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# Recharge faces obstacles

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

JEROME—Area counties got a dose Wednesday of pitfalls involved in developing a regionwide aquifer district devoted to replenishing the water table on the north-side of the Snake River.

"It was a little disappointing to hear what we heard today," Lew Pence, chairman of the Mid-Snake Regional Water Resources Commission, said following the meeting.

Somewhere, he said, there must be blue sky, a way to alleviate water shortages by storing water in the Snake River system's biggest reservoir—the aquifer.

The commission, a multi-county board focused on local water supply and water quality issues, has been laying the groundwork for an aquifer recharge for several years. It would involve raising the water table by channeling more water through canals and to targeted areas to allow seepage to reach the aquifer.

Last month the water commission asked representatives

## County officials hear discouraging report on proposal to replenish aquifer

of county commissions if they would support the effort. Counties knew it would be a big undertaking that could cost up to \$2 million a year, require a household assessment of some kind—not a property tax—and be done only in years of abundant water. Still, the county officials indicated their support.

But at Wednesday's meeting at the Jerome Ambulance Center, attorney Roger Ling, who was retained by the commission, presented county

commissioners with a myriad of obstacles.

State law doesn't allow counties to form aquifer recharge districts, he said. Districts must be created by water users, who could then decide if they wanted to participate or not.

"I don't have a suggestion of what the district should be but I don't think it's the county," Ling said.

Other mechanisms could be created, he said. And if a district is created, he recommended an aquiferwide entity. Start-up money could be obtained through a state grant or loan.

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# Twin Falls call center upgrades

Dell shifts focus to meet urgent need in business computing

By Virginia S. Hitehins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Direct-selling computer maker Dell Inc. on Wednesday told employees it will upgrade its Twin Falls call center to serve Dell's growing business-to-business customer base, instead of consumer clients.

Round Rock, Texas-based Dell, which jousts with Hewlett-Packard Co. for the title of world's top seller of PCs, will start the Twin Falls call center's transition in two to three weeks, take the first calls from business clients here in early April and largely complete the switch by the end of its second fiscal quarter, the end of July.

All of the center's existing employees—some handling technical-support queries and others taking customer-service calls—will go through additional training lasting seven days to three weeks, depending on the job, said Marty Hand, site lead for Twin Falls. The College of Southern Idaho will have a hand in the training.

Dell selected Twin Falls to meet its urgent business-segment need for three reasons, Hand said.

Since its February 2002 opening, the Twin Falls center consistently has scored among

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# DEMOCRATS' YEAR?

## Candidates for state, county offices rally in T.F.

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Democrat Lin Whitworth is hoping Idaho voters will send him to Washington, D.C.

"We need to send a working man to Congress," said Whitworth, who worked as a railroad conductor for 43 years before going into politics 10 years ago.

Whitworth, 70, is a four-time state senator from Inkom who resigned in 2001 because he was discouraged by what he described as one-party rule. He said the three Democrats in the Senate and the nine Democrats in the House couldn't even get a second on their proposals from the Republican-controlled Legislature.

"I thought if someone just walked out in disgust, it would wake people up," he said.

It did, Whitworth said. Whitworth and others in the Democratic Party say they might just have a chance to win more seats this year. Voters, they said, are upset at the Bush administration for the skyrocketing deficit and economic struggles.

And local voters are upset with county commissioners who have bypassed voters in decisions on an ambulance district and the purchase of a new county building.

"I've had a lot of people calling me asking me to run—even people in the Republican Party," said Democrat Bob Powers, who is seeking to challenge Republican incumbent Tom Mikesell for the District 2 seat on the Twin Falls County Commission. "A lot of people are upset with the commissioners for approving taxes without letting them vote on them. The representation in the county isn't there with our county commissioners."

Whitworth, who is seeking to challenge U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, joined Powers and other

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Donna Klemann of Twin Falls holds a sign supporting Bob Powers, a Democratic candidate for county commissioner, while Nathaniel Fortner, 3, plays in the background during a Democratic gathering at Twin Falls City Park Wednesday. Fortner's mother, Maggel, is a candidate for the state House in District 24.

# Tattoo age restrictions head to gov

The Times-News

BOISE—As a measure imposing Idaho's first significant restrictions on tattoos and body piercing heads to the governor's desk, one of the backers of the legislation says it's just a start in proper regulation of the industry.

"We need to get health and safety standards in place," Twin Falls businessman Iyan Horsley said Wednesday.

Idaho has been one of just a handful of states with virtually no regulation on body art. If they're approved by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, the new age restrictions forbid anyone under the age of 14 to get a tattoo, unless for medical purposes. The bill also forbids piercings, with the exception of earlobes, and branding for those under 14. A parent or guardian of a youth between the ages of 14 and 18 will have to visit the parlor where the body art is to be performed and sign a permission slip.

The past two times The Times-News published articles about Horsley's push to get

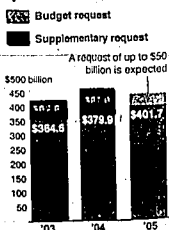
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# COST OF WAR

## Budgeting defense

Similar to the previous two years, the Bush administration's proposed 2005 budget does not include funds for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, which are expected to require extra money.

U.S. defense funds requested by the Bush administration



## Administration won't budget, but lawmakers say it should

By Pauline Jellinek  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON—Pressed to estimate the cost of future operations in Iraq, the Pentagon has repeatedly said it's just too hard to do.

Now the ranks of disbelievers are growing—in Congress and among private defense analysts. Some say the Bush administration's refusal to estimate costs could erode American support for the Iraq campaign, as well as the credibility of the White House and lawmakers.

"It is crucial that we have every bit of information so we can level with the taxpayer," Democratic Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin fumed recently at Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld. "We don't have that information now."

"The White House plays hide and seek with the costs of the war," said Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va. The object of their ire is President Bush's proposed defense spending for the budget year beginning Oct. 1—a \$402 billion request that didn't include money for the major military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. And it's not just Democrats who disagree with the

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## AT THE READY



Reed Findley, of the Alpha Company, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division based in Fort Hood, Texas, guards the road leading to Kazimlya Shrine in Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday. Security has been tightened at the shrine after twin suicide attacks at Shiite shrines in the capital and at the holy city of Karbala killed 181 people and injured 573 others in the bloodiest attacks in Iraq since the fall of Saddam Hussein.

AP Photo

**TWIN FALLS FORECAST**

**Today:** Partly sunny with sunny and mostly dry. Highs near 58.  
**Tonight:** Mostly clear with light winds. Lows near 34.  
**Tomorrow:** Cool with patchy clouds and brisk winds. Highs near 52.

**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly sunny to sunny and mostly dry	Mostly clear with light winds	Cooler and windy with patchy clouds	Cool, but sunny and mostly dry	Another nice day	Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain
High 58	Low 34	52/34	48/29	50/31	53/34

**Yesterday's Weather**

City	HI	Lo	Prep
Boise	58	28	0.00
Clear Lake	54	28	0.00
Idaho Falls	53	30	0.00
Meridian	53	30	0.00
Moscow	51	27	0.10
Shoshone	50	27	0.00
Twin Falls	58	28	0.00
Warner	42	29	0.00
Starline	47	15	0.00

**BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST**

**Today:** Mostly sunny and pleasant today. Highs in the middle to upper 50s.  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy with a light breeze. Lows in the middle to upper 30s.  
**Tomorrow:** Becoming windy with patchy clouds. Cooler. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s.

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.**  
 Pleasant, sunny to partly cloudy and dry today. Becoming windy and cloudy Friday with areas of light snow developing. Cooler through the weekend with isolated mountain flurries possible.  
**TOISE** Highs: 40s to 50s; Lows: 20s to 30s  
**BOISE** Highs: 40s to 50s; Lows: 20s to 30s  
 Warm, mostly sunny and dry today. Brisk winds will be cooler after snow and clouds tomorrow...Sultry, mostly dry. Seasonal to cool this weekend with no precipitation likely.

**NORTHERN UTAH**

Sunny to partly cloudy and dry today. Becoming windy and cloudy Friday. Chance of snow developing Friday night through Saturday. Turning cooler.  
 Today's Highs: 40s to 50s; Lows: 20s to 30s  
 Today's State Extremes: 64 at Pocatello; Low: 15 at Starline  
 Weather: Partly cloudy to partly sunny, mostly clear, cloudy weather today, showers or rain, snow, flurries, winds, misting

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Today: 58	0.00	60%	30.08	Sunrise: 6:24 AM, Sunset: 6:41 PM
High: 58	0.00	60%	30.08	Sunrise: 6:24 AM, Sunset: 6:41 PM
Low: 34	0.00	60%	30.08	Sunrise: 6:24 AM, Sunset: 6:41 PM

**REGIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	58/34	52/34	Idaho Falls	53/30	51/30
Meridian	53/30	53/30	Shoshone	50/27	48/27
Moscow	51/27	51/27	Twin Falls	58/28	52/28
Starline	47/15	47/15	Warner	42/29	42/29

**NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	52/32	52/32	Los Angeles	75/54	75/54
Chicago	45/30	45/30	Miami	74/60	74/60
Dallas	55/35	55/35	Minneapolis	45/30	45/30
Denver	52/32	52/32	New York	45/30	45/30
Houston	68/45	68/45	Seattle	48/32	48/32
Los Angeles	75/54	75/54	Wash. DC	45/30	45/30

**MOONRISE AND MOONSET**

Day	Moonrise	Moonset
Today	12:42 AM	6:41 AM
Tomorrow	1:01 AM	6:54 AM
Friday	1:21 AM	7:08 AM

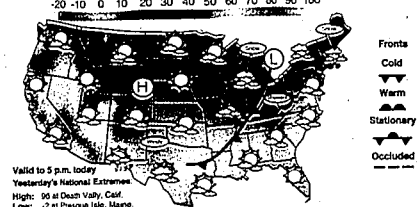
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The higher the index the more sun protection needed.  
 Today: 3 (Moderate)  
 Tomorrow: 3 (Moderate)  
 Friday: 3 (Moderate)

**WORLD FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
London	52/32	52/32	San Francisco	52/32	52/32
Paris	52/32	52/32	Tokyo	52/32	52/32
Rome	52/32	52/32	Hong Kong	52/32	52/32
Sydney	52/32	52/32	Auckland	52/32	52/32

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**Dell**  
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 Dell's top performers on electronic surveys of customer satisfaction. Dell's local workers, he said, have demonstrated "incredible flexibility" in adapting to new tasks. And the company is pleased by assistance received from community players such as the city of Twin Falls, CSI and the Job Service - particularly in the form of college training programs and a continuous flow of job applicants.  
 The company's call centers elsewhere will absorb the consumer call load the Twin Falls site now handles, Hland said.

**CANADIAN FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	52/32	52/32	Vancouver	52/32	52/32
Edmonton	52/32	52/32	Winnipeg	52/32	52/32
Ottawa	52/32	52/32	Montreal	52/32	52/32

**Democrats**  
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 local Democrats Wednesday at Twin Falls City Park for a small rally before they walked across the street to the County Courthouse to file their petitions to run for office. Other local Democrats who have announced their plans to run include Mike Ihler for Twin Falls County Commission District 3; Bill Chisholm, District 23 State Senator; Howard Meiers, District 23 state representative; Gary Baty, District 24 state Senate; Maggi Fortner, District 24 state representative seat B; and Lee Halper, District 24 state representative seat A.  
 Powers, 60, a part-time Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy who lost to Mikesell two years ago, said commissioners still haven't dealt with the important issues that were on the table in the last election.  
 "They haven't dealt with the jail issue," Powers said. "They haven't done anything about employee benefits. The sheriff's department has lost six people in the patrol division, and some of them were senior deputies with lots of experience. They're going to Twin Falls, city or out of state."

**A good education**  
 Maggi Fortner had two reasons to celebrate Wednesday - her 30th birthday and her decision to enter politics.  
 A candidate for state representative in District 24, the Robert Stuart Junior High School teacher said her years of teaching speech and drama to seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders have prepared her well for the whirlwind of the political arena.  
 "After junior high, the Legislature should be easy," she said with a grin.

**Getting involved**  
 Democrat Mike Ihler said he got his education in county politics a couple of years ago when he protested against a large hog farm wanting to move into his neighborhood south of Twin Falls.  
 "It taught me that whoever came in and applied for a permit was automatically in no matter what," Ihler said. "The county government is supposed to represent the people. They should be looking at all citizens' interests - not just the producers."  
 Ihler said he has nothing against farmers - he is one, growing grain, beans and hay on his own farm and working as a farm assistant for the University of Idaho.  
 The 44-year-old Twin Falls native said county commissioners need to do more planning so they don't end up making hasty decisions.  
 "This is Meiers' second run for a political office. He ran for county commissioner two years ago, losing to Republican incumbent Gary Grindstaff."  
 Meiers, 59, works in construction and owns a small farm.  
 He said he and his fellow Democrats have an excellent chance to win some seats this year. He said the number of people showing up at Democratic events has doubled and in some cases even tripled.

**Tattoo**  
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 some controls on the tattoo industry, he discovered about 20 spent shotgun casings in his parking spot when he arrived at work, he said. Horsley's not sure, but he suspects the casings could have been warnings from bikers not to mess with some of their territory. That territory would include segments of the tattoo industry who don't want the government involved in the body art industry.  
 Though Twin Falls is not known to have any parlors run by members of any biker gangs, Horsley said he has learned other areas of the state might have some shops whose owners are affiliated with gangs.  
 Nonetheless, Horsley said he's not about to push staphing for more regulation of tattooing, branding and piercing.  
 "These people are doing this to know something about anatomy before they put up a shingle," Horsley said. "You can't have just some high-school dropout getting into the business because he can't get a job anywhere else."  
 The Idaho Sheriff's Association and the Idaho Dental Association backed the new legislation. Skip Smyser, a lobbyist for the dentists, pointed out that tongue piercings and lip piercings are having a disastrous effect on teeth. The metal piercings tend to wear and enamel and pierced tongues are subject to infections, Smyser said.  
 Horsley said he knows of a youth who wound up losing part of his tongue as a result of a tongue piercing that became infected.  
 In addition, Horsley said a new fad of splitting tongues is spreading rapidly across the land, and that only motivates him more to campaign for regulation.  
 "They cut it from where they wouldn't normally pierce it," Horsley said. "It looks like a devil's tongue."  
 Hepatitis B and other infections have been associated with dirty needles used by some artists, said Twin Falls physician Dr. David McClusky. He said almost every patient he sees who has Hepatitis B has tattoos.  
 But Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Deer, who pushed through the legislation, said it is a baby step into regulation is the safer way to go.  
 "Let's see how this goes, and

Dell ended 2002 with a staff of 727 - during a busy holiday season - and hasn't released specific Twin Falls employment numbers since then.  
 Spokesman Dwayne Cox, speaking from Round Rock headquarters Wednesday, said current employment here is lower than during that busy season and is expected to remain flat.  
 Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's labor economist for Magic Valley, on Wednesday pegged Dell's employment at about 630 people. He praised Dell's decision to up-

then we'll come back later," Darrington said. "Let's face it, there's getting to be more and more interest in the medical community."  
 He said when it or health and safety legislation comes forth, he'll work with Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls.  
 Smith said he has a bill already written that would provide a way for body artists to register with the state, submit to inspections and be licensed. That way people could grade being involved with state regulation. But others could submit to regulation if they want to reassure their customers they are meeting certain standards, Smith said.  
 Meanwhile, Horsley said he's somewhat compulsive about the finishing everything he starts, which includes getting the body art industry in the state regulated.  
 "The question that keeps going around and around in my mind is how many people have gotten sick because of tattooing since I started pushing on this two years ago," Horsley said. "I'm thinking it will probably be five years before everything is on track."

**Leaders hope proposal would boost flood irrigation**  
 A Tuesday article about proposals to replenish the aquifer needs clarification regarding expanded water rights.  
 The article should have stated that irrigators who acquired the right to expand a water right to cover more land might be asked to return to the initial right that was meant to irrigate less land.  
 The article watermakers hope to see that irrigators will abandon sprinkler irrigation and return to flood irrigation, which would have the effect of aquifer recharge.

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**Clarification and Correction**  
 Idaho Conservation League isn't involved in lawsuit  
 An item in Friday's newspaper - contained incorrect information about litigation involving Northwest salmon recovery.  
 The Idaho Conservation League is not a party to a salmon recovery lawsuit against the federal government by a number of conservation organizations.  
 Idaho Rivers United, which is involved in the litigation, is also working outside the court system to secure 427,000 acre feet of Upper Snake River water to augment flows for salmon this year.  
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### Internet providers sue over 'spam'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of the nation's largest Internet providers, in an unusual joint effort, filed six lawsuits against hundreds of people who were accused of sending millions of unwanted e-mails in violation of the new U.S. law against "spam."

The legal actions by Microsoft Corp., America Online Inc., Earthlink Inc. and Yahoo! Inc. represent the first major industry actions under the "can-spam" legislation that went into effect Jan. 1. The lawsuits, filed in federal courts in California, Georgia, Virginia and Washington state, were announced at a news conference.

The companies said the defendants include some of the nation's most notorious large-scale spammers. The Internet providers — collectively with tens of millions of subscribers — said they shared information, resources and investigative information to identify some of the defendants.

Congress gave us the necessary authority to pursue spammers with stiff penalties, and we in the industry didn't waste a moment moving with speed and resolve to take advantage of the new law," said Randall Bloe, AOL's top lawyer and executive vice president.

## Four robots qualify for race across Mojave

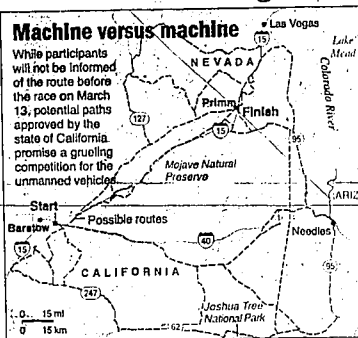
ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — A robot battle heated up Wednesday as three self-navigating vehicles finished a qualifying run for a \$1 million Mojave Desert race intended to help inspire the next generation of military combat vehicles.

Three vehicles made their way around bricks, metal rods and parked cars scattered over a flat course a little more than a mile long. Bob, a modified 1996 Chevrolet pickup put together by the California Institute of Technology, Cliff, an off-road vehicle from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, an Israeli-made dune buggy created by a Thousand Oaks, Calif., team.

Only one other vehicle among 25 entered in the competition finished the course at California Speedway in Fontana, east of Los Angeles. Sandstorm, a red Humvee from Carnegie Mellon University, did it Tuesday.

Remaining teams will try again to finish the course at Thursday and Friday. Five dropped out even before qualifying runs began Monday.

On Saturday, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Pentagon's research and development arm, will award \$1 million to the first team whose vehicle can cover a



**Machine versus machine**  
While participants will not be informed of the route before the race on March 13, potential paths approved by the state of California promise a grueling competition for the unmanned vehicles.

The vehicles in the so-called Grand Challenge, part of a series of efforts to have one-third of all ground vehicles unmanned by 2015, cannot be controlled remotely — they have to navigate by themselves.

Two hours before Saturday's race, competitors will be given a CD-ROM with Global Positioning System coordinates that chart the eastward course. Officials are considering several possible routes along dirt roads and rough trails, ranging from 150 to 210 miles. Defense companies have been unable to reach even the 15 mph average the shortest route would require, because of the complexities of the task.

### House moves to ban suits blaming obesity on fast food

WASHINGTON (AP) — The GOP-controlled House on Wednesday voted to ban lawsuits that blame the food industry for people's expanding waistlines and health woes, saying such cases could bankrupt fast-food chains and restaurants.

The 276-139 vote is intended to prevent suits that contend food companies and their suppliers are responsible for Americans' putting on the pounds and lurching toward obesity.

House Republicans have in recent years approved similar bills — barring suits against the gun industry for gun crimes

and against businesses for asbestos-related health problems. Not one measure has passed the closely divided Senate.

"We as Americans need to realize that suing your way to better health is not the answer," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "Trial lawyers need to stop entangling consumers to blame others for the consequences of their actions just so they can profit from frivolous lawsuits against restaurants."

The White House endorsed the bill, which the Senate is not expected to pass this year. Democrats said the industry did not need the federal protection.

### Drivers spot X-rated movies playing in other people's cars

DETROIT (AP) — Andrea Carlton hadn't planned on telling her daughter about the birds and bees until she was 8 or 9. But that changed the night 4-year-old Catherine spotted a porno movie flickering on a screen in a minivan nearby.

"Just like there's no windows in a strip club, you shouldn't be able to see inside windows in a car when they're watching X-rated movies," said Carlton, a 26-year-old from Gurnee, Ill.

are buying vehicles with DVD players, usually to keep the kids entertained. But an increasing number of other people on the road are catching a glimpse through the windows of more than just "Finding Nemo" and "SpongeBob SquarePants."

Depending on where they are driving or parked, motorists could face fines and even jail time for screening X-rated stuff. But where the law may not be clear, some are calling for tighter regulation.

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### War

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administration's approach.

Republican chairman of the House and Senate budget committees penciled in tens of billions of dollars for the two military campaigns in spending plans they began pushing through Congress this week.

Asked at a recent congressional hearing why costs for Iraq were not included in the Bush administration's budget, Pentagon comptroller Dov Zakheim replied: "Because we simply cannot predict them."

Yet many contend the administration least knows that remain in Iraq for another year, and could have budgeted an estimate or a placeholder request for that.

"We know it will not be free," said Steve Kinsie, director of Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.

Private and congressional analysts, in fact, have done a number of studies and projections of possible costs.

Daniel Gouge of the conservative Lexington Institute said he expects troop levels to gradually drop over five years to one-half or one-third the present deployment — meaning 30,000 to 50,000 Americans troops could remain in Iraq through 2009.

The Congressional Budget Office a few months ago estimated the cost to occupy Iraq through 2013 at up to \$200 billion, depending on troops levels.

Casualties could rise to at least 1,000, said a recent report by Anthony Cordesman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a frequent Pentagon adviser. "One thousand or more dead in Iraq is hardly Vietnam," Cordesman said. "But it must be justified and explained, and explained honestly."

The Council on Foreign Relations, citing polls that show American support for the mis-

sion slipping, urged leaders of both parties this week to publish a commitment to a multibillion dollar program over at least the next several years, outlining that will be necessary, even if they cannot identify all of the specific requirements.

White House budget chief Joshua Bolton acknowledged in a briefing with reporters last month that the military will need money over and above the defense request — up to \$50 billion the administration will seek in a so-called emergency supplemental budget for Iraq and Afghanistan.

It uses a similar supplemental but to ask for \$87 billion for Afghanistan and Iraq.

But administration officials don't plan to ask for that supplemental, or specify what it might include, until sometime after Jan. 1, 2005 — about two months after November's presidential election.

### Water

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Bill Block, with J-U-B Engineers, said a recharge program was attempted several years ago involving the entire Eastern Snake River Plain aquifer up into eastern Idaho. It died under its own weight. Politics, the Endangered Species Act, and downstream water rights were among the obstacles.

"It takes a lot of money, and it takes a lot of political horsepower to get it done," Block said.

Charging a household fee to all water users, even domestic water users, could be imposed by small water users who aren't using nearly as much as irrigators. Ling said.

Another issue to be considered, Ling said: Why should the counties and the state come to the aid of the groundwater users and not surface water users who have seen their water shut off during short years?

Wednesday's agenda had listed discussion of the possibility

of the counties bringing legal action against the state to force a resolution to Magic Valley's groundwater problem. But the subject, raised by counties, didn't come up during the meeting.

Pence said afterward there was concern that it would have been too volatile in today's tense climate.

About 1,300 Northside wells operated by 750 entities — including municipalities, dairies and farms — could be shut down April 1 under an order from the Idaho Department of Water Resources, unless replacement water can be found for Hagerman Valley spring users.

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Tenny, age 56, has been wearing her hearing aid for a high-frequency hearing loss for nearly a year. "My hearing loss was embarrassing," she explains. "But now I hear everything. I no longer have to ask people to repeat themselves." Like many people who have had others tell them about their hearing problems or who have recognized their hearing difficulties on their own, Tenny started with an inexpensive hearing enhancer. She then moved on to the more advanced hearing aid technology. "I'll wear them the rest of my life," she proclaims, "and upgrade to more advanced hearing aid technology as I need to."

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# Attorneys say FBI withheld documents

WASHINGTON (AP) — Terry Nichols' attorneys say more than a dozen FBI documents that raise the possibility of additional accomplices in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing weren't turned over by state prosecutors or the federal government for Nichols' murder trial defense.

The documents, which were cited in a recent series of Associated Press stories, include two 1995 teletypes from then-FBI Director Louis Freeh's office citing possible connections between Timothy McVeigh and a gang of white supremacist bank robbers, the lawyers said. The judge in Nichols' trial has said he will dismiss the state murder charges against McVeigh's co-conspirator with prejudice — making it very hard for prosecutors to resurrect the case — if the lawyers can prove the documents that could have aided their defense were withheld.

Under a Supreme Court ruling, prosecutors and the government are obligated to turn over to defendants any materials that could help clear a defendant, such as evidence that points to other suspects or casts doubt on prosecution witnesses. Nichols' attorneys agreed to review the materials cited in the AP story and identify which they could not find among the massive files prosecutors and the government provided them. In all, they identified 13 FBI documents and a handful of other materials.

FBI officials declined comment, citing the trial and an ongoing internal investigation into issues raised by AP's stories.



Kwang Im Szuska, sister of sniper victim Hong Im Ballenger, center, is comforted by Princess Harper, left, and Geraldine Wilson after speaking to the press following the sentencing of Lee Boyd Malvo in Chesapeake, Va., Wednesday. Malvo was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

# Teen sniper gets life in prison

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) — Lee Boyd Malvo, the young man who teamed up with John Allen Muhammad to terrorize Washington area in a sniper spree that left 10 people dead, was formally sentenced Wednesday to life in prison without parole.

Malvo, 19, was sentenced a day after Muhammad was given the death penalty by a judge in nearby Prince William County. The judge in Muhammad's case could have reduced the sentence to life in prison, but Malvo's judge had no other option than life without parole, which the jury recommended.

Malvo, wearing a gray sweater, light blue shirt and dark trousers, did not speak during the 10-minute hearing, following the advice of his

lawyers who did not want his words used against him in future prosecutions. Prosecutor Paul Ebert, who led the case against Muhammad and is next in line to try Malvo, said he would wait until the U.S. Supreme Court rules on whether juveniles may be executed. A decision is expected next year.

Malvo was 17 when he killed FBI analyst Linda Franklin, 47, outside a Falls Church Home Depot store.

"If the Supreme Court rules that the death penalty is still available to juveniles, I will try Mr. Malvo and very likely seek the death penalty," Ebert said. He added that a trial would not take place until next year, at the earliest.

Robert E. Horan Jr., who led

the prosecution of Malvo, said after sentencing that the plans to try Muhammad in the killing of Franklin. He said the trial could take place by the end of the summer.

Muhammad's attorneys are appealing his conviction in the Oct. 9, 2002, killing of Dean Harold Meyers, and Horan said another conviction would serve as a backup if the first one is reversed.

Malvo's attorneys argued during the trial that the teenager was legally insane because he was brainwashed by Muhammad, whom he considered his father.

Horan has said that while they did not believe Malvo was insane, they thought Muhammad had influenced him.

# Liberals hope to take on Limbaugh on his own turf

NEW YORK (AP) — Comedian Al Franken is bailing conservatives again, and this time he's bringing a bunch of friends to back him up.

Franken will be the lead personality on Air America Radio, a startup venture promising a liberal alternative to powerhouse radio talk show pundits like Rush Limbaugh.

The backers of Air America announced their programming lineup Wednesday and said they planned to launch the network March 31 in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and San Francisco.

Franken and fellow comedian Janeane Garofalo will have co-hosts for their live three-hour shows.

Other shows will be hosted by Randi Rhodes, a radio personality from southern Florida, and Lizz Winstead, a co-creator of "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central.

"We're not ceding this territory anymore," Franken said during a conference call with reporters. "To their credit, the right wing has captured radio.

We're going after them, and we're going after them hard."

Franken, in a swipe at Fox News host Bill O'Reilly, plans to call his midway show "The O'Reilly Factor."

"Bill, I want you to sue us," Franken said, referring to a case last year in which a judge threw out Fox's request to ban Franken from using the slogan "Fair and Balanced" on the cover of his book, "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right." The ruling turned into a bonanza — of publicity — for Franken.

Another lawsuit seems unlikely. Asked to respond to Franken's remarks, Fox News spokesman Robert Zimmerman said, "All forms of free speech are welcomed in this country. We wish them well."

Mark Walsh, the CEO of Progress Media Inc., the company backing the network, said they have yet to sign any firm deals with advertisers but that several nonprofit organizations and progressive groups have promised to advertise.

# New breast cancer drug increases survival rate

By Linda A. Johnson  
Associated Press writer

Tamoxifen, the celebrated drug credited with slashing breast cancer death rates worldwide, could be eclipsed by a newer medicine that is even more effective at preventing a recurrence of the disease in women whose tumors were caught early and removed.

A large, international study of postmenopausal women with early-stage cancer found that those who took tamoxifen for 2.5 years and then switched to exemestane for another 2.5 years were one-third less likely to suffer a recurrence than those who took tamoxifen the whole time.

The women switching to exemestane also had less-serious side effects, were 56 percent less likely to get cancer in the other breast, and were half as likely to develop unrelated cancer in other parts of the body.

Lead researcher Dr. R.C. Coombes, professor of cancer medicine at Imperial College School of Medicine in London, predicted doctors will give exemestane to many women at high risk for recurrence, such as those whose breast cancer has spread to multiple lymph nodes.

Exemestane, which went on the market in 1999 for advanced breast cancer, is a hormonal drug sold under the brand Aromasin. It is part of a newer class of breast cancer drugs called aromatase inhibitors.

"The findings were published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. The research" was partly funded by Pfizer Inc., the maker of Aromasin.

Dr. Jeff Abrams, the National Cancer Institute's associate chief of clinical research, said a recent study on exemestane "was nearly funded" by Pfizer Inc., the maker of Aromasin.

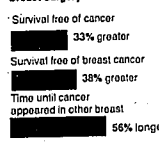
"I think with these two studies together, the strategy of switching from tamoxifen to these aromatase inhibitors will become a new standard," said Abrams, who was not involved in the study.

Several recent studies have shown that exemestane and

## BREAST CANCER Drug switch improves survival

Switching to a newer breast cancer drug called exemestane after two-and-a-half years on the standard therapy, tamoxifen, appears to substantially improve patients' survival and to reduce side effects, a new study shows.

Outcome for women who switched to exemestane compared to women who only took tamoxifen during five year preventative treatment after breast surgery



SOURCE: New England Journal of Medicine

other aromatase inhibitors also work longer, with less toxicity, than tamoxifen in women whose breast cancer had spread to other areas. Exemestane also has been shown to prolong the survival of women with advanced breast cancer after tamoxifen and other drugs fail.

"This whole class of drugs looks very promising, very active," said Dr. Julia Smith, clinical associate professor of oncology at the NYU medical school and cancer institute. The study, which involved 4,742 postmenopausal women in 37 countries, focused on women with breast cancer in which the hormone estrogen fuels tumor growth — the type most common in women. Then, if the cancer cells were found to have spread to the underarm lymph nodes, the patient is given cancer drugs for years.

Early-stage breast cancer is often treated with surgery to remove the tumor, plus radiation. Then, if the cancer cells were found to have spread to the underarm lymph nodes, the patient is given cancer drugs for years.

# Study shows renewal of eggs in female mice

Los Angeles Times

The long-held biological dogma that females are born with all the eggs they will ever have is wrong, according to a study being published Thursday in the Journal Nature. Instead — at least in mice — eggs are renewed throughout life, probably from a store of stem cells in the ovary.

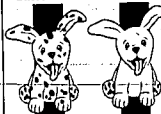
If the finding holds up for humans also, researchers envision a range of possible applications — including better, fertility-sparing therapies, prolonged fertility and improved health for women after menopause.

"I think that all of reproductive biology would have to be re-evaluated in the light of this," said Frank Bellone, a deputy associate director at the National Institute on Aging.

Every biology student learns that while men can produce fresh sperm into their dotage, women are born with a fixed supply of 1 to 2 million developing eggs that slowly die off as they age — leading inexorably to menopause and infertility.

The belief dates back at least to the early 20th century and was set solidly in stone by 1951, Tilly said.

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# Military defends raid that killed Afghan kids

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The U.S. military insisted Wednesday it followed "appropriate" rules of engagement in a botched December airstrike that killed nine Afghan children, but won't disclose details of an inquiry into the attack because they include top-secret intelligence.

The decision emerged the same day that an Afghan civilian died in a fierce firefight between U.S. forces and suspected Taliban fighters near a remote American base in northeast Afghanistan.

A military spokesman said the probe into the Dec. 6 attack that killed the children concluded the military had followed the rules of war properly. The attack drew criticism from the Afghan government and the United Nations.

The children were killed by an A-10 ground-attack aircraft as they played near a village in

Ghazni province. A man was also killed, but the military admitted that a suspected Taliban militant targeted in the raid escaped.

The military apologized after the incident.

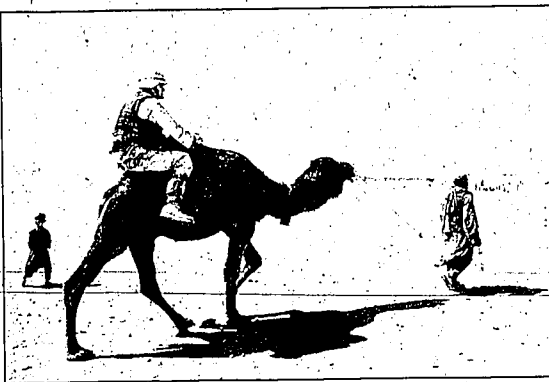
"Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty said releasing details of the report would compromise U.S. intelligence.

"The results are classified top secret" because of the intelligence involved and the targeting involved," Hilferty said. "You can follow all of the laws of land warfare and still, unfortunately, have tragic incidents."

The deaths — and those of six other children in an assault on a house in neighboring Pakia province the day before — were highlighted in a report released Monday by Human Rights Watch.

It accused the military of using excessive force.

# CROSSING THE DIVIDE



Sp. Ziaul Haq rides a camel during a visit to a village in the Takhepooi district, near Kandahar Tuesday. U.S. Forces are trying to spend more time with local Afghans in a tactical shift which they hope will improve intelligence.

# Police release detainees who had returned to Britain

LONDON (AP) — All four men who were arrested on their return to Britain from U.S. military detention at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were released Wednesday, police said.

A fifth man had not been arrested when the group arrived at Northolt Royal Air Force Base Tuesday, and he was freed within hours.

A Metropolitan Police spokesman announced Wednesday night that one of the arrested four had been released, then issued a second statement saying the remaining three were freed without charge as well.

Never miss the action. The Times-News

# Insurgents kill two Americans in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gunmen disguised as police shot to death two American coalition officials and their Iraqi translator south of Baghdad after stopping their car at a roadblock, the Polish military said Wednesday.

The Americans were the first U.S. civilians from the occupation to be killed in Iraq.

Further south, Iraqi police clashed with a Shiite Muslim militia during a raid on a building in a gunbattle that killed four policemen and wounded two.

L. Paul Bremer, the top administrator in Iraq, has requested that the FBI investigate the slayings of the Americans late Tuesday on a

road outside the town of Hillah, 35 miles south of Baghdad, said Dan Senor, spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition.

It was not known whether the gunmen were specifically targeting coalition officials. "We're starting to form views on that," Senor said.

And it was unclear if the Americans were traveling with security. Coalition guidelines discourage the movement of staffers after dark. The roads around Hillah have seen a number of attacks on vehicles, some often fatal.

An officer with the Polish military, which patrols south-central Iraq, said the gunmen were disguised as policemen and stopped the

Americans' car at a checkpoint. The attackers shot the passengers and took the vehicle, Col. Robert Strzelcecki said.

Polish troops later intercepted the car, arrested five Iraqis in it and found the bodies inside, said Strzelcecki, speaking from the Camp Babylon headquarters of the Polish-led multinational force in Iraq.

Senor said some reported details of the attack were incorrect, but would not elaborate. He did not identify the dead, pending notification of relatives.

The Americans, who were Defense Department employees, were the first U.S. civilians from the Coalition Provisional Authority to be killed in Iraq, Senor said.

# Bush and Kerry spar over U.S. jobs

CLEVELAND (AP) — President Bush in a state hit by huge job losses, tried to deflect Democrats' attacks on his economic policies Wednesday by portraying John Kerry as an advocate of higher taxes and trade barriers that are "the enemy of job creation."

Bush expressed sympathy with economic anxieties in Ohio, a politically important state that has lost more than 200,000 jobs since he took office. The Republican captured Ohio in 2000, edging Democrats at Co. and this year the state looms large in any electoral calculation.

"Manufacturing communities like Youngstown and Cleveland have been hit especially hard," Bush said. "I know there are workers here concerned about their jobs going overseas." He blamed economic problems on factors beyond his control — a recession that began after he took office, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and corporate scandals that he said were

materials that conduct and disperse heat from computers and other equipment. Kerry was in Chicago, speaking via satellite from the shop floor of a mechanical contracting business in W. CIO leaders at their winter convention in Florida.

"We will create new incentives to help companies create and keep new jobs here at home," said Kerry, who won the labor federation's endorsement last month and hopes to use labor's organizational muscle and money to boost his campaign. "If I'm president, our government won't provide a single reward for sending our jobs overseas, or exploiting the tax code to go to Bermuda to avoid paying taxes while sticking the American people with the bill."

The Bush-Kerry duel came on a day when America's trade deficit swelled to an all-time high of \$4.1 billion in January as the value of goods and services imported into the United States eclipsed the value of U.S. exports.



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EDITORIAL

The wolf debate takes a positive turn for Idaho

Almost a decade has passed since gray wolves were brought back to Idaho...

Our view: A new federal wildlife plan giving Idaho more authority to manage wolves will help livestock and game herds.

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

Interior recommended giving ranchers and the Department of Fish and Game more authority in wolf management.

The changes apply to Idaho and Montana wildlife agencies. Those two states are waiting for Wyoming to submit an acceptable plan to the federal government for wolf management.

Once Wyoming does that, the wolves can be removed from the endangered species list. But until then, the proposed changes are adequate.

Interior Secretary Gale Norton said the plan gives Idaho and Montana the maximum amount of management authority allowable under the Endangered Species Act.

Under the proposed rule changes, property owners will be able to shoot wolves that are harassing livestock or domestic pets on private property.

Current rules only allow shootings of wolves when they're in the act of killing livestock...

The rule changes will also benefit Idaho's game herds. In areas where game populations are down...

Game would be able to go in and remove wolves to help stabilize herd numbers. "We understand that wolves can help kill down increases on elk," said Kellon Hatch...

impact is in a heavy winter or drought. A lot of animals die off, but you're still going to have a lot of predators...

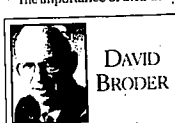
The changes come at just the right time in Idaho. Last week federal agents took out two wolves suspected of killing cattle near Hammett...

Odds are if wolves are lurking in those regions, they won't hesitate to move into urban-interface areas like the Magic Valley.

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from Washington Post researcher Brian Faler, to 1944, when Franklin D. Roosevelt, almost three years after Pearl Harbor, was running for reelection.

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Idaho laws defined too strictly for rape cases

Should consented sex with an underage girlfriend constitute rape?

As of now, Idaho does not have a statutory rape law, but the House is in progress of trying to pass this bill.

Statutory rape, IR-1611 (1). Statutory rape is defined as the penetration, however slight, of the oral, anal or vaginal opening with the perpetrator's penis accomplished with a female where: (a) the female is under the age of sixteen (16) years or (b) the female is sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age and the perpetrator is three (3) or more years older than the female.

I know someone in the Twin Falls County Jail who is serving time for an original conviction for statutory rape. He was 18, and his consenting girlfriend of three years was 17. If you read the above statute, which was sent to me by a House representative, he should have never been charged with statutory rape.

Under the 18, Crimes and Punishment, IR-6101, Rape is defined as the penetration, however slight, of the oral, anal or vaginal opening with the perpetrator's penis under any one (1) of the following circumstances: 1. Where the female is under the age of sixteen (16) years. Can anyone make any sense of this second law? Idaho is the

educational philosophy and create a sound pedagogy to meet the needs of all students.

In this time of standardized tests and accountability for teachers and students, does it really make sense to make alternative teacher certification without the proper educational background so simple?

Mr. Miral said he couldn't sell his home. His son sold his for a loss of \$55,000. The odors are so terrible. It was obvious that no one believed the wind stopped at a mile.

Unfortunately as with most education decisions made by politicians without any professional education background, it will be the children who suffer as a consequence of this program.

MELLISSA KOWITZ - Rupert

Kids will suffer through certification program

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and acting deputy U.S. Education Secretary Eugene Hickok praised an alternative teacher certification program Tuesday (March 2) at the State Capitol in Boise.

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TERRY FISHER - Wendell

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LETTER

Every puff of cigarette harms the fetus

Action alert! Smoke does affect the fetus! Of all the things you do to help guarantee the health of your fetus, not smoking should be No. 1 on the list. Few people realize that smoke can be harmful to the fetus; every time you puff (take a drag off) a cigarette, smoke travels to your womb. The fetus will cough like you, but unlike you, it can't put down the cigarette or leave the room.

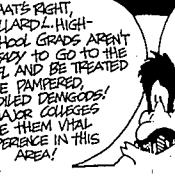
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Pharis-Blakley is a registered nurse and is the founder and coordinator of the Magic Valley Breast Injury Support and Referral Service of Idaho.

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By Bruce Tinsley



OPINION

# After strong start, Kerry stumbles

John Kerry needs a week off. Maybe two. His voice is shot. His temper is short. And after running an almost flawless primary campaign, he has started making beginner's mistakes.

His first gaffe came on Super Tuesday. Flustered with victory, Kerry confided to a reporter for the American Urban Radio Network that he'd like to be known as the second black President (Bill Clinton being the first). Say what? The senator from Skull and Bones is a brother?

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their best friend," Holbrooke said. "Here is the tragic front-line state on Iraq's northern border. Today, the figure according to the latest polls is 15 percent or lower. There is an example of a place where our support has eroded when it is absolutely necessary."

The erosion came, of course, as a result of Bush's Iraq policy. For years, Clinton dithered about Saddam Hussein's regime but did nothing to end it. Such passivity suited the Turks, who did not like the Saddam but did like the status quo.

Then President Bush overthrew Saddam, demonstrating that Turkey's support was not "absolutely necessary" or, in fact, necessary at all.

The war exposed Turkey's phony "strategic" importance. It also angered local Islamic fascists who hate the American Satan, opened the painful topic of Turkey's oppressed Kurdish minority and deprived Turkey of the money it was making for helping Saddam evade economic sanctions. No wonder the Turks don't like Kerry.

There are other foreign leaders who also are hoping for a Democratic victory. President Jacques Chirac of France, obvi-

ously. Perhaps Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany (although he recently crawled to the White House for a presidential photo-op). Certainly the dictators of the Islamic world are rooting for Kerry. So is Haiti's ousted president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide. And, embarrassingly enough, the government of North Korea has made its preference clear.

On the other hand, Bush has his foreign friends. Tony Blair of Great Britain, the leaders of Australia, Spain, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Israel, India, Poland and Georgia. Canada's new prime minister, Paul Martin, has been courting the president. Mexico's President Vicente Fox is back on the ranch.

In fact, Kerry's Fort Lauderdale boast underlines a very uncomfortable political fact. Many of his secret admirers regard themselves as rivals or adversaries of the United States, a point the Bush campaign has been trying to make for months.

The GOP also argues that Kerry wouldn't pursue and defend American interests without permission from the United Nations, the Arab League, Turkish public opinion and the editorial board of Le Monde. True or not, these perceptions are politically disastrous for the Democrats.

A treated Kerry would have known not to brag about his popularity with unnamed foreign leaders, just as he would have avoided nominating himself Soul Brother No. 2. He needs to take some time off and get a grip.

November is still eight months away.

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Then on Monday, Kerry did it again. He bragged to a Fort Lauderdale audience that he is the favorite son of the international community. "I've met foreign leaders who can't go out and say this public stuff, they look at you and say, 'You've got to win this, you've got to beat this guy, we need a new policy.'"

Kerry's probably telling the truth. Anybody who's ever run for student council knows that people tend to say they're for you even if they aren't. And, of course, a lot of foreign leaders are rooting for Kerry. The question is: Why?

On Monday night, Richard Holbrooke, a Democratic foreign-policy spokesman, was challenged on CNN's Paula Zahn show to name Kerry's foreign supporters. He came up with one example: Turkey.

"When Bill Clinton left office, 65 percent of the Turkish people considered America

LETTERS

Staff at ISDB provided an educational experience

Mr. Ron Darcy made a good point in his comment dated Feb. 25.

I attended Idaho State School from the early 1970s until 1983. However, I was exposed to the school when I was about 1 year old because my father worked there as a dormitory supervisor. I attended the deal school under the watch of Mr. Ed Reay and Mr. Tolzin. Never once did I feel that I was attending a custodial school. Would I be offended today if someone told me that it actually was a custodial institution instead of a school? You bet. But I know better than to be alarmed because I have no doubt that I was sent to this school to be educated. And I became educated. There was nothing custodial about this school.

If someone manages to win the argument that the school has always been a custodial institution, we need to become aware of legal liability the school could face because numerous students attended this school for many decades based on this simple fact, to gain education. The school promised us education and that's exactly what took place.

I have numerous fond memories of the school. Even today where I stand and live, being married with three wonderful children, presiding over full-time real estate investment and development and business development corporations, I continue to have fond memories of numerous teachers who labored many long hours, days, months and years to educate me and many others. I have managed to stay in touch with several of the teachers who retired. It's strong enough of an indication to say that I admire and love those who labored many long hours to educate me.

Real education happened long before Dr. Ramos arrived. I have never met Dr. Ramos and I do not know him personally. I have nothing against him. I've

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never worked directly with Ron Darcy but I've always known him to be a very decent, honest and fair individual. On and off the campus, Ron has always been level with us and would treat us as he would treat himself. I was pleased to witness his integrity once more.

Ron, I did not have the opportunity to thank you for your service to the school when you retired, so I'll take the opportunity to say it now. Thank you for all that you've done. Enjoy your retirement. Best regards,  
BARRY SEWELL  
Cochise, Ariz.

Basketball article brings back memories

The article on the Hagerman basketball team of 1936-1939 was very interesting as it brought back many memories as there were several of us who played against that team when we were known as the "Helens of Troy" at Wendell High School these years.

Congratulations to them.  
MILDRED (CLOWER) FRITH  
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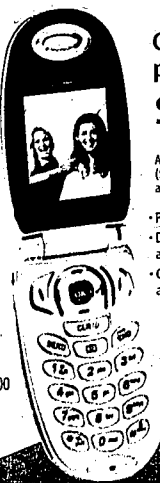
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WORLD

Sharon, Qureia schedule first summit for next week

JERUSALEM - The Israeli and Palestinian prime ministers have rescheduled a much-delayed first summit meeting for next week and will take up issues ranging from Israel's planned pullout from Gaza to attempts to restart a U.S.-backed peace plan, both sides said Wednesday.

But Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia denied a date had been set. Also Wednesday, Israeli unaffiliated militants killed five Palestinians — at least four of them armed militants — in a raid in the West Bank town of Jenin, Palestinians said.

The Israeli army said it had entered the town to arrest a number of Palestinian militants and shot four armed figures who had taken aim at the soldiers. The army did not immediately know the conditions of the four and could not confirm whether they had been the targets of the operation.

Iran says it will resume uranium enrichment: TEHRAN, Iran - Iran said Wednesday it would resume uranium enrichment after negotiations to ease its problems with the International Atomic Energy Agency were resolved.

Iran's defense minister also said its military had built low-level nuclear centrifuges primarily for civilian use, but that it had legitimate right to enrich uranium. Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said after a Cabinet meeting, "We suspended uranium enrichment voluntarily and temporarily. Later, when our relations with the IAEA return to normal, we will definitely resume enrichment."

The warned European partners Iran could end nuclear cooperation if they fail to support Tehran. IAEA Director General Mohamed El-Baradei said such a move would hurt Iran's efforts to convince the world its nuclear intentions were peaceful.

Zimbabwe calls for punishment of detainees: HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) - The 64 suspected mercenaries who were aboard a cargo jet seized at the country's main airport could face the death penalty, Zimbabwe's foreign minister said Wednesday.

Foreign Minister Stan Mudenge did not say what charges would be brought against them or when they might appear in court. "They are going to face the severest punishment on our shores, including capital punishment," Mudenge said after a routine briefing for diplomats in the capital, Harare.

The crew of the aging Boeing 727, which was impounded last Sunday at Harare's international airport, claimed the plane was headed for the central African nations of the Congo and Burundi and was carrying mineral mining personnel.

Zimbabwe authorities alleged the 64 were hired by a South African mercenary organization and British special forces, state television reported.

Release of child killer stris juvenile justice debate: TOKYO - A youth who decapitated a boy and bludgeoned a girl to death at age 14 - one of Japan's most notorious juvenile crimes - was freed Wednesday after 6 1/2 years in a reformatory.

The killing in the western city of Kobe in 1997 stunned the nation and prompted lawmakers to lower the age which juveniles could be prosecuted for crimes from 16 to 14.

The youth, now 21, never has been publicly identified by authorities. He was freed on probation from a juvenile reformatory near Tokyo after a review board decided he was no longer a threat to society, justice officials Tetsuo Obayashi said.

The victims' families said they were unconvinced by such reassurances, and the release

World in brief

could fuel debate about the way the justice system deals with minors who commit heinous crimes.

Colombian troops kill 20 outlawed fighters

BOGOTIA, Colombia - Colombian troops clashed with leftist rebels and outlawed paramilitaries in separate offensives, killing 20 fighters and capturing 57 others, the army said Wednesday.

The fiercest fighting took place Tuesday in a rural area near Zetiquia, 80 miles north-east of Bogota, in which nine members of the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, were killed.

Among the dead was a regional FARC leader, Arcesio Angarilla, accused of carrying out attacks on energy targets and bridges, planting land mines and ordering several kidnappings, said the commander of the army's Fifth Division, Gen. Hernan Alonso Ortiz. Two other FARC rebels died in fighting Tuesday in a remote

area in Tolima province, south-east of Bogota, while one guerrilla was killed in combat in the Sucre region, to the north of the capital. Another 40 suspected rebels were rounded up in separate operations over the separate 24 hours across the country, the army said in a statement.

Church leader says he could ease power struggle: ISTANBUL, Turkey - The leader of America's Greek Orthodox Christians said he hoped his historic appointment to the Turkey-based council governing the church would ease an escalating power struggle.

Archbishop Demetrios of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America was one of six non-Turkish clerics recently appointed to the Holy Synod, based at the Patriarchate in Istanbul and responsible for leading the church and electing future patriarchs.

Russian human rights groups decry election: MOSCOW - Human rights

groups, liberal politicians and protesters on Wednesday again denounced an upcoming presidential election as unfair, saying the Kremlin had all but orchestrated President Vladimir Putin's return to power.

One group that has been highly critical of the vote — and the lavish media campaign Putin has received — recently repeated calls for a boycott, saying the only way for Russians to show their dissatisfaction would be to drive voter turnout below the required 50 percent minimum, — compiled from wire reports

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Washington State will be fired up and angry. They think they had their heart ripped out when we beat them.

Stanford center Rob Little after the Cardinal's last-second win

IN BRIEF

CSI women draw No. 4 Seward

SALINA, Kan. — The College of Southern Idaho women drew No. 4 seed Seward County (Kan.) Community College in the first round of the National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Division I basketball tournament in Salina, Kan.

Seward (31-3) fell only two games short of tying the CSI men's all-time home win streak record of 137 games, losing its final regular-season home game about two weeks ago.

The first-round schedule with all times MST, follows:

No. 3 University of Arkansas-Fort Smith (29-3) vs. No. 14 Louisiana (N.C.) College (19-3), 9 a.m.

No. 6 Hixvassee (Tenn.) College (28-2) vs. No. 11 Weatherford (Texas) College (24-9), 11 a.m.

No. 7 Three Rivers (Mo.) CC (26-5) vs. No. 10 East Central (Miss.) CC (29-2), 1 p.m.

No. 2 Gulf Coast (Fla.) CC (31-1) vs. No. 15 Lake Region (N.D.) State (24-8), 3 p.m.

No. 4 Seward County (Kan.) CC (31-3) vs. No. 13 Southern Idaho (26-6), 5:15 p.m.

No. 5 Trinity Valley (Texas) CC (32-0) vs. No. 16 Gadsden State (Ala.) CC (26-9), 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday

No. 8 Vincennes (Ind.) University (27-4) vs. No. 9 Western Nebraska CC (28-5), 10 a.m.

No. 5 Southeastern Illinois (28-5) vs. No. 12 Central Arizona College (30-2), noon

M.V. church league plans meeting tonight

TWIN FALLS — An organizational meeting for the Magic Valley Church League will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at Light House Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Avenue East in Twin Falls. The meeting concerns both men and coed leagues. Call Kevin Newbry during the day at 737-1425.

T.F. Legion parents will meet on Monday

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls American Legion baseball meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 15 for parents of players who are planning to try out for a team. The meeting will be held in Room G-6 at Twin Falls High School. Information about the upcoming season—the annual auction and elections will be held.

Call Laird Stone at 733-2721 for more information.

Former CSI standout makes district team

LOGAN, Utah — Utah State men's basketball player Cardell Butler was named to the United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) All-District VII team. The 10 players are chosen from Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah. Butler, a 6-foot-4 senior guard/forward from San Francisco, was named to the all-Big West Conference first team. He leads the Aggies with 14.1 points per game. Butler is a former College of Southern Idaho standout.

Kings' star takes it slow after injury puts him out of game for 10 months

Webber tries to regain form

By Greg Beacham Associated Press writer

SACRAMENTO—A grainy photo of Chris Webber keeps in his locker shows him dunking and scowling with as much menace as a Detroit teenager can muster.

He put the photo there about a year ago, primarily for comedy's sake. His days are played to a ridiculous width—but it's also a reminder of good times for Webber, who just went through one of the most difficult periods of his life.

The five-time All-Star returned to the Sacramento Kings' lineup last week for the first time since May, when he seriously injured his left knee during a playoff game. The 10 months since were a nightmare of rehab and legal problems, leaving him in a sort of depression that's only just begun to lift.

"You just want to be in a dungeon," Webber said. "You want to be by yourself and work it out. When you can't do anything, you feel like, what am I here for? That's why I'm just grateful for this—grateful to be back and just thinking about winning."

Webber is back in uniform, but it'll be a while before he's back to top form. His season debut — 26 points and 12 rebounds in a victory over the Clippers — was shockingly successful, but the Kings don't expect such numbers out of their recovering power forward every night.

In fact, they expect a few more games similar to Webber's performance Tuesday against Golden State: He shot 2-for-21 from the field, sparking boos from the most impatient Sacramento fans.

"You can say it was horrible, horrible, terrible and a couple of words you can't use on TV, but that's about it," Webber said.

He feels completely healthy for the first time in years. In fact, his troublesome ankles are as solid as they've ever been, thanks to 10 months without the excessive jumping that's necessary in the NBA.

The Western Conference-leading Kings (47-16) are taking it slow with Webber, resting him for the second game of back-to-back nights and limiting his playing time. Coach Rick Adelman hopes Webber will hit his stride in about a month — just before the playoffs begin.

"But there's only so much you can do to slow down Chris," Adelman said. "He's been wait-



Sacramento's Chris Webber (4) is fouled by Philadelphia 76ers' Samuel Dalembert during the second half March 4 in Philadelphia. Webber returned to the Kings' lineup last week for the first time since May.

ing in the wings for so long, and it's not a natural feeling for him. He wants to be active. He's used to being the best player on the court, and he'll get back there soon."

After watching his teammates compile the NBA's best record without him this season, Webber realizes he's just one ingredient in the Kings' recipe

for success. And that's a comfort to a player who has been in the spotlight for several dispiriting seasons in recent years.

If postseason pressure gets Webber down this spring, he'll quickly realize things could be much worse: He could be on the underwater treadmill, or he could be in the Kings' deserted

practice complex, running countless agility drills with trainer Manny Romero.

When Webber returned to the Kings' active roster after the All-Star break, the NBA suspended him for eight games. A suspension was expected after he pleaded guilty to lying to a

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Lawmakers: Baseball must get tough on steroids



Major League Baseball Commissioner Allan 'Bud' Selig, left, testifies on professional sports drug testing policies before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

By Frederic J. Frommer Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain told the baseball players' association Wednesday that Congress will step in unless the union agrees to toughen the sport's steroid-testing rules.

The Senate Commerce Committee chairman, challenged union head Donald Fehr to accept a far more stringent drug-testing policy, such as the NFL's. Fehr said he couldn't agree to changes in the collective bargaining agreement.

"Our failure to commit to addressing this issue straight on and immediately will motivate this committee to search for legislative remedies," warned McCain, an Arizona

Republican.

"I don't know what they are. But I can tell you, and the players you represent, the status quo is not acceptable. And we will have to act in some way unless the major league players' union acts in the affirmative and rapid fashion."

In his State of the Union address, President Bush appealed to sports leagues and athletes to end the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

On Thursday, the White House is expected to endorse legislation criminalizing the use of certain performance-enhancing drugs that currently are available without prescriptions.

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Bonds' swing deals him back injury

By The Associated Press

Barry Bonds injured his back on a batting practice swing Wednesday and missed the San Francisco Giants' game against the Texas Rangers.

Bonds swung at a pitch, then walked out of the batting cage and threw his hat down.

He was flat on the grass behind the cage as Giants assistant trainer Barney Nungent worked on his back. Several minutes later, Bonds stood up, walked back into the cage swung at another pitch, then walked off the field.

Bonds went to the trainer's room, and the 39-year-old out-

Spring training

fielder remained there the rest of the morning.

"This has happened to him before," Giants head trainer Stan Conte said in Scottsdale, Ariz. "It's not considered serious. It's just a stiffness that occurs from time to time."

In Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the Marlins said third baseman Mike Lowell has an inflamed right elbow and will miss this weekend's exhibition games against Houston in Mexico City.

In Port St. Lucie, Fla., police said no charges will be filed against Karim Garcia and Shane

Spencer in their parking-lot dispute with a local pizza deliveryman.

Eric Vidal, 20, had accused the New York Mets outfielders of kicking him up last week. He filed a report, and police made an investigation into his allegation of misdemeanor simple battery.

The State Attorney's office reviewed the facts and told the Port St. Lucie criminal investigation division there would be no charges.

Garcia and Spencer both were fined \$500 by the Mets after the dispute last Thursday night. General manager Jim Du-

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Stanford tries to start new streak

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Pac-10 tournament is a lot more than just a warmup for the Stanford Cardinal.

The No. 2 Cardinal lost its first title this season last Saturday at Washington. A defeat in the Pac-10 tournament might jeopardize their chance at a No. 1 seed in the 65-team NCAA tournament, which begins next week.

"Everyone is waiting to see how we'll react to this loss," guard Matt Lottich said.

They'll find out Thursday when Stanford (26-1) opens the eight-team tournament against Washington State (13-15). The tourney runs through Saturday at Staples Center.

"It's bad. I would rather not play Stanford," Cougars coach Dick Bennett said. "We caught them at probably the very best time one could catch them, and almost pulled it off. And then Washington did get them. This is the least ideal time to play them."

The Cardinal swept the Cougars this season, but needed a rally in the final 25 seconds capped by Lottich's buzzer-beating 3-pointer to keep their winning streak intact last Thursday.

"Washington State will be fired up and angry," Stanford center Rob Little said. "We felt we dodged a bullet. Imagine how they feel. They think they had their heart ripped out when we beat them."

The Cougars are 4-6 in their last 10 games under first-year coach Bennett, who took Wisconsin to the Final Four in 2000.

"We know this is a whole new season now," Stanford forward Josh Childress said. "It's one and out and we have to be at our best all times. We're going to try to have a nine-game winning streak."

Anzoka coach Lute Olson believes the Cardinal is better off having lost a game.

"It gets a lot of pressure off," he said. "The loss will do coach Mike Montgomery's team well because they won't have that hanging over them."

Stanford forward Justin Davis plans to play this week for the first time since bruising a bone and tearing a left knee ligament in January. He averaged 11.5 points and 6.9 rebounds.

Second-seeded Washington (17-10) plays UCLA (11-16) in a matchup of teams headed in different directions. The Huskies lost their first five conference games before winning 12 of their last 13 to finish second — their best result since 1986.

But the Huskies likely aren't assured of an NCAA tournament berth without beating the Bruins, who swept Washington in two close games.

"We just continue to say we don't know what the committee will do, so we need to make it easier for the committee," Washington coach Lorenzo Romar said.

The Bruins have lost 13 of their last 15, including five straight, after opening 5-0 in the Pac-10 under first-year coach Ben Howland. It's a virtual certainty they'll finish with consecutive losing seasons for the first time in 62 years.

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WR Streets rejoins coach in Detroit

By The Associated Press

Wide receiver Tai Streets signed with Detroit on Wednesday and reunited with Steve Mariucci, his coach when he began his career in San Francisco.

It was the second major free-agent signing by the Lions, who have won just 10 games in three seasons. Five last year in Mariucci's first with the team. They

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Tai Streets (69) celebrates a touchdown last year with San Francisco.

SPORTS

McGrady scores 62 in Magic win

Point total eclipses Shaq's high mark

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tracy McGrady scored a team-record 62 points, becoming just the third NBA player in the past dozen years to score that many...

McGrady shot 20-for-37 from the field, including 5-for-14 from 3-point range, and made 17 of 26 free throws in 46 minutes. He also had 10 rebounds and five assists.

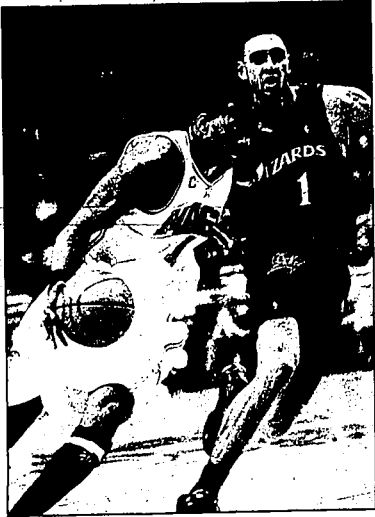
Jazz 91, Warriors 77

SALT LAKE CITY — Andrei Kirilenko had 20 points and 15 rebounds and Raja Bell added 15 points in the Utah Jazz's 91-77 victory over slumping Golden State on Wednesday night...

Gordan Giricek scored 10 points in his first start with the Jazz and Sasha Pavlovic came off the bench to score 11. Jason Richardson led Golden State with 19 points.

Cavallers 106, Raptors 92

TORONTO — Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 30 points as the Cleveland Cavaliers won their fifth in a row — their longest



Orlando's Tracy McGrady drives to the basket in the fourth quarter as Washington's Jared Jeffries gives chase Wednesday in Orlando, Fla. McGrady scored 62 points in the game.

winning streak in four years. Carlos Boozer added 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who hadn't won five in a row since December 2000.

LeBron James added 14 points as Cleveland moved two games ahead of Toronto in the Eastern Conference playoff race. The Cavaliers have won 14 of their past 18 games against Eastern opponents.

Lakers 117, Celtics 109

BOSTON — Kobe Bryant made a quicker-than-expected return from a shoulder injury and had 18 points and 15 points, nine assists and five steals.

Gary Payton added 20 points. The Celtics got within six points with about two minutes left but couldn't stop O'Neal, who scored 15 in the fourth quarter.

Pistons 98, Bulls 65 AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Chauncey Billups scored 19 points. Rashheed Wallace had 18 and the Detroit Pistons extended their own NBA record by holding an opponent under 70 points for the fourth straight game.

Nets 98, Nuggets 97

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kenyon Martin scored 28 points and Richard Jefferson added 26, and the New Jersey Nets had Jason Kidd back in the lineup.

Kidd missed four games with a knee bruise of the left knee, and Nets went 2-2 without him. He scored eight points and had 13 assists in 39 minutes.

Milwaukee Bucks 94, Hawks 80 MILWAUKEE — Keith Van Horn and Michael Redd each had 23 points as Milwaukee snapped a three-game losing streak.

Atlanta's Stephen Jackson, who had scored at least 15 points in his previous 23 games, and 11 against Milwaukee on 3-for-12 shooting.

Hornets 95, Heat 84

NEW ORLEANS — Baron Davis had 33 points and 10 rebounds, and the New Orleans Hornets scored 42 points at the foul line in a 95-84 victory over Miami on Wednesday night that snapped the Heat's three-game winning streak.

San Antonio Spurs 108, Clippers 90 SAN ANTONIO — Malik Rose had 21 points and 12 rebounds as the San Antonio Spurs marked Tim Duncan's return with an easy win.

Duncan finished with nine points on 4-for-10 shooting and a season-low two rebounds in 15 minutes. He sat out the previous six games after suffering a lower thigh injury Feb. 26 at Dallas. The Spurs went 4-2 without him.

St. Louis Hawks 95, Bulls 84 ST. LOUIS — Scottie Pippen had 21 points and 12 rebounds as the Hawks won their fourth straight game.

Charlotte Bobcats 95, Pistons 84 CHARLOTTE — Steve Nash had 21 points and 12 rebounds as the Bobcats won their fourth straight game.

Phoenix Suns 95, Mavericks 84 PHOENIX — Steve Nash had 21 points and 12 rebounds as the Suns won their fourth straight game.



Carolina's Justin Williams (11) loses control of the puck between Tampa Bay's Jassen Culimore (5) and goalie John Graham (47) during the third period Wednesday.

Lightning down hapless Hurricanes

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — It only took a few minutes to realize the Carolina Hurricanes were missing traded captain Ron Francis.

In their first game since their longtime leader was dealt away, the Hurricanes allowed two goals to the Tampa Bay Lightning within three minutes and went on to lose 4-2 against the NHL's top team.

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Radim Vrbata made it 2-2 6:58 into the second period. Kevin Adams brought the puck into the zone with Vrbata and an all-Slovakia on a three-on-two break.

Adams tripped the puck in the open side of the ice from Grahame's right side to Vrbata, who flipped the puck in and won Slovakia on a three-on-two break.

The Hurricanes outshot Tampa Bay 33-16 and had a number of quality scoring chances throughout. But they failed to score on four power plays and were repeatedly frustrated by Grahame, who made 31 saves to Irbek's 12.

"I can't stand the results, they make me nauseous," Laviolette said. "But I'm going to guess we made three mistakes all night, and all three ended up in our net."

Dan Boyle restored the Lightning's lead with 6:43 left. With Tim Taylor holding the puck behind the Hurricanes net, Boyle slipped untouched behind a group of players that blocked Irbek's view.

He grabbed Taylor's pass and snapped in a shot to make it 3-2. Taylor added an empty-net goal with 47 seconds left.

Avalanche 3, Oilers 2 OT

EDMONTON, Alberta — Adam Foote scored a power-play goal 2:37 into overtime to lift Colorado past Edmonton 3-2 Wednesday. It was his second goal of the game.

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No. 7 Louisiana Tech whips Boise St.

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Louisiana Tech coach Kurt Budke had little reason to worry about his team losing focus against lightly regarded Boise State.

Amisha Carter scored eight points during a 23-0 run to end the first half and No. 7 Louisiana Tech rolled past Boise State 100-56 Wednesday in the quarterfinals of the Western Athletic Conference tournament.

The Lady Techsters (25-2) won their 17th consecutive game and established WAC tournament records for points in a game, margin of victory and points in the first half (66).

Louisiana Tech will play Texas-El Paso on Friday in the semifinals. Boise State (9-20) committed seven consecutive turnovers during the half-ending run and 33 for the game to lose to

Women's hoops

Louisiana Tech for the third straight year in the conference tournament. Tina Frierson led Louisiana Tech with 19 points, and Erica Smith-Fortley had 15 points, nine assists and five steals.

Michelle Hensing scored 13 points, and Lynnette Grodin and Nadia Begay had 10 apiece for Boise State. Former Mimico standout Whitney Martin scored four points.

No. 2 Texas 64, Iowa State 54 DALLAS — Nina Norman and Tiffany Jackson scored 16 points each to help No. 2 Texas beat Iowa State 64-54 on Wednesday in the Big 12 tournament quarterfinals.

Lynsdey Medders had 12 points and Lisa Krieger added 11 points for the Cyclones (15-10).

No. 14 Baylor 80, No. 10 Texas Tech 72 DALLAS — Sophia Young had 26 points and 13 rebounds to lead Baylor past Texas Tech. The Lady Bears (24-7) lost starting center Stephanie Blackmon with 2:37 remaining when she twisted her left knee on a drive to the basket. Blackmon finished with 13 points.

LaToya Davis led Texas Tech (24-7) with 24 points and 11 rebounds, and Alesha Robertson added 17 points.

No. 8 Kansas State 79, Missouri 58 DALLAS — Kendra Wecker scored 25 points and Kansas

State built an early 22-point lead against Missouri.

Laurie Koehn added 15 points, Nicole Ohlde scored 14, and Megan Mahoney had 12 assists for Kansas State (24-4). Stretch James had 19 points, and Evan Unrau added 17 for Missouri (17-12).

Long Beach State 55, Utah State 48 ANAHEIM, Calif. — Candice Wilson and Jayme Connors scored 13 points apiece to lead Long Beach State past Utah State in Wednesday's first round of the Big West Conference women's tournament.

The Aggies (5-22) pulled within one, 49-48, with 3:20 to play. Utah State freshman Christina Zdenek led all scorers with 17 points and also had seven rebounds.

NFL

Continued from B1 already have signed Damien Woody from New England, perhaps the best offensive lineman available.

Meanwhile, the New York Giants cut middle linebacker Mike Barrow, saving about \$3 million in cap space. His departure means the team will have three new starting linebackers signed next season — they already signed Carlos Emmons from Philadelphia and Barrett Green from the Lions.

Washington, which made the biggest splash — the first week, added a lesser free agent for the second day in a row — blocking tight end Walter Rashby, who was a Redskins in 2001 and 2002.

The NFL also said there would be no decision on Terrell Owens' appeal to become a free agent until Sunday. His case will be heard Saturday in a colorful case with an arbitrator.

Streets potentially gives the Lions a dangerous receiving corps. He will be paired with second-year man Charles Rogers and veteran Az-Zahir Hakim.

In five seasons with the 49ers, he had 168 receptions for 2,008 yards and 13 touchdowns, including 47 catches last season for 595 yards and five TDs.

"He's familiar with Steve and his system," Lions president Matt Miller said. "He's had success. He upgrades us and gives

us a big kid who runs well." Barrow signed with the Giants in 2000 after being cut by Carolina and helped them reach the Super Bowl. He led the team in tackles the last two seasons but turns 34 in April, making him expendable for a team that is rebuilding under new coach Tom Coughlin.

In other moves Wednesday: New England re-signed all-purpose running back Kevin Faulk, who rushed for 638 yards last season, and yards leader team leader Antowain Smith.

Cincinnati released 10-year veteran Jeff Burris, who started eight games as cornerback last season.

Cornorback Artrell Hawkins, released by the Bengals last week, agreed to terms with Carolina. Hawkins, who replaced Reggie Howard, who was cut by the Panthers.

Atlanta signed guard Eric Beverly, who was replaced in Detroit's starting lineup when the Lions signed Woody.

Denver signed free agent quarterback Mike Quinn and re-signed cornerback Scott Turner. Quinn, a seven-year veteran, spent four games with the Houston Texans last season.

Turner signed with the Broncos on Oct. 14 and played nine games on special teams, making eight tackles.

Baseball

Continued from B1 questo apologized to a representative of the Big Apple Pizza restaurant chain.

In games: Twins 5, Yankees (ss) 3 At Fort Myers: Fla., Jacques Jones went 2-for-2 with a double and a two-run homer. Hideki Matsui — homered — for New York.

Blue Jays (ss) 8, Yankees (ss) 2 At Dunedin, Kevin Brown allowed two runs and five hits over three innings. Toronto starter Pat Hentgen gave up one hit over two scoreless innings.

Blue Jays 13 (ss), Pirates 11 At Bradenton, Fla., Tim Lincecum hit a go-ahead single in the ninth off Hector Almonte after Jorge Sosa hit a two-run homer off Joe Beimeit.

Red Sox 4, Cardinals 3 At Jupiter, Fla., Matt Morris gave up a two-run homer in the first to David Ortiz, then allowed only two more runners during his last three innings.

At Sarasota, Fla., Brandon Larson had a two-run homer, double and single. He has eight RBIs in the last three games and is hitting .462 this spring with two homers.

Marlins (ss) 15, Orioles 7 At Fort Lauderdale, Ramon Castro hit his team-leading third homer of the spring and had three RBIs.

Expos 7, Indians (ss) 5 At Viera, Fla., Carl Everett homered from both sides of the plate and drove in four runs.

Tigers 9 (ss), Indians 8 (ss) At Lakeland, Fla., Ivan Rodriguez got fitted for his Florida World Series ring.

Tigers (ss) 7, Dodgers (ss) 6 At Fort Myers, Fla., Don Kelly hit a two-run double and scored the go-ahead run in a five-run ninth.

Mariners 7, Angels 1 At Tempe, Ariz., Terry Mulholland allowed one run and four hits over three innings in his first appearance of the spring.

Rangers 8, Giants 2 At Scottsdale, Alfonso Soriano had two RBIs. He has a hit in every game he's played in and is batting .438 (7-for-16).

Brewers 9, Rockies (ss) 5 At Phoenix, Geoff Jenkins hit a his first homer of the spring and Gary Bennett was 3-for-3 with

two RBIs. Diamondbacks 13, Cubs (ss) 7 At Tucson, Ariz., Alex Cintron hit a three-run homer in a six-run ninth, and Brandon Webb allowed one hit in three scoreless innings.

Cubs (ss) 8, Athletics (ss) 3 At Mesa, Ariz., Kerry Wood struck out five in 3 1/3 innings but threw just 35 of 61 pitches for strikeouts.

Athletics (ss) 6, Padres 3 At Peoria, Ariz., Mark Kotsay homered, doubled and scored three runs against his former team.

Padres 9, White Sox (ss) 6 At Surprise, Ariz., Aaron Rowland drove in five runs with a two-run single in the first, an RBI single in the second and a two-run double in the fifth.

Pac-10

Continued from B1 No. 21 Arizona (19-8) has struggled to late, losing five of its last 11 games. Needing one more win for their 17th consecutive

20-win season, the Wildcats play the Trojans (13-14) in the first round. The Trojans have won four of their last six games.

Fourth-seeded Oregon (14-11) plays California (13-14). Oregon's Luke Jackson, one of only two seniors named to the All-Pac-10 team, needs two as-

ists to join Arizona's Sean Elliott as the only players in conference history with 1,800 points, 700 rebounds and 400 assists.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Malad Gorge run/walk takes place March 13

BOISE — The Malad Gorge St. Patrick's Day run/walk will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 13 at Malad Gorge State Park. Entrants have a choice of a 3.5 mile walk, 3.5 mile run or a 5.5 mile run.

Each runner and walker will receive a race t-shirt and enjoy a post-race party featuring Clear Springs trout. Prizes will be awarded to the top three overall finishers and top three finishers in each age group.

Participants can pick up registration blanks in Twin Falls at the YMCA, Gold's Gym, Big 5 Sports and Donnelly Sports. For more information, call the Chamber office at 837-9131, SCITRDA at 732-5569, or check out rideidaho@sc.edu.

most valuable player in a vote of the league's women's basketball coaches and joined courtmate Julie Dierking and Holly Tyler on the All-Conference team, the conference said Tuesday.

Lorenzen, a senior from Corvallis, Ore., is the conference career leader in assists with 672, and also leads the league in single-season assists with 272.

Tyler, a junior from Leodore, Idaho, shares co-defensive player-of-the-year honors with Weber State's Kristen Hesselbach.

Eastern Washington's Julie Page was voted top newcomer and Alyssa Wahl of Northern Arizona received outstanding freshman honors.

All-Conference team: From Idaho State — Annie Anderson of Salt Lake City and Molly Hays of Missoula; from Montana State — Kati Burrows of Bozeman and Sheila Hutchison of Blackfoot, Idaho; from Montana — Dierking of Portland, Ore., Lorenzen and Tyler; from Weber State — Julie Gjersten of Arvada, Colo., and Angela Sampson of Port Orchard, Wash.; from Portland State — Sarah Hedgepeth of Springfield, Ore.; from Eastern Washington — Kaitlyn Anderson of Adams, Wash.; and from Northern Arizona — Lacey Tolbert of Phoenix.

Pac-10 drops charge in UW gambling report

The University of Washington avoided major Pac-10 sanctions Wednesday when the conference dropped a significant charge in the gambling investigation that opened after former football coach Rick Neuheiser was fired.

The Pac-10 issued its final report in the case and accepted most of Washington's self-imposed penalties while adding some additional lesser sanctions.

Most significantly, Pac-10 investigators dropped the "failure to monitor" charge from a preliminary report issued last year.

The university still faces a separate NCAA investigation after being cited last month for "lack of institutional control" over the gambling issues, a charge that mirrors the Pac-10's "failure to monitor" allegation.

The NCAA infractions committee is scheduled to hear Washington's case in June.

Texas A&M coach Melvin Watkins resigns

DALLAS — Texas A&M coach Melvin Watkins said Wednesday he's resigning after this season, ending a six-year tenure that bottomed out with an 0-16 conference record this season.

The announcement came on the eve of the Big 12 tournament. He said he wanted it out now instead of after the Aggies finish the season to avoid speculation hovering over the team.

The Aggies (7-20) play Missouri in the first round Thursday night. Watkins said, however, A&M is eliminated, he'll be done.

Watkins was hired in 1998 after leading North Carolina-Chapel Hill to its alma mater, to the second round of the NCAA tournament in his first two seasons as a head coach.

"This is an enormous relief to me," the British player said. "To be allowed to carry on playing competitive tennis and to clear my name has been my priority throughout, and now I am looking forward to resuming my career."

He denied using the steroid and maintained his test result was similar to those of seven other players who tested positive for nandrolone but escaped suspension.

"This is a case where a governing body has itself gone through a process where it has tested positive," said Rusedski's lawyer, Mark Gay. "Where a governing body itself has put doubts about its own evidence that the player is guilty."

But the World Anti-Doping Agency called the player's ruling "greatly disturbing," it said there was no conclusive evidence that the supplements provided by ATP trainers were the source of the eight positive tests.

Somebody who competed at the 1996 Olympics or before — and a special contributor already have been selected by a nominating committee. Their names will be announced in May.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

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- Indiana vs. Ohio State, ESPN, 10 a.m.
Big East Conference quarterfinal, Pittsburgh vs. Virginia Tech-Rutgers winner, ESPN2, 10 a.m.

Big 10 Conference first round

- Purdue vs. Minnesota, ESPN, noon
Big East Conference quarterfinal, Syracuse vs. Boston College-Georgetown winner, ESPN2, noon
Pac-10 Conference quarterfinal, Stanford vs. Washington State, FSNW, 4 p.m.

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- Northwestern vs. Penn State, ESPN2, 3 p.m.
Pac-10 Conference quarterfinal, California vs. Oregon, FSNW, 3:30 p.m.
Big East Conference quarterfinal, Connecticut vs. Notre Dame-West Virginia winner, ESPN2, 5 p.m.

Homes at Rockets, TNT, 6:30 p.m.

- Pac-10 Conference quarterfinal, Washington vs. UCLA, FSNW, 7 p.m.
Big East Conference quarterfinal, Providence vs. Seton Hall-Virginia winner, ESPN, 7:30 p.m.
Big 12 Conference first round, Missouri vs. Texas A&M, ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.

Mavericks at Kings, TNT, 8 p.m.

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SPORTS

# Rahives dominates at World Cup

## Miller slips in overall race

SESTRIERE, Italy (AP) — American Daron Rahives added to his finest season by winning the downhill at the World Cup Finals on Wednesday, while Bode Miller failed to score any points in his bid for the overall title.

The Austrian team had a big day, with Stephan Eberharter and Renate-Gotschl moving into second place in the overall standings.

Rahives charged down the 2.04-mile course in 1 minute, 51.48 seconds, securing second place in the final downhill standings. He beat Austrian Fritz Strobl by a tenth of a second. Eberharter was third in 1:52.01, and Miller finished 22nd in 1:54.12.

It was Rahives' eighth career World Cup win, all in speed events, and fourth victory of the season.

"I'm super stoked. I'm really liking this hill," Rahives said. "This is the way I want to end my season."

Miller failed to win the downhill title, but had a good all-around season. It gives me a huge lift for next season."

He also won a downhill in Beaver Creek, Colo., in December and a super giant slalom in Kirchbichl, Austria, in January. Before adding a super giant slalom victory Sunday in Kvitfjell, Norway.

Eberharter was the only contender for the overall title to one place behind Hermann Maier. Miller failed to add to his 1,698 points.

Maier leads with 1,165 points, and Eberharter is next with 1,143. Benjamin Raich, fourth in the overall standings, finished 24th Wednesday.

"It's tough when you have to



Daron Rahives of the United States celebrates after winning the World Cup men's downhill Wednesday at the World Cup Finals in Sestriere, Italy.

be in the top 15 and everyone is clamoring," said Miller, bidding for his first overall title. "You have to have a clean run. You have to be charging and attacking and not making mistakes."

"It's disappointing not to score points, but I was taking some risks today. To make errors when you're taking risks is acceptable, I suppose."

Miller hopes to gain ground in the giant slalom and slalom, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

"The capable of winning the slalom and GS," Miller said. "Who knows what is going to happen? I know Hermann and Eberharter are going to try to win the Super G and GS."

Miller's chances of gaining ground in the Super G might not be much better than in the downhill. His best result in the discipline was 17th.

"I hope (my chances) are better now because I didn't score any points here," he said. "I can ski Super G well, I just haven't been scoring well this year, so it's going to be a question mark tomorrow."

Eberharter, who clinched the downhill title last week, finished with a record 831 points in the event.

"All four racers are in a good spot to win the overall," Eberharter said. "The answer is written in the sky, and on Sunday we will all know who has won."

Goetschl won the women's downhill title for her first World Cup trophy since shredding her left knee and breaking her leg in a crash in the spring of 2002.

It was Goetschl's sixth victory of the season and moved her to within 73 points of leader Anja Paerson in the overall standings.

Goetschl covered the 1.83-mile course in 1 minute, 45.01 seconds and moved within 73 points of Paerson's Anja Paerson in the overall standings. Paerson did not compete in the downhill.

Switzerland's Sylviane Berthod was second, 0.35 seconds back, and U.S.'s Isolde Kostner finished third, 0.52 seconds behind.

# Does hockey need death before violence ends?

TIM DAHLBERG

One of these days, the National Hockey League will finally get it.

That will be the day one of its goons kills another player on the ice.

Don't think it can't happen. It almost did Monday night in Vancouver.

Repeated with predictable regularity on all the highlight shows, the sickening replays are hard to miss — and even harder to take.

The sight of Vancouver's Todd Bertuzzi sucker punching and then slamming Colorado's Steve Moore to the ice face first was startling enough. Watching Moore lie there unconscious in a pool of his own blood was horrifying.

Even worse was that this was a renege attack by pay back the wrongs of a few games earlier. If this had happened among gangs on a city street instead of teams on the ice, someone would have been arrested.

But, hey, hockey is a good fight, and boys will be boys, won't they?

Maybe, but this was a prison mugging, not a fight. This one was so bad that even some NHL tough guys found it a little tough to take.

Bertuzzi's neck was broken, and he had a concussion and deep cuts on his face. Luckily, he's just out for the season. Luckily, he's still alive.

"You've got only one brain," Calgary enforcer Krystian Zarycki said, "and you can't lose a good fight, and you may get hurt, but at least you have a fair chance. This kid never had a chance."

The NHL moved promptly to suspend Bertuzzi and he could miss at least the rest of the season, the league announced. The punishment? Thursday, April, for the second time in four years, Vancouver police are putting together an assault case against an NHL player.

People in hockey are wringing their hands again, just as they did when former Boston Bruins player Marty McSorley slashed Vancouver's Donald Brashear in the head with his stick in February 2000. Sadly, for the sake of a game that now occupies only a niche in America's sports fabric, nothing is likely to change.

For all the talk about cleaning up the fighting that mars the NHL, the league has merely paid lip service to the notion that fighting doesn't have a place in any civilized sport other than boxing.

If you don't believe that, just see what happened a few nights earlier when the Philadelphia Flyers and Ottawa Senators combined to set an NHL record for penalty minutes in a fight-filled game.

Five separate brawls broke out in the final two minutes and a total of 16 players were ejected. One by one, ejected Flyers players skated off the ice to cheers and were greeted by high-fives in the hallway.

It's tough to be a fan of the NHL, but it's even tougher to be a fan of the NHL's players.

"I kind of like this," Faxon said. "Because it's going to get a lot of guys (upset). And it's a \$5 million purse."

Was anyone upset? Not in the least.

It was exciting for hockey and for our fans. Flyers goaltender Robert Esche said.

Like most NHL fights, it was about retribution. The Flyers were upset because a week earlier Senators forward Martin Havlicek had punched Reche in the face with his stick, which cost him a whopping two-game penalty.

"My teammates didn't forget what happened," Reche said. "There was a lot of emotion."

Fighting has always been somewhat honorable in hockey, one reason teams employ thugs whose only job is to try to terrorize the opposition. But there's a big difference between dropping the gloves and throwing punches and bludgeoning a player or slashing his face with a stick.

"As NHL players, we got fired up and sometimes do stupid things on the ice, but nobody wants to see injuries to the extent of Moore's," Detroit Red Wings veteran Brendan Shanahan said.

The NHL has its chance to end the thuggery that has turned so many people off the sport after McSorley attacked Brashear, sending him crumpling to the ice. Instead of naming McSorley for life, the league gave him a year's suspension, though his career was almost over anyway and he didn't play again.

Equally laughable was the justice handed out by a Vancouver court, which found McSorley guilty of assault. McSorley's punishment? He wasn't allowed to play against his victim for the next 18 months.

Unlike McSorley, Bertuzzi wasn't the team's enforcer, but an All-Star player who was fifth in the league in scoring last year. Vancouver will miss him, especially in the playoffs, should his season be over.

There's little doubt that Bertuzzi won't be back this year, if only because of the public outcry from hockey fans whose season came from watching one violent video clip. He's likely to get a suspension similar to McSorley's, after which all will be forgiven.

The culture of violence that's seeped a part of the NHL, though, will continue. It's too inbred in the league to stop without some drastic action.

Maybe someone will have to pay the ultimate penalty for it to stop. Maybe someone has to die.

And with players now bigger, stronger, faster and more reckless than ever, maybe someone will.

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# Honda golf carnival moves up the road

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — The Honda Classic moves around almost as much as major championships, with the Sunrice Course at Miravalles the fifth location in the last 10 years.

And only at majors do players fret so much about a golf course before the tournament even starts.

"I think at the end of the week, you're going to see a lot more guys spent than guys having fun," Fred Couples said Wednesday.

During a practice round, defending champion Justin Leonard hit his tee shot about 10 feet to the right of the flag, it landed safely, trickled to the right, then disappeared. A few

seconds later, and about 15 yards away, the ball emerged from behind a mound and continued rolling.

Jeff Sluman hit a 4-iron from 183 yards into the wind to a front pin on the par-3 eighth. It landed 20 feet to the right, even with the pin, but not for long. It went down a steep slope into the rough. He hit what he thought was a good chip, only to see the ball roll slowly past the hole and keep going, some 30 feet off the green.

"It's hard," Couples said. "I wouldn't know where to start. It's in fantastic shape. It's just very, very hard. It doesn't matter what the wind does. It's hard to put any spin on a ball when you've got to hit it in one

certain area, and if you don't, it just rolls — am I saying anything different than anyone else?"

Most guys aren't saying anything at all, perhaps not wanting to find a letter from the PGA Tour in the locker informing them of a fine for disparaging comments.

"Are we off the record?" was a popular refrain leading up to Thursday's opening round at Miravalles.

Still, everyone will be playing the same 7,461-yard course. And everyone will be chasing the \$900,000 prize.

The Honda Classic, which gets under way on Thursday, has had trouble finding a permanent home in recent years.

It was played on the TPC at Eagle Trace near Fort Lauderdale in 1996 for the ninth and final time.

That location was notable for the year Kenny Knox shot 80 in the third round and still won the tournament.

With so much water hazards, and so much wind in south Florida this time of the year, Greg Norman once referred to Eagle Trace as "carnival golf."

The Honda Classic might resemble a major in one other aspect — it's going to require a lot of patience when bad things happen to good shots.

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# Gonzaga looks for high seed in NCAAs

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Gonzaga coach Mark Few hopes this time will be different. Surely his Bulldogs deserve a high seed in the NCAA tournament.

For the past five years, Gonzaga hasn't been seeded higher than sixth, despite impressive regular-season records.

"We sent a nice message that we're a legitimate prospect," Few said Monday night after an 84-71 win over Saint Mary's for the West Coast Conference tournament title.

That victory secured Gonzaga's sixth straight trip to the NCAAs. The No. 3 Bulldogs have won a team-record 20 straight games and earned the highest ranking in school history.

But Gonzaga (27-2) has been in a similar position before only to be disappointed when the tournament brackets were announced.

In 2002, the Bulldogs were 29-3 and ranked sixth in the country

only to end up with a sixth seed. They lost their opening game to Wyoming — the only time in the last five seasons they failed to get past the first round.

"I don't pay attention to it," said forward Ronny Turiaf, who has led the team in scoring with 29 points and 14 rebounds Monday on the way to tournament MVP honors. "It's out of our control. You never know what seed you're going to get. The NCAA committee does a great job. Hopefully, they realize we've had a great year."

The Bulldogs' only two losses came against the two top-ranked teams: Saint Joseph's and Stanford. They haven't lost since falling to the Cardinal on Dec. 20.

Even though 16 of those wins came in the WCC — far from a top conference — Few doesn't think they should be undervalued.

The Bulldogs certainly would prefer to start the NCAA tournament in Seattle, one of the sites for the first two rounds. Gonzaga already had a contingent of about 2,000 for the conference tournament, and there would probably be even more fan support if the Bulldogs stayed in state.

Also, playing in Seattle could put the team on the same path that got the 'Zags to the regional

final in 1999, when they started in the WCC and advanced to Phoenix, where they hung with eventual national champion Connecticut until the final minute.

"You never know anymore," said point guard Blake Stepp, the WCC player of the year. "We'd like to be in Seattle, but we're used to traveling... We've reached another milestone moving up in the poll."

The 1999 run started their current stretch of six straight NCAA tournament berths, including three consecutive trips to the round of 16 from 1999-01.

For now, the Bulldogs are happy to be done with the WCC tournament. They needed a last-second shot by Turiaf to beat Santa Clara in the semifinals.

"It's tough to stay focused down here," Violette said. "You take teams' best punches. It definitely feels good to be the champion and have confidence going into the tournament."

# Steroids

The San Francisco Chronicle, quoting information it said was provided to federal investigators, reported last week that steroids were given to Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield. Bonds, Giambi and Sheffield have denied using steroids.

That report came out of a grand jury investigation of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative in San Francisco. Last month, two company executives, along with Bonds' personal trainer and a track coach, were charged with illegally supplying steroids to athletes.

The suspicion that some of the game's greats are using steroids has loomed over spring training, prompting McGain to schedule a hearing and invite Fehr, baseball commissioner Bud Selig, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and NFL players' union chief Gene Upshaw.

Bonds' current labor contract, agreed to in 2002, called for anonymous drug tests last year. Five to 7 percent of those tests came back positive for steroids, a level which triggered testing with penalties this year. But the program has been criticized because players are tested only twice each season — both

tests are given within a period of a week — and the penalties are far weaker than those in Olympic sports.

"I believe that the program that we instituted has had some effect," Fehr said.

McGain disagreed, saying baseball has a "legitimacy problem" because of questions about steroid use and the public's perception that cheaters don't get caught by the testing program.

Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., criticized the union for resisting stronger testing. "The union's wrong here," he said.

Under baseball's policy, a player doesn't face a one-year

suspension until failing five tests. The NFL has a year-round random testing program for players and imposes immediate suspensions on those who test positive.

Selig said baseball owners want stronger testing. "I realize that we have work to do," Selig said. "We need more frequent and year-round testing of players. We need immediate penalties for those caught using illegal substances."

Fehr didn't take a position on the legislation, but he said it would be wrong to ban players from taking substances that are legal.

# E. Washington books first trip to NCAAs

CHIENY, Wash. (AP) — Eastern Washington earned its first trip to the NCAA tournament Wednesday night when Brandon Merritt scored 22 points and Marc Axton added 19 in a 71-59 victory over Northern Arizona for the Big Sky Conference tournament title.

Eastern Washington (17-12), which moved up to Division I in the 1983-84 season, won the Big Sky title game and automatic bid in each of the previous three seasons.

The Eagles will join local rival and third-ranked Gonzaga in the NCAA tournament, giving the Spokane, Wash., area two

teams in the event.

Aaron Bonded Northern Arizona (15-14) with 20 points, while Kelly Golej scored 16.

Eastern Washington's first trip to the NCAA tournament was in 1978, when Axton hit a jump shot to launch a 13-1 run, capped by Axton's 3-pointer. That lifted the Eagles to a 42-34 lead with 15:26 left.

Northern Arizona did not make a field goal in the second half until Bond's 3-pointer with 14:47 left.

Baskets by Alvin Snow, Danny Parissee and Merritt gave Eastern a 40-39 lead, and Axton's 3-pointer made it 57-45 with 9:04 left.

# Webber

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grand jury about his relationship with University of Michigan booster Ed Martin — but Webber got an extra ban for violating the league's drug policy.

Webber has been a model citizen, participating in numerous charity ventures and community activities while winning over Sacramento despite a big flirtation with free agency in 2001.

When Webber got discouraged, he would rely on his family, his teammates, his faith and memories of better times, such as those in a photo in his locker. But even Webber's

high school days are no longer a refuge: The Michigan High School Athletic Association recently ruled Webber was ineligible when he played at Detroit Country Day High School because of his relationship with Martin.

"I'm not bitter. I'm not angry," Webber said. "I just want to start over. I want to enjoy the job that I have and enjoy the people that I'm around while I have time to be around them."

"Before, you want to fight every battle. You want to prove everyone wrong. I'm just in a place now where I want to enjoy the people I have around me."

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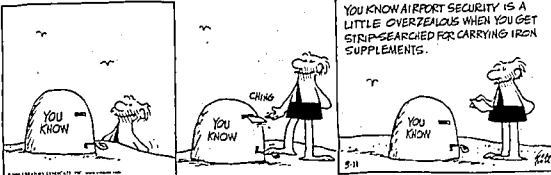
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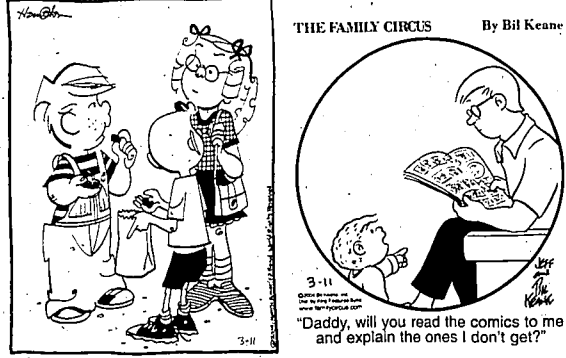
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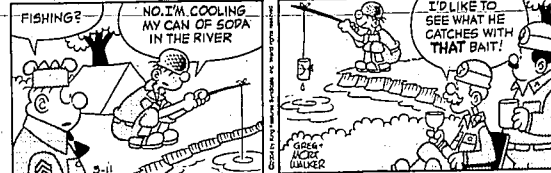
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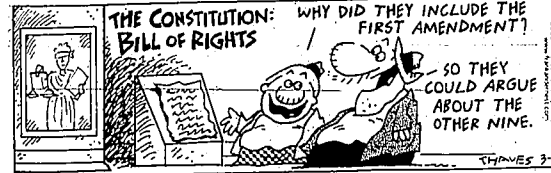
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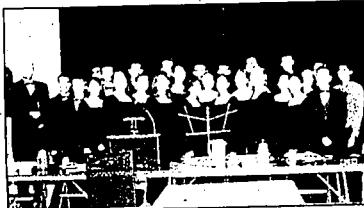
## ANIMALS FOR SALE



TRINA THOMAS/The Times-News

Jackie Anderson of Burley inventories her collection of handmade items she will sell at the Mini-Cassia Craft Fair and Home and Garden Show Saturday at Minico High School in Rupert. Her animals are made from original patterns and each one is unique. The craft fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and features a variety of craft booths and home and garden booths. This year is a make and take booth of projects. Door prizes will be given away throughout the day. The cost is \$1 at the door or free with advance tickets available at many area businesses. Early bird shopping will be held from 8-10 a.m. and admission is \$4 per or \$3 with an advance ticket.

## MAKING MUSIC



Above, the Filer High School Madrigals performed for the Filer Kiwanis Club program recently at the Methodist Church. Right, Filer Kiwanis President Guy Taylor presents a check for \$200 to Larry Larson, director of the Filer High School music department, from the Kiwanis Club.



Photos courtesy of THEATRE BURLEY

## LETTERS OF THANKS

### Dentists help raise funds for soccer association

Special thanks to Drs. John Roberts D.D.S. and Kevin Hall D.D.S. of Twin Falls for helping the Twin Falls Soccer Association raise \$4,000 through their special laser whitening program.

Drs. Roberts and Hall allocated money from every laser whitening service performed to the association, and we are grateful for their continued efforts in improving soccer in the Magic Valley. MARK GOODMAN, President, Twin Falls Soccer Association, Twin Falls

### Idaho muzzle loaders association grants wish

The Wishing Star Foundation wishes to thank Dennis, Alan and Andrew Knapp for presenting a check for \$324 from the Southern Idaho Muzzle Loaders Association to make a local child's dream come true.

Thanks to the following businesses for supporting our "Hearts" fund-raiser: La Casita, The Shack, Choate's Wind Riders, Puffin Inn, Magic Bow, Logan's Market, Maxie's Bowladrome, Pioneer Club, Brico, Idaho Joe's, Tomato's, Jerome Bowl, Chill's, Beacon Club and IHOF A Special thanks to all who purchased hearts.

La Casita raised the largest amount - \$1,600. The traveling plaque will be on display at La Casita until the 2005 winner is announced.

The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:

- Organizations thanking contributors or supporters.
- Individuals thanking public agencies and businesses for extraordinary service.

For more information, call 733-0931. Ext. 288

To express gratitude of a personal rather than public nature, call The Times-News Classified department at 733-0931. Ext. 270.

Thanks to Dana and Greg Cameron, owners of Blue Cove Antiques, for raising funds by holding an Appraisal Fair at the Antique Show in Filer and to all who brought items to be appraised.

Thank you Kat Kountry, the Buzz and KITFI for publicity. Thanks for making dreams come true. DIANA JONES, Manager, Whishing Star Foundation, Twin Falls

### Theater owner offers new, affordable movies

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Roper and the Twin Cinemas for the special movies that were offered over the President's Day holiday when the schools were out.

The movies were new enough and affordable so everyone could enjoy them.

Thanks again for making it possible for a lot of us to enjoy the school days off. NANCY BARRON, Twin Falls

### Fifteen compete for Miss Kimberly title

KIMBERLY - Fifteen young women from Kimberly High School will vie for the title of Miss Kimberly. The scholarship pageant will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Kimberly High School old gymnasium. The cost is \$5 per person, including children.

The contestants will vie for five College of Southern Idaho Presidential Scholarships and a Spirit of Miss Kimberly Award from the Kimberly Lions Club.

Whitney Bolwinkle was one of the contestants, but not the winner. She is the daughter of Barry and Rhonda Bolwinkle and attends Kimberly High School.

### Hailey Public Library holds Einstein program

HAILEY - The next program in the Hailey Public Library's "Science: Now or Rescue" series takes up the book "Einstein's Dreams" by Alan Lightman. The discussion will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 16 at the library 7 Grey St. W.

Participation is free. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library circulation desk. Alan Lightman, an MIT physicist and professor of creative writing, wrote "Einstein's Dreams" in 1993. He used facts about Einstein's personality and his work to construct an adventure set in Einstein's brain where the young patient clerk dreams of worlds where time is experienced in vastly different ways. In one world, time swirls backwards, people are carried to the past in rivulets of temporal flow.

The discussion will center on how time permeates culture and on Einstein as a cultural icon. For more information, call 788-2036.

### Girl Scouts sell cookies at the Filer Flea Market

FILER - The Indoor Filer Flea Market will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, 215 Fair Ave. in Filer.

Local Girl Scouts will be selling cookies. Admission is \$5 cents with return privileges. Preschoolers are free.

For more information, call 532-4339 or 312-4900.

### Home orchard care seminar will take place

TWIN FALLS - Liberty Nurseries will hold a free seminar, "Home Orchard Care," at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is required at the Garden Gate Gift and Garden Shop at Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

For more information or to pre-register, call 733-2717 or stop by the business.

### Kimberly firefighters serve pancake breakfast

KIMBERLY - The firemen from the Kimberly Fire Department and the Rock Creek Rural Fire Protection District are serving a pancake breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday in the fire station, 242 Highway 30 E. for the benefit of Kyle Lynn Funk.

The 2-year-old daughter of Rick and Brandee Funk has undergone heart surgery at a Chicago hospital and has developed complications since her return home, requiring travel to Boise for additional treatment. Price of the meal will be \$3 or \$15 per family. Donations also will be accepted at the Wells Fargo bank, sent to Box M, Kimberly, Idaho 83341, or can be placed in a canister at Nidley's grocery store, 210 Main St.

### Oakley High School holds Mr. OHS Pageant

OAKLEY - The fifth annual Mr. OHS pageant will be held at 7:30 p.m. today in the Oakley Elementary school gym, 445 W. Poplar, Oakley.

The event is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Special entertainment will be provided by

### Main Motion Dance Studio of Oakley.

The cost is \$3 for ages 12 years and up and \$1 for children under age 12. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Oakley High School Student Needs Fund, a program that helps needy students with shoes, eyeglasses, dental needs and other items.

Contestants include Clay Critchfield, Kyle James, Cacho Taylor, Kallon Kerbs, Jesse Bedke, Eric Eliason and Tobin Hale. Escorts will be Melissa Alvarez, Sara Archibald, Ali Cranney, Ashley Burch, Laura Wells, Mandy Pickett, Talia Parish and Kortnie Sanders. For more information, call 862-3328.

### Relay for Life will hold training meeting Saturday

BURLEY - Relay 101, a training and information meeting for Relay For Life team captains, potential captains or anyone interested in learning more about the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the Oakley Dining Room at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center, 2303 Parke Ave., Burley. The training meeting will include activities and prizes for participants. For more information, call Gail at 678-2291.

### Breakfast raises money for Bel Canto Choir

BURLEY - The Burley Masons will sponsor a benefit breakfast for the Burley High School Bel Canto Choir from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the Masonic Lodge, 1519 Overland Ave., Burley.

The cost is a \$5 donation. Proceeds will help the choir with transportation as they attend a competition in Las Vegas, Nev.

For more information, call Carl Clark at 678-2577.

### Fund-raising dinner is served at Charlie's Cafe

BURLEY - Young Life of Mini-Cassia will hold a fund-raising enchilada dinner from 12-5 p.m. Sunday at Charlie's Cafe, 615 E. Main St., Burley. The cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under. Proceeds to support local teens going to camp.

Tickets are available by calling 678-0293 or 678-8141. Carry out dinners are also available with advance notice.

### Fabric store announces classes for March

HEYBURN - Carleen's Fabrics & Crafts, etc., 450 21st St., Heyburn, announces classes for March:

- Today: Beginning Piecing, 1:30-4:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 and includes at least one other class.
- Friday: Wild Iris Stained Glass Applique, 1:30-4:30 p.m. The cost is \$15. Call for a space.
- Saturday: Sunshine Patch by Thimbleberries, 1-5 p.m. The cost is \$20 plus the cost of the pattern.
- March 16: Spring Table Runner, 2-4 p.m. The cost is \$15.
- March 19: Sticher's Corner, 6-8 p.m. The class is free.
- March 20: Autumn Splendor, 1-4 p.m., class limit is five students. The cost is \$30.
- March 21: Make a Spring Wall-hanging, 1:30 p.m., limit four. The class is free and kits are available.
- March 27: Homespun Stars Scrap Quilt, 1-5 p.m. The cost is \$30.

For more information, call 679-3573.

### Burley Catholic women's spring meeting

BURLEY - The women of the Burley Little Flower Catholic Church will host the spring meeting of the Southern Idaho Diocese Council of Catholic Women Saturday at Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., Burley. Registration and a continental breakfast served by the women from the St. Nicholas Parish of Rupert will be held from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Celebration of the Mass will be at 11 a.m. Lunch will be in the dining hall immediately following.

After lunch, Mary Frances-Thompson, president of the Idaho Council of Catholic Women, will present a workshop on the many services performed by the National

### Council of Catholic women. The meeting will close at 3 p.m.

All Catholic women of southern Idaho are invited. Those planning to attend should call Clara Lynch at 678-7336 or the church office at 678-5453 or Rosella Neddio at 645-2270.

### Valley H.S. Community Carnival set for Saturday

HAILEY - Valley High School, 882 Valley Road S., will hold its annual Community Carnival hosted by the S.O.S. (Support Our Schools) officers from 6-9 p.m. Saturday.

There will be local entertainment, a barbecue dinner and prizes, balloon slides and much more. S.O.S. is a non-profit organization that is the same as the PTA. The money is used for scholarships, uniforms, dictionaries and other supplies. The dinner will cost \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. There will be raffle prizes, bingo and entertainment while guests have dinner.

### T.F. Reformed Church holds a rummage sale

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N., will have a rummage sale from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday.

Items will be sold for 50 cents to \$1. All proceeds will go to the Nuts and Seed food pantry. Coupons are found in The Times-News yard sale section.

### Spring concert celebrates 'Our New Beginnings'

HAILEY - A spring concert entitled, "Our New Beginnings" will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday at the auditorium at the new Blaine County campus of the College of Southern Idaho, 1050 Fox Acres Road.

The cost is free as a thank you to the community and to celebrate the new campus, organizers said.

Concert pianist Susan Dunning will play. She joins the faculty at the center with the beginning of a new music department here in Wood River Valley.

"As one who has been around music and musicians for over a quarter of a century, I do not hesitate to sing her praises nor to esteem her as one of the finest musicians I have ever known and heard," said Edward Jablonski, New York City author and music critic.

For more information, call 788-2033.

### CSI center offers home buyer education program

HAILEY - Potential home buyers are invited to learn the benefits of buying a home in a step-by-step program offered by the College of Southern Idaho Blaine Center.

"Finally Home" completion may help participants qualify for reduced mortgage insurance premiums, down payment and closing cost assistance or other special lender programs.

The class will meet from 6-10 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the CSI Blaine County campus, 1050 Fox Acres Road.

The class is offered in partnership with Idaho Partners for Home Buyer Education Inc. Classes are free and include a training manual and expert speakers. Pre-registration is required.

"Conversational Spanish" will work on expanding vocabulary, verb-tense usage and developing additional conversational techniques. "Basic Conversation Spanish" by Katan-Ibarra is the required text. The class will be held from 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, March 15 to April 23 at the Wood River High School.

The cost is \$85 plus the book. For more information, call 788-2033.

### Youth can explore wildlife environment in workshop

KETCHUM - The Natural Resources Workshop for young people ages 12-14 years old will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Central Idaho 4-H Camp north of Ketchum. Participants can explore the world of wildlife, range land, water, soil, forestry and environmental issues in this hands-on workshop.

Hiking, rappelling, fishing, volleyball, firearm safety, target shooting and fireside sing-alongs are some of the activities.

The cost is \$150 by May 14 at University of Idaho Extension Office, or \$170 for late registration. Scholarships are available. For more information or an application, call Soil and Water Conservation District or extension offices.

### Jerome Public Library discusses culinary arts

JEROME - The Jerome Public Library will discuss culinary arts and literacy at noon March 22 at the Jerome Library.

This book discussion will feature novels by Diane Mott Davidson who writes mystery novels centered about Goldie, a caterer in Colorado's high country who solves mysteries while whipping up gourmet meals. Each book includes several recipes, for lunch on March 22, everyone is invited to read a Diane Mott Davidson book and cook up one of the recipes to share with the group. Novels are available at the Jerome Library.

On April 26, books by Wilbur Smith will be discussed. The book discussion is for anyone who wants to explore new reading territory with a congenial group of fellow readers. For more information, call Lorna Irwin at 324-7544.

### Groups will hear from foreign exchange student

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Viking Lodge and the Sons of Norway will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at Our Lady Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. in Twin Falls. Ida Forberg, a foreign exchange student from Norway, will speak. For more information, call 324-4085.

### Farm Bureau women host luncheon, ag workshop

TWIN FALLS - The Farm Bureau women's committee is hosting a luncheon and an Ag in the Classroom workshop on Saturday at the Twin Falls County Farm Bureau office, 2732 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, for all Farm Bureau women.

All teachers also are invited to the luncheon and workshop, which will be conducted by Rick Waitley of Meridian. The luncheon is at noon, the workshop will follow at 1 p.m. and will adjourn at 3:45 p.m. There will be a morning session for Farm Bureau women with a workshop starting at 9:30 a.m. breaking at 11:40 a.m. for lunch where teachers will be recognized, then the Ag in the Classroom workshop will continue.

Registration is \$10 per person, which includes lunch and the seminar. There will be door prizes.

For more information or to RSVP, call Doris Pearson at 543-5017, Susan Pearson at 837-4369, or Kristy at 733-7212.

### Home-schooled students can send in grad pics

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News is getting ready for the annual senior photo and valedictorian section to recognize area graduates for 2004.

Home-schooled students who would like to be included in the section, please contact Community Editor Pat Marcantonio for information. Students can send pictures via e-mail, on CD or disc. E-mail photos to patm@magiclevel.com. files can be no larger than 3MB.

Separate e-mail with the student's name, hometown and phone number is also needed. Students without a photo, but want to be included, will just need to submit their information. Submissions are needed by April 15.

Information can be mailed to: Community Page, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83401

For more information, call Pat at 735-3288 or e-mail to patm@magiclevel.com.

Ellen Thomason is handling valedictorians and salutatorian information. Call her at 735-3266 or e-mail at ellen@magiclevel.com.

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Section C

AROUND THE VALLEY

Blaze guts former bar in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - A fire late Wednesday night gutted a downtown Twin Falls building. No one was injured in the blaze, which began at around 7 p.m. and burned out the interior of an old structure at 727 Main Ave. W. Gary Earl, battalion chief of the Twin Falls Fire Department, said firefighters were still investigating what caused the blaze late Wednesday night. "When we got here it was pretty much fully involved," Earl said. The building is located next to the Signatures tavern. Earl said the structure that burned was once a tavern called Freddy's Bar but is no longer operating. Twin Falls police blocked off portions of Main Avenue West as 11 firefighters who arrived with three trucks fought the blaze. It took firefighters about half an hour to get the flames under control, Earl said.

Woman faces charge in high-speed chase

TWIN FALLS - A Hansen woman faces one felony count of eluding a police officer in connection with a chase that reached 90 mph in a 55 mph zone. Camela Mae Colson, 29, was charged in connection with the Feb. 18 incident, according to an affidavit written by Ted Porter of the Kimberly Police Department. Colson was traveling eastbound on Highway 30 in Kimberly, the affidavit says, going 61 mph in a 45 mph zone. The officer tried to "initiate a stop," but Colson kept driving, reaching speeds of up to 80 mph after passing through Hansen. Officers say Colson turned off her headlights, drove in both eastbound and westbound lanes, and accelerated to speeds between 80 and 90 mph, according to the affidavit. As the suspect entered Cassia County, sheriff's deputies were notified, and they placed spike strips in her path. After driving over the strips, Colson got out of her car and was arrested without further incident, the affidavit says. Her preliminary hearing was scheduled for March 19.

Legislature weighs in on Sawtooth proposal

BOISE - A resolution to put the south range of the Sawtooth National Forest under one manager and one set of rules passed the Senate Resource and Environment Committee on Wednesday. Called a memorial, if it passes the Legislature, it will be sent to the U.S. Congress asking for approval. Since 1996 groups in five regions around Idaho have been working on combining Bureau of Land Management services with those of the U.S. Forest Service. But only two regions are close to being combined - the Clearwater region in the Lewis and Clark area, and the Twin Falls and Cassia counties section of the Sawtooth. The effort will become pilot projects to make forest and range management in those areas more efficient and less controversial among local people, said Resource Committee Chairman Laird Noh, R-Kimberly. If approved by Congress, the arrangement will be subject to some oversight by a local board. Noh emphasized the lands would still be subject to the same environmental regulations as now.

Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, who has grading privileges in Cassia section of the Sawtooth, said if the plan goes forth, "it will give uniformity, predictability and consistency." - compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels table with columns for watershed, % of avg., and % of normal. Includes data for Upper Snake Basin, Salmon Falls, Salmon, Oakes, Big Wood, Little Wood, and Little Lost.

A comparison of bean snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average. The indicator of bean snowpack for the active snow season, which peaks in early March.

Governor brings news to Simplot plant

By Chip Thompson Times-News writer
HEYBURN - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and other state officials are scheduled to appear here today for a major announcement regarding the J. I. Simplot Co. potato processing plant. Reports that the 10:30 a.m. press conference involves donation of the Simplot property to the city of Burley were confirmed Wednesday by state House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley and state Rep. Scott Bedke of Oakley. Newcomb suggested that the donation could include the company's sewer system on the Burley side of the river, as well as the entire plant facility on the Heyburn side. Asked whether job creation or reopening of the plant are at issue, Newcomb said he would have heard if that were the case, and he had not heard anything of that nature. At the same time, he said he first learned about the press conference Wednesday morning. A special meeting of the Burley City Council has been called at 9:30 this morning for a vote on the matter. The issue has already been discussed by the council in a closed executive session, Burley City Administrator Mark Mitton said. The press conference is being held by the city of Burley, Minicassia Economic Development Commission and Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization. In addition to Kempthorne, those expected to attend include Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor Director Roger Madsen, legisla-

tors and Simplot representatives. "The timing of the announcement is a matter of the governor's schedule," Jan DeWitt, Kempthorne's spokeswoman, said. She is expected to fly into the Burley airport and then speak for 15 minutes at the Simplot plant cafeteria. The plant lies primarily outside the city limits of Heyburn in Minicassia County. City and

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OPENING UP



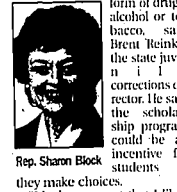
People mill about the new Student Union Building at the College of Southern Idaho during the grand opening for the building Wednesday. The celebration included various entertainers, displays, pizzas and giveaways. The new \$4 million building is on the north end of the Taylor Administration Building.

Legislators consider drug-free scholarships

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

BOISE - Students could have new income to stay clear of drugs, alcohol and tobacco if a bill for a new state scholarship clears the Legislature. The proposed new category of the Promise Scholarship would reward students for each year of high school they sign up to submit to random drug testing and remain drug-free. Over four years, a student could accumulate \$1,000 in scholarship money to be used toward college or technical school. If a student tests positive for an illegal substance, he would lose the money he had accumulated and could start over the next year. The program would not require drug testing once a student enters college. If students could lose the scholarship if they were convicted of or pleaded guilty to a substance-related charge. If approved, the program could be implemented starting next school year for freshmen.

Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, the bill's sponsor, could not be reached for comment Wednesday. The measure was approved unanimously by the House Education Committee Tuesday and now goes to the full House for consideration. In the Magic Valley, several school administrators were enthusiastic about the proposal. "Any scholarships are neat for kids," said John Garner, Kimberly's superintendent. Kimberly High School has done random drug testing for students in sanctioned activities for five years. "We believe in it," Garner said. The Wendell School District also does random drug testing, and Superintendent Larry Manly said it can have a broad positive impact when students abstain from drugs, alcohol and tobacco. "A healthy society is a less costly society," Manly said. Of the approximately 6,000 juveniles in state custody or on probation, a majority of them have been involved in some



Rep. Sharon Block

form of drugs, alcohol or tobacco. Block, the state juvenile corrections director, He said the scholarship program could be an incentive for students as they make choices. "It's the concept that I like," said Reinke, a former Twin Falls County commissioner. "It creates a positive reinforcement." Twin Falls Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said random drug testing programs are more effective when the testing pool is larger. Twin Falls High School randomly tests 10 students per week of those who participate in extra-curricular activities. He said he supports the proposed scholarship. "It gives the kids a more powerful way to say 'no,'" Dobbs said. The school's drug testing program does more good than harm, said Shauna Obenchain, the president of the school's parent teacher student organization. Chad Harris, 18, a junior at Twin Falls High School, plans to go to college and thinks the scholarship program would be a good idea. "I don't do drugs anyway," Harris said. Others are not as thrilled. In Blaine County, students are only given drug tests when staff have a reasonable suspicion that a student has taken drugs. "The focus of our policy is to try and intervene early," Assistant Superintendent Mary Gervase said. Please see SCHOLARSHIP, Page C3

Charter schools debate moves closer to agreement

The Associated Press

BOISE - The behind-the-scenes negotiations over charter schools appears to be coming to a close, representatives of the governor's office and Senate Education Committee Chairman Gary Schroeder have agreed in principle on an omnibus bill. "We're just trying to get the language correct," said Schroeder, whose committee has already approved bills and pieces of the bill that would rewrite the way



charter schools operate. The most debated part of the legislation has been the question of a third-party chartering agency, which has been pushed by the governor's office. As it stands now parents who want to start a charter school first must apply to the local district. If their proposed school is denied, they have had the option of appealing that decision to the State Board of Education. The board has been an ardent supporter of charter schools, and disagreed with the Democratic-controlled Department of Education on many facets of the issue. "The issue has driven a wedge between residents in Nampa, where a proposed charter school recently won an appeal at the state board level. Schroeder said the compromise legislation will allow a new,

seven-member charter school commission, as Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has been pushing for, but he believes he has won a concession that the charter commission be an independent body. "I don't want to see the commission be controlled by the state board," said Schroeder, who has often sided with the Department of Education. The compromise legislation could be introduced any day, Schroeder said.

Legislators authorized the creation of charter schools in 1997, allowing anyone to petition for their own nonprofit, public charter school. The law was designed to give educational choices. But it has drawn fire from many who contend charter schools are simply private schools surviving on taxpayer dollars. "The problem in Nampa arose when some residents accused

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Panelists: Early paper promoted T.F.

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The earliest local newspapers here had much to do with drawing settlers to the fledgling city. From the October 1904 birth of the Twin Falls News and on, early predecessors of today's Times-News were heavily partisan publications that made no pretense of objectivity, run by men more likely to be practical prattlers than graduates of journalism training, said history columnist James Varley, one of four speakers at a Wednesday-night panel discussion on the "Role of Journalism in Twin Falls." Those papers of almost a century ago unabashedly promoted the Twin Falls Tract, Varley told an audience of

Up next

- 117-118, Twin Falls
Topics: Women of Early Twin Falls - an audiovisual presentation featuring women who lived in Twin Falls during 1904-1924, seen through the perspectives of personal experiences and regional and national issues
Presentation leader: Fran Foster
Other presenters: Judi Baxter, Barb Allen, Lelle Poppleton, Jan Mitteldeier, Mary Kay Martin
When and where: 7 p.m. March 31, College of Southern Idaho, Shields Building, rooms about 30 at the first of five public Magic Valley Reads events. Organizers of the third annual Magic Valley Reads project also aim to get Twin Falls folks talking about local poetry and history and the stories of pioneer women. Wednesday's

discussion on newspapers' launched in a community annexed a series of free literary events. The events are based - at least loosely - on a list of local authors' works, chosen to give a centennial flair to the Please see PANELISTS, Page C3

Buhl eyes annexation

By Sandra Wisecaver Times-News correspondent

BUHL - The city of Buhl is considering annexing the Apple Valley Acres subdivision, but City Council members want to take a look at the costs associated with the annexation first. "Residential annexation is the most expensive if you are annexing ground that already has houses on it," City Engineer Scott Hybee said. "You have to extend the services to the homes and that costs lots of money." Annexing developed subdivisions is much more costly than annexing subdivisions where a developer still has to install utilities, sidewalks, curbs and other infrastructure, Hybee said. Apple Valley Acres is located on the south side of Buhl, be-

tween Moon-Glo Road and Miller Street. Clear Creek Drive is the dividing line between city and county property. Properties on the north side of the street are in city limits and connected to services. "The annexation discussion was sparked Monday when a group of residents in the Apple Acres Subdivision who live south of Clear Creek Drive requested sanitation services. Since the residences are located outside the city limits, those receiving the service will pay sanitation fees 50 percent higher than Buhl residents."

City Attorney Bill Nungesser will draw up an agreement to be signed by the residents before sanitation service is extended to them. Please see BUHL, Page C3

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

# Wolves kill more cattle in Montana

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — A second wolf pack is attacking cattle in southwestern Montana's Madison Valley, and federal wildlife agents have been ordered to wipe out both packs.

Two attacks that were discovered on the same ranch earlier this week were the work of a new, untrapped pack, said Ed Bangs, wolf recovery leader for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

He had ordered the eradication of the Sentinel pack last Friday after it killed a yearling steer and a family dog near Cameron.

The latest attacks took place farther north in the Madisons. The carcass of a 1-year-old steer was found Tuesday in a coulee east of Ennis Lake, Bangs said. A 1-year-old heifer on the same ranch was also injured by wolves Tuesday morning that the rancher had to kill.

"That indicates to me that they're hunting livestock," Bangs said. "They're not stumbling upon a calf and running off with it."

Bangs issued shoot-on-sight permits to two ranchers who have lost livestock to wolves in the past two weeks. Federal trappers are searching for the

packs in helicopters. Madison County commissioners and ranchers have criticized the federal agency for not issuing the shoot-on-sight permits sooner. Ranchers are afraid they will be prosecuted if they shoot problem wolves, Commissioner Ted Colman said.

Bangs said he has explicitly told Madison Valley ranchers that they have the right to shoot a wolf without a permit if they catch it in the act of attacking livestock.

"I don't know what else to say," Bangs said. "They can shoot 50 if they catch them."

# SERVICES

Home and for one hour before the service at the church.

Bertha Allada Arize of Rupert, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Friday at the Rupert St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. tonight with a viewing at 6 p.m. at the church (Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel).

Terry Lynn Woods, graveside service at 1 p.m. Friday at Hagerman Cemetery.

Jeanne Hart-Musick of Stockton, Calif., former Twin Falls resident, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary.

Howard O. "Christy" Christiansen of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Demaray's Chapel in Gooding. Reception from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Schubert House.

Ruby Pearl Wilson of Ontario, Ore., and formerly of the Twin Falls area, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Church of the Nazarenes, Filer (Hansen-Wood Funeral Home, Ontario).

Cecil L. Hampton of Glenview, Perry, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Glenview, Perry (Summers Funeral Homes, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

Ronald R. Spearing of Buhl, Celebration of Life at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Back 30 Bar (Highway 30) in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Sarah A. Powell, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Spokane, Wash.

Deibert L. Bartlett of Boise, viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Summers Funeral Home, 1205 W. Bannock St., Boise. Graveside service at 1 p.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls.

# DEATH NOTICES

**Glendon Ted Moon**  
BOISE — Glendon Ted Moon, 69, of Boise, died Tuesday at his daughter's home in Boise. Arrangements will be made at Summers Funeral Home, Ustick Chapel.

**Jeffrey 'Dully' T. Hova**  
IDAHO FALLS — Jeffrey "Dully" T. Hova, 47, passed away on Saturday, March 6, 2004, at his home in Idaho Falls. Memorial service will be at 1

p.m. Saturday, March 13, 2004, at Buck-Miller-Hann Funeral Home, 825 E. 17th St. in Idaho Falls.

The family will visit with friends one hour before service with a reception following.

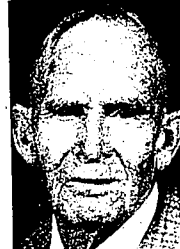
For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obits@magvalley.com](mailto:obits@magvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to [www.magvalley.com](http://www.magvalley.com) and click on "Obituaries."

**Martin D. Young - Emmett**

Martin D. Young, 89, of Emmett, died Sunday, March 7, 2004.

Martin was born on Nov. 2, 1914, at Hegan, Idaho. He and Bruce and Clara Palmer Young. He moved with his family to the Stanley Basin as a child, where he was reared and educated. He graduated from Hailey High School in 1935. Martin worked later for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. He married Alexis Hurst on Feb. 8, 1941, in Boise.

He joined the U.S. Army in February of 1941 and was honorably discharged in September of 1941 with a medical disability. They moved to California and returned to Hailey where he farmed. He also worked in the silver mines. In 1982 they sold the farm and moved to Emmett. They loved traveling and Martin enjoyed oil painting. He played



He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Alexis of Emmett; four children, Dee Young of Saudi Arabia, Tom and Barbara Young of Kuna, Jean and Larry Lay of Salem, Ore., and Evelyn Hupp of Boise. There are eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Wallace Young of Bellevue, Idaho, and Robert Young of Renton, Wash.; two sisters, Hazel Barber of Twin Falls and Cora Rossler of Gooding and numerous nieces and nephews.

Service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Emmett First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at the Emmett Cemetery. Services under the direction of Potter Funeral Chapel, Emmett. Friends may call from noon until 8 p.m. Friday. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the First Baptist Church in Emmett.

**Robert (Bob) Henry Will - Bend, Ore./Kimberly**

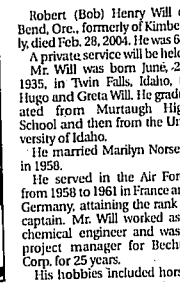
Robert (Bob) Henry Will of Bend, Ore., formerly of Kimberly, died Feb. 28, 2004. He was 68.

A private service will be held. Mr. Will was born June 24, 1935, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Hugo and Greta Will. He graduated from Murtaugh High School and then from the University of Idaho.

He married Marilyn Norseth in 1959.

He served in the Air Force from 1958 to 1961 in France and Germany, attaining the rank of captain. Mr. Will worked as a chemical engineer and was a project manager for Bechtel Corp. for 25 years.

His hobbies included horse-



back riding, snowshoeing, logic puzzles and playing Scrabble with his family.

Survivors include his wife of 48, Bend, Ore.; two daughters, Gretchen (David) Yates of Gibsonia, Pa., and Lisa (Stan) Allen of Peyton, Colo.; a brother, Walter (Dorothy) Will of Hazelton, B.C., and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother, father and sister, Paula Malone.

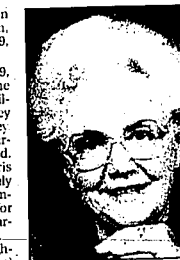
Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Central Oregon/SPCA, 61170 27th St., Bend, Ore., 97702. Deschutes Memorial Chapel in Bend is in charge of arrangements.

**Genevieve Rowley Goodman Stringer - Murtaugh**

Genevieve Rowley Goodman Stringer, 89, of Murtaugh, passed away Tuesday, March 9, 2004, from natural causes.

Genevieve was born July 19, 1914, in Murtaugh, Idaho, the only daughter of seven children to Joseph Francis Rowley and Ruby Yancy Pratt Rowley. She attended schools in Murtaugh where she graduated. She married William Norris Goodman of Murtaugh on July 5, 1934, in the Logan LDS Temple. Genevieve worked for almost 20 years in the Murtaugh school lunch program.

She is survived by her daughters: Gaye Lynn (Waldo) Hepworth and Joyce Ann (Ernest) Minns; eight grandchildren; 23 grand-grandchildren



and counting; and 12 great-grandchildren and just getting started.

Her parents: six brothers; her husband, William Norris Goodman; her sons, William Francis, Ronald Jay and Norris Dean; and grandchildren, Nathan Adam Goodman, Jamie Minns, Kenneth and Lori Goodman preceded her in death.

A funeral for Genevieve will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 12, 2004, at the 14th Ward LDS Chapel, 824 Caswell Ave. W., Twin Falls. Burial will follow the service at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. today. Thursday, March 11, 2004, at White Mortuary Chapel by the Park and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. the day of the service at the church.

**Myrna Lynne Fayram**

Myrna Lynne Fayram passed away Feb. 14, 2004, at St. James Healthcare in Butte, Mont.

She was born on May 6, 1936, to Milton and Mabel Maughan. She grew up first in the Idaho Falls area and then moved with her parents to Burley, Idaho, where Milton owned a paint supply store.

Myrna graduated from Burley High School and then went on to attend Brigham Young University for one year, before moving to the California bay area where she worked in the aerospace and satellite communication industries. While working there she met Fintis L. (Bill) Bates and they were mar-

ried in 1958. Bill and Myrna then moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where they lived for many years and were joined by Milton and Mabel.

Bill and Myrna enjoyed many forays into Mexico with her sister and brother-in-law, Madeline and Wally Kristofferson.

Myrna and Bill later divorced and she moved back to Idaho Falls where she met Dale Fayram.

They were married and moved to Phillipsburg, Mont. Myrna and Dale stayed in the area for many years where they raised a son and had a wonderful life in the beautiful town of Phillipsburg. Recently they

moved to the Silver Star, Mont. Myrna was able to spend to laugh, loved life and was an avid reader.

Myrna was preceded in death by her parents and older sister, Madeline.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Dale Silver Star, Myrna's son, Cameron; stepsons, Todd Fayram of Butte, Mont., and Ted Fayram of Omaha, Neb. She is also survived by four grandchildren.

In accordance with her wishes no services are planned. Memorial donations can be directed to the St. James Cancer Treatment Center in Butte, Mont.

# Vera Marie Pride McVey - Boise

Vera Marie Pride McVey, a 96-year-old Boise resident and formerly of Rupert, passed away March 5, 2004, at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise.

Vera was born Feb. 8, 1908, to William Swift and Ethel Griffith Nutting in Santa Ana, Calif. She graduated from Rupert High School in 1926. She married Chuck Pride in 1926 who later passed away.

They owned and operated Western Metal Works in Rupert from 1946-1969. In 1982 she married Ray McVey, who is also

deceased. She has lived in California, Missouri, Idaho, Canada, Washington and Montana.

She belonged to the Rupert First Christian Church.

Bowling and rock collecting were her favorite hobbies. She is survived by her children, Lois (Bob) Nelson of Cathlamet Wash., Wallace (Marilyn) Pride of Logan, Utah, Jacqui (Ed) McClean of Boise, Idaho; daughter-in-law, Gerri (Pride) of Easton, N.J.; brother, Bill (Gwen) Nutting of

Salt Lake City, Utah; and sister, Vida Payne of Sacramento, Calif.; 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chuck Pride; her parents; a son, Sheldon Pride; a daughter, Nancy Proctor; brothers, David, Myrl and Glenn Nutting; and sisters, Enola Page and Lola Jensen.

A memorial service will be held later in the summer. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

# Esta Fay Miracle - Twin Falls

Esta Fay Miracle, 75, of Twin Falls, died Monday, March 8, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after a prolonged illness.

Esta was born Feb. 14, 1929, in Twin Falls to Mabel Pearson and the late Milo Pearson Sr. She married Kenneth Mackey Miracle Sr. in 1947, with whom she had three children before later divorcing. She utilized her time and devotion in detail during her working life at Crandall's Flowers, V-1 Oil and Gem State Paper and Supply, from which she retired in 1991.



She was preceded in death by her mother, Mabel Pearson Miracle; daughter, Karina Lee Miracle; and in-laws Art and Ada Miracle.

The family would like to thank all the Bridgeway Estates staff for their care and compassion during Esta's prolonged illness.

Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 13, 2004, at Sunset Memorial Park. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Memorials in Esta's name

may be made to the Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. Contributions may be left with funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1142.

I'M FREE  
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call, I turned my back and I left it all.  
I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found peace at close of day.  
If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.  
Ah yes, these things, I, too, will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of my life.  
My life's been full, I've savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Darken lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me, God wanted me now. He set me free.

family, friends, animals and nature. She was happiest picking around in her flower gardens, digging for gemstones throughout the West or playing card and dice games with family and friends.

She enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing and knitting. Many special occasions were enriched by her imaginative floral designs and motifs. Reaching out to assist family, coworkers and friends was one of her greatest joys.

Survivors include her father, James Busby of Twin Falls; her son, Kenneth Mackey Miracle II; daughter-in-law, Margie Miracle; and daughter, Rhonda Miracle; grandchildren, Kenneth Mackey Miracle III and Cyndi Miracle Gudapati; great-

# Peggy Lee Shaff - Filer

Peggy Lee Shaff, 74, of Filer, died Sunday, March 7, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 28, 1929, in Lookeba, Okla., the daughter of Carson and Edna Long. She moved with her family throughout her youth, eventually moving to Idaho. She married Frederick L. Shaff at Elko, Nev., on June 9, 1948, and he preceded her in death on July 14, 1984.

Peggy worked for a number of years at Idaho Frozen Foods. She enjoyed gardening, camping, fishing, sightseeing and

rock collecting.

She is survived by two children: Kay Jean Shaff of Filer, Idaho, and Lin Shaff of Bend, Ore.; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one brother, Lonnie Long of Fallbrook, Nev.; two sisters, Mary Giltner of Loma, Nev., and Luvauna Nerland of Seattle, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her husband, three sons, two sisters and one brother.

No services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

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you would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and love during our recent loss. Special thanks to Dr. Richard Cambaren, Dr. John Shuss, and Dr. Patrick Desmond, St. Luke's Tumor Institute and staff, and Hospice Visions.

Your kindness and sympathy will remain in our hearts forever.



# Senate OKs school funding boost

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**BOISE** — Senate Republicans endorsed an education budget that boosts starting teacher pay and offers schools 3 percent more in maintenance and operations assistance for the 2004-05 year.

Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert said the spending plan that now goes to the House allocates extremely tight resources as flexibly as possible.

But GOP Sen. Laird Noh, a Kimberly moderate who has served longer than any other sitting lawmaker, warned his colleagues that they were being shortsighted.

"We have an appropriations system that leads us toward tunnel vision in what our goals are for education," Noh said.

He said budget writers probably did the best they could with what they had, but jobs and Idaho's economic vitality are being jeopardized by the House tax committee's refusal to consider tax increases needed to adequately finance education and other key government programs.

"What we really should be doing is appropriating large amounts of money to science laboratories, to time on task, to hiring the best teachers in the world, to expand our gifted and talented programs," Noh said.

"I don't want, and when we will I don't know."

"But until we do, I suspect we will see our economy continue



to slip," he said.

The tax committee majority contents higher taxes would damage the fragile economy.

The school budget totaling nearly \$890 million boosts starting teacher pay but not salaries for many classroom veterans and dilutes cash for school maintenance while making no direct investment in helping struggling students pass a second-graduation test.

The seven Democrats consistently opposed the spending plan, joined on occasion by a few Republican moderates.

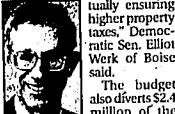
The overall general tax budget is nearly \$5 billion more than Gov. Dirk Kempthorne recommended and almost \$27 million more than schools are getting this year. It also includes \$75 million in property tax relief.

Schools raise another \$350 million in local property taxes.

It relies more heavily on property tax receipts to maintain per-classroom support at this year's level because the state's share will drop 30 percent.

The plan uses that money to buy textbooks and supplies, pay utility bills, provide electives and finance other expenses.

"What we're doing here is vir-



tually ensuring higher property taxes," Democratic Sen. Ellison Werk of Boise said.

The budget also diverts \$2.4 million of the \$11 million in lottery profits to a handful of schools participating in an interest subsidy program for construction bonds.

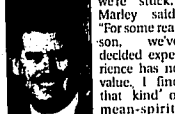
All the lottery money has typically been spread to the schools based on enrollment.

The budget maintains technology assistance at \$8.4 million but includes only \$3.2 million in federal money for a computer program intended to help struggling students pass the Idaho Standards Achievement Test, which becomes mandatory for high school graduation in 2006.

Noh questioned the value of the computer program since 48 percent of slow-learning students have no home computers and their parents have no computer skills.

Starting teacher salaries will go up 10 percent to \$27,500 in what advocates said was a move to help attract new teachers in shortage. Critics complained that the budget offers nothing to veteran teachers, who make the most critical contributions to the education of Idaho children.

"For about 7,000 teachers,



we're stuck," Marley said.

"For some reason, we've decided experience has no value. I find that kind of mean-spirited."

Cameron said the decision was based on the fact that overall teacher salaries in Idaho rank 30th nationally while starting teacher pay is 44th. He said the distribution formula forces up local money now being spent on salaries for less experienced teachers so it can be directed to veteran teachers.

Under the formula, the state reimburses school districts specified amounts for each teacher based on experience and education.

The districts independently negotiate pay rates with their teachers, but many of them have essentially adopted the state reimbursement scale as a salary ceiling.

Since the allocation for starting teachers is being increased from less than \$25,000 a year to \$27,500 a year, all the money districts have been paying, from the discretionary funds to the derivative salaries below \$27,500 can be redirected.

Analysts estimated that 1,300 of the state's 15,000 public school teachers will get the full 10 percent pay hike directed by the budget, while another 900 will get lesser increases.

# Man faces assault charges

**TWIN FALLS** — A man was arraigned in 5th District Magistrate Court Wednesday on two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with an incident that occurred in November.

Bill E. Huntley, 56, admitted to officers that he admonished two neighborhood boys, aged 11 and 17, while they were driving by, while they were driving by, according to an affidavit written by Tom Fowers of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

The suspect told the officer he thought the 17-year-old was driving recklessly.

Officer Fowers found a loaded, cocked .22 caliber revolver in the man's coat, but the suspect denied brandishing a gun at the boys, according to the affidavit.

Huntley's preliminary hearing was scheduled for March 19.

## Magic Valley in brief

comment on a proposed base rate increase by Idaho Power Co. at a meeting Monday night in Jerome.

Idaho Power has requested an average 17.7 percent base rate increase, but Public Utilities Commission staff had recommended that the commission approve only an average 3.6 percent increase with no increase for industrial customers.

The hearing begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Sawtooth Inn Best Western at 2655 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Written comments will be accepted through April 30 and should be mailed to the Commission Secretary, IPUC, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, 83720-0474, and to Idaho Power to the attention of Gordon Kline and John Gallo, P.O. Box 70, Boise, 83707-0070, or by e-mail to bkline@idahopower.com or rgallo@idahopower.com.

More information is available online at www.puc.state.idaho.us. Comments can also be filed online at the Web site and then sent via e-mail to Idaho Power.

## T.F. council will hold planning session today

**TWIN FALLS** — The City Council will spend today in a special meeting to set a course of action for the coming two years.

The council holds a strategic planning session every two years in order to discuss projects it members hope to want to achieve.

In 2002, the council's goals included finding money for a new animal shelter and a new senior center, acquiring Anger Falls and identifying ways to meet new arsenic standards for drinking water. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the City Council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.

## Donkey basketball benefits Camas senior

**FAIRFIELD** — A donkey basketball game tonight at the Camas County High School gym will benefit senior Kelly Eddy, who has been selected to participate in the Down Under Bowls in Australia this summer.

A spaghetti dinner begins at 5 p.m. in the high school study hall, followed by the donkey basketball game at 7 p.m.

Tickets to the game are \$5. The cost for the dinner is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. A trip for two to the Down Under Bowl, provided by International Sports Specialists. Tickets are free with every \$2 donated.

For more information, contact Elaine Webb at (208) 764-2492.

## Cassia County voters will decide school levies

**BURLEY** — Cassia County School District voters will confront \$623.45 supplemental property tax levy and a \$465,398 plant facilities levy in the May 18 election.

The Cassia County School Board Tuesday night approved placement of those measures on the ballot.

The 20-year-old supplemental levy is voted on each year, and the amount has not been raised in 10 years. Superintendent Mike Chesley said the levy allows for smaller class sizes and supports the Cassia Regional Technical Center.

The plant facilities levy is an annual levy but is only voted on every 10 years. Built into the levy is a 5 percent annual increase. Plant facility funds are used to repair and maintain buildings and purchase equipment.

School District Business Manager Dan Wade said Wednesday. Equipment can include furnishings, computers and even school buses, which the district buys at a rate of four to five per year.

Also on the May 18 ballot are two positions on the school board. Board members Deb Critchfield and Steve Lynch are expected to run for re-election. Anyone interested in running should contact the district offices in Burley at 678-6600. The closing date for nominations is April 16.

— compiled from staff reports

# Legislature passes parts of economic plan

**BOISE (AP)** — Key pieces of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's economic revitalization plan won final legislative approval Wednesday and another got new life.

The Senate voted overwhelmingly for House-passed legislation extending indefinitely tax incentives for investment in broadband communications technology and in research and development in all business sectors.

The House approved full deductibility in state income-tax calculations for premiums paid for long-term-care insurance. Up to now, only half the long-



term care premiums could be deducted.

And it backed the merger of the Commerce and Labor Department.

All those bills now go to Kempthorne for his signature.

The governor's plan to encourage growth of good-paying jobs was revitalized by the Senate's tax committee.

The panel endorsed the governor's original plan to limit the \$1,000 per job tax credit to jobs paying at least \$15.50 and carry-over benefits including health insurance. That is the average wage in Idaho — just over \$32,200 a year.

But the House reduced the credit pay rate to \$12.50 an hour, \$26,000 a year. The Senate tax committee questioned the validity of rewarding employers for jobs that still pay so little that their families of the workers qualify for government subsidized health care.

Under the current law, children in a family of four with an

income of under \$31,000 would be eligible for some form of the state's Children's Health Insurance Program.

"The principle behind this was job creation and a living wage," Republican Sen. Kurt McKenzie of Nampa said in backing restoration of the higher floor. "We need to send the right message that the state does promote living wage jobs."

If the Senate endorses the change, the bill will return to the House for ratification.

Analysts estimated the incentive would generate over 300 new higher-paying jobs every year.

## Panelists

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communitywide reading project this year.

In the West and Midwest, the first corners to any newly organized townsite were likely to include a preacher, a lawyer, a doctor, a few businessmen and a newspaperman, said panelist Dale Stewart, a retired Times-News employee.

Residents of early Twin Falls, as in other new cities, clipped glowing articles from local newspapers describing the land of opportunity to mail to relatives elsewhere in the country, Stewart said.

While remaining their cities' promoters to the outside world, he said, newspapers gradually took on the new role of pushing for community improvements.

Today's readers can still see those concerns guiding The Times-News coverage.

Newspapers' editorial positions and coverage decisions

can still influence a community's development, said panel moderator Lorayne O. Smith, another Times-News retiree.

But certain other flavors of old-time journalism have disappeared.

Among the breed of printers who became journalists, alcoholism wasn't altogether unusual, Stewart said. "Some of them could write better when they were half or two-thirds drunk than they could when they were sober," he said.

That's history. These days, The Times-News is a drug- and alcohol-free workplace.

Local newspapers have become more fair, accurate, thorough and professional in the past century. But today's newsrooms have lost some of their color, too, said panelist Steve Crump, The Times-News' features editor.

"Small-town journalism used to be more fun than it is now,"

he said.

Crump drew laughs with a tale about the late Gus Kelker, who was The Times-News' former editor in 1974.

Kelker, who figured Balanced Rock needed a little promotion, persuaded a farmer to allow Kelker to photograph the farmer's daughter at the Magic Valley site, Crump said. Somehow, Kelker got the young woman — wearing nearly a stitch of clothing — near the top of Balanced Rock.

Kelker selectively distributed his photographs of the scene to Valley site. Crump said, the woman's identity remains unknown. "But you gotta wonder how she got down," he said.

Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins is serving as the featured editor — call her at 735-3242 or virginia@magvalley.com.

## Charter

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The Liberty Charter School of improperly spending public dollars and hiring school employees who are relatives of the students.

Another charter school — the Idaho Virtual Academy, which has enrolled dozens of Magic Valley students — claims the department of Education is intentionally underfunding it.

Some parents of children who attend the online school held a news conference on the Statehouse steps Wednesday to threaten legal action against the state unless it received about \$5 million additional dollars for the 1,800 students that participate in the program.

The Department of Education has funded the virtual academy with slightly more than \$5 million a year, according to the department's records.

Department of Education spokeswoman Allison Wasteiful denied the allegation, saying the Idaho Virtual Academy has been funded according to existing state laws.

## Public can comment on Idaho Power rate hike

**BOISE** — The public can

## House defeats budget bill

**BOISE (AP)** — House Democrats and moderate Republicans joined forces Wednesday to defeat a bill that would have automatically tied future state budgets to shifts in population and the economy.

Numerous bills have been introduced this year taking different approaches to accomplish essentially the same outcome — limit state government spending to a formula.

The proposal sponsored by Republican Reps. Ken Roberts and Janice McGeehan, who have collaborated on the idea since the last legislative session. It was defeated 37-30.

## Buhl

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Some of the homes receive water service, even though they are outside city limits. Many also have wells that are used for irrigation on their one-acre properties.

The subdivision homes outside the city limits do not receive sewer service.

A small lift station services four homes on the north side of Clear Creek Drive, lifting sewage and dumping it into the Milner Street line.

Councilman Chuck Geska questioned how long it would take for the city to accept the cost if city services were extended for annexation.

"The lift station is designed for a very local area, not a subdivision," Bybee said.

A lift station with a capacity to serve 10 to 30 homes could probably be put in place in 60 to 90 days at a cost of \$200,000 to \$300,000. To recover the cost would probably take as long as 15 years.

The city could realize a \$6 surplus per user per month. With 20 users, the city would get back approximately \$1,400 per year.

Buhl also would add to its tax base, but those dollars would be spread throughout the city's budget.

## Other business

**O**ther Buhl City Council business Monday included:

- Skate park** — A \$125,000 bid prepared by Oregon-based Dreamland Skateparks was accepted by the City Council for construction of a skate park in Buhl. Approval is contingent upon the city getting a \$53,000 grant and water grant through the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. Buhl will make a presentation on the grant application in Boise on March 24.
- Wastewater meeting** — City Council members will meet with JWB Engineers Inc. at 10 a.m. March 23 to discuss the city's wastewater treatment plan.
- No help** — Council members requested that Mayor Barbara Peterson notify Eastern Idaho Railroad that the city will not assist with repairs to crossings within the city limits, which are the responsibility of the railroad.
- Construction update** — City Engineer Scott Bybee reported the infrastructure to the Old Farm Subdivision in the area of Business Street and Sawtooth Boulevard should be completed within the next month. Developer Earl Gray is about to begin selling lots on the 2 1/2 acres. Business Street will be repaved as soon as the final infrastructure work is complete.
- Mercy** — Mercy Housing has the approved applications, with another one in the works, for homes in the Florence Wilson addition, located off Fair Street. TKO Construction has also been approved for a space house in the subdivision. The Williams Street access to the property will be paved this month. Repairs will be made on Fair Street where cuts were made for infrastructure to the Wilson addition.
- Proclamations** — Gietzen proclaimed March as National Red Cross Month and April 30 as Arbor Day.

Bybee will submit an application for an Environmental Protection Agency grant. The project would meet pollution control requirements by eliminating the potential for septi-

## Scholarship

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Laurel Nelson, superintendent of Valley School, which has about 45 students, said she thought the policy would not have much impact on students who abuse substances.

"The kids, that are using, they're not going to sign up for

## Simplet

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state officials would not comment on potential uses for the property or details of the donation but did indicate that the announcement will be significant to Mini-Cassia.

"The announcement has to do with Buhl, Heyburn and Simplet, and the governor will be there," said Sen. Denton Darington of Declo. "It's a very important announcement, but I don't know the details."

Rogers indicated that the announcement will be major and related to economic development in the region.

Simplet and the city of Heyburn engaged in a bitter feud in

random drug testing," Nelson said.

Joseph Stanzak, a parent of two students at Twin Falls High School and an opponent of random drug testing, was suspicious of the proposed random drug testing.

"I can't believe anybody would fall for that," Stanzak said.

The bill is estimated to cost the state about \$1 million to implement in its first two years starting in 2010, then drop to about \$300,000 a year. If an annual program would be funded and who would administer the random drug tests.

In December, former Heyburn mayor candidate Mitch Johnson suggested the city acquire 43 acres of undeveloped Simplet land and began forming a joint committee to that goal. Johnson even suggested that Simplet consider giving the land to the city, though no formal request was made at that time. Johnson said Wednesday he hoped to attend today's press conference.

Times-News reporter Chip Thompson also visited the newspaper's Mini-Cassia bureau at 208-677-4042. Ext. C38 or e-mail at chip@timesmagvalley.com.





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Boise tops sprawling city list

BOISE (AP) - According to a recent environmental study, Boise is the most sprawling city in the Pacific Northwest. The analysis released by Northwest Environment Watch of Seattle this week was based on the premise that the fewer people living on an acre of land, the more likely a city faces increasing traffic, limited funding for new services, air pollution and loss of farm land. The organization compared the greater Boise area, which includes all of Ada County to the metropolitan areas of Spokane and Seattle in Washington, Portland and Eugene in Oregon and Vancouver and Victoria in British Columbia. The study found that in 2000, about 7 percent of Ada County residents lived in "compact neighborhoods" defined as...

neighborhoods" defined as areas with no more than 12 residents per acre. That was more than double the percentage in 1990 but still less in Eugene and Spokane and way below Victoria - where in three live in compact neighborhoods. Of the cities in the study, the Boise area experienced the fastest growth rate in the 1990s. Also, sprawl in some of the other cities is limited by geographical features, such as Puget Sound in Seattle. "Boise is still a very rapidly growing city," said Clark Williams-Derry, the group's research director. "And the way it manages that growth over the next couple of decades is really going to shape the city in fundamental ways that maybe we can't predict right now, but at least we should be paying attention to."

The population boom may have caught area communities off guard, but officials from Boise to Parma now realize they share many of the same concerns about growth, said Elizabeth Conner, director of Treasure Valley Partners, a growth-issues group made up of elected officials. Each community now has a growth plan. "If we plan right, 300 people will do less damage to the environment than 30 people unplanned for will do," Conner said. Cities in the valley are working to revitalize downtowns, which includes building more high-density housing.

Assisted suicide increases slightly in Oregon in 2003

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - The number of Oregonians who killed themselves with a prescription allowed under a landmark assisted suicide law increased slightly last year, according to an annual report. The sixth-year report on the Oregon Death with Dignity Act showed that 42 terminally ill patients took a lethal dose of drugs after consulting with their doctors in 2003. It was an increase of just over 10 percent from 2002, when 38 people killed themselves with drugs prescribed by their doctors under the law.

"This is an increase, but the number remains small in comparison to the average 31,000 Oregon deaths every year," said Dr. Mel Kohn, state epidemiologist. Supporters of the law say the figures show it is working as intended. "Few assisted deaths, no substantial complications - more evidence of a safe, careful medical practice," said Barbara Coombs Lee, the author of the law and president of Compassion in Dying.

Suggestive photos stir controversy

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A series of sexually suggestive photographs of two male Mormon ex-missionaries are causing a furor at Salt Lake Community College. Police were called to quell a shouting match that erupted Tuesday after an upset student began to take down the black and white photographs by Don Farmer, a graduate of Westminster College. The photographs, part of a student-sponsored exhibition titled to Diversity Week by gay, lesbian and transgender artists at the school's South City campus, depict two young men in white shirts and dark pants, one of them wearing a missionary name tag. The exhibition was moved to a less public area as a compromise between students who opposed and supported the photographs, said Joy Tlou, the colleges public relations director.

Utah will get weapons of mass destruction response team

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Utah will soon have a new tool in fighting terrorism. The state is one of a dozen approved for a federally funded weapons of mass destruction response team. The U.S. Department of Defense announced Tuesday the WMD Civil Support Team will consist of 22 fulltime members of the Army and Air National Guard trained to help local, state, and federal officials respond to a terrorist attack.

Utah had help from other states for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games but has been vying for a team of its own since before the games. Legislators said it makes sense Utah was chosen because of the chemical munitions and biological agents stored in the state. Utah has two years to put the team together. There are 32 such teams around the country.

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UI eliminates fine arts program

MOSCOW (AP) - More than 100 University of Idaho students enrolling in studio arts will see the program come to an end, the university said. The university is cutting the program as part of \$2.5 million in budget cuts across campus. The arts program generally graduates fewer than 10 majors a year and has a low student-to-faculty ratio, said Joseph Zeller, dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences.

"This is the most painful thing I've done in my 33 years of higher education," Zeller said. By closing the program, the college eliminates two vacant faculty positions and two non-tenured positions while freeing up studio space for other programs, such as architecture. Of the eight tenured faculty remaining in the school, four teach design classes such as architecture and interior design - majors that the university is keeping.

But the tenured faculty members focused on studio art classes - such as print-making, ceramics, painting, sculpture and advanced drawing courses - face at least some reassignment, said Associate Dean Sandra Haarsager. They will likely be moved to design and graphic arts classes or teach the basic art classes that are used by several majors.

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Lawyer Hiroshi Ota receives 1,000 hand-folded paper cranes from schoolmates at the 15-year-old boy, who was a victim of child abuse in Osaka, Japan, Jan. 27. The lurid case has gripped and deeply troubled Japan since the boy's father and his live-in girlfriend were arrested earlier this year for attempting to murder the boy.

## Tale of boy starved by parent wakes Japan up to child abuse

TOKYO (AP) — The boy's tormentors began brutally burning him with cigarettes and whipping him with a fishing rod. Then, police say, they committed the unimaginable: They locked the boy in a room and tried to starve him to death. Sickerly, one of the attackers was the boy's father.



Yasunobu Karasuno

The sheer barbarity of the case has gripped Japanese attention since Yasunobu Karasuno, 40, and his live-in girlfriend were arrested near the city of Osaka earlier this year for attempting to murder the man's 15-year-old son.

The boy — who remains in a coma — is not alone: Japan's child welfare centers were awash in a record 23,738 abuse cases in the fiscal year that ended last March 31, an astounding fourfold surge from the 5,000 cases reported in 1997.

The explosion in child abuse has alarmed child advocates, spurred government action to toughen laws, and challenged

assumptions in a society that prides itself on its loving treatment of the young.

"We have this idea that Japanese culture is different than we are people — but that's a mistake," said Seiji Sakai, director of Center for Child Abuse Prevention in Tokyo. Experts say Japan's child abuse problem is still severely underreported and no one is sure of its dimensions. Specialists say including instances of neglect and the still largely taboo issue of sexual abuse would greatly increase the official number of cases.

While a growing awareness of abuse has contributed greatly to the increasing reports of cases, specialists say instances of mis-

treatment are growing as well. Child advocates are at pains to explain the causes for the upsurge, but they feel there are several social factors contributing to the trend.

The weak economy, which is finally in recovery after more than a decade in the doldrums, is widely blamed for putting more stress on Japanese families, saddling them with nerve-snapping money problems and worries about work. Families are also in transition. Divorce rates are at record highs, and the decline of the extended family and the long hours men spend at work have left the responsibilities — and burdens — of child care almost exclusively on mothers' shoulders.

"People are increasingly worried about child-raising. They lack confidence," said Jun Satamura, with the government-linked Japan Child and Family Research Institute. "People don't know what to do and they want to run away."

## Marines kill gunmen in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — U.S. Marines shot and killed two gunmen who opened fire on them, a spokesman said Wednesday, bringing to four the number of Haitians to die this week at the hands of the peacekeepers.

The Marines were patrolling Tuesday evening near the private residence of outgoing Prime Minister Yvon Neptune when they came under "hostile fire," Staff Sgt. Timothy Edwards

told The Associated Press.

He said they then shot and killed at least two gunmen. No peacekeepers were wounded.

U.S. Southern Command spokesman Haul Duany said the gunmen were shooting from a rooftop near the prime minister's residence.

Both Duany and U.S. Maj. Richard Crusan said the bodies of the alleged gunmen were never recovered and they could not immediately confirm the

deaths. Edwards didn't say how he knew two gunmen had been killed.

In a separate incident, Crusan said several people got out of a car late Tuesday night and shot at Marines, who shot back. Three people then fled on foot, Crusan said. A body was still on the sidewalk early Wednesday near where the shooting occurred, but Crusan and others refused to say whether that person was involved.

## Russian polar explorer tells of smashed station

MOSCOW (AP) — When huge ice slabs smashed a Russian meteorological station and plunged it into the frigid Arctic sea last week, all researchers could do was stand back and film the cataclysm for posterity, one of the scientists said Wednesday.

Vladimir Koshelyev was one of 12 researchers rescued Saturday after being left stranded for 10 days by the disaster on the floe, 400 miles from the North Pole.

Ice floes are subject to tremendous stresses as they drift. Fissures open and then close, causing massive ice slabs to pile up in huge hummocks, or ridges. Some rose to 45 feet

near the station, Koshelyev said.

As the hummocks rose, the scientists packed up their equipment and watched un-

On March 3, the hummocks started suddenly shifting, causing massive slabs of ice to collapse, destroying the station's nine buildings and four tents within 25 minutes, Koshelyev said. Two tents survived.

Koshelyev showed journalists a video and slideshow of several buildings being crushed by the hummocks. Some were hoisted several feet in the air by the slabs of ice before being dropped into the sea.

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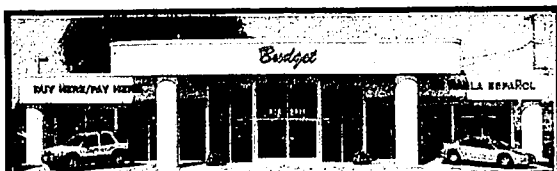
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## BITS OF HISTORY

### Mementos bring parties of the past-to-life

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It if weren't for a basement flood, and a nurse's relationship with a patient's family, these remnants of century-old parties might have remained hidden to Twin Falls eyes.

Mark M. Murtaugh was an assistant manager of the Twin Falls Land and Water Co. in 1903. And by 1906, he had raised capital of \$25,000 for incorporation of the Twin Falls Hospital Association.

But Murtaugh, it appears, was also a social sort of fellow with a sense of humor. He and his friends left behind evidence: a program for a 1910 party at Hotel Perrine honoring Murtaugh, and an invitation and program for the 1910 St. Patrick's Day get-together at Murtaugh's house.

Current Twin Falls resident Howard Allen found the latter two by accident, when he responded to his mother-in-law's basement flooding. The invitation and program, both printed on heavy green paper, turned up in a trunk that Allen carried out of the basement. He and others spread out the trunk's contents to dry in the sun.

"It was just meant to be found, I guess," Allen said.

The home of Murtaugh, an Irishman, still stands on the southeast corner of Ninth Avenue East and Blue Lakes Boulevard, Allen said.

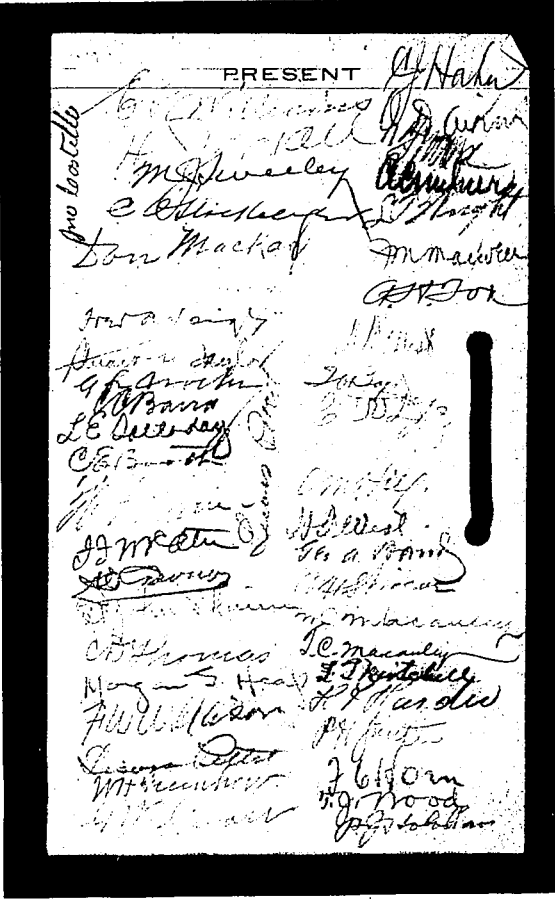
For the March 17, 1910, party at Murtaugh's house, the invitation in gold-foil lettering reads: "... Trust to be honored by your presence at the home of the undersigned. All the Irish and their affiliated friends Dutch, Scotch or otherwise have been invited: A Smoker to be given including a program for an evening with the Irish Music and Solos arranged by Medlesome; at 9 in the evening, if you please, at the Murtaugh Shack, corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Fair Avenue intersection of 9th Avenue East and 3rd Street East ..."

The invitation still bears a shamrock made of wire and green thread and pasted to a corner. (You'll find a picture of that party favor on this page.)

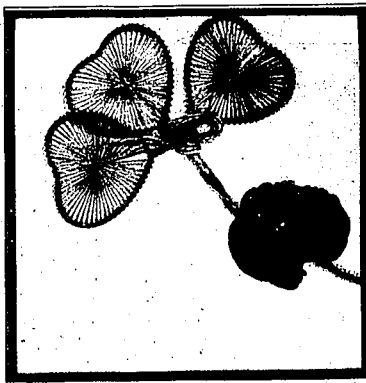
Its companion in the trunk was a program for that St. Patrick's Day party at "Murtaugh's Shack." Folded in half and tied with green ribbon, the green-paper program has a sheet of attendees' signatures tied to the back. (We've reproduced these autographs here for readers' deciphering pleasure.)

Inside, the 1910 program outlines a party to last "all day, evening, and the morning of the 18th."

Plans for the night included the smoking of a clay pipe ("Those that don't smoke MAY drink later," the program says); a monologue on the wind of the Twin Falls Tract; a talk on "High Finance" for the benefit of all present; a game pitching two fishermen against two Dutch, with alternates; a quiet game of Solo; harp music ("Don't all waltz, waltzing by the Murphy girls; an Irish solo; a championship 45 game; the song, 'My Old Duddin'; fol-



These guests' signatures adorn the back of a program from a 1910 St. Patrick's Day party at M.M. Murtaugh's house in Twin Falls. City resident Howard Allen owns the memento now.



This shamrock made of wire and green thread is pasted to the corner of an invitation for M.M. Murtaugh's 1910 St. Patrick's Day party. loved by any kind of music ("Jews Harp"); another game; ("Only instrument barred" is "sandwiches and beerette; hot air

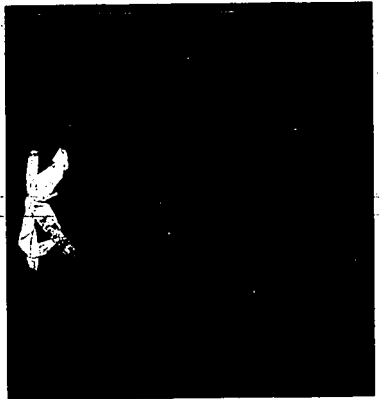
and songs by guests; and toasts (including "Better Roads, Buhl to Jarldige").

Two years earlier, Murtaugh had been honored at a Jan. 11, 1908, banquet at Twin Falls' Hotel Perrine. Guests were given small brown booklets. One of those booklets, with party guest F.W. Eckhoff's signature on the front, is pictured on this page.

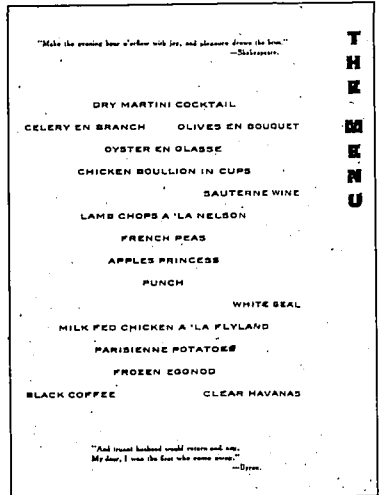
Fred W. Eckhoff was one of the original trustees of Twin Falls after its April 13, 1905, incorporation as a village. His daughter Clara Eckhoff, who was an infant when the family lived in Twin Falls, inherited her father's 1908 banquet booklet. But the city and its history meant nothing much to Clara Eckhoff.

She became a registered nurse and, in Spokane, Wash., Idaho, wishing him health, wealth and happiness in his new field. Third is a page outlining the menu; we've reproduced that page here. Following are a poem praising the tract's towns and several pages of guests' autographs.

For Botcher, that piece of history is a tie to her own past - and to the city she has called



In a strange turn of events, Geraldine Botcher of Twin Falls became owner of this program from a 1908 Twin Falls banquet honoring M.M. Murtaugh.



Shown here is the Hotel Perrine's menu for the 1908 banquet honoring M.M. Murtaugh.

turn to Twin Falls is a strange one, Botcher said. But she's proud to own that piece of Twin Falls history. She stores it in an envelope along with the second-place ribbon it

earned at the 1979 Twin Falls County Fair. If F.W. Eckhoff had not folded the booklet to put it in his pocket, Botcher, or figures, her fair entry would have been a certain first-place winner.

The booklet's pages include one with a photograph of M.M. Murtaugh. Another page declares "A Banquet by his many friends in Twin Falls, Idaho, Wishing him health, wealth and happiness in his new field." Third is a page outlining the menu; we've reproduced that page here. Following are a poem praising the tract's towns and several pages of guests' autographs.

For Botcher, that piece of history is a tie to her own past - and to the city she has called

home for most of her life. "I've been here for 53 years," she said.

Botcher remembers the demolition of the Hotel Perrine, which hosted that 1908 party honoring Murtaugh.

"When they took that thing down, it just made my heart break," she said.

Members of the public, she said, had to pay a nickel to use the hotel's bathroom. As teenagers, Botcher and her younger sisters rarely had more than one nickel be-

tween them. So one girl would enter the Hotel Perrine's bathroom with the nickel and hold the door open on the way out for the next girl.

"I'll never forget that," she said.

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It was just meant to be found, I guess.

Twin Falls resident Howard Allen on finding a 1910 party invitation and program, which he helped rescue from a flooded basement

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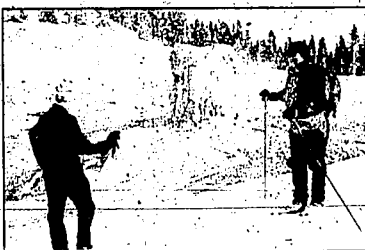
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Section D

# Silent splendor



Ketchum resident Bob Jones and Jim Morgan, of Menlo Park, Calif., view the Lone Star Geyser.

## Wintertime adds rich appreciation for Yellowstone

By Karen Bossick  
The Wood River Journal

**S**usan DeChevrieux carefully scoots her cross-country skis across a strip of snow that stretches like a carpet over two grassy areas that are warmed by thermal steam.

To her right the Lone Star Geyser seems to tremble as if shaking off the last vestiges of crusting.

To her left two woolly bison bury their massive noses in the brown matted grass, oblivious to the seven skiers that are gliding across their turf.

"I feel like I need to pinch myself," enthused DeChevrieux. "To be in Yellowstone in winter - what a treat!"

Indeed, some 3 million people visit Yellowstone National Park each year. But only a few - well, about 140,000 - visit it from December to March when snow blankets the grasses and lakes and the chill in the air seems to augment the steam rising from the thermal features of America's first national park.

In winter a muffled silence settles over the park as coyotes thread their way between grazing bison, which seem oblivious to the presence of the canines.

Occasionally, the silence is interrupted by the buzz of snowmobiles bouncing along the road leading to Old Faithful. Or by the hum of snow coaches moving over the snow on their tracks.

But more often than not, the sound you're likely to hear is that of wolves howling as dusk descends on the Snow Lodge. Or of a bald eagle screeching as scavengers pick the bones of an elk kill.

### Wintertime shuttle

True to form, the morning we headed into the park, the mercury was climbing from a frosty low of 21 below zero. But the remainder of the weekend was downright balmy as low-lying clouds settled over the park, spitting snow flurries from time to time.

Ten of us climbed into the snowcoach and clambered down the snow-covered road from West Yellowstone at 35 miles an hour, golf ball-sized balls of snow kicking up like popcorn from behind the tracks that substituted for tires.

The snowcoach resembled a tank without the gun. We could even tilt the glass-covered hatches to take photographs of wildlife as we passed.

The group squealed as JoAnn Boswell of Elkhorn spotted the first wildlife - a bald eagle. "That's an old nest. It's been there 40 years," said driver Greg Awe. "I just saw the eagle back this winter for the first time yesterday. It was breaking sticks to remodel its house. It'll start laying eggs in a month."

An elk bounded in front of the coach, a huge candelabra of antlers on its head. Most of the park's 30,000 elk migrate out of the park in the winter, Awe said.

The wolves introduced into the park in 1995 have actually helped the elk population, he added, as he surveyed the snow-covered meadows for signs of congregating ravens, which would indicate a wolf kill.

About halfway between the park entrance and our destination - the Snow Lodge at Old Faithful - Awe turned the coach onto the Firehole Falls Road, which is open to snow coaches but closed to snowmobiles.

We stopped to watch bison grazing near the river. There are 4,200 bison in the park right now, Awe told us - more than the 2,500 park managers would like. So, likely, they will kill some.

"What are those?" Halley pharmacist Karen Fisher asks, pointing to some bones in a thermal mud hole. "Bison bones," Awe replies. "The thermal activity pretty much decomposes anything that goes into there. Why they go in there, I don't know. They can't read the warning signs, I guess."

Sheepherder Indians - the only Indians known to have lived in the Yellowstone - used to dip sheep horns in the holes to soften them so to dip could create exceedingly strong bows, he added.

### Old Faithful outpost

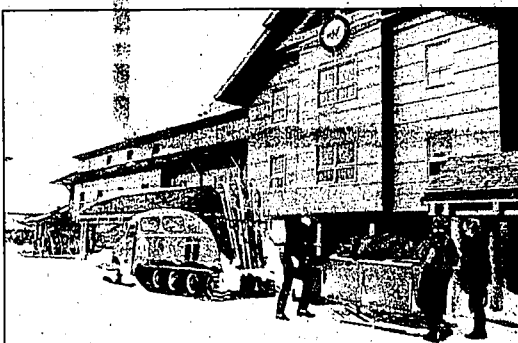
About two hours after leaving West Yellowstone, the coach pulls up in front of the Snow Lodge at Old Faithful. A three-story hotel, the \$13 million hotel features heavy pine and cedar timber, a two-story entryway and a two-story log fireplace.

A snack bar is available during the day. And the Oberland Restaurant serves up such entrees as peccan crustied chicken and prime rib for dinner.

Like the Old Faithful Inn, which was not built to be used in winter, the Snow Lodge sits within



Buffalo lumber down the snow-covered highway, never minding the snow coach trailing them.



Greg Awe unloads his snow coach in front of the lodge at Old Faithful.



A bison forages in a snow-covered meadow near Lone Star Geyser.

walking distance of Old Faithful geyser - its estimated time of eruptions posted regularly on a chalkboard in the hotel lobby.

Eager to check out the landscape, a small group composed of Wood River Valley residents Boswell, DeChevrieux, and Fisher clicked into their cross-country skis and shuffled out to the snow-covered boardwalk surrounding Old Faithful.

But they quickly discovered that this is nothing like the soft-courtesy groomed trails they're used to on the cross-country trails surrounding Sun Valley.

The snow is hard-packed and even icy, stomped down by hundreds of snowmobilers and others plodding around the trails in the vicinity of the lodge. The next day's skiing is more akin to their liking. The group decides to head to Lone Star Geyser. From the lodge, it's an easy nine-mile loop trip that starts out following the Firehole River. But the group elects to shell out \$11.20 each for a snow coach shuttle, bypassing the scenic climb along the Firehole River.

Less than 15 minutes later, they're climbing out of the snow coach and heading off onto a snow-covered service road through thick lodgepole forest.

"This is classic Yellowstone skiing," said Ketchum resident Bob Jones, who has skied in

Yellowstone several times. "On a plateau, in the woods along a river or canyon, through the lodgepole. The views aren't the best but what brings me back again and again are the geological features like the geysers and the wildlife."

### Busier trails and paths

On ski trips through Yellowstone in the 1980s, Jones said, he rarely saw another ski track, let alone another skier.

Indeed, only 21,000 visitors entered Yellowstone in 1971, the first year the park was officially opened to winter visitation.

But on this day Jones' group of eight is following two pairs of ski tracks enroute to the geyser. And there's another group of three skiers right on the tips of their skis.

The loop is gentle, unlike the Mallard Creek Trail near Old Faithful, which climbs a steep, narrow twisting trail up to ridge overlooking the snow-covered lake. Indeed, the path to Lone Star Geyser is backcountry ski touring at its best.

After nearly an hour of slow skiing, the group comes in view of the Lone Star Geyser, whose heat has melted the snow from the surrounding hillside.

Though not as well-known as Old Faithful, the steep 9-foot-tall cone is a major player among Yellowstone's geysers with major eruptions every three hours. Major eruptions top out at 45 feet high and last up to 30 minutes. Minor eruptions in between the major ones last three to five minutes, in contrast.

The first color of the cone is a welcome contrast to the surrounding scenery which appears in muted shades of black, grey and white, thanks to the flat light that predominates.

An hour more through thick lodgepole stands charred by the 1988 fires brings the



Familiar sights such as these falls along the Firehole River take on a different look in winter when they're cloaked in snow and ice.

### The Secret Season

Yellowstone National Park rangers say that the park's quietest time arrives after the winter season ends and as early spring begins. They call this "the secret season."

This is the time visitors can see bears emerge from their dens, searching for carcasses of animals that didn't survive the winter. Newborn bison calves are getting up on their wobbly legs, their orange coats providing a bright contrast to the white snow.

Melting snow makes the mudpots at Mud Volcano, West Thumb and Fountain Paint Pot noisier than in summer or fall.

And glacier lilies begin budding out amidst the melting snow.

Roads are not open to automobile traffic, but they are open to bicycles and foot traffic as soon as they're plowed.

Weather permitting, Mammoth to Old Faithful and Madison Junction to the West Entrance open April 16. Norris Junction to Canyon Entrance opens May 7. Lake to South Entrance, West Thumb to Old Faithful and Tower to Tower Fall opens May 14. And the Beartooth Highway opens May 28.

Mammoth Campground is open all year. Old Faithful Inn opens for the summer season on May 7. Mammoth Hotel and Old Faithful Snow Lodge open May 14, and Lake Hotel, May 21. For lodging reservations, call 1-866-875-8465. Confirm schedule at [www.nps.gov/yell](http://www.nps.gov/yell)

group to summit overlooking Old Faithful complex.

"You get a real feel from here just how close the fire came to destroying Old Faithful," said Jones, as the hum of snowmobiles buzzing around Old Faithful lodge provides the first sound outside the group's own chatter.

The way down back to the lodge is an opportunity to make telemark turns on the gentle slope or to do a number of traverses and kick turns as some in the group elect to do.

"I still can't believe I'm actually here - in Yellowstone in winter," enthused DeChevrieux again.

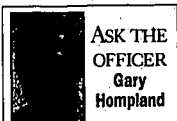
For updates and further details on this story, see the upcoming edition of the Wood River Journal. The Journal, a Hatley newspaper affiliated with The Times-News, is distributed each Wednesday in the Wood River Valley, or you can see it online at [www.woodriverjournal.com](http://www.woodriverjournal.com).

Photos by Karen Bossick

OUTDOORS

Strict rules apply to night-scopes

Question: "Is it legal to use night-scopes on rifles to hunt birds?"
Answer: Yes and no. There are several fish and game rules that need to be explained in order to answer your question accurately and completely.



ASK THE OFFICER Gary Hompland

All hunting for game animals, big and small game, is restricted to daylight hours between one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

No electronic devices may be incorporated in any firearm, bow and arrow, or muzzleloader for hunting big game animals.

species like cottontail rabbits. Keep in mind the hunting hours for game species.

The rules for hunting unprotected or predatory species are more liberal. These species include coyotes, jackrabbits, weasels, and most rodents.

field light are restricted when there are big game animals in the area. Licensed hunters using only natural moonlight may hunt unprotected species at night on public land without a permit.

According to a product specialist at Cabela's, the first and second-generation night-vision scopes all contain battery-powered infrared illuminators.

The Cabela's specialist went on to say that infrared illuminators have been discontinued as technological advancements in night-vision

equipment. He said the infrared emitters were discontinued in some of the generation 3 and all of generation 4 night-vision equipment.

Night-vision equipment can only be used on antelope and predatory species. If the night-vision equipment contains an infrared illuminator the hunter must obtain a permit from the department.

Reference Idaho Code 36-1101(b)5, IDAPA 13.01.0840.01, and 13.01.0841.01c.

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FISH AND GAME NOTES F&G encourages ATV users to read new rules

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has approved rules governing the use of motorized vehicles when hunting, and will consider extending these to more hunting units when it meets in March.

In 2002, the Department of Fish and Game conducted a random public opinion survey to see how Idahoans felt about hunting, fishing, wildlife-related issues and department performance.

The program was expanded in 2003 to include 16 units. Again, the hunting units showed high approval. Compliance was good; there were a handful of warnings and one citation issued.

There have been studies showing that areas with high road densities can have higher harvest rates, possibly enough to lower the buck/doe or bull/cow ratio in a big game population.

Hunter Conflict - Conflict is occurring where vehicle use has increased access into areas that were lightly used in the past.

Noise - The sound of a vehicle may chase deer and elk away from other hunters. This creates hard feelings among hunters who used stealth and stalking skills to get into a prime spot only to have their efforts spoiled by a vehicle.

Closed Areas - Operation of a vehicle in areas where they are not allowed irritates other hunters who have specifically selected their hunting area to avoid motorized vehicles.

Off-Trail Use - Cross country travel on motorized vehicles can create a network of new travelways that cause soil erosion and damage to fish and wildlife habitats.

Fair Chase - Increasing numbers of hunters are actually hunting with their vehicles rather than on foot. This behavior raises concerns of "fair chase" and can reflect poorly on hunting and hunters.

Fish and Game hopes that hunters will take the time to find out what, if any, rules are proposed in the areas they hunt, and offer comments at the regional big game meetings or offices prior to the Commission meeting March 25.

F&G seeks input on big game seasons

JEROME - The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is seeking public input to finalize the big game season proposals

for this hunting season at the Magic Valley Region. One of the biggest possible changes for this season is the opening date of the deer hunt and the length of the season.

Last year general deer seasons in Eastern Idaho, including Units 48 and 49, were shortened by two weeks because of concerns about declining ratios of bucks in the post-hunt deer population.

In units 48 and 49 and throughout the Upper Snake, buck ratios are meeting the management objectives of 15 bucks per 100 does.

The area of most concern in the state is the Southeast Region around Pocatello. Post-hunt buck to doe ratios continue to remain below objective in most units.

To maintain consistency and to avoid having several general season deer hunt openers, the Department is asking sportsmen their preference on season dates.

The options for general deer seasons were developed to give sportsmen more days to hunt later in October when hunting conditions are better. They include: Oct 5 - Oct 19 (no change); Oct 9-24 (maintain short season but open and close later), or Oct 9 - Oct 31 (open season later and add seven days).

Other proposals the department is seeking input on for the Magic Valley include:

A new traditional muzzleloader deer hunt that will be rotated between Unit 52 (2004), Unit 53 (2005), and Unit 45 (2006).

Allowing any-buck general deer hunting in Unit 56 for 3-5 days at the start of the season.

Eliminating the November controlled buck hunt in Unit 56.

Implementing motorized vehicle restrictions in Units 45, 52, 53, and 56.

Reducing antlerless elk permits in Unit 43 by at least 50 percent.

Replacing the 40-permit muzzleloader antelope hunt in Unit 47 with a 65-permit traditional muzzleloader hunt.

Implementing a 300-permit antlerless deer hunt in Unit 49.

Shortening the general spike-only elk season in the Bennett hills Zone by two weeks.

Opening units 44, 48, and 52 to general antelope archery hunting.

Reducing antlerless elk permits in Unit 49 by 150.

People wishing to provide comments on 2004 big game seasons can contact the Magic Valley Regional Office at 208-324-4350.

Magic Mountain hosts Snoyak race

Magic Mountain Ski Patrol is holding a Snoyak (kayak on snow) race this March 27 at 10 a.m. at Magic Mountain. The race is to support the ski patrol. The entry fee will be \$30. Pre-entrance at River Rate Whitewater Toyz, or Elevations Sports in Twin Falls, by March 13.

Organizers will take the first 32 entries. It is a double slalom, with an elimination race. Helmets will be required and the course will be drawn. Contestants under 18 must have parental permission and signature. There will be an auction and raffle following the race. Contestants need to give shirt

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size when registering. Concessions will be available at the event. Please bring no coolers or food. For information contact Cindy Spencer at 432-5140.

Cave exploring group will see slide show

TWIN FALLS - The Silver Sage Grotto, a cave exploring and education group affiliated with the College of Southern Idaho, will hold its regular

monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in Room 276 of the Tule building at CSI.

The meeting will feature a slide show from the National Speleological Society and plans for the group's upcoming local cave exploration trip.

Anyone interested in learning about or exploring southern Idaho caves is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Chris Anderson, group chairman, at 732-6663.

Red's Trading Post sponsors pistol course

Red's Trading Post is sponsoring

a NRA Basic Pistol course which will be taught by Certified NRA Instructor George Kinslow of Idaho Ordnance. The course will be an one day class on Saturday March 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The courses will be held at 233 5th Ave. West located in Historic Old Towne Twin Falls. Cost is \$55 at the door or \$45 if you prepay. Each class will be limited to eight students. This course meets state training requirements to obtain a Concealed Weapons License. For more information please call Idaho Ordnance at 420-6163 or Red's Trading Post at 733-3546.

- compiled from staff reports

A NEW KIND OF SHOW

Spokane woman co-hosts fly-tying show

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) - Carolyn Sells sits confidently next to Leroy Hyatt, sharing a laugh with the veteran fly tier. When the cameras roll, Sells welcomes the viewers and introduces the menu of flies the pair will tie.

Hyatt begins wrapping thread around a hook as he ties a copper John. Sells watches and provides commentary.

"This is going to be a flashy little guy," she says, nodding her eyes. Hyatt would make a good dropper, one of her favorite fly-fishing techniques.

In the control room, Warren Wright smiles. The producer of "Fly Tying An Anglers Art" is visibly pleased with Sells' performance.

"They are really great together," he says. "They have a little banter going back and forth."

That banter is good. He says it gives the show personality.

Wright, Hyatt and Sells, a fishing community lost a giant performer last summer when the show's former co-host, Dave Engerbreton, died from complications due to diabetes.

Hyatt, a renowned fly tier

from Lewiston, and Engerbreton were co-hosts of the show for four seasons and appeared in 52 episodes.

After mourning the loss of the master tier, caster and fly-fishing writer and educator, Wright began looking for a new partner to sit next to Hyatt on the popular public television show produced at KWSU.

Sells, a fly-fishing enthusiast in Pullman, "We came to the conclusion it would be nice to have a woman tier on the series, along with Hyatt." "The growth in the industry is probably coming from the women that are getting involved in fly fishing. We want to show them all aspects of the sport are open to them and that there are a lot of good women

tiers out there."

They found and recruited the 53-year-old Sells, who works for a pharmaceutical contractor in Spokane. She has been a fly fisher for 35 years and tier for 25. She calls herself a recreational tier.

"I'm not nearly has good as he is," she says. Hyatt says she is a good tier and at ease when the cameras are rolling.

"She fishes a job," he says. Sells ties her favorite waters are the rivers of Montana and northern Idaho.

"I love Montana Missouri and the Clark Fork and the Big Hole and the Blackfoot and Kootenai. I love Kelly Creek in Idaho, the Clearwater in Idaho. I'm getting into steelhead fishing and trying to figure that one out."

During a break in the show, Hyatt and Sells continue the banter.

"She is hard to keep in line," he jokes. "I tell her, if you find yourself in a hole, quit digging; but she doesn't pay any attention to me."

Sells laughs. The pair go on to tape 13 shows in a three-day period. Wright and his crew will spend the next month editing and then try to sell the series to other public television stations across the country.

Locally, it will air on KWSU and Spokane's KPSS this fall. The show is popular in the West, according to Wright, but also is shown in New England, the Midwest and the South.

In previous seasons, Hyatt did all the fly tying and Engerbreton provided commentary. Hyatt and Sells will share the tying duties in the new show.

"It's a different show because of the personality," Wright says. "That was a good show (with Engerbreton) but a different show."

He said the new season will open with a tribute to Engerbreton.

They are really great together. They have a little banter going back and forth.

Warren Wright, fishing show producer

Happy Florida angler gets hooked on bass

Knight Rider News Service

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - Joe Gordon always will remember his biggest bass.

All he has to do is look at his left index finger.

That's where the giant largemouth, which weighed an average of 13.5 pounds on two different, unrecorded scales - stuck a treble hook as Gordon posed with the fish for a photo.

"I've been fishing for 50 years and this is the biggest bass I've ever caught," said Gordon, 67. "The biggest I've ever seen."

Gordon, whose previous best was a 9-pound, 2-ounce bass that he caught wading in Lake Okeechobee, was fishing a couple of weeks ago in a private lake near his home in Fort Lauderdale.

"It was about 6 p.m. I just got home from work," Gordon said. "Usually I cast every night and I catch 6-, 7-, 8-pounders, one after the other."

"My son got a 10-pounder in there. He came to visit me from California. He was using a bluegill for bait."

pond Anded monofilament. "It was kind of windy and I wanted to go deep. That was the reason I used a Rat-L-Trap," Gordon said. "There was nothing litting on top."

"(When the fish hit) I thought I had a gator or something like that, because it was huge. When I saw him, I said, 'Oh my God!' I couldn't believe it. I worked him real easy."

"Actually, it didn't take me long. Ten minutes at the most. I was jumping and shaking. I ran by my neighbors' home, they were having dinner, they were watching TV with the fish and came out with their cameras."

"That's when the big bass got even with Gordon.

The Rat-L-Trap was still hooked in the fish's mouth and one hook point of the treble was exposed.

"While I was having my picture taken, he jerked and got the hook in my left index finger. It got close to the bone."

"I had to get my neighbor, Laval Caron, with a pair of pliers to unhook the lure from the fish's mouth. The lure was still in my hand when I went to the emergency room."

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Club news The Times-News welcomes announcements and other news from outdoor clubs. Address your news to "Outdoors Editor," then mail it to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301; or e-mail it to twnews@mindspring.com; or bring it to our Burley or Twin Falls office.

Your best shot Did you bag a big buck this year? Did you reel in a whopper? If you have a snapshot, The Times-News would like to publish it as part of our new "Trophies" feature. We welcome readers' photos of hunting, fishing or other outdoor scenes.

Address your photo to "Outdoors Editor," then mail it to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301; or e-mail it to twnews@mindspring.com; or bring it to our Burley or Twin Falls office. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.

Share your adventure Do you have a personal story of an outdoor adventure? If so, The Times-News would like to print it as part of our "Calls From The Wild" series. We welcome readers' true stories about hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Please write your story in the first person, keeping it under 500 words. Photos are a plus. Be sure to include your

phone number. Address your story to "Outdoors Editor," then mail it to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301; or e-mail it to twnews@mindspring.com; or bring it to our Burley or Twin Falls office.

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OUTDOORS

# The big squeeze

## Sequoia National Park Crystal Cave provides endurance test

By Jane Woolfledge  
Knight Ridder News Service

SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, Calif. — What was I thinking? My legs are straddling a chasm a dozen or two feet deep. I'm grasping a stony knob as I try to heave my 1-1/2-sized derriere around a rock face while ducking beneath a stalactite, and I am scared to near-hyper-ventilation. A stream of expletives, unfit for a family newspaper, surges unedited from my lips.

What was I thinking when I signed up for this Wild Cave Tour, a six- to eight-hour endurance test through Sequoia National Park's Crystal Cave? You want to read about the glories of leveling yourself via knees, elbows, shoulders against, spectacularly positioned walls of granite and marble? Buy Outside Magazine.

My personal choice of adrenaline-induced highs does not include scampering along rocky lips and ledges that the gods, in their undeniable wisdom, have hidden beneath the earth. The problem is that I've just now realized it, and I'm seriously unprepared, not to mention completely, shown up by the father-teen daughter team just behind me and the singing Three Amigos ahead who, beefy and barely 20, think this is all just a delightful hole romp. And save for the miners' lamp atop our helmets, it's dark in here. All I can see is the next slippery foothold ahead. But — yeah! — that sharp point that will pierce my leg if I slip here. Oh, but don't touch anything — like that convenient hand-hold — on the other side of that red tape, it's protected.

Why any person in their right mind would want to do this is completely beyond me. Yet the California father-daughter team, Dana and Janice, Law are having a blast. Barry Oost, 37 and our other guide, was so smitten after taking a cave tour in Kentucky that he learned the sport and gave up his lucrative

### Wild cave tours

A number of public parks and private enterprises offer wild cave tours. Generally, they are limited to small groups and must be booked well in advance. Participants should be reasonably fit and may have to obtain gear requirements (often, maximum of 44 inches around hips or chest.) These freed out by tight spaces or open caverns should think twice before signing up. Most wild tours require participants be at least 14 or 16 years of age. (Note that most caves also offer easy tours on walking paths suitable for young children.) Among those offering wild tours are:

- Mammoth Cave National Park, Ky., about 90 minutes from Louisville or Nashville, Tenn. Six-hour tour, \$45. [www.nps.gov/cave](http://www.nps.gov/cave); 270-758-2180.
- Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Carlsbad, N.M. Six-hour strenuous tour, \$45. [www.nps.gov/cave](http://www.nps.gov/cave); 800-967-

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Longhorn Caverns State Park, Burnet, Texas. Two-and-a-half-hour tours, \$35. [www.longhorn-caverns.com](http://www.longhorn-caverns.com); 512-756-4680.

### Visiting Crystal Cave

Crystal Cave is located in Sequoia National Park, Calif., about four hours from San Francisco. All tours are run by the Sequoia National History Association, 559-565-3759; [www.sequoiahistory.org](http://www.sequoiahistory.org). Tours suitable for small children are offered several times daily and last 45 minutes; tickets must be purchased in advance from a Sequoia park visitor office. The cave is not wheelchair-accessible, \$10 adults, \$5 ages 6-12; under 6 free. A more-extensive Discovery Tours last two hours; the cost is \$18 per person. Physically demanding Wild Cave tours cost \$99 and must be booked well in advance. 559-565-3759; [abysnow@ireach.com](http://abysnow@ireach.com).

### plumbing business to spelunk full time.

"If it requires a helmet and a light, I like it," says Jason Prather, 20, with brother Kasey, 19, and friend Brandon Matthews, 20 — our own "Three Amigos." "It's just the adventure of it."

Me, I just want to stuff my generously proportioned center of gravity into a ledge and stay there a decade or two.

"You're OK. You can step right here on me if you need to," says guide Justin Sochacki, 25, wedging himself in the rocky mass that is beckoning me downward. "You sure that's OK?" I ask sheepishly. More scared, than embarrassed, I take him up on the offer.

"For some people, it's the open spaces that get them. For some, it's the tight tunnels," explains Justin.

The tunnels I can handle. Just ahead, for instance, is The Rat Hole, a tube through five feet of rock. To get through it, you push your feet off against a vertical knife blade all you can wedge your knee against the side of the tube, then worm your way up by undulating your back and butt and hoisting yourself with your arms.

Guide Barry demonstrates. A bit bigger than recommended — you're supposed to be less than 45 inches in the chest or waist — and he's facing a tight fit.

"Wasn't there a scene in 'Winnie the Pooh' like this?" says one of the Amigos, and we all crack up. Somebody starts humming the "Indiana Jones" theme song, and I'm almost having fun.

Eventually we make it to the object of this torture: the Shield

Room, a narrow space above a deep — and dark — chasm lined up with flat, relatively thin slabs that look like, well, shields.

"Be careful," says Barry. "That column is one-of-my-favorite- formations in the world." No problem. I'm way back here, on a nice fat ledge.

We crawl back to the cave mouth for a snack, then head inside. Snug to the earth, we snail along, crawling through tunnels with elbows and knees, flipping upside down over a ledge called the Kentucky Cut into dirt a couple of feet below.

Now this really is fun. In the narrow room we all turn out our headlamps and giggle, like teens telling ghost stories at a sleepover. One of the Three Amigos, Tim McGraw's "Reliefed Dreams" and starts up "What Now My Love."

The object of this particular foray is Solstice Lake, a 40-foot-deep underground pond so clear it looks like glass, surrounded by crystal formations that look like knobby trees. Unbelievable. Unbelievable that we're here.

We wiggle and worm and slip carefully around jagged outcroppings like Castronick Rock. It sticks too close. I learn, as Justin's boot lands solidly on my nose. Here's one time being hard-headed has paid off.

The Three Amigos strike up a version of "Margaritaville" — go figure — and then we're out back in the relative safety of open air, exhausted, but feeling oh-so-fab. Months later, the high fingers, the memory still fresh. "I was scared beforehand — mostly thinking about crawling through tight spaces deep in the ground," writes Dana Law in an e-mail. "My daughter was worried that she wasn't fit enough, and nervous about the danger. We came out talking about our next cave tour."

# Ski lessons for kids focus on fun, success

POCATELLO (AP) — The key to a good skiing experience for children is making it a fun adventure, said Mark Hanson, the ski school director at Grand Targhee Ski Resort.

At Grand Targhee, children learn to ski and snowboard in the Kid's Fun Zone, an area with runs such as "Humpback Forest," where children can ski over little bumps, and the "Eyeball Forest," where wooden eyes in all sorts of goofy shapes and colors stare at them through the aspen trees.

Eyeball Forest keeps the children looking around, which keeps them from looking at their skills while they ski. It also teaches them to turn as they weave around trees looking for different eyeballs.

"Kids are generally little sponges. They're always learning," Hanson says. "We want to get kids excited and having fun." Fun is also key at Pebble Creek Ski Area. The teaching style is all about games like Red Light-Green Light and Airplane.

"The child has to want to do it. We want the child to be happy," Pebble Creek Manager Mary Reichman says. "The main thing we want is for the child to be successful."

Reichman's children participated in the Super Stars program when they were younger.

"I've never had a solid base and a lot of fun," she says. Pebble Creek's programs start at age 3. At Grand Targhee, in-

structors are experimenting with group lessons for children ages 4 and 5. Their most popular program, Powder Scouts, is for children ages 6 to 14.

The age a child should start skiing depends a lot on the child, Reichman and Hanson say.

Young children often benefit from group lessons because they can learn by watching their peers, and can have more fun, Reichman says. "I'm a child, or those who need a nap should stick to a half-day lesson, Reichman says. More energetic children might like full-day lessons.

"Like a lot of parenting, there's not an absolute rule," Hanson says. "You always keep it fun, and you always keep it at the kid's pace."

Younger children need lots of encouragement, Hanson says. "You have to increase the cheerleader factor," he says. Warm clothing and good equipment is also essential, Hanson says. If a child is wearing borrowed or used make sure everything fits.

"If a child has a good day on the slopes, it can do wonders for them, Hanson says. Skiing and snowboarding not only provide good exercise, but they are non-competitive sports where everyone can succeed.

"Everybody plays, everybody wins," he says. "We all do better when we have better self-esteem. We really want these kids to have happy, healthy lives."

## Neverending story

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## Dell eyes Latin America

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ROUND ROCK, Texas — On the heels of a recovery in the United States, computer sales are swelling in Latin America. And at the sprawling headquarters of Dell Inc., the No. 1 computer maker in this country is cranking up production to keep up with a Latin American market share that has tripled in the last three years.

The fact that touchy-feely Latin Americans would embrace Dell's sterile buying

experience via the Internet and telephone might seem surprising.

But whether in Arkansas or Argentina, Massachusetts or Mexico, consumers want good value and service, company executives say.

"We've been doubling market share every year," says Peter Wiegandt, Dell's vice president of Latin America and a Mexico native. "We listen to the customer all day long, and that has value."

Dell's share in Latin America

now stands at nearly 8 percent, according to International Data Corp. of Framingham, Mass. Rival Hewlett-Packard Co. of Palo Alto, Calif., leads with a 13.4 percent share but has lost 2 percentage points from a year ago.

"In 2002 and 2003, you absolutely have to give the performance award to Dell," says Eric Shuster, executive vice president and managing director of IntelliClear, a Houston technology research firm.

The company is going strong as it heads into a new era without Michael Dell in the chief executive post.

The company founder and chairman said last week that he would turn over the CEO reins to president Kevin Cello in July, which Shuster said could simplify decision-making and allow Dell to react to the market more quickly.

Two years ago, Dell — which has a call center in Twin Falls — Please see **DELL**, Page D6

## State guards property for residents of Magic Valley

**The Times-News**

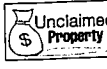
**RUPERT** — The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for hundreds of people and businesses whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley.

The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll call to claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, workers' compensation benefits and the like.

The *Times-News* on Thursdays prints names of a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. Today's list is from Twin Falls and Rupert, and the tax commission said each person or business listed today — or the person's heir — owns unclaimed property worth \$50 or more.

Watch for other towns in coming weeks.



### Notes on the economy



#### Getting the word out

Local employers in February placed more newspaper ads looking for workers than they did a year earlier. Last month, employers in the *Times-News* classified advertising section bought 1,246 employment ads. That's 4 percent more than the 1,201 placed in February 2003. But it falls short of the 1,272 ad total of February 2002.

Even though the local businesses seem to be holding their hiring to a minimum, the seasonal jobs such as lawn care, golf course and farm help started advertising their open positions. The employment agencies are still down," said The *Times-News*' classified and online manager, Deby Johnson.

Year-to-date 2004's employment ads are running 3 percent above the total ads placed in the first two months of 2003.

### BRIEFLY IN MONEY

#### Deb Shops reports drop in net sales

TWIN FALLS — Philadelphia-based Deb Shops Inc., a teen apparel retailer with a store in Magic Valley Mall, said its fourth-quarter net sales slid 2.6 percent to \$60.7 million compared with a year earlier.

The company's fourth-quarter net income declined to \$8.6 million from \$11.7 million a year earlier, while diluted earnings per share dropped to 63 cents from 85 cents.

"Our merchandising and mall traffic challenges persisted throughout fiscal 2004," said Marvin Rounic, president and chief executive of Deb Shops.

Net sales for the fiscal year declined 6.0 percent to \$298.6 million.

Net income was just \$12.8 million, or 93 cents per diluted share — down from \$25.5 million, or \$1.81 per diluted share, in fiscal 2003.

Deb Shops this week forecast 2005 sales in the range of \$310 million to \$320 million and fully diluted earnings of between \$1.20 and \$1.30 per share.

#### Ex-chief of Neiman Marcus will lead Zale

DALLAS — Zale Chairman Robert DiNicola will name July Marcus, a longtime member of the jewelry retailer's board of directors and a former chairman of Neiman Marcus.

DiNicola, 56, has vacated the post before, after serving as chairman from 1994 to 2000. He returned as chairman and chief executive in February 2001 after a sales slump and the departure of his successor, Beryl Raff.

In July 2002, DiNicola relinquished the chief executive title to a protégé, Mary Forte.

"His commitment was to put the company back on track, and he feels that with the management in place and the business meeting expectations, it's the appropriate time to complete the transition," said David Sternbliz, a spokesman for Texas-based Zale, which has a store in Twin Falls.

The company also wanted to keep the chairman and CEO jobs separate in the interest of corporate governance, Sternbliz added.

Other companies, including American Airlines, have also separated the top two roles after scandals at Tyco International and WorldCom raised concern that power in America's executive suites had become too concentrated.

Marcus, 66, has served on Zale's board since July 1993 and is chairman of the company's compensation committee.

He is also a director of Michaels Stores and a senior adviser to the Peter J. Solomon Group, a New York investment bank.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

## PIECES OF MEMORIES



Marilyn Astell of Hampstead, N.H., trims a photograph for a scrapbook she is working on about her parents using family photographs and other decorative items Friday in Shelton, Conn. Some baby boomers are taking time away from their families to work on organizing and designing scrapbooks about their loved ones.

## Boomers help fuel scrapbooking business

**The Associated Press**

NEW YORK — For Lisa Tantiello, preserving memories of herself, friends and family meant throwing photos in a big box. But since her twins were born three years ago, the Westport, Conn., resident has become what the scrapbooking industry describes as a serious crafter.

Tantiello, 41, goes far beyond assembling attractive scrapbooks — she's spent about \$1,500 on such products as acid-free paper and glues, supplies once limited to just archivists. She also attends seminars where she and other crafters (the term refers to their cropping photos) meet to assemble their scrapbooks.

Tantiello even has her own consultant through a national organization called Creative Memories, which has helped to further the trend.

"I want a real 'historical record,'" Tantiello said, who has created albums for her twins.



Astell flips through a scrapbook she is working on about her parents using family photographs and other decorative items Friday in Shelton, Conn.

Josh and Sarah, and now plans to assemble a book for her high school years.

"Tantiello and a growing number of baby boomers are feeding a burgeoning business in scrapbooking, a market overlooked by national retailers

books' needs for cropping and displaying photos. The trend has also spurred consumers to buy photo printers and scrapbooking software.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, has significantly expanded its scrapbooking merchandise over the past year, according to Danette Thompson, a company spokeswoman. And rival discounter Target has almost doubled the size of the scrapbooking area in many stores, according to spokeswoman Lena Kollstad.

Meanwhile, arts and crafts chains including Michaels Stores Inc., based in Irving, Texas, have stepped up their offerings as well. Michaels is testing two stores called ReColor, with the potential for a national rollout, according to Harvey Kanter, president of the division.

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## Judge denies bail for man accused of long-running investment scam

**Los Angeles Times**

LOS ANGELES — A federal judge denied bail this week for James P. Lewis Jr., the Orange County, Calif., money manager accused of running a 20-year-long investment scam, ruling that he is too much of a flight risk to be released.

Aggrieved investors, along with Lewis' friends and family members, jammed the courtroom where the defendant sat quietly in his jail uniform. Some former clients muttered and groaned as the defense described Lewis' strong ties to his family, community and the Mormon church.

The judge said maps drawn by Lewis, who immigrated from Ecuador submitted a letter saying that Lewis had arranged for her to attend Brigham Young University,

paying her tuition and room and board.

Hoyt Szee, a deputy federal public defender, argued that Lewis would have returned to California from the Texas motel room where the FBI captured him instead of fleeing to Mexico, as prosecutors contended he was about to do.

In denying bail, U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Nakazato noted that Lewis allegedly transferred more than \$10 million in investor funds to his wife, two girlfriends and their families. The judge said maps found in Lewis' room at the Comfort Inn in Houston, with routes out of the country marked in felt pen, "show that all roads — the highlighted roads anyway — lead to Mexico, and that's where he intended to go."

Countering a no-bail motion from Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory W. Staples, Lewis' family had offered to pledge \$800,000 in property, including his parents' home in Utah, to secure his release.

Nakazato characterized that amount as "insignificant and inadequate under the circumstances," saying he found it "\$39 (million) to \$40 million short, at the very least."

He cited the "staggering" losses suffered by investors, many of whom entrusted Lewis and his Financial Advisory Consultants Inc. with their life savings.

Some of those investors are in Idaho.

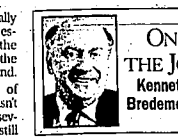
According to a report by the court-appointed receiver, Lewis owes \$169.5 million to about 2,600 investors.

## Companies deal with compassionate leave

Coping with an emotionally injured worker can be tricky, especially if some in the workplace no longer feel the victim deserves a helping hand.

Question: A co-worker of ours was carjacked. She was physically injured, but after several weeks, she is still traumatized and unable to work. Some of her co-workers believe she should not have to use her sick leave or vacation time for this period. Others believe that the company doesn't owe her anything beyond her regular leave, which she has now used up.

Granting a few extra days of leave might be the compassionate thing to do, but after several weeks, if the person can't work and doesn't have any remaining leave time, shouldn't they go on disability status? Moreover,



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we've had two employees whose homes have burned down in the past year. Should they get some paid time off beyond their sick leave and vacation time?

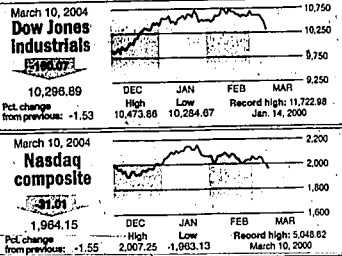
Answer: Deborah Kearney, who regularly answers employment questions for the Society for Human Resource Management in Alexandria, Va., said the premise that applies in this case is that "there is nothing in the law that says how much leave

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Investors grow defensive; stocks drop

Officials: Viacom, EchoStar near settlement of fee dispute

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks tumbled Wednesday for the third straight session as investors increasingly adopted a defensive strategy...



WASHINGTON (AP) — Dish Network owner EchoStar and Viacom Inc. are nearing settlement of a dispute that took popular channels away from millions of satellite TV customers...

"It's hoped we'll be able to reach an agreement and we'll be back on the air very soon," said EchoStar Communications Corp. spokesman...

"Let's cut to the chase and see if we can't come to an agreement, especially as March Madness begins," said subcommittee chairman Fred Upton...

This is the third day in a row of some pretty heavy-duty rotation out of the cyclical stuff into the defensive stuff...

raise interest rates also have contributed to the market's malaise. "We're also looking ahead to Thursday when the government was to release its weekly report on unemployment claims...

"I can give great assurance that we are making progress," said David Moskowitz, EchoStar's senior vice president...

Members of the House telecommunications subcommittee said they hoped the dispute could be settled before the NCAA men's college basketball tournament begins next week...

He said the company "helping them find a place to stay would be a reasonable thing to do. A few weeks off with pay might be appropriate."

The Dow plunged 160.07, or 1.5 percent, to 10,296.89, its lowest since Dec. 19. Since Friday, the Dow has dropped 286.66, or 2.8 percent, swinging to a loss for all of 2004 for the first time.

"The market has definitely hit a point where its weighing valuations against the changing tide of monetary policy," said Kevin Ryan, Bear & Co. "We're also looking at recent economic data that has been mixed and disappointing to some... and that's why the market is stalling here."

Leave

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entitled under the Family and Medical Leave Act, if she works at a firm with at least 50 employees, to as much as 12 weeks of unpaid leave.

But again, she said, these unusual circumstances are "situational," not the kind of item covered in most employee handbooks.

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Scrapbook

Continued from D-4. Web sites including scrapbooking.com have also been helping to capitalize on scrapbookers' growing popularity.

They are looking for ways to leave a legacy. States said he may sell the home this year because "they want to preserve the memories of their own lives, their children's and their grandchildren's."

He added, "It's not just about displaying photos in a creative way, but it's about preserving photos."

The Hobby Industry Association estimated that the scrapbooking business grew from \$1 billion-\$1.5 billion in 2001 to \$2.5 billion in 2003.

According to Creative Memories magazine, dedicated scrapbookers spend more than \$50 a month in supplies, own \$1,584 in supplies, and spend more than 10 hours a month in scrapbooking.

Industry observers say Creative Memories, a direct selling organization that has now 60,000 consultants worldwide who advise their customers on how keep their photos safe, helped push the movement.

The organization, started in 1987, sponsors events and seminars across the country and sells its own exclusive line of products, such as blended and face-resistant pens and heart-shaped cutters through its consultants.

"It's kind of like a L'Oréal Paris," said Helen Berger, 42, a Fairfield, Conn., resident and a consultant for Creative Memories. But she added, "not about selling, it's more about teaching."

top commercial computer sales markets of Chile, Mexico and Brazil. But she added, "not about selling, it's more about teaching."

Del's sales goal to double its revenue of \$30 billion in five years. For the fiscal year ended 12/31, Dell reported a net profit of 17 percent to \$4.1 billion, and net income was up 25 percent to \$2.65 billion. Last week, Dell's chief financial officer predicted that the company could now hit \$80 billion in revenue.

Del's 27-year-old information technology giant must continue to build Dell computers for his five-employee company. He wishes the Dell effect had pushed prices even lower. But it was the service contract that broke out shipments by country. But in the core Americas markets of Canada, Mexico and Brazil, product shipments were up 25 percent.

Last year, notebook computer sales grew 14 percent. Dell's success in Latin America reflects the fact that Latin America and the Caribbean have made up the second fastest growing region in the world for Internet use behind the Middle East from 2000 to 2004, according to Internet World, a research firm.

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## Band plays national Tejano festival

### It's first Idaho group to receive honor

By Pat Marcantonio  
Times-News writer

**BLACKFOOT** — It took just the right elements. But the band, Linna y Estilo found them and the result: It will be the first Idaho band to play at the Tejano Awards Fan Fair concert Friday through Monday in San Antonio, Texas.

The band includes Nick Hernandez of Twin Falls, son of Lettie and Victor Hernandez, who plays accordion. Hernandez's sister, Becky, is married to keyboard player Jose Martinez, of Blackfoot.

The Tejano Awards Fan Fair is a free show for the fans, and major Tejano entertainers will perform on six stages, Becky said.

The event will be held at Market Square in San Antonio and boasts a family environment with food, beverages, merchandise and display and autograph booths.

One of those performers at Fan Fair will be singer Eddie Gonzalez, who records with Sony Discos and was a 2004 Tejano Grammy award nominee. Linna y Estilo opened for him Feb. 13 in Caldwell.

A new band member and guitar player, Jaime Valdez, who is a Boise disc jockey, had "put out the word" about the band, which helped land it the gig with Gonzalez, Becky Martinez said. Usually bands have to submit CDs and go through



Linna y Estilo will be the first Idaho band to play at the Tejano Awards Fan Fair in San Antonio, Tex.

Photo courtesy of JOSE MARTINEZ

a process to play at the Fan Fair, but Linna y Estilo by-passed that because it had opened for Gonzalez and was invited to play.

The band was barely into their first set when a promoter started talking about Linna y Estilo performing at the Tejano Music Awards Fan Fair, the band reported.

The group had to pay their way to the concert, and held a fundraiser in Jerome recently. "We're excited and nervous at the same time," Jose Martinez said.

They're nervous because they are the first Idaho band to

be asked to play there and because they will be in the heart of Tejano music country, he said. "We're going right down to the heart of Texas."

Group members traveled to watch the festival two years ago and were in awe of the talent.

"We thought it would be so cool to play here," Jose Martinez said. Going was the equivalent of a country band getting to play at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

The group had been together for more than 10 years. But new and old members combined for the "correct elements," Jose Martinez said. "And that's what made the difference in our last show."

Group members include Jose's family: sister, Linna Cuevas, lead vocalist; Carlos Martinez, bass guitar and his father, and Pedro Martinez, a cousin and drummer, all of Blackfoot.

"After years of practice and finding the right combination of dedicated musicians, everything is finally coming together for us," stated Carlos Martinez in a news release.

The group already has released one album with plans to do another. Linna y Estilo usually plays for weddings, dances and

**For more information**  
To learn more about Linna y Estilo, call Carlos Martinez at (208) 785-5703.

### What is Tejano music?

The musical traditions of the Tejanos (south Texans of Mexican heritage) were influenced not only by Mexico, but also by their Anglo-American, African-American and immigrant neighbors like the Czechs, Germans and Moravians as well as the Germans and Italians, who had migrated to Mexico and Texas.

Norteno/conjunto accordion pioneer Nanciso Martinez learned many styles from German and Czech brass bands. In the 1940s, the Pachuco movement (which started in El Paso and spread to Los Angeles) had its musical roots in the swing and jump music of the 1940s.

The Tejano orchestras were inspired by the famous orchestras of Mexico, Cuba and the Anglo world and included popular folk dances of the region, especially polkas, waltzes, rumbas and rancheras along with the danzones, mambo, boleros and other Latin American dance styles.

Source: the University of Texas at Austin.

quinceaneras, basically all occasions. The six members still have jobs and spend weekends entertaining.

"I think everybody's dream is to do this full time," Jose said.

## Migrant Council schedules open house

BURLEY — The Idaho Migrant Council will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 17 at its new office, 744 Overland Ave.

The previous office was south of Burley, while the new location is right in town and

is more convenient and accessible to the community, said Alicia Torres.

The organization also offers education and training counsel. The new office number is 878-1171.

At the open house there will be refreshments and other goodies, as well as information about the many services provided by the Idaho Migrant Council. Those include emergency services, such as gas, utility, doctor and pharmacy assistance.

The Idaho Migrant Council also offers on-the-job training where, through grants, it will pay from half to 100 percent of an eligible person's salary while on a job.

The organization also offers English as a second language program and GED classes in English and Spanish, as well as college funds.

## CSI hosts multicultural students on 18th

TWIN FALLS — High school students from culturally diverse backgrounds are being invited to the College of Southern Idaho's Multicultural Day on March 18.

CSI recruiter Eric Studebaker, one of the event organizers, said the day is tailored to helping multicultural students understand their college options, financing, scholarships and educational resources. Studebaker and others will provide guided tours of the campus. There also will be lunch and special presentations. Students will arrive at 9 a.m. and return to their schools at 2 p.m. There is no cost to the students to participate.

Any students or schools interested in having students in 10th through 12th grade attend CSI's Multicultural Day are invited to contact Studebaker at 732-6224 or at estudebaker@csi.edu.

## FOR THE WOMEN



Above, Mexico's President Vicente Fox kisses women who participated in an official ceremony for International Women's Day, Monday in Mexico City.

Right, indigenous members of the Tzeltal community pray at the memorial where 45 Indians were killed by the paramilitary on Nov. 22, 1997, commemorating International Women's Day in Acteal, Chiapas, Mexico.



## BellSouth agrees to sell L. American operations

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — BellSouth Corp. agreed to sell its stake in 10 Latin American operations to a wireless unit of Spanish telecommunications giant Telefonica SA for about \$4.2 billion in cash and an additional \$1.5 billion in debt.

BellSouth said it expects to record a gain from the sale to Telefonica Moviles in 2004. Meanwhile, Telefonica expects the deal to immediately add to earnings but doesn't expect any changes in dividend.

In a statement Monday, BellSouth said the purchase price is based on a total enterprise value of \$5.85 billion for the interests changing hands.

Total combined revenue for the 10 Latin American companies was \$2.5 billion in 2003. Telefonica Moviles will acquire 100 percent of BellSouth's stakes in its operators in Argentina, Chile, Peru, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Uruguay, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama, making it the only cellular operator in all the key Latin American markets.

As reported earlier by The Wall Street Journal, Telefonica will become the largest wireless operator in Latin America following the deal. Telefonica will add 10.5 million customers and

six countries to its portfolio. Total customer base will be 62.5 million after the deal, Telefonica said in a separate release.

Telefonica has so far invested about \$47 billion in the seven Latin American countries it currently serves. On Thursday, BellSouth confirmed it had been shopping its Latin American interests to potential buyers. The company's Latin American operating revenue was \$2.29 billion in 2003, which contributed about \$161 million to net income. Total 2003 revenue was \$22.5 billion, with net income at \$3.9 billion.

BellSouth said the deal improves its flexibility and allows the company to focus on its domestic business.

BellSouth expects a gain of about \$1.9 billion from the deal based on current book value. Thomson First Call projects 2004 earnings of \$2.11 a share based on a survey of 39 analysts. In 2003, the company also earned \$2.11 a share.

Telefonica expects the deal to add to cash flow per share, in addition to earnings. Thomson First Call projects 2004 earnings of 45 cents a share based on a survey of 28 analysts.

BellSouth expects the deal to be completed in stages as it satisfies closing conditions, with the final close in the second half.

## Sorrow and pity

Readers weigh in on Mel Gibson's 'Passion'

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## Mexico City's 'Pink Zone' shows gay influence

By Laurence Hiff  
The Dallas Morning News

MEXICO CITY — Amid the jumble of restaurants, discos and knickknack shops in the capital's touristy Zona Rosa neighborhood, one small coffee shop stands out. Two large rainbow flags frame a sign with the legend, in English, "BGay, BProud."

An open window reveals brightly colored sofas and metal bar stools inhabited by mostly young, same-sex couples. They hold hands, drink coffee and occasionally kiss.

This open expression of their sexuality is not limited to the interior of the nation's first cafe devoted explicitly to Mexico's gay population.



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Other with a peck on the cheek in check in McDonald's. Lesbian couples, though fewer in number, nuzzle each other as they lounge against storefronts.

"Part of what we are doing here is showing people that we have nothing to hide, we are not doing anything wrong," said Gerardo Espinosa, the 22-year-old co-owner of the BGay cafe.

"This generation is unlike the others. We watch 'Will & Grace' and we see gay characters on 'Friends.' We're on the Internet, and we absorb a lot from other cultures," Espinosa sees the Zona Rosa

quickly turning into a 'gay village' full of fashion boutiques, restaurants and cafes, as in the Castro district in San Francisco or Dallas' Oak Lawn.

For now, the area is the center of a gay community that has grown in recent years along with democracy, the Internet, the popularity of American culture and global debate on issues such as same-sex marriage and gay priests, analysts and activists said.

The trend comes on the 25th anniversary of the nation's first gay march, in Mexico City, where the City Council is considering a same-sex civil union law.

It would extend some rights of marriage to same-sex unions and might pass this year. A similar measure failed by one vote last year.

One key element changing Mexican social attitudes is a demographic shift comparable to

the baby boomer phenomenon in the United States after World War II, analysts said.

Mexico's demographic bubble of globalized youth is coming of age. A third of the nation's 100 million people are 15 to 35 years of age. And 20 million will move into that age group within a decade.

But not everyone is crazy about young men cuddling along the network of walkways in downtown's Zona Rosa — a Bohemian and chic enclave in decades past.

Its name, "Pink Zone," referred to the tranquility and glamour of an artist colony when it was established 50 years ago. Streets are named after European cities such as Liverpool and Prague. Now, some say, its two dozen square blocks are becoming more of a "Red Zone," with shops selling sexually oriented videos, condoms and other paraphernalia.



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Magistrate
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COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MINIDOKA

MAGISTRATE
Case No. CV 03-03-336
ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING

In the Interest of: ALEXANDER LEE SALAMANDOR d.o.b. 01-01-03 DAKOTA SKY SALAMANDOR d.o.b. 04-27-00
On June 23, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of said day, in the lobby of First American Title, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, Esq., Attorney at Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

The East 1/2 Lot 10 in Block 1 of CORNELLVILLE COALITION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Volume 6 of Plate, page 23, records of said County.

This Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware of, and which would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and/or the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessors Office, the address of 306 Elaine Avenue, Twin Falls, ID, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Derrick Hanson and Traci Hanson, husband and wife, as Grantors (S), with Household Finance Corporation as Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded August 23, 1999, as Instrument No. 1999015710.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A)(4), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and amount of Trust Note, together with accrued interest, together with the sum of \$688.13 for the months of July 2003 through and including the date of sale, together with the sum of \$174,902.99 as principal, plus service charges, together with interest and interest accruing at the rate of 10.43% from June 1, 2003, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2004, at Twin Falls, Idaho, I, Paula Peterson, Trust Officer for Charles C. Just, Esq.

For information concerning this sale please contact the Trust Law Office at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106.

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Sealed bids must be sent or delivered to the Gooding School District Office, 1005 of the Idaho Code, February 24, 2004. Bids will be opened at that time.

Contact Superintendent, Bob Smith, at 321 or Construction Manager, Terry Platts at 934-8040 for more information. Plans and documents and complete bid specifications can be viewed at Frank and Electrical Center (Gooding), Gooding Lumber or the school building.

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INVITATION TO BID

Diocese of Boise, School District #231 is accepting bids for Masonry, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Electrical Contract, 7,500 square foot building.

Hanson, Derrick and Traci NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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The East 1/2 Lot 10 in Block 1 of CORNELLVILLE COALITION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Volume 6 of Plate, page 23, records of said County.

This Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware of, and which would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and/or the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessors Office, the address of 306 Elaine Avenue, Twin Falls, ID, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Derrick Hanson and Traci Hanson, husband and wife, as Grantors (S), with Household Finance Corporation as Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded August 23, 1999, as Instrument No. 1999015710.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A)(4), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and amount of Trust Note, together with accrued interest, together with the sum of \$688.13 for the months of July 2003 through and including the date of sale, together with the sum of \$174,902.99 as principal, plus service charges, together with interest and interest accruing at the rate of 10.43% from June 1, 2003, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2004, at Twin Falls, Idaho, I, Paula Peterson, Trust Officer for Charles C. Just, Esq.

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office, 507 Idaho Street, Gooding.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, to withdraw his bid after the hour set for the opening thereof, or to be bound by the opening thereof. Contract, unless award is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.

PUBLISH: March 11, 18 and 25, 2004

KEYES, FRANK R. AND LORIE A. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On July 1, 2004, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m. of said day, in the lobby of First American Title, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, Esq., Attorney at Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

Lot 1 in Block 3 of D & W SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded on February 5, 1997, as Instrument No. 1997-001922.

This Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware of, and which would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and/or the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessors Office, the address of 2420 Oakley Avenue, Hollister, Idaho, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

This sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Frank and Lorie Keyes, husband and wife, as Grantors (S), with IndyMac Mortgage Holdings, Inc., as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded August 1, 2001, as Instrument No. 2001-003818.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A)(4), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and amount of Trust Note, together with accrued interest, together with the sum of \$687.01 for the months of August 2003, through and including the date of sale, together with the sum of \$91,474.42 as principal, plus service charges, together with interest and interest accruing at the rate of 7.75% from July 1, 2003, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2004, at Twin Falls, Idaho, I, Paula Peterson, Trust Officer for Charles C. Just, Esq.

For information concerning this sale please contact the Trust Law Office at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106.

PUBLISH: March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On July 1, 2004, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m. of said day, in the lobby of First American Title, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, Esq., Attorney at Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

Lot 1 in Block 3 of D & W SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded on February 5, 1997, as Instrument No. 1997-001922.

This Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware of, and which would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and/or the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessors Office, the address of 2420 Oakley Avenue, Hollister, Idaho, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

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The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2004, at Twin Falls, Idaho, I, Paula Peterson, Trust Officer for Charles C. Just, Esq.

For information concerning this sale please contact the Trust Law Office at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On June 24, 2004, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in the lobby of First American Title, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, Esq., Attorney at Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

Lot 9 in Block 23 of TWIN FALLS TOWNSHIP, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 1 of Plats and Page 22, Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

This Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware of, and which would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and/or the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessors Office, the address of 1386 East 4150 North, Buhl, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

This sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Shirley L. Long, an unmarried person, as grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN MORTGAGE COMPANY, as beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded August 14, 2001, as Instrument No. 2001040571, assigned to CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as beneficiary by assignment recorded January 22, 2004, as Instrument No. 2004001417, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A)(4), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under the Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal, interest and improvement charges for the month of the months of September through November, 2003 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement of the Deed of Trust, together with accrued interest at 9.85%, with interest accruing at 7.375% per annum, and continuing to accrue from August 1, 2003. The principal balance owing as of August 1, 2003 is \$107,968.63, plus accrued interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with all accrued taxes, assessments, interest and improvement charges, together with the trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this sale, together with delinquent taxes, penalties, or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATED: FEBRUARY 3, 2004

PAULA PETERSON, TRUST OFFICER OF IDAHO, INC.

For information concerning this sale please contact the Trust Law Office at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106.

PUBLISH: February 26, March 4, 11 and 18, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On June 21, 2004, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m. of said day at the lobby of the Camas County Courthouse, 501 Soldier Road, Fairfield, ID 83327, 7774 E FAC, INC., an Idaho corporation, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Camas, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

The North 75 feet of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 39, in the City of Fairfield, ID 83327, according to the official plat thereof on file in the office of the Recorder in Camas County, Idaho. Said property is also sometimes known as: 113 S. Highway 20, Fairfield, ID 83327.

This sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust recorded by ROBERT COOK, DBA EXECUTIVE SUITES EASTERN IDAHO, as beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust executed by Robert C. Sims and Carmen Sims, husband and wife, Beneficiary, recorded in Camas County, Idaho, as Instrument No. 73390, records of Camas County, Idaho. The Trustee and the Beneficiary of Section 45-1506(A)(4), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation.

This sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust recorded by ROBERT COOK, DBA EXECUTIVE SUITES EASTERN IDAHO, as beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust executed by Robert C. Sims and Carmen Sims, husband and wife, Beneficiary, recorded in Camas County, Idaho, as Instrument No. 73390, records of Camas County, Idaho. The Trustee and the Beneficiary of Section 45-1506(A)(4), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation.

(a) Accumulated delinquent payments of \$100.00 per month, for the months of December, 2003 and January, 2004, and all subsequent months is \$1,400.00. The balance owing as of this date on the Deed of Trust is \$46,640.24, plus 6% interest and foreclosure costs.

(b) Failure to keep payments current on First Deed of Trust No. 2002-0188, Fargo Bank, successor in interest to First Security Bank, N.A.

(c) Failure to provide proof of insurance; and (d) Taxes for 2003 not paid in full, together with all other taxes which are delinquent, plus penalty and interest.

DATED this 17th day of February, 2004.

TITLE: TERRY L. BLISS, Vice President

PUBLISH: February 26, March 4, 11 and 18, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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DATED this 17th day of February, 2004.

TITLE: TERRY L. BLISS, Vice President

PUBLISH: February 26, March 4, 11 and 18, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On June 30, 2004, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m. of said day, at the offices of the Trustee, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., 311 2nd Street South, Twin Falls, Twin Falls County, Idaho, the Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

ERHIBIT "A" Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Bold Mondovi Section 5, parcel of land located in the NE1/4, more particularly described as follows: The NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the Section 5, Township 10 South, Range 18 East, B.M. said corner marked by a spike nail.

THENCE North 0° 21' 36" East (South 88° 38' 24" West) for a distance of 486.63 feet (484.00 foot, rec.);

THENCE North 89° 21' 36" West (North 89° 18' 24" East, rec.) for a distance of 448.53 feet (448.20 foot, rec.);

THENCE North 0° 51' 10" East (North 0° 33' 44" East, rec.) for a distance of 2.75 feet to a 1/2" rod and 2 1/2" rod; and

THENCE South 88° 50' 32" West (South 88° 50' 32" West along the centerline of a road for a distance of 10.34 feet to a 1/2" rod;

THENCE along the centerline of a road of a curve to the right for a distance of 257.94 feet to a 1/2" rod; said curve having a radius of 202.73 feet and a central angle of 63° 54' 27" West for a distance of North 54° 42' 29" West for a distance of 240.89 feet;

THENCE North 18° 15' 35" West along the centerline of a road of a curve to the right for a distance of 216.07 feet to a 1/2" rod;

THENCE along the centerline of a road of a curve to the left for a distance of 193.69 feet and said curve having a radius of 193.69 feet and a central angle of 63° 54' 27" West for a distance of North 50° 13' 03" West for a distance of 240.89 feet;

THENCE North 82° 10' 33" West along the centerline of a road for a distance of 14.67 feet to a 1/2" rod;

THENCE North 0° 35' 39" East (North 0° 33' 44" East, rec.) for a distance of 63.95 feet to a 1/2" rod;

THENCE South 89° 18' 49" East (South 89° 18' 24" East, rec.) for a distance of 449.79 feet (450.00 foot, rec.) to a 1/2" rod;

THENCE South 0° 37' 23" West (South 0° 33' 44" West, rec.) for a distance of 484.31 feet (484.00 foot, rec.) to a 1/2" rod;

THENCE South 0° 29' 12" East (South 0° 33' 44" West, rec.) for a distance of 24.91 feet to a 1/2" rod;

THENCE South 0° 51' 10" West (South 0° 33' 44" West, rec.) for a distance of 20.92 feet to a 1/2" rod;

SUBJECT TO any easements or right of way, existing or of record.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessors Office, the address of 1386 East 4150 North, Buhl, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

This sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust recorded by SHIRLEY L. LONG, an unmarried person, as grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN MORTGAGE COMPANY, as beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded August 14, 2001, as Instrument No. 2001040571, assigned to CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as beneficiary by assignment recorded January 22, 2004, as Instrument No. 2004001417, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A)(4), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under the Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal, interest and improvement charges for the month of the months of September through November, 2003 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement of the Deed of Trust, together with accrued interest at 9.85%, with interest accruing at 7.375% per annum, and continuing to accrue from August 1, 2003. The principal balance owing as of August 1, 2003 is \$107,968.63, plus accrued interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with all accrued taxes, assessments, interest and improvement charges, together with the trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this sale, together with delinquent taxes, penalties, or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATED: FEBRUARY 3, 2004

PAULA PETERSON, TRUST OFFICER OF IDAHO, INC.

For information concerning this sale please contact the Trust Law Office at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106.

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COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GOODING

MAGISTRATE
Case No. SP CP 03-00667

ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING

In the Interest of: TRINITY STOCKWELL d.o.b. 01-01-01 ORION STOCKWELL d.o.b. 07-03-02

On June 23, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of said day, in the lobby of First American Title, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, Esq., Attorney at Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(B) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:

The North 50 feet of the South 100 feet of Lot 20, recorded in Book 5 of Plats, Page 21.

This Trustee's Sale is subject to any bankruptcy filing, payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware of, and which would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and/or the Beneficiary shall not be held liable to any successful purchaser(s) or bidder(s), at the Trustee's Sale, for any damages.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessors Office, the address of 2221 Madena Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

This sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed filed according to the Deed of Trust executed by SENADA KUREMICO, as grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., as beneficiary, recorded June 27, 2003, as Instrument No. 2003018734, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

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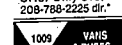


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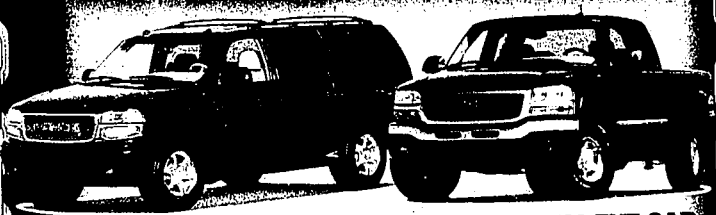
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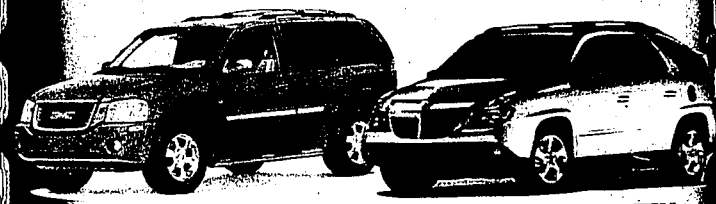
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SAVE \$3559  
**\$8988**  
\$49 DOWN \$169 MO.  
OR Stock #17917, 48 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**2000 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX**  
RETAIL \$12365  
SAVE \$3377  
**\$8988**  
\$49 DOWN \$169 MO.  
OR Stock #1775, 48 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**2000 DODGE INTREPID**  
RETAIL \$12557  
SAVE \$3569  
**\$8988**  
\$49 DOWN \$169 MO.  
OR Stock #1093, 48 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**1999 DODGE GR. CARAVAN**  
RETAIL \$12234  
SAVE \$3346  
**\$8988**  
\$49 DOWN \$169 MO.  
OR Stock #1720, 48 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**2000 DODGE CARAVAN**  
RETAIL \$13697  
SAVE \$3699  
**\$9988**  
\$49 DOWN \$169 MO.  
OR Stock #1806, 48 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**2000 CHEVY TRACKER**  
RETAIL \$13247  
SAVE \$3259  
**\$9988**  
\$49 DOWN \$169 MO.  
OR Stock #181E, 48 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**2002 OLDS ALERO**  
RETAIL \$14527  
SAVE \$3539  
**\$10988**  
\$49 DOWN \$189 MO.  
OR Stock #1815, 48 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**2002 DODGE INTREPID**  
RETAIL \$14582  
SAVE \$3574  
**\$10988**  
\$49 DOWN \$189 MO.  
OR Stock #1727, 48 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**2001 FORD F-150 PICKUP**  
RETAIL \$15421  
SAVE \$3433  
**\$11988**  
\$49 DOWN \$209 MO.  
OR Stock #1776, 48 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**1997 CHEVY TAHOE 4x4**  
RETAIL \$15772  
SAVE \$3784  
**\$11988**  
\$49 DOWN \$209 MO.  
OR Stock #142C, 48 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**2003 FORD TAURUS**  
RETAIL \$15230  
SAVE \$3232  
**\$11988**  
\$49 DOWN \$209 MO.  
OR Stock #181E, 48 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**2003 CHEVY MALIBU**  
RETAIL \$15224  
SAVE \$3236  
**\$11988**  
\$49 DOWN \$209 MO.  
OR Stock #181E, 48 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**2001 CHEVY CAMARO**  
RETAIL \$15330  
SAVE \$3342  
**\$11988**  
\$49 DOWN \$209 MO.  
OR Stock #1727, 48 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**1998 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4x4**  
RETAIL \$16243  
SAVE \$3255  
**\$12988**  
\$49 DOWN \$219 MO.  
OR Stock #182E, 48 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**2002 CHEVY IMPALA**  
RETAIL \$16247  
SAVE \$3259  
**\$12988**  
\$49 DOWN \$219 MO.  
OR Stock #1715, 48 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**2001 FORD MUSTANG**  
RETAIL \$16352  
SAVE \$3344  
**\$12988**  
\$49 DOWN \$219 MO.  
OR Stock #1817, 48 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**2001 CHEVY S-10 4x4**  
RETAIL \$18552  
SAVE \$3564  
**\$14988**  
\$49 DOWN \$249 MO.  
OR Stock #184C, 72 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**2002 CHEVY BLAZER 4x4**  
RETAIL \$18953  
SAVE \$3965  
**\$14988**  
\$49 DOWN \$249 MO.  
OR Stock #1717, 72 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**2002 SUBARU IMPREZA**  
RETAIL \$18542  
SAVE \$3554  
**\$14988**  
\$49 DOWN \$249 MO.  
OR Stock #1817, 72 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

**2002 FORD EXPLORER 4x4**  
RETAIL \$22465  
SAVE \$3477  
**\$18988**  
\$49 DOWN \$209 MO.  
OR Stock #1717, 72 months at 4.9% AFR, DAC

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