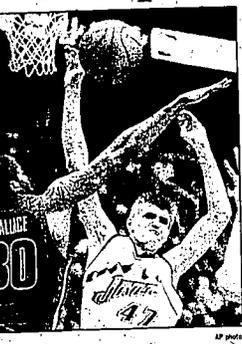
Detroit led 82-80 when Kirilenko returned to the court after sitting with five fouls and immediately sparked the Jazz with a tip-in. Giricek hit a 3-pointer and a layup down the stretch and Kirilenko capped the 14-4 game-ending run with a drive to beat the shot clock in the final minute.

Kirilenko also seemed to be everywhere on the defensive end as the Pistons shot 9-for-18 in the fourth quarter and missed Richard Hamilton, who had just 10 points before fouling out with 2:43 to play.

Greg Ostertag, who shoots less than 60 percent from the line, made all eight of his free throws in the rugged game featuring lots of holding and pushing. Both teams disrupted the offensive flow and spent nearly every dead ball talking to the referees.

Celtics 117, Magic 96

BOSTON — Mark Blount had career highs of 28 points and 21 rebounds — the Celtics' first 20-20 game in 10 years — and Boston scored the first 25 points of the fourth quarter Monday night in beating the Orlando Magic 117-96.



Detroit Pistons center Rashad Wallace blocks the shot attempted by Utah Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko during the fourth quarter Monday in Salt Lake City. The Jazz beat the Pistons 94-86.

The Celtics won their third consecutive game and just their fourth under interim coach John Carroll, who took over when Jim O'Brien resigned on Jan. 27. Blount had his fifth consecutive double-double, Paul Pierce scored 25 points with nine assists for Boston.

Tracy McGrady, the NHAs leading scorer, had 29 points for Orlando after playing just two minutes in the first quarter because of foul trouble.

Wizards 111, Hornets 106, OT

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas scored eight of his 35 points in overtime, and the Wizards recovered after blowing a 21-point second-half lead. The Wizards scored more points in the five-minute overtime (16) than they did in the entire fourth quarter (16), Jarvis Hayes, starting for injured swingman

Jerry Stackhouse, added 16 points for the Wizards, who shot 52 percent and have won three of four.

Baron Davis scored 18 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter and overtime, and added 11 assists for the Hornets.

Jamal Mashburn scored 28 points, and Jamal Magloire had 18 points and 14 rebounds. New Orleans has lost four straight road games.

Bulls 92, Cavaliers 81

CHICAGO — Kirk Hinrich continues to impress, this time outplaying his more-heralded rookie counterpart to lead Chicago over Cleveland.

Two days after becoming the first rookie with a triple-double this season, Hinrich came close to a second with 22 points, eight rebounds and seven assists. He had 11 points during a critical third-quarter spurt and made several shots worthy of a highlight reel — including a rare dunk.

When Hinrich left the game with less than a minute to play, Bulls fans gave him a standing ovation.

LeBron James had 18 points, but he shot just 7-of-17 with three rebounds and three assists. Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 19 points and 10 rebounds to lead Cleveland, which lost for only the second time in six games. Carlos Boozer had 13 rebounds.

Grizzlies 81, Spurs 80

SAN ANTONIO — Lorenzen Wright put back his own missed shot with 19.2 seconds remaining to cap a 14-point rally by Memphis.

The Spurs, who played a second game without injured Tim Duncan, made only one field-goal in the final 2:27.

Earl Watson led Memphis with 13 points, while Wright had 12 and Pat Gasol 11. Tiedo Turkoglu paced San Antonio with 15 points and Rashe Nesterovic added 18 and 10 rebounds.

Olympics

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The IOC issued a strong warning to Athens organizers in 2000 after three years of chronic delays. Rogge said the situation improved markedly after the government increased its involvement and Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki took over the organizing committee.

"Very much has been achieved, much remains to be done," Rogge said. "There is still enough time to have excellent games, provided our Greek friends continue at a fast pace. I remain confident."

Rogge told Athens to concentrate on a few "vital areas — ensuring safe games, good conditions for the athletes, smooth transportation, well-run venues and compelling television images."

"I am interested in the core delivery of the games," Rogge said. "If we have the stadium without the roof, but still functioning well, I am perfectly happy."

IOC member Kevan Gosper of Australia has been impressed with the progress the Greeks have made since his last visit six months ago.

"There is some nervousness because normally this close to the games you would see the venues and infrastructure complete," Gosper told The Associated Press. "I think they'll get there, but there's no room for any disruption."

Disruption, though, is almost certainly guaranteed, whether from labor, politics or protests.

Much attention has been focused on security for these Summer Games, the first since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. U.S. athletes are being warned to prepare for a hostile reception in Athens, and more than half of Americans surveyed in a recent AP poll say they believe a terrorist attack is likely. Four out of 10 say American athletes are most likely to be the target of any such attack.

Security remains the highest priority, with more than \$800 million budgeted to protect athletes and fans. The main worries have been about international terrorists, yet last week's frubbing of two environmental ministry trucks showed that dangers lurk within the country.

A group calling itself "Phivos and Athena" — the names of the Olympic muses — said in a call to an Athens newspaper that the attack was tied to the meetings of the IOC and the Association of National Olympic Committees.

"This is a welcome message to the members of the International Olympic Committee," the caller told the newspaper. "The attack was in the western suburb of Ilion, about six miles from the central Athens hotel where the Olympic meetings took place."

That study added to the anxiety surrounding these games, where expectations have been lowered to the point that everyone will feel relieved if they simply go on as scheduled with no violence and a minimum of problems.

If the Greeks push ahead down the stretch to complete the stadium roof, let's hope no one tries to save time by leaving out a few crucial rivets.

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SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BASIBALL

Major League Baseball scores table including Yankees, Red Sox, Cardinals, etc.

WHAT'S ON TV

Television schedule for basketball games including Wisconsin at Michigan St., ESPN.

BASKETBALL

NBA Eastern Conference scores table including Pistons, Bulls, Nets, etc.

Area ski report

Area ski report detailing conditions at various ski resorts like Snake River, Teton, and Big Lost Lake.

BASKETBALL

NBA Western Conference scores table including Lakers, Warriors, Kings, etc.

NHL Scoring Leaders

NHL Scoring Leaders table listing top scorers like Eric Staal, Jarome Iginla, etc.

BASKETBALL

Continental Basketball League scores table including Raptors, Flyers, etc.

Men's AP Top 25

Men's AP Top 25 table listing top college basketball teams like Duke, Michigan State, etc.

BASKETBALL

College Basketball Scores table including various college games.

USA Today/ESPN Top 25

USA Today/ESPN Top 25 table listing top college basketball teams.

BASKETBALL

NBA Boxes table listing box scores for various games.

High Schools State Tournaments

High Schools State Tournaments table listing tournament results.

BASKETBALL

College Basketball Schedule table listing upcoming games.

Football Arena Football League

Football Arena Football League table listing AFL scores.

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NBA Leaders table listing top performers in various categories.

Football National Football League

Football National Football League table listing NFL scores.

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Texas' Ian Crocker sets 50-meter butterfly record

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

J.C. Penney offers build-a-ring online

DALLAS — The new buzz in the retail business is about customization. Not just for the wealthy — but for everyone.

Made-to-fit jeans. Dell personalized desktop computers. So J.C. Penney Co. hopes its online Build-a-Ring store will be a hit with couples about to tie the knot. Penney plans to add other customized jewelry options to its online store throughout the year, said John Kendig, vice president of marketing for J.C. Penney catalog and Internet.

The site offers 150,000 variations of the diamond engagement ring starting with a 23 carat diamond valued at \$210 all the way up to, just for fun, a 5.29 carat diamond solitaire priced at \$123,700.

Shopping selections from a choice of 5,000 diamonds, 14k and 18k gold, white gold and platinum and a variety of setting styles. The made-to-order ring arrives by FedEx in about a week.

Farmer training program receives more funding

MOSCOW — A University of Idaho extension project that trains farmers to improve their finances or pursue new careers will receive nearly \$900,000 from the U.S. Department of Labor for a two-year extension.

The funding from the department's Employment and Training Administration targets increased employment, earnings and retention of farmers in rural communities.

The Alternate Careers for Idaho Farmers began in November 2001. Since then 162 participants have enrolled and 83 have completed training programs.

Paul McCawley, extension associate director, said those who completed training programs reported they almost doubled their incomes, and 61 remained on their farms.

Sprint combines PCS and FON stocks into one

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — Sprint Corp. will combine the company's two tracking stocks into a single common stock under the FON symbol on the New York Stock Exchange.

In 1998, the company created a tracking stock for its wireless business, Sprint PCS, which trades on the NYSE under the symbol PCS. Sprint has just over one billion PCS shares and about 906 million FON shares outstanding.

Sprint PCS has a share in Twin Falls. PCS common stock will be eliminated and each share of PCS common stock will be converted into one-half share of FON common stock on April 23, leaving about 1.4 billion total shares outstanding after the recombination.

Cell phone companies prepare to do battle

NEW YORK — Say goodbye to one national cell phone company, and hello to two more.

While the industry is hopeful that the buyout of AT&T Wireless by Cellular Wireless will ease competition by eliminating one national rival, two other telephone companies are poised to crowd the market with their own national wireless offerings.

Qwest Communications, the local phone company in Magic Valley and across the Rocky Mountains and Northwest, expanded its regional cell service on Monday with the introduction of national coverage and calling plans.

The services will be provided over Sprint CDMA, as well as its brand under the Qwest Wireless brand, which currently has nearly 1 million subscribers on regional calling plans.

The Qwest launch comes only days after AT&T Corp., former parent of AT&T Wireless, asserted that it too would likely introduce a "virtual" mobile phone service using another company's network.

Potlatch paper towels will compete with big brands

LEWISTON — Potlatch Corp. says that within days of startup, its new Through-Air-Dried tissue machine in Las Vegas began producing paper towels for the company's private label customers.

Several U.S. retailers will market Potlatch's new towel.

"This was an extremely smooth startup, which was key to our strategy of getting the product on our customers' shelves without delay," said Craig Nelson, Potlatch vice president.

Experts: Spring beef prices won't rise

The Associated Press

BOISE — Beef prices will likely be depressed throughout the spring but could increase by this summer or fall as foreign markets reopen their borders to American beef, cattle experts predict.

C. Wilson Gray, an extension economist with the University of Idaho's Tylin Falls Research and Extension Center, blamed the low prices, on increased supply and last year's announcement that a cow in Washington was infected with a bovine spongiform encephalopathy, commonly called mad cow disease.

"I think at least through the

spring, we're kind of set up for as much production as the market wants to handle, so that's going to depress prices for a while," Gray said. "In the longer term, we're looking pretty good."

Cattle generated about \$1.1 billion last year, more than a quarter of the total receipts for Idaho agriculture.

Continuing drought and the discovery of mad cow in Canada last year drove up demand for local beef, resulting in record-high cattle prices, Gray said.

But December's discovery of mad cow in Washington ended the boom.

"I don't expect to see prices that high again in our lifetime," Gray

said. "But the timing is not as bad as it could have been — we were exporting about 10 percent of our beef, so that extra 10 percent that's going to be here for a while we're better able to deal with."

Lloyd Knight, executive vice president of the Idaho Cattlemen's Association, said live cattle prices dropped about 20 percent after the mad cow announcement, while wholesale meat prices dropped as much as 30 percent.

In the months since, Knight said, the domestic market has rebounded.

"Obviously, the big question is when are our export markets going to open up again? That's going to have the most impact on

throughout the country if those markets open up, then all the markers are there for another good year," Knight said.

Meanwhile, a high rate of cattle entered the feedlots for fattening last fall, Gray said, and they are expected to hit grocery shelves this month.

"We're going to see a bit of a bulge in beef going to market," Gray said.

Idaho ranchers appear to be rebuilding their herds, Gray said, keeping about 5.5 percent more heifers compared with last year. Nationally, beef producers are keeping nearly 2 percent fewer heifers.

Mine reopening sparks county's economy

The Associated Press

METALINE FALLS, Wash. — For the first time in nearly three decades, trucks carrying zinc ore concentrates are rumbling out of the Pend Oreille Mine, bringing a ray of economic sunshine to this hard-scrabble corner of Washington state.

Teck Cominco American Inc., a subsidiary of Vancouver, British Columbia-based Teck Cominco Ltd., has spent about \$70 million to reopen the shuttered zinc and lead mine it bought in 1955. The mine had been idle since 1977.

The renewed mining activity comes to this mountainous county that perennially has some of the state's highest unemployment rates and poverty.

Even conservation groups — while not embracing mining — have gone easy on the county's newest employer, despite its ongoing fight with regulators over pollution.

Teck Cominco and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are battling over heavy-metal pollution from the company's Trail, British Columbia, smelter. The contaminants flow into the Columbia River and end up in Lake Roosevelt in Washington state.

In Pend Oreille County, which traditionally relied on resource extraction industries of logging and mining, unemployment hovers around 10 percent, well above the state's average of 6.8 percent.

Top-paid miners will earn about \$43,000 a year, but many others will have less than \$25,000.

The prospect of steady paychecks has created a buzz in northern Pend Oreille County, where a sawmill and a giant cement plant closed in the 1990s.

"Especially being resource-based, there's not a lot in that any



Pend Oreille Mine EMT Coleen Miller prepares for a day of work at the Metaline Falls, Wash., mine. For the first time in nearly three decades, trucks carrying zinc-bearing ore are leaving the mine, bringing a ray of economic sunshine to this hard-scrabble corner of the state.

more." Metaline Falls Mayor Fred said. "You do lose a lot of young people from the community. We're excited about the prospect of keeping some of our young people at home."

The company winnowed 2,000 applications and hired 140 workers — about half of them local — from mines in Alaska, Nevada and Idaho.

Almost overnight, the mining company became the second-largest private employer in this county of about 12,000 people. A public hospital district in Newport, the county seat, is the largest single employer.

"Teck Cominco estimates the zinc deposit will last for about 10 years, when the mine likely will close again."

Mine manager Mark Brown said startup production problems have limited output to about 1,000 tons a day, or half the mine's capacity. Earlier this month, trucks full of zinc concentrate began making trips to Teck Cominco's smelter at Trail, British Columbia.

The mine's proximity to the Trail smelter, about 50 miles north, was a major factor in the Canadian company's decision to reopen. The U.S.-Canadian border is just 11 miles north of the mine site.

Teck Cominco's smelter historically has been a major source of Columbia River pollution, but opposition from environmental groups has been muted.

"The smelter has dumped as estimated 10 million to 20 million tons of waste slag — a byproduct with toxic metals such as lead, arsenic and mercury — into the Columbia."

Teck Cominco has maintained the pollution came from several sources and it shouldn't be saddled with all the costs, as the EPA has sought.

Water from the underground mine will be treated and pumped into the Pend Oreille River, which flows north into Canada before emptying into the Columbia just north of the border.

Union Pacific drops first-quarter outlook

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — A \$30 million court judgment against Union Pacific Corp., as well as soaring fuel costs and a crew shortage, prompted the company Monday to cut its earnings forecast for the first quarter.

Union Pacific, owner of the nation's largest railroad, will not meet its targeted 30 percent to 40 percent growth over the 57 cents per share from continuing operations recorded in last year's first quarter, chairman and chief executive Dick Davidson said.

"As we look to the remainder of

the quarter, our outlook is unclear," Davidson said.

The economy continues to improve, more train crews are being hired and March traditionally is the railroad's strongest month for first-quarter revenue, Davidson said.

"We're looking for better days," Davidson said.

The Arkansas Supreme Court on Thursday upheld a \$30 million judgment against the railroad for a 1998 grade crossing accident that injured a man. The man's family sued, saying the railroad had been told the crossing was unsafe but did not adequately clear brush along the tracks.

The railroad might appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, Davidson said. But the expense of the verdict, including \$5.4 million in interest, will be recorded in the first quarter ending March 31, Davidson said.

"The judgment will cost the company about 8 cents a share," Davidson said.

Heavy snow and severe cold this winter have hampered service at the railroad, which covers 23 states in the western two-thirds of the country. In Magic Valley, Union Pacific has a freight office in Rupert.

"We have winter every year, but this is one for the record books," Davidson said.

Salt Lake City and other areas have had heavy snow this year, affecting rail traffic beyond northern lines that primarily carry coal and hampering the entire network, including delivery of automobiles, toys and other goods, Davidson said.

"We really got hammered right in our jugular vein, so it really affected everything else," Davidson said.

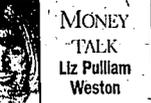
However, demand for the railroad's service is growing as the economy improves and by the end of the first quarter Union Pacific plans to have added 1,000 people to its train crews, Davidson said.

Parents give advice about lending money to grown children

Several weeks ago a reader asked how to stop subsidizing her adult children. So many of you responded that I've included your responses in two columns. This is the second of those columns.

Dear Liz: This is our solution to giving money to our adult children. I opened a money fund and called it "the kids' account." Any child with a financial emergency could borrow from it.

When we started this account, I required a signed IOU, which included the number, amount and frequency of payments proposed. I charged a flat 10 percent interest to ensure that the fund could survive and grow. And I made it clear that failure to repay the fund was to clear the other siblings and would bar the defaulter from any further loans. These days I get repaid with-



in a few months so we skip the formalities, although I always restate the guidelines.

Comment: You're obviously comfortable with your unique arrangement, and it seems to be working for your family. But it does beg the question: Why are financially comfortable adults continuing to have "emergencies" for which they need a parental loan? Part of being a financially responsible adult is setting aside money for a rainy day.

Here's another perspective:

Dear Liz: More than the parent's own sanity, saying "no" preserves the sanity of our grown children and their children. I wonder if "real emergencies" happen less often when the child knows that Mom and Dad are not available to sweep up the mess.

My husband and I, married 35 years, set in motion a plan to raise not only financially but also emotionally independent children. And we did. Was it difficult to say no? Yes. But we knew it was the only way to raise independent children.

Dear Liz: With five children we stopped support cold after college, except for help with down payment on homes. We asked to be repaid these loans with interest. I am pleased to report that after several years, we have been repaid every cent, including interest.

We have a warm and happy relationship with the kids who know that they have their independence and therefore don't feel threatened when we turn down their requests for our advice. Most of our friends shake their heads at our changing interest — only one couple does the same — but I am convinced that a generously low interest rate solidifies the seriousness of our lending expectations.

Dear Liz: I couldn't agree more with your advice not to financially subsidize grown children. I am a Certified Public Accountant and have several clients who are still supporting their adult children — so much so that they are sacrificing their own lifestyle to avoid running out of money.

I have counseled clients on several occasions that at some point please see ADVICE, Page B6

COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

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

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Jeremy Lee Thomas, 225 E. 300 N. Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40181.

George A. Robinson, 1715 S. Latta Highway, also known as Lisa Orsocco and Maria Lita Orsocco, 1100 S. 40 W. Builey, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40284.

Clay David Barnes Sr., also known as Orley D. Barnes and Marlene Weston Barnes, also known as Marlene Rogers, 121 Prairie Drive, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40326.

Rocky DeChay, 1044 S. 10th, also known as Rocky D. Vickers, 1941 R St., Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40332.

Adrian Thomas, 1010 W. 10th, also known as Adria Robinson, 645 Fawcett Court, No. 162 Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40336.

Karla S. Serpentine, 1501 H St., No. 116 Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40337.

Michael Barred Mangum and Marlene Rene Mangum, also known as Marlene Pluett, 411 Union Street, Idaho Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40337.

Robert James Chapman, 800 N. Filmore, No. 41, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40337.

Val J. Holston, 103 Bay Circle, Ellet, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40348.

Matt Hank and Tammy Hank, 613 E. B. Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40348.

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

Melody Lynn Carpenter, also known as Mike Carpenter, and Ana Pollocka Carpenter, also known as Ana P. Carpenter, Ana Marie Carpenter, and Ana Marie Pollocka, 215 Center St., No. 140, Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40326.

Robert Lee Conkling and Bernia Irene Conkling, 1707 E. Ave. D, Mendota, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40348.

Eddie D. Elson, 570 Wilson, Eden, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40328.

Robert Lynn McGarr and Thomas McGarr, 910 South Street, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40328.

Kenneth Sherman Brown and Joan Argyre Brown, 1000 E. 10th, Idaho Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40328.

Leo E. Bluge and Miranda D. Bluge, 217 14th Ave. N., Burd, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40348.

Isaburo Helen Valencia, 945 E. 2nd, Idaho Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40327.

Janet Nelson Allen and Christy Yvonne Allen, 17201 S. Highway 30, Hills, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40317.

Wesley Lee Hagish and Mary Ann Hagish, also known as Mary Ann Eppelby, 508 E. 20 N. Shoshone, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40327.

Darrell Jay Blewitt, 1000 E. 10th, Idaho Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40327.

Candy Gay Blewitt, 130 Walnut Ave., Harsten, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 04-40331.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Debra B. Clark, also known as Debra P. Clark, and Kristine E. Clark, 1760 Akademia St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$100,000. Case No. 04-40265.

Michael Gary Mastner, also known as Michael G. Mastner, and Jennifer Kimbren Mastner as Mastner, 311 and Shorewood Sts., and Adria S. Mastner, 276 Rocky Road, Builey, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$100,000. Case No. 04-40326.

William Schomay, 387 W. Ghelida, Nicholia, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$100,000. Case No. 04-40326.

Krista A. Entwistle, 520 S. 7th, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$100,000. Case No. 04-40328.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$500,000 to \$1 million

James D. Callahan and Terri Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$500,000. Case No. 04-40283.

Thomas W. Perry, 120 Broadway N., No. 3, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$500,000. Case No. 04-40301.

Chapter 7, business, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Raymond D. Newberry and Christina E. Newberry, 473 Madison St., Twin Falls, joint, business (partial) under washing, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$100,000. Case No. 04-40333.

Chapter 13, business, \$500,000 to \$1 million

Earl R. Taylor, doing business as GREAT Farms and Beverly Taylor, 418 Meadow Lane, Twin Falls, individual, business (farming), Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$500,000. Case No. 04-40286.

Disney might lose famous official

The Washington Post

Almost as much as Mickey Mouse, Michael Eisner has been the public face of the Walt Disney Co. Visitors to the company's headquarters are greeted by a sculpture of Mickey holding hands with founder Walt Disney. But, for the past 20 years, Eisner has been as familiar a centerpiece as Cinderella's Castle.

That may be changing, as Eisner is under withering attack from Wall Street analysts, shareholder pension funds and Wall's nephew. Eisner's plight is the latest sign that the era of the unquestioned "chief" executive is ending. Corporate chiefs have been denounced by investors and tossed from the leadership of the companies they founded, such as America Online chairman Steve Case; attacked in court, such as Martha Stewart; or pressured to give back huge pay packages, such as former New York Stock Exchange chief Dick Grasso.

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Eisner and his 10 fellow board members are up for reelection at Wednesday's annual shareholders meeting in Philadelphia. And, though the 20-year Disney chief faces no opposition candidate, as many as 35 percent of Disney shareholders are likely to withhold their votes for Eisner's re-election, company officials said, sending a powerful signal to the rest of the board that Eisner must go.

At issue is Eisner's power and performance. Some corporate-governance experts label the board of directors labeled the worst in the nation by Business Week

magazine as recently as 2000. Others disagree, calling it a B-list panel still too timid to stand up to Eisner.

There is far less disagreement on Disney's financial performance over the past decade. Eisner's first decade at Disney made the company the envy of the industry, but his magic touch has fizzled, analysts say. Critics say Eisner has been unable to stop a 10-year slump, most notably at the fourth-rated ABC television network. Eisner's ABC failure to renew an agreement with Pixar Animation Studios Inc., the creative force behind Disney movies such as "Finding Nemo," only heightened investor concern, especially given Disney's flagging animation division, once the company's cornerstone.

Throughout last week, states denied Eisner as in a proxy fight in California, Oregon, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Ohio and Connecticut — representing 30 million Disney shares — said they would withhold their votes from Eisner. Eisner, like New York City pension fund with 7.6 million shares, said they would vote for Eisner.

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into two positions — chief executive and chairman.

Unfortunately, what has happened is the standard process of looking at shareholders through how they vote has been in some ways manipulated, said Disney director Judith L. Estrin, chief executive of Packet Design Inc., a California computer services company. "Different people are sending different messages through their (withheld) votes."

The shareholder revolt is led by former director Roy Disney and his financial adviser, Stanley Gold. Gold, executive director in sympathy with his client. They argue that Eisner has run roughshod over the board, and seek his ouster. It is a fresh tack.

The traditional approach is "the Wall Street way," said William A.B. Teslik, executive director of the Council of Institutional Investors: by the company, which is what Philadelphia-based Comcast is attempting to do with the unsolicited takeover offer it made Feb. 11.

Roy Disney is trying to ouster Eisner. "You like the company but not the top people running it, you change the top people," Teslik said. Eisner has become a polarizing figure, splitting board-watchers and investors.

Conair documents unsealed last week, for example, paint Eisner as a unionist, alleging that he hired his friend Michael Ovitz as Disney president in the mid-1990s without the board's consent, and single-handedly approved Ovitz's \$14 million severance package after his 14-month tenure.

Stocks rise sharply on manufacturing data

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average and Nasdaq composite index posted their strongest gains since early February on Monday, news that the improving manufacturing sector has managed to create jobs — a key piece of the economic recovery that to date, has been lacking.

Manufacturing further expanded in February, although at a slightly slower pace than expected, according to the Institute for Supply Management. Analysts said the sector was contributing to gains in preparing for stronger growth in the future.

Although the ISM's main business index fell to 61.4 in February compared with a revised 63.6 in January, analysts noted that the group's index for employment was surprisingly higher.

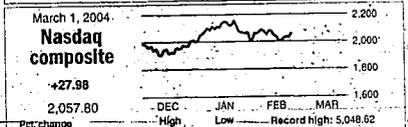
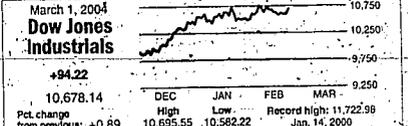
"This helps support the feeling that the employment picture is improving," said Peter Dunne, chief market strategist at Wall Street Access. "Everything is getting better, but it's not where everyone wants it to be."

The Dow jumped 94.22, or 0.9 percent, to 10,678.14, its biggest one-day point gain since Feb. 11. The technology-focused Nasdaq rose 27.98, or 1.4 percent, to 2,057.80, posting its biggest gains since Feb. 6 despite concerns about the strength of semiconductor stocks.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 1.02, or 1.1 percent, to 1,552.00, posting its biggest one-day gain since Feb. 17.

Another indicator of employment growth will come Friday as the government issues its report on job creation during February. Andrew Young, senior vice president and equity strategist at LPL Financial Services, said that number will come under close scrutiny.

"The data has to find a really fine line of not being overly strong or overly weak," Valerie said. "Too low, you get worried about the lack



of jobs. Too high, you start wondering about interest rate hikes."

Before the session began, the Commerce Department reported consumer spending rose 0.4 percent in January, in line with economists' expectations and just slightly lower than the strong 0.5 percent increase in December. The tax index rose 0.8 percent in January, up from 0.3 percent the month before.

While spending remained healthy, consumer incomes grew by only 0.2 percent in January, compared with 0.4 percent in December. The income reading fell short of the 0.6 percent growth forecast by Wall Street, but the spending number appeared to have more weight with investors.

In the meantime, semiconductor stocks were mixed as J.P. Morgan analysts downgraded the entire sector, citing soft demand for microchips. Intel Corp. gained 49 cents to \$29.69, while rival Advanced Micro Devices Inc. dropped 11 cents to \$14.89.

Morgan Stanley began an investor conference on semiconductor stocks Wednesday. Intel and AMD officials were expected to provide out-

looks for the near term. Sraepcor Inc., whose insomnia medication received tentative approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, skyrocketed \$15.99, or 56 percent, to \$14.30.

Another pharmaceutical firm, New York State-based Sanki S-1, sank \$24.10 after reducing its first-quarter and 2004 outlook.

Despite somewhat disappointing earnings last week, Sprint Corp. rose \$1.48 to \$91.21 after Goldman Sachs upgraded the stock due to a better 2004 outlook.

With closing arguments under way in Martha Stewart's trial, investors sent shares of Martha Stewart Omnimedia Inc. down 61 cents to \$13.92. The judge in the case dismissed the most serious of the charges last week.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies was up 9.21, or 1.6 percent, at 594.77. It was the Russell 2000's biggest one-day gain since Feb. 17.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by about 1 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume reached 1.88 billion shares, compared to 1.96 billion on Friday.

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Consumers boost spending habits 0.4 percent in January

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Prosecutor: Martha thought 'she would never get caught'

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart and her stockbroker claimed a slimy cover story about why the homemaking icon sold her IClone Systems stock and left a "trail of evidence" exposing their lies, a federal prosecutor said Monday in closing arguments.

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COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Performance on the go

eMachines laptop offers quality at inexpensive price

By Matthew Fordhal
Associated Press writer

In the not-too-distant past, computers with 64-bit processors were called workstations, servers or mainframes. They lived in university research labs, corporate data centers and government offices where they ran gigantic databases and simulated nuclear explosions.

Now, eMachines Inc. has built a reputation for selling low-end computers. It is offering a 64-bit laptop for \$1,549, including a rebate. The M6807 is loaded with features and is an excellent performer to boot.

Too bad those attributes have nothing to do with the processor's ability to handle data in 64-bit chunks.

Though the 64-bit story is a great marketing hook, there's almost no consumer software that can yet take advantage of it. Microsoft's 64-bit Windows XP operating system remains unreleased, in beta testing. Until it's released, there's little point for other software companies to sell 64-bit programs.

But that's not a problem for the M6807, which performs very well in the 32-bit world. Its processor — an Advanced Micro Devices mobile Athlon 64 — runs today's software without any performance penalty. After all, it's still just an x86 chip with 64-bit extensions.

The laptop is stylishly designed,



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a black plastic clamshell with a distinctive silver swoosh and "e" on the lid. Status lights softly glow in an attractive dark blue. The keyboard is rugged, too. And the track pad has a nifty area that controls vertical scrollbars.

Nobody will mistake the M6807 for a thin-and-light notebook. It's roughly the dimensions of a coffee-table book and weighs a hefty 6.7 pounds with the power adapter. It

kicks off considerable heat, making bare-skin laptop computing a bit uncomfortable.

I tested the unit for several weeks and never noticed a computational stumble. Games played smoothly and DVD movies, impressive on the wide screen, did not stutter — a problem of systems with underperforming processors and graphics subsystems.

Its built-in 802.11g wireless con-

On the Net

eMachines: <http://www.emachines.com>

Product review

nected to my home Wi-Fi network with no hassle.

The lithium ion battery's life was impressive for a large laptop. From a full charge, the eMachines notebook lasted 2.5 hours while I surfed the Web over my home network. With the DVD drive playing a movie, the battery lasted 1 hour, 55 minutes.

The system also sports a very good 15.4-inch widescreen display; DVD burner memory card reader; 60-gigabyte hard drive; 512 megabytes of memory and a host of other features like fast FireWire and USB 2.0 ports.

On the software side, eMachines bundled the basic Microsoft Works productivity suite, Microsoft Office, DVD/DVD burning program and a free 90-day subscription to Symantec's Norton AntiVirus 2004.

The notebook will continue to be sold even after Gateway's \$235 million purchase of eMachines is completed next month. Currently, Gateway only sells computers with Intel processors.

The M6708 is the perfect notebook for replacing a desktop system. Because of its size and weight, it will even most at home on a desk or a coffee table.

Yet thanks to the wireless features, it can be lugged around for mobile work — or weight training.

Firm works to develop wireless tracking devices

By Matt Marshall
Knight Ridder News Service

Imagine swarms of tiny sensors sitting in your office, seeing, listening and maybe even smelling everything that goes on around you.

Such "smart dust" sensors are under development by start-ups like Dust of Berkeley, Calif., to be used in everything from heightening security in offices to observing enemy troop movements. Dust was set to announce Wednesday that the CIA's venture branch, In-Q-Tel, and two other investors have invested \$7 million to help it in its quest.

Dust is one of the leading makers of "smart dust," or miniature sensors that measure heat and vibration, analyze chemical compounds and observe surrounding movement. "Smart dust" is a niche in the hot "radio frequency identification" industry, where companies are racing to develop versions of a technology that uses wireless sending to track movements and products.

Dust, which employs 27 people, is battling stiff competition from an emerging group of start-ups focused on the smart-dust market.

With smart dust, sensors are packed in a tiny box together with a small chip, a battery and a radio — and uses these components to pass along data to other boxes that lie nearby in a so-called "mesh network." Each of them also communicates wirelessly with a central network platform.

Dust has focused so far on helping the military to do things like observe enemy troop movements. But soon it and others want to bid swarms of these tiny sensors to big

corporations to observe energy usage, monitor for security and do things we don't even know about yet — which is when privacy implications might come in.

Dust wants companies and military agencies to buy the \$20-odd sensors (the price isn't set, but will come down as they're produced in quantity) in big batches.

"This is going to spring open a whole new category of possibilities," said Paul Koonz, of Foundation Capital, which led the investment. He was joined by In-Q-Tel and venture firm IVP.

Kris Pister, chief executive of Dust, has spent 10 years working to create the miniature sensors, and has shunk them to about match-box size.

In the next year or two, he wants to shrink them to the size of a bottle cap or aspirin. Bulky batteries are limiting the progress.

Dust has already announced it has six contracts with the government that will unfold over the next two years.

The CIA's backing will help Dust in its competition with two other venture-backed rivals, Ember and Millennium Net, both of Boston.

Pister and his backers say Dust's competitive advantage is its heritage — more than 10 years of research at University of California-Berkeley labs. Pister led a Berkeley project, launched in 1997, that aimed to build a sensing and communication package within a cubic-millimeter-size device, coined smart dust.

Pister led a year ago to build Dust and market the technology. The company already has revenue but won't be profitable for at least a year.

High-tech gadgets go from silly to sublime

By Martha McKay
Knight Ridder News Service

Remember when the wildest gadget going was a pocket calculator?

These days, devices boggle the mind with their ingenuity, ranging from the silly to the sublime.

There's a cell phone that doubles as a minikaraoke machine made by Qualcomm.

And a flat-screen TV that turns into a mirror when not in use, made by German-based aNotam. From the seemingly endless list of nifty electronic and mechanical contraptions available now or soon to come, we have picked two standouts.

Cooltest gadget: Wireless Air Flo Controller for PS2. Available: End of February. Manufacturer: Nyko Technologies. Price: \$50

For gamers out there with overheated digits, your days of suffering are over. Los Angeles-based Nyko's line of computer game consoles solves a problem non-gamers had no idea existed. It seems people who spend hours rapidly twisting and turning game sticks get hot hands and sweaty palms, a condition which can lead to low scores and worse, lost games. The Nyko device solves the vying problem by pumping a steady stream of cooling air to the finger region. Ahhhh. Let the games begin.

Power talk: Product name: Cellboost. A. Manufacturer: Compact Power Systems. Price: About \$10

Hearing that obnoxious beep in mid-call warning that your cell phone is about to lose power can be frustrating. Just think if you get and pull out an instant injection of battery power? Los Angeles-based Compact Power Systems came up with Cellboost to solve the problem: for about \$10, you can buy a Cellboost instant battery for your cell phone. Plug it in and the company says you get up to 60 minutes of talk time and 60 hours of standby time added to your cell phone's battery. The gadget works with a wide range of phones: Motorola, Nokia, Samsung, Sony Ericsson, LG, Siemens and others.

Cameras, cell phones prove handy tools for students who want to cheat

By Suzanne Pardington
Knight Ridder News Service

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Teachers thought they had seen it all when it comes to cheating. A tiny cheat sheet tucked up a sleeve. A math theorem saved on a calculator. An essay pulled off the Internet. But now sneaky students have found a new high-tech way to ask friends covertly for help on tests.

Students can send silent questions and answers to one another right under teachers' noses on cell phones with built-in cameras and text messaging.

Jan Burnten, a math teacher at College Park High in Pleasant Hill, Calif., was shocked last fall when a student showed her a picture on his cell phone of a test question sent to him by a friend in another class.

The also has heard of students taking pictures of tests and posting them on the Internet.

"Catching kids cheating is just a nightmare," Burnten said. "It's not nearly as easy as it used to be."

Cell phones — considered a must-have accessory by chatty, teenagers and a security measure by many parents — are pervasive at middle and high schools, and

cell phones and text messaging are increasingly common features.

A 2002 state law permits cell phones on school grounds in California, but most schools do not allow them to be used, or even visible, during class.

Sill, it can be hard to spot a small cell phone in a large class. Some teenagers are so good at spelling out text messages on phone keypads that they can do it without looking while the phone is hidden up a sleeve, in the big front pocket of a hooded sweatshirt or under a desk.

It is also not obvious when a student is taking a picture, because some cell-phone cameras do not make any noise.

Some students said text messaging is more likely than taking pictures as a cheating tool, but they have heard of both happening.

Mike, a College Park High student who asked that his last name not be used, admits to having used text messaging to cheat. For example, he might send a student on the other side of the classroom a message saying something like "What's the answer to number one?" Teachers do not seem to notice, he said.

"People rarely do it, but if it's a really important problem and it's too hard to figure out, you go and ask someone else," he said.

A friend once sent him a photo of a test question. He laughed when he saw it, because he didn't realize a camera phone could be used that way.

In addition to cheating, some teachers and administrators are worried that students will take photos of each other, students other inappropriate ways.

When Rich Puppione, senior director of pupil services in the Pleasanton, Calif., school district, first heard reports of problems with students in other school districts posting locker-room photos on Web sites, he said he thought, "Oh my God, the job has just gotten harder."

The four high schools in the neighboring Acadianes, Calif., district are planning to post signs in locker rooms saying that cell phones are not permitted. No cases of unauthorized locker-room photos have been reported, but the district wants to "clamp down before it becomes a problem," said Beverly Sadler, associate superintendent.

"It's just a new temptation with a new toy," she said.

Display size on your laptop depends on the dot decision

By James Coates
Knight Ridder News Service

Computer Q&A

Q. I have a little problem with my laptop computer and was wondering if you might be able to help. When I purchased the Dell laptop, I wanted that model because it had a nice full screen. However, when I got to my home Web page or play solitaire, the text and images are minuscule. They only take up a small part of the screen.

I tried to enlarge them, but I just get the background enlarged, not the items, i.e. the cards remain about 2.5-inch big, as opposed to my old workhorse desktop where the images fill the screen. Do you know how to enlarge these programs?

—Melanie Girard, Charlestown, R.I.

A. Until I was 50 years old, I thought a presbyopic was a Protestant minister. Ms. G., and now that I am as nearsighted (presbyopic) as a barn owl, I have learned both a big word and how to make the display on your laptop as big as you'd like.

Let's start with how to make the icon display bigger, which is the easiest fix. Move the cursor arrow

out onto the desktop and press the right button and select Properties. Select Appearance from the tabs at the top of the display. Now click on Effects and check the button for large icons. That will make your desktop icons bigger by a bunch.

Now on to increasing the size of programs that get displayed, such as your Web home page. Windows XP display settings range from 96 dots per inch to a larger 120 dpi. It's this simple: Move the cursor arrow onto the desktop of that fine Inspiron laptop, right-click and pick Properties. Select the tab for Appearance, and then select Settings. Then select Advanced. Look for the tab called General. Open it and you will find the command for dots per inch.

You will be started at how different your screen looks after making the change from 96 to 120 dpi. If it seems too profound you can use a customize option on the same menu to set a lower number than 120, say 110.

And remember, you can always return to the current settings just by reversing these instructions.

Yahoo's new search engine earns rave reviews

By Frank Barnako
Knight Ridder News Service

If Yahoo has not built a better mousetrap, it's at least developed one just as good.

The new Yahoo search engine introduced to its U.S. sites recently is "very, very good," according to Chris Sherman, associate editor of SearchEngineWatch.com.

"It's not perfect," the search engine consultant said. "But it's definitely a step up and an improvement for Yahoo." Previously, it used search tools from Google.

The Yahoo search engine captures more page text than does Google, and includes references to Microsoft Office documents as well as HTML pages, Sherman wrote in a review Wednesday morning.

The search results also include links to a Web site's available XML/RSS syndicated content that users can choose to have delivered to their MyYahoo (<http://my.yahoo.com>) personal home page.

"This is a fantastic way of creating your own news feed from Web sites and blogs, right on your page," Sherman added.

He said this kind of personalization is bound to be a "major focus" for search companies. "The more they can understand your intent as a searcher, and meet your interests, the more loyal you will be, and more frequently you will visit," Sherman said.

Yahoo said its experience with anti-spam filtering will enable its search results to ignore "irrelevant, redundant and low-quality URLs and links."

The Yahoo Search Technology is only being used for Web searches now, Google is still delivering image results and news search is produced by a combination of technology and human editorial efforts.

Yahoo will extend its new search tool to other areas of the site over the next several weeks.

The company plans to generate revenue from the new search engine through paid inclusion of advertisers in sponsored results and licensing the technology to other companies.

In other search-related news, Microsoft has added news search capability in more languages to its MSN Search (<http://uk.newsbot.msn.com/worldwide.aspx>) has been extended to Malaysia, Singapore, India, South Africa and Latin America.

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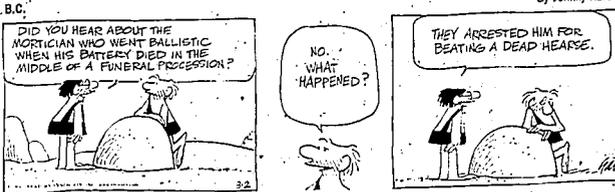


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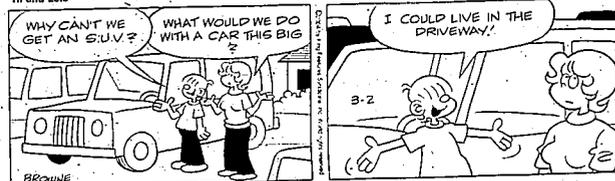
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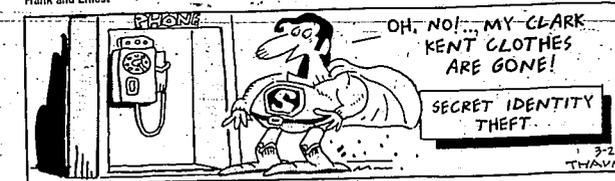
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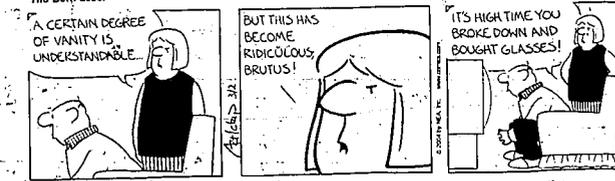
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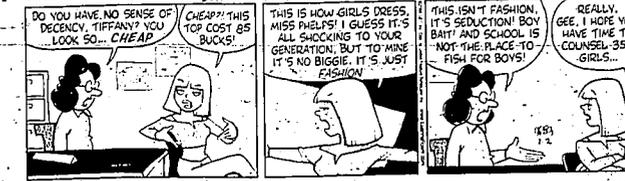
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As son plans wedding, mom won't let go

DEAR ABBY: I am 22. My fiancé, "David," is 23. We are both busy with our internships, working and finishing our degrees. David and his older brother still live at home...



DEAR ABBY: When a person is asked what is wrong with him or her, they are obliged under the rules of good manners to give an unambiguous report of their illness...

Vonda says she's not used to him being away from home. (My apartment is only a mile away!) She makes a big fuss about him not eating dinner with them or not calling to let her know his plans...

on my own for three years and my parents have no part in this. It's almost like she doesn't take us seriously and that's why we're being treated like children.

The next few months are supposed to be for us to plan our wedding. I don't want to have to deal with this. I don't even want to be in the presence of David's parents...

DEAR TURNED OFF: David's mother appears to be suffering from acute separation anxiety.

from acute separation anxiety. Both of her adult sons still live under her roof and eat at her table. She looks at you — an independent woman — and sees a worldly rival "who's allowed to do whatever she wants," stealing her boy away.

David is long overdue for a serious talk with his parents. While, in a sense, he will always be "their little boy," he is a man now and will soon be striking out on his own. However, if he's not going to be home for dinner and plans to stay the night at your place, it would be considerate of him to let his parents know so they won't be concerned.

Must you tolerate Vonda's behavior? Yes, for the time being. Are you compelled to spend time with your future in-laws? Will you be as smart as I think you are. There's much to be gained from strong family ties. It is possible to maintain them. I hope a lunch Vonda feels very isolated right now. A step in the right direction would be for anything else. That can get depressing. Trick is to find something that interests you even more than can get lost for a while. You pretty much have to make a trial-and-error pastime of the search. There are people, it might be noted, who never can find hobbies. This, according to the experts.

you to ask her for some input on those wedding plans.

DEAR ABBY: When a person is asked what is wrong with him or her, they are obliged under the rules of good manners to give an unambiguous report of their illness, even if their malady is a result of AIDS, TB, VD, mental illness or any of the other diseases to which humankind is subjected?

My question stems from an intensive interrogation. Your response will be deeply appreciated.

DEAR WONDERING: Although the "interrogation" may have been meant by the son and well out of concern for you and well intentioned, you were under no obligation to give a specific reply. If it happens again, smile and say, "If that were any of your business, you'd already know the answer."

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Eskimos' lifestyle prevents fatty diet from causing harm

Q. Records out of the North suggest heart disease is none too common among the Eskimo, even though they eat a lot of fat. How do you account for that?
A. Those qualities that account for it say cold climates make bodies burn fat before it has a chance to do much damage.



REVISTED L.M. Boyd

Q. What good would a hobby do me?
A. If you're like most of us, you're more interested in yourself than in anything else. That can get depressing. Trick is to find something that interests you even more than can get lost for a while.

500 million snails a year. Q. What do starting specialists mean by the "cocktail party effect"?
A. At a cocktail party, it's said, you may hear your own name spoken across the room even though it's uttered no more loudly than other chatter. That's the example that gave name to the phenomenon of how your brain so selectively screens noise.

Is it your birthday today? Take care when expressing your opinions

IF MARCH 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you can take pride in your sense of fair play and feel secure in your own abilities. If you don't follow your heart, you may receive negative feedback on a regular basis.

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders
TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): The complicated stellar lineup on March 4 could be very beneficial for you if you can drop prejudices and allow your better side some free rein.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Straddling the fence of opinions may find you at odds with everyone you choose sides, you may find yourself expressing insincere "isms" to maintain the peace.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your belief system may be important to you, but sometimes it is best to allow other to express their opinions.

importance may be a tempting target for those with neepts. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): In preparing for the buildup of cosmic energies on March 4, try to temper opinions with charity and understanding.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The next several days could tempt you to strain yourself by taking on more work than you can do or overestimating your time and talent.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

insincerely annoys you, and you may find the next several days trying. Flattery and paying homage to social conventions keep the fabric of society together, however, so maintain your dignity.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It will be easy to become overly enthused in the next few days. You may also feel challenged by broad sweeping statements at odds with your personal belief system.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

You could make some progress in solving a relationship riddle today. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You could make some progress in solving a relationship riddle today. At a cocktail party, it's said, you may hear your own name spoken across the room even though it's uttered no more loudly than other chatter. That's the example that gave name to the phenomenon of how your brain so selectively screens noise.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
35698's Notice is hereby given that, Fidelity National Title Insurance, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on June 7, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. of that day, at the main entrance to Alliance Title & Escrow, 311 Second Street North, Twin Falls, ID, convey to the highest bidder, for cash, in full payment of the United States, all payable at the United States, all payable at the United States, all payable at the United States...

FOUND AND LOST
FOUND rabbit, white with black eyes, on West E. Jones, 284-641-9139
FOUND SN. Borned in the Flat River area, Call Debbie at 208-438-8904 to arrange for pickup.
LOST 6 year old male, mostly white with blue eyes, black patch over left eye. Last seen on 2/24 in the West Point/Wondol area. Answers to Blue. 536-441 with any info.

SPECIAL NOTICES
A FRIENDLY REMINDER
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LEGAL NOTICE
The Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR) intends to add amendments to the State Plan Attachments for 2005-2006 for the State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program and the State Plan Supplement for the State Supported Employment Services Program...

PUBLIC NOTICE
Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. You are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. It is your right to know what all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, access public records and public meetings.

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Direct care staff. All shifts. Call 208-734-4344.

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NA's & CNAs's needed for Twin Falls and Richfield. Apply in person at: 1139 Falls Ave. East Suite A.

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Wanted part-time clinical medical assistant for multi-site office. Send cover letter and resume to: P.O. Box 413, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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