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A new route to the classroom

Program offers teacher certification without student teaching requirement

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Got \$500 and a bachelor's degree? Can you pass two rigorous computerized exams and a criminal background check? Then you can teach in Idaho. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Acting Deputy U.S. Education Secretary Eugene Hickok praised an alternative teacher certification program Tuesday at the State Capitol in Boise while teachers, administrators and parents voiced their opposition, saying the pro-

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gram will set fledgling teachers up for failure by not giving them student teaching experience. In November, the State Board of Education made Idaho the second state to adopt the Passport to Teaching program run by the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence. Pennsylvania is still in negotia-

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Students laugh as Jim O'Donnell, top, cracks a joke while teaching his eighth-grade social studies class at Kimberly-Middle School Tuesday. O'Donnell is working on his certification through a program that requires teaching courses and student teaching in the classroom. A new program would allow anyone with a bachelor's degree to become a certified teacher after passing an entry test and a background check.

BOB BYERS/The Times-News

THE WORST DAY YET



A U.S. Army soldier takes cover at the entrance of Camp Bonzal after a stone-throwing mob attacked U.S. forces near the base Tuesday. Soldiers had been treating Iraqis injured from multiple explosions when the mob attacked. Separately, a soldier died and another was injured when a grenade was thrown into a Humvee.

Bombings kill at least 143 Iraqis

Attacks during holy observance appear to have been coordinated

By Sebastian Rotella and Patrick McDonnell
Los Angeles Times

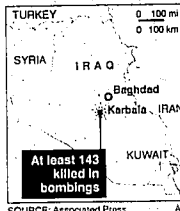
BAGHDAD, Iraq — In the worst day of bloodshed in Iraq since the fall of Saddam Hussein, the death toll rose to at least 143 Tuesday from synchronized suicide bombings, attacks that seemed designed to inflict maximum casualties and inflame sectarian tensions among Shiite Muslims. The explosions here and in the holy city of Karbala tore into throngs of pilgrims, splattering the walls of venerated shrines with the blood and body parts. The attacks took place on the peak day of the Ashoura feast, the holiest Shiite holiday period. More than 430



An Iraqi woman pleads to get inside a hospital in Baghdad where two women from her family were being treated for injuries from one of the bombings.

people were wounded, and the number of dead seemed likely to increase from bombs packed with ball bearings to wreak destruction at close quarters.

The choreographed attacks were blamed by Iraqi and U.S. officials on Abu Musab-Zarqawi, a fugitive Jordanian terrorist affiliated with al-Qaida. But the officials offered



At least 143 killed in bombings. SOURCE: Associated Press.

Iraqis blame the U.S. — A4 Idaho Guardsman prepares — B3

little proof that the terrorist, who they believe is targeting Shiites in an effort to foment civil strife, was

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NASA finds proof of Martian water

Los Angeles Times

Liquid once 'drenched' Opportunity's landing site, scientists say

The Mars rover Opportunity has discovered that potentially life-sustaining waters once soaked the surface of Mars, providing an answer to one of the most provocative questions of modern planetary science. At a news conference Tuesday in Washington, National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientists said that an analysis of rock samples showed that salt-laden sediments were shaped by percolating or flowing water — and may even have been formed by a great Martian sea.

"Opportunity has landed on an area of Mars where liquid water once drenched the surface," said Ed Weiler, NASA's associate administrator of space science. "This area would have been a good, habitable environment for some period of time." He called the findings "a giant leap" toward determining whether life may have existed on Mars during a warmer and wetter time in the now frigid planet's past.

Steve Squyres, a Cornell University geologist and chief scientist for the mission, said one of the key pieces of evidence was the discovery of dense deposits of sulfates — similar to Epsom salts — in an outcropping of bedrock near its landing site. The mineral is typically left behind by receding groundwater or the evaporation of a salty lake or ocean. Scientists used a grinding tool to look beneath the surface of the rock to be sure the salty deposits were more than a shallow crust. They then used an instru-

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Kerry enjoys Super Tuesday; Edwards ends nomination run

The Associated Press

John Kerry cemented the Democratic presidential nomination, driving rival John Edwards from the race with a string of Super Tuesday triumphs that catapulted the Massachusetts senator into an eight-month struggle to oust President Bush. "Change is coming to America," Kerry said, capping a remarkable race that began with his candidacy on the brink of extinction in Iowa and New Hampshire. Dominating all corners, the four-

term lawmaker won 27 of 30 elections as each victory led on the next in a swell of momentum that no rival could overcome. From Edwards' Southern strongholds to the jobs-poor Midwest states of Ohio and Michigan to the growing Southwest battleground of Arizona to his own New England base, Kerry racked up victories in a six-week primary season that toppled Democratic criticism of the Republican incumbent. In state after state, Democrats

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy skies early, with partial clearing by the afternoon. Highs in the lower 40s.
Tonight: Variable clouds to mostly cloudy. Lows in the 20s.

Tomorrow: Brist winds; mostly cloudy skies, chance developing light showers late. Highs in the mid to the upper 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Chance for flurries early, then mostly to partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s to near 40.
Tonight: Chilly and mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper teens to near 20.

Tomorrow: Breezy to brisk winds at times, mostly cloudy, slight chance light isolated showers late. Highs near 40.

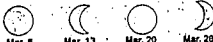
TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset. Includes monthly and daily data.

MOON PHASES



REGIONAL FORECAST

Table listing regional forecasts for various cities including Boise, Burley, and other Idaho locations.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Twin Falls and other locations.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table listing national forecasts for various states and cities across the US.

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Table showing weather data for various cities including Boise, Burley, and other Idaho locations.

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Table showing UV index levels for various locations and times of day.

WORLD FORECAST

Table listing world forecasts for various international cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

A few flurries are still possible early today with otherwise mostly cloudy skies. Through Friday, weather systems and moist air from the west will allow for developing snow showers along with brisk winds.

Today High: 28 to 37. Tonight's Low: 12 to 18.
A quiet day of weather is expected today with a few scattered clouds. Another weather system moves in from the west Thursday bringing with it brisk winds, increasing clouds and a chance for light precipitation late.

Today High/Low: 44 to 49 / 23 to 28.
The next 24 to 36 hours will show a much more settled weather pattern. By Thursday night, though, a low snow showers are possible.

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Kerry

Continued from A1 said their top priority was a candidate who could defeat a wartime president with a \$100 million plus campaign treasury. Kerry, a decorated Vietnam veteran, won an overwhelming number of their votes, and now leads a relatively united party against Bush.

Pit 9

Continued from A1 state program that monitors INEEL, said she is cautiously optimistic that the test project success will help the state and federal government move beyond legal wrangling.

The 88-acre landfill contains Cold War-era nuclear weapons production waste buried in unlined pits and trenches. The waste is contaminated with plutonium and other radioactive and hazardous substances. The Pit 9 test project was designed to guide remediation of the rest of the landfill.

The Pit 9 test project is so expensive that the Energy Department said it's not one that it could afford for the entire landfill. INEEL contractor Bechtel BWXT Idaho built an \$80 million "glove box excavation" an enclosed structure to protect against radiation exposure. A backhoe arm, operated by a worker sitting outside the enclosure, digs up the waste and moves it to a sorting area. Shielded workers wearing protective gloves sort through it.

The excavator is enclosed in a tent-like structure to protect workers from the elements. It is doubtful that it can be moved to other areas of the landfill.

"We may be able to move forward on larger-scale retrieval with less complicated facilities and handling," Trever said.

Steve Allred, director of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, said in a statement that retrieval of areas with the highest concentrations of plutonium will take first priority.

Jeremy Maxand, director of the nuclear watchdog group the Snake River Alliance, also welcomed Tuesday's news.

"It's testifying to the fact that this stuff can be removed... and that it is technologically possible to do," he said.

But he said concerns remain about whether the Energy Department plans to remove all of the buried waste. There still has not been a commitment from the federal government to do so, and it continues to talk about assessing risk and studying alternatives for landfill remediation. In the past it has wanted to leave the waste buried in the ground.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table listing Canadian forecasts for various cities in Canada.

Mars

Continued from A1 ment called the alpha particle x-ray spectrometer that shows radiation levels at various atoms, to determine their mass and composition. The rocks were found to be "full of sulfate salts," up to 40 percent of the total mass of the rocks, said Squires - "a telltale sign, we believe, of water."

Teacher

Continued from A1 tions with the American Board - about accepting the program as a stand-alone route to certification, said Pennsylvania Board of Education - spokesman - Hitt.

The traditional path to becoming a teacher is to take education courses in college to earn an institutional recommendation. Candidates then apply to the state Department of Education's bureau of certification. They take literacy and technology tests, submit to criminal background checks and are certified.

The new Idaho program allows people with four-year degrees outside the field education to gain teacher certification if they pass computerized tests and criminal background checks.

Supporters say the program opens the field of education to people who wouldn't otherwise go into teaching. They see it as a way to ease teacher shortages and bring people with diverse backgrounds and life experiences into the classroom.

Opponents say the biggest problem with the program is that it doesn't teach people how to teach. Senate Education Chairman Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, has introduced legislation to impose a two-year moratorium on using the computerized tests so they can be validated.

What's in place now Idaho has alternatives for current teachers to be certified in new areas of concentration and for paraprofessionals to become full teachers. Both require college courses. For people with degrees in other areas, there is a program that allows them to return to college and go through a certification program that would require a form of internship or student teaching before applicants could be certified, said Randy Thompson, the State Board of Education's chief academic officer.

So you wanna be a teacher?

Here's how to gain certification to teach in Idaho through the Passport to Teaching program.

- Step 1: Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college.
Step 2: Pay \$500 for the program.
Step 3: Take pre-assessments.
Step 4: Meet with mentor to decide on a program of study at college courses to prepare for teaching.

A hiring preference?

Idaho's new alternative teacher certification method might make more of an impact on the Twin Falls School District's search for teachers.

Linda Baird, human relations director, said the district will favor applicants with classroom experience, all other things being equal.

"There's always something to be said for real-world experience," Baird said.

The district would consider the alternative certification as an option in hard-to-fill areas. Baird said, the district has always had a challenge finding teachers for special education, English language learners and high school math and science, although the alternative certification does not necessarily cover all those areas.

Jim O'Donnell, who teaches eighth-grade social studies at Kimberly Middle School, is getting his certification through the alternate route that requires applicants to take education courses and do a two-year teaching internship. He expects to finish in about two years.

The only thing I didn't do was student teaching," O'Donnell said. "Teaching is not his first career, and he has a bachelor's degree in recreation and a master's degree in psychology."

O'Donnell got into teaching when he heard of a need for substitutes in the Kimberly district. He substituted for 16 or 17 years, then started working on his certification four years ago by taking traditional courses, workshops and core-experience courses through four different colleges.

"You don't just walk in cold," O'Donnell said.

He started teaching in the Kimberly district three years ago under provisional certification. He said the opportunity to get certified while working brought him into education.

Passport to teaching

Candidates in the American Board's new program can take a test of three areas: kindergarten through sixth-grade instruction, grades 6-12 math, and grades 6-12 English. Each candidate must also pass a professional teaching knowledge test that includes classroom management, student assessments, instructional techniques and use of technology.

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Opposition

Brady Dickinson, president of the Twin Falls Education Association, said he believes a fast track is not the best way to bring more people into teaching.

"If the goal is to get more teachers, they need to make teaching more attractive," Dickinson said.

One way to do that might be to increase salaries. The Legislature is now considering a proposal to raise beginning teacher pay from \$25,000 to \$27,500.

But Dickinson said that would also encourage potential teachers by providing schools with adequate funding to meet the demands for student intervention and new teacher training that are required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

Boiselle Boiske, the Region 3V director of the Idaho Education Association, said the union's stance was that the American Board's certification method would hurt students. Training in the methods of teaching is becoming critical as demands increase for students to perform on standardized tests, such as the Idaho Standards Achievement Test.

"Subject knowledge does not make you a good teacher, Boiske said. "Teaching is not baking a cake. It's knowing kids and knowing what works with kids."

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Accounting fraud case hits the courts

The Washington Post

NEW YORK - Former WorldCom Inc. chief executive Bernard Ebbers was indicted on federal criminal fraud charges for his alleged role in the nation's largest accounting scandal, after his former fiancée, chief agreed to plead guilty and cooperate with prosecutors.



In an indictment unsealed Tuesday, a Manhattan federal grand jury charged Ebbers and former WorldCom chief financial officer Scott D. Sullivan with conspiracy, securities fraud and filing a false document with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Sullivan then pleaded guilty to all three counts. He told U.S. District Judge Barbara S. Jones that he and WorldCom's "management at the highest level" tampered with the company's accounting to inflate revenue and reduce expenses. "I understood it was wrong," Sullivan said. "I deeply regret my actions."

Ebbers, a small-town entrepreneur, founded WorldCom in 1983 in Clinton, Miss. Originally, the company specialized in providing long-distance service to motels, but over the years it grew aggressively by acquiring other companies, including the \$40 billion acquisition of the Washington-based MCI Corp. Ebbers' ability to generate revenues dazzled Wall Street, and WorldCom became one of the most widely traded stocks in the United States.

Report: Official thinks he knows who leaked name

WASHINGTON (AP) - Former Ambassador Joseph C. Wilson will likely name the person he thinks leaked his wife's identity as an undercover CIA officer in a book due out in May, his publisher said Tuesday.

A federal grand jury has heard testimony from at least four White House officials in its investigation to identify the leaker of Valerie Plame's name to syndicated columnist Robert Novak, who published the name in his syndicated column last July. Numerous other officials have been interviewed by the FBI.

Novak said in his July 14 column that his sources were two unidentified senior administration officials. Novak has not commented about the matter during the grand jury investigation.

Publication of the book and Wilson's accompanying promotional tour could have political overtones because he is now a foreign policy adviser to Democratic presidential front-runner John Kerry. Democrats are seeking to raise questions of credibility in the minds of voters about the reasons President Bush went to war.

Wilson did not return telephone calls seeking comment for this story. He has previously contended that White House political adviser Karl Rove was the leaker but was not the actual leaker.

Wilson was enlisted by the CIA to investigate whether Iraq tried to buy uranium from Niger. He said he found no evidence of such an attempt and has accused the Bush administration of exaggerating Iraq's nuclear capabilities to build support for war.

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Rebel leader declares himself head of Haiti military

U.S. rejects a role for him in new government

Knight Ridder News Service

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - In a potentially ominous turn of events, rebel leader Guy Philippe declared himself Haiti's "military chief" on Tuesday, asserting that his force of former soldiers and police officers would provide security in the violence-ravaged nation.

"The country is in my hands," Philippe announced on Radio Signal FM. He later said at a news conference that "we have the moral obligation to help the people of Haiti."

Philippe also reportedly threatened to arrest Prime Minister Yves Neptune on corruption charges, though he took no immediate action.



Rebel leader Guy Philippe, center, joins in a demonstration Tuesday in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

U.S. officials swiftly rejected any role in Haiti for Philippe, whose rebellions forced the ouster of

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. About 1,000 U.S. troops were in Haiti by Tuesday night, augmented

by forces from Canada and France.

"The rebels have to lay down their arms and go home," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said in Washington. He said the rebels would have no influence in the political process to replace Aristide.

While Philippe and U.S. officials sparred, the capital began returning to normal. Roads once again were congested, many businesses opened their doors, vendors clogged their usual corners and gas stations were busy as residents resumed lives interrupted by an insurrection that killed more than 100 Haitians.

Philippe brushed aside the United States' position and others' concerns. Human Rights Watch and other groups hold him responsible for political killings while he was a local police chief. Haitian authorities have accused him of being tied to drug dealers.

"It is not for them to decide," he said. Backed by five rebel leaders and five police officers, "it is for the Haitian people to decide."

He vehemently denied responsibility for any slayings. In the past, he has denied that he's connected to drug traffickers who ship cocaine from Colombia through Haiti to the United States.

However, Philippe said he welcomed the Marines and French and Canadian troops who represent the leading wave of an international security force.

U.S. military officials said they had no intention of working with Philippe.

The number of Marines had grown to 1,000 by the end of the day, said Staff Sgt. Timothy Edwards, the spokesman for the mission. That's half of what's expected as part of an international force that also includes Canada and France.

Amendment prompts backers of gun suit bill to kill it

WASHINGTON - In a major reversal, Senate sponsors of legislation to shield the firearms industry from lawsuits Tuesday abruptly killed their own bill after it was amended to renew an expiring ban on assault weapons and to require background checks for gun show purchases.

The legislation had been regarded as a virtual certainty for passage only hours before.



Sen. Larry Craig

But it was defeated, 90 to 8, after Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, chief sponsor of the lawsuits measure, took the Senate floor to say the bill had been "so dramatically wounded it should not pass."

Earlier, the National Rifle Association, which had made the legislation its top legislative priority for the year, began sending messages to senators urging its defeat because of the gun-control provisions that had been added earlier in the day. Craig is a member of the NRA board of directors and rarely disagrees with the organization.

Although both sides vowed to continue pushing for their respective proposals, collapse of the Senate bill makes it unlikely that

Nation/World in brief

Congress will enact gun legislation this year, according to senators on both sides of the issue. Without congressional action to extend it, the ban on assault weapons will expire in September, allowing renewal of traffic in the semiautomatic, military-style weapons.

Appeals court tosses FCC phone competition rules

WASHINGTON - An appeals court on Tuesday rejected federal rules giving states more authority to determine which companies may offer local phone service within their borders.

The three-judge panel of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously sided with former Bell companies Verizon, BellSouth, SBC and Qwest. They claimed the rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission forced them to give competitors access to their networks at artificially low prices.

It's the third time the commission's attempts to write rules for local telephone service competition have been rejected by the courts. At issue is how to spur competition for local telephone service, which Congress mandated in 1996.

Since it's too costly for a company to duplicate the existing network of switches and wires, the FCC looked for a way to let competitors use existing systems. The rules issued last August gave states the ability to require the former Bell companies to lease elements of their networks, such as lines and central office switching capabilities, to competitors like AT&T and MCI.

Jury should get Martha Stewart fraud case today

NEW YORK - Martha Stewart's lawyer implored the jury in closing arguments at her stock-fraud trial Tuesday to let her "return to her life and improving the quality of life for all of us."

"If you do that," Robert Morvillo said, echoing the homecoming expert's slogan, "it's a good thing."

Morvillo insisted Stewart had a standing agreement with her broker to sell her InClore-Systems stock and was telling the truth when she told investigators she did not recall being tipped off that InClore founder Sam Waksal was trying to dump his holdings.

Lawyers on both sides concluded their closing arguments, and jurors were expected to begin

deliberating today.

New nickels honor Louisiana Purchase, Lewis and Clark

WASHINGTON - Millions of shiny nickels sporting their first new look in 66 years are being shipped to the Federal Reserve, the supplier of the nation's cash, officials of the U.S. Mint said Tuesday.

The new nickels - which honor the 1803 Louisiana Purchase on the back but retain Thomas Jefferson on the front - should start showing up in cash registers in several weeks, Mint officials said.

Another nickel honoring the 1804-1806 Lewis and Clark expedition will be released in the fall.

Europe space agency launches probe to comet

DARMSTADT, Germany - A European rocket blasted off Tuesday on a pioneering 10-year journey to land a probe on a comet and search for clues to the solar system's origins.

The Rosetta lander soared into the skies above South America atop an Ariane-5 rocket from Kourou, French Guiana at 12:17 a.m. MST.

Rosetta is expected to reach an ice-caked comet called

67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko in May 2014 and go into orbit around it, then release the lander that will try to touch down on the surface. Previous spacecraft have made only brief fly-bys of comets.

BBC's Cooke signs his last 'Letter from America'

LONDON - Alistair Cooke, whose weekly "Letter from America" has been a radio fixture in Britain for 58 years, is retiring at age 95, the British Broadcasting Corp. said Tuesday.

Cooke, who missed last week's broadcast, accepted the advice of his doctors that he should retire, the BBC said.

"We are very sorry he has decided to retire but are grateful for all the years he has devoted to the BBC," said Jenny Abramsky, the corporation's director for radio and music.

"Throughout 58 years I have had much enjoyment in doing these talks and hope that to some of it has passed over to the listeners, to all of whom I now say thank you for your loyalty and goodwill," Cooke said.

He presented "Masterpiece Theatre" on the U.S. PBS network from 1971 to 1992. - compiled from wire reports

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Attack on Shiite procession kills at least 42 in Pakistan

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP) — Attackers sprayed gunfire and lobbed grenades into a solemn religious procession of Shiite Muslims on Tuesday, then blew themselves up as survivors scattered. Authorities said at least 42 people died, and more than 160 were wounded.

than two hours after coordinated blasts at Shiite shrines killed more than 140 people in Iraq. —The bloodshed — came on Ashoura, a day when Islamic faithful mark the death of a revered 7th-century leader by marching in black and lashing themselves in penitence. In Pakistan, the emotional and highly visible annual rites often spark violence between the Sunni Muslim majority and Shiite minority.

Iraq

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behind the attacks. Potential suspects also include other Islamic extremists or Iraqi Sunnis who prospered during Saddam's regime and are fearful of losing power.

The magnitude and savagery of the attacks dealt a devastating psychological blow to the Shiite community, which represents 60 percent of Iraq's population and has asserted new clout after decades of repression.

In February, suicide bombers killed more than 100 people in attacks on Kurdish political-party offices in the northern city of Irbil. Kurds also were repressed under Saddam and aspire to greater autonomy, so attacking them could be seen as part of a strategy to destabilize Iraq.

The apparent ease of the attacks has underscored Iraq's vulnerability as the U.S. military enlists security forces to overwhelm Iraqi police.

"How can you combat this?" demanded police Capt. Sabah Mohamed, his AK-17 at the ready as frightened pilgrims fled from the narrow streets of Karbala after the bombings. "How can you combat one person who wants to blow himself up among thousands of people?"

In Baghdad, three suicide bombers struck about 10 a.m. after blending in among worshippers packed into a shrine in the Kadamiya neighborhood. The men set off explosives-laden vests that shredded the crowd with shrapnel, blew a massive wooden door off its hinges and littered a courtyard with mangled corpses and bloodied shoes that the faithful had stored on shelves at the entrance of the prayer area.

"The keepers of the shoes were killed," said Hussein Hamid, a leader of a Shiite militia, as black garbed gunmen strongly thumped their heads and chests. "We found children decapitated, a woman with no face. Look those are people on the ground. What's left of them?"

Hussein displayed a fragment of a grenade he found amid the destruction, suggesting that the bombers either had grenades strapped to their vests or hurled grenades before blowing themselves up, authorities said.

Iraqi police captured a fourth bomber whose vest failed to explode. The man threw grenades at packed pilgrims before he was subdued, according to an Iraqi police commander who identified

himself as Ali. The capture provides a rare investigative opportunity but authorities disclosed no information about the suspect.

The Baghdad explosions killed 58 and wounded 208, officials said. About the same time, a second attack team struck the historic center of Karbala, where hundreds of thousands of Shiite pilgrims had gathered to commemorate the martyrdom of the revered seventh-century imam Hussein, the grandson of the prophet Muhammad. U.S. authorities described a combination of methods: suicide bombing, a remote-controlled explosive and mortars fired from the outskirts of the city.

Bedlam contributed to confusion. A U.S. Army spokesman said one suicide bomber was involved while Iraqi police and eyewitnesses said suicide bombers caused most of the seven or eight blasts. Iraqi police downplayed the reports of mortar strikes.

The site of the first blast in Karbala was just outside a security cordon at the shrine of the Imam Hussein. A bearded bomber, dressed in a black outfit similar to that of the pilgrims waded into a group of men who were chanting rhythmically, said police officer Khalid Ali.

The explosion killed and maimed more than a dozen worshippers. Streets turned into gunbats as stampeding crowds ran headlong into new explosions.

Police recovered the head of the bomber for forensic analysis. Police also rounded up six suspected accomplices. There were unconfirmed reports that mobs lynched three other suspects, according to a U.S. official. The Karbala attacks killed at least 85 and wounded 233.

Iraqi leaders and U.S. officials immediately branded al-Qaida associate Zarqawi as the mastermind of Tuesday's carnage. The al-Qaida-style coordinated strikes were consistent with the methods of Zarqawi, according to officials.

"The only way Zarqawi can operate is through inciting violence and driving a sectarian war in this country," said Muwafaq al-Rubaie, a moderate Shiite member of the Iraqi Governing Council. "But I can tell you one thing, that he's going to fail. Thank goodness, Iraqi people are very aware of his evil intentions."

Zarqawi is a "chief suspect" because of the trademark "suicidal, spectacular, symbolic" attacks, said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt.

After bombings, U.S. catches the blame

By Patrick J. McDonnell and Sebastian Rotella Los Angeles Times

KARBALA, Iraq — The guard at the mosque of the Mehdi stood vigil Tuesday at the bloody site where, two hours earlier, a suicide bomber had detonated his sinister payload, killing more than a dozen Shiite Muslim worshippers waiting to enter the grounds of the blue-domed house of worship. "It was the Americans who did this," said the guard, Abu Yaarub Khafaji, 26. "We saw their helicopters yesterday. They were doing aerial surveillance for the bombings today."

No matter who the perpetrators are, it seems the United States is blamed by Iraqis when a bomb explodes — or almost anything bad happens.

U.S.-led occupation forces were faulted when a suspected bomb factory exploded last summer near the grounds of a mosque in Fallujah, and they were fingered as culprits when a car bomb destroyed the police station in Khadiya in December. They were assailed for providing inadequate security when a blast killed scores of people outside a Shiite shrine in Najaf in August. At the same time, they are regularly excoriated for being heavy-handed at checkpoints and during raids.

It was more of the same in Karbala and Baghdad on Tuesday, the worst day of the Shiite calendar, post-Saddam Hussein Iraq. Passersby even stoned U.S. armored vehicles as they arrived at the stricken mosque in Baghdad's Khadamiya neighborhood — an image beamed around the world.

U.S. officials have gone to great lengths to react gently to the glut of blame coming their way.

"That's absolutely understandable in a time of grief like that, that people might try to vent their sadness, vent their outrage at persons other than those who actually committed it," Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, a U.S. military spokesman, said when asked Tuesday about the stoning incident. "I think the passion of the moment probably caused that."

Still, the reflex to blame the United States has clearly bewildered top commanders. "I don't know why the people think that," Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the top U.S. officer in Iraq, said recently about the torrent of blame directed at the United States for recent bombings in the towns of Hillah and Iskandariya.

"What I do know is that it's not true, that it's rumors. And I do know that we have to counter that. ... I don't know how clear I can be that the U.S. and the coalition has no hand whatsoever in conducting attacks against Iraqis and against the police and other Iraqi security forces. It just doesn't happen."

Interviews with Iraqis in the aftermath of numerous bombings indicate that what is at issue goes far beyond mere venting. For one thing, this is a fragile society on the mend from a three-decade dictatorship whose brutal security apparatus created an atmosphere of suspicion and paranoia.

The comments also reflect a general disillusionment with the tortuous march toward reconstruction and democracy in Iraq, whether the issue at hand is the continued violence, the lack of electricity, the long lines for gaso-



An injured Shiite pilgrim is taken to a hospital after several explosions at a shrine in Baghdad Tuesday. Scores of people were killed in the explosions and many others wounded as the Shiites marked the final day of Ashoura, the 10-day mourning of important Shiite Imam Hussein.

line or the joblessness. Moreover, there is great resentment among Iraqis about the continued foreign occupation of their land.

"Where are all the promises that the Americans made to us? Karbala resident Mohammed Hussein asked Tuesday as he stood outside a bombing site where five people were killed. "They are drowning in our oil, but they are not protecting us. America must beware of the wrath of the Shia majority."

The issue of protecting Iraq's many holy sites is a double-edged sword. U.S. commanders acknowledge their ultimate responsibility for security in Iraq, but many strive not to be intrusive — the phrase "cultural sensitivity" is often bandied about in military circles.

From the soldiers' standpoint, it appears that U.S. forces are frequently damned if they do and damned if they don't — a point some Iraqis concede has a bit of truth to it.

For instance, Iraqis are repeatedly pressing U.S. forces to turn more responsibility over to Iraqi police

and security units. U.S. forces have attempted to comply, withdrawing from much of Baghdad and other cities — only to be slammed for abdicating responsibility when an attack takes place. Avoiding heavily populated areas is also much safer for U.S. troops.

"We have been asking the Americans to keep out of the cities. The Americans got out of the cities at our insistence and request," said Adnan Pachachi, a member of the Iraqi Governing Council, in an interview Tuesday. "And we can't blame them for not being there."

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Amendment aims to ensure hunting, fishing, trapping rights

BOISE (AP) — A constitutional amendment to protect hunting, fishing and trapping rights passed the required two-thirds of the House on Tuesday after some opposition lawmakers expressed their doubts that the legislation delivers what it promises.

All lawmakers from south-central Idaho who were present voted for the measure. House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Newburg, missed the vote, but he previously spoke in favor of the amendment.

Sponsor Cleve Edmundson, R-New Plymouth, said the primary objective of House Joint Resolution 11, which passed 54-13, is to block the kinds of citizen initiatives that have occurred in California, Oregon and Washington that prohibit hunting, hound-hunting or trapping of cougars and bears.

He said in California in 1990, opponents "succeeded in banning cougar hunting. They got people to believe that cougars are endangered. Today, more cougars are killed by animal control people than were ever killed by hunters."

The freshman representative added he was moved to bring the legislation by a personal experi-

How they voted

Here is the 54-13 roll call vote for Idaho House Joint Resolution 11, which would add a new section to the Idaho Constitution stating that the right to hunt, fish and trap belongs to the people of the state and that wildlife shall be managed by the state:

- **Republicans for (38):** Barracough, Bedke, Bell, Black, Block, Bots, Bradford, Campbell, Cannon, Clark, Collins, Dast, Denny, Edmondson, Elsworth, Eskridge, Field (18), Field (23), Gagner, Garrett, Jones, Lake, McGeachin, Meyer, Miller, Nielsen, Raybould, Rildinger, Ring, Rydahl,

Schaeffer, Shirley, Skippen, Smith (24), Smylie, Snodgrass, Stevenson, Wallis.

• **Democrats for (16):** Anderson, Boo, Cuddy, Douglas, Henbest, Jacquot, Langhorst, Martinez, Mitchell, Rascenzo, Pasley-Stuart, Ringo, Robison, Saylor, Shepherd, Smith (30).

• **Democrats against (13):** Berrett, Bauer, Bayer, Crow, Eberle, Harwood, Kellogg, Kulczyk, Langford, McKague, Sali, Trail, Wood.

• **Democrats absent:** None.

ence last fall, when he watched his father and his son tell each other accounts of their elk hunts.

"I think of pride in my dad's eyes was amazing," Edmundson said. "I hope to have that relationship with my grandson or granddaughter. This legislation secures the right, so we don't have to just hope. It secures the right for now, and as far into the future as we can imagine."

But Republican Rep. Bill Sali of Kuna didn't see the bill securing anything. A private practice attorney, he called the legislation "the oddest constitutional amendment I have ever seen in my life."

Sali's objections started with the first words of the bill, which

declares, "All wildlife within the state of Idaho is the property of the state of Idaho...."

"I think the wildlife ought to belong to the people of Idaho," Sali said.

Sali said he strongly supports the people's right to hunt, fish and trap, but he objected to a part of the amendment that says the state has the obligation to regulate and manage wildlife with agency rules.

"What happens when the Department of Fish and Game comes up with a rule you don't like? I wonder if we're not giving them constitutional authority to make those rules and regulations," he said.

Elk ranching regulations pass House

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

BOISE — A bill passed the House Tuesday that could put some sideboards on elk ranching, but first it has to pass the Senate.

Negotiated by the Elk Breeders Association and the Idaho Department of Agriculture, and supported by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the legislation requires elk breeders to put identification on their animals so they can be identified up to 150 feet away. It also says if an elk escapes from a corral, it must be loose for seven days before it comes under state guidelines for hunting.

"That helps to curb the temptation of a hunter cutting a fence and

letting a bull elk out so he can hunt it," said Eralie Langford, R-Mountain.

In reality, not too many elk escape, said Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, chairman of the House Agricultural Affairs Committee.

However, in November Fish and Game destroyed a wild elk after it came into contact with domestic elk near Hazelton. The prospect of domesticated elk rubbing noses with wild elk has raised the concerns of breeders as well as state workers because of the potential for disease transmission.

Allowing hunters to shoot a domesticated elk that has escaped into the wild and might have been exposed to diseases makes sense, Jones said.

"After seven days, I doubt the

owner would want it back," Jones said.

The November incident was the first time in this area that Fish and Game has destroyed a wild elk for mixing with domestic elk.

"It's a big concern, especially with the number of elk ranches in the Magic Valley," said Dave Parrish, the Fish and Game regional supervisor.

Domestic elk, fallow deer and reindeer can be raised in Idaho and are regulated as a livestock industry by the Idaho Department of Agriculture. There are 89 such farms licensed in Idaho, including a total of 15 in Jerome, Twin Falls, Elmore, Cassia and Minidoka counties. The farms range in size from a couple of animals to several hundred.

Kempthorne appears less adamant against one more term as governor

BOISE (AP) — After previously declaring he wouldn't seek a third term, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Tuesday didn't sound quite so adamant.

"I've given every indication that my plans are not to run," Kempthorne said when asked directly by reporters if he is considering a re-election bid. "Today I don't have plans to seek a third term," he said before adding, "Ask me next year."

In June 2002, during his successful re-election campaign against Democrat Jerry Brady, Kempthorne said unequivocally he would not run again if re-elected.

But the state's term limits law — which gave governors only two terms — that was still on the books when he was first elected in 1999. The Legislature repealed the term limits law in 2002, and voters approved it seven months later.

"When I entered this election and entered this race, those were the rules at the time, and I'll abide by them," Kempthorne said during that campaign.

The governor's early declaration against a third term had set up a probably 2006 Republican primary race between Congressman Butch Otter and Lt. Gov. Jim Tisch. Otter



Gov. Kempthorne

had no comment on Kempthorne's statement. "Risch was out of the country on a trade mission."

Kempthorne spent \$1.2 million to defeat Brady and closed out the campaign with a debt of \$190,000. He raised over \$75,000 in 2003, but paid off only about \$40,000 of the debt while incurring another \$40,500 in bills from consultants that were unpaid as of 2004 began.

Last year's campaign contributions included eight that went above the state's \$5,000 limit by about a total of \$23,000. Citrus said they were made through a loophole in state law that permits unlimited contributions to incumbents to help them defray the costs of holding office.

In Kempthorne's case, some of the expenses incurred in 2003 were related to his chairmanship of the National Governors Association, but others seemed to be personal

like meals at Boise restaurants. House Speaker Bruce Newcomb has described the loophole as allowing a slush fund.

Secretary of State Ben Ysursa has backed legislation to completely end the solicitation of private money to finance office expenses. Another Ysursa bill would permit statewide incumbents to continue to raise up to \$5,000 for the next primary election until they fail to file for that office.

"That money collected before failure to file for office could be used for that office," Kempthorne said. He was willing to work with lawmakers on changes to the campaign finance law, but he emphasized that "we have followed what's in the code."

"I have a campaign debt I have to pay off," he said. "I've never had a debt before."

Kempthorne has hired a Washington fund-raiser to help retire the debt.

So far this year, Kempthorne has raised \$40,000 from a Jan. 21 dinner in Boise. He said there were 15 attendees at a fund-raiser he held on Feb. 24 in Washington, D.C., but did not know how much was raised.

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EDITORIAL

Officials wisely rework plan for animal shelter

Take heart, all you puppy and kitten lovers: Even with a few revisions, the new Twin Falls animal shelter will still be a decent place for stray animals to rest their paws.

The City Council, acting on the recommendation of architect Russ Lively, decided Monday to rework facility's design and put it out for new bids.

Twin Falls received two bids for constructing the 6,400-square-foot facility last month. The estimate was published at \$550,000, with hopes that bids would be under that figure.

Unfortunately, it didn't work out that way. The two bids were well over \$600,000 — the amount available for the project.

Those figures weren't so bad. An overhaul is a common occurrence in the private sector, and Lively says bids that are 17 percent above estimates can still be workable.

Not so for public agencies, which have to build according to what's in the bank. So rather than haggle with the construction firms over ways to lower their fees, city officials went a different route. They along with People for Pets and Lively, will adjust their own specifications and then solicit a second round

of bids. This time, the bidding process will include firms from across the state, not just in the area.

Some of the more expensive features, such as the plumbing and concrete work, will need to be revised. Some amenities may be left out.

As the plan is resubmitted for public bidding, it's still possible that bids may come in above the \$600,000 limit. Construction is more expensive in spring and summer, and costs could rise in that time.

Our view: Twin Falls is on the right path toward an affordable animal shelter.

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

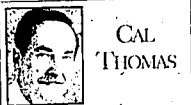
If that happens, city leaders and shelter officials may have tougher decisions to make.

The project may need to be shelved for a while, or the city and People for Pets may need to cough up more money. Some may think it's better to scale back the overall construction of the new shelter, so that it has less square footage. But Lively says square footage has already been cut back twice. Any further reduction makes the structure impractical. And space reductions won't cut as much in costs as economizing on optional features.

Council members and animal shelter officials appear to be on the right track. It's sensible for them to make sure funding dictates the scope of the project, rather than the other way around.

Splitting lines for the Fairness Doctrine

The argument most often heard in favor same-sex "marriage" is that it is the "fair" thing to do. This is an interesting position, because having jettisoned one standard for marriage, those pushing for the inclusion of same-sex "marriage" now appeal to the public on the basis of another standard. But if there are to be no standards, or only "standards" that shift with the changing winds of culture (which then don't count as standards at all), on what basis are advocates of same-sex "marriage" appealing to the majority of us who, according to opinion polls, want to keep marriage for heterosexuals only?



CAL THOMAS

Let's put it this way. If you tell me you do not believe in God and then say to me that I should brake for animals, or pay women equally, or help the poor, on what basis are you making such an appeal? If no standard for objective truth, law, wisdom, justice, charity, kindness, compassion and fidelity exists in the universe, then what you are asking me to accept is an appeal that has all in your own mind. You are a sentimentalist, trying to persuade me to a point of view based on your feelings about the subject and not rooted in the fear of God or some other unchanging, early standard.

The mayor of New Paltz, N.Y., Jason West, recently performed same-sex "marriages," saying it is the "moral" thing to do. Moral? According to whom? If only according to Mayor West, he is practicing a very self-referential, not objective, morality.

Thomas Jefferson did not speak of rights being endowed by the courts or vigilante mayors and judges who take the law into their own hands like a lynch mob in

Straight or Gay? Clarify: Marriage or Civil Union?

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frontier America. He knew that for certain rights to have meaning, they must come from outside the reach of man. He also knew that in order to protect institutions essential to the preservation of the constitutional republic, it was necessary to create a system that would control human urges and appetites. The idea of marriage did not originate in San Francisco or Massachusetts or even with the founders. Like it or not, it came from the book of Genesis, where, after the fall of man, God said, "A man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). Homosexuals may become "one flesh" in their own eyes but not in a biblical sense, no matter how many Scriptural heretics with degrees from seminaries that are mostly schools of unbelieved are trotted out.

The problem is that too many people either no longer accept this historical view of marriage, or they don't wish to "impose" their view on others (for fear of being called a bigot), or they have a "live and let live" philosophy that has opened the door to virtually any and every experiment in social arrangement. If same-sex marriage is allowed, it is going to be nearly impossible to prohibit the sanctioning of any other kind of human "relation" — from close relatives of different sexes who wish to marry (that has been outlawed because of biological and incest considerations) and polygamists to adult-child "marriage." I recently asked Republican New York Gov. George Pataki if he favored same-sex marriage. He said he doesn't but thinks some accommodation could be made to homosexuals offering similar benefits. What about polygamy? He quickly rejected that, saying "It is against the law." The New Paltz mayor is violating the law, but New York's Attorney General won't stop him. If things that are illegal violate cul-

tural tendencies, our new definition of "moral," they are simply permitted. I don't know how you reverse such a trend. Political activism isn't working. Appeals to higher standards aren't successful, because same-sex "marriage" is evidence that the standards have already been abandoned. How does a nation that has tolerated about 40 million abortions suddenly acquire a moral sense about same-sex marriage? Maybe those of us wishing to preserve marriage for heterosexuals, imperfect as we may be at it, ought to ask those pushing for its redefinition what they mean by their "fairness doctrine" and upon what it is based. At least we heterosexuals have a reference that is thousands of years old. What's theirs and how do we know it won't change tomorrow? Cal Thomas is a nationally syndicated columnist and Fox News Channel commentator.

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LETTERS

Republicans ignore today's real threats on society

It concerns me. The biggest news out there is Janet Jackson's breast. The problem with media consolidation is once your choice is further limited by the Republicans, the less chance those who would prefer intelligent information which may actually impact their lives instead of mindless garbage fed to them, won't have that opportunity. It amazes me that parents pay for MTV and vote Republican. Even now your children aspire to become ghetto gangsters and hang with "hoes" instead of becoming astronauts because of the influence thing according to the Republican ideal. Your under-educated kids are "assimilating" into their new culture. One of poverty and decadence under the guns of the rising Republican class. Cannon fodder. Abusers of their parents. That's the promise of the new Republican world where the only jobs are low-wage service jobs to serve the wealthy who live in America tax free off their stock dividends while exploiting workers in foreign countries with jobs you once held.

Now "gay marriage" diverts you from the outrage where the Republicans slipped a provision into the "Patriot Act" allowing them to give contracts to offshore corporations who pay no United States

taxes is buried again. Further the Halliburton subsidiary repeatedly accused of gouging American taxpayers is actually an apartment in the Caribbean as exposed by Bill Moyers. Is this treason? Who knows? If the Republicans have their way, you'll never hear the truth. Christians, you always know a tree by its fruit. MAY I ASK YOU COOK Italy!

What harm exists in religious additions?

On Feb. 26, reporter Sharon Waxman wrote in The New York Times the following regarding Mel Gibson (maker of the movie, The Passion of the Christ): "Mr. Gibson has long been a Hollywood pet. But he has also been known as a prankster and a self-confessed abuser of various substances. Many in the relentlessly secular movie industry see his recent religious conversion — he practices a traditionalist version of Roman Catholicism — as another form of addiction. Now I ask you, should the Christian faith be outlawed because? Do people become addicted to the love of God that they find in Jesus? What are the harmful side effects? Am I going to be arrested for possession?" KYLE HARTSHARGER Twin Falls

Paige remarks are hardly a terror ruckus

Funny thing about using hyperbole to convey humor — it's not always funny. And, as Education Secretary Rod Paige found, hyperbole can amok in a charged election year can get you into trouble.

At a private White House meeting last week with several government leaders, Paige called the nation's largest teachers union a "terrorist organization." A lot of underpaid, overworked and severely underappreciated teachers understandably took umbrage with Paige's remarks, which he later characterized as a "bad joke" and "an inappropriate choice of words."

In fact, Paige moved swiftly — within hours of his off-the-cuff comment illustrating his frustration with the National Education Association's attacks on the Bush administration's education reforms — to apologize: "As one who grew up on the receiving end of insensitive remarks, I should have chosen my words better," he said.

I criticized what he considers the NEA's "ultra-realist scare tactics" and clarified that the teachers' railing without recognition are "the real soldiers of democracy." Paige's beef is with the NEA's "high-priced

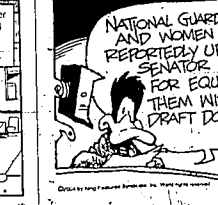
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Washington lobbyists (who) have made no secret that they will fight against anything that would weaken their movements in the way we educate all our children regardless of skin color, accent or where they live. Point well taken. Let's move on. Not in an election year. The NEA went so far as to call for Paige's resignation. The New York Times followed with an editorial that surmised: "Mr. Paige's 'terrorist' remark has finally exhausted his credibility and disqualified him as a spokesman for national education policy." Paige's remarks were inappropriate, but his quick apology makes the whole issue moot. This was not a firing offense. Frankly, it smacks of the Democrats' own stereotyping. Paige doesn't fit neatly into the DNC's liberal mold for a black educator. Or any black, period. All this angst about the terrorist label is comical. You have DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe changing his mind, calling Paige's remarks "hate

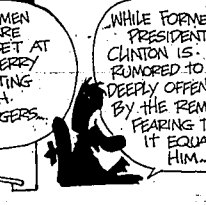
speech" that "demeaned America's teachers and degraded the men and women in uniform who are fighting a deadly enemy." Talk about hyperbole run amok. The union chiefs resent Paige for clear political reasons. He makes no apologies for supporting taxpayer vouchers for private Christian schools — a proposal teachers union loathe. Yet competition to spur sluggish public-school bureaucracies into action. With proper accountability, they can work to improve public schools. Paige's frustration with the NEA secret the NEA is tied to the hip of the Democratic Party. More accurately, the Democratic Party accedes to whatever the NEA wants, even if it means protecting those few bad teachers who should, by any measure, find another line of work. Not that the NEA is wrong on all counts either. The Bush administration simply hasn't funded the highly popular No Child Left Behind law at the level the president had promised. Governors and senators, including some Republicans, as well as

school superintendents and parents groups, accurately point out that the federal government has raised the bar without providing enough money for extra tutoring and other services kids need to catch up to the higher federal standards. Bush's critics say he has underfunded the education reforms by at least \$27 billion since Congress passed the law. Either the federal government provides more money or it offers states more time so that schools aren't punished for what amounts to a lack of federal investment. That's the political battle. Paige can't print money, and he can't change the law. There are valid concerns on both sides about how best to educate kids so that they reach their full potential. But Paige is right that the NEA has resisted certain reforms, and let's focus on the facts, and let the voters decide in November who gets hired and who gets fired. Myriam Marquez is an editorial page columnist for the Orlando Sentinel. Readers may write to her at mmarquez@orlaidsentinel.com.

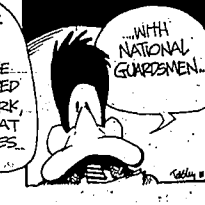
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By Gary Tinsley



OPINION

Communism faded under a brighter capitalism

Mr. Mark Schuckert, in your letter of Feb. 16, it is clear that you know not what or whom you are talking about. I don't know who you know or don't know. What really bothered me with your letter was that you lumped unionism, socialism and communism together against capitalism. Well, Mr. Schuckert, I served my country as a volunteer. Did you know at that time, it was capitalism against communism, who were considered the bad guys. You know it was called the Cold War. Yes, capitalism has always been and will always be the driving force of our society. If it were not for you are today. It seems to me that capitalism has survived in this country for more than 200 years. How long did communism make it? Maybe 60-plus or minus years? While I do not agree with everything that all capitalists do, it is still much better than most communist systems. Anyway, if you think communism is the way to go, move to China. So how about that, Mr. Mark Schuckert? CROWDER WILSON Twin Falls

Twin Falls citizens should fight for controlled growth

The city and county are presently engaged in warring over ordinance changing the way they handle zoning matters and annexation. This is needed to align them with state law, which they have been in violation for four years. This change has come about as a result of a case in Eagle, Idaho, that was described in a Times-News article on Sunday, Feb. 22. Basically, it requires the county to maintain its representation of residents in the impact areas because the city has, in the past, been dictating expansion into these areas. The Twin Falls City attorney maintains the agreement the city has with the county, whereas the county has given its powers to the city, is legal. I believe this to be untrue or the city and county would not be currently engaged in writing new ordinances. The "county" must act on decisions outside the city. It's in the Idaho law and the Blaha case proves this order of command. Taxpayers in these impact areas do not have any influence in the process currently because they are not represented by members of the City Council. Although the members of the city zoning and City Council may exhibit sympathy, the bias is toward development and growth and often gives approval to illogical rezoning requests, despite vehement and protracted arguments to the contrary.

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LETTERS

Residents who presently reside in the transitional impact zones on both sides of the city of Twin Falls will hopefully have a say in matters of rezoning requests and annexation through the county commissioners.

The city of Twin Falls currently has more than 600 building lots in inventory. When is more ever enough? The city and the county have an obligation to protect the property values of its residents. Developers plans should enhance surrounding property values, not devalue them. Would the citizens of Twin Falls please fight for controlled, reasonable growth? The residents in all surrounding subdivisions that are currently in or near impact zones are under threat. Developers are attempting to change an R-43000 zone in my neighborhood to a high density zone, even though the comprehensive plan calls for open transition areas near the canyon. When will quiet, open neighborly discussions of the mountains, prevail over the greed of developers? The answer is when your voices are heard at all upcoming meetings whether it affects you directly or not.

MARK BULCHER Twin Falls

Marriage debate is about preserving family unit

A recent Boise politician was speaking about the gay marriage issue. Her comment that they had other more important issues to deal with really disturbed me. What is more important than the fundamental unit of society? The family. Reading her comments reminded me of two things. The first thing were the words of Alexander Pope: Vice is a monster so frightful mien, as to be hated needs but to be seen; yet seen too oft, familiar with her face, we first endure, then pity, then embrace. The second thing is wise counsel found in The Family: A Proclamation to the World. It declares that "Marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God... and is essential to His eternal plan... we call upon responsible citizens and officers of government everywhere to promote those measures designed to maintain and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society." To the Boise politician who brings there many more important issues to deal with, I would ask her and everyone to not embrace the monster just because it has become too

familiar. We must protect the sacredness and the sanctity of the family and that begins with the God-ordained union of a man and a woman. RICHARD SCHRAFF Twin Falls

'Practical solutions' exist for deer on tracks

To Union Pacific Railroad spokesman John Bromley, Fish and Game Regional Conservation officer Gary Hompland, Fish and Game Regional Conservation educator Kelton Hatch and Idaho Wildlife Federation Coordinator Russ Houghins, John Bromley, it is really all about money—47 antelope and 75 deer? Who are these engineers anyway? How heart wrenching to think of all those animals needlessly killed and suffering in the cold with fractured legs until someone comes along and shoots them. These animals are not expendable!

Wildlife managers say they have no solutions for this problem. Gary Hompland says it's a million dollar question. Tell it to the deer and antelope!

John Bromley states that fencing is not feasible. He says the trains would need to slow to 10 miles per hour in order to stop and that is not in the cards.

Well yes, slowing down and fencing is most certainly the solution, and the slowing may only have to happen in the winter.

These are "practical solutions." Another is no train travel at night. I bet Idaho Fish and Game charged the Union Pacific Railroad a few hundred dollars a head or per animal murdered, slowing and fencing would "be in the cards."

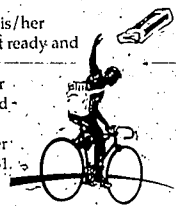
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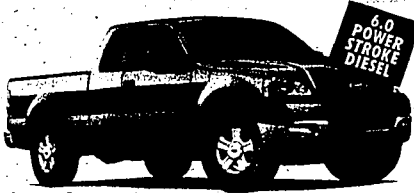
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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Ed board challenges recommendation

BOISE — Attorneys for the State Board of Education have asked Hearing Officer Charles McDevitt to reconsider his recommendation that Angelo Barnes be reinstated to his position as superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Students and staff at the Gooding school will have to wait until at least April for the state board to make a decision about the fate of the superintendent, who has been on paid administrative leave since July 30.

The state's attorneys made the petition for reconsideration and clarification late last month and Barnes' attorneys quickly followed with their own response. McDevitt will have 21 days to reconsider the decision he made last month, then he can change it, respond to the petitions or make no response, said Luc Williams, spokeswoman for the State Board of Education.

Barnes said in an e-mail that he is extremely disappointed with the state's challenge to McDevitt's original recommendation and he is eager to return to educating students.

The records were unavailable at the time of publication.

Lincoln County parents discuss school mergers

SHOSHONE — Parents in Lincoln County are invited to a town meeting to discuss the possible consolidation of school districts.

Peggy McGarry from the Center for Effective Public Policy and Walter Dickey, a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, will facilitate the 7 p.m. meeting in the Shoshone School cafeteria, located at 61 E. Highway 2.

Representatives from the Shoshone and Richfield school boards met last month and voted to pursue consolidating the two districts, while keeping both schools open. Consolidation might save the districts in the neighborhood of \$300,000 in administrative costs over seven years and allow it to increase the variety of classes offered. Representatives from Dietrich chose to forgo the meeting, although they are still invited to join the consolidation discussions.

The Shoshone district has 487 students, Richfield has 211 and Dietrich has 185, according to State Department of Education counts.

Julie Oxarango-Ingram, a member of several community groups, said that representatives from the Richfield and Shoshone school boards will attend the town meeting. Dietrich parents and school officials also were invited, she said, even though the school board indicated it would not attend.

Embezzlement case goes to District Court

TWIN FALLS — A woman accused of embezzling money from the accounts of a local elementary school has waived her preliminary hearing and the case has been brought over to 5th District Court.

Sarah Behunin, 35, of Twin Falls, faces one count of grand theft in connection with \$15,000 that was discovered missing from Harrison Elementary School. Parent-Teacher Organization after a routine review by school officials.

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

Behunin was questioned by officers and admitted to taking the money, the affidavit says.

She is scheduled to be arraigned in District Court on March 8, said Janice Kroeger, Twin Falls County deputy prosecutor.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake-Basin	84%	76%
Salmon Falls	114%	95%
Carleton	85%	70%
Oakley	117%	95%
Big Wood	96%	78%
Little Wood	104%	85%
Hendon-Teton	108%	88%
Big Lost	108%	82%
Little Lost	93%	74%

As of March 2

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

Open CAFO hearings don't fly

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — If you live more than a mile away from a proposed concentrated animal feeding operation, you still don't necessarily have the right to speak at a public hearing on the issue.

For the third time in slightly less than a year, some Magic Valley lawmakers' attempt to completely open up the public hearing process for CAFOs went down.

A requirement for counties to hold public hearings for CAFOs was voted in law last session. It was the first time all counties were required to hold hearings before siting of new CAFOs were approved. But the law allows counties to exclude people who live more than a mile beyond a CAFO site from the public hearing process.



In a 7-5 vote in the House Agricultural Affairs Committee Tuesday, Rep. Wendy Jaquet's bill to take the one-mile restriction off the magic required public hearing for CAFOs failed. One required public hearing for CAFOs failed. Magic Valley lawmakers who voted in favor of opening up the hearing process included Jaquet and House Ag Chairman Doug Jones, R-Filer. Those who voted against it were Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, and Rep. Frances Field, R-Grand View.

Two weeks ago, Sen. Laird Noh, R-



Rep. Wendy Jaquet

Kimberly, tried to get the same bill through the Senate Ag Committee and failed.

Stevenson said people who spoke to the hearing requirement a year ago were thrilled to finally get one in place in every county in fact. "Last year, this bill created a lot of heartburn in Jerome County," Stevenson said, noting he had gone against county commissioners he represents by voting for the requirement.

Jaquet added there was more to last year's



Rep. Bert Stevenson

discussion. She reminded Stevenson she had tried to open it up beyond one mile last year, too.

"But Stevenson pointed out the law allows county commissioners to decide if they want to open up the hearings to more than one mile. Part of that law dictates commissioners are only required to let people speak who have primary residences within a one-mile radius of proposed CAFOs.

Marty Durand of the American Civil Liberties Union warned lawmakers that if they don't broaden the wording, they are begging for a court challenge.

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House committee shoots plan down

THE DOCTOR IS STILL IN



Morningside Elementary School kindergartner Brody Groves, left, leans over to get a better view as Target employee Heather Montoya reads Dr. Seuss' 'Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?' at the school Tuesday. The reading was in celebration of the late children's book author's 100th birthday.

Police: Drug deal fight leaves man in hospital

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A man was arraigned in 5th District Magistrate Court Tuesday in connection with a fight that sent another man to the emergency room.

Kristopher Michael Ramirez, 24, of Twin Falls faces one count of aggravated battery with use of a deadly weapon.

The Feb. 27 hearing of Jacob Mondragon, whose age was unavailable, ensued after an argument about a drug transaction, according to an affidavit written by Detective Curtis Gambrel of the Twin Falls Police Department.

Both Mondragon and Ramirez, believed each owed the other money, the affidavit says.

The suspect told police that Mondragon became fearful that

he was being set up and started to reach for a gun in his wallet, the affidavit says. The suspect told officers that he used a metal pipe to hit Mondragon the face several times.

Officials recovered a metal pipe with blood on it, the victim's jacket and the suspect's bloody clothes.

Mondragon was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center with head injuries and was initially unable to communicate with officers because of his condition. He underwent surgery to remove a metal plate in his face and had to have metal plates inserted into his head, according to the affidavit.

Hospital staff reported Tuesday that Mondragon was stable.

Ramirez's preliminary hearing was scheduled for March 12. Bond was set at \$7,500.

Woman faces assault charge

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A woman accused by another of biting, choking and beating her — then threatening to have someone "cut her up into little pieces" — was arraigned Tuesday on one count of aggravated assault and one count of battery.

Katharine Christine Wolff, 45, of Buhl was charged in connection with the reported assault on Feb. 18 and 19.

The alleged victim said the suspect stuck a 9mm Beretta to her head and threatened to kill her, according to an affidavit written by Kevin Hanners, an officer with the Buhl Police Department.

The suspect became mad about a cut the alleged victim's brother loaned her when it wouldn't start, the affidavit says. While the alleged victim was on the phone to her brother about the car, the suspect held a gun to her head and later choked her, the alleged victim told officers.

The next day, the alleged victim claimed, the suspect beat her and

bit her nose.

Hanners wrote in the affidavit that he identified bruises on the alleged victim's legs, arm and back, and scratches on her face and arms.

He also described what appeared to be a ligature mark on her throat from a chain and a bite mark on the bridge of her nose.

The affidavit states that the alleged victim claims that the suspect limits the alleged victim's contact with her family, limits the amount of money that she can have and doesn't allow her to have friends.

The alleged victim told police someone would "cut her up into little pieces, which would cause her to die over a period of three days" if she reported the abuse to authorities.

The suspect has spoken to the alleged victim regarding a friend in the Mafia, according to the affidavit.

Wolff's preliminary hearing was scheduled for March 12. She has posted bond.

Burley ponders high garbage costs, looks at alternatives

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Revenues to operate the city's garbage system aren't keeping up with department's expenses, City Council members were told Tuesday.

City Administrator Mark Mitton briefed the council on costs versus revenues and outlined several options the council could consider, as it tries to save money. Revenue must be increased or costs decreased by \$70,000 to \$80,000 in order to pay for the capital improvements needed in the garbage department, he said.

Burley's discussion came in part because the city finally received an official response from Cassia County officials about garbage services. The city had requested that the county either

city garbage trucks could haul their waste and the county could then pay to haul that garbage to the landfill, or the county could share the city's costs to pay Santos Metals and Recycling — a private contractor — to haul garbage to the landfill.

All property owners in Cassia County including owners who live within the Burley city limits — pay a \$50 annual solid waste fee to Cassia County. The county pays the solid waste district \$15 a ton for all garbage taken to the Milten Butte Landfill by the city of Burley's contractor. People who haul garbage to the landfill are charged a tipping fee, but that fee is not charged Santos Metals and Recycling because the county pays the tipping fee for Burley's garbage.

Cassia County collects \$206,510 from Burley property owners in

that annual fee, Mitton said, but pays the solid waste district just \$151,000 a year for tipping costs for Burley garbage. No one at Tuesday's meeting was certain specifically what the county does with the other \$155,450 collected in solid waste fees from Burley property owners.

Cassia County owns and operates other transfer stations, in other cities in the county, Mitton said. Private citizens can use those transfer stations free and their garbage is hauled to the landfill. Some cities have private contractors who pick up garbage from individuals. Customers pay that private business and that business must haul the garbage to the landfill and pay the appropriate tipping fees.

"This is another example of the county taking money out of the city to pay for services outside the

city and leaving the city with a lower level of service than provided residents outside the city of Burley," Mitton stated in his memo about garbage alternatives.

Mitton suggested that the garbage fund is to have Cassia County officials exempt Burley property owners from that \$50 annual garbage fee. In turn, the county would no longer pay the tipping fees for the garbage dumped by the city's contractor at the landfill. The city could collect the \$50 solid waste fee itself and pay the tipping fee to the solid waste district. Then the city could keep the \$155,540 a year in its own garbage fund, to pay for new equipment and cover other increasing costs in the department, he said.

Another option he mentioned is

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Idaho Power drops push for a 'stray voltage' bill

The Times-News and
The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho Power Co. on Tuesday withdrew support for a bill the company had sponsored to establish excess electricity standards around cattle herds.

The company's bill would have established 2 volts as the minimum level at which the Idaho Public Utilities Commission would be required to investigate whether electrical currents in the ground might affect dairy cows.

The company said it failed to reach an agreement with its dairy customers.

"The lack of standards in Idaho for acceptable levels of stray voltage and protocols for addressing stray voltage-related disastments is a concern for Idaho Power," Senior Vice President Jim Miller said in a prepared statement.

Twin Falls County dairy owners Mike and Susan Vester sued Idaho Power, alleging its transmission lines were outdated and that electrical currents streaming onto their dairy made their cows sick. The Vesteras won the \$17.5 million award, described as one of the largest verdicts in a Twin Falls County civil trial and perhaps the largest of any stray voltage case in the country.

The Vesteras' attorney, Ken Peterson, has said that the limit should be set at no higher than .5 volts.

Dairy organizations had been in discussions with Idaho Power over the legislation and said they were assured the bill would go forward until everyone was satisfied.

Vermont, Wisconsin and Minnesota are in a Twin Falls County civil trial and perhaps the largest of any stray voltage case in the country.

Gooding keeps searching for new police chief

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — The City Council has chosen to move forward in its search for a new police chief despite a recent proposal from Sheriff Shaun Gough to consolidate law enforcement services and dissolve the Gooding Police Department.

Council members voted Monday to set March 9 as the date to conduct interviews with three finalists for the top law enforcement job in the city of Gooding.

Meanwhile, the man who currently holds that job, Interim Police Chief Rick Cowen, told the council that 1,500 staff members would evaluate the police department. An additional 1,000 surveys have been included as an insert in today's Gooding County Leader.

The three-purveyors ask residents their opinions of the department's effectiveness, quality of service, the safety of their neighborhoods and other areas of concern.

Following a recommendation by City Attorney Craig Holmby, an

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Web site can link needy with drug manufacturers

BOISE (AP) — The state and pharmaceutical companies on Tuesday unveiled a new Internet Web site where needy residents may be able to receive free or low-cost prescription drugs.

ship between the state and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

operated independently of each other so it was difficult for people, other than the state, to find out about it.

directly to the consumer. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and the state Commission on Aging often have the daunting task of helping individuals find pharmaceutical programs.

pregnant women, children, the aged and disabled, but Kurtz said it does not do much for low-income adults.

SERVICES

Marian Louise Anghand Kalfbeck, service at 2 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer. (White Mortuary)

Warren Kerrigan Clark, 89, of Rupert, memorial service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

L. Dean Fenstermaker, of Hagerman, service at 1 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

R. L. "Tuffy" Larsen of Jerome, service at 2 p.m. today at the Jerome LDS Stake Center on North Tiger Drive. (Hove-Robertson Funeral Home)

Doris (Faye) M. Wokersien, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Lighthouse Fellowship Church. (Demaray's Funeral Chapel)

Dennis Reed Blackwood, service at 3 p.m. Saturday at Assumption Episcopal Church. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel)

Justin Dee Frederickson, 29, of Kimberly, service at noon Thursday at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E.

Viewing from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and one hour before the service on Thursday.

DEATH NOTICES

Terry Lynn Woods HAGERMAN — Terry Lynn Woods, 55, of Hagerman, died Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004, at Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Boise, Idaho.

Leroy Riddle JEROME — Leroy Riddle, 71, of Shoshone died Feb. 28, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Cynthia Dawn Chiles BOISE — Cynthia Dawn Laib Chiles, 37, of Boise, formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, of natural causes.

Odetta L. Jackson TWIN FALLS — Odetta L. Jackson, 89, of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, died Monday, March 1, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced in an obituary at a later date.

OBITUARIES

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Reed C. Condie - Gooding

Reed Condie, 61, died Saturday evening, Feb. 28, 2004, of a cerebral hemorrhage at the Veteran's Hospital in Boise. He had been in the VA home the past five years, afflicted with dementia. We express our appreciation for their compassionate care.



He was born Oct. 28, 1942, in Wendell, Idaho, to Fern and Arland J. Condie. He attended schools in Gooding, graduating in 1961. Reed was drafted into the army, served in Vietnam and was the first Vietnam veteran to return to Gooding County.

A life-long resident of Gooding, he worked for Jackson Tractor and Auto, Gooding Tractor and Implement, V. A. Thompson Trucking, Gooding Lumber, the City of Gooding and the Northside Canal Company as

of his widowed mother over the years, keeping her house comfortable, her car maintained, and helping her with her needs.

Reed had nicknames for everyone he knew and was well liked. He was always willing to help out his friends and liked to do things for the little children in his life. Reed loved the outdoors and spent many summer weekends in the Featherhills area.

Reed is survived by his three brothers, Arland M. of Boise, Roger (Carolyn) of Peyton, Colo., and John (Cheri) of Jerome.

His parents and two sisters preceded him in death. Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2004, at Demaray's Chapel in Gooding. Viewing will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and one hour before the service.

He was married and divorced twice, to Elbert Burnham and Mary Hoyle. He took special care

Michael Andrew Powulus - Seattle, Wash.

Michael Andrew Powulus, 50, of Seattle, Wash., passed away from injuries sustained in an industrial accident on Feb. 18, 2004, with his family at his bedside at the Harborview Hospital in Seattle, Wash.



He was born on Sept. 13, 1953, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Stella Lang Powulus and Jack Eugene Powulus. Mike attended St. Edward's school for eight years and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1972. He always liked to work on all types of motors and engines. Mike taught a class at the college for two years on small motor repair. In 1974 he married Debbie Griffin. They were later divorced.

sons, Brian (Raifid) Powulus and Phillip (Jacy) Powulus; granddaughters, Abrianna Powulus; brothers, Charles (Ann) Powulus, Joe (Wilma) Powulus, Bryan (Amy) Powulus, and Brent Powulus; sister, Jackie (Jary) Smith; along with several nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2004, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 630 Falls Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho. The family requests memorials be sent to the Holy Family Catholic Church in West Seattle, Wash., or the St. Edward's Catholic Church building fund. Local services are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Lena Achabal Ensusa - Castelford/Buhl

Lena Achabal Ensusa, a resident of both the Castelford and Buhl communities during her long life, died Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004, at the age of 91, just 10 days shy of her 92nd birthday.

sheep operation west of Castelford, where she met Gregorio (George) Garay Ensusa. They married and began their future together near Three Creeks, Idaho, where he herded sheep and they shared their first home, a sheep wagon. After a short time in sheep-herding, they moved south of Castelford and farmed for more than 40 years before retiring near Buhl. Together they had two children, Edith (Edie) and John.

She is survived by her son, John and his wife, Diane, of Castelford; a nephew, Bill Bohannon of Buena Park, Calif.; and his sons, David and Robert; two grandchildren, David (Lisa) of Boise and Gina of Portland, Ore.; two great-grandchildren, Amaya and Nicholas; and many Wilson cousins.

She will miss you, (Mom, Grandma Lena). We admired you for your courage, your admirable will to live and we thank you for your love and generosity.

Until her health declined, Lena enjoyed gardening, bowling, assisting with church fundraisers, attending church and almost all of her grandchildren's sporting events. Lena took pleasure in listening to music and enjoyed all animals, particularly birds and cats. She believed in punctuality, expressing her opinions and, most of all, gatherings with her family. Lena was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Survivors include his mother, Stella Powulus of Twin Falls; daughter, Stephanie Powulus;

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Advertisement for Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home & Twin Falls Cemetery, featuring a photo of a man and text about funeral services.

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Located: Buhl, Idaho • 4300 North 1712 East From the southeast corner of U.S. 101, go 2 miles east on Highway 30, then 2 miles north and 1/4 mile east. Sale Time: 11:00am Lunch Served by Kathy

TRACTORS. John Deere "4440" diesel tractor, one season on engine overhaul, differential recently overhauled, cab with air and heater, quad range transmission, dual remotes, 540 x 1000 pto, 18-438 rubber, category II 3pt hitch. John Deere 1604H diesel tractor, cab with air, quad range transmission, dual remotes, 1000 pto, 18-438 radials, category II 3pt hitch, runs gear - IHC "1066" diesel tractor, cab with air, TA, dual remotes, 540 x 1000 pto, wide front, 16.9x38 rubber, 3pt hitch - Farnall "560" gas tractor, wide front, TA, dual remotes, 540 pto, 15.5x38 h-tires - IHC "656" Hydro diesel tractor, engine just overhauled, but rubber, fast hitch - IHC "656" Hydro diesel tractor, engine just overhauled, but rubber, fast hitch - IHC "656" Hydro diesel tractor, engine just overhauled, but rubber, fast hitch - IHC "656" Hydro diesel tractor, engine just overhauled, but rubber, fast hitch.

TRUCKS - PICKUPS - TRAILER. 1965 Dodge "D 500" 2 ton truck, V8, 5 speed 2 speed, 8.25x20 rubber, 16ft grain and beet bed - 1982 GMC 1/2 ton pickup, V8, automatic, long wide box - 1982 GMC "S 10" pickup, 2.5 liter engine, 4 speed, long wide box - 1986 Ford "F 150" 4x4 pickup, V8, automatic transmission out, lock out hubs, long wide box - 1975 Chevy 1/2 ton 4x4 pickup, V8, automatic full time 4x4, long wide box - 1978 GMC 1/2 ton pickup, V8, 4 speed, for parts - 1981 VW 16ft stock trailer, tandem axle, deliter gate.

GROUND WORKING EQUIPMENT. IHC "218" tandem roller, folding wings, cutouts front, dual rubber, hydraulic lift - IHC "145" 3 bottom 2 way plow, turn rollers, 3pt hitch - Brillion 15ft roller barrow, dual inside rubber, crownfoot rollers, hydraulic lift, dual steel hammer - 7 row C shank corrugator with hydraulic markers, gauge wheels, 3pt hitch - John Deere 7 shank V ripper, gauge wheels, 3pt hitch - Evertsman 10ft land leveler on steel - IHC pull type 10ft field cultivator - Massey Ferguson 14ft tandem disc on rubber, cutouts front, hydraulic lift - IHC "314" 3 bottom 2 way plow, trip beams, 3pt hitch

PLANTING & BEAN EQUIPMENT. IHC "S100" 24 hole grain drill, double disc, seeder, hydraulic lift John Deere 7100 MaxMerge 8 row planter, mounted, hydraulic markers, 3pt hitch - Trickett Oley Step 8 row bean cutter, front row roller, 3pt hitch - IHC "100" 3 bottom 2 way plow with end dump - Lockwood lines "835" 8 row bean windrower, 3pt hitch, pto center delivery - Speedy 6 row front mount bean cutter - IHC 6 row beehy mount bean cutter - IHC 6 row "295" unit planter with disc, seeder, hydraulic lift - Oliver 16 hole grain drill on rubber, 2 speed, double disc, double power lift - McKean 6 row "S" line bean cultivator, gauge wheels, 3pt hitch - IHC "Triple" 8 row "S" line bean cultivator, gauge wheels, 3pt hitch - Oliver 4 row line type bean planter, 3pt hitch

HAYING & FEEDING EQUIPMENT. John Deere "466" string tie hay baler, pto, hydraulic tension - IHC "440" string tie baler for parts - IHC "100" 7ft Dyna Balance mower, 3pt hitch - John Deere "815" charcoal type rake - Toft Mixwell feed box on single axle truck frame, pto, front discharge - New Hens "126" hay shredder on rubber, pto drive - Farm 14ft grinder mixer on rubber, pto, extra screws, mineral additive bin - Rubber tireg hay rack 2 wooden 16ft feed bins

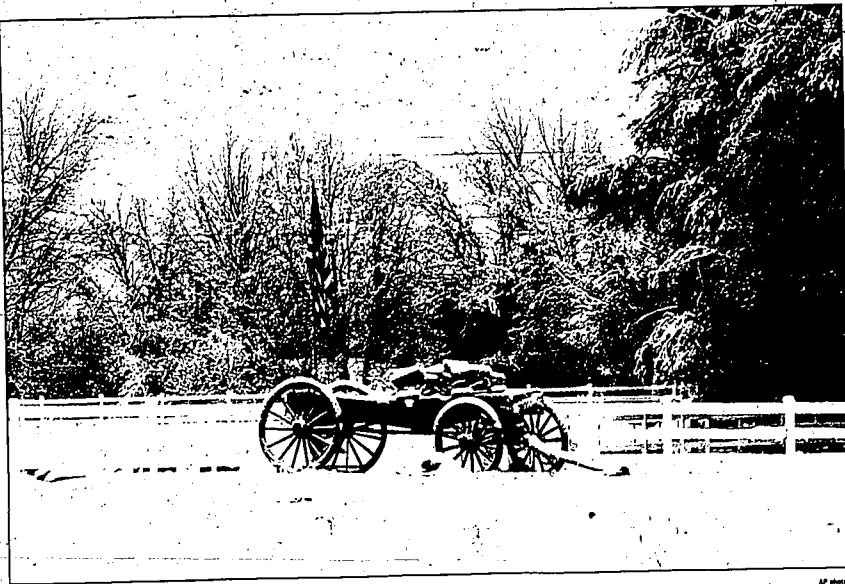
OTHER EQUIPMENT. John Deere tractor manure spreader on rubber - John Deere "48" hydraulic loader with 36 hydraulic bucket on rubber - Chiatini double wing ditcher, 3pt hitch - Two 100 gal fiber glass saddle tanks with side mounts

MISCELLANEOUS. Powder River calf table - 500 gal overhead fuel tank - two 250 gal overhead fuel tanks - 500 empty lift cutter bar for use with hoses - acetylene unit - hydraulic rams - assortment of cultivator tools - and other miscellaneous items

Advertisement for Vickers Western Store featuring a boot and text: 'FINALLY... Affordable Work Boots By Gear Box AS LOW AS \$59.95'.

A large vertical advertisement for 'AUCTION CALENDAR' listing various auction events from Wednesday, March 3, to Monday, March 27, including details on items for sale and contact information for Masters Auction Service.

STARS AND STRIPES IN A FIELD OF WHITE



Snow covers a field in Reno, Nev., Tuesday. A wet winter storm blanketed western Nevada with snow Tuesday, causing slick roads, spinouts and power outages.

Regulatory staff calls rate hike plan excessive

BOISE (AP) — State regulators are proposing a dramatically lower rate increase than what Idaho Power Co. wants.

The company says it needs an average 17.7 percent rate increase to recover about \$85 million of investments made in its system since 1994. But staff members of the Public Utilities Commission counter that only about \$14.5 million in outstanding costs should be passed on to ratepayers each year.

Staff members have submitted their own plan to commissioners for about a 3 percent rate hike for Idaho Power Co.

The basic residential bill for 1,200 kilowatt-hours a month is \$61.67.

Under the utility proposal, it would increase to \$68.92 from September through May and to \$83.65 for June, July and August.

Under the staff proposal, it would rise to about \$63 a month year-round.

The three-member commission is expected to issue a decision in late May.

The utility said it has invested \$850 million since 1994 to serve a customer base that has grown from about 310,000 to 423,000 in southern Idaho, northern Nevada and eastern Oregon.

The commission staff contended ratepayers should not be billed for \$17.8 million in pension costs.

\$5.1 million for an employee-incentive program and more than \$20 million for plant and infrastructure improvements.

Also to be excluded, according to the staff, is \$350,000 in legal costs that another subsidiary of IDACORP, which owns Idaho Power, incurred in handling alleged improper energy trading activities and dues paid to various organizations including the exclusive Arid Club in Boise.

11-year-olds pass out after drinking binge, die in field

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Two 11-year-old boys whose bodies were found in a snowy field on the Flathead Indian Reservation died after consuming massive amounts of liquor, Lake County Sheriff Bill Barron said Tuesday.

A shaken Barron said the deaths were "not acceptable," adding "Somebody ... has to be held accountable for this."

"It's pretty sad when you have to lift them out of a snowbank and put them in a bag," Barron said. "It's a terrible tragedy."

The bodies of Frankie Sonneah Nicolai and Justin Benoit, both of Ronan, were discovered in a field Monday by one of their friends. Barron said it appeared both died late Friday or early Saturday, but had not been reported missing all weekend.

Barron said Frankie, who had a blood-alcohol level of 0.50 percent — more than six times the legal threshold for drunken driving — died of alcohol poisoning. Barron said a blood-alcohol level of 0.40 percent can be lethal in an adult.

"It's rare you'd see anybody at point-five," Barron said. "In my career I've seen only four people at point-five."

Justin died of a combination of alcohol poisoning and hypothermia, said Barron, who also is the county coroner. Justin's blood-alcohol level was 0.20 percent.

Justin's mother, Norma Fox, and Frankie's father, Frank Nicolai, identified the bodies. Barron said the bodies were discovered in a field about a half mile outside Ronan by a friend who had gone

looking for them, the sheriff said.

"He found them laying in the field and just immediately called the sheriff's office and told us about it," Barron said.

Barron said he had not determined why the boys were in the field, but they had apparently been drinking with friends and went there under their own power.

Both were wearing coats, he said.

"It looks like they just basically got tired and laid down and never came to," Barron said.

University of Idaho absorbs jazz festival's large debt

MOSCOW (AP) — With help from the University of Idaho, the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival seems poised for a return to fiscal harmony.

The festival had accumulated more than \$450,000 in debt since its inception in 1985. Coupled with a \$700,000 debt accrued by its umbrella organization, the Lionel Hampton Center, jazz-related programs at the UI were \$1.2 million in the hole. But the university absorbed that debt last year, giving

festival organizers a clean slate for this year's budget.

Dan Schoenberg, director of auxiliary services, has overseen the effort for greater fiscal responsibility demanded by the university.

Along with the festival, which concluded its annual run Saturday, the Hampton Center has been overseeing the development of a jazz archives collection, expanded jazz music degrees and the proposed \$40 million Lionel Hampton Center building.

The center's \$1.2 million of red ink came before the fiscal turmoil after cuts in state funding to higher education and the University Place debacle.

In the last year, previous spending habits have been curtailed, revenues have increased and this year's festival should break even, Schoenberg said.

He said corporate sponsorship, private gifts and paid registration from the jazz festival attendance all

rose this year.

Joe Zeller, dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, said it was easier, but not painless, for the university to take on \$1.2 million more in debt now that the festival seems to be living within its means.

Jazz festival executive director Lynn Skinner said the bottom line was helped by the artists who take about one-fifth of their normal pay to come to the festival. His office also cut one staff member.

Gooding

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addendum to the initial survey asked city residents if they were in favor of contracting with the Gooding County Sheriff's Department for law-enforcement restrictions such as hiring a city police chief to run a city police department. The questionnaires ask that they be returned to City Hall by March 5.

Sheriff Gough's law enforcement proposal, listed on Monday's agenda as unfinished business, was tabled until a later date.

Gough has drafted a proposal to take over law enforcement services in the city of Gooding. At the Feb. 17 council meeting, Gough unveiled a plan that he said could save city taxpayers \$96,000 through consolidation, which would trim costs associated with custodial services, utilities and administration.

Gough's plan would continue to provide city residents five officers and include three patrol cars and equipment.

Council members have said they will entertain the sheriff's proposal, but they also have been quick to note that it'll need the support of city residents to become a reality.

In other business, Councilman Vern France reported on a meeting last week with a Federal Aviation Administration field representative and several local pilots.

The gathering concerned an incident last fall that involved the operation of an ultra-light and an airplane pilot, whose aircraft

ended up on the same runway at the same time.

The bottom line and the recommendation of the FAA representative is that we put in a grass strip parallel to the existing runway for the express purpose of those ultra-lights using the grass strip," France said.

The councilman noted that there are five ultra-light operators that use the facility on a routine basis and he believes the number might increase.

Hearings

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"This is a constitutional issue," Durand said. "It does restrict freedom of speech."

Durand said freedom-of-speech restrictions must be "reasonable. We do not feel the current one-mile restriction to be reasonable."

Durand, Jaquet and even the president of the League of Women Voters, Elinor Chubbey, insisted the wording of the bill tends to discourage commissioners from opening up hearings rather than encouraging public participation. Even the Association of Counties, to which the state's county commissioners belong, sided with Jaquet, though no one showed up

to testify.

Several speakers said that people who would be affected include more than just homeowners within one mile.

Schools, businesses, renters and recreationists could be affected, they said.

And often, CAFOS affect people much farther than one mile away, they said.

In addition, several speakers said those folks proposing CAFOS can bring anyone to hearings, including experts from all over the state, but conversely most of the public is excluded from bringing forth experts.

But industry — represented by the

Idaho Dairymen's Association, Milk Producers of Idaho, the Idaho Farm Bureau — the Idaho Cattle Association, and Food Producers of Idaho — said their organizations are happy with the law as it stands. They said county commissioners are better suited to determine who gets to speak.

"We feel it's not a state issue," said Bob Nareboub of the Dairymen's Association.

Ben Dennis Lake, a Blackfoot who is a cattleman, said he was sided with an attorney general's opinion that says not everyone necessarily has the right to speak at a CAFO hearing.

However, Field — who lives near

the world's largest feedlot in the Grand View area — said the discussion was so thought-provoking that she wants to convene a committee this summer in order to come up with a compromise bill.

Meanwhile, in Jerome County on Tuesday, County Commissioner John Elorreta said the county hasn't had enough time to evaluate the effect of last year's bill. "It didn't go into effect until July 1, and since then the county hasn't had any applications for new CAFOS, he said.

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Hagerman council hosts town meeting

HAGERMAN — City Council members will host a town hall meeting at 7:30 p.m. today at the Hagerman Valley Senior Center.

Residents are encouraged to attend and voice any concerns or suggestions for the betterment of the community.

Firefighters host pancake benefit for 2-year-old girl

KIMBERLY — Firefighters with the Kimberly Fire Department and the Rock Creek Rural Fire Protection District are hosting a pancake breakfast March 13 to benefit Kylie Lynn Funk.

The 2-year-old girl is the daughter of Rick and Brandee Funk and recently underwent open-heart surgery in Chicago. Upon her return home, she developed complications and was rushed to a Boise hospital for treatment of an infection.

She is able to come home, but she must return to Boise every 72

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hours for treatment.

The breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. in the Kimberly Fire Station, located at Highway 30 E. Prices for the breakfast are \$3 each or \$15 per family. Individuals wishing to donate to Kylie's medical fund can do so by sending contributions to Kayleean at the Kimberly Wells Fargo branch, P.O. Box 11, Kimberly, Idaho 83311.

Is 'The Passion' right for children to see?

The Times-News is preparing an article about whether M.J. Gibson's R-rated movie, "The Passion," is appropriate for kids to see.

If you've seen the film, have children and would like to share your opinion, call Steve Crump at 735-3223 or e-mail him at scrump@magicvalley.com.

Compiled from staff reports

Intelligence officer lives with uncertainty

BOISE (AP) — Sgt. Kevin Wolf could be part of the largest call-up of National Guard troops in Idaho history.

Wolf, the father of a newborn daughter, said he always knew there was always a chance of overseas deployment.

whatever time is needed to get them spun up with training at a mobilization site yet to be determined.

The 116th Cavalry Brigade, the largest Idaho Army National Guard unit based at Boise's Gowen Field, is equipped with the M1 Abrams tank, the U.S. military's primary battle tank.

"Obviously, there was the possibility I could be leaving my family," 33-year-old Wolf said Tuesday. "Having signed up with the guard meant I would be willing to go. That's a commitment that every soldier honors."

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne announced Monday that the Department of Defense put Idaho Army National Guard soldiers on alert with likely deployment to Iraq late this year or in 2005. Soldiers already in Iraq would be rotated home. The Idahoans join guardsmen from three additional units nationwide for a total of 10,000 soldiers on alert status.

Both were wearing coats, he said.

"It looks like they just basically got tired and laid down and never came to," Barron said.

Wolf's wife, Rainelle, had their first child, Friday, a girl named Isabel. The couple must live with uncertainty for now.

"I'm confident that if I'm deployed, my family will be taken care of," he said.

The alert typically precedes a mobilization order, Kempthorne said.

All the soldiers are called to active duty, it will be the single largest deployment of National Guard troops in Idaho's history.

"I guess my feeling is somebody has to relieve those soldiers who are over there," Wolf said. "The possibility was always there that we could be deployed. That's part of doing the job we were trained for."

"We're talking one year in the country," said Lt. Col. Tim Marsano, Idaho Army National Guard spokesman. "There's also

Pocatello council will decide fate of electricity franchise fee increase

POCATELLO (AP) — Cheap electricity is a key reason manufacturing jobs come to Pocatello and a proposal to triple the city's electric franchise fee may hurt its ability to attract new business, an AMI Semiconductor spokesman said.

The city charges Idaho Power a 1 percent fee for using municipal rights of way.

The utility passes the charge on to customers.

City officials say increasing the fee to 3 percent could generate \$500,000 a year for street maintenance.

Arlen Witrock, public relations director of AMI Semiconductor, Pocatello's largest private employer, said there is no connection between energy consumption

and street use. He said the 3 percent franchise fee would cost the company \$50,000.

Witrock also said AMI cannot reduce its electricity consumption without laying off workers and reducing production.

He said the problem is compounded because Idaho Power is planning to raise rates soon, which is a disincentive for manufacturers to move into or expand within Pocatello.

City officials said the increase is an alternative to raising taxes or cutting services.

The City Council will discuss the increase during a March 10 study session and will vote March 17 on putting it on the May 25 Idaho primary election ballot.

Burley

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to no longer pick up garbage that's not in a Dumpster. Burley residents now may place bagged garbage or appliances or furniture or other items next to alley streets where there are no alleys and city employees make a separate collection sweep to pick those things up by hand. The regular garbage trucks are automated and can only pick up Dumpsters.

That action would reduce labor costs and equipment costs because a rear-load dump truck would no longer be necessary.

People who regularly generate too much trash for their Dumpster could lease additional containers for the city, thereby boosting revenues, Mitton said. He estimated the city could generate another \$35,000 a year with that option.

The city could consider no longer owning and operating the large 30-yard containers. If those containers were owned and maintained by a private company, the

city could eliminate the costs of buying new trucks — designed specifically to handle those large containers and reduce labor costs, too, Mitton said.

One simple option is to increase all garbage rates by \$2 a month now and continue to raise rates when needed.

Or the city could renegotiate its agreement with Santitas Metals and Recycling to pay less than the \$14.7 a ton it now pays that firm to load trash and haul it to the landfill.

Council members agreed to discuss Mitton's suggestions at a March 17 meeting and then bring the topic back to a future council meeting.

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IDAHO LEGISLATIVE LOG

Completes for Monday Sent to governor

SB1238 (State Affairs) - For the Capital Permanent Endowment Funds, allows direct and land receipts to be put directly to the Permanent Endowment Fund.
 SB1265 (State Affairs) - Authorizes elections to be cancelled for uncentered school board candidates 15 days rather than four days before the scheduled election date.

Legislative action complete

HB343 (Business) - Repeals changes to the professional responsibility rules of the Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors.
 SB1107 (Transportation) - Urges Congress to take necessary steps to improve the safety of the National Highway System.
 SB1122 (State Affairs) - Recognizes the achievements of the DL Evans family and its members-official bank.

Confirmed by Senate

SB999 (Transportation) - To the Idaho Transportation Department.

Introduced in House

HB700 (Appropriations) - Allocates \$1.9 million for the State Treasurer for operations in fiscal year 2004-2005.
 HB701 (Appropriations) - Allocates \$1.6 million for the Office of the Governor for operations in fiscal year 2004-2005.
 HB702 (Appropriations) - Allocates \$2 million for the Division of Financial Management in the Executive Office of the Governor for operations in fiscal year 2004-2005.
 HB703 (Appropriations) - Allocates \$36.2 million to the Department of Administration for operations in fiscal year 2004-2005.
 HB704 (Appropriations) - Allocates \$20 million to support South Idaho College and the College of Southern Idaho for operations in fiscal year 2004-2005.
 HB705 (Appropriations) - Allocates \$8.1 million for the Health Education Programs under the State Board of Education for fiscal year 2004-2005.
 HB706 (Appropriations) - Allocates \$10.1 million for Special Programs under the State Board of Education.

Liquor license bill clears bar

BOISE (AP) - A bill that would allow small town mayors and city councils to sell liquor licenses to large hospitality facilities cleared its final legislative hurdle Tuesday.

Senate Bill 1252 passed 48-15 after being sponsored in the House by Rep. Jim Clark, R-Hayden.

The bill would apply to towns with population of less than 5,000. New hotels with more than 60,000 square feet, more than 60 rooms and more than \$15 million in taxable value would be eligible to get a liquor license from the city.

This makes a non-transferable license that stays with the city. Clark told House members during a floor debate.

HB796 (State Affairs) - Establishes criteria regarding statutory changes when the alleged victim and perpetrator are close in age and the act was consensual.
 HB797 (State Affairs) - Prevents certain academic records and personnel files from being disclosed.
 HB798 (State Affairs) - Idaho State Historic Preservation and Cultural Enhancement Act clarifies role of the Idaho State Historical Society.
 HB822 (Education) - Asks the President and Congress to support the Idaho National Laboratory in eastern Idaho.
 HB1264 (Education) - Commends the Idaho-National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory for 55 years of service.

Introduced in Senate

SB1493 (Finance) - Allocates \$2.3 million for 2004-2005 operations of the Secretary of State's office.
 SB1494 (Finance) - Allocates \$22.2 million for 2004-2005 operations of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.
 SB1495 (Finance) - Allocates \$2 million for

2004-2005 operations of the Capitol Commission.
 SB1412 (Finance) - Allocates \$11.1 million for 2004-2005 operations of the state General Fund.
 SB1413 (Finance) - Allocates \$29.6 million for 2004-2005 operations of the Agricultural Research and Cooperative Extension Service.
 SB1414 (Finance) - Allocates \$53.8 million for 2004-2005 operations of the Division of Professional-Technical Education.
 SB1415 (Finance) - Allocates \$2.1 million for 2004-2005 operations of the Department of Water Resources.
 SB1416 (Judiciary and Rules) - Extends immunity from damage claims to government employees supervising participants in the state's Drug Court program.
 SB1417 (Judiciary and Rules) - Requires cooperation between the Fish and Game and Agriculture departments to assure adequate separation of big game and livestock to control disease.
 SB1418 (Judiciary and Rules) - Clarifies that all medical personnel must comply with proper Do Not Resuscitate orders.
 SB1419 (Judiciary and Rules) - Creates the Idaho Prescription Drug Program.
 SB1420 (Judiciary and Rules) - Extends limitations on volunteer liability to persons serving on public boards, councils and other groups organized by executive order to benefit citizens of the state.

SERR ESTATE AUCTION
 205 North 5th Street - Paul, Idaho

Saturday, March 6, 2004 - Sale Time: 10:30 a.m. - Lunch Available! Directions: Go to the LDS church on the west end of Paul, turn north on 5th Street. The Ser home is located straight north of the church. Watch for sale markers!

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- TOOLS & MISC.**
 B&D electric weed eater - B&D hedge trimmer - Hand yard sprayer - rake - Shovel - Aluminum scoop shovel - Aluminum step ladder - Boxes of shop misc. - Various electric cords - Costume jewelry - Purse - Small picnic cooler - Christmas decorations with 2 artificial trees - Pam chairs of various kinds - 2 bikes - Golf clubs - Croquet set - Luggage

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And many items too numerous to mention!

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HOME FIX-IT 2004

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Section C



Carol Jones of Kelly-Moore Penderosa Paints in Twin Falls matches colors that will go together to give any room a welcome makeover.

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COLOR CONQUERS ALL

Vibrant hues dominate redecorating

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It took a little soul-searching before Jill Carroll stepped boldly up to her kitchen wall and painted it a sassy red. "I love red, but like a lot of people, I wondered how it would look," said Carroll, who with her husband runs BS&R Designs and Supplies in Twin Falls. "It turned out great."

Since then, room by room, Carroll's home has become color fashion-forward.

"We're empty-nesters, and I just finished redecorating my son's room," she said. "I call it the Travel Room, and I did it in kind of a mossy green and mustard yellow."

"I love the way the house looks, but I'm running out of rooms to re-decorate."

Pack it up, beige and white: You're no longer safe. Color has blasted its way back. Paint-makers are pouring Pink Mixx, Mystical Grape and Relish Green into gallon cans. Shocking colors are being slathered on walls by TV-show decorators who see it as a quick, inexpensive way to make over a room. Those in traditional houses are rolling over plain-vanilla walls with blueberry-late.

"I can't tell you how many times I hear about 'Trading Spaces,'" said Janet Gorrige, a Twin Falls-based interior designer and former buyer for Home Depot. "I don't like a lot of the things they do on that show, but it does have people thinking about color."

Those people are not timid. They understand the power of color, that it can update a room, create a space that's welcoming, highlight an

Au courant

Every fall, the Color Marketing Group, an international, not-for-profit association of 1,500 color designers based in Alexandria, Va., forecasts what colors will be hot — and what colors will not — for the coming year. Here is CMG's forecast for 2004:

Durable home

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- **Soho Green** — A fusion of bronze and gold creates this 21st Century neutral, elemental and enduring.
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Home fashion

- **Good Earth** — Freshly filled, an enriched new brown with Victorian roots, Mission influences, and Lodge appeal.
- **Coral Bells** — A relaxing stroll through the garden — can you smell the coral bells?
- **Cu** — It's elementary. A precious metal with healing powers, shiny new or corroded over time.
- **Naughty But Nice** — Don't blush if you know Victoria's little secret. A traditional twist on innocence and peace.
- **Glassy** — Glass tints this transparent green; reflective, fresh and innocent.
- **Hope Blue** — Heavensent, our hope for the future.
- **Hyper Green** — Technology puts this virtually real green into overdrive.

— Source: Color Marketing Group

architectural detail and camouflage a flaw. "Painting a room a color that you turn out hating is not the worst thing that can happen," said Carol Jones, an interior designer at Kelly-Moore Penderosa Paints. "It's pretty easy to change."

Color, too, changes. It's influenced by light, climate and its immediate surroundings. That's why Chinese red, Mexican pink, Indian saffron and Southwest terra cotta often look best in their birthplaces.

"It's so important to see a color in the light in which it's going to be used before you put it on the wall," Gorrige said. "A color looks different in natural light than it does in fluorescent light, and different than that in incandescent light."

Many paint stores now have areas where you can view paints in different lighting conditions, but you can't always tell much from a paint chip.

"If you wonder about a color, I advise taking a sheet that's painted in that color and hanging it on the wall to see if you can live with it," Jones said.

"You can even buy a little of several colors of paint and put them on a wall in the room you're re-decorating," Gorrige said. "Why not? You're going to be repainting the room anyway."

Complicating everything for those of us who think gray is a bold step is the fact that no one sees color the same way. Your red-orange Coca-Cola red might look like someone else's stoplight red.

And we worry about burning up our money, time and pride only to be forced to live in something that doesn't reflect our tasteful selves.

"Choosing color isn't an exact science," Gorrige said. "And if you make a big mistake, your friends will tell you about it."

You can sit through home improvement seminars to see if you can live with it.

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Jeffrey Alan Mark's collection of vases and Chinese porcelain jars provides colorful accents.

For more on adding color to your home, turn to page C-2.

'It's a switch' returns to the Magic Valley

The Times-News

Are you willing to trust total strangers with your inner space?

For the second year, *The Times-News* will sponsor "It's a Switch," a promotion in which a two-person team redecorates a room in someone else's home while its homeowners return the favor.

Cain's Home Furnishings in Twin Falls will supply \$1,000 in furniture and accessories for each home, as well as the services of a designer.

Kelly-Moore Penderosa Paints of Twin Falls will provide \$250 in paint and wallpaper for each home, and a designer.

Twin Falls Ray Coffin Construction will furnish carpentry work, while Franklin Building Supply of Twin Falls will provide building materials.

The projects must be done in no more than three days and finished before April 7.

Here are the ground rules:

- Participants must live within the Magic Valley area.
- They must either own the property to be redecorated or have written permission from the owner.
- Each home must have a team of two people — spouses, parent and child, siblings and friends are all welcome. All participants must be at least 16 years old.
- The room to be redecorated must be at least 14 feet by 14 feet.
- It must already have furniture in it. Any furniture that should not be touched can be removed beforehand, but the room cannot be left empty.
- Participating teams must be able to take the same two days during March and April — out of their schedules to do the work. If additional days are needed, both parties must agree on the specific day.
- Those who take part must have a friend or relative with whom they can stay for the duration of the project.
- Invasive work into walls, floor or ceilings is not allowed, although new lighting fixtures

are permitted.

If you're interested, fill out an application, which must include photos showing all angles of the room to be remodeled, as well as a picture of the team that will do the work and of the exterior of the home. Application deadline is March 17.

Forms are available at Cain's *The Times-News* offices in Twin Falls and Burley, or online at <http://www.magicvalley.com> (click on the "It's a Switch" button). Applications — with photos — should be mailed to It's a Switch, *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303.

Employees of *The Times-News*, Cain's Home Furnishings, Kelly-Moore Penderosa Paints or their immediate families are ineligible to enter.

The winning teams will be announced in the *Times-News* on March 24. A complete follow-up section on the two rooms featured will appear in *The Times-News* Food & Home section on April 14 or April 21 (depending upon scheduling).

For more information, call 733-0931.

Learn how colors can affect your mood. — C2

Turn your house into a playground. — C4

Green Thumbprints: Make way for the spring gardening season. — C7

HOME FIX-IT 2004

Add and subtract to make great color combinations

Los Angeles Times
Find comfort in this: Even the pros, who know color inside and out, mess up. But they keep adding and subtracting until everything balances out — lights and darks, hard and soft.

screenwriter Rachel Feldman, and their two children, Nora and Leon, moved into their house eight years ago, they didn't want furniture or artwork to have visual punch. Instead, the walls became the focus.
Slowly, layer by layer, Tillmanns found the way to make the once-neglected rooms grand with a montage of colors and faux finishes.

Painted the fireplace arround and mantel the same colors as the velvet sofa — cerise and black.
The walls, as in other rooms, are in versions of muted yellow ochre. Depending on the time of day, the house glows yellow, golden, green and even red, Feldman says.



Carl Tillmanns, a painting contractor, makes walls the stars of his home, while furniture takes a back seat.

Inside this special Home-Fixup section:
Creating a playhouse See page C-3
Pricy appliances See page C-4
House plan See page C-5
James Dullely See page C-5
Hands-free faucets See page C-5
Green Thumbprints See page C-7

A brush with the bold: Color in theory

Los Angeles Times
Why is the ceiling blue? It sounds like a child's query, but the reason something human-made is a certain color is based on tradition, superstition, feng shui beliefs or scientists' findings. We react differently to, say, a flaming pink fridge than a brushed-steel one.

The theory is that color, which is visible light, has an effect on health and behavior.
Blue is often used in bedrooms because it lowers blood pressure. It makes you so focused and calm, you lose track of time.
To boost the energy level, add warm orange accents. Orange is on the opposite side of the color spectrum of blue, and when opposites attract, the feel of the room vibrates.

Blue is for bedrooms

Color can change the way you feel and even the behavior of the people in it. Here's how.
Psychic connections: Blue is a color that's associated with trust and loyalty.

gray or blue environment.
White, the most popular paint color in the United States, is good for bedrooms because it makes small rooms look larger.
But in large spaces such as offices, light-reflecting white walls can cause eyestrain, headaches and tension.

Color
Continued from C-1
ins until your legs go numb, but you'll get it right only by trying. And failing. And trying again.
Find comfort in this: Even the pros, who know the color families better than their own, mess up. But they keep adding and subtracting until everything balances out — lights and darks, hard and soft.

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Have fun! Turn your house into a playground

The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — If Alice in Wonderland hired herself out as an interior designer, with the dormouse as her assistant, she might conceivably come up with something like the house of Holly Tomlinack and Joe Bienvenu.

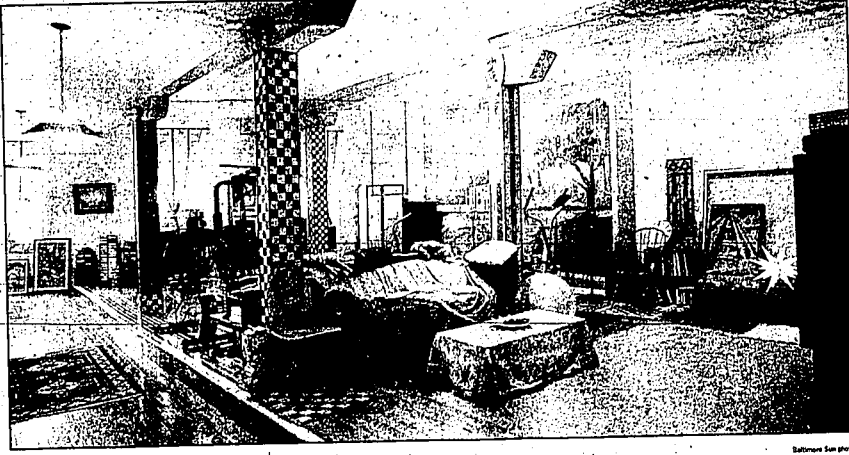
For most of us, home is shelter. For Tomlinack, 33, and Bienvenu, 37, it's their playground — a playground decorated with checkerboards and stripes, stars and hearts, thrift-store finds and little string.

"I'm always finding things in Dumpsters that interest me," says Tomlinack with a laugh. "I guess I require a lot of stimulation. A lot of color. A lot of things."

The trapeze in the living room is a clue that this isn't like any other house in Little Italy.

"Sometimes it's good to hang upside down," she explains. "It changes your perspective."

Then there's the ballroom strung with stars and a disco ball, the recording studio, the master bathroom with a Jacuzzi, and the state-of-the-art kitchen — but no central heating. (Heat is provided in some rooms by wood-pellet-burning stoves.)



Baltimore Sun photo

Above left, Joe Bienvenu and Holly Tomlinack's living room includes a trapeze. Can you spot it?

The interior doors have swinging cat doors cut into them for Sportiva and Charlie, two enormous domestic shorthairs, and Stella Luna, a tuxedo cat.

"A lot of people come in and say, 'Wow, you guys are crazy,'" says Bienvenu, whose day job is as a psychiatrist at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. "But a lot come in and say, 'This is great.'"

You've heard of the fabulous Little Italy mansion that's for sale for \$4.2 million? This is the other Little Italy mansion, a through-the-looking-glass, 'Magical Mystery Tour' version. It's not for sale.

The structure of the house itself, all 10,000 square feet and three stories of it, has a lost-in-a-dream quality — with the front door on one street and the back door on another — but the two streets aren't parallel. That means rooms lead into a maze of other, smaller rooms, and none of them has four right angles. You never come out quite where you expected to be.

want to do? I asked myself. I wanted to ride a motorcycle.

Bienvenu was against it at first. As a physician he had worked in emergency rooms and knew how dangerous motorcycles can be. But over time he changed his mind. This month the two are off for a three-week trip to Colorado on the touring bike. Tomlinack is also a member of the Baltimore BombsHELLs, an all-girl scooter club.

The couple never meant to buy a house this big. In 1999 they were living in an apartment in Fells Point. They loved the idea of moving to Little Italy but knew it was a close-knit community.

"You can't buy here unless you know somebody or someone dies and leaves you a house," says Tomlinack.

The one house they found listed had only recently been converted into a residence — and it was a work

would be difficult to heat. It was not, in other words, love at first sight. They continued to look at other houses elsewhere in the city.

But here they are. "It was a collision of circumstances," says Bienvenu, who doesn't exactly explain why they ended up buying what he calls "the monster home." They liked the neighborhood. The previous owners cut the price almost in half, and the lure of so much room was too strong to resist.

"I lived in apartments so many years," he elaborates. "I dreamed of having space to do whatever I wanted."

The couple don't have to go to the gym to work out because the second-floor great room has, along with a sofa covered in velvet, a treadmill, an elliptical trainer, a stationary bike and a silver exercise ball that could be mistaken for a funky piece of art. It looks like a giant ball bearing.

One wall is covered in a mural done by Bienvenu's parents of a plantation near their home in Louisiana, where he's from.

"I don't really like it," his wife says. "It looks unfinished."

Sometimes, she adds, she has fantasies of covering it up with thick velvet curtains.

No matter, it's fairly unnoticeable because of the columns painted checkerboard black-and-white, the 56-inch television, the Oriental carpets and the band set up on the stage against one wall. Bienvenu is a drummer in two rock bands, Nine Bob Note and Zipper. The bands practice and do some recording here, and play in the area.

A little apart from the rest is a shrine with a collection of religious art, candles and icons. Tomlinack, who grew up in Tallahassee and was one of 12 children, was brought up Catholic.

She has an obvious affection for her religious heritage. "I find the objects comforting," she says.

True to form, when Bienvenu and Tomlinack hired someone to help them with the renovations they decided on a "functional artist" who plays guitar in jazz sessions with Bienvenu, not a traditional contractor.

"Joe and Holly are very adventurous," the artist, Marco Duenas, says. "They give me creative and freedom. These guys are very open-minded."

At the moment he's converting the back of the first floor into an

apartment, which will eventually help pay for further work on the house.

On each floor, there's at least one normal room. On the first, it's a guest room and bath off the foyer. On the second, it's a handsome kitchen with all the bells and whistles. (Of course, it's painted an eye-popping orange-red and decorated with lots of whimsical teletchickies.)

Bienvenu's office is also on this floor, and Tomlinack's costume room, where she stores the vintage clothing she collects and where she sews fanciful costumes of sequins, velvet, lace and tulle. She likes to dress up, and the couple are involved in Fluid Movement, a

Baltimore-based performance arts group. They also regularly throw costume parties, cabarets and balls.

Tips for decorating the monster house

When you don't have unlimited funds, it takes courage to take on a monster house, as owner Joe Bienvenu calls it, and turn it into a home. Here are some tips from his wife, Holly Tomlinack:

- Use the library. People tend to overlook the vast resources available for free. There are how-to books for designing, building, decorating and weatherproofing, consumer information and lots more.
- DIY! (Do-it-yourself!)
- Salvage materials whenever possible. Objects found at thrift stores, flea markets, yard sales and demolition sites and in Dumpsters can be used to make your house unique.
- When you find an object that speaks to you, especially if you can't figure out why, buy it and add it to your decor. Its mysterious appeal will reveal itself over time and delight you longer than a generic decorative object you buy because it obviously matches the stuff you already have.
- Be patient. Don't try to do everything at once. Be prepared for it to take years to finish your house exactly the way you want it instead of settling instantly for the quick fix.

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Holly Tomlinack, 33, shows her latest "prom" dress for one of their annual parties.



Baltimore Sun photo

There are 23 rooms, says Tomlinack. "Oh, shoot," she corrects herself as she counts. "There's that other little room behind the freight elevator. Twenty-four." But you get the feeling she may have lost a room or two.

Even the city gets confused. The tax bills for their garage, which has a separate street number, were sent to the backdoor address, and the couple never got them. They found out by accident that their garage was up for auction because the bills hadn't been paid.

The garage houses a scooter and two BMW motorcycles: one is a touring bike and the other Tomlinack's commuting bike. Who says a lady librarian can't ride a motorcycle to work? In this case, to her job at Finch Pratt Central.

"I was on a grand jury a few years ago," she explains, "and I realized you can die tomorrow. What do you

in progress, only three-quarters done. Built in 1895, the structure had been at various times a brewery, a mattress company, an oyster processing plant, a sewing machine warehouse and a Jos. A. Bank factory. Tomlinack found fabric in the freight elevator "so fragile it dissolved in my fingers." More recently the building had housed the Kohl's Lamp Co.

Listed at \$600,000, the property was out of their price range and much too much house for two people, but their real estate agent insisted they look at it anyway. The building would need a lot of work before they could move in, and it

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Kitchen, bathroom appliances go high tech

The Washington Post

LAS VEGAS—Forget Macs, iPods and electronic gadgets. Bring on the fancy new kitchen and bath appliances.

Today's manufacturers are betting there is no end to the high-priced appliances to put in your ever-expanding kitchens and our ever-increasing number of bathrooms.

And they are probably right. Manufacturers' shipment of major appliances shot through the kitchen ceiling last year. In 2003, manufacturers shipped a record 73.7 million appliances to distribution centers and retail outlets, up 8.5 percent from 2002, the Washington-based Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers says.

The sizzling housing market was only part of the story. Last year's record was just the latest in a decade of record-breaking years for appliances. In 1994, the industry shipped 49.2 million units; by 1998, that number surpassed 60 million. The kitchen, home to most of those appliances, is one of the two most important rooms in today's houses, according to research compiled for the National Association of Home Builders.

And the bath, the other important room, has its own growing number of new-fangled fixtures. More than half of homeowners in a recent poll conducted for the builders' group wanted 2 1/2 or more bathrooms in their next house, more kitchen amenities are now considered essential by homeowners, the poll showed.

As the number of appliances Americans buy soars, so does the sophistication-and cool quotient-of those appliances.

Consumers are incorporating appliances a lot more into their social and entertainment lives, said Jill Nottin, director of communications for the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers. "Appliances have become social symbols. It's not just the car you drive anymore. It's 'what fridge do you have?'"

At the annual International Builders' Show recently in Las Vegas, several manufacturers unveiled new appliances that were eye-catching both in what they do and how much they cost.

TV refrigerator

The new high-tech refrigerator from South Korea-based LG Electronics is a television and refrigerator combined.

The 26-cubic-foot side-by-side fridge incorporates a flat-screen 13 1/2-inch digital television into its right-hand door. The left-hand door houses an automatic icemaker and water dispenser.

The fridge has a built-in AM-FM radio and two speakers.

"This is a fashionable, sexy appliance that also saves space," said Daniel Lee, director of marketing for LG Electronics USA. "Yes, it does cost more than a side-by-side refrigerator and a separate 13-inch television. But it's not an appliance for people counting pennies... It's a fridge you can be proud of."

The TV Refrigerator, which has been available in South Korea for six months, is scheduled to be on sale in U.S. stores in April.

Initially, the appliance will come only in a stainless-steel look finish. Manufacturer's suggested retail price: \$3,250.

Flip-down entertainment center

If you think that staring at a television refrigerator all day will just make you hungry, Salon Inc., the maker of George Foreman grills and other small appliances, offers its Beyond Icebox kitchen entertainment center, which features a flip-screen television that can attach under a kitchen cabinet.

The entertainment center, with a screen that swivels for easy viewing in the kitchen and flips up underneath a cabinet when not in use, includes television, a DVD and CD player, FM radio and home-video monitoring capabilities. It can connect to broadband Internet access and some dial-up Internet access.

It is not a computer, so there is no need to wait for it to boot up because it is always on. The monitor is a 12-inch flat-panel monitor and can be hooked up to home-viewing cameras, such as a baby-monitor camera in the nursery. It can also connect to home management systems, such as security and heating-air conditioning systems.

And Salon insists you that do not need a PhD in engineering to operate the device.

"An 8- or an 80-year-old can use it," said Heidi Austin, of Chicago-based Salon. "It's easy: you can send e-mail, look up recipes, watch the Food Network, plan vacations all while you're making dinner." The entertainment center comes with a remote control and a wireless keyboard, both of which are waterproof and can be tossed in the dishwasher for cleaning.



LG Electronics TV Refrigerator. Why just use the fridge for food storage when you could also use it to watch the Food Channel? (LG 259)

The Icebox entertainment center comes in a black or slate finish. It is available in stores now with a suggested retail price of \$2,299.

Air body-dry system

You know how you get a little chill after you turn off that hot shower? Well, that's all history. And so are towels, with this new Jacuzzi bath drying tower.

The air body-dry system, which so far comes only in Jacuzzi's Summer Rain double shower—the shower that 30 percent of consumers like to shower with someone else—is a six-foot tower with two hot-air jets in the middle of the two showers.

The jets can turn on when the shower is activated, heating the shower's wall, that's all history. And so are towels, with this new Jacuzzi bath drying tower.

You can stand in front of the head-to-toe jets and dry yourself while still in the shower. The heated jets are adjustable. Temperatures and airflow can be controlled. Temperatures can go up to 150 degrees.

The Summer Rain double shower measures a hefty 6 feet by 4 feet by 7 feet.

"This isn't for your standard 8-by-6-foot bathroom," said Aly Johnson, vice president of baths and showers at Walnut Creek, Calif.-based Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath. "This is for people building large, custom, upscale homes."

The Summer Rain features two shower columns, each with four adjustable body-massage jets, a shower diverter and a thermostat control that enables each bath to personalize his shower. Curved

double shower doors open in the middle.

The shower with the air drying system is scheduled to be available in June. The retail price for the double shower and air drying system is about \$10,000.

Kent Baker, president of Jacuzzi, said many consumers are not afraid to drop big bucks on their bathrooms. "They think they'll get a better return on their house if they have a great bathroom," he said.

High-volume toilet

Kohler's new toilet is not just any old toilet. It is a toilet that gets rid of "extraordinary" waste, such as lots of water instead of just the normal amount.

Kohler's advertising for the new toilet features three rather large men eating an extra, extra-big sub. This toilet is for those guys.

Kohler representatives say the toilet is also designed for families with children who stuff lots of toilet paper down their commodes.

Jim Kukla, of the Kohler, Wis.-based company, demonstrated the toilet's capacity by ramming more than a dozen golf ball-sized balls down the bowl; the balls were all gone in three seconds.

"It's for big people," Kukla said. "It's for extreme uses and bulk performances." He said stuffing a shoe down the toilet "might clog it." He said the toilet would also be useful in commercial applications.

The toilet's heavy-duty capacity comes from an extra-big flush valve 3 1/4 inches wide rather than the usual 2 1/4 inches. It also has "direct-fuel jets," which flush the water through the system more quickly and forcefully than a regu-

lar toilet. The toilet can be set to a 1.6 gallon flush, as federal water-conservation rules require, or an extra water-slinger 1.4 gallon flush.

The toilet sits 17 inches off the ground, like some other toilets on the market, so users do not need to squat, as low as on a 15 1/2-inch-high conventional toilet. The Cimarron is scheduled to be available sometime this year. Suggested manufacturer's retail price is to be \$272.

Integrated sinks

Quebec City-based Julien Inc. makes high-end stainless steel sinks that are more than just vessels for holding water and dishes. These sinks can also be sleek knife-holders, sponge depositories, dish-washers, pan drawers, utensil holders and cutting board and colander bases.

The company's Aquacenter sink features an integrated dishwasher mounted under the sink. Next to the dishwasher is an integrated deep drawer for holding pots and pans. One accessory, sold separately, is a nifty cutting board that slides across the sink; it has an opening where a rectangular stain- and rust-resistant mat can be dropped in for easy draining.

Other Julien sinks feature open-top removable compartments in the sides of the sink to house sponges, scrubbers and other dish-washing utensils. The compartments close when not in use and have drain holes at the bottom so that water does not pool. Julien offers more than 30 different configurations of integrated sinks—jointless, one-piece, sinks made with a sleek, modern design that minimizes bacterial growth in seams and allows for easier maintenance.

Some Julien sinks also feature integrated knife and utensil holders at the top, an opening where a small plant can be placed, and an open-top compartment for sponges and scrubbing brushes.

The holders are housed behind a wave-like panel of stainless steel. "The once-unnoticed sink has now earned a place of honor," said Richard Paradis, a sales representative at Julien. "The sink is the most important piece of equipment in any home, and as kitchens evolve so must sinks."

Julien has been selling stainless steel equipment for professional kitchens in hotels and restaurants for more than 50 years. Last year, it started a residential kitchen line. The Aquacenter, which is supposed to be available in stores this year, comes with a suggested retail price of \$7,500. Faucets are extra.

New appliance combines clothes-drying functions

The Hartford Courant

Tired of having to choose between clothes-shrinking dryers or wet garments hanging in the shower? Maytag says the only thing its new Repture Drying Center shrinks is the amount of time you spend baby-sitting your laundry.

The Drying Center, which fits stably in January, pairs a traditional tumble dryer below with an upper cabinet for items that consumers prefer to air-dry. Maytag spokesman Jill Spiekerman says the multipurpose unit, designed to minimize shrinkage, speeds up the drying process, reduces wrinkles, eliminates odors and refreshes clothes. It was developed in response to consumers' frustration with the clothes-drying process.

"People sort before they wash and then they sort before they dry," says Spiekerman. "It's a time-consuming process if you toss stuff in the dryer, you have to get it out as

soon as it's done so everything doesn't turn into a wrinkled lump. If you air-dry clothing, you can have wet stuff hanging around the house for days."

The lower tumble dryer and the upper cabinet can be operated simultaneously or individually. The upper cabinet, which includes mesh shelves and a hanging rod, dries as many as 13 items at a time. The hanging rod at the top of the cabinet swings back and forth periodically to help eliminate wrinkles as the clothes dry. Hooks behind the removable shelves can be used for hanging hats, sneakers and other bulky items. Fragrance can be added to any cycle using the unit's dryer sheet caddy.

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Arnett provides get-away home

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This plan is economical to build, heat and maintain. Its footprint, including porches, is only 31 feet wide and 35 feet deep. Clean-lined batt and boards cover the exterior, while sleek twin columns support covered porches on both the front and side.

A lofty two-story vaulted ceiling adds to the expansive sense of openness in the great room. Warmth radiates out from the traditional wood stove to dry damp clothing, and ease the chill out of icy fingers and toes. And owners who install a stove with glass front can indulge the relaxing pleasure of watching multicolored flames and the dancing shadows they cast.

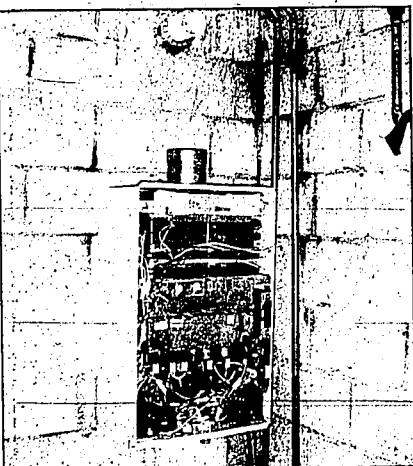
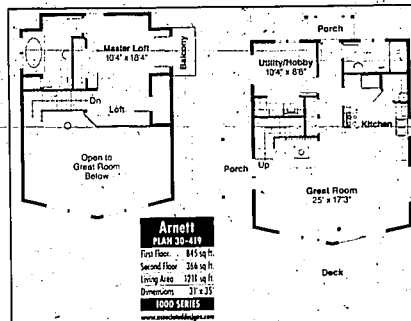
The kitchen is comparatively large for a home this size. It has a roomy walk-in pantry, and plenty of counter space. A raised counter-

bar rims the outer edge and the angled peninsula. Sitting here on a cold day, you can soak up heat from the wood stove while chatting with folks in the kitchen and breathing in all the delightful cooking aromas.

Storage closets line the hallway that leads to the front porch, bathroom and combination utility/hobby room. Laundry appliances hide behind folding doors, so this space could also double as a guest room.

The sleeping area of the Arnett's master suite could be an entirely open-ended loft, or sectioned off behind the landing for more privacy. The master bathroom boasts a luxurious spa tub.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jackson Drive, Eugene, Ore., 97402. Specify the Arnett 30-419 and include a return address. A catalog with more than 400 home plans is available for \$15. For more information, call (800) 634-0123 or visit <http://www.associatedesigns.com>



Tankless water heaters heat water as it flows through the mechanism and out toward the valve that has been opened.

Getting enough hot water is a tankless job

DEAR JIM: We run out of hot water many mornings. I know a tankless water heater costs more to install than a standard one, but will a small tankless model really provide enough hot water for endless showers?



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

LYNN E: A gas or electric tankless water heater can not only provide enough hot water for 20 consecutive showers in the morning, but it does this more efficiently than a standard tank-type water heater. An average-size family should notice \$50 to \$100 annual savings on its utility bills.

Some tankless water heaters can cost twice as much as a standard water heater, but the savings will pay back the higher cost. Since there is no tank to rust out, tankless water heaters have a very long life. They can also be repaired when a part wears out as opposed to a standard one which must be replaced every 10 or 15 years when the tank rusts out and leaks.

A lower-cost option is to install just a tiny point-of-use tankless water heater in the water pipe at the main shower or bathroom faucet.

The electric ones are easiest to install in a bathroom. Some models operate on standard 110 volts, but the more powerful models use 220 volts. Some have digital controls that monitor the temperature up to 120 times per second.

Unlike older tankless water heaters, new ones with solid-state controls maintain a steady hot water temperature. This is accomplished by using variable gas burners or multiple-step electric heating elements which vary the heat output, depending on how much hot water is being used at the time.

It is important to understand how a tankless water heater works to determine if one is your best choice. When someone opens a hot water faucet, the tankless water heater senses this and heats the gas burner or the electric heating elements. This heats the water as it flows through.

Gas models provide the greatest amount of hot water, up to six gallons per minute (gpm). If you try to simultaneously take three showers, run the clothes washer and dishwasher you may exceed the instantaneous hot water output of the tankless water heater so the water temperature may drop.

Tankless water heaters (even powerful whole-house models) take up little space (about two cubic feet) and are often mounted on a wall or in a closet. Many of the gas models are direct-vent designs which do not require a chimney. They are ideal for switching from electric to gas (propane) heat.

Write for (instantly download - www.dulley.com) Update Bulletin No. 678 - buyer's guide of 16 manufacturers (60 models) of gas and electric tankless water heaters listing hot water outputs, flow rates (gpm), features, sizing chart, and prices. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Dulley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244.

Fun with faucets: Look ma, no hands

The Washington Post

Hands-free faucets, a staple of restrooms in airports, movie theaters and other public places, are now trickling into the domestic market, particularly in powder rooms and children's bathrooms.

Since the 1970s, these faucets have been used in commercial locations because of hygiene and ease of use," says Melissa Birdsong, director of trend forecasting and design for Lowe's home improvement stores. "As people have become comfortable with the use of hands-free technology, they started asking for it for their homes."

Although hands-free faucets such as the



Delta's e-Flow hands-free faucet sells for about \$250.

Flow line from Delta must be special-ordered at Lowe's and sell for about \$250 and up. Birdsong

says, sales are on the rise. Hands-free models have caught on not only because universal design is becoming more popular, but also because manufacturers have improved the water temperatures (including a non-scalding feature) and stylish new models are more suitable for a family bathroom than a gas station restroom.

"Now these things have a cool factor," says Birdsong. "I think they're going to become very popular as the styling, ease of use and the price reach a point of acceptability."

What about those automatic toilets? She says no rush to hands-free flush.

Composer's house of straw reflects his life

Los Angeles Times

JOSHUA TREE, Calif. - A single, elegant vase sat in the kitchen window of the high desert retreat built by late composer Lou Harrison.

As the first light of day crept in, documentary filmmaker and concert promoter Eva Soltes, who worked with Harrison on numerous projects over three decades and now owns the house, looked up at the vase and smiled.

"That's Lou," she said quietly. The comment could have been taken as her describing the ornate object as just the kind of thing he loved. So she laughed and added, "That really is Lou."

Soltes pressed her hands together and bowed slightly toward the window. The ashes of Harrison, who died on Feb. 2, 2003, at age 85 while en route to a festival of his musical works, were inside the vase. The house, built against a stun-

ning backdrop of huge granite rock piles common to this landscape near Joshua Tree National Park is a work representative of what Harrison - for whom the term iconoclast seemed coined - was all about.

Like Harrison - who incorporated Baroque, Asian and a wide range of other musical forms into complex, achingly beautiful works - it's a glorious mixture.

The retreat is dominated by a soaring, arched roof that took design cues from both mosques and medieval cathedrals. It uses traditional materials in an experimental way, so much so that it took almost three years to get through the permitting process. It was built in large part by a community of people, some of whom were longtime friends and admirers of Harrison - and others who were lured by the novel vision in which the house was constructed. And finally,

it has strong ties to the environment. Inside the retreat's 2-foot-thick walls, the primary building material is tightly bound bundles of straw. Straw-bale construction - a rapidly growing nationwide trend - was used because of its recycled materials, low cost, malleability and insulating quality that makes heating and air-conditioning more efficient.

But while most straw-bale houses end up looking either quite conventional or like something out of a hobbit village, the Harrison retreat is so elegant and awe-inspiring that

it's not unusual for first-time visitors to drop their voices to a whisper as they step through one of its many doors into the main hall.

Soltes was visiting from her regular home in San Francisco to host a small celebration - with music, dance and the scattering of those ashes in the desert - to mark the anniversary of Harrison's death and to look toward the future of how the retreat would be used, perhaps as the core of an artists' colony.

Harrison was a man of ample girth and the scattering of those ashes led to his being referred to as the Santa Claus of new music.

A Corvette and its garage

The Baltimore Sun
Just winning a 1962 Corvette convertible would be cool enough. But also winning \$50,000 in cash for tools and materials to build the "Ultimate Garage" to house it is almost too cool. DIY - Do It Yourself - Network sponsors.

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HOME FIX-UP 2004

Don't hesitate to push the season

The calendar says spring doesn't arrive until March 20, but with bare root fruit trees, roses and bulbs in the stores, gardeners don't feel like waiting—that long. Besides, the snow's almost melted, isn't it?

Go ahead. Buy the new trees, roses and summer-blooming bulbs now, while they're on sale. Then keep their roots moist and cool for a while. Or pot them up and put them inside if you'll indoors as a rule, but you might get away with housing them for a short time if you provide lots of sunshine and air circulation.

Watch for signs of mold and spider mites after they've leafed out. They'd probably do better potted up in a cold frame or greenhouse, though.

Bulbs can't wait for spring. They're pushing out of their packaging, raring to go. They do fine in large pots set in sunny windowsills. They will leaf out immediately. Then, as the weather warms, take them outside for daily outings, to get them used to outdoor temperatures. Once it's stopped freezing at night, they'll be hardened off and ready to go live outdoors permanently.

Whatever you're planting, wait until the soil is workable. That means that when you can sink a shovel in, pick up a hand full of soil. Squeeze it. If water squishes out and you leave a clear imprint of your fist, it's way too early.

When the soil is dry enough to crumble from your hand, it's ready.

DEAR CATHY: My Zephrine Drouhin rose has been on the east side of the house for three years and it needs to be moved to a more substantial trellis. Last year—around August, it began looking yellowish and tired even though I followed your care directions. Perhaps the east side is the problem? Please tell me where and when to replant and the steps to take so I don't damage it too much. Thanks for a great column—you've helped me in so many ways.

—LOVE THAT PINK ROSE
DEAR PINK: Thanks for writing. You've got yourself a lovely rose there. Ms. Drouhin, a Bourbon, wants to climb between 8 and 12



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
 Cathy Wajworth

feet high, so she will need a little something to lean on. And she would like more sun.

Although Ms. Drouhin is disease resistant, fragrant and blooms all season, you can take advantage of her. I suspect that she found the soil on the east side of your house even more alkaline than the rest of your yard might be, and three years is just about the end of her patience. House foundations, made of cement, leach lime making the surrounding soil practically uninhabitable. The yellowing you noticed was iron chlorosis. Give her more acid than she'll find next to the house. (Watch out for cement fence post foundations, too. They'll do the same thing on a smaller scale.) And then there's the sun. All roses want at least six hours of direct sunlight every day. Preferably early sun, but they'll settle for sunlight a little later in the day, if that's what is offered.

Ms. Drouhin, and any of her rosy friends would like to be transplanted as soon as the soil is workable. She's still dormant then, and it won't bother her a bit. And, if you cut her canes back a little, you are less likely to shed your own blood in the process. Cut back anything that looks damaged or winter-killed, or you would just like a little shorter for appearance's sake.

"Don't add a bunch of special stuff to her newly-dug hole. She'll just get spoiled and refuse to send her roots out beyond the hole's perimeter if you do it's better to make sure the whole garden area is well-fertilized and mulched. That way, she will feel free to explore. Give her and all her friends a little dormant spray before you finish your chores. Dormant spray will kill overwintering aphids and other assorted bad bugs, and give you all a jump on spring.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at cwajw@pm.com.

Terrariums are a natural for propagation, showcasing plants

NEW MARKET, Va. (AP) — Suppose, as a gardener, you could create an all-new world. You could fashion forests where no trees had grown before. You could make the deserts bloom. You could shape hills and streambeds and flowing meadows.

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"Terrariums can be made from brandy snifters, glassed-in pieces of furniture, bottles, fish aquariums or whatever you see clearly in your mind's eye."

Some terrarium gardeners go all out, making the medium their message, says David Trinklein, an associate professor of Horticulture at the University of Missouri who

specializes in plant environments and greenhouse management.

"The sky is the limit when styling around containers," Trinklein says. "There are some very novel containers out there."

Commit your plan to paper before placing anything under glass. And think small. That may save you some nipping and tucking and transplanting later.

Be sure you don't allow any mold, mites or maladies into your terrarium. Sterilize the soil first by combining one part peat moss with one part garden soil and baking it at 200 degrees about a half-hour.

Learn patience once you've got your terrarium garden growing. Offer food and water in moderation.

Stop watering if water begins pooling at the bottom. It will take time — days, probably — before the terrarium's humidity reaches the right balance. If you see any mold, or if the humidity inside appears excessive, then draw back the cover to boost ventilation.

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Applications and pictures are due to The Times-News by March 17, 2004. Winning applicants will be announced on March 24 in The Times-News. Work will need to be completed by April 7.

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IN BRIEF

M.V. Bulldogs host football tryouts

RUPERT — The Magic Valley Bulldogs semi-professional football team will be holding tryouts at Minico High School starting at 3 p.m. this Saturday. The Bulldogs are part of the Rocky Mountain Football League and were the Southern Division Champions last year with a record of 9-3. The Bulldogs are looking for talented athletes at all positions and no pads will be necessary for the tryout. The Bulldogs first game is Saturday, April 17 versus the Madison Lions at Minico High School. For further information, please call Dennis Hakes at 300-0166.

Pomerelle Ski Resort hosts Competition X

ALBION — Pomerelle Ski Resort will host Competition X 2004: A Triple Challenge on Saturday March 6. All mountain bikers, skiers and snowboarders are encouraged to compete to see who is the fastest down the course. The event will start at noon and there is a \$5 entry fee and a \$5 bib deposit. A release waiver signed by a parent is required for all competitors under 18 years of age and is available at www.pomerelle-mtn.com. Trophies will be given for the top three placers in each division. For more information, please call Mike Alcocer at 677-2454 or Kathy Marker at 878-7973.

Burley baseball signups starts next week

BURLEY — The Burley Amateur Baseball Association will hold registration for children ages five to 17 at Mountain View Elementary School starting Wednesday, March 10 from 6-8 p.m. Registration will continue on Saturday, March 13 from 9-12 a.m. and Thursday, March 18 from 6-8 p.m. Sponsors and coaches are also needed. For more information, please call Mike Alcocer at 677-2454 or Kathy Marker at 878-7973.

Goodbody heads to national track meet

WENDELL — Wendell High School junior-junior Goodbody will compete in the National Scholastic Indoor Track and Field Championships March 12-14 at the New Balance Armory track facility in New York City. Goodbody will compete in the pentathlon Saturday, March 13 along with the 60-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, long jump and 600-meter run. Goodbody was invited to the meet after taking sixth in the heptathlon at the Junior Olympics this past summer.

Compiled from staff reports



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning talks with reporters after signing a seven-year contract with the Colts Tuesday in Indianapolis. The contract totals \$98 million and contains a record \$34.5 million signing bonus.

Done deal for Manning

Colts sign Peyton to record deal as teams prepare for free agency

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Peyton Manning got a record new contract Tuesday, solving a major salary cap problem for the Indianapolis Colts on a day most NFL teams also cleared cap room for free agency.

Except as usual, the Washington Redskins.

The highest-profile player released Tuesday was San Francisco quarterback Jeff Garcia, who declined to accept a cut in his \$9.9 million salary for next season. That made him one of the top players on the free-agent market, which opens Wednesday.

The 49ers, who will go with Tim Rattay at quarterback, also cut Pro Bowl guard Ron Stone and gave disgruntled wide receiver Terrell Owens permission to seek a trade. Owens was prevented from becoming a free agent by a paperwork gaffe by his agent last week.

"I think it's very improbable that he would be back," general manager Terry Donahue said of Owens. "Both parties have agreed to pursue a trade very actively in the next 72 hours."

Linebacker Bill Romanowski, known for his training regimen and intensity on the field, was released by the Oakland Raiders after failing a physical.

The Colts, much to their relief, beat the deadline by signing last year's co-MVP to a seven-year, \$98 million deal with a \$34.5 million signing bonus, largest ever in the NFL. The deal was so complicated it took a while for the team and Manning's agent, Tim Condon, to figure out the exact size of the package.

But they did agree it saves the Colts \$10.1 million in cap space, allowing them to re-sign current players and pursue free agents.

That's because Manning's cap number, including the prorated signing bonus, will be \$3 million next season instead of the \$18.4 million it would have had he remained the team's franchise player.

Colts owner Jim Irsay was ecstatic at

what it does for his team, which lost to Super Bowl winner New England in last season's AFC title game.

"There was a lot of pressure because we're getting closer to (making) the Super Bowl," Irsay said. "If you don't get it done, we're going in a dramatically different direction."

In addition to Garcia, other desirable free agents are defensive linemen Jevon Kearse of Tennessee and Warren Sapp of Tampa Bay, running back Duce Staley, linebacker Carlos Emmons and cornerback Troy Vincent and Bobby Taylor of Philadelphia; defensive end Grant Wistrom of St. Louis; guard Damien Woody of New England; cornerback Antoine Winfield of Buffalo; defensive tackle Cornelius Griffin of the New York Giants; tight end Jim Kleinsasser of Minnesota; and wide receiver Darrell Jackson of Seattle.

Another player who could be attractive is defensive end Marcellus Wiley, released Tuesday by San Diego.

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REGION 18 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Refocus Refocus

CSI women regroup for shot at nationals

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A pair of losses two weeks ago and a shaky performance this past Friday could've derailed what has been a fairly straight and smooth trip towards the NCAA national tournament for the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team.

But the Golden Eagles have regrouped, apparently just in time, to make a serious charge towards a title in the Region 18 tournament, held today through Saturday at the CSI Gymnasium.

"I think it's a lot more intense and everyone knows what's at stake," CSI sophomore guard Ashley Alley said. "Getting to nationals is a big deal. Everyone's going to be out for blood, pretty much."

Top-seeded CSI (25-4 overall, 20-1 Scenic West Athletic Conference) led a pair of games at Salt Lake Community College Nov. 20 and 21, and played lethargically in a 66-57 win over Snow College this past Friday. On Saturday, the Eagles rediscovered the intensity they used to dominate all but two of the first 20 SWAC games in a 36-point win over Snow.

"If we would've had to start the tournament after Friday night's game, I probably would've said we were going to lose to whoever we were going to play," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "It had nothing to do with confidence and nothing to do with nothing besides effort. When you work hard, good things happen. I think that was the biggest difference between (Saturday's win and) the first game against Snow and the two games against Salt Lake."

Much of CSI's improved effort was triggered on the defensive end with pressure on the perimeter. The Eagles forced 40 Snow turnovers the second night and limited the Badgers to 3-of-10 shooting from outside the 3-point line.

"I think a lot of our momentum and our intensity comes from our defense," Alley said. "When we're not having a good defensive game and we're not working



College of Southern Idaho center Mollame Halaula shoots the ball while Snow College defender Candace Barton Jones tries to block the ball during a recent game.

THE DEATH OF AN INFAMOUS RED



Marge Schott with her dog Schottzle

Reds owner Marge Schott dies at 75

By Joe Kay
Associated Press writer

CINCINNATI — Marge Schott, the tough-talking, chain-smoking owner of the Cincinnati Reds who won a World Series but was repeatedly suspended for offensive remarks, died Tuesday, a hospital spokeswoman said. She was 75.

Schott was hospitalized about three weeks ago for breathing difficulties and repeatedly needed treatment for lung problems in recent years. Cincinnati Hospital spokeswoman Dana Buckler did not release a cause of death.

Schott had reportedly been on a ventilator during her treatment in the hospital's intensive care unit. Schott kept a low profile after she

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Accuser in Kobe's case denies she had sex after alleged attack

The Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — The attorney for Kobe Bryant's accuser in a sexual assault case on Tuesday denied as "patently false" claims his client had sex with another man the morning after her encounter with the NBA star.

"Anyone trying to prove otherwise will be chasing ghosts," John Clinton said in a statement. "The victim has confidence that the judge in this case will appropriately resolve these 'rape shield' issues, and that the focus of this trial will remain on the conduct of the defendant."

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CLASS 1A STATE TOURNEY PREVIEW

Area teams enter with big expectations and questions

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley brings five 1A teams and five chances into today's start of the Idaho 2004 Real Dairy Shootout at Caldwell. Area favorites include High Schools. From local favorites Carey and Raft River to surprising Richfield, every boys basketball team comes in with a few key questions that will need to be answered.

The 20-1 Carey Panthers will continue to rely on their top six players to steer the ship, but coach Dick Simpson has brought up junior varsity players to flesh out his lineup.

"We're now up to 11, but fatigue is going to be a big factor," Simpson said.

2004 Idaho 1A Real Dairy Shootout

Wednesday
Vallivue High School
Troy vs. Raft River, 1:15 p.m.
Machoy vs. Lakeside, 3 p.m.
Cole Valley Christian vs. Richfield, 6:15 p.m.
Hansen vs. Horseshoe Bend, 8 p.m.
Caldwell High School
Carey vs. Idaho City, 1:15 p.m.
Shoemaker vs. Council, 3 p.m.
Kootenai vs. Community School, 6:15 p.m.
Genesee vs. Cascade, 8 p.m.

fifth seed Idaho City Wildcats who have height, but lack a consistent perimeter threat.

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Richfield's Charlie Amy pulls down a rebound during a recent game. The Tigers are the district's No. 5 seed after entering the Northside Conference tournament as the No. 8 seed.

SPORTS

Dog eat dog race

1,100 MILES FROM ANCHORAGE TO NOME

Record 87 teams will compete in 2004 Iditarod to the finish

By Mary Pemberton Associated Press writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - Barking dogs and mushers yelling "Hike!" will create a din of excitement Saturday as a record 87 teams take to the Iditarod trail.

The 1,100-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race - the longest sled dog race in the world - holds its ceremonial start from downtown Anchorage, where fans will crowd three-deep to get autographs and cheer on their favorite mushers.

The Iditarod commemorates a 674-mile relay race from Nenana to Nome that took place in February 1925 to deliver serum to combat an outbreak of diphtheria among children.

Iditarod competitors are required to go over the Alaska Range, steering their teams through the 3,160-foot Rainy Pass before descending 1,500 feet to 2,000 feet into the Dalzell Gorge. After that, it's a boring 150 miles on the frozen Yukon River where tired mushers sometimes fall asleep slumped over their sleds.

The serious racing begins Sunday at the official restart in Wasilla because of icy conditions. But unlike last year when the restart was moved more than 300 miles north to Fairbanks because of too little snow, the Iditarod trail this year from Willow to the coast at Unalakleet is superb, said Rick Koch, president of the Iditarod Trail Committee. However, mushers can expect a rough ride from Unalakleet to Nome because of snow-bumps carved into the trail by the wind, he said.

This year's purse is more than \$700,000, with the winner getting \$69,000 and a new Dodge pickup truck worth \$41,410. The purse for the first race to Nome in 1973 was \$50,000.

Peyton

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In other moves Tuesday:
• Miami cut seven veterans, including Pro Bowl safety Brock Marion and backup quarterback Brian Griese. Also cut were center Tim Ruddy, guard Todd Perry, tackle receiver James McKnight, tackle Mark Dixon and safety Trent Gamble.
• Detroit cut running back James



Joe Reddington from Manley Alaska and son of Joe Reddington Sr., the father of the Iditarod, drives his dog team along 4th Avenue in Anchorage, Alaska Feb. 29 to finish his 24th Fur Rondy Open World Championship Sled Dog Race with a total time of 280.11 minutes* for the three-day, 75-mile sled dog race.

includes two four-time winners, Martin Buser of Big Lake, Alaska, and Doug Swingley of Lincoln, Mont. They will be looking to join Rick Swenson of Two Rivers, Alaska, as the Iditarod's only five-time winner. Jeff King of Denali Park, Alaska, who was third in 2000, 2001 and 2003, will be looking for his fourth win. And Ramy Brooks of Italy, who came in second in 2002 and 2003, will be looking for his first win. Last year's winner, Norwegian musher Robert Sothe, is not racing. Buser aims to do exactly what he did in 2002 when he became the only musher to finish in less than nine days. But how he did that remains a secret shared only with his wife.

"No two years are the same, but it is certainly something to emulate," said Buser, who was born in Winterthur, Switzerland, and came to Alaska in 1979. He became a naturalized American citizen in Nome after winning the 2002 race.

2004 IDITAROD Back on course. After an unseasonably warm winter forced a Fairbanks start in 2003, 87 Iditarod mushers will resume the even-numbered year Northern route. The map shows the route from Fairbanks to Nome, passing through various towns like Golovin, Nulato, Galena, and Cripple. It also indicates the 'Even-numbered years' route and the 'Odds-numbered years' route. A scale bar shows 0, 50, and 100 miles.

Stewart, defensive tackle Luther Elliss, and wide receiver Bill Schroeder.
• Ed McCaffrey, one of John Elway's favorite targets on Denver's two Super Bowl winners, retired at age 35, after two concussions last season. That also cleared \$4.5 million in cap space for the Broncos.
• Green Bay released 340-pound defensive tackle Gilbert Brown, a fan favorite who once took off a year to lose weight.
• San Diego also cut tight end Stephen Alexander and defensive end Raylee Johnson.
• Tennessee reached agreements on long-term contracts for All-Pro linebacker Keith Bulluck and tight end Erion Kinney and released veteran offensive lineman Tom Ackerman.

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Dallas released off-injured offensive lineman Ryan Young.
• Tampa Bay released tight end Ken Dilger, linebacker Bwayne Ruid, receiver Karl Williams, tight end Roland Williams and safety Than Merrill.
• Oakland also released defensive end Trace Armstrong after he failed a physical, and re-signed offensive lineman Brad Badger.

CSI

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hard on defense, the game is just so much slower and doesn't seem like it goes our way."
And Rogers wants to make sure his team stays aggressive to make sure the games do go the Eagles' way.
"Sometimes you pull back now because they don't want to make mistakes," he said. "Sometimes you're up-tempo, up-tempo, up-tempo, shoot the 3, shoot the 3, shoot the 3, maybe now they're like, 'Well, if we don't make the 3, we don't win. Maybe we should work it around a little bit more.'
"I think you can completely go away from what got you there, and that's what I don't want to do."
While the College of Eastern Utah, the No. 3 seed, has run and gunned its way to a league-high 73.7 points per game, second-seeded Salt Lake Community College has not been afraid to pull on the reins and run its offense in the half court. It's a tactic that has caused headaches for the Eagles, who are 1-3 against the Bruins this season.
Salt Lake turns the ball over 19.6 times per game but makes up for it by shooting a sparkling 46.7 from the field and 35.6 from 3-point range.
"By virtue of the type of athlete we have, we need to be very direct in the half court," SLCC head coach Betty Spickett said. "We're fairly athletic, but we don't have the type of players that can create their own shots well."
"At this level, you should make

WOMEN'S REGION 18 CAPSULES

College of Southern Idaho
Head coach: Randy Rogers
Record: 2-4 overall, 2-0 S.W.A.C. West Athletic Conference
Record in last 10 games: 8-2
First round opponent: Eastern Oregon State (10)
Purse per game for regular: 72.5 points per game, 69 points per game for playoffs.
Scoring leaders: Sonny Omrath, 13.8 points per game; Lane Brown, 11.8 ppg.
Assist leaders: Omrath, 3.0 assists per game; Debra Jernigan, 2.1 apg.
About the Golden Eagles: CSI has won 13 of its last 13, with the two losses coming two weeks ago to Salt Lake CC. Three of the last four games have been the season's top seeded game. SLCC: The Eagles lead the S.W.A.C. in total points per game (73.7) and in 3-point shooting (46.7%). CSI's sophomore-point guard, Lane Brown, has led the team in scoring (13.8) and in 3-point shooting (21.1%). CSI's sophomore-point guard, Lane Brown, has led the team in scoring (13.8) and in 3-point shooting (21.1%). CSI's sophomore-point guard, Lane Brown, has led the team in scoring (13.8) and in 3-point shooting (21.1%).

Bryant

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Bryant's attorneys argue injuries to the accuser might have been caused by another man, and that she had sex with Bryant, 25, as part of a scheme to get the attention of an ex-boyfriend.
They say the woman had sex with "multiple" men in the week before her encounter with Bryant, including one the morning after the alleged attack. The woman has told police she had sex with someone two days before the alleged attack.
Clint's statement came while attorneys were in court for a closed hearing whether any of the 19-year-old woman's sexual activity in the days surrounding her June 30 encounter with Bryant are relevant to the case.
Also on the agenda Tuesday was whether Bryant was illegally questioned by investigators July 1, the day after the alleged assault at the guest Mall area resort where he was a push and the woman was an employee.
"Defense attorneys want Bryant's secretly recorded police statement and physical evidence, including a T-shirt stained with the accuser's blood, barred as evidence.
Blood investigator Doug Winters acknowledged during the last hearing a month ago that Bryant was subjected to a pre-dawn hospital

examination in violation of state law calling for the work to be done during daylight hours.
During last month's hearing, Winters said he never intended to arrest Bryant that night. He executed the court order to take the NIA star to the hospital because of an "incident" during the interview in Bryant's room.
Winters didn't explain, but said Bryant spoke with investigators willingly and knew he was free to leave at any time.
The defense subpoena of Bryant's accuser prompted complaints from the prosecution and victims' advocates. They say her sexual conduct in the days surrounding her encounter with Bryant is irrelevant, and the defense has based its arguments on rumor and innuendo.
Bryant's attorneys said he has a right to confront his accuser, and that discussing the woman's past sexual relations will help explain whether she consented to have sex with Bryant.
Prosecutors want state District Judge Terry Ruckelke to limit the defense questions to two issues: the source of injuries discovered during the woman's rape exam, and the source of semen found in the underwear she wore to the exam.

SPORTS

CLASS 1A STATE TOURNAMENT CAPSULES

The following are capsules about teams outside District IV entered in the Class 1A state boys basketball tournament at Caldwell and Vallivue high schools.

Cascade Ramblers
Head Coach: Dan Simpson (10th season)
Road to state: Defeated Cascade 64-41 in the District 1A tournament.

Cole Valley Chargers
Head Coach: Dan Simpson (10th season)
Road to state: Defeated Cascade 64-41 in the District 1A tournament.

Council Lumberjacks
Head Coach: Dan Simpson (10th season)
Road to state: Defeated Cascade 64-41 in the District 1A tournament.

Genesee Bulldogs
Coach: Jeff Boyd (second season)
Road to state: Defeated Cascade 64-41 in the District 1A tournament.

Horsehoe Bend Mustangs
Head Coach: Dan Simpson (10th season)
Road to state: Defeated Cascade 64-41 in the District 1A tournament.

Idaho City Wildcats
Head Coach: Dan Simpson (10th season)
Road to state: Defeated Cascade 64-41 in the District 1A tournament.

Kootenai Warriors
Coach: Mike Lusk (10th season)
Road to state: Defeated Cascade 64-41 in the District 1A tournament.

Lakeview Knights
Coach: Mike Lusk (10th season)
Road to state: Defeated Cascade 64-41 in the District 1A tournament.

Mackay Miners
Coach: Randy Nelson (second season)
Road to state: Defeated Cascade 64-41 in the District 1A tournament.

Sho-Ban Chiefs
Coach: Mike Smith (10th season)
Road to state: Defeated Cascade 64-41 in the District 1A tournament.

Troy Trojans
Coach: Guy Wade (10th season)
Road to state: Defeated Cascade 64-41 in the District 1A tournament.

Leafs overtake Bruins

TORONTO (AP) — Mats Sundin scored twice to help the Toronto Maple Leafs beat Boston 3-2 Tuesday night and move ahead of the Bruins atop the Northeast Division.

Islanders 3, Penguins 3
PITTSBURGH — Marc Bergevin ended a 101-game streak without a goal and Pittsburgh rallied from two goals down to halt its NHL record 14-game home losing streak, tying the New York Islanders.

Blue Jackets 3, Hurricanes 0
RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Rick Nash scored just over a minute in and Marc Denis made 25 shots to earn his fourth shutout of the season to lead Columbus over Carolina.

Thrashers 4, Rangers 3
NEW YORK — Patrick Stefan had three assists to help Atlanta complete a home-and-home sweep of the New York Rangers.

Panthers 1, Capitals 0
WASHINGTON — Robert Luongo stopped 23 saves for his fourth shutout in seven games and Olli Jokinen scored the only goal in Florida's victory.

Flames 4, Blues 2
ST. LOUIS — Jarome Iginla had two goals and an assist, and scored the game-winner with 3:30 remaining in Calgary's victory over punchless St. Louis that spoiled the home debut of new Blues coach Mike Keenan.

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"It's a good first-round draw for the Simpson said. "They're young and we feel they're beatable."

If the Panthers can get ahead of Idaho City early, Simpson will be able to rest senior scoring leader Ty Simonsen and the rest of his starters, something that is his valuable while playing games on back-to-back days.

"We want to win that first game," Simpson said. "If you do that, you're headed in the right direction. From there, hopefully we can stay rested and go as far as we can get to a trophy."

The Hansen Huskies enter as District Four's second seed, thanks to a surprising start during early season play. With a good mix of athleticism and height, coach Mike Pfeifer has a team that is looking to make some noise in its first ever trip to the state tournament.

"Our defense has carried us this far," Pfeifer said. "Hopefully it will carry us further."

Mallus Raft River Trojans are the rock with card in the tournament. While the Trojans finished the regular season 18-0, the loss of senior scoring leader Alex Nelson led to a conference tournament loss and third seed from District Four.

helped bear the Trojans' scoring burden.

If those four players play their best ball and Nelson can regain some of his 24 point-per-game form, the Trojans will be a formidable team in the tournament.

Ketchum's Community School cutthroats enter the state tournament as the district's fourth seed, but have proven they can play with the best teams in the state.

"Our most important factor will be whether we can consistently play well in the lane," Coach Mike Wade said. "We have to get the job done inside offensively."

The Outfalls first-round opponent will be the Kootenai Warriors, the first seed from District One.

"We don't know a lot about them," Wade said. "We've had a hard time pronouncing their name correctly."

The Warriors finished the regular season on an 8-11 record, but reeled off three straight wins to win their district championship.



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**BRIEFLY
IN MONEY**

**Ameristar amends
credit facilities**

JACKPOT, Nev.—Las Vegas-based Ameristar Casinos Inc. — whose two Jackpot casino properties are major Magic Valley employers — on Tuesday announced it has amended its senior credit facilities.

The amendment consolidates several loans, reduces the interest rate margin and permits Ameristar to pay cash dividends on its common stock in a total amount not to exceed \$25.0 million.

"We are very pleased that our lenders have recognized the continued improvement in our operating results and financial condition and agreed to reprice our senior credit facilities," said Craig H. Neilsen, president and chief executive. "This amendment significantly reduces our existing interest cost and affords us the flexibility to pay cash dividends should we choose to do so."

**Kraft announces stock
dividends for quarter**

RUPERT — Directors of Illinois-based Kraft Foods Inc., which has a cream cheese plant in Rupert, on Tuesday declared a regular quarterly dividend of 18 cents per common share of Class A and Class B stock, payable April 5 to stockholders of record as of March 15.

Kraft Foods markets food brands including Kraft cheese, Maxwell House and Jacobs coffees, Nabisco cookies and crackers, Oscar Mayer meats, Philadelphia cream cheese, Post cereals and Milka chocolates.

**Glacier Bancorp appoints
English as director**

HAILEY — Kallspeil, Mont.-based Glacier Bancorp Inc. — which operates Mountain West Banks in Hailey and Ketchum — on Tuesday announced the appointment of James M. English as a Glacier Bancorp director.

English is an attorney in private practice in Hayden and a partner in Great Sky Development, a commercial and real estate development company in Boise. English was president and chief operating officer of Idaho Forest Industries Inc. until the company was sold in November 2000.

English serves as a director of Mountain West Bank of Coeur d'Alene, chairman of the Board of Idaho College of Law School Advisory Council and president of the Children's Village Foundation, a temporary home for children in crisis.

**Boise Cascade will
webcast presentation**

BURLEY — Paper and forest products company Boise Cascade Corp. — which has a corrugated container plant in Burley — will webcast today's presentation by George J. Harad, chairman and chief executive, at the Credit Suisse First Boston Global Basics Conference in New York City.

At 2 p.m., investors can access the live presentation of Boise's Web site at investor.bc.com/medialist.cfm. Go to the Web site at least 10 minutes early to allow time to download and install any necessary software. The archived webcast will be available on Boise's site for about 30 days beginning Thursday.

**Albertsons Inc. will
hold conference call**

TWIN FALLS — Boise-based Albertsons Inc., which has stores in Burley, Hailey and Twin Falls, will hold its quarterly conference call to discuss its fourth-quarter and 2003 financial results at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The call will be webcast at the Albertsons Web site, www.albertsons.com/abs_investorinformation.

The food and drug retailer has annual revenues of about \$36 billion, employs more than 200,000 people, and operates about 2,300 retail stores in 31 states across the United States.

Compiled from staff reports

SEEKING EXCELLENCE

Experience Works seeks Idaho's outstanding older worker

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Experience Works, a national nonprofit provider of mature-worker training and employment, is searching for Idaho's outstanding older worker. It might be somebody you know. For the seventh year, outstanding older workers from every state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, America's oldest worker, and outstanding employers of older workers, will be honored in Washington, D.C., and in their home states. Experience Works' Prime Time Awards pro-

gram was created to highlight contributions that older workers make in their communities and places of work.

Idaho's branch of Experience Works is soliciting nominations from businesses and individuals. Each applicant must be 65 or older, a resident of Idaho, currently employed and working at least 20 hours each week for pay. The honoree must be willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C., Oct. 5-9 for the Prime Time Award Program events.

Applicants who are part of a subsidized employment program

funded by local, state or national governments are not eligible.

Nomination forms may be accessed online at www.experienceworks.org or obtained from Experience Works, 308 Shoshone

St. No. 2, in Twin Falls. Deadline for nominations is April 30.

In addition to special activities and recognition within the state, the honoree will attend the 2004 Prime Time Awards in Washington, D.C., in October. The visit will include a tour of the city's landmarks, meetings with congressional representatives, U.S. Senate and U.S. House events, and the awards

banquet and ceremony at the Ronald Reagan Building.

Idaho's 2003 outstanding older worker was 84-year-old Ynes Kelly from Twin Falls, a bookkeeper at Gem State Trophies.

"Ms. Kelly is a great example of someone who demonstrates the dedication, skills and experience needed to succeed in today's work force," the Experience Works organization said in a statement.

A search for America's Oldest Worker for 2004 is also under way. Last year a 102-year-old real estate developer and retired physician took that honor.

Publications battle over readers

Spanish-language papers square off as new daily 'Hoy' launches in L.A.

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Officials of La Opinion, the nation's largest Spanish-language newspaper, this week declared war on its newest competitor, telling the publisher of a new daily called Hoy to "bring it on."

Hoy's Los Angeles edition premiered this week. It is published by Chicago-based Tribune Co., which publishes editions of Hoy in New York and Chicago and also owns the Los Angeles Times.

La Opinion counterattacked by launching an ad campaign it valued at more than \$750,000 that will appear on billboards, radio, bus benches and TV.

The first ad in the campaign, created by La Agencia de Orcl & Asociados of Los Angeles, shows a white Border Patrol agent with words in Spanish that might describe him, such as "official," "employee," "traitor," "lifesaver" and "obstacle." "It is a simple picture with complex overtones," said La Opinion Publisher Monica Lozano.

The ad is tied to an eight-part series of articles on border crossings that began Monday and will take "an in-depth look at people who cross illegally, people who are there to defend the border — people on both sides of the issues," Lozano said. The ad campaign, she said, "connects to the strength of our editorial content, which is based on our knowledge of, and relationship with, our community."

La Opinion said the ads would be supplemented with a business-to-business campaign of testimo-



A pedestrian walks past a bank of newspaper racks which includes the new Spanish-language paper 'Hoy,' Monday in Los Angeles. 'Hoy,' which is published by the Tribune Co., hit the newsstands in five cities nationwide.

nials from executives. "Today, we tell the Tribune Co. to bring it on," Lozano said in a statement. "We have no intention of ceasing our preferred status with our readers or advertisers to anyone."

Tribune was once part-owner of La Opinion, acquiring a 50 percent stake in 2000 "when it bought focusing on its Spanish-language strategy on Hoy. Lozano family members said last year that they would buy back control of the

paper the family founded in 1926. In January, the Lozanos, joined forces with the owners of El Diario/La Prensa in New York and announced plans to start a nationwide chain of Spanish-language newspapers through a company called ImpreMedia.

La Opinion has a circulation of 124,632 and publishes seven days a week in a broadsheet format. Audited circulation figures for the Los Angeles edition of Hoy, a tabloid, published Monday through Friday, won't be released

for six months. Newspaper circulation wars are mostly a thing of the past in English-language-publishing, said industry analyst John Morton. In cities where more than one traditional newspaper survives, publishers generally target different groups.

Competition to reach Spanish-speaking populations in New York and Miami — and now Los Angeles — has made Spanish-language newspaper publishing "a battleground," Morton said.

Allstate settles over use of credit scores

Corporation agrees to pay \$3 million

Los Angeles Times

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Allstate Corp. has agreed to pay \$3 million to settle state charges that the giant property and casualty insurer used negative credit information as a reason to deny coverage to at least a thousand California car owners.

In a case filed in response to complaints from consumers, the state Department of Insurance alleged that Allstate violated the state's Proposition 103 by effectively "redlining" poor and minority motorists. Among other restrictions, the 1988 ballot initiative prohibits the use of credit histories as a factor in setting auto insurance rates.

Although it agreed to the settlement, Allstate denied it broke any laws.

The use of so-called credit scores — the three-digit number that lenders use to evaluate a consumer's creditworthiness — has become a controversial insurance underwriting tool in several states. Insurers claim there is a connection between a person's credit history and the likelihood that he or she will file a claim.

California Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi contends that using credit scores to make decisions on insurance cov-

erage is discriminatory. He has promised to fight efforts by California insurers to use credit scores when selling auto and homeowners' policies.

"My sieve and I've said it very clearly to the insurance companies, is you cannot use credit scoring in California until you prove it is not discriminatory," Garamendi said. "We know of no one who has come to us and shown it is not discriminatory."

Regulators in Texas this year put tight limits on using credit information to set rates on auto and homeowners' policies. Maryland, Utah, Hawaii and Washington also have curbed some credit-related rate-making practices, according to A.M. Best, an international insurance rating and information agency.

California's complaint named two Allstate subsidiaries, Allstate Indemnity Co. and Allstate Property & Casualty Insurance Co. The state alleged that Allstate violated state law between December 2001 and July 2003 by turning away prospective customers eligible to receive "good driver" discounts under Proposition 103. The counts under Proposition 103. The company used a variety of methods, including checking credit scores, and requiring up to 100 percent down payments on premiums, to discourage the new

business, the complaint said. Allstate said it used credit scores only to determine down payment amounts and payment plans, not rates or types of coverage.

The \$3 million fine is "a significant warning shot" because "it's important for the insurance industry to realize that it will be punished if it crosses the line on credit scoring," said Doug Heller, executive director of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights in Santa Monica, Calif.-based advocacy group that spearheaded the campaign for Proposition 103.

Heller said that using credit scores when selling insurance was "a particularly insidious practice that made it hard for lower-income motorists to obtain legally required auto insurance — even if they had no history of being risky drivers. He likened using credit scores to insurers' now discredited practice of drawing a redline on a map around a poor community and refusing to sell insurance to anyone living within the area.

While Garamendi's action against Allstate may have quashed ineffectual efforts to use credit scores when selling auto liability insurance, it hasn't resolved an ongoing debate about using them when rating risk for homeowners' policies.

Currently, the issue remains unresolved in California. For its part, Allstate said it

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would continue to press nationally for use of credit scoring for both auto and homeowners' insurance. Using credit scores "increases the accuracy of our risk evaluation, controls the cost of insurance and helps us make insurance more widely available," Allstate spokeswoman Lisa Wanamaker said.

Twin Falls workshop will help companies

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A free workshop on new product development, designed to help small and rural Idaho companies introduce new products to market, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 19 at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

The meeting will introduce companies to the latest methods in product development, computer integrated design and rapid prototyping technologies, organizers said.

The New Product Development initiative is part of the new product development program funded by the Economic Development Administration. It brings together the resources of Boise State University's College of Engineering and the College of Business and Economics, and TechHelp, Idaho's manufacturing extension center.

TechHelp product development consultant Steve Hatten said smaller companies frequently lack the new product expertise and the capital and resources that are needed to introduce new products. Many Idaho companies have trouble competing with large domestic and foreign corporations, he said.

The workshop is part of an educational drive to help remedy the situation by introducing companies to resources available in Idaho.

"Participants will get to hear about a market readiness assessment tool that helps companies determine how well they are cur-

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Chamber breakfast will feature gymnast

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — He won't be bringing a pommel horse to Twin Falls, but Olympic gold medalist Peter Vidmar will likely share secrets of maneuvering the way to success Thursday.

Vidmar, who holds the distinction of highest-scoring men's gymnast in Olympic history, is the featured speaker at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Breakfast.

The annual breakfast, hosted by the chamber and the College of Southern Idaho, honors winners of the Chamber of Commerce Achievement award. Honorees' identities are kept secret until the breakfast.

The 2004 Success Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. Thursday in the CSI gym, with Vidmar's presentation in the Fine Arts auditorium immediately following.

While he lives in California with his wife and five children, began his gymnastics career at age 11, when his parents enrolled him in an experimental gymnastic program designed to develop future Olympians, according to statements released by the chamber. Over the next 12 years, Vidmar took only four days off from his training schedule — for his honeymoon.

At the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, Vidmar led his men's gymnastics team to America's first team gold medal by defeating the defending world champion team from China. He also took a personal gold medal on the pommel horse and a silver medal in the individual all-around competition.

As a motivational speaker, Vidmar appears before many Fortune 500 companies and other large gatherings.

Tickets are \$35 for chamber members and \$50 for nonmembers, and are still available from the chamber office at 733-3974.

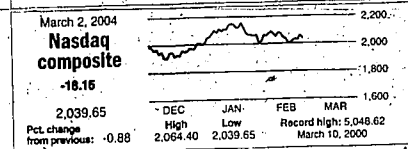
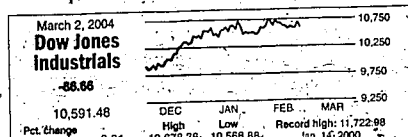


Peter Vidmar

MONEY

Stocks fall on profit taking

NEW YORK (AP) — A spate of profit taking sent stocks lower Tuesday, cutting into the previous session's gains and dampening hopes that Wall Street would stage a comeback...



With very little economic or corporate news to entice buyers, investors with stock prices already considered somewhat overvalued, there was no real impetus to continue the buying from Monday's session...

Wall Street has been particularly uneasy about the possibility of higher interest rates since the Fed earlier this year seemed to be backing away from assurances that it would keep rates steady.

The Dow Jones Industrial average was down 66.86, or 0.6 percent, from 10,591.48, nearly ending the 94.22 points the index gained Monday.

With many investors watching for the government's employment report on Friday, analysts were trying to determine if the market had any momentum that could carry it forward after Monday's rally.

Broader stock indicators also finished lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 6.86, or 0.6 percent, from 1,149.10.

The market is going to position itself over the next two days in anticipation of Friday's granddaddy employment report, Cardillo said. "I think we have solid economic expansion, and the market is anticipating continued growth in the labor market."

Speaking at the Economic Club in New York, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said nothing is especially about interest rates. He focused his discussion on monetary exchange policy, and said broad intervention into currency markets to support the dollar was unsustainable.

The Walt Disney Co. fell 11 cents to \$26.76 as a dividend shareholder's meeting in Philadelphia to make a case against chairman and chief executive Michael Eisner. Disney's annual meeting was set for Wednesday.

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Bj's Wholesale Club jumped 70 cents to \$25.14. The wholesaler's fourth quarter earnings, while below Wall Street estimates, were that over year.

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FleetBoston Financial Corp. announced in its annual report that its Fleet Specialist subsidiary would pay \$59.4 million to settle charges of illegal trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Fleet gained 14 cents to \$45.09, while its merger partner, Bank of America Corp., was up 37 cents to \$82.50.

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Yahoo Inc. fell \$1.06 to \$43.00 a day after the Internet company announced it would change names to add more of their Web pages to Yahoo's search function.

IBM agrees to settlement in suit

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — A \$100 million lawsuit blaming a woman's birth defects on her mother's working conditions at an IBM plant in Fishkill, N.Y., was apparently settled Tuesday as jury selection was to start.

her mother inhaled noxious fumes while dipping wafers into harsh chemicals at an IBM plant in Fishkill, N.Y. Curtis was born with kneecaps and with a deformed skull.

Yahoo sets new paid inclusion plan

Yahoo announced new opportunities Tuesday for Web sites to increase their visibility in the company's search service. Participation in the so-called cost acquisition program will be limited to Web sites, while non-profit will not be charged.

breadth of Web sites and their pages that are not now indexed by the company's existing search engine. This program enables us to develop structured relationships with content providers to increase comprehensiveness, maintain the most up-to-date data, improve relevance and deliver a higher-quality search experience for users," Cadogan said in a statement.

Utah ranks last in increase of home values

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah ranks last in the appreciation of home values, a national report says. Home prices in Utah in 2003 were up 1.61 percent, the lowest gain among all states and Washington, D.C., according to a report released Monday by the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight.

ment and companies have begun hiring again, a Salt Lake City real estate agent says homeowners should not expect to see substantial increases in the values of their properties.

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Utah briefly emerged last year from having the worst ranking from 2002. From the second to third quarter of 2003, home prices in Utah rose 0.45 percent, the lowest among other states, and then in fourth quarter results released Monday, when Utah slipped back into its ranking, behind all other states.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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

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Greenspan: Deficit cut would reduce U.S. trade imbalance

The Washington Post - Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Tuesday that cutting the federal budget deficit would make it easier to shrink the huge U.S. trade deficit without hurting the economy.

Trimming the budget deficit - reducing the government's borrowing needs - and effectively increasing national saving would make it less likely that the overall trade deficit would eventually hurt the prices of U.S. stocks, bonds and other assets, Greenspan said in a speech to the Economic Club of New York.

met, slowing the U.S. economy and, in turn, global growth. The International Monetary Fund said last month that the U.S. budget and current account deficits "are significant risks for the world economy."

Greenspan said in a speech the following week that the current account deficit has been financed "with little evidence of stress" to the global economy because of increasing financial flexibility.

Workshop

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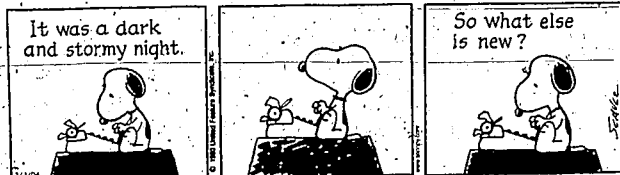
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By Charles M. Schulz



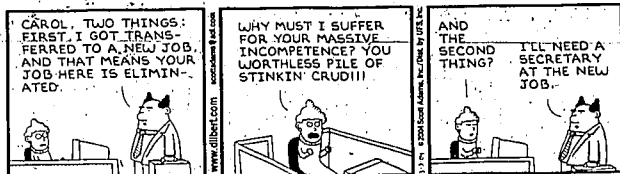
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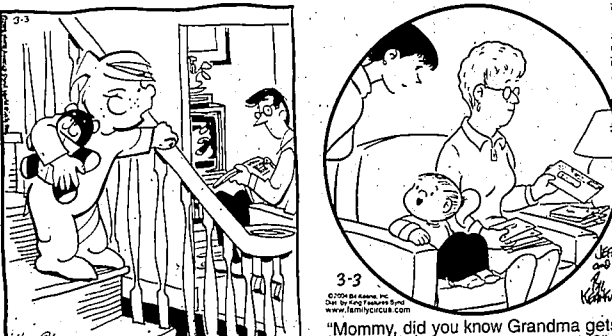


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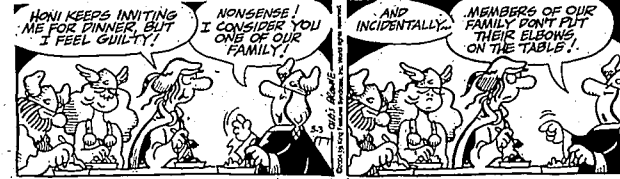
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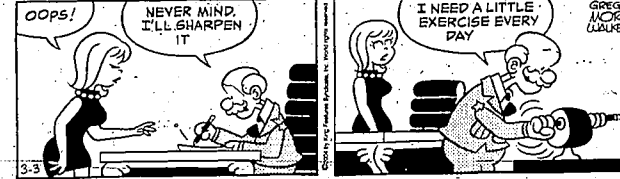
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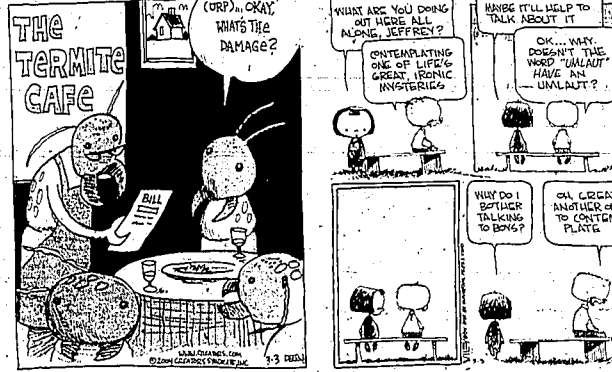


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Reach out, bring shy teens, moms together

DEAR ABBY: I have questions about "growing up." I am 15 and want to talk to my mom about it, but I'm embarrassed. We talk about some stuff, but most of the time I wait until I can't stand it anymore and finally talk to her.

Do you have any ideas about making it easier for me to open up to my mom? I want to just walk through the front door and say, "Hey, Mom, I've got a question," but I can't. I'm too shy.

Abby, please help!

—TOO SHY IN A SMALL TOWN



DEAR ABBY
—Jeanne Phillips

DEAR TOO SHY: I'm sad to say your question is very common. It is repeated in nearly every batch of mail I receive. Teenage girls want to talk to their mothers, but they are afraid to reach out.

What I recommend are scheduled "mother-daughter dinners," one-on-one time where there are no distractions, and feelings can be discussed, questions answered and opinions and attitudes aired and explained. This quality time can be the foundation for trust and closeness. If this seems far-fetched, consider how many thousands of young girls have such distant relationships with their mothers that the only person they feel they can confide in is an advice columnist. Mothers, please reach out to your daughters. You'll be glad you did.

than fear of their teacher.

Fortunately, the school district does not "allow" corporal punishment; however, this kind of emotional abuse can do almost as much destructive as physical abuse for children this young.

What do you think of this "teaching technique"?

—WORRIED PARENT IN TEXAS

DEAR WORRIED: I think it is unacceptable, outmoded and demeaning to children, it demeans them and causes resentment.

Since you feel strongly about it, visit the principal and confirm that the stories are true. If they are, ask that the teacher be instructed about what is appropriate and effective and what is not. If the teacher persists, you and other concerned parents should take this matter up with the school board.

DEAR ABBY: I am 7 years old. I live with my mother and father in a small apartment. I have two fish, two cats, a hamster and a mouse—but I would also like a dog. My mother says our apartment is too small. My dad says to ask you because I practice reading through your column. Plus, I told my dad that I would ask your advice. Thank you.

—AMBER IN CHICAGO

DEAR AMBER: At the risk of getting myself in the doghouse, I vote with your mother. Two fish, two cats, a hamster and a mouse are already quite a sizable menagerie for a family of three living in a small apartment. Enough is enough.

I'm pleased that you read my column—it's never too early to start.

DEAR ABBY: My children attend a local elementary school here in Dallas. They are in kindergarten and second grade.

Other parents have told me about a practice that occurs in third grade at our school. If a child's desk is not properly organized to the teacher's specifications, the teacher does a "desk dump" in front of the class and orders the child to put the items back using the "proper organization."

I don't think public humiliation is an appropriate teaching technique. And I seriously doubt that the children learn anything more

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Couples can be demanding when eyeing marriage #2

A second marriage can be more difficult, if partners go into it each with a personal agenda. This time I'm not going to let such-and-such happen. Inflexible restrictions at the outset do harm, says a matrimonial counselor. What each needs to do, says this adviser, is put aside societal commitments and start with the attitude: "Whatever comes up, I'll adjust."

However much wood a woodchuck chucks, it only does it four months a year. It hibernates for eight months.

To catch mice and dispatch same, a kitten must learn the profession. Specifically, to deliver a fatal bite to the neck of its prey. If it doesn't get the hang of the killing craft between its sixth and twentieth week, it may chase, and it may tease, but it will never find out how much of a pest-control practice. So, says a finder of facts about felines.

Q: Does saltpeter really inhibit sexual desire?

A: Not according to the medicos. It's a diuretic.

Primitive tribes believed they acquired the qualities of the ani-



REVISTED
—L.M. Boyd

mals they are. Those who wanted to be fast on their feet longed for deer or antelope. Those who admired strength longed for bear or bull.

Q: What makes certain onions, such as those from Walla Walla, Wash., and Vidalia, Ga., so famous?

A: High sugar content. Up to 12.5 percent. Comparable to the sweetest oranges.

Dorothea Viehmann grew up in an inn kept by her mother and father near Kassel, Germany. She listened to talk of travelers. And eventually told what she'd heard to two men named Grimm.

According to the literary footnotes, it was from her narrations that those brothers got many if not most of their renowned fairy tales.

Stars align to clear up troubles for Sagittarius

IF MARCH 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you have a lot of confidence and are optimistic about the future. Those closest to you learn the importance of your awareness of their opinions is subtly altering your choices. You may have an urge this year to promise more than you can handle. You will be inspired to take steps to secure your future in big ways.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Today you can tap into universal wisdom and find ways to heal many types of situations. It is a good day to start a diet or set intentions for the future. Plant seeds for prosperity. Make peace with the universe.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): Set plans in motion to capitalize on and make money from your career. You'll need to follow the rules and be considerate of others' opinions. It's wise to strike while the iron is hot, and now you should have plenty of opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use your inspirations as a springboard to overcome personal problems in home and career. There is a way to balance out demands from opposing factions. Sincerity and compassion will solve problems and dissolve impasses.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Use brainstorming to analyze the financial situation. Follow your hunches today. Security comes from planning for the future and looking out for family first. Protect your assets, and obtain promises from those you care about most.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Commitments made now should flourish. You may need to bend and compromise to strike a bargain, but as long as fairness prevails, everyone will be happy. Maintain a healthy balance and plant some financial seeds for future harvest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do not compromise your true beliefs in order to extract a promise from anyone. But this is a good time to forge an alliance that will prosper

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and benefit all parties—if there is absolute agreement. Good fortune surrounds those who act now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make plans today, and set things in motion that will improve your overall well-being. Your creative powers are heightened, and your ability to wield important pieces of the puzzle together is at a high point.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you have your goals firmly set, you should be able to grab an opportunity today for permanent improvement. The wise old universe is plentiful brings us what we need, not necessarily what we want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The stars will help you adjust and adapt, clear out obstacles, and give you the encouragement and wisdom to heal rifts in relationships. Sometimes the right word resolves misunderstandings. Now plenty of seeds for future growth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Rules and regulations are in place to protect the whole community. As you grasp this concept, you may find that it is easier to accept your mitments. You will find that your money will grow better when you follow the rules.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The most important person who cares about your future and who can bit away in you. You may wish to tuck a bit away in savings. Watch it grow. Things that make you feel younger and more attractive are good investments now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Problems seem to dissolve away today, and you have the confidence to make important decisions. Take steps to be kept, and you can take steps to ensure your future will be brighter.

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State's clerks work out gay marriage details

BOSTON (AP) — With Massachusetts' first gay marriages drawing near, town clerks are seeking guidance from the state about such things as blood tests, the "bride-groom" wording of the marriage license, and the state's residency requirements.

Town clerks from across the state sent a letter to the governor, the attorney general and the public health commissioner last week, asking for clarification on several points before same-sex weddings begin taking place as early as May 17 with the approval of Massachusetts' highest court.

"We want to address these couples and all couples in the same professional manner as we have always done," said Barnstable Town Clerk Linda Hutchenrider, president of the Massachusetts Town Clerk Association. "But unless some questions are answered, we're going to be in a very confused state as of the 17th."

Of central concern to the town clerks is a state law that bans marriage by an out-of-state couple if the marriage would be illegal in the jurisdiction where they live—which, in the case of gay couples, would be just about everywhere.

However, the residency requirement has not been tested for decades, because of the basic uniformity of marriage laws from state to state.

The letter also questions whether a justice of the peace can object to a wedding because of his or her religious beliefs and "whether such a rejection would place them at risk of personal liability for discrimination."

Hutchenrider said a few justices have raised this concern.

Town clerks have long questioned the continued necessity of blood tests and suggested that now might be an opportune time to revisit this requirement. Currently, all couples must be tested for syphilis, offered screening for rubella, and counseled on AIDS.

The clerks also suggested whether the "bride and groom" designation on the state's marriage licenses should be changed to read "partner and partner" or "spouse and spouse."

The attorney general's office said it referred the letter to the Public Health Department, which oversees the issuance of marriage licenses. "We did indicate to town clerks that at the appropriate time we would be forthcoming with information," said department spokeswoman Rosanne Pawelec. "We're not at that juncture."

Unlike marriages that have taken place in San Francisco and New Palz, N.Y., which were conducted in defiance of state law, Massachusetts gay marriages have the approval of the state's highest court, which ruled 4-3 in November that gay couples have a constitutional right to marry.

The timetable laid out by the court sets May 17 for the nation's first state-sanctioned gay marriages. However, state law establishes a three-day waiting period between the time a couple applies for a license and when it is issued. So the first weddings might not take place until May 20.

Gov. Mitt Romney and legislative leaders have been preoccupied with a possible constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, but the earliest it could take effect is 2006.

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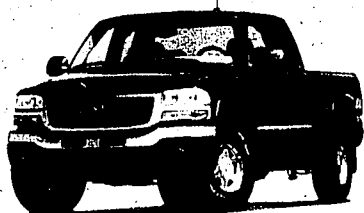
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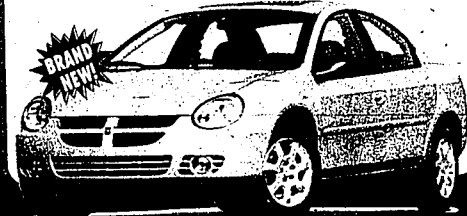
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