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## Idaho closes in on wolf management

### Feds ease restrictions on killing wolves

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

BOISE — Almost a decade after the federal government began reintroducing gray wolves in Idaho, the state learned it will receive the bulk of authority for managing wolves.

### NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was considering a proposal to allow Idaho and Montana greater authority to manage gray wolves.  
■ **The latest:** On Monday, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior finalized the Fish and Wildlife Service's approval of the proposal.

■ **What's next:** The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will assume the lead role in managing wolves in the state in early February.

U.S. Interior Secretary Gale Norton announced Monday that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved a rule giving the states of Idaho and Montana more control in regulating wolves within their boundaries. While the Idaho delegation and state Department of Fish and Game responded warmly to the

rule, wolf advocates and opponents alike saw problems with the decision.

"This is a welcome and important step toward recognizing state authority," Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter said in a press release. "While I have never supported releasing Canadian gray wolves in Idaho, the fact is that they're here now. Dealing with them effectively requires ensuring that states and local communities play the primary role in species management."

Ten years ago, wolves were reintroduced as a "nonessential, experimental" population

to central Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. The species did not receive the full protection under the Endangered Species Act. Today, approximately 450 wolves inhabit Idaho.

The three states had the opportunity to take the lead in administering wolves provided that each of them develop a management plan that met Fish and Wildlife Service approval. The federal agency approved both Montana and Idaho's plans in 2004 but rejected Wyoming's proposal.

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## BACKDOOR BOUNTY

### Waiting, watching are this cat's habits

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — The cat with no name sniffs at a block of ice dumped from a water dish that hasn't been refilled.

Apparently, Cat isn't satisfied. But on this wintry Monday morning, with remains of a light snowfall melting on roofs, Cat has other options nearby and knows where to find them.

Cat heads directly for the gutter spout at the corner of the Ageless Senior Citizens Center, sampling the growing puddle there. The public is quickly rejected, and Cat leaps to the hood of a center staffer's car.

With persistent licking, it gathers drops of melted snow together in its mouth.

Small inside its deceptive coat of long fur, this no-name cat is fed by many and claimed by none. It tucks its paws under its body and settles down on the car hood to watch the senior center's back door.

For more years than the center's staff can count with certainty, this cat has appeared every morning, greeting the cooks as they arrive at 7 or 7:30 a.m. It stays all day in the alley-side parking lot behind the senior center — waiting for handouts, desperate for affection.

"He's here when we leave, too. She's always here," cook Luella Schmidt says.

"If he ever misses a day, we all wonder where he's at," site manager Diana Juliano says. Despite their steadfast feeding — strictly outdoors — Schmidt and her colleagues haven't checked Cat's gender, talking about their faithful backdoor visitor, they switch freely between "he" and "she." They threaten Cat daily for leaving muddy paw prints on their cars and occasionally throwing up there. They call Cat fat and lazy and greedy but with a tone that belies the words.

Cook Melva Johnson makes it clear she's "just a cat lover," but Schmidt and cook Hannah Roud save meat scraps from the senior center's kitchen for Cat. (Roast beef, in particular, meets with eager reception.) The center's bus driver, Floyd Jones, buys cat food with his own money, and he stops in at the center on evenings, weekends and holidays to replenish Cat's bowl.

Juliano says Jones' soft heart is the explanation. Jones speaks more matter-of-factly: He buys food for the cat because it gets hungry. He considers the feedings part of his duties. More than a dozen "disposable bowls and pie tins" scattered in the snow, empty and overturned within a few yards of the back door — are evidence of the staff's love. At the crack of the sticky back door opening, vigilant Cat dashes from its car-



Luella Schmidt says that she saves meat that is not used to feed to Cat.

top perch. This Monday, however, the center's lunch menu is hot dogs with macaroni and cheese. Cat isn't likely to taste any meat left-overs today, Johnson says, because the seniors are mightily fond of hot dogs.

The patient cat with no name will continue to wait and hope.

scratch. Once patted it grabs at a sleeve or a leg to demand more, but with every car shunted. Though tame, it seems to have no other home.

"He hangs around here too much to really belong to anyone. I would think," Juliano says.

Schmidt says Cat emerges from under a neighbor's recreational vehicle most mornings. Indeed, this morning a single line of prints in the new snow leads from beneath the camper to the senior center's back parking lot.

The center's staff has avoided the formality of a proper name for the cat.

"We're afraid if we name it we might like it," Juliano says. "I call it the 'company cat' — belongs to the company," Jones says. "It doesn't cause anybody any trouble, just comes for dinner."

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## Water levels still lag

### Farmers prepare for low-water-year

The Times-News and The Associated Press

JEROME — These days Larry Pennington works for "the Northside Canal Co. full time, while he rents out his farm."

Through his work Pennington has seen how farmers compensate when they're running short on water because of more than a half decade of drought.

One strategy is to change the crops they plant in order to reduce the amount of water going into the soil. They change the crops they grow, sometimes switching from water-loving spuds to grain. They let portions of some fields go dry. And they reduce the amount of water they let their hay and corn grow so they don't use as much water, Pennington said.

Pennington also experienced firsthand on his own farm — which has Northside Canal Co. shares — another water-saving technique.

"My renter transferred the water off my farm to another," Pennington said. "It needed it for a high-use crop of potatoes."

But though Northside Canal Co. farmers were as stingy with their water as Pennington can remember, the company ended the season with hardly any carryover for the 2005 irrigation season. Right now there's only enough water on hand to last the district's farmers three days.

That's an all-time low for the company. A year ago those same farmers had enough water stored for almost 50 days.

There's been some snow and rain lately, which makes Pennington hopeful.

"Things were looking a lot bleaker a month ago," he said. But still, state and federal officials say recent snow isn't enough to cut the deficit.

In the mountains of the Snake River Basin, which supplies the Northside Canal Co. along with most southern Idaho irrigation, the snow pack was just 62 percent of the average since 1974. Southwestern Idaho's Owyhee Basin had just 64 percent on Monday and the Idaho Panhandle was at 60 percent.

About a quarter of Idaho's \$40.4 billion economy comes from agriculture and tourism, so farmers and resort officials across the state follow weather with keen interest.

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## Beef producers react to second case of mad cow in Canada

The Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Benny Montague has raised cattle in West Texas for 35 years and believes he knows what's best for the nation's beef industry.

With this week's confirmed case of mad cow disease in Canada, Montague and others in the nation's leading beef-producing state said the gov-

ernment is acting too hastily in lifting a ban on importing live cattle from the country. The ban — the lifting of which was announced last week — has been in place since the first confirmed case of the disease in Canada was found in May 2003. "We don't need any more mad cows over here," Montague said. "I think it's crazy since they found one to open it back up."

Not everyone agreed with Montague, however.

"The bottom line is that the beef supply is safe," said Ian Lyons, president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

She said the animal, an older dairy cow born in 1996, posed no health threat because of procedures in place to keep potentially infected cows out of the food chain.

The rules on beef imports stipulate that imported cows must be under 30 months of age.

Concerns about mad cow have been heightened since the May 2003 discovery in Canada. The United States closed the border with Canada following that case, but has slowly been easing the restrictions, including last week's announcement

to lift the ban on live cattle under 30 months old.

"The Bush administration said it would try to get the decision. But Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., says he has written Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman saying she should immediately suspend the rule."

Lyons' successor at the association, Texas cattle producer

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### CHUBBIES' FIVE DAY FORECAST

**Today:** Cloudy and occasional snow showers. Highs in the lower 30s.  
**Tonight:** Cloudy with a few snow showers. Lows in the lower 20s.  
**Tomorrow:** Mostly cloudy skies and seasonal temperatures range in the middle 30s.

### SUNDAY FIVE DAY FORECAST

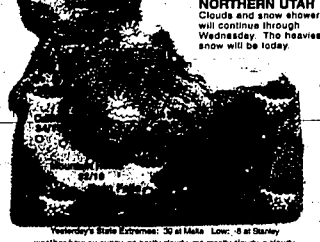
**Today:** Cloudy and cool with occasional snow. Highs in the lower 30s.  
**Tonight:** Snow will taper to flurries. Lows near 20.  
**Tomorrow:** Mostly cloudy skies and seasonal temperatures. Highs in the middle 30s.

### SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Mostly cloudy and cold today with occasional snow showers. It will be cold. A mountain snow showers will continue on Wednesday and Thursday. A better chance for snow is expected on Friday.

**BOISE:** Mostly cloudy skies and snow showers are expected today. Seasonal temperatures and mostly dry conditions are expected on Wednesday and Thursday. Snow returns for Friday.

**NORTHERN UTAH:** Clouds and snow showers will continue through Wednesday. The heaviest snow will be today.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 30 at Lake Lowell; 4 at Starkey weather park; sunny, no partly cloudy, no mostly cloudy, cloudy, in thunderstorms, in showers, rain, an snow, flurries, a wind, no rain.

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## Wolf

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"The rule, which goes into effect in early February, allows the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to execute many decisions previously determined by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Fish and Game Director Steve Hufaker welcomed the opportunity to manage wolves in Idaho.

"Idaho has been preparing for this transition from federal to state wolf management," Hufaker said. "We look forward to the opportunity to bring all wildlife management together under state leadership."

### Livestock

The rule also allows further flexibility in reducing wolf impacts on livestock and other wildlife.

Landowners will be able to kill wolves harassing or attacking livestock and guard animals without prior authorization, said Ed Bangs, federal wolf recovery leader. Previously, livestock producers could only kill a wolf when the creature was in the act of attacking livestock. The rule, Bangs said, still places restrictions on ranchers.

"If a wolf is just walking through your field, you can't shoot it," Bangs said. "If it's chasing one of your cattle, now you can do something about it."

The increased freedom to lethally remove wolves has one



# U.S. rushes aid to tsunami victims

## Relief effort makes inroads

KARIM RAJIA, Indonesia (AP) — U.S. helicopters rescued dozens of desperate and weak tsunami survivors, including a young girl clutching a stuffed Snoopy dog, as the American military relief operation reached out to remote areas of Indonesia with cartons of food and water on Monday.

Although the United States was not among the first at the scene after last week's natural disaster thousands of miles from American shores, it is now spearheading the international relief effort and delivering more supplies than any other nation. A U.S. warship strike group carrying thousands more Marines was headed in help.

"Look at that, look at that! It's so big," shouted a 6-year-old girl, Khairunnisa, as a U.S. Hercules cargo plane roared over Banda Aceh, the capital of Sumatra island's devastated Aceh province and the base of the aid operation in Indonesia.

The Americans flew missions from the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln along a 120-mile stretch of Sumatra's ravaged coastline, further revealing the extent of the destruction.

The tsunami, triggered by the world's most powerful earthquake in 40 years, has killed more than 139,000 people in Asia and Africa; considerably more than half of the deaths were on Sumatra.

Many of the 60 victims picked up in more than two dozen missions Monday — including children, elderly and two pregnant women — were too weak from eight days with little food and water to speak or move. Doctors said they suffered from pneumonia, broken bones, infected wounds and tetanus. Many appeared deeply traumatized. At least 25



An Indonesian tsunami survivor is carried toward a medical tent by a U.S. Navy medic upon arrival at Banda Aceh in northwest Indonesia. U.S. Navy's Sea Hawk helicopters have been shuttling back and forth to far-flung areas in the largest relief operation since the Vietnam War.

Want to help?

See page B1.

were in critical condition.

The American pilots ferried the survivors to a medical field station in Banda Aceh. The ones not rushed on stretchers were placed on a blue plastic sheet, among them a young girl clutching a stuffed Snoopy dog. Some cried, and aid workers stroked their arms and backs to comfort them. They were given chocolate wafers, water, sweaters and T-shirts.

Some aid was blocked from reaching the province early Tuesday after a Boeing 737 ferrying supplies hit a herd of cows as it landed at Banda Aceh's airport, causing no injuries among crewmen or people on the ground but forcing the airport to close until the aircraft could be removed, officials said. Air traffic control head Adri Gunawan predicted the airport would close until Tuesday evening.

In the shattered village of Meulaboh, an injured man stretched out on the ground,

hooked to an intravenous drip that hung from a tree branch outside an overcrowded hospital emergency room. In Lam Janek, another ruined village, survivors used an elephant to pull a vehicle to the provincial capital.

The U.S. pilots said the damage was stunning. The five-vessel U.S. carrier group and much of the crew, which moved into position on Saturday, served in the Persian Gulf during the Iraq conflict.

"In my 17 years of service, I have never seen such devastation and I hope that I'll never see such again in my life," said Sen. John L. Wicker, D-Miss., who has served in Somalia and Liberia.

The devastation illustrated the awesome power of the waves. At Karim Rajiarwo, about seven miles south of Banda Aceh, huge tanks at an oil storage facility had been knocked off their concrete bases and sat lopsided on the sand, while thousands of smaller oil drums lay scattered about. It was unclear if any were leaking.

## Ex-presidents will lead fund-raising

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Monday tapped two former presidents — his father, President George H.W. Bush, and his predecessor, President Clinton — to lead a nationwide, private fund-raising campaign to help victims of the Asian tsunami.

"I ask every American to contribute as they are able to do," Bush said in the White House's Roosevelt Room, the two former presidents at his side.

Clinton and the first President Bush are to lead an effort to encourage the American people and American businesses to support relief and reconstruction activities in areas devastated by the tsunami, the president said.

"In the coming days, Presidents Clinton and Bush will ask Americans to donate directly to reliable charities already providing help to tsunami victims," Bush said. "I've asked the former presidents to solicit contributions both large and small."

The president urged Americans to give money instead of other items. "Cash donations are most useful," he said. The announcement came as the White House has been scrambling to repair an image battered at home and abroad by perceptions that U.S. aid for the tsunami lagged behind other countries — especially considering the outpouring of support for America from other countries in the hours and days immediately following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

# Safety in the skies: U.S. has another good year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Only 34 people have died in U.S. commercial airline crashes in the past three years, making it one of the safest periods in aviation history even as more Americans than ever travel by air.

On Oct. 20, a Corporate Airlines twin-engine turboprop crashed into the woods on approach to the Kirksville Regional Airport in Missouri, killing 13 people. These were the only fatalities aboard U.S. scheduled airlines for the year.

National Transportation Safety Board chairman Ellen Englemann Conners, noting that some 42,000 people die every year on the roads, said, "I hope all modes of transportation could replicate aviation's safety record."

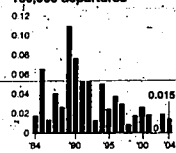
The last U.S. crash of a jumbo jet was Nov. 12, 2001, when American Airlines Flight 587 lost part of its tail and plummeted into a New York City neighborhood, killing 265 people. Safety investigators concluded that the crash was caused by the pilot moving the rudder back and forth too aggressively, which put more pressure on the tail than it could bear.

Last year, the number of fatal accidents per 100,000 departures was .015. Air travelers are estimated to have boarded planes 685 million times in 2004, a 3 percent increase over 2000, the previous busiest year, according to the Air Transport

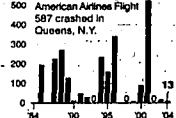
## Aviation accidents

Thirty-four people were killed in U.S. commercial airline accidents over the last three years, government statistics show.

Fatal accidents per 100,000 departures



On-board fatalities



NOTE: Data for 2003-04 are preliminary

SOURCE: National Transportation Safety Board

Marion Blakey, who heads the Federal Aviation Administration, said new technology has improved safety. For example, many planes now have systems that warn pilots if they're about to fly too close to the ground.

# GOP backs off on easing ethics rules

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — House Republicans unexpectedly retreated Monday night from a proposal to loosen ethics standards for all House members, and also restored a rule that would force Majority Leader Tom DeLay to step down from his leadership post if he is indicted.

The surprise moves came after Democrats and public-interest organizations loudly complained when House Republicans had entertained a relaxation-of-ethics-rules that would make it harder for lawmakers to be disciplined.

"It had become a distraction from our important legislative agenda," said John Feehery, press secretary for House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., in explaining why House Re-



Rep. Tom DeLay

publicans suddenly reversed course.

On the eve of the opening of the 109th Congress, DeLay, a Texas Republican, stood up in the House and announced that House Republicans asked that the House reinstate a rule that leaders would have to give up their jobs if indicted by a grand jury. The GOP-controlled House overturned that rule last year. An Austin grand jury has already charged three of DeLay's associates in an ongoing investigation of legislative redistricting.

Jonathan Grella, a spokesman for the majority leader, said DeLay was "denying

the Democrats their lone issue. Anything that could undermine our agenda has to be nipped in the bud."

Hastert proposed that House Republicans jettison a controversial rule change that would have required a specific finding of wrongdoing for ethical violations. This change would have wiped out an ethics standard requiring that members conduct themselves "at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House."

DeLay and other GOP members had complained this standard was too broad and allowed the panel to discipline lawmakers on the appearance of wrongdoing, not specific misconduct.

But Democrats and public-interest organizations said it was a powerful standard that members should adhere to.

# Book provides deeper look into Frey-Peterson affair

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Amber Frey's new book sheds little new light on the case against convicted double murderer Scott Peterson but offers a deeper look at a single mother desperate for love and how she was charmed by a smooth-talker.

Frey, 29, a Fresno massage therapist, became Peterson's girlfriend and later, the star prosecution witness at his six-month murder trial.

In "Witness for the Prosecution of Scott Peterson," Frey tells how she met Peterson after her best friend — who had met Peterson at a conference — set the two of them up.

She describes how Peterson courted her up to his hotel room moments after they met to "shower and change," then pulled out a bottle of champagne and a box of strawberries from his brown duffel bag.

Later, after dinner, they got "pretty drunk" and sang "Islands in the Stream" at a karaoke lounge. Frey said she "ended up spending the night" with Peterson.

"I liked him," she wrote in the book, which was released Monday by the publisher, Regan Books, and goes on sale Tuesday. "I could see myself falling for a man like Scott Peterson."

The 210-page book has chapter titles such as "Oh My God! Laci's baby is due on my birthday" and "Isn't that a little twisted, Scott?"



Amber Frey

of photographs of Frey — including a glamour shot taken when she was 18 and two dozen black-and-white frames from a "2000 modeling shoot" that show a short-haired Frey in a see-through negligee.

Frey spends much time outlining how she found a lawyer, how she worked with police and how she dealt with the media.

She also offers an explanation for her media-dubbed "makeover." At her initial press conference with Modesto police, she wore a "borrowed men's jacket over a T-shirt" and hastily pulled her hair up. In later appearances, she wore makeup and her hair was carefully styled.

"Now that I looked slightly more put-together, everyone simply assumed I was beginning to enjoy my moment in the spotlight. Nothing could be further from the truth," she said.

She also recounts meeting Laci Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha, who called Frey shortly after her initial news conference. She went to the family home and met Laci's sister, aunt and stepfather.

"It took a huge weight off my shoulders, just knowing that they, knowing that I wasn't the enemy," she said.

# Pet of the Week



"Izzy" is a spayed female adult cat who can't figure out why she has been at the shelter since September.

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# COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marcano - 735-3288

## Coats for Kids project brings warmth

By Jami Whited  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — As cold weather creeps upon the Magic Valley, most of us bundle in coats, scarves, gloves and hats to keep warm. But many children are left without even a warm jacket to make it through the winter ahead.

The Jerome Optimist Club works to provide coats for these young people.

"No kids are turned down," said Sheri Mitchell, the program's leader.

For the fifth year, Mitchell has gathered coats from Coats for Kids barrels located at various stores in Jerome.

"I get coats from the barrels once or twice a week and try to circulate them as fast as I can," Mitchell said.

She, along with the Idaho Youth Ranch and the Jerome High School Future Career and Community Leaders of America, mend and clean the coats that are collected.

People who need a coat can obtain a voucher, which are available from all Jerome elementary schools, the Community Action Agency, Head Start and the sheriff's office. They can then turn in the voucher at the Idaho Youth Ranch, 233 E. Main Ave. in Jerome, and will be given a coat in return.

### Want to donate?

**D**rop off barrels are located in Jerome at Ridley's, 148 W. Main Ave.; Kwik Service, 992 W. Main Ave.; and Wal-Mart, 2880 S. Lincoln St. until the end of February. Or coats can be donated all-year long at the Optimist meetings held at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Dop's City Market, 158 E. Main Ave.

"It's a really good working team," Mitchell said.

The collection will probably reach 300 to 400 coats. "It's been slow-starting," she added. "I'm hoping the cold will get people more active."

The need for coats varies for different reasons.

A family may have a tougher year financially than normal or a tragedy could strike, such as a house fire, but Mitchell thinks the economy is the main factor affecting the need for coats.

"A good, warm coat is expensive," she said. For instance, Mitchell gets a lot of sweaters and light jackets. "A good winter coat is hard to find, especially little children's coats."

"That's the whole reason I do this," Mitchell said. "If we can get one kid a coat, then we've served our purpose."



Sheri Mitchell, center, gets a hand loading coats into her car from her son, Brett, far left, 11, while her daughter Allison, 13, far right, and Traci Brandebourg watch. Mitchell and Brandebourg, Jerome Optimist Club members, were picking up items donated for the Coats for Kids Project.

### MAKING A COMMITMENT



Students from Mountain View Elementary School in Burley release balloons as a symbol of their commitment to stay drug free as part of Red Ribbon Week. Other events included an assembly where high school students danced, played the drums and did martial arts to show how fun it is to be drug free. Each day, the school had a different theme. For example, there was Put a Cap on Drugs where everyone wore hats and Scare Away Drugs Day where everyone wore Halloween costumes.

### A MILITARY VISITOR



On Nov. 17, Sgt. Eric Kulhanek spoke to third-grade classes at Hansen Elementary School about the duties of the National Guard. The sergeant is a member of the 116th Brigade Combat Team and was preparing for deployment to Iraq where he will serve for 12 months.

## STORK REPORT

### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Ethan Riley Pesek, son of Carrie Lynn and Scott Christopher Pesek of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004.

Remington Cooper Taylor, son of Sarah Maghane and Rey Dean Taylor of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Dec. 27, 2004.

Kamille Johanna Mirkin, daughter of Shannan Rey and Jon Frederick Mirkin of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004.

Kida Kaye Spencer, daughter of Kambria Kaye and Jason Daniel Spencer of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004.

David Brogan Anthony, son of Christina Marie Ashcraft and David William Anthony of Filer, was born Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004.

Miah Marie Woodward, daughter of Laura Ladell Ansley of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004.

Luke Rindan Holzen, son of Josie Ann and Mark Louis Holzen of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Lydia June Haynie and Landon John Haynie, twin daughter and son of Chelsea and John Haynie of Logan, Utah, was born Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004.

Emilia Luz Merz, daughter of Felipe Mares and Ismael Marez of Hailey, was born Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004.

Charly Jenne Stevens, daughter of Lisa and Shon Stevens of Hailey, was born Monday, Dec. 20, 2004.

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Bailey Lorene Brown,

daughter of Jodi and Brian

Brown of Bellevue, was born

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004.

Melanie Gonzalez-Maza,

daughter of Maria Maza-Sun-

tate of Ketchum, was born

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004.

### FIVE GENERATIONS



Aunice Gailley added a fifth generation to an area family.

From left, top is grandmother

Wesley Page of

Burley and mom

Angela Wilder of

Twin Falls holding daughter,

Aunice; bottom:

great-grandmother

Lucille Bell of

Burley and great-grand-

mother Barbara

Watkins of Paul.

Photo courtesy of

STELLA STANLEY

### Scout earns award

**BURLEY** — Brian D. Kramer Jr., son of Brian and Beverly Kramer of Burley, has received his Eagle Scout Award.

The 18-year-old has completed 24 merit badges. For his

project, he improved the playground and recreational area at Burley United Methodist Church, and built a picnic table for the pavilion.

The former Burley High School student attends

Blue Mountain High School in Orvisburg, Pa., and participates in football, track and basketball. The Order of the Arrow and National Honor Society, and is included on the Who's Who Among American High School Students list.

Brian Kramer

Photo courtesy of

STELLA STANLEY

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Kimberly Library board meeting is scheduled

**KIMBERLY** — The Kimberly Library monthly board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the conference room adjacent to the library, 120 Madison W.

Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 423-4556.

### West Magic installs officers, offers training

**SHOSHONE** — The West Magic Lake Recreation Club will install officers for 2005 at noon Sunday at the Burien West Resort, 960 W. Magic Road No. 20. West Magic Fire District training will be held at 7 p.m. on

Thursdays, Jan. 6 to Feb. 17 at the Fire House on Pioneer Drive.

For more information, call 487-2288 or visit [www.damfools.com](http://www.damfools.com).

### 'Ropin' in a Cure' cancer benefit takes place

**TWIN FALLS** — The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Magic Valley will host "Ropin' in a Cure" at 6 p.m. Thursday at the BridgeView Estates Great Room, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd.

The event is a kick off of the 2005 relay season. Anyone interested in forming a team, being a corporate sponsor or participating in any aspect of Relay for Life is invited.

### Miniature horse club starts in Magic Valley

**TWIN FALLS** — An organizational meeting for a miniature horse club will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday at Perkins restaurant, 1564 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

For more information, call Staci at 732-0020 or Debbie in the evenings at 326-3951.

### Bank employees gather for monthly luncheon

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls Bank and Trust employees are having their monthly luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

For more information or to reserve a spot, call Dee at 734-4835 before Friday.

### Gooding Senior Center serves breakfast

**GOODING** — The Gooding County Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave., is serving breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

The menu includes coffee, eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy and juice. The cost is \$3.50. The public is invited.

The center also hosts bingo for the public at 6 p.m. every Friday night. For more information, call 934-5504.

### Aviation enthusiasts hold organizational meeting

**TWIN FALLS** — Aviation enthusiasts are invited to an informational meeting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday at Gerties Brick Oven Cookery for the formation of a local Experimental Aircraft Association chapter. All aviation enthusiasts are welcome. Call Erik at 731-1009 for more information.

### M.V. Military Support Group meets Saturday

**JEROME** — The Magic Valley Military Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E.

The group provides encouragement, information and help for anyone with loved ones in the military.

For more information, call Sharla at 536-6159 or Sharon at 536-6111.

### Mercedes and Matthew are Wednesday's children.



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# COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

## SECURITY CONCERNS Get out and drive

Phishing, spyware and other pests still plague Internet

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Computer worms rained around the world, leaving behind tools that spread spam. Scammers sent e-mail to trick bank account holders into revealing passwords.

Rogue programs, known as "spyware," hijacked Web browsers and crippled computers.

These were among the top Internet threats of 2004 as the perpetrators grew smarter and more sophisticated, driven more than ever by economic gains. And while technology to combat such threats has improved, experts concede that's not enough to address what's bound to emerge in the coming year.

The bottom line is, there is no silver bullet technology, said Gregg Masterson, senior security analyst at security vendor Sophos Inc. "I just don't think users are educated enough when they are on an about vulnerability and what they are doing with it."

The past year saw more industry attention to security: Microsoft Corp. upgraded its flagship Windows XP operating system, closing many loopholes and turning on a built-in firewall to thwart attacks. America Online Inc. gave away free security tools, and computer makers began installing software to combat spyware.

Dozens of products and services were developed to attack "phishing" — e-mail pretending to be from trusted names such as Citibank or PayPal, but directing recipients to rogue sites. But developers of malicious code have gotten better at automating their tools, as well as sharing information about vulnerabilities and techniques to exploit them through underground message boards and chat rooms, said Mark Rasch, chief security counsel for Solutionary Inc.

No longer are bragging rights the primary motive.

"It used to be cool to bring down sites, almost (like) graffiti for the 21st century," said Arthur

Coviello Jr., chief executive for RSA Security Inc. "Today's worms and viruses are far more detailed, and specific attacks are directed at individuals and businesses for the purpose of economic, ill-gotten gains."

"Virus writers have found new ways to infiltrate computers and networks, bypassing the protections inspired by their earlier methods of attack."

For instance, with more networked systems blocking attachments to stop viruses from spreading via e-mail, hackers managed in June to co-opt popular Web sites into virus transmitters by taking advantage of known flaws with Microsoft products.

They've also used viruses like "Mydoom" to deposit programs that let them take over infected PCs — and then use them to relay spam or launch attacks on Web sites like Microsoft's. Ninety percent of viruses in 2004 carried a "backdoor" mechanism, compromised with built-in 2003, said Alfred Huger of Symantec Corp.

And once they've commandeered such PCs, they form networks of "zombies." Spammers buy access to these networks so they can send e-mail that appears to come from legitimate home computers, making them harder to tag as junk.

"They are organized on the black market," said John Levine, co-author of "The Internet for Dummies."

Much of the malicious code appears to originate in countries without adequate laws to prosecute, experts say.

Meanwhile, law enforcement agencies and service providers are only beginning to establish guidelines for jointly chasing suspects who can move about with stealth in a medium that knows no borders.

Security experts rank phishing and spyware as the greatest threat for 2005, given how clever their developers have gotten in the past year.

Unlike spam pitching relatively cheap products like Vizio, phishing scams can quickly

drain entire bank accounts of unsuspecting users.

The number of rogue sites used for such scams grew sevenfold in just four months — to 1,518 in November, from 221 in July — according to WebSense Inc., which compiles such data for the industry-backed Anti-Phishing Working Group.

By fall, phishers began automating their scams, embedding scripts within e-mail to launch a legitimate site like Citibank's with a fake pop-up window that captures account information. Many users would mistakenly believe the pop-up came from the bank, said Kim Murphy, director of product marketing at SurfControl Inc.

Spyware infections, once limited to careless downloads of free software, proliferated in 2004 as security gaps in Microsoft's Windows operating systems and Internet Explorer browser were exposed and exploited. These holes were used to slip in programs which can change a browser's home page or pop up endless ads.

Some security experts recommended using a non-Microsoft browser like Mozilla Firefox to reduce spyware and other threats.

But in 2005, flaws with those alternatives are likely to emerge as they become more popular and more heavily scrutinized.

The coming year could also mean more threats via cell phones, instant messaging software and Internet-based phone systems, as well as desktop search utilities being developed by Microsoft, Google Inc. and others.

Users will need to bear the responsibility for security as much as software developers and service providers, said Johannes Ullrich, chief technology officer with the SANS Internet Storm Center, a resource organization. "Think about that," he said. "You do need good cars. You need good drivers. You need good roads. If any one of those isn't there, you'll end up with accidents."



Clark Waterfall, of Hopkinton, Mass., a regular Zipcar customer, swipes a Zipcard over a card reader inside the car windshield, Dec. 10 in Boston.

## Web makes car-sharing easy

By Mark Jewell

The Associated Press

BOSTON — When I moved to this pedestrian-friendly city with plentiful public transit and pricey parking, I said goodbye to my car.

Product review insurance premiums and gas pumps. Recently divorced, without kids to ferry around, I realized my dream of living car-free.

But I still need wheels for the occasional errand or day trip.

Enter Zipcar, a car-sharing service based in Cambridge. My options today are far greater than they would've been just five years ago, thanks to the marriage of Internet and wireless technology with wireless communications. Customers make reservations via computer or telephone, and the company uses remote-access systems to control who can use the car when.

The two biggest car-sharing companies, Zipcar and Rent-A-Car, are still pretty small.

Zipcar offers more than 400 cars to its 30,000 typically well-educated and young customers in congested Boston, Washington and New York. It plans to hit at least three more U.S. metropolitan areas in 2005 with hopes of reaching a total of 25 North American markets within five years.

Flexcar has 350 vehicles serving 25,000 members in more than 20 cities from Seattle to Washington, D.C.

Both services rent cars around the clock in increments of a half-hour or longer. Prices in Boston range from \$8.50 an hour to \$12.50, depending on the vehicle model. Gas is included. That's not bad when you also factor in the insurance, maintenance and repair costs that come with ownership.

Car-sharing services also offer daily rates as low as \$60, though conventional rentals are more

economical to rent for more than a day at a time.

I signed up five months ago, choosing among several plans tailored toward either occasional or frequent drivers. I paid a \$25 application fee and a \$100 refundable membership deposit. Zipcar then checked my driving record. In less than a week, I received a membership card that serves as my key and can be used in any Zipcar city.

To make a reservation, I simply visit Zipcar's Web site and am immediately directed to my personal Zipcar page — my computer retains my login information. If a computer's not handy, I can phone in the reservation.

Online, I get a list of five cars in assigned parking spaces within a few blocks of my apartment. I can also sort the list by rates or the cars I rent most frequently. I also see a round-the-clock schedule indicating which cars are available when.

I always found a car within walking distance when I needed one, and my steady road partner — a Ford Focus that Zipcar has named "Focus Fabiana" — lives in a parking space a couple blocks away. During the most popular driving times, she could be sharing her affections with another Zipcar customer, leaving me to resort to a Honda a couple blocks further "afield," with the handle "Element Ephraim."

When my time comes, I walk to the parking spot — an online map tells me how to get there — and pull out my membership card. I place the card over a radio-frequency reader beneath the windshield, and the doors unlock immediately and keylessly.

Zipcar's computer had already sent a message to a hidden dashboard computer telling the car to unlock itself only when my personal card went across the reader during my reservation period. I had arrived too early; entry would have been denied.

Inside my Zipcar, the key is hanging from a cord near the ignition — which would appear to be an unwise place to leave a key in the city. But the ignition unlocks only after I presented my card, so nobody else can break in and start the car.

Flexcar's system works a little differently. Its card unlocks the doors, but the customer enters a personal ID into a dashboard display to enable ignition — a step that Zipcar handles during the reservation process, rather than after entry.

As a result, I flexcar customers can enter a car using their card anytime, without needing reservations, provided "nobody else has reserved the car."

After I start my Zipcar, I can drive as far as I want and refuel using a Zipcar card at the company's expense — gas is factored into the hourly rates, along with insurance.

These days, I reserve cars for an extra half-hour to be on the safe side, even though I have to pay for the time if I return the car early. I learned the hard way about the \$25 minimum late fee when I got stuck in traffic and couldn't get back in time.

Zipcar and Flexcar can both wirelessly track when the car's engine has been turned off to determine whether to assess a late fee. Pretty clever.

Both companies are continually refining their technologies. In partnership with wireless carrier Cingular, Zipcar is boosting the data capacity of its wireless platform so it can offer Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connectivity inside its cars.

When that day comes, I hope I will resist the temptation to surf the Web while simultaneously dodging traffic.

However many extras come along, for me the big appeal of car sharing is simple: mobility without being tied down to car ownership.

If car sharing comes to your town, consider trying it. You might find greater freedom in not owning a car.

## iPod rivals create their own version of popular music player

By Crayton Harrison

The Dallas Morning News

The iPod may be tops, but it's not the only choice for music fans.

Apple Computer Inc.'s lovely little music player dominates the market, and its design and simplicity make it the choice of most. But let's face it: The iPod is the luxury car of hard-drive music players. You pay as much for style as you do for function. The recently upgraded versions cost \$300 for 20 gigabytes and \$400 for 40 gigabytes.

You can buy a competing product that plays music just as well, sacrificing only a little user-friendliness and the cachet created by Apple's smart marketing. And you'll get some added features that the iPod doesn't have.

I reviewed four iPod challengers to see how they stacked up against the big kahuna.

Some devices came with music-organizing software designed by or developed in cooperation with the manufacturer. Their software does most of the things Apple's iTunes software does for the iPod — organizing playlists, editing song information, etc. — but iTunes is still the easiest and most pleasurable to use.

Apple's recent redesign of the iPod helped it catch up in some areas where rivals were pulling ahead, especially in battery life. The newest iPod can chug along for about 12 hours compared with eight in the previous generation.

Apple's classic scroll wheel, which allows you to browse through music files by circling your thumb around the device's surface, continues to be one of its best features. And Apple added a "shuffle songs" option to its main menu in a nod to one users' favorite ways to listen to music.

We've included the manufacturer's suggested price for each iPod competitor, though many can be had for much less. And we've quoted the manufacturer's claims on battery life, which are usually slightly longer than

what users experience in the real world.

### Philips HDD120

Recording Audio Jukebox

Size: 20 gigabytes

Price: \$300

Battery life: 10 hours

Design: Black and sleek, with a glowing white LCD display. It would have fit perfectly on "Knight Rider."

Browsing mechanism: In-studio, fancy scroll wheel. Philips goes to great lengths for one up, one for down. No need to get flashy.

Other buttons: Those browsing buttons double as the power buttons. There's another button for playing and selecting options and another for going to the previous menu. A side button takes you to the main menu, and another side button lets you go straight to the library.

Pros: The HDD120 has a built-in recording function. And like the iPod, it has a shuffle button located conveniently in the main menu.

Cons: The HDD120 won't work with other Windows-based music-organizing software, and you can't drag and drop files to the device and play it. What's worse, Philips' software is onerous, requiring lots of clicks to input information about each song.

Can it beat the iPod? Not even close. The device is clunky software. But the recording feature is a plus.

### Deil Digital Jukebox

Size: 15 or 20 gigabytes

Price: \$200 or \$280

Battery life: 16 hours

Design: Rectangular and slightly curved around the edges like the iPod, but wider, fatter and not nearly as pretty. The device looks busy with two tones of silver and a black band around its edge. And it has a funny-looking bulge in its center, although that bulge is important.

Browsing mechanism: The bulge houses a mechanical barrel. Roll it up or down to browse,

then press it in to select a song. That might seem clunky compared to the iPod's scroll wheel, but it actually works pretty well. The up and down motion feels more natural than moving your thumb in a circle.

Other buttons: Nice and simple — play, forward, back, previous, menu and home — on the front. Two volume buttons and a microphone button for recording are on the side.

Pros: The Deil uses an operating system very similar to Creative's so it has many of the same features, including browsing by the alphabet.

Cons: It's an ugly, duckling next to the iPod.

Can it beat the iPod? Yes, if you prefer function over form. The scroll barrel is extremely user-friendly, and the recording feature is easy to use.

### Creative Zen Touch

Size: 20 gigabytes

Price: \$300

Battery life: 24 hours

Design: Looks like a blocky iPod with angular edges.

Browsing mechanism: The Zen Touch has a large scroll pad. Slide your thumb up and down the pad to browse; and click the button at the device's center to make a selection.

Other buttons: The Zen Touch makes it easy to shuffle songs with a "random" button on its face. Play, back, forward and menu buttons are stacked vertically on the sides.

Pros: You can search for a song, artist or album by alphabetical order. Just click the center button, select "Find," and scroll. The iPod could use this. The Zen Touch gives you more options than the iPod for building playlists on the go.

Cons: The sensitive scroll pad lies just below the center button, so you must be careful not to touch it when you press the button. Adjust the pad's sensitivity if that causes you trouble.

Can it beat the iPod? Maybe. Besides the shuffle button and the touch pad, the Zen Touch offers little that other iPod rivals haven't done.

## Scan any old files for viruses when copying over to new computer

By Rob Pogoraro

Q. My five-year-old computer was infected with a virus. In order to fix it, I decided it was time to get a new machine. Can I copy my Word documents and pictures to a floppy and put them on my new computer without doing harm?

A. Yes — but make sure you first scan the files and the floppy on the new machine. That's because Word documents can be hijacked by so-called macro viruses, picture files can be attacked in the same way, and many old viruses routinely spread via floppy disks as well.

Fortunately, your new PC should come with antivirus software that, once updated, can bar any unwanted guests at the door. Use that software's auto-update feature to go online and download any available updates to its database of known viruses, then let it scan the floppy disk when you insert it.

Even utility finds viruses embedded in files or on the disk itself. It should offer to clean up

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the infection. If it can't do that, you'll need to borrow a non-Windows computer, on which you could safely open the files, then save a copy of it in a different format, incompatible to the virus (for instance, save an infected Word document as a text-only file).

Q. I have Windows XP and recently downloaded the Service Pack 2 upgrade. Since then, my start-up takes longer. How can I

prevent Instant Messenger from starting up? Will I do any damage by doing this? (I don't use IM at all.)

A. Click the MSN Messenger option in the system tray — the box at the bottom-right corner of the Windows desktop stuffed with mostly meaningless icons — select the Tools menu item and click on Options.

Click the General tab and uncheck all the "connect automatically" options.

This won't affect the rest of your computer, but it will mean one less program has to get in gear when you start the PC.

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## EDITORIAL

### Idaho reversal on wolves creates a howling success

**A** 10-year lesson in dealing with the federal government concluded Monday afternoon, and wouldn't you know it, Idaho got a *dyin' A*.

Idaho received the green light from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to assume the bulk of management responsibilities for gray wolves.

The transition will be complete in February. The management transition comes almost 10 years after wolves were released in central Idaho's wilderness region to conserve the conformation, if not total outrage, of Idaho lawmakers and residents.

#### Our view: Idaho's

new era of wolf management shows that working with the feds is better than working against them.

#### What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

port the wolf reintroduction plan. Instead, the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho, assumed the local management role.

That decision taught the state a hard lesson: When you refuse to play by the feds' rules, you forfeit the game, and a forfeit is just a loss in sheep's clothing. Over the years the losses have included lost livestock, depletion of some elk herds, and reduced business among outfitters and guides.

But Idaho reversed course in 2000, with the state's creation of the Office of Species Conservation. That cooperative effort between the state, the tribe and the federal agencies helped Idaho citizens take a greater role in controlling the predators. Idaho went further in 2002, and adopted new state management plans that were eventually approved by the feds.

Monday's announcement does more than shift the bulk of responsibility from U.S. Fish and Wildlife to the state. It also modifies the ESA itself, by adopting amendment 10 (j). That measure gives livestock owners greater latitude to take out a wolf attacking herds or their dogs on both private property and public-land.

The new policy also gives the Idaho Department of Fish and Game more control over wolf packs hunting units with low elk and deer populations. Fish and Game actions on those fronts would still require U.S. Fish and Wildlife's approval.

Once Wyoming joins Idaho and Montana with an acceptable wolf management plan, the gray wolf will be off the endangered species list, and states will have all management control.

Until that happens, Monday's announcement is the best thing to happen to Idaho—in the long-wolf debate.

## U.S. has ample sense of generosity

**T**o paraphrase Bill Clinton, it depends on your definition of charity.

To the United Nations and the New York Times, charity apparently is defined by how much a government offers to those in need from the money its citizens have coughed up in order to stay out of jail.

To most Americans, charity giving involves willfully directing cash from their own pockets and giving it to cause the victims have coughed up in order to stay out of jail.

The widely different mentality comes to the fore in the wake of the comments by U.N. emergency relief coordinator Jan Egeland that the initial U.S. response to aiding the victims was "stingy."

Then the Times, whose mind-set is unfortunately almost as close to the U.N.'s as its physical location, piled on with an editorial titled "Are We Stingy?" that concluded "Mr. Egeland was right on target."

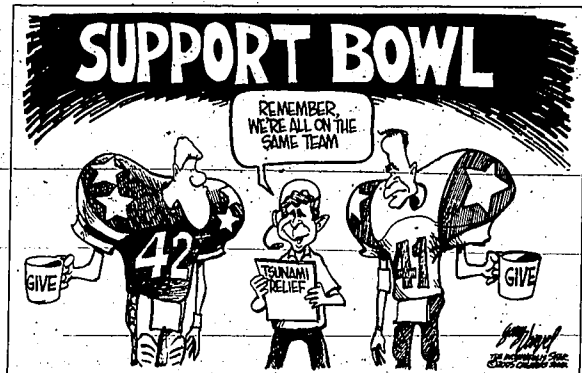
They are off-base, but not surprisingly so, given that the United Nations and Times share the worldview that sees everything in terms of government involvement.

But nowhere near all the aid that pours in to help victims of tragedies like these comes from governments.

Most of the money raised by the tens of thousands of churches and community groups in the United States who, as you read this, are rounding up help for the victims is not included in the figures you read in the newspaper.

The U.N.'s Times mind-set fails to acknowledge that when it comes to charitable giving, the United States dwarfs the rest of the world—and not just in total dollars. On a weighted basis that takes into account our greater wealth, Americans are the second-most-generous people on Earth.

Americans are, by nature, more skeptical of public bureaucracy and prefer to give money to themselves rather than give it to the government to do it. More socialist-leaning societies prefer state-funded



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(and tax-supported) government programs.

The U.N. mentality is predictable. Most of its officials come from countries where the tax rate is so high that no one has much extra money to give to charity.

Egeland's Norway is typical, with a top tax rate approaching 80 percent. Government controls virtually all the money that isn't hidden under the mattress from the tax collectors.

Perhaps that is why Norway's rate of charitable giving from non-government sources, adjusted for relative wealth, is a quarter that of the United States.

And, by comparison with their neighbors, Norwegians are generous. A recent study published in *Philanthropy Magazine* found that the average American household contributes six times as much to charity as a comparable one in Germany.

In all, Americans contributed

\$241 billion to private charities last year, which dwarfs the total of any other country. But, even on a scale that considers giving as a percentage of national wealth, Americans are more generous than everyone but the Israelis, according to a study by Lester Salamon, director of the Center for Civil Society Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

New it's clearly true that the U.S. government's initial commitment of \$15 million was low, but that was before the scale of the tragedy was known. Secretary of State Colin Powell says eventual U.S. help will be in the billions of dollars.

And although the reaction from Egeland can be expected based on the current acrimony between the United Nations and the Bush administration, there is no reason to cut the Times editorial board slack.

Its view is not surprising, given the Times is the semi-official mouthpiece of Blue America. Maybe the folks there still think the presidential campaign is raging.

But then, in much of John Kerry's America, giving to charity is as declass as going to church. That's not opinion;

that's based on a similar weighted formula on charitable giving within the United States.

In fact, the study by the Catalogue of Philanthropy ranked the 50 states on a "generosity index" that measured charitable giving in comparison to state wealth.

Given that they also rank high on measurements of church attendance—which correlates with charitable giving—states in the South, Midwest and Rockies, which President Bush carried against Kerry, would seem likely to mark high on that index. And, in fact, the 25 most generous states in that index all voted for Bush.

Perhaps this is one of those statistics reflecting the adage that "where you stand is based on where you sit."

Maybe the Times ought to send a foreign correspondent into Red America to find out how the folks there live—and tithe.

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## LETTERS

### Christianity isn't U.S. government centerpiece

Adrian Arp, in his letter to the editor of Dec. 24, appears to imply that the founding fathers, including Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, were not only in support of including the founding fathers in government but specifically the Christian religion. From my reading of the writings of those men, that is far from the truth.

Thomas Jefferson wrote: "Because religious belief, or non-belief, is such an important part of every person's life, freedom of religion affects every individual. Religious institutions that use government power in support of themselves and force their views on persons of other faiths, or of no faith, undermine all our civil rights... Erecting the wall of separation between church and state; therefore, is absolutely essential in a free society."

Benjamin Franklin had this to say: "When a religion is good, I conceive it will support itself; and when it does not support itself, God does not take care to support it so that its professors are obliged to call for the help of the civil power, 'tis a sign, I apprehend, of its being a bad one."

John Adams, as president of the United States, signed the Treaty of Tripoli, which states in Article 11: "As the government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion..."

George Washington, it is clear, had religious convictions, but it is unclear what they were. He never referred to Jesus Christ in his writings; he was

not a regular churchgoer, and he never took communion. He made it a point not to endorse any religion. He was, in fact, a Freemason, as was Benjamin Franklin. The Freemasons have been denounced by many fundamentalist Christians and labeled as pagans.

If we incorporate in our government the principles that Jesus taught, such as forgiveness, compassion, honesty, charity and tolerance, and if we elect leaders who adhere to those values, we will be better off. It is important to remember that Christians don't have a monopoly on those ideals.

To invoke the names of Franklin, Washington, Adams and Jefferson in an assertion that they intended our country and our government to be associated with any religion is a misrepresentation. To see that it was their goal to use the government and the schools to promote Christianity or any other religion is a distortion of their clear intent.

THOMAS PAYNE  
Twin Falls

### Assault on Christmas leads to all other holidays

I decided to wait until after the Christmas holiday had passed to write this letter. To see no considerable debate about whether we should or should not say the word Christmas. Seven years ago, one Pacific Northwest city council went as far as to require its city firefighters to take down several Christmas trees that had been decorated and displayed the various firehouses around town. The city council reasoned that it had

received complaints from citizens who do not honor or observe Christmas and were offended by the presence of these Christmas trees. Is there need to the stupidity of such debates? Why is there such a concerted effort to remove anything relating to Christ from our society?

Where does this slippery slope begin and end? Christmas is Christmas. The same way the Fourth of July is Independence Day. Should we expect that people who are not patriots would soon demand the banning of Fourth of July fireworks and picnics because they are offended?

What about my birthday? My mother did all of the work. I just hid there like a sack of coal. How about Valentine's Day? This event is named after a saint. But I see no complaints about that. Martin Luther King was a minister and a person who organized civil disobedience to affect change. Should we strike his name from the calendar? Ash Wednesday, Columbus Day, Secretaries Day? (feminists must be all bunched up about that sexist event.) Is the Easter Bunny evil, and shouldn't we take the word "fairy" out of the Tooth Fairy? I'm against fairness, showing up in my bedroom, but that's doesn't mean the next guy shouldn't have a chance. Enough!

My point is obvious: Where does it all end? I will continue to wish people Merry Christmas regardless of the consequences, and I will continue to wish people Happy New Year, Happy Valentine's Day, birthday, etc. I have elected to debarb from the Political

Correctness Train because I think the conductor must be on crack.  
KIM LEWIS  
Twin Falls

### Taxpayers get the bill on Idaho Power bailout

I have written to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to protest Idaho Power's right to have consumers pay for company losses suffered when Idaho Power paid farmers not to use power for irrigation four years ago.

As a shareholder of IDACORP I did go along with its decision to reduce dividends to offset its operating costs because of past power problems.

As a consumer, I could not go along with its decision to buy back farmers' power. I, and other consumers, had no input in this decision. It was their decision only. As a taxpayer, I begin to wonder if the farmers who were paid not to use power were also reimbursed by the federal government with tax money for not being able to grow crops on the same property.

It seems any time big business gets into trouble on decisions where they lose revenue or steal revenue, we, the consumers and taxpayers, have to dig into our hard-earned money to bail them out, pay the politicians and courts that go along with them. It makes one wonder who represents whom.

Send your letters of protest to: Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 W. Washington St., Boise, ID 83702-5918.

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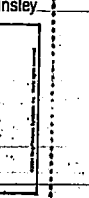
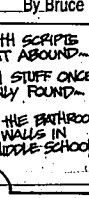
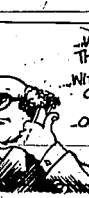
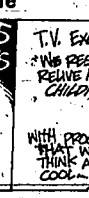
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# Bombings claim another 16 in Iraq

Insurgents hope to sabotage vote

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents pressed their bloody campaign to sabotage Iraq's Jan. 30 elections with three car bombs and a roadside attack Monday, one near the prime minister's party headquarters in Baghdad and others targeting Iraqi troops and a U.S. security company.

At least 16 people were killed, bringing the toll over two days to about 50 and emphasizing how poorly prepared Iraq's interim government is to provide security before the vote. U.S. and Iraqi leaders have repeatedly warned that the guerrillas would stop up violence, but both have been unable to prevent attacks.

The country's defense minister, meanwhile, traveled to Egypt to seek help in getting Iraq's Sunni Muslim minority to take part in the elections. Leaders of the Sunni community, about 20 percent of Iraqis, say the country is far too unsafe to hold the vote.

A low turnout because of the fear of violence or a Sunni boycott could undermine the legitimacy of the country's first free elections since the overthrow of the monarchy in 1958.

Defense Minister Hamez



Activists place a banner on the wall, advertising the Unified Iraqi Alliance, a mainstream Shiite coalition running in the elections scheduled for Jan. 30, in Baghdad downtown, on Monday. Shiites, who make up about 60 percent of Iraq's population, are eager for the vote to go ahead.

Shaalani suggested that if Sunnis agreed to participate, the vote could be postponed by a few weeks to give them time to prepare. Iraq's Sunni areas, mostly

surrounding and west of Baghdad, have seen some of the worst violence in recent weeks. But Fereed Ayar, a spokesman for Iraq's Aydar Electoral

Commission, seemed adamant that no delay was envisioned. "The commission is still working on holding the elections on schedule," he said.

# Mosul bomber may have been medical student

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The suicide bomber who killed 22 people when he blew himself up in a U.S. mess hall at the northern Iraqi city of Mosul was a Saudi medical student, an Arab newspaper reported Monday.

Saudi-owned Asharq Al-Awsat identified him as 20-year-old Ahmed Said Ahmed al-Ghamdi, citing unnamed friends of the man's father. The friends said members of an Iraqi resistance group contacted al-Ghamdi's father to tell him his son was the suicide bomber who carried out the Dec. 21 attack, the deadliest on an American installation in Iraq.

The father refused to discuss the suicide bombing, but told the newspaper his son had gone to Iraq to fight the Americans and had died there. The family held a mourning ceremony, the paper said. It did not say when the ceremony was held or where in Saudi Arabia the family lived.

The Associated Press was unable to reach Saudi security officials for comment despite repeated telephone calls Monday.

The U.S.-led coalition that toppled Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein has faced fierce resistance, most of it carried out by Saddam loyalists or Iraqi na-

tionals. Some of the deadliest attacks, though, have been blamed on non-Iraqi Muslim extremists.

U.S. officials have said their preliminary investigation indicates the bomber was dressed in an Iraqi military uniform but was not an Iraqi soldier — when he slipped into a mess tent packed with soldiers eating lunch in northern Iraq.

The paper did not name the Iraqi resistance group. But Ansar al-Sunnah, a radical Islamic Iraqi group that has been active in northern Iraq, claimed responsibility for the mess hall attack. In a videotape posted on the Web, Ansar al-Sunnah identified the suicide bomber as Abu Omar al-Musali — an apparent nom de guerre meaning Abu Omar of Mosul.

The man identified as Abu Omar al-Musali appeared in the Web video wearing an explosives-laden vest, but did not speak. Another man, speaking in an Iraqi accent, described how the operation had been planned. A subsequent segment showed what appeared to have been the attack.

Ansar al-Sunnah shares the anti-Western, Quranic rhetoric of Islamic extremist groups like al-Qaida, but has confined its fight to Iraq and has not actively recruited foreign fighters.

# Army will rely on older personnel carriers

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army, beset with complaints that its troops are going into combat in inadequately armored Humvees, will send an older and less used class of armored personnel carriers to Iraq after spending \$84 million to add armor to them.

These vehicles, both veteran warhorses, are the M13/A3 and M151, which have been in the M577 command post carrier. Both will be tougher and safer than newly armored Humvees.

Army officials who pushed hard over the last two years for getting the M113 into duty in Iraq said it was more useful, cheaper and easier to transport than the Army's new wheeled Stryker armored vehicle, which also is in use in Iraq.

The Army and Defense Secre-

tary Donald H. Rumsfeld found themselves at the center of a firestorm last month over the pace of adding armor to the Humvee, a small transport vehicle that's been pressed into service in Iraq as a combat vehicle. Critics have charged that even with armor the Humvee is too easily destroyed by rocket-propelled grenades and improvised explosive devices.

An Army representative, who didn't want to be identified, said Monday that \$84 million was being spent to add armor to 734 M113/A3s and M577s.

For the M113s, that includes hardened steel side armor, a "slat armor" cage that bolts to the side armor and protects against RPGs, anti-mine armor on the bottom and a new transparent, bulletproof gun shield on the top that vastly improves gunners' vision.

The M577, nicknamed the

"high-top shoe" for its tall, ungainly silhouette, will get only slat armor and anti-mine armor. Its high sides can't take the steel armor without making the vehicle unstable and even more liable to roll over.

The "slat-type" armor essentially is a metal cage designed to detonate RPGs before they breach the steel armor and the light aluminum wall. Similar slat armor has been added to the Stryker vehicle.

The armor kits will be produced in the United States, the Army representative said, and installed in Kuwait.

The representative said the M113 upgrade was requested by Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz, the ground commander in Iraq, and approved by Gen. George Casey, the commander of multinational forces in Iraq.

The M113 typically carries a driver, a commander and 11 in-

fantry soldiers. It can be fitted with a .50-caliber machine gun or a Mk113 40 mm grenade launcher. The M113/A3 version, introduced in 1987, has a bigger turbo-charged diesel engine, an improved transmission, steering and braking package, and inside liners to suppress spall, the superheated molten metal produced by RPG and tank-round hits. It has a range of 300 miles and a road speed of more than 40 mph. It also can swim.

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# Bush pushes states to give to faith-based organizations

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has succeeded in opening the checkbooks of five federal departments to religious organizations. Now he's setting his sights on money doled out by the states.

The goal is to persuade states to funnel more of the federal money for social service programs that they administer to faith-based organizations.

Federal regulations now allow federal agencies to directly fund churches and other religious groups. Bush acted alone to rewrite these regulations after failing to persuade Congress to change the law.

Partly as a result, in 2003, groups dubbed "faith-based" received \$1.17 billion in grants from federal agencies, according to documents provided by the White House to The Associated Press. That was about 8 percent of the \$14.5 billion spent on social programs that qualify for faith-based grants in five federal departments.

That's not enough, said Jim Towey, director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. An additional \$40 billion in federal money is given out by state governments, he said, and many states do not realize that federal rules now allow them to fund these organizations.

# Laser incident may be prank

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A laser beam aimed at a Chicago-bound jet may have been a prank, FBI officials said Monday, adding that terrorism has been ruled out.

The flight crew of a United Airlines flight to O'Hare International Airport from Nashville reported seeing a green laser beam Sunday night shortly after the plane took off, said Lynne Lawrence of the Nashville International Airport.

The flight, which had about 30 people on board, landed

safely in Chicago. The airport property was canvassed and nothing suspicious was found.

"We know that there wasn't any terrorism involved and it possibly could have been someone playing a prank," said Doug Riggins of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force.

The Transportation Security Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration, which are also investigating, declined to give further details. Federal agents are looking into similar incidents involving lasers and aircraft.

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# Death won't stop town's celebration with muskets

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A teenager was killed during a rural town's New Year's tradition of firing vintage black-powder muskets into the air, but town officials declared Monday that the centuries-old ritual would continue to be celebrated.

During the revelry early Saturday, a rifle exploded and

pieces of the barrel struck 18-year-old Matthew K. Shook in the side of the head.

"There's no effort in place here to end the practice," Mayor Bob Austell said in a telephone interview. "This is something that's been going on in Cherryville for more than 200 years. We have grandsons firing off muskets that once be-

longed to their grandfathers." Austell conceded, however, it was time to review safety standards for the "New Year's Shoot" in Cherryville, a town of 5,400.

"Perhaps it's a good time for us to highlight safety again and make sure every shooter has safety on their mind," he said. The tradition has been

traced to the mid-1700s, when German settlers would fire their weapons as a kind of "good-luck wish." In Cherryville's celebration, groups of shooters visit dozens of homes and fire black powder from their muskets at every stop.

Shook was outside a party in the nearby town of Dallas when a black-powder rifle, in-

stead of firing, exploded in his hands, police said. His death was ruled an accident.

Jeff Isenhour, assistant chief police in Gaston County, said Shook's death was the first he's heard of in connection with the event. "I don't think this will cause much of a change because it has been going on for so long," he said.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Interstate rollover claims one victim

**BURLEY** — One person died and another was seriously injured in a one-vehicle rollover late Monday afternoon on Interstate 84 eight miles west of Burley.

Nery Ramirez-Sanchez, 34, of Jerome, was driving eastbound in a 1989 Ford Aerostar when he lost control of the vehicle and overturned, rolling off the south side of the eastbound lane, according to Idaho State Police.

Ramirez-Sanchez was partially ejected and pinned beneath the vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

A 6-year-old who was in the vehicle was thrown through the front window and pinned beneath the hood of the vehicle. He was extricated and transported by air ambulance to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Initial investigations indicated that neither person in the car was wearing a seatbelt, and alcohol was a factor in the crash, according to ISP.

The eastbound lane of the interstate was closed for more than an hour while officials investigated the accident.

**Twin Falls gets refund of about \$80,000**  
**TWIN FALLS** — Under an incentive plan to save Twin Falls money, the company that runs the city's sewage treatment plant, CH2M, is refunding about \$80,000 to the city because of cost efficiencies.

Employee savings, as well as less money spent on electricity and chemicals to run the plant, resulted in about \$99,000 in savings. The company has an agreement with the city that allows it to keep 20 percent of the savings while returning 75 percent to the city.

In addition, if the company overspends its repair budget, the city pays 80 percent of the cost and CH2M pays 20 percent.

The savings as well as the extra repair work added up to the city getting the \$80,000.

### T.F. man faces five felonies in theft case

**TWIN FALLS** — Police have charged a 25-year-old man with five felonies in connection with a stolen car and stolen property. Jeremy Chardon, of Twin Falls, was arrested after a brief chase Monday around noon, said Staff Sgt. Matthew Hicks of the Twin Falls Police Department.

The daughter of a woman whose 1986 Crown Victoria was stolen spotted the car in the Kimberly Road/Eastland Drive area. An officer pursued the driver, later identified as Chardon, who later tried to flee on foot, Hicks said.

Chardon faces three charges related to Monday's incident: possession of stolen property, possession of a stolen truck and vehicle burglary, all felonies.

He also faces two other theft charges for items found on his possession that may have been in another stolen vehicle, Hicks said.

### Workshop planned for rec center expansion

**JEROME** — The public is invited to a workshop to discuss expansion of the recreation center in Jerome.

The meeting, held by the Jerome Recreation District Board, begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Jerome Recreation Center, 2032 S. Lincoln.

Discussion will focus on funding proposals for expansion of the recreation center. For more information, call 324-3389.

— compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Aug.	% of Jan. 3
Salmon	77%	32%
Big Wood	89%	36%
Little Wood	98%	40%
Big Lost	93%	37%
Little Lost	85%	37%
Henry's Fork/Teton	82%	36%
Upper Snake Basin	81%	35%
Oakley	100%	40%
Salmon Falls	99%	40%

# Man charged with rape, kidnapping

The Times-News

**FILER** — Prosecutors have filed charges against a man police say raped and kidnapped his girlfriend, threatening her life if she complained to authorities.

Christopher C. Chouinard, 40, of Kimberly, made an initial appearance in 5th District Magistrate Court Monday on felony counts of rape and kidnapping in connection with an incident in September.

Family of the alleged victim contacted investigators that

month, telling them that Chouinard moved in with the woman over her objections and had "taken over her life," according to an affidavit written by Detective Becky White of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

When investigators spoke with the alleged victim, she appeared extremely afraid that Chouinard would be fearful of the conversation.

Initially, citing fear for her life, the woman would not offer details of the alleged abuse, saying

only that Chouinard had hit her, held her against her will, threatened her life and damaged her personal property, according to the affidavit.

The woman told investigators that Chouinard told her he had "got away with" killing his wife and that he might do the same to her, the affidavit says.

The alleged victim left the area for a while, but when she returned, police say, Chouinard moved back in against her wishes and continued his behavior.

In December, investigators

spoke again with the woman, this time getting details of an incident in which she said Chouinard held her against her will.

Chouinard, she said, was upset with her for getting home late one day in September and made her stay in her bedroom. He remained in the room with her, preventing her from leaving, assaulting her if she tried and, police say, raping her using fear and intimidation.

Investigators have names of other women whom they be-

lieve may have been subject to similar treatment by Chouinard.

The other alleged victims may be willing to speak about Chouinard because there "appears to be an extreme fear common to all of these women that Chouinard will kill them," Detective White wrote in the affidavit.

Chouinard was arrested on Dec. 30 and booked into the Twin Falls County Jail.

His preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 14. Bond was set at \$500,000.

## TAKING THE OATH



Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerald F. Schroeder, left, swears in the newest member of the Idaho Supreme Court, former Idaho State Attorney General Jim Jones, center, while Jones' daughter, Katherine Jones, holds the Bible at the Supreme Court building Monday in downtown Boise.

## Eden native joins Idaho Supreme Court

The Associated Press

**BOISE** — Former Attorney General Jim Jones took the oath of office Monday as Idaho's newest Supreme Court Justice, bringing to the court a history of battling racism and big oil companies.

The 62-year-old, who originally is from Eden, ran an unopposed campaign for the nonpartisan seat on Idaho's highest court. He succeeds retiring Justice Wayne Kidwell.

At Monday's swearing-in ceremony, Jones said it was only natural that he follow in Kidwell's footsteps. In 1964, Jones applied for a job with then-Sen.

Len B. Jordan. He didn't get the job, but found out it went to another lawyer — Wayne Kidwell. "So when Wayne decided that he was going to get out of the court and get into photography and do something he really enjoyed, it was only natural that I sign up for it," Jones said.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne lauded Jones' service in Vietnam, his term as attorney general and his legal work in water and natural resource issues.

"Even though that was a few years ago, can anyone suggest that water and the natural resource issues are not still important to what we as a state must deal with?" Kempthorne

said. "All of the experience of this man's career I think greatly equip him to now join his colleagues and serve extremely well."

Jones was raised on a Jerome County farm and graduated with a law degree from Northwestern University.

After volunteering for combat duty in Vietnam, he eventually did get a job with Sen. Jordan, a Republican, in Washington, D.C., for three years beginning in 1970.

He was unsuccessful at running for Congress in 1974 but won Idaho's Attorney General office in 1983 and served until 1991, when he returned to private law practice.

During his tenure as Attorney General, Jones had several conflicts with the petroleum industry.

In his first term in office, Jones wrote a strong letter to gas companies about suspected price fixing in Idaho, where gas has always been more expensive than surrounding states. He also released the letter to the news media.

He also helped work on Idaho's landmark anti-malicious harassment legislation, along with then-legislative leader Phil Batt, who later served as governor. His efforts won him the Torch of Liberty award from the B'nai B'rith in 1997.

## Soldiers bring in New Year with BSU football

The Times-News

**KIRKJUK** — New Year's Eve and football just seem to go together, even thousands of miles away in northern Iraq.

Soldiers with the 116th Brigade Combat Team brought in the new year watching their home team compete in the Liberty Bowl via satellite inside their dining hall at forward operating base Warrior.

Of course, the time difference meant soldiers saw the kickoff at 1:30 p.m. New Year's Eve, just before ringing in the new year.

More than 200 Idaho soldiers enjoyed the gripping close game between the Boise State University Broncos and the Louisville Cardinals on three big screen televisions while munching on traditional football delicacies such as buffalo wings and chips. Most of them hung in there until the final play at 3 in the morning, said Capt. Monte Hilbert, public affairs officer for the 116th in an e-mail to The Times-News.

The dining hall was decked out in BSU orange and blue and the facility's chefs baked a special oval-sized cake with the Broncos team logo on it for the event, Hilbert said.

"I'm a big football fan," said Sgt. Andrew Baldwin, a security detail soldier for the 145th Forward Support Battalion from Pocatello. "It's great they're able to get this to us."

Many soldiers came to the game as an indirect way to thank the team for supporting the brigade, Hilbert said.

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## 116th conducts its first medical assistance visit

### New clinic opens south of Kirkuk

The Times-News

**KIRKJUK** — Soldiers of the 116th Brigade Medical Team conducted their first medical assistance visit in Lower Jawala Dec. 28, according to a news release from Lt. Col. George Petrie, a magistrate judge from Emmett.

Lower Jawala is about 20 miles southwest of Kirkuk. Physicians, physician assistants and medics from the 116th Brigade Combat Team and their counterparts from the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division teamed up with the Kirkuk Hospital and the Iraqi National Guard Medical Platoon to provide free health care to more

than 150 people. The stated mission was to improve the health of the local populace, provide feedback to the Ministry of Health, and to establish and strengthen the towns' future health care capability," the news release said.

The day-long mission began with a motor convoy to the village. Upon arrival, civil affairs soldiers notified local people about health care availability. Soon men, women and children were lining up. Ever present Iraqi interpreters assisted with patient check-in and communication with medical providers. The team also distributed needed medications at no charge. Outside the clinic area, dental hygiene products were given out while children received toys from the medical team, the news release said.

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Major Frank Batcha, a surgeon with the 116th Brigade Medical Team, performs an examination of an Iraqi child in the village of Lower Jawala while the child's father looks on. Batcha has a medical practice in Halley.

## Officials: Don't forget about local relief efforts

By Rebecca Moany  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The outpouring of support for victims of the disastrous tsunami are sure to ease some of the grief in Asia, but local relief officials are reminding people that money is still needed at home.

"There are ongoing disasters in Idaho every day," said Amy Bateman, public affairs director for the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho.

Bateman acknowledged the generous offers coming in from the American public to the Red Cross — \$43.7 million as of Dec. 30 — for tsunami relief efforts.

"We encourage them to support it; it's wonderful," she said. She suggested, however, that 50 percent of people's checks be written for local emergency relief efforts — the other half going to tsunami relief.

"The Red Cross is on-call 24/7 to provide relief," she said. "During the winter, we're most active (responding) to single-family home fires."

Other local disasters can include storms and power outages wherein the Red Cross must set up shelters and provide food for the displaced.

"You don't know where it's going to hit and you don't know when," Bateman said.

Relief agencies have to be prepared with money in store in case of a disaster.

Those wishing to donate to a particular area can write on the memo line of their checks where they'd like their money to go, Bateman said.

Money marked for tsunami relief is sent to the American Red Cross' national headquarters, then on to the international relief fund, she said.

Other options are available for those who want their money to go to tsunami relief efforts in Asia.

Shoppers at the Costco store at 731 Polo Ave. in Twin Falls can add any amount to their purchase during checkout.

"That money will be given to the American Red Cross," U.S. Bank has set up accounts with the American Red Cross International Response Fund.

Donations may be made at any U.S. Bank branch or by Please see RELIEF, Page B3

### Options for donations to relief efforts:

- American Red Cross of Greater Idaho: Checks may be sent to 1139 Falls Ave., Suite B, Twin Falls, ID 83301. For questions, call 733-6464.
- U.S. Bank has set up accounts with the American Red Cross International Response Fund. Donations may be made at any U.S. Bank branch or by calling 1-800-USABANKS.
- LDS Church members: others can donate to the humanitarian fund of the Church through their local wards or by sending money to: Humanitarian Aid Fund, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84143 or by calling (801) 240-3544. Donations also may be made online at [www.lds.org/humanitarian](http://www.lds.org/humanitarian).
- The Salvation Army is accepting donations online at [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org) or by phone at 1-800-SALARMY.



## MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

# Jury finds grandmother charged with snatching toddler innocent by insanity

BOISE (AP) — A woman accused of snatching her 19-month-old granddaughter and drowning the child in the Snake River in Idaho was found innocent of kidnapping by reason of insanity Monday.

Kelley Jean Lodmell still faces kidnapping and first-degree murder charges in Bonneville County, Idaho. Prosecutors say she took young Acadia Blahop from her Salt Lake City home in May 2003, fleeing with the baby to Idaho Falls and jumping with the child into the Snake River.

Though Lodmell, then 39, climbed back out of the swift water near the Idaho Power Plant, the child's body was never found.

Lodmell knew her actions were wrong, said U.S. District Judge Dale A. Kimball. But experts for both the defense and the prosecution agreed she suffered from mental illness, most likely schizophrenia.

"As a result, the defendant was unable to appreciate the nature and quality of her actions at the time of the kidnapping," said Judge Kimball.

"As such, the defendant was not criminally responsible for her acts at the time of the offense," he said. Melodie Rydahl, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office in Utah, said federal prosecutors will ask the judge to commit Lodmell to a mental health facility as a danger to the public. A hearing on the matter is scheduled for Feb. 11.

The prosecutor for the murder and kidnapping case in Idaho said he would wait to see what happens before moving forward with the trial.

"Our main objective in this

case is to ensure that the defendant is held in custody," said Bonneville County Prosecutor David D. Smith. "There is no statute of limitations on murder."

If the federal judge agrees that Lodmell should be committed, she would be held until she could prove that she was not a danger to society, Rydahl said.

"It's not necessarily for life, but could potentially be. We're confident that the record in this case will support a commitment for a substantial length of time," she said.

Though Lodmell was not allowed to be alone with Acadia, she allegedly was able to grab the child from the home of grandparents Linda and Dick Lodmell while the great-grandparents were babysitting. Kelley Lodmell later allegedly told investigators that she first planned to kill the great-grandchildren, jumped in the river with Acadia in a murder-suicide attempt.

## OBITUARIES

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### Clyde F. Osborne



Clyde F. Osborne, 91, of Gooding, passed away Jan. 1, 2005, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Clyde was born Nov. 21, 1913, to Allen C. and Flora G. Mink Osborne at Soldier Creek, Idaho. He attended school in Fairfield, moving with the family to Jerome. He later moved back to Fairfield where he met Barbara M. Howard.

They were married on Nov. 5, 1932, and moved to Gooding where they started their life together. They moved back to Fairfield in 1938 where he was in business until 1943.

The family moved to Gooding, purchasing a farm north of town where they farmed until 1958.

After selling the farm, he purchased the Riverside Dairy in Gooding, where he later named the Dairy "N." Along

with the cafe, Clyde installed the first laundromat and car wash in Gooding. Due to health reasons he retired in 1961. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Gooding.

Clyde is survived by his wife, Barbara of 72 years; sons, Allen

(Bonita) of Twin Falls and Gary (Lucy) of Gooding; daughter, Linda (Gene) Stoddard of Idaho Falls; eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; and 12 nieces and nine nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, grandson, two great-grandchildren, three sisters and two brothers.

Clyde will be remembered for his love of life.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2005, at the First Christian Church in Gooding with the Rev. Harold Hake and the Rev. Andy Morris officiating.

A viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a favorite charity.

### Marvin D. Kimbrough



Marvin D. Kimbrough, 71, of Kimberly, Idaho, passed away on Jan. 1, 2005, at home with his family by his side.

Marvin was born May 16, 1933, in Buhl, Idaho, the son of Ernest D. and Nada L. Phillips Kimbrough. He grew up and attended schools in Jerome, until he left to serve in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft mechanic during the Korean War. During his service to his country, he received five service medals.

Upon his return home, he met his wife, Lola Betty, and they were married on May 28, 1954. Marvin went on and attended college to become a machinist and a welding fabricator.

Marvin built house trailers and charivari. He moved to Fort Hall and opened a lumber store while long-haul trucking. He retired in 1996 and re-

turned to the Twin Falls area. Marvin was a member of the Magic Valley Gem Club.

He also enjoyed working with his wife at home on all kinds of lapidary work.

Surviving Marvin is his wife, Lola Kimbrough of Kimberly, Idaho; children, Alan Kim-

brough of Pocatello, Susan Sandoval of Blackfoot, Marilyn Madrid of Buhl, Larry Kimbrough of Twin Falls, 24 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; his mother, Nada Kimbrough; and two sisters, Darlene Johnson and Nadene (Mayer) Gillespie.

His father, Ernest D. Kimbrough; and brother, Clifford Kimbrough, preceded him in death.

A funeral for Marvin will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, at the Twin Falls Seventh Day Adventist Church, 131 Grandview Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho. Interment will be held following the service at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Johnnie Jones of Pocatello, funeral at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Faith C. Johnson of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 3:30 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Fu-



### Nellie Hollenback

Nellie Hollenback, 90, of Fairfield, passed away Thursday, Dec. 30th, in Wendell at the Magic Valley Manor.

She was born Oct. 22, 1914, on the Camas Prairie to Perry and Florence Gaskill. She attended school at the Elk Creek and Fairfield schools.

She married Russel "Whitley" Hollenback on Jan. 21, 1936.

They had two daughters, Florence Marie (April 20, 1938) and Frances Elise (April 7, 1941).

Nellie enjoyed quilting, embroidery and working in her yard.

One of the family has benefited from her beautiful work.

She is survived by three brothers, John (Bevelly)

Gaskill, Robert (Darlene) Gaskill and Charles Gaskill, and one sister, Almyra "Dolly" Fessenden; her daughter, Frances (Harvey) McCammon; eight grandchildren

### Erma Faye Jones

(Billy) Jones on Jan. 21, 1947. They had two sons, Thomas and Jerry. The family lived in the Gooding-Wendell area until Bill's death in 1982. She moved to Sunnyside, Wash., and lived with Jerry and his wife, Sue, for a year.

Erma returned to Gooding where she lived for the rest of her life.

Erma was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bill; her sister, Lois; and her brother, Bobby.

She is survived by her brother, Roger of San Leandro,

Patricia Metzger, Robin LaKamp, Layne Hall, Ervin Hall, Connie Bevelly, Diana Brady, Wendy and Mickey Dalin; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, one brother, her husband and her oldest daughter.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6th, in the Community Church, interment will follow at the Mountain View Cemetery, also in Fairfield.

A viewing for family and friends is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5th, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel, and from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Community Church in Fairfield.

A memorial service will be held for Erma at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, at Demaray's Wendell Chapel, 164 E. Main St. in Wendell, Idaho.

Thoughts and remembrances can be sent to Tom and Jerry Jones, P.O. Box 66, Glenns Ferry, ID 83647. The family request that no flowers be sent.

# Cold pills may move to pharmacy

## Some over-the-counter medications can be used to make illegal drugs

BOISE (AP) — Lawmakers are planning legislation that would require some cold medicines to be bought through a pharmacist, a move that would make Idaho the 30th state in the U.S. to pass such restrictions.

The legislation is an attempt to control substances used to manufacture the illegal drug methamphetamine.

Legislation Democratic Rep. Mike Mitchell is spearheading the legislation, meeting with potential supporters and law enforcement.

"Republican lawmakers say they'll support his effort, which could be introduced after the Legislature convenes Jan. 10.

In October, Oregon became the latest state to pass curbs on medicines such as Sudafed containing pseudoephedrine, a decongestant which methamphetamine makers use in home laboratories to make the highly addictive drug.

Proponents say the new law is needed to stop the rise of methamphetamine, identified by law enforcement officers in a recent survey as their No. 1 problem.

We need to do something about the availability of the ingredients that people buy to make meth," Mitchell said.

Methamphetamine use contributed to about 2,000

arrests in 2003, up 5 percent from 1998, according to Idaho State Police statistics.

Mitchell's plan would treat the cold medicines with pseudoephedrine as a type of controlled substance.

So instead of buying cold medicine off the shelf, shoppers would have to see a pharmacist or a pharmacy assistant, show photo ID and sign for the product.

It's similar to the requirement that's in place for products containing codeine.

Some details of Mitchell's legislation have to be worked out, including how to solve issues such as towns without overnight pharmacies to dispense the cold remedies.

And some people think the measures go too far, arguing that moving cold medicines from the shopping aisles to behind the pharmacist's counter would take up too much room.

Nampa pharmacist Vic Allen supports restrictions on cold remedies that include pseudoephedrine as the sole ingredient, but said that including medicines that also have other ingredients may go too far.

"You're talking about taking a 3-foot section of my store out of the front and putting it in back," Allen said.

Convenience store owners would have to remove the items from their shelves entirely, but owners say they don't see enough cold medicine to meet demands of illegal meth laboratories.

Still, supporters say that if a measure is passed, law enforcement could relieve pharmacy records for medicine-buyers to find those who may be hoarding pseudoephedrine.

Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who in 1999 backed mandatory prison terms for meth makers, hasn't said if he will support such legislation. Aides said the issue could be discussed when the governor gives his State of the State address next Monday.

State police say methamphetamine is becoming the drug of choice.

He thinks putting restrictions on methamphetamine ingredients could be a way to stop small laboratories that people set up in their bathrooms in their homes.

Republican Rep. Bob Ring of Caldwell, a retired doctor, is also backing Mitchell's proposal.

"We're not going to eliminate meth, but it is a huge problem, particularly in Canyon County and southwestern Idaho," said Ring. "If we can cut the supply a little, it would help."

## DEATH NOTICES

### Marion W. Wilson

BURLEY — Marion Wilford Wilson, an 88-year-old resident of Burley, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at Rosetta Assisted Living. Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1550 E. 16th St., Burley.

### Henry 'Hank' Howard

BLISS — Henry "Hank" Howard, age 97, of Bliss, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at his residence. Arrangements will be made by Demaray Funeral Chapel, Gooding.

### LaVarr Hansen

TWIN FALLS — LaVarr Hansen, 89, of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at Sunrise Care Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be made by Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

### Robert Joseph Simmitt

POCATELLO — Robert Joseph Simmitt, 65, of Pocatello and formerly of Burley, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004, at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, following a five-month recovery from heart surgery in July 2004.

A funeral was held Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Tyhee LDS Ward, 12146 W. Tyhee Road, Pocatello. Bishop Robert L. Coray officiated. Burial was at Mt. View Cemetery in Pocatello.

### Sharon Kay Ulrich

PAUL — Sharon Kay Ulrich of Paul, died Jan. 1, 2005, in McCall, Idaho.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 2005, at Elk Creek Baptist Church in McCall.

A full obituary will appear in a later edition.

### Katherine A. Yelverton

BURLEY — Katherine A. Yelverton, an 83-year-old resident of Burley, formerly of Long Beach and Yreka, Calif., died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Her cremation was at cremation. No formal service will be held locally. Burial will be held in Yreka, Calif. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1550 E. 16th St., Burley.

### Don Earl Sneed

TWIN FALLS — Don Earl Sneed, 83, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.

## SERVICES

Barbara Faye Piercy Reed of Filer, celebration of life at 10 a.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; reception will follow in the conference room at the funeral home.

Johnnie Jones of Pocatello, funeral at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Faith C. Johnson of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 3:30 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Fu-

neral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, with a graveside service to follow at Twin Falls Cemetery.

Max M. McCaslin of Hazelton, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the Payne Mortuary.

Richard "Dick" Dale Beeson of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel

in Twin Falls.

Hazel Margaret Yates of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Robson Bonnicksen of College Station, Texas, and formerly of Filer, memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Tigris Christian Church, 13405 SW Hall Blvd. in Tigris, Ore. (Bonnicksen-Reynolds Funeral Home, Bend, Ore.)

# Los Angeles gets rain, snow from latest storm

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rain-soaked California got even wetter Monday as another storm dumped heavy snow in the mountains and shut down a 40-mile stretch of the state's major north-south highway.

Roadway flooding turned Southern California's morning commute into a white-knuckle obstacle course, while the mountain peaks and meadows of Los Angeles were capped with white.

About 2 feet of snow fell in the San Pass north of Los Angeles, stranding some drivers and shutting down a section of Interstate 5. It was not clear when the pass would reopen.

The heavy slippery rainwater singh told KTLA-TV "We didn't know it was going to be snowing. We were kind of stuck."

The storm swamped Beverly Hills and Malibu, which reported 2 major mudslides of rain, respectively, the NWS said.

One man died in the San Fer-

nando Valley when his car went off a road and hit a palm tree and another man was killed in Pomona when he tried to run across the freeway and was struck by two vehicles.

In Colton, near Santa Barbara, surging high tides washed away tons of sand deposited last year as part of a \$2 million preservation project. Most of the 80,000 cubic yards of sand was on a beach to help curb erosion has been swept away, leaving a jagged wall of sand and dirt, forcing officials to close part of the coastline to a safety precaution.

California has been battered over the past week by storms that have caused widespread street flooding and provided enough snow to keep skiers happy. More storms are expected later in the week.

Although the ground has been saturated, there were no reports of major mudslides or other problems in parts of Southern California that were

devastated by wildfires in 2003. Average yearly rainfall totals, measured from July 1 to June 30, have already been surpassed in some areas. Los Angeles has received 15.4 inches of rain since July 1, compared to a yearly average of 14.7 inches, the National Weather Service reported. Last year's rainy season brought 9.2 inches to Los Angeles.

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Single day records have either been shattered or broken at some California cities over the past couple of months. Rain totals are well ahead of last year's figures but forecasters said the drizzling will likely not mark an end to the state's long-term drought.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Wal-Mart sees rise in same-store sales

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. expects to report 3 percent growth in same-store sales for December after sales for the past weekend came in above the retailer's internal plan.

Sales of food and general merchandise also were above plan last week, the world's largest retailer said Monday. Wal-Mart's Magic Valley stores are in Burley and Jerome, and the chain is negotiating for land in Twin Falls.

Sales in the Midwest were strongest for the week, and gift card redemption during the week rose significantly from last year. Average ticket drove last week's gains in same-store sales, which generally refer to sales at stores open at least a year.

Bentonville-based Wal-Mart plans to report sales results for the five weeks from Nov. 27 through Dec. 31 on Thursday.

### Magic Valley Leads Group will meet

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Leads Group — a business networking organization — will meet at 7 a.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's conference room, at 858 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

To attend, contact Jill Sherman at 733-5677 or jllsherman@yahoo.com.

### Investors tread carefully; stocks slip

NEW YORK — Wall Street began 2005 with a loss Monday as investors moved up portfolios and abandoned risky positions taken during the post-election rally. The drop came despite falling oil prices and a better-than-expected sales forecast from Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

While the stock market has usually opened the new year with a buying spree, investors were looking for large gains with solid balance sheets over small-caps and more speculative bets. Analysts said Wal-Mart's customary new year buying could have been accelerated into 2004 by the market rally in November and December.

"Usually, you see a lot more speculative trading to start the new year...with all the new money coming in," said Jack Abbin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank in Chicago. "But here, you're seeing big moves to quality, large-cap stocks. I think there's a realization that these stocks are attractively priced."

As investors sold off stocks, they overlooked a sharp drop in oil futures, triggered by mild weather in the Northeast and reports of increased crude production. The drop could be good news for consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of the nation's economy. A barrel of light crude was quoted at \$42.13, down \$1.32, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell \$3.58, or 0.5 percent, to 10,729.43.

Broader stock indicators fell sharply. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 5.84, or 0.81 percent, at 1,202.03, and the Nasdaq composite index tumbled 23.29, or 1.07 percent, to 2,152.15.

—compiled from staff and wire reports

## Web sites let you swap gift cards

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The gift card — that little, plastic solution to keep friends and family out of return lines — doesn't always serve as the ideal present.

Responding to consumers who don't want to buy themselves another sweater or fancy steak dinner, Internet businesses have sprung up, allowing people to sell or swap unwanted gift cards.

"It's not great," asked Mike Kelly, vice president of SwapGift.com. "The market will create exactly the mechanism it needs to correct any problem."

He and his wife, Mary Jane, created the Langhorne, Pa.-based Web business SwapGift.com last fall, after realizing they had about a dozen gift cards they weren't using. They decided to create a place where people could trade in the cards they didn't want, or receive some cash back for them.

"They're not the only ones with the idea. The online giant eBay Inc. had more than 7,500 gift cards and certificates listed for sale or auction during a recent check," The eBay site doesn't allow bartering.

The St. Louis-based business CardAvenue.com launched in October. CEO Bob Butler said people need to realize that their unused gift cards amount to wasted money, but they can benefit if they sell or trade them. "Even if it's \$5 or \$10, they should do something with it," he said.

Kelly said he's heard from customers who were pleased to have an option to shed their cards — like the man who received a \$100 card to a women's lingerie store. Another man who used the service suffered a rejected marriage proposal and ended up with store credit on a gift card for a \$3,500 engagement ring.

Hugh Burgin of Denver bought a \$25 Target gift card off CardAvenue for \$17. He said even an \$8 savings was worth it. "If you're going to spend the money you might as well save a few dollars," he said.

While some gift cards decline in value over time, Internet businesses have measures in place to ensure that people get what's being offered. For instance, CardAvenue requires that gift card owners include the toll-free number for their card and that sellers check the balance before offering it to others.

And San Jose, Calif.-based eBay will not allow the sale of gift cards valued at more than \$500; the gift card must be in the seller's hands before it can be listed and only one gift card can be listed per seller per week, said spokeswoman Heidi Duray.

The Internet businesses make their money in different ways. SwapGift charges a \$3.99 flat fee to list a gift card for sale or swap. Or that business will buy a gift card from a seller for 70 percent of its face value and offer it for resale.

CardAvenue charges a 6.25 percent fee from the seller and a 50 cent closing fee only if a sale or trade is completed. If the card doesn't attract a new owner, the seller isn't out any money.

The eBay gift cards sell like other items on the Web site, with a listing fee ranging from 30 cents to \$4.00 and a final value fee, based on a sliding scale from 5.25 percent to 1.50 percent.



Bob Butler, CEO of St. Louis based CardAvenue.com, holds a collection of gift cards while seated in his office Dec. 30. The gift cards can be traded or sold on Butlers site and other sites on the Internet.

CardAvenue and SwapGift said interest is increasing as word spreads, and there's no question about the popularity of the gift cards. The National Retail Federation, the world's largest retail trade association, said consumers planned to spend more than \$17 billion on gift cards this holiday season.

Spokeswoman Ellen Tolley said the federation didn't have a position about the Internet reselling of gift cards, but pointed out that retailers do, in fact, want customers to use their gift cards.

For one, retailers typically do not record a sale as made until the gift card is redeemed. And, she said, gift cards provide a good way for a store to introduce itself to consumers or to boost spending.

"Retailers hope is that people will redeem the gift card, and spend a little extra," she said.

## Walgreen Co. quarterly earnings jump 31 percent

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Walgreen Co., the largest U.S. drugstore chain, reported its highest quarterly earnings increase in four years Monday, a 31 percent jump that underscores the continuing strength of its prescription-drug business despite a rising threat from mail-order competitors.

Walgreen, which operates a Twin Falls store, also cited a strong customer reception to its push on digital photo printing, with early sales more than offsetting the heavy costs of converting its photo labs.

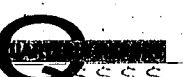
The better-than-expected results from the fiscal first quarter sent Walgreen's stock price surging to its highest level since 2002.

Net earnings for the September-through-November quarter were \$332.7 million, or 32 cents per share, up from \$254.9 million, or 25 cents per share, in the same period a year earlier.

Excluding a pretax gain of \$15 million from litigation settlements, earnings were 31 cents per share, or 2 cents higher than the consensus estimate of analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

Revenues increased 13.4 percent to \$9.9 billion from \$8.7 billion — Prescription — sales, which accounted for 65 percent of company sales, climbed 14.4 percent while prescription sales in comparable stores rose 11.1 percent.

Walgreen opened 111 stores in the first quarter and plans to open about 450 stores during fiscal 2005, for a net increase after closings and relocations of about 365 stores. The company operates about 4,700 drugstores in 44 states and Puerto Rico.



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## Reports say Delta Air Lines will slash fares

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — A simpler, cheaper air fare schedule is reportedly coming to Delta Air Lines Inc. a move that could lure back customers to an airline struggling to avoid bankruptcy.

Delta is planning to replicate nationwide a fare-cutting plan called SimpliFares it has been testing since August in Cincinnati, leaving some flights 60 percent cheaper than before, according to a report in Time magazine.

The Atlanta-based airline would not confirm or refute the report Monday, but airline industry analysts said they expected the change, and one travel agent was already booking flights at lower fares. Delta's

Salt Lake City hub is air travelers' only nonstop destination from the Twin Falls airport.

The changes wouldn't mean cheaper flights for everybody. The main change would be a streamlined fare schedule to reduce sometimes-great fluctuations in what different fares pay. Included in the changes would be elimination of the unpopular Saturday-slay

requirements and cheaper fares for last-minute fliers, so the biggest savings would likely be felt by business travelers.

The airline also plans to have ticket change fees from \$100 to \$50. Time said, international flights would reportedly be unaffected.

The moves would make Delta, the nation's No. 3 airline, Please see DELTA, Page C2

## COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

HOISE — Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these—Mugie-Inchillings:

### Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

John D. Wagstaff and Sandra R. Wagstaff, 890 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-42612.

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

William R. Stokes and Christy A. Stokes, 805 Second St., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-42684.

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

James M. DeVore, 360 Spruce, No. 6, Kerchman, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-42678.

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

Michelle L. Wright, 510 W. Fourth St., Shoshone, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 100-129 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-42676.

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

Owen Lewis Follis and Elizabeth A. Follis, 215 Fifth Ave. W., Wendell, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-42681.

### Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000

Albert J. Bell and Martha Bell, 603 Pacific Ave., Boise, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-42682.

### Chapter 7, business, under \$50,000

Matthew T. Egan, 1101 Colorado St., Idaho Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-42691.

### Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Patricia J. Fahrenholz, 128 Harrison St., Idaho Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 1-15 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 04-42693.

### Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Gordon L. Bennett and Joan A. Bennett, 3500 N. 15th E., Idaho Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-42694.

### Walgreen cashes in

Walgreen Co. reported a 31 percent increase in earnings on sharply higher revenue in the September-through-November quarter.

### Quarterly net income



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## For prosperous new year, set up an emergency savings account

NEW YORK — One of the best new year's resolutions you can make is to set up a savings account for emergencies.

"If you have a situation with a need for cash—a job loss, an unexpected illness or even having to replace a major appliance in your home—you can throw you off," said Sophie Beckmann, a financial planner with A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis. "An emergency fund can get you through the rough period."

Setting up a rainy day account may seem like a logical thing to do, but a surprisingly large number of consumers haven't done so.

In a recent survey conducted for A.G. Edwards, nearly three-quarters of consumers said their top concern was not having



ON THE MONEY  
Eileen Alt Powell

enough cash on hand to deal with an emergency, such as a job loss or unexpected home repair. Yet when asked about their financial holdings, they mentioned retirement accounts and insurance—but not emergency funds.

"There's a disconnect there," Beckmann said. "They're concerned, but not doing much about it."

But Eileen Alt Powell, a financial planner in Fairfax, Va., believes that "the lesson of 9/11, which left many people without jobs for a sustained period, is that you may need to cover 12 months of spending."

That may seem like a daunting amount to try to save, but as Edelman put it: "How do you eat

an elephant? One bite at a time."

The key is to start setting aside some money from every paycheck until you've reached your goal.

"Many consumers argue that they can't get going because of credit card debt. But Edelman counters that consumers who don't prepare for emergencies end up in even deeper credit card debt."

The car is going to break down, the roof is going to leak, your son is going to fall and break an elbow," he said. "You're either prepared to write that check or not. If not, you're going to fork out a credit card."

Edelman, author of "The Truth About Money," believes people need to make real lifestyle changes that involve

sharp cutbacks in spending to free up money so they can pay off their debts and begin to save. Greg McBride, senior financial analyst at BankSmart.com in North Palm Beach, Fla., said people shouldn't be scared off by the total they need to set aside for emergencies.

"The important thing is to start saving," he said. "Any cushion is better than no cushion at all."

He suggests consumers begin by estimating what their monthly expenses are, then earmarking a certain amount to set aside every month "so it becomes a habit."

Where should consumers put their money?

All of the experts emphasize that emergency funds should

be in safe place and readily available if needed.

That means consumers should consider opening savings accounts—such as money market deposit accounts at their local banks or credit unions. McBride added that the best interest is often available in online banks, such as ING Direct.

"If you're someone who's easily tempted, you want to put it somewhere that makes it somewhat difficult to get at," he said.

ATM or discourages you from writing checks for small amounts," he said.

Money market mutual funds are also a possibility, but they often have minimum deposit requirements and minimum withdrawals.











## MORNING BREAK

## Infants with hearing loss need therapy

**DEAR ABBY:** A professional nanny in Ohio agonized over whether to tell the mother of twins in her care that one of them might be hearing-impaired. You advised her to notify the mother immediately, and that the children's pediatrician should be told during their next scheduled visit.

I am a pediatrician with a special interest in deafness and a trustee at the Clarke School for the Deaf in Massachusetts. Although I agree with your advice that the nanny should speak to the infant's mother, please let your readers know that there is some urgency involved. Infants should be screened at birth. If deaf infants receive hearing aids and appropriate therapy before 6 months of age, they have a good chance at normal speech and language development.

After 1 year of age, the chances for normal development begin to diminish. If any caregiver suspects hearing loss in an infant, that child's hearing should be tested as soon as possible.



**DEAR ABBY:**  
Joanne Phillips

soon as possible.

**—CONCERNED PEDIATRICIAN,**  
NORTHAMPTON, MASS.  
**DEAR CONCERNED:** Thank you for your informative letter. I was not aware that the timing was critical. Read on:

**"DEAR ABBY:** I am the mother of two hearing-impaired children. I have struggled to get our government representatives to understand the value of early detection and push to make it a law for all newborns to be tested. However, until one of them is faced with disability, I'm sure nothing will be done."

Hearing impairment can be detected while the child is still in the womb, and Crib-o-Grams can detect the impairment be-

fore the child leaves the hospital. Time is essential to ensure good speech and a normal life. That nanny should urge the mother to notify the children's pediatrician immediately.

**—BEEN THERE, DONE THAT IN MICHIGAN,**  
DEAR B.T.D.T.: I'm sure that many parents will be interested to know that prenatal testing can be done. Thank you.

**DEAR ABBY:** My son was fitted with his first set of hearing aids at 4 months. He is now 20 and has none of the speech patterns associated with hearing impairment. He had a home-based tutor until he was almost 3 and then was enrolled in a federally funded preschool language program with the local school district. It was a god-send.

Please do that nanny, the parents and the child a huge favor and tell the mother to connect with your right away for a brain-stem hearing test. Don't wait for the child's first birthday. Children understand our words long before they can say words back to us.

**—MOM WHO HAS BEEN THERE**  
DEAR MOM: I have learned more from my readers than I could in a classroom.

**DEAR ABBY:** It is imperative that parents are aware of the fact that deafness is the most commonly overlooked disability. Parents also need to be aware of the deaf culture. Many deaf people, myself included, do not consider themselves disabled. If the twin is deaf or has some hearing loss, the parents and the nanny should make it a point to meet some deaf people in their community. They could best relate to the family and offer some excellent advice. Impaired is no longer as acceptable as it once was. Deaf, people should be referred to as "deaf" or "people who have hearing loss."

**—BRIANA IN WEST VIRGINIA,**  
DEAR BRIANA: I hear you loud and clear. I stand corrected.

## Big dreams go far, Aries

**IF JANUARY 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** The holidays may have put you in a playful frame of mind and it is easy to express affection. Romance could be the most important thing to cross your path in 2005 and you may be kicking up your heels like a teenager. Some important matters could take a turn for the better in March and August, but you shouldn't abandon your work ethic and allow yourself to become lazy. Keep your eyes trained on long-range benefits and expect fulfillment of certain dreams in October.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Big dreams and impressive ideas can take hold of your enthusiasms and much can be accomplished. Putting your know-how to work for a good cause may be an admirable use of your talents, but avoid starting anything critical right now.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You have a tendency to stick to the tried and true — and once you find what you enjoy you like to do it over and over again. Appeal to the frugal streak in others if you want to sell them something.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Deep passions are stirring today and romantic hours with that special someone are in the stars. Where money is concerned your critical eye can find the flaws that might spoil the results of investments or joint ventures.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** It is much too easy to get wrapped up in the negative and cry over spilled milk. Accentuate the positive where money is concerned and wear a brave face if you must. People will admire you for your strengths, not your weaknesses.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Enthusiasm and a desire to please are your match. Match has potential but requires friction, dedication and practice to be struck and create a useful glowing flame. Share your eagerness and light a fire beneath

HOROSCOPE  
Jeraldine Saunders

someone else's inspiration. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Others may wish to leap to put the ball in the basket and ask questions later. Keep your eye on the ball. Listen to that little voice that says important matters should be planned out carefully before taking irrevocable steps.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Strive to be tolerant of others' errors and faults. Stressing economy and thrift will bring you the best results, but those in contact with you may more concerned with getting the job done by any means possible.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Purposeful efforts can meet with approval from those who hold the purse strings. As long as you follow the rules and color within the lines, you can make headway in achieving your goals.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** It is advisable to curtail boisterous horsing around today or someone might throw a bucket of icy cold water your way.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You are well aware that power without control is dangerous. Be consistently so after what you want, but remember to abide by the rules. You are all business where your duties towards others are concerned.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Those castles in the air may not be a fantasy if you share your dreams with someone else. It isn't a time to invest your money but it is a good day to put all your cards on the table and be upfront about your desires.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Life is about maintaining a healthy balance. Act on your imaginative insights rather than frittering away valuable ideas and thoughts.

## Electronic equipment acts as a dust magnet

No, it's not your imagination — electronic equipment really does get dusty faster than other household furnishings. Dust gets drawn to electric and magnetic fields given off by TVs, stereos and computers. In fact, one of the reasons so many computers have been bugged, Apple Computers determined that beige was the best color for hiding dust, and other computer makers followed suit.

This day in history: Happy birthday, Jacob Grimm! While most famous for collecting



**RANDOM KINDS OF FACINESS**  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

fairly tales with his brother Wilhelm, Jacob — born on Jan. 4, 1785 — should also get credit for his greatest accomplishment: Inventing the word "umult."

Before cartoonist Gary Larson started drawing "The Far Side," he was a jazz guitarist who worked as an animal cruelty investigator for the Seattle Humane Society.

The president who threw out the most opening-day baseballs was Franklin Roosevelt, a British Poet Laureate serves for life. Since 1568, there have been only 19 of them. The United States Poet Laureate serves for only one term from July 1 to June 30. There have been 11 of them so far.

Those chemical ice packs are made of water and ammonium-nitrate fertilizer that react together to create a heat-absorbing endothermic reaction. The phenomenon is not a new one. Sometime around 1550, Italians discovered that mixing water with saltpeter (potassium nitrate) was a handy way to cool wine.

How do heavers decide where to bury their dams? They put them where the noise of moving water is the loudest.

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Thursday.....2 pm Wednesday  
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Saturday.....1 pm Friday

## 100 Announcements

## 200 Employment

## 300 Financial

## 400 Education

## 500 Real Estate for Sale

## 600 Real Estate Rentals

## 700 Agriculture

## 800 Merchandise

## 900 Recreation

## 1000 Transportation

## BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## LEGALS

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**  
Case No. CV-04-6011  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
In re: RICARDO REYES THOMPSON do.b. Nov. 22, 1988  
A Petition by Ricardo Reyes Thompson, born November 22, 1988 in Las Vegas, Nevada, now residing at 221 Jefferson, Twin Falls, proposing a change in name to Leon Ricardo Thompson has been filed in the above captioned case. The petitioner's father is living.  
Such petition will be heard at 1:30 o'clock pm on January 10, 2005 at the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by

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any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name.  
WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court this 10th day of December, 2004.  
/s/RIKline, Clerk

**PUBLISH:** December 14, 21, 28, 2004 and January 4, 2005

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
TWIN FALLS STORAGE under provisions of Idaho Code 28-7-210 will sell or dispose of stored items ASAP.  
**RICHARD LEE**, last known address: 2323 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301  
**SHAWN OLIVER**, last known address: 212 N. 4th W. Paul, ID 83347  
**JON MILLER**, last known address: 1201 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301

**PUBLISH:** December 31, 2004 and January 4, 2005

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

## IMPORTANT

Please address all legal advertising to:  
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P.O. Box 548  
Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548  
email: legal@magicvalley.com  
Deadline for legal ads:

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## 3 days prior to publication

noon on Wednesday for Sunday, noon on Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Monday for Thursday and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday. Legal deadlines may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby, legal clerk, at 733-3324.

## 1011 AND SOUND

**FOUND Yellow Lab** cross, male, neutered, Downtown by Krulser's. 208-308-5412.

## LOST

**LOST Yellow Lab** cross, male, black and white face, 1 black eye & yellow ear tip. Vicinity 100 W. 85 S. Rupert. Reward. Call 208-436-8001.

## LOST

**LOST Mini Pinscher**, male, black and rust and Bassett Lab mix, black, female, has a red collar. 734-6580.

## LOST

**LOST Mini Pinscher**, female, 6 mos., black & brown. Answers to the name of Bo. Missing from 571 E. 300 S. Jerome on 12/27 around 4:00. No \$500 Medical Attention. 324-4919 or 324-0039 Reward.

## LOST

**LOST dog controlled** allstate. Last seen 100 N 300 W, Jerome, eastbound. Reward. 324-4919 or 324-0039.

## LOST

**LOST SHETLAND** cross, black & white young male with bobber tail. Porine area. 208-734-3151.

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## LOST

**LOST** Tail-friendly, brown & white German Shorthair wire collar. Come to the name of "Buddy". Lost by Big Valley School on "A" Street in Rupert. Call 208-436-0280.

## 106 SPECIAL NOTICES

All advertising is subject to the "standards of acceptance."

The Times-News reserves the right to edit, abbreviate, decline or properly classify any ad. Receipt of copy to this newspaper does not constitute full acceptance by this newspaper.

The advertiser, not the newspaper, assumes full responsibility for the truthful content of their advertisement message.

## BIRTHDAY PHOTOS

Have you forgotten to pick up your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you would want. These can be picked up at the Times-News Classified Dept.

Place your ad Online...  
Now you can log on to  
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and place your classified line right in the Classified section.

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## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

208-733-8300 & 731-0595

## 107 PREGNANCY ALTERNATIVES

**PREGNANCY CRISIS** - CENTER FREE TESTS. Always Confidential. 734-7472

## 108 PROFESSIONAL

**BANKRUPTCY** Competitive rates on Chapter 7 bankruptcies. Jeff Sikor at 208-734-8452.

**BANKRUPTCY** Inexpensive. William Law. 736-0699.

**BANKRUPTCY** Affordable payment plan. Accidents, divorce & criminal matters. 208-734-3367.

**BANKRUPTCY** Guaranteed. Lowest price. 1-866-688-2399.

## 110 HOME/HEALTH CARE SERVICES

**LOOKING for live-in** help for senior. Housekeeping, some cooking. Call 208-543-6237.

## 113 CHILD CARE SERVICES

**CASY'S KIDS** daycare has openings. 24 hrs/CCP. Multicultural. 736-2422.

**LITTLE TIGERS** - CHILD CARE Located between Twin Falls and Elmore. Call 208-316-2260.

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## EMPLOYMENT

**ADVERTISING** The Casper Star-Tribune is seeking applicants for a Creative Services Manager position in our advertising department. For more information, contact the Advertising Director. Candidates should possess experience with Quark and PhotoShop software. Microsoft Office experience is preferred as well. If you are a motivated designer, or a proven manager with a creative eye please apply by January 10, 2005.

We offer an excellent benefits package including medical, dental, vision, 401(k) retirement, immediate employment. Fax resume to 734-2754 or bring to 2570 Eldridge Ave. Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

## BOOKKEEPER

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## CONSTRUCTION

Prison Camp operator. 60-100 ton experience. Call 801-232-8128 or apply at 401 Highland Ave. Burley, Idaho Ask for Vaughn.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

The Times-News has a Full-time opening for a Circulation Customer Service Representative. This position must be able to handle multiple responsibilities. Ideal candidate should possess an excellent phone presence, strong customer service skills, strong computer aptitude, and the ability to work well with others. Sales experience a plus. Schedule is Wednesday-Friday, 7:30am-Saturday. All interested individuals should fill out an application at The Times-News. Attn: Jeni Busack P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303. "A DRUG FREE WORKPLACE"

## DRIVER

**DAD Transportation Services**  
GOODING, IDAHO Seeking qualified CDL/A drivers with a good driving record. Pay scale up to 35¢ per mile depending on experience and driving record. Good benefits and excellent equipment. Also drive to own a 2002 Int'l 8400 or if qualified purchase it up front. Call recruiter at 800-223-7871 ext. 440.

## CAREGIVER

PT caregiver needed for elderly person. Cooking or aid experience a plus but not required. References required. Send personal history & references to: P.O. Box 164 Shoshone, ID. 83352.

## CLERICAL

Office Assistant needed. Please call 734-7007.

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**TWIN FALLS**  
Country acreage 3 of TF, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, woodstove, heat pump, AC, new paint, new flooring, beautiful view. Attached 60' garage, on 125 acres. Nice pool, horse shed, fenced area. Call 539-1877, \$129,900.

**TWIN FALLS**  
3 bdrm, 1 bath, 2 family rms., carpet, W/D included. Corner lot \$109,000. 153 Caswell. 208-420-1212.

**TWIN FALLS**  
5/2 like new 2050 sq. ft. split level, 7 acres, fenced with water, deck with view South Hills. Won't last if only \$156,900. 731-2037/736-4845.

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New brick construction, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 3 car garage, custom cabinets, hardwood floor, tile floors, master shower and garden tub, has fireplace, vaulted ceilings. Price reduced to \$199,999. Call 208-431-6447 or 438-4447.

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2 bdrm, 1 bath, 1688 sq ft home features 2 car garage, new windows (2 big bays), new flooring throughout, custom wood blinds, newly remodeled bath, new paint, auto-appliances, curbing, vinyl deck, great master suite, great location, must see, \$127,900. Call 208-733-7199 or days 731-8411.

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**TWIN FALLS**  
Great neighborhood, Morningside/O'Leary schools, 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath, 1550 sq. ft. seller will pay closing costs. Call 734-7470. 2553 Elizabeth Blvd.

**TWIN FALLS**  
What's Your Home Worth? Free Home Values www.MidwayValleyHomeValues.com

**513 ACREAGE AND LOTS**  
**HAGERMAN**  
Building lot \$19,500. Call 208-559-7406.

**518 MOBILE HOMES**  
BUHL'S JEROME newer, manufactured homes for sale with financing for qualified buyers. 2 and 3 bedroom units. Must remain in our park. Call 208-543-8342.

**TWIN FALLS**  
1994 Fleetwood engine, COMPLETELY REMODELED. All new appliances. Agency on wheels, ready to MOVE! \$10,900 offer. Call 208-734-7383.

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**FILER** Cute 4+ bdrm, mobile home on city lot, w/strorage, \$350. Call 208-5887.

**502 UNFURNISHED HOUSES**  
BUHL 2 bdrm, 2 bath, in country, Call 208-543-4782.

**BUHL** 3 bdrm, 2 bath, mobile home, no pets, long-term, \$500/month + deposit. Call 208-543-8342.

**BUHL** Cozy 2 bdrm, gas heat, W/D hook-up, no appliances, storage, \$375. Call 208-543-8342.

**BURLEY** For lease, 4 bdrm, 1 bath, full basement, family room, large utility, W/D hook-ups & storage, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, 1600 sq. ft. detached garage, fenced backyard, close to schools, Elementary, Middle & High Schools. Gas furnace & water heater. Available Feb. 01/05. Call 208-678-9046 or 208-431-2771.

**FILER** Large clean 4 bdrm, 2 bath, no pets or smoking, \$575 + deposit. Call 208-543-8342.

**GOODING** 2 bdrm, clean, nice yard, No smoking/pets, Call 208-5887 or 208-737-9339 evenings.

**HAGERMAN** for sale or rent, Blue Spruce Park, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, fenced yard, storage shed, very clean, Call 208-794-0381/21.

**JEROME** 2 bedroom mobile, \$450 deposit, \$450 rent, 208-420-1212.

**JEROME** 32 E 8th, 3 bdrm, 1 bath, WENDELL, 32 E 8th, 3 bdrm, 1 bath, \$600 dep. No smoking, pets okay. Call 208-484-9579.

**KIMBERLY** 438 Adams St., cute 2 bdrm, 1 bath, 734-7470. 2553 Elizabeth Blvd.

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"We find it easy to set limits when the issue is safety. ... But 99 percent of the time there isn't imminent danger; most of it takes place on more ambiguous ground."

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As declarer in four hearts, you will quickly work out that if hearts are 3-2, game is laydown. You can win the lead, draw trumps, discard a diamond on dummy's long club, and play on spades however you like for overtricks. So, it is important to think about how to improve your chances if hearts are 4-1, which is quite likely after West's vulnerable overcall.

The opening lead has pinpointed a good throw-in possibility. Presumably, West has the queen of diamonds to go to the king of hearts he led to trick one. If you can exhaust his hand of hearts and clubs and then exit with a diamond, he will have to open up the spade suit for you.

Correct play is to win the diamond ace and cash specifically the king and queen of hearts. When West shows out on the second round, you now play three rounds of clubs (removing both defenders' clubs), followed by a diamond. West has to win his queen and then has to choose between leading a spade and giving a ruff and discard.

The latter is usually the better option, but here, provided you began by cashing the two heart honors in your hand, it causes you no problems. Simply discard a spade from dummy, ruff in hand, then use North's ace and jack of trumps to draw East's two remaining hearts. After that, you can cash the club queen for your 10th winner and concede the last two tricks.

NORTH		01-A	
♠	A J 6	♥	A J 2
♦	A J	♣	A J
♣	Q J 4 2	♠	Q J 4 2

WEST		EAST	
♠	A Q 10 3	♥	9 8 7 3
♦	Q 10 7 2	♦	6 5 4 3
♣	7 5 3	♣	10 9 6

SOUTH		01-B	
♠	K 7 5 2	♥	K Q 9 6
♦	9 8	♣	A K 8

Vulnerable: Both  
Dealer: South  
The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 NT 2 ♦ 2 ♠ Pass  
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ All pass  
\*Spades and another suit  
\*Stayman

Opening lead: Diamond king

## BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:		01-B	
♠	A J 8	♥	A J 2
♦	A J	♣	A J
♣	Q J 4 2	♠	Q J 4 2

South		West		North		East	
♠	Pass	1 ♥	Pass	♠	Pass	♠	Pass
♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass	♦	Pass	♦	Pass

ANSWER: Bid four diamonds as a cue-bid. Since a call of two spades would have been forcing, your partner's three-spade bid is a splinter, showing short spades and looking for slam. Though minimum, your hand fits perfectly with your partner's, so you must cooperate by cue-bidding in turn.

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### SPORTSQUOTE

“The 20 eliminated teams will trudge ashamedly past them into coach, carrying a bawling infant and rolling a suitcase that won't fit into the overhead bin, and headed for an assigned middle seat between an old lady complaining of nausea and a snoring 473-pound man in a tank-top.”

—Greg Cote of the Miami Herald, comparing the 12 “first class” NFL playoff teams to the 20 non-qualifiers

### TRIVIA

#### QUESTION:

Who was the Southern California quarterback who threw three touchdown passes against Washington on Jan. 1, 1994, and passed for two scores and ran for one against Tennessee in '95?

...answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

#### HS Boys Basketball

Dietrich at The Community School, 4:30 p.m.  
Buhl at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.  
Valley at Kimberly, 6 p.m.  
Wentworth at Hagerman, 6 p.m.  
Carey at Bliss, 6 p.m.

#### HS Girls Basketball

Twin Falls at Burley, 6 p.m.  
Gooding at Filer, 6 p.m.  
Valley at Kimberly, 6 p.m.  
Glenns Ferry at Parma, 6 p.m.  
Castelford at Oakley, 6 p.m.  
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Hagerman at Murtaugh, 6 p.m.  
Lighthouse Christian at Rafter, 7:30 p.m.

#### HS Wrestling

Minico at Wood River, 6 p.m.  
Rat River/Oakley at Firth, 6 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Blaine County Rec offers open gym

HAILEY — The Blaine County Recreation District is offering a youth basketball open gym at the community campus.  
The open gym is held on Mondays through Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. in January. Youth in grades 3-7 can work on their skills at this time. The cost is \$2 per night. For more information, call Sue Wentmore at (208) 788-2117.

#### AU touney signups will conclude today

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is co-sponsoring a seventh-grade-and-under basketball tournament on Saturday, Jan. 8. The entry fee is \$75 per team, with all school and AAU teams accepted. The deadline to sign up is today. Call Rick Geist at (208) 322-2439 or (208) 324-9373 for more information.

#### T.F. Parks and Rec holds open gym

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation and Twin Falls School District will hold a free open gym at Robert Stuart Junior High School on Sundays through Feb. 27. The gym is open from noon-3 p.m. for adults and from 3-4 p.m. for children. Call (208) 736-2265 for more information.

Compiled from staff reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Jim Hardy, who later was general manager of the Coliseum in Los Angeles.

## Hansen rolls past Lighthouse Christian, 66-15

By Nathaniel Gerrabrandt  
Times-News writer

HANSEN — The Hansen boys basketball team emerged from Christmas break firing on all cylinders, rolling past Lighthouse Christian at home Monday night 66-15 in Magic Valley Southside Conference play.

Despite the final outcome, the game did not start out badly for the Lions (0-6, 0-4), as the initially-physical visitors dominated the Huskies 10-5 in the first quarter.

“We came out a little overconfident,” said Hansen senior Mark Pearson. “We played pretty slow at the beginning.”

Much of the credit for Lighthouse Christian's early success on the glass went to Joey McUllough, who lead everyone with seven rebounds.

Unfortunately for the Lions, another statistic would prove to be of far greater consequence than rebounds, as Lighthouse Christian committed 10 turnovers in the first eight minutes, finishing with 27 at the end of the night.

The Huskies (5-2, 3-1) took full advantage, posting an early 11-0 run to go up 15-4 at the end of the first quarter.

Pearson opened the second quarter on a tear, quickly dropping three unanswered field goals on the Lions, the third of which was an easy layup off of a steal that seemed to signify the game in general. The 6-foot-2 forward finished the night with 14 points to lead all scorers, while snagging 10 rebounds for a double-double.

The second quarter also saw the Huskies getting solid production from their bench, as Ryan Leiser pressured the Lions strongly on the inside and went 3-of-4 from the line.

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Hansen's Matt Freestone, 11, drives to the basket past Lighthouse Christian defenders during the first quarter of their game in Hansen on Monday. Hansen won, 66-15.

## Auburn makes its case, 16-13

By Paul Newberry  
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Auburn made an improbable bid to share the national title by hanging on in the Sugar Bowl. Now, all the 3-Tigers can do is wait to see if it somehow works out.

Jason Campbell threw a touchdown pass; John Vaughn kicked three short field goals and Auburn completed a perfect season with a 16-13 victory over ninth-ranked Virginia Tech on Monday night.

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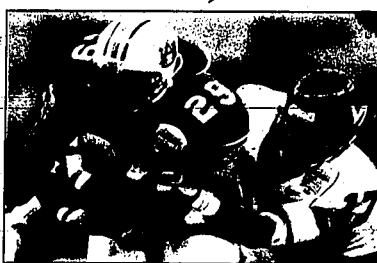
Virginia Tech (10-3) could have made things easier on the Bowl Championship Series by upsetting Auburn, but the Hokies made a couple of major blunders, dropping a pass in the end zone and missing a chip-shot field goal.

When Bryan Randall threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Josh Morgan with 6:58 left in the game, ruining the shutout, one could almost sense that No. 1 Southern Cal, No. 2 Oklahoma and — especially — the BCS were breathing a little easier.

Randall dealt another blow to the Tigers when he threw the long, touchdown pass to Morgan, perhaps costing a few more votes.

Auburn recovered the onside kick.

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Auburn's Derrick Graves (29) is tackled by Virginia Tech's Josh Morgan (17) after Graves intercepted a pass in the fourth quarter during the Sugar Bowl at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans on Monday.

## Alexander apologizes to fans for comment

By Tim Korte  
Associated Press writer

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Shaun Alexander apologized Monday to fans — but not his coach or teammates — for saying he was “stabbed in the back” by Mike Holmgren's quarterback sneak call that may have cost him a rushing title.

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USC quarterback Matt Leinart, left, is congratulated by Oklahoma quarterback Jason White after being awarded the 2004 Heisman Trophy in New York. In this Dec. 11 photo, White was the 2003 trophy winner and a candidate again in 2004.

## Heisman winners will meet in the Orange Bowl

By Ralph D. Russo  
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Matt Leinart is an enigmatic Californian, who used an NFL-caliber left arm to win a Heisman Trophy for USC this season.

Jason White is a tough kid from small-town Oklahoma, who overcame two devastating knee injuries to become a Heisman winner for the Sooners last season.

Their most common trait is success.

Leinart and White will become the first Heisman winners to play each other in a college game when Southern California and Oklahoma meet in the Orange Bowl on Tuesday night for the national title.

### Orange Bowl

Today  
Oklahoma vs. Southern California, ABC, 6 p.m.

“We don't want to make it a battle one-on-one because it's a team game,” Leinart said.

The top-ranked Trojans (12-0) are looking to become the first team since Nebraska in 1994-95 to win back-to-back Associated Press titles. It would be USC's fifth title overall, but first Bowl Championship Series title.

Second-ranked Oklahoma (12-0) is shooting for its second national championship under coach Bob Stoops. The Sooners won it all in 2000 at the Orange Bowl and played in the BCS title game last season, losing to LSU 21-14 in the Sugar Bowl.

Leinart and White lead offenses that take a slightly different approach, but produce similar stellar results.

“They both execute their offense in a great way,” Stoops said. “Our offensive styles are a little bit different, but the quarterbacks do a great job of managing. They are accurate and they can both make all the throws.”

LSU and USC split the national crowns last year, a scenario that is highly unlikely this year no matter what happens in the Sugar Bowl with No. 3 Auburn (12-0) playing Virginia Tech.

There is a chance this could be Leinart's last college game. He's already talked about his future with Carroll, but the quarterback has been saying it's “95 percent” likely he'll be back at USC next season.

Despite all the BCS controversy, which Leinart should be playing in the Orange Bowl, it's hard to argue with the star power of Oklahoma vs. USC, two of college football's traditional powers again in the top of the sport.

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## Boggs seems leading candidate for baseball Hall of Fame

By Ronald Blum  
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NEW YORK — Wade Boggs might have to get used to a new routine Tuesday: life as a Hall of Famer.

The five-time, AL batting champion, known for his army of one and poise in the clutch, is the top newcomer on the Base-

ball Writers' Association of America ballot, joining holdovers Ryne Sandberg and Bruce Sutter.

During an 18-year major league career, Boggs won five American League batting titles for the Boston Red Sox, made the All-Star team 12 times and finished with 3,010 hits.

He headed to the ballpark at

the same time before every game, made sure to chew down on chicken and cheese cake before the first pitch, and had two hot dogs, a bag of barbecue chips and an iced tea after the final out.

Paul Molitor and Dennis Eckersley were elected to the Hall last year, when Ryne Sandberg fell 71 votes shy of the 380 (75

percent) needed. Bruce Sutter (301) was third.

Boggs, 46, won batting titles in 1983 and from 1985-88, becoming the first player to win the AL batting championship in four straight years since Rod Carew from 1972-75. Boggs, who hit 300 or higher 15 times, finished with a .328 average and was the only player in the 20th century

with seven straight 200-hit seasons.

Sandberg, the 1984 NL Most Valuable Player, was a nine-time Cy Young second baseman for the Chicago Cubs and a 10-time All-Star. He hit 277 homers, at the time of his retirement the most by a second baseman, and his .389 fielding percentage is the highest at the position.



## SPORTS

## Wendell downs Bulh

The Times-News

**WENDELL** — Wendell outscored Bulh 25-12 in the fourth quarter on the way to a 64-55 non-conference boys basketball victory over the Indians on Monday.

Michael Chandler hit back-to-back 3-pointers to help spark the run in the fourth quarter for Wendell (8-0 overall), which trailed 43-39 after three frames. "Those were big shots for us," Wendell coach Allen Kelsey said. "That quarter, we were able to cause a few turnovers and get some easy baskets in transition."

Chandler and Zac Davis each had 19 points for the Thorpe. Bulh's Will Chivers led all scorers with 25 points.

Wendell travels to Hagerman Monday.

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Girls basketball  
Lighthouse Christian 62, JACKPOT, Nov. 37

**JACKPOT**, Nev. — The sophomore trio of Rachel VerHagen, Vanessa Wendland and Amber Ulrich combined for 52 points in leading Lighthouse Christian to a 62-37 win over host Jackpot, Nov. 37.

"All three of them just play so well together," Lighthouse Christian coach Jake Tolman said. "It was just a really well-balanced team effort."

Rocio Gonzalez led Jackpot with 11 points.

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**SHOSHONE** — Shoshone held the Twin Falls junior varsity to just nine points in the second half en route to a 38-22 win.

"It was a good team effort for us," Shoshone coach Tim Chapman said. "In the second half, our defense really came alive."

Kyle Aske led Shoshone (13-0) with 10 points. She was the only player for either team to reach double figures for the game.

Meghan Sorensen had three steals for the Indians.

Shoshone hosts Richfield on Wednesday.

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## Seattle rains on Miami's win streak

The Times-News

**MIAMI (AP)** — Ray Allen scored 35 points, Rashard Lewis added 17 points and 13 rebounds and the Seattle SuperSonics snapped the Heat's franchise-record 14-game winning streak with a 98-96 win Monday night.

With the score 98-95, Lewis rebounded Miami's Eddie Jones on a 3-point try with 0.4 seconds remaining. But the Heat guard — a

78.7 percent shooter entering the game — connected on only one of three free-throw attempts, the last of which he missed intentionally.

Allen shot 12-of-23 from the field, including 6-of-10 from 3-point range for Seattle, which won its sixth straight road game and improved to 10-3 against the Eastern Conference.

Dwyane Wade had 23 of his 28 points after halftime for Miami, which led for only six of the game's 48 minutes.

Shawne O'Neal had 25 points, 14 rebounds, seven blocks and four assists for the Heat, who were outscored 46-38.

The loss denied Miami's bid for the NBA's first 15-game winning streak since O'Neal's Los Angeles Lakers won 19 straight in the 2000 season.

**Grizzlies 92, Jazz 82**

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — Pau Gasol scored 25 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and keyed a

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**Raptors 105, Magic 94**

**TORONTO** — Chris Bosh tied his career-high with 25 points and Morris Peterson scored a season-high 21 to lead the Toronto Raptors over the stumbling Orlando Magic.

Bosh also had 12 rebounds for the Raptors, who ended a three-game losing lid.

Sieve Francis had 19 points for the Magic, who have lost four straight overall and six in a row on the road.

**Celtics 108, Hornets 90**

**BOSTON** — Paul Pierce had 19 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for his fourth career triple-double, and Raef LaFrentz had 14 points and 12 rebounds as Boston sent the Hornets to their eighth consecutive loss.

Marcus Banks, making a rare start at point guard in place of injured Gary Payton, had five points and an assist and Ricky Davis scored 23 for Boston, which had lost four of its previous five games.

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Philadelphia, which after clinching home-field advantage in the NFC after 14 games, was blown away in its last two games — first by the Rams, who stayed alive by beating the Eagles, and then by Cincinnati, which was playing for its second straight 500 season.

Combined score: Opposition 58, Philadelphia 17.

The Eagles' play in the "NFC and are superior enough to everyone else in the conference, one justification for Andy Reid to tank the final two games.

And even without the injured Terrell Davis, they should be heavy favorites in the second round, when they will be at home for either Seattle, Minnesota or St. Louis, three very average teams. The Vikings, for example, lost seven of their last 10 games for the second straight season and will be at Green Bay next Sunday.

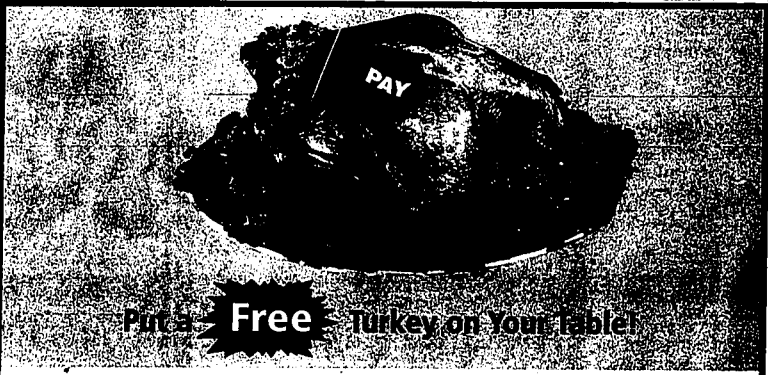
Still, only the 1967 Packers won the Super Bowl after losing the final two regular-season games. And in 1996, Denver clinched home-field advantage

early lost two of its final three games, and was eliminated in its first playoff game by a second-year Jacksonville team that had been lucky to qualify for the playoffs.

"Once we start practicing again, we'll get the same momentum we had," said Jevon Kearse, one of several Philadelphia stars held out Sunday against the Bengals.

In the NFC, probably true. But the AFC figures to be much tougher. Each of the four top-seeded teams is better than Philadelphia at this point. Seedings tend to hold in the playoffs, especially with teams as strong as the Steelers, Patriots, Colts and Chargers have been this season.

San Diego, which will go to Pittsburgh if it gets by the Jets next Saturday, won in the snow in Cleveland three weeks ago, so it is accustomed to cold weather. Indianapolis, like most dome teams, has more problems outdoors in January, and Peyton Manning threw four interceptions in the AFC title game in Foxboro last season.



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