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## GOOD MORNING

### WEATHER

Today: Clouds, a few rain or snow showers.  
High 41, low 28.  
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### MAGIC VALLEY

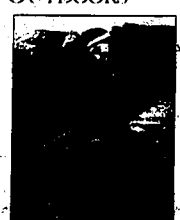
Robbery: Police are looking for a man who robbed a convenience store Wednesday.  
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## Supporters speak for teacher

### Petition with 300 signatures demands teacher be reinstated

By Karin Kowalski  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Supporters of an embattled kindergarten teacher gave the Twin Falls School Board a petition with about 300 signatures asking for reinstatement Wednesday night.

The board's regular Wednesday meeting was crowded with more than 30 attendees spilling out the door to support Debbie

Soran, a teacher at Sawtooth Elementary who was put on paid administrative leave Friday after a disagreement over giving a reading assessment.

Samantha Burwell, a parent with a child in Soran's class and one in first grade, spoke for the group.

"Forty-five children are without their teacher," Burwell said. Soran knows them all very well and is able to meet their individual needs, she added.

"Each child has a personal relationship with her," Burwell said.

Burwell said Soran stood up for what's best for the children by refusing to spend time outside of the classroom giving an assessment she felt was unnecessary. Burwell said the district's response was rash and inappropriate.

Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said he's fielded some phone calls and met with parents on Monday. He thanked the parents for being there.

After the meeting, the board went into executive session to discuss two personnel issues, but it was only receiving information on Soran's case, said Human Relations Director Linda Baird.

A group of Soran's supporters had also planned a "keep your child home day" today.

Sawtooth Principal Randy Rutledge said earlier Wednesday that out of 662 pupils, 106 were absent or went home the middle of the day. He said that's a higher number than normal, but a lot of children were sick.

"We just welcome them all back," Rutledge said.

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## Journalist leaves legacy of humor, family, faith

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Times-News journalist Denise Turner, whose weekly columns on life and family enlivened the newspaper's pages for more than a decade, died Wednesday following a battle with cancer.

She was 57.

As assistant features editor for the past 12 years, Turner edited the newspaper's Religion and Food & Home sections and its TV Weekly tab. She trained freelance writers, led the newspaper to national first-place honors for small newspapers' religion sections in 2001, and won industry awards for her own feature and column writing. The Times-News honored Turner as Employee of the Year in 1998.

"Denise managed to combine a journalist's inquiring mind with a Christian's compassion and heart. Our profession will be poorer without her," said Clark Walworth, a former Times-News managing editor who transferred to a sister publication in Wyoming last year.

"She was one of the best writers about religion I've ever read, and the reason is that she understood religion from the perspective of a committed Christian," Features Editor Steve Crump said. "She knew how people of faith think, so they go about making decisions in their personal lives and the challenges they face living their faith."

Turner could ask questions that a writer from a different tradition would never think of, Crump said.

Besides being a talented and hardworking writer, Denise was also a selfless team player. Walworth said, "She did more than her share of the thankless, unglamorous work that has to be done to put out a daily newspaper. Things like answering reader complaints about the TV schedule. And she always did it cheerfully."

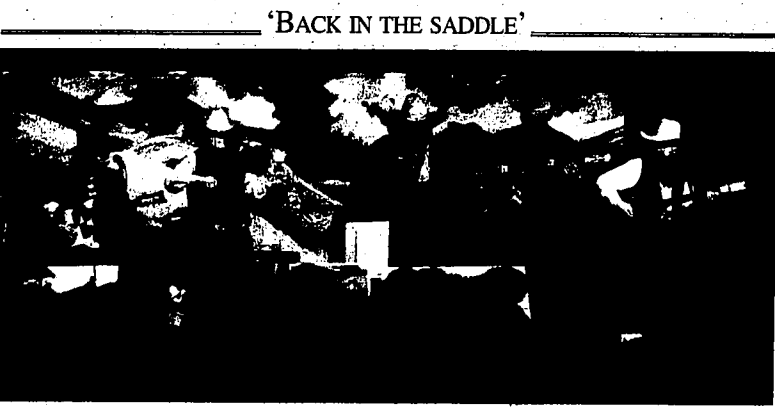
Turner left her mark on the rest of the community, too — helping Magic Valley Arts Council launch its Kids Art in the Park program; working the entrance gates at youngsters' basketball tournaments; and screening elementary school children's vision and parking cars at the county fair with the Twin Falls Lions Club.

Turner was a wife, a mother of two boys and a magazine author, a blindly loyal St. Louis Cardinals fan and — before moving to Magic Valley and joining The Times-News — a newspaper editor and a book department manager and community college writing teacher.

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### Funeral plans

A memorial service for Denise Turner will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. A full obituary is printed on page C2.



Jim Brooks and his Ranch Hands Band perform "Back in The Saddle Again," made famous by Gene Autry, during "Stories From The Fire" at the Q Three Bar Theater of the Western Folklife Center on Tuesday. The event was part of the ongoing Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nev.

## Timeline set for water rights call

### IDWR director removes himself from negotiations

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

BOISE — The director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources says he'll have a response to the call for water by seven Magic Valley canal companies by no later than April 15.

Director Karl Dreher announced the deadline Wednesday at the annual meeting of the Idaho Water Users Association, which is the state's largest water user group representing both surface water and groundwater users.

On Jan. 14 the canal companies, which were given their water rights within the first 15 years of the 20th century, asked Dreher to give them the full appropriation of their rights, which are senior to those held by groundwater pumpers. The canal companies claim the pumping is directly related to their water shortages, which they say has cost some users as much as 30 percent during the past two years. Dreher attributes the shortages all along the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer equate to the years of drought, decades of groundwater pumping and changing irrigation practices.

Vince Alberdi, manager of the Twin Falls Canal Co., said the date could put farmers' operating loans for the next growing season in jeopardy.

"It's a little late," he said.

Farmers and bankers started pressing loans in December and typically continue through March, said Dawn Justice, who lobbies for the Idaho Bankers Association.

She said because of the call, there's more than just an April 15 deadline bankers are considering.

For those farmers whose operations are in the immediate areas of risk, the unknown is a balance to be justly said.

"Because it makes it difficult to evaluate the risks attached to

## 37 soldiers die Wednesday in Iraq

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.S. helicopter crashed in a desert sandstorm in the early morning darkness Wednesday, killing the 30 Marines and one Navy sailor aboard. Six other troops died in insurgent ambushes in the deadliest day for Americans since the Iraq war began nearly two years ago.

Only days before Iraq's crucial elections Sunday, militants set off at least eight car bombings that killed 13 people and injured 40 others, including 11 Americans.

The guerrillas also carried out a string of attacks nationwide against schools that will serve as polling centers.

In Washington, President Bush called on Iraqis to defy terrorism and go to the polls despite relentless insurgent attacks. He said it was a "very discouraging" day when the U.S. death toll for the war rose above 1,400.

The CH-53E Super Stallion was carrying personnel from the 1st Marine Division on a security mission in support of the election when it went down about 1:20 a.m. near the town of Rutbah, about 220 miles west of Baghdad, the military said.

The crash occurred during severe weather, but its cause was still under investigation, said Army Gen. John Abizaid, chief of U.S. Central Command. An Accuweather map showed sandstorms Wednesday in the west-

ern region of Iraq near the Jordanian border where the crash took place.

A search and rescue team was at the site. The victims were 30 Marines and one sailor, said Lt. Gen. John Sattler, the top Marine commander in Iraq — the most American service members to die in a single incident since the March 2003 invasion of Iraq.

The deadliest previous incident for U.S. troops was also a helicopter crash: a November 2003 collision of two Black Hawk helicopters that killed 17. Before Wednesday's bloodshed, the most Americans killed in one day came on the invasion's third day — March 23, 2003 — when 28 troops were killed during the U.S. military's drive to take Baghdad and topple Saddam Hussein.

The U.S. military has not seen such a high loss of life in one day in 15 years — since an explosion ripped through a gun turret on the USS Iowa during a training exercise in the Caribbean in April 1989, killing 47 sailors.

Irqi security forces and civilians have borne the brunt of violence in Iraq, with bombings often killing scores of people at a time. More than 180 people were killed on March 2, 2004, during a string of suicide attacks

### Crash kills 31

A U.S. Marine CH-53E transport helicopter crashed in Iraq Wednesday, killing at least 31 people.

### CH-53E Super Stallion

Type: Heavy lift helicopter  
Mission: Transportation of material, supplies and troops  
Length: 99 feet, 5 inches  
Height: 28 feet, 4 inches  
Rotors: 2  
Speed: 172.5 mph  
Crew: 7

### THURSDAY

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Iraq  
Rutbah  
Baghdad  
JORDAN  
IRAQ  
SAUDI ARABIA  
KUWAIT

Violence has only increased ahead of Sunday's election, which will create a 275-member National Assembly and regional legislatures. Sunni Muslim extremists have threatened to sabotage the election, and many Sunni clerics have called for a boycott because of the presence of U.S. and other foreign troops.

## Rupert sees another suspended employee quit

By Rose Marie Parsons  
For The Times-News

RUPERT — Another suspended city of Rupert employee has resigned, and the agency that certifies police officers has begun looking into a string of suspensions and two investigations involving the Rupert Police Department.

Police Lt. Todd McGhie, who has been on administrative leave since July 22, 2004, resigned effective Jan. 15, according to information obtained through a public records request.

Idaho's Peace Officer Standards and Training Academy is looking at the situation in Rupert, POST Executive Director Michael N. Becar said.

McGhie, who was hired Sept. 15, 1988 as a patrolman, was second in command to the police chief, City Administrator

Roger Bagley said in an earlier interview.

City records did not indicate when McGhie was promoted to lieutenant, but Bagley said it must have been sometime after Kenneth Fedders became chief because Fedders initiated the lieutenant position.

Fedders was also placed on administrative leave in July and retired in August.

Officers Lauren Jackson and Juan Martinez were also suspended with pay, along with electric department employees Kenny Smith, Larry Ford and Jim Bowers, according to city records. The suspensions took place between July and December 2004.

City records also indicate Smith, Ford, Martinez and Jackson have resigned.

In July, the city initiated an independent investigation by the

## Acting police chief resigns

The Times-News

RUPERT — Acting Police Chief Eric Snurr has submitted his resignation effective Feb. 6. Snurr confirmed Wednesday that he will be going to work for the Mindoko County Sheriff's Department.

He took over as acting chief following the suspension of former Chief Ken Fedders and

two other officers in July 2004.

The Rupert City Council scheduled a special meeting for 7 p.m. today to discuss recruitment of a new chief of police. It's expected the council will discuss naming an interim chief during the meeting.

The City Council meets on the second floor of City Hall, 624 E. St., and the meeting is open to the public.

any request made by the state attorney general's office, but the city has not been a party to that investigation," City Attorney Kelly Anthon said.

Depending on the outcome of the investigation, POST could decide to suspend or revoke certifications of the former officers.

# TWIN FALLS FORECAST

**Today:** Cloudy skies. There is a chance for a rain or snow shower. Highs in the lower 40s.  
**Tonight:** Cloudy skies and light winds. Small chance of a snow shower. Lows in the upper 20s.  
**Tomorrow:** More clouds and showers expected. Highs near 40.

# BURLEY/UPPER TWIN FALLS FORECAST

**Today:** Clouds and a low rain or snow showers. Highs in the lower 40s.  
**Tonight:** Cloudy skies and light winds. Small chance of a snow shower. Lows in the middle 20s.  
**Tomorrow:** More clouds and showers expected. Highs near 40.

# IDAHO'S FORECAST

**SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.**  
 Thickening clouds will lead to occasional snow showers over the next several days. Temperatures will remain near normal. Winds will be breezy at most.

# BOISE

Clouds and showers will be common over the next few days. Both rain and snow will be possible. Very little to no accumulation is expected in the valleys. Winds will be light.

# NORTHERN UTAH

Clouds and snow showers will be common over the next several days. Most of the accumulating snow will be in the mountains.

# TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Clouds, a few rain or snow showers	Cloudy and calm	More clouds, possibly a few showers	More clouds and light winds	Abundant clouds, near normal temperatures	Clouds decrease and sunnier returns
High 41 Low 28	High 41 Low 28	High 40/25	High 39/28	High 39/28	High 37/30

# ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's Low: 28 Month to Date: 0.90° Yesterday's Minimum: 81% Yesterday 20.0 in. Friday: 6:14 AM - 7:18 PM Saturday: 6:07 AM - 7:10 PM	Record High: 52 in 1946. Year to Date: 2.54° Today's Maximum: 80% Sunday: 6:14 AM - 7:18 PM				

# Moon Phases

2nd Last	Full	3rd	4th	5th
Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31
New Moon	New Moon	New Moon	New Moon	New Moon

# Moonsrise and Moonsset

Friday	Moonsrise	Moonsset
6:11 PM	6:23 AM	

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Low	Moderate	High
1-2	3-5	6-7

# REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	38-50	38-50	Idaho Falls	38-50	38-50
Chubbuck	38-50	38-50	Meridian	38-50	38-50
Cooper	38-50	38-50	Moscow	38-50	38-50
Driggs	38-50	38-50	Shoshone	38-50	38-50
Elgin	38-50	38-50	Twin Falls	38-50	38-50
Gooding	38-50	38-50	Walla Walla	38-50	38-50
Hagerman	38-50	38-50	Yamhill	38-50	38-50
Idaho Falls	38-50	38-50			
Jerome	38-50	38-50			
Lewiston	38-50	38-50			
Malheur	38-50	38-50			
Marion	38-50	38-50			
McCall	38-50	38-50			
Minidoka	38-50	38-50			
Mountain View	38-50	38-50			
Payette	38-50	38-50			
Shoshone	38-50	38-50			
Starke	38-50	38-50			
Timber Lake	38-50	38-50			
Valley View	38-50	38-50			

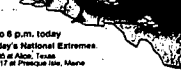
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City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Anchorage, AK	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Atlanta, GA	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Bakersfield, CA	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Baltimore, MD	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Baton Rouge, LA	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Birmingham, AL	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Boise, ID	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Butte, MT	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Cambridge, MA	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Carroll, IA	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Charleston, WV	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Chicago, IL	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Cincinnati, OH	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Cleveland, OH	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Colorado Springs, CO	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Dayton, OH	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Des Moines, IA	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Detroit, MI	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
El Paso, TX	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
El Paso, TX	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Flagstaff, AZ	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Fort Worth, TX	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Galveston, TX	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Houston, TX	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Indianapolis, IN	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Jacksonville, FL	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Las Vegas, NV	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
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Omaha, NE	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
Orlando, FL	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40

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Montgomery, AL	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
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Omaha, NE	32-40	32-40	Portland, ME	32-40	32-40
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# Turner

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When her husband accepted a position with a Twin Falls church, Turner started her association with *The Times-News* as a freelancer, covering local news in Jerome. After several months, she was hired in 1989 to create "Chat," a weekly insert of feature content. She became assistant features editor in early 1993.  
 "It was clear from the start that she was a journalist with great sensitivity to her subjects, blessed with a great sense of humor, and an innate sense of fairness and understanding," former *Times-News* publisher Stephen Hurlgen said. "Because she was married and a mom, she was a bit different from many of the journalists we had on board at the time. She could relate to people from that perspective, and she brought those family insights to her writing and her news sense."  
 Because of religious differences in the community, Hurlgen said, the newspaper needed someone to edit the Saturday Religion section with evenhandedness. Turner "never failed to do that," he said.  
 "Turner's perspectives did indeed add something to the mix of *Times-News* journalists."

"There was a period when Denise was helping me edit some articles in *Age Weekly*, and bless her, she'd often call suggesting that something in *Booster* Black's ag-humor column was inappropriate," said Carol Dumas, editor of *Age Weekly*. "Profaned usages (in cows), livestock excitement and the like were not usual fare in *The Times-News*, and she just wanted to be sure we weren't offending anyone in farm country."

Both freelance and staff writers developed under Turner's tutelage.  
 "She knew how to put just the right amount of pressure on me to meet deadlines, because she handled every interaction with tact and grace," freelance Becca Tateoka said. "I can hear her low chuckle when I'd make excuses about why my column was late or the answer for a feature was really useful and needed to be done by the staff photographers."

Turner recruited freelancers, coached them, offered sympathy and suggestions when research went awry, encouraged them to try their hands at various types of stories — and added a personal touch to those relationships.



Denise Turner, at front right, sits for a Thanksgiving 2003 photograph with her husband, front left; son, Steve, back left; daughter, Becky, back center; and son-in-law, Dan Duggan. Turner's family members showed up frequently in her weekly columns.

"She was as much a friend as an editor," freelance Laura Bean said. "She often shared with me her pride in her family. And her dry sense of humor lived up to many of our conversations."  
 When reporting intern Megan Hinds set out to chronicle the daily lives of a Magic Valley farm family two years ago, she turned to Turner's recent narrative series about a cancer patient and his family for inspiration.

"Denise told me to note the tiniest details of family life and to listen more than I spoke. She told me to double-check everything they said, because it would be easy to take at face value the words of a familiar source," said Hinds, now a staff writer.

Turner published her award-winning series chronicling Shoshone resident LaMar Duffin's struggle with cancer in December 2002. Soon after, Turner learned of her own cancer.  
 Duffin died in 2004. Turner's struggle continued, and her byline was absent from *The Times-News* at times while she under-

went treatments.  
 "She is an inspiration. She dealt with her cancer, her hip surgery, with such courage. Any small problem I had at the time I felt bad when I whined," said Maj. Ann Patterson of The Salvation Army, who has been a cancer patient, too. "Instead of meeting for lunch, we met for chemo. She was so upbeat and positive, you couldn't help but be upbeat and positive yourself when you were around her."

Perhaps that outlook had something to do with Turner's ability to laugh at herself. Her own weaknesses, mistakes and embarrassing moments often provided content for her weekly "Life and Times" columns.

Dropping a hymnbook from the Methodist church balcony during a Sunday morning service earned her the nickname "Hymnbooker" — and ribbing from people all over town. The incident and the jokes at Turner's expense all showed up in her columns.

"There was a real silence there in the church for a minute, then we started laughing," said Laird Stone, a Twin Falls attorney and friend of the Turners. "Luckily there was nobody sitting below

# In Turner's words

For more than a decade, Denise Turner's "Life and Times" column has appeared most Sundays in *The Times-News*. Family Life section. Turner's columns shared the joys and trials of motherhood and family, her humorous observations on life and, now and then, a little gentle chiding.  
 "Because she had such an unprepossessing personality, she was especially good at deflating people who have an oversized sense of themselves — yet never in a harsh way," said Steve Crump, the newspaper's features editor. "Her favorite target was herself, one of her best columns were about silly things Denise Turner did." Here are excerpts from a few of Turner's "Life and Times."  
 From a 1992 column about her husband's new job as assistant football coach at Richfield High School:  
 "This is a universal language, this football thing. It doesn't matter that the school has only 17 students in its graduating class or that the football field has only one bleacher. Joe Namath got his start in little Beaver Falls, Pa. Small town football is a condensed version of the real thing, but it's the real thing nevertheless."  
 From a 1996 column about crimes large and small:  
 "We've been on a something-for-nothing kick in our country for a long time now, and we have come to expect absolute or rules of any sort. Lots of people seem to feel no guilt when they steal — or kill..."  
 her, but it was funny."

Freelance writer Sandra Wisecaver said of Turner's weekly "Life and Times": "I loved her column. I can remember what they were about — like a particularly funny joke that sticks with you. She could take a small catastrophe in her life, step back, look at it through her rose-colored glasses and make it laughable. In turn I think readers could compare some of their own trials and tribulations to hers and realize some of their problems were laughable, too."

Also evident in Turner's columns was her devotion to her husband and children.  
 Turner's husband, Rev. Lee, is a career counselor at the College of Southern Idaho's Center for New Directions and is a family counselor in private practice. Their daughter, Becky, is an elementary school music specialist in Boise; she's married to Dan Duggan, a software engineer. The Turners' son, Steve, is a sophomore at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, studying pre-med science.

# Bush urges patience, courage

He says U.S. will stay the course to liberate Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush pleaded for Americans' patience Wednesday on what he conceded was "a very discouraging day" of death and violence for U.S. troops in Iraq. He urged Iraqis to defy terrorist threats and vote in Sunday's elections.

Bush held a White House news conference hours after more than 30 American troops perished in a helicopter crash in western Iraq and insurgents killed five others in the deadliest day yet for U.S. forces. The deaths pushed the American toll above 1,400.

Unwavering in the course he has set, Bush pledged: "We'll have the troop levels necessary to complete the mission. And that mission is to enable Iraq to defend itself from the threat of terrorism or terrorists that come in from outside of



President Bush expresses his condolences to the families of U.S. Marines killed in the crash of a CH-53 helicopter, during a news conference at the White House in Washington, Wednesday.

the country." He made clear that Iraq is nowhere near ready to handle its own security, and he talked about U.S. involvement over the next year.

Four days before Iraq's elections and a week before his own State of the Union address, the president grappled with pointed questions about the war's heavy price and growing doubts that a stable, democratic Iraq will ever emerge. In money alone, Iraq is costing taxpayers more than \$1 billion a week.

Democrats registered their unhappiness with Bush's handling of Iraq in the Senate's 85-13 vote to confirm Condoleezza Rice as secretary of state. It was the strongest negative vote against a secretary of state at least since World War II.

Bush said Americans are not alone in their qualms. Iraqis are "losing a lot of people" in bombings and assassinations, he said, and "some are feeling intimidated" about threats against voters. Moreover, Bush said, "The Iraqi people are wondering whether or not this nation has the will necessary to stand with them as a democracy evolves."

"The enemy would like nothing more than the United States to precipitously pull out and withdraw before the Iraqis are prepared to defend themselves."

It was the 18th full-blown news conference of Bush's presidency and the first of his second term, covering issues ranging from Social Security to questions raised by his inaugural address.

# Senate OKs Rice as top diplomat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Condoleezza Rice won confirmation as secretary of state Wednesday despite blistering criticism from Senate Democrats who accused her of misleading statements and said she must share the blame for mistakes and war deaths in Iraq.



Condoleezza Rice

The tally, though one-sided at 85-13, was still the largest "no" vote against any secretary of state since 1825.

Separately, a Senate committee narrowly voted to send Alberto Gonzales' attorney general nomination to the full Senate. And Jim Nicholson and Michael Leavitt won confirmation as the new secretary of veterans affairs and health and human services respectively as President Bush's second-term Cabinet began to fill out.

Rice, Bush's national security adviser for four years and perhaps his closest adviser on the war and terrorism issues that dominated his first term, becomes the first black woman to be America's top diplomat. She succeeds Colin Powell, a former Army general who clashed privately with some of the strongest hawks in Bush's inner circle.

Although Rice's nomination was never in doubt, Democrats mounted a lengthy and biting protest that showed she will not immediately match Powell's collegial relationship with Capitol Hill.

Democratic senators denounced Rice's job performance and truthfulness. Most criticism focused on Rice's role planning for war and explaining the threat posed by Saddam Hussein. Some accused her of avoiding accountability for the use of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Others said she seemed unwilling to acknowledge errors in planning or judgment. "In the end, I could not excuse Dr. Rice's repeated misstatements," Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said of his vote against Rice. "Durbin said Powell had been a 'voice of moderation,'" and he expressed "hope that the responsibility of leadership will inspire Condoleezza Rice to follow his example."

The 11 other Democrats who voted "no" on Rice included some of the Senate's best-known names, such as Massachusetts Sens. Edward M. Kennedy and John Kerry, the unsuccessful candidate for president against Bush last year.

Independent Sen. James M. Jeffords of Vermont also voted no.

Thirty-two Democrats voted to confirm Rice, although several said they did so with reservations. Rice won support from all 53 Republicans who voted. Two Republican senators did not cast votes.

Through history, no nominee for secretary of state has been defeated in the Senate. Many have had little or no opposition and were confirmed by overwhelming votes. Only one, Henry Clay in 1825, received more recorded no votes than Rice, according to the Senate Historians' office. Clay was confirmed by a vote of 27-14.

# Suicide try brings rail tragedy

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — Two Metrolink commuter trains smashed into each other early Wednesday, killing 11 people and injuring more than 180 in a horrific chain-reaction triggered when one train hit an SUV allegedly left on its tracks by a man in an aborted suicide attempt.

The collision hurled double-deck rail cars onto their sides and knocked over a locomotive parked on a siding. Unharmed passengers and employees at an adjacent store rushed to the wreckage, some of it ablaze, and pulled out the injured as firefighters, ambulances and emergency helicopters converged on the scene.

In a huge triage operation, emergency crews from multiple agencies sent 129 people to hospitals in critical condition to 13 hospitals. Another 60 people were assessed at the scene and released. Anguished relatives rushed to the area north of downtown Los Angeles to find out what had become of passengers on the trains.

The 11th body was discovered in the wreckage after nightfall. Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Jim Wells said he did not know whether the body was that of a man or woman.

The 10 fatalities confirmed earlier were a woman and nine men, including sheriff's Deputy James Tutino, 47, whose flag-draped body was saluted by law enforcement officers and firefighters as it was carried from the wreckage.

As authorities worked into the night they were still dealing with missing-persons reports, but they noted that the reports may have stemmed from the fact that there were so many victims taken to numerous hospitals.

Despite the scale of the wreck, authorities quickly said the nation's worst rail disaster since 1993 was allegedly caused by a suicidal man who slashed his wrists, stabbed himself and pushed a Jeep Grand Cherokee on the tracks.

Authorities arrested Juan Manuel Alvarez, 25, near the scene while being treated by paramedics for his self-inflicted wounds, said Glendale Police Chief Randy Adams.

Alvarez was hospitalized in stable condition and was "extremely cooperative," said police Sgt. Tom Lorenz. Formerly of Compton, Alvarez had no current address.

The police chief said Alvarez would ultimately be charged with multiple counts of murder.

But District Attorney Steve Cooley said his prosecutors were reviewing evidence and no decision had been made on charges, and that intent would be critical in determining the appropriate charge. "The state of mind of the suspect is a central issue: What led him to do



Emergency workers stand near the wreckage of a train derailment, Wednesday, in Glendale, Calif. Two commuter trains smashed into each other early Wednesday, when a suicidal man drove an SUV onto tracks, then crashed his mind but was unable to get the vehicle off the rails before one Metrolink train struck it and derailed into the other, authorities said.



An unidentified victim awaits medical attention at a triage center near the site of the train accident.

whatever acts he did do?" Cooley said.

The police chief described Alvarez as "a deranged individual that was suicidal."

"I think his intent at that time was to take his own life but changed his mind prior to the train actually striking this vehicle," the chief said. "He exited the vehicle and stood by the southbound Metrolink train struck his vehicle, causing the train to derail and strike the northbound train."

Alvarez's estranged wife said he threatened her and her family and threatened to abduct their 3-year-old son, although "he never physically assaulted her, according to a request for a temporary restraining order that was granted Dec. 14 by Los Angeles Superior Court."

He threatened to take her kid away and to hurt my family members," she said. "He is planning on selling his vehicle to buy a gun and threatened to use it." Carmelita Alvarez said, adding Alvarez had also damaged her family's property. "He is using drugs and has

been in and out of rehab twice," she said.

The court ordered Alvarez to post \$2,000 to stay away from his wife until further notice and not to leave Los Angeles County with minor children.

In the worst U.S. rail tragedy since March 15, 1993, when an Amtrak train hit a truck and derailed near Bourbonnais, Ill., killing 11 people and injuring more than 100.

The FBI joined the investigation to determine whether there were violations of federal law, and teams from the National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Railroad Administration were dispatched.

"The magnitude of the incident requires a large team," said Department of Transportation spokesman Robert Johnson.

One Metrolink train was inbound to Los Angeles' Union

Station from Moorpark, a western suburb. The other train was outbound from Union Station to the San Fernando Valley. With its locomotive pushing from the rear, the inbound train hit the SUV with its leading "cab car" about 6 a.m. and traveled a quarter-mile before its front end hit a parked freight locomotive and another part of the train struck the passing outbound train.

Passengers were thrown down the aisles of the trains. "I heard a noise. It got louder and louder," said passenger Diane Brady, 55, of Simi Valley. "And next thing I knew the train tilted, everything was screaming and I held onto a pole for dear life. I held on for what seemed like a week and a half. It rumbled. It was a complete nightmare."

Workers at a Costco store next to the tracks rushed out to help dazed passengers and help others escape the mangled wreckage. Other passengers joined the rescue effort.

In a light rain, more than 300 firefighters climbed ladders into windows of battered train cars. Firefighters had to carry 75 people out of the train cars, including a dozen who had to be carried from wreckage.

Before his rescue, one trapped man used his own blood to write a note on a seat bottom: "Using the heart symbol, he wrote 'I love my kids' and 'I love Leslie.' The man's identity wasn't known. Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Rex Villalob said the man was alive when he was removed."

# Gonzales' nomination heads to full Senate

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The Senate Judiciary Committee sent the nomination of Alberto Gonzales to be attorney general to the full Senate on Wednesday, setting the stage for the first full-scale debate over torture and the harsh interrogation of suspected terrorists.

The vote was a strict party line, with all 10 Republicans backing Gonzales and all eight Democrats opposing him. The Senate could take up the nomination next week.

The committee's Republicans praised Gonzales' Republicans praised Bush's White House counsel and close adviser, as an ideal choice. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, described him as a man of "integrity, decency and honor who deserves to be confirmed."

The eight Democrats criticized Gonzales' role in a series of decisions that pushed the limits on interrogation methods and, they charged, paved the way for prisoner abuse from Iraq to the detention center at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay. Democrats focused on the issue of prisoner abuse, noting that recent reports of mistreatment go well beyond the Abu Ghraib prison scandal in Iraq.

unresponsive to questions, had refused to reconsider his legal advice on interrogations, and if confirmed, wouldn't be independent of the White House political agenda.

"My overwhelming problem with him is his judgment. It was just quite wrong," said Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del.

"I don't think he was candid, and (his nomination) sends the wrong message to the rest of the world," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.

Some Republicans said such criticism was unfair, because as White House counsel, Gonzales had a limited role as a behind-the-scenes adviser in key decisions.

Gonzales "made it very clear that he knows the difference between being attorney general, where he represents all the people, and being White House counsel, where he's basically representing the president," Hatch said.

Republicans noted that Gonzales would be the nation's first Hispanic attorney general. Democrats focused on the issue of prisoner abuse, noting that recent reports of mistreatment go well beyond the Abu Ghraib prison scandal in Iraq.

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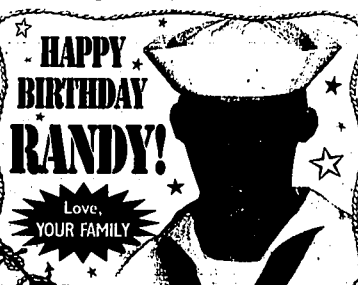
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# Marine deaths hit town hard

Fatalities are 'too much to comprehend'

OCEANSIDE, Calif. (AP) — This seaside military town reeled with grief and resolve Wednesday at the news that 31 servicemembers were killed when a transport helicopter crashed in the deadliest single incident yet for U.S. forces in Iraq.

"It's terrible, but it comes with the territory," said Carl Dreibeis, 52, an Oceanside native who served in the Navy and said members of his family have fought in every U.S. war since the American Revolution.

"I'm afraid that when people hear this, their inclinations will be to retreat. But I say charge," Dreibeis said.

Twenty-seven of the victims were based at Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay, which is under the operational control of the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, near Oceanside. Some of the victims were also members of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, based at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego. Further details were withheld pending notification of families.

The crew chief onboard the helicopter, Lance Cpl. Tony Hernandez, deployed to Iraq last summer and was scheduled to return to Camp Pendleton in March, said his father, Leroy Hernandez, of Canyon Lake, Texas. He said he last spoke with



Carl Dreibeis talks about the helicopter crash that left 30 Marines and a sailor dead in Iraq on Wednesday in Oceanside, Calif. It's terrible, but it comes with the territory' Dreibeis said.

his son on Sunday. "He said it was cold, that he was working his butt off — the usual gripes," Hernandez said. "He didn't say a lot because he didn't want anyone to worry."

The previous deadliest incident in Iraq for American servicemembers was also a helicopter crash: In November

2004, two Black Hawks collided while trying to avoid ground fire, killing 17 servicemembers. Wednesday's crash occurred as personnel were being transported by the CH-53E Super Stallion as part of security and stabilization operations. The military did not mention a possible cause.

Amber Warlock, 31, a former Marine whose husband is a Marine pilot stationed at Camp Pendleton, said she was stunned when she heard about the crash on television.

"You hear about people dying every day in ones and twos," she said. "But 31 is just too much to comprehend."

She sought solace at the beach with her 5-month-old daughter Heidi and a fellow Marine wife who cried at news of the deaths, even though she had confirmed her husband was OK in Iraq.

"You just know how every single woman sitting in her home feels, whether it's going to be yours or someone you know," Warlock said. "It doesn't matter who it is. It's a bad day for everybody."

# SECRET CANDIDATE LISTS, DEATH THREATS

Iraqi election has much mystery

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Four days before historic elections in Iraq, many candidates' names are still secret. Almost no one is out pressing the flesh. And fliers threaten death to anyone who dares vote.

The violence in Iraq and the security precautions it has prompted have put an unusual — and sometimes troubling — twist on the nature of the campaign leading up to Sunday's elections.

"How can you choose somebody to represent you without knowing even who he is?" one Iraqi woman, Ibtisam Safwan, who is living in Jordan, asked this week.

In a beauty contest, she quipped, "you know about every inch in the contestants' bodies." But on the Iraqi candidates, many blanks remained as of Wednesday.

The fact that candidates' names remain unknown has raised concerns that many Iraqis will choose a slate based mainly on the top few candidates, without knowing much about anyone else on the list, or their positions.

It also means many Iraqis are susceptible to influence from people they trust — voting, for example, according to what their imams or tribal leaders recommend.

Despite such peculiarities, the campaign overall has been relatively enthusiastic, with posters plastered on the capital's concrete walls and clear signs of grassroots, get-out-the-vote drives.

In a remote corner of the predominantly Shiite south earlier this week, for example, two clerics drove a BMW on un-paved roads in heavy rain — getting stuck in the mud several times before reaching the remote al-Musharrah area.

They gathered some people at the home of the head of the powerful al-Sawaed tribe and made a pitch for them to vote, as a religious duty, for the candidate list endorsed by Iraq's top Shiite cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani. After that, they drove on to meet the leader of the Kahla tribe in the Basmah area, to make the same pitch.

Other Western-style campaign features, like boisterous rallies or big public speeches,



Supporters cruise through the street of Baghdad with their vehicles covered by election posters on Wednesday.

are almost unknown at a time when Iraq is plagued by assassination threats, noted a U.S. Embassy official recently, speaking to reporters in the southern town of Hillah.

Instead, political meetings tend to be quieter and behind closed doors, held in buildings that party members own inside compounds for security, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In addition, few parties have put out detailed descriptions of their stands on the issues, including what type of constitution their members would push for if elected, the official noted.

Because of the power of incumbency and the security guards the office brings, interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi has been one of the few candidates able to meet the public — flying around the country and touring reconstruction sites, often with reporters in tow.

He and other better-financed candidates also have been able to buy TV and newspaper ads. The best-known candidates, like Allawi and the head of the al-Sistani-endorsed ticket, Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, have given newspaper and TV interviews, too. But most campaigns rely on word of mouth and election posters plastered on walls.

More candidate names will soon be known.

Adel al-Lami, a member of the Independent Electoral

Commission of Iraq, said the commission would on Thursday begin releasing the names of all candidates whose names have not yet been made public, printing them in local newspapers.

Some parties asked that their bottom-ticket candidates' names be kept secret, said the chief U.N. electoral official here, Carlos Valenzuela. But the Iraqi electoral commission turned down that request, saying voters had a right to know all names, he said.

Many Iraqis say the name secrecy is not that significant: They know whom the main lists represent because of the top candidates' political, religious and ethnic backgrounds.

In a polling station on Sunday, a voter will be able to choose only once from among the various lists, essentially voting for all the candidates on one list. The number of candidates on each list who are elected depends on the percentage of votes their ticket receives overall.

Even beyond the name mystery, intimidation has been the single-biggest factor in the campaign. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz called it "extraordinary." One recent flier handed out near polling stations in the capital warned people that if they dared to vote, their families' blood would "wash the streets of Baghdad."

# Road warriors do best to minimize vulnerability

Los Angeles Times

RAMADI, Iraq — As he always does before traveling the roads of Iraq, Marine Staff Sgt. Johnathan Radel on Tuesday said a short prayer.

"Lord, please keep us safe today from IEDs and VBIEDs," he said as he sat in his Humvee, using the acronyms for improvised explosive device and vehicle-borne improvised explosive device.

Less than five minutes later, as the eight-vehicle convoy rolled through the streets of Ramadi in the predawn darkness, an IED exploded beneath one of the Humvees, sending an orange fireball into the sky and shredding the vehicle's back tires. There were no injuries, and the tires were replaced.

When the mission was over, with six suspects arrested and a small car on edge, Radel said that reciting the prayer was a habit he picked up recently. "Anything to keep my Marines safe," he said.

After two years of war and hundreds of U.S. deaths on Iraqi highways and streets caused by roadside bombs and suicide car bombing, the business of driving vehicles from point A to point B has taken on a grimness borne of reality.

Along the long desert stretches of Al Anbar province or the traffic-clogged streets of Baghdad, a convoy is a highly choreographed event conducted at high speed. As Sunday's Iraqi elections approach and rumors spread of planned mass attacks by insurgents, attention to detail is at its height.

In their Humvees, the driver and the "a-driver," who is assigned to take over if the driver is killed, keep phones pressed to their ears. They talk to other Marines in the convoy about road conditions, suspicious civilians, out-of-place vehicles, or anything that could be a threat. Medics travel with each convoy.

Relentless attacks from IEDs have taken a physical and emotional toll on the Marines. As many units near the end of their tours of duty, commanders are at pains to keep them sharp.

LT George Velazquez keeps a

gristly picture collection of Humvees and other vehicles destroyed and damaged by such blasts. He's a motor transport officer and frequently is assigned to lead convoys through the sniper- and bomb-laden streets of Ramadi.

He knows it is a balancing act between protecting his Marines and possibly overreacting and hurting or killing Iraqi civilians. Like many Marines, Velazquez re-listened after Sept. 11, 2001, to be part of "the fight." He had served four years in the enlisted ranks and was ready to become a firefighter with a civilian department. Instead he re-upped as an officer.

He never figured that Operation Iraqi Freedom would evolve into a guerrilla war in which IEDs would reach a kind of deadly perfection.

"It's nerve-racking," Velazquez said of convoys. "You're on edge the whole time. You know they (the insurgents) are out there, but on the other hand not everybody is out to hurt you."

The Marines have distributed hundreds of pamphlets in Ramadi and elsewhere pleading with residents to stay back from convoys, to pull to the side of the road until the heavily armed military vehicles pass by. There are signs on vehicles in Arabic.

Some people don't get the message and there have been an untold number of incidents here of Marines firing on Iraqis who drove too close to convoys.

Nearly every Marine has a story to tell about being in a convoy hit by an IED, a suicide car bomb or a sniper. Bullet holes and spider-patterned cracks in windshields provide proof. Last week, three Army soldiers in Ramadi were killed by a suicide car.

If the Marines have changed since the war began, so too have their vehicles. Nearly all Humvees have gun turrets, as well as armor on the sides and undercarriage; some have bulletproof glass. Compared to the light vehicles — some with plastic doors — that crossed the Line of Departure in 2003, these Humvees are more akin to mini-tanks than to the jeeps of previous wars.

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## EDITORIAL

### Legalizing tuition makes sense for Idaho colleges

**S**ome colleges call it student fees. Others call it tuition. For Idaho college students, however, it's just called expensive.

The actual costs of providing instructional education at Idaho's four-year colleges have always been a confusing game of semantics. But if a new tuition plan endorsed by the State Board of Education goes through the Legislature, the task of identifying college costs might become a little easier.

On Monday, the State Board approved the concept of allowing colleges and universities the ability to charge tuition. The proposal would allow Boise State University, Lewis-Clark State College and Idaho State University to collect tuition for instructional costs. Currently, those schools and the University of Idaho can't collect tuition, but collect student fees. (UI would not charge unless a Constitutional amendment is passed.)

Going back to its pre-statehood days, Idaho laws have always banned college tuition. When Idaho became a state in 1890 the measure was drawn into the Constitution. Over time however, the state's ability to carry college instruction costs hasn't kept up with inflation.

Therefore, colleges have used a charade to go around the tuition ban. They assess student fees, matriculation fees, activity fees or faculty fees to meet the costs. In spite of their labels, they're still used to help pay for in-

struction. The College of Southern Idaho has charged tuition and fees going back to its establishment in 1965. Because community colleges enjoy property tax support from local counties, they have state permission to collect tuition from students using the system.

That policy functions well for CSI, especially as its enrollment steadily climbs. So it makes sense for the state's larger schools to have the same option.

**Our view:** The State Board of Education strikes a reasonable move by pushing for college tuition.

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

have skyrocketed almost 136 percent over the past 10 years. Giving universities authority to raise tuition, from students' point of view, expands the possibility of higher college costs.

But perhaps a transition to college tuition can make college costs more transparent to the student. Rather than have their money be used in a shell game, students will be able to see how much is actually spent on tuition, as opposed to other fee-like such as athletics, activities or buildings.

Eventually, this debate will still require a discussion of who has the larger burden for instructional costs — students or the state? How far should student tuition go? Should limits be put in place to control increases?

Those questions deserve additional discussion as the Legislature weighs this tuition proposal. But as far as practical semantics are concerned, the charade between tuition and student fees needs to end.

## The virtuous take battle to SpongeBob

**A**mong the many blessings I have failed to fully appreciate is my exemption — thanks to my children's advanced years — from having to know much about SpongeBob SquarePants.



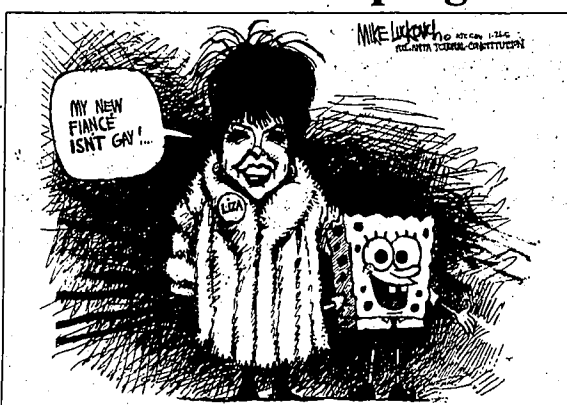
KATHLEEN PARKER

For those otherwise distracted, SpongeBob is the protagonist in both a movie and a television series. Hugely popular among the kindergarten-second grade set, he sometimes holds hands with heroes Mermel Man and Barnacle Boy, which supposedly accounts for SpongeBob's reputed popularity among gays.

And hence the notion that his appearance in a new video, "We Are Family" — aimed at teaching schoolchildren about diversity and tolerance — is really a subterfuge for the pro-homosexual agenda.

The SpongeBob saga has gained plenty of attention — what with gay activists on one side and Heaven's gatekeepers on the other. Focus on the Family's James Dobson has said the video promotes a pro-homosexual agenda. The American Family Association's Ed Vitagliano wrote in the organization's journal that the project's subject is celebrating homosexuality.

The video, which is scheduled to be aired next month on networks and distributed to some 61,000 schools, was conceived shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks as a way of teaching tolerance in a hate-filled world, say its creators. The idea was that teaching children in their tender years to respect differences would pay off in the long run, leading to a cheerier



world in which, presumably, Middle Eastern religious nuts wouldn't fly planes into buildings. Somehow, I think they've missed their target audience, but never mind. Making the video doubtless made many grownups feel better about their own sorrows and helped move them toward that utopian finale so favored by the bracelet- and ribbon-wearing population — Healing in Closure.

There's now a We Are Family Foundation, a Web site (wearefamilyfoundation.org), a letter-writing campaign urging that March 11 be declared national "We Are Family Day" and, of course, ways to contribute money. In fact, SpongeBob plays a minor role in the video and seems to have been unfairly impugned. While I vigorously favor protecting children from phase-inappropriate discussions of sexuality, I don't see it. Here that, there's still plenty to cringe about if you're more sympathetically inclined toward Randle Hark McMurphy than Nurse Mildred Ratched. What Dobson, Vitagliano and others really are objecting to is that kids viewing the video might be inspired to visit the "We Are Family" Web site and happen

upon the Tolerance Pledge, by which one promises to respect all people, even those whose "abilities, beliefs, culture, race, sexual identity or other characteristics are different from my own."

Respecting all people is hardly a radical idea for Christians, but Dobson says on his Web site that inclusion of sexual identity in the pledge "crosses a moral line." Personally, I'm still puzzled over "other characteristics." In any case, the pledge seems unlikely to traumatize children, who probably won't find it interesting. If they find it at all, it isn't mentioned in the video and is available only on the Foundation's Web site. If teachers decide to incorporate the Tolerance Pledge into their class curriculum, then that's a matter for closer scrutiny and Dobson is right.

In the meantime, there's no coercion here. We're unlikely to witness droves of brainwashed tykes reciting diversity pledges to the annoyance of their beer-swilling parents. And it would be annoying, let's be clear.

What the SpongeBob controversy has revealed is that place saving allegiance to diversity and tolerance is religion by any

other name — just as irksome to the devout as Dobson and Vitagliano are to the secular. The purveyors of Feel Good Vibes can be just as dogmatic and unyielding as those who condemn from the pulpit. Whether defending literal scripture or advancing bumper-sticker virtue, the self-anointed protectors are essentially cut from the same cloth. And they're likely bound for similar rewards. For what we know about human beings is that people tend to resist that which is imposed from on high.

By some natural law that we might call "SpongeBob's Iron Rule of Reverse Effects," channelers of platitudinous exact the opposite of what they intend.

There's nothing like a preacher railing against sin to whet one's appetite for iniquity. And angry renegades who will seek an outlet for their rage.

Kathleen Parker, a syndicated columnist for the Orlando Sentinel, welcomes comments via e-mail at [kparker@kparker.com](mailto:kparker@kparker.com).

## Gag order helps ensure a fair and impartial jury

**O**n Jan. 19, I read your editorial, "Gag orders erode confidence in courtrooms." Your lack of understanding of the legal system is amazing.

The purpose of the "gag order" is to ensure the accused a fair trial. Defense counsel and the defendant do not air their defenses in public, pre-trial. To do so would be to subject potential witnesses to threats of obstructing justice, a common tactic of many law enforcement agencies, including county sheriff's offices and city police departments. Such harassment makes it virtually impossible for the truth to come out in court. Proving it is unlikely, you can't cross the "thin blue line."

A gag order was issued in the Jimmie Thomas murder case after law enforcement personnel held several press conferences to advertise the results of their investigation. That cost Jerome County thousands of dollars.

### READER COMMENT

M. Lynn Dunlap

To determine the impact on the jury pool, extensive jury questionnaires had to be prepared. Those questionnaires had to be statistically analyzed. Hearings were conducted to show that an impartial jury pool was not available in Jerome County. As a result, the case was transferred to Ada County, with Jerome County paying trial costs, hotel and food for all involved, including witnesses.

Extra time was spent by both trial teams in coordinating the presentation of evidence due to the distance involved. That cost Jerome County thousands of dollars in order to guarantee a fair trial for Mr. Thomas.

Extensive press was also devoted to a local ball bondsman's arrest. Numerous column inches were spent explaining the

guilt of the bondsman. This advertisement biased the jury, causing substantial lost income. All charges were ultimately dropped and a suit was filed against the city and county for their conduct. The bondsman decided to withdraw his lawsuit, despite it being a viable claim. Even if he prevailed, it would increase the financial burden placed on the citizens of the community. It was his civic responsibility and his decision to withdraw the lawsuit, despite significant financial loss to him. A gag order may well have saved all involved considerably.

I was part of the request for the gag order in the Ferrer case. Reference was made to the Thomas case and its impact on Jerome County. Everyone agreed that such a gag order was necessary to ensure a fair trial.

You complain that you can't scoop the story. The value of the scoop is negligible, while the harm done to the judicial

process is incalculable.

Your editorialist stated that a gag order is now routine. It is not. As long as law enforcement personnel hold press conferences to present their view of the story and as long as your newspaper is prepared to print only one side of the story, the gag order is necessary.

It may be difficult for you to believe, but law enforcement often only obtains or presents part of the story that is slanted, biased and not accurate. It is better for the press to present the complete story as it comes out at trial. The gag order ensures justice. Your desire for a scoop is not an essential part of the justice or judicial system.

There is a reason for a gag order. That editorial was self-serving and not in the best interest of the public. Your job: Publish the whole truth, not a scoop.

M. LYNN DUNLAP  
Twin Falls  
(Editor's note: M. Lynn Dunlap is an attorney in Twin Falls.)

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## LETTER

### Governor's road plan will pave way to prosperity

Today is truly a unique time in Idaho's history because of the vast opportunities we have now to make a significant difference on the future course of our state.

Gov. Kempthorne's legislative proposals to build and rebuild our state's infrastructure before further growth occurs speaks to the heart of what must happen for our state to be prepared for tomorrow while building a solid economic foundation today.

Projects such as the proposed highway improvements that will connect Idaho's rural areas will not only help small communities achieve financial independence, but they will address traffic safety issues that have long plagued Idaho's isolated towns.

Gov. Kempthorne can see the larger picture of Idaho's potential economic growth. Sound infrastructure planning, effec-

tive business recruitment and retention, and quality jobs will result in a long-term stable tax base. Growth in rural communities will help negate the impacts of urban sprawl in our metropolitan areas throughout the state.

We the people of Idaho, through our Legislature, will control our future if we embrace this proposal. We must all become involved and think about the benefits of this plan on future generations.

Gov. Kempthorne has demonstrated his leadership qualities by taking the necessary step forward with a plan that we can all follow.

This plan, presented to our Legislature, must now be approved as our governor will implement it. I have faith in this proposal and can see the vision proposed. Idaho will be the gem of this great nation.

STANLEY B. DAVIS  
Salmon  
(Editor's note: Stanley Davis is the mayor of Salmon.)

### Bush's noble cause falls short on ideals

Listening to the president's inaugural speech, I realized how easily fine words and stirring images of America the noble crusader bringing democracy and freedom to the enslaved nations of the world could be used to distract us from the truth of what is really going on at home and abroad. Naturally, the catastrophe in Iraq was never once mentioned. Neither was the free world's opinion of

our activities. Nor the mess we are in at home, sinking under the weight of national debt, 45 million without health care, soaring prescription drug costs, education falling apart.

If George W. had any intention of helping the poor, mending people who voted him into office for another four years, here is a short list of ideas that should have been on his agenda:

To ensure that quality, affordable health care be available to all Americans

To reverse his plans to cut back Pell grants that make college affordable to middle- and lower-income kids.

To stop the outsourcing of American jobs.

To abandon his plans to extend tax cuts for the wealthiest 1 percent — those who make \$1 million or more. (They already received \$146 billion in cuts last year.) To ditch his plan to privatize Social Security, which will cut guaranteed benefits and put the financial stability of millions of American families at risk.

To stop trashing the environment for corporate gain and abandon once and for all his plan to open the Alaskan Wildlife Refuge to oil exploration. That editorial was self-serving and not in the best interest of the public. Your job: Publish the whole truth, not a scoop.

JUST TYPING THOSE WORDS SENDS A CHILL DOWN MY SPINE. IT SHOULD SEND ONE DOWN YOURS, TOO.  
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Perhaps one of my questions to Health and Welfare should have been how do I get signed up for assistance and food stamps when I have to quit my job because of lack of a care provider for my child.

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## WORLD

## Mourners blame police for stampede

WAI, India (AP)—Shocking relatives of Hindu pilgrims killed at a temple carried bodies for cremation on Wednesday and poured out their anger at police for failing to protect worshippers trampled to death in a stampede during a massive religious procession. The death toll rose to 258.

Police said the chain-reaction tragedy in the small town of Wai began Tuesday when some pilgrims entered the hilltop Mandira Devi temple from a floor made

slippery by a ceremony that involved breaking coconuts in front of a deity. The pilgrims were then crushed to death by a crowd pushing into the temple to make offerings.

Word of the accident trickled out to some of the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims climbing uphill to the temple on a narrow walkway lined with shops and tea stalls. Angered over the deaths, some set fire to shops along the path, triggering a stampede of screaming crowds

fleeing in horror. At least 258 people died and 200 were injured in the melee, said Subbarao Patil, the area's top administrator. Shrawan Chavan, one of an estimated 300,000 devotees who had gathered for an annual Hindu festival, said many in the crowd were drunk and some of them became violent and set fire to the shops.

"I have been coming here for 18 years. During this (15-day) festival, 2.5 million rupees (\$55,000) worth of liquor is sold,"

Chavan said. The mob turned violent because many people were drunk.

Chavan was at the temple with his father-in-law, who went missing after the stampede.

"The crowd began pushing and I saw people falling like sacks on top of each other. I started shouting for help, but there were no policemen," said Namdeo Yernakar, 45, from Bombay. He was on the downward journey from the hilltop temple when the stampede broke out.



Adam Pathan, a shopkeeper, sits among the ruins of his gutted shop outside the Mandira Devi temple at Wai, about 150 miles south of Bombay, India, Wednesday.

## Israelis and Palestinians may resume peace talks

JERUSALEM — Israeli and Palestinian negotiators achieved significant progress Wednesday toward ending violence and resuming peace talks, completing a plan for deploying Palestinian forces in the southern Gaza Strip and aiming for a summit within two weeks between the Israeli and Palestinian leaders.

New violence, however, underscored the fragility of the new momentum for peace. A Palestinian preschooler in southern

Gaza was killed by Israeli gunfire after militants

fired a rocket at Israel. Israeli troops shot a Palestinian militant to death and wounded two others in a West Bank arrest raid.

About 100 Jewish settlers disrupted a meeting between Israeli and Palestinian commanders in southern Gaza, throwing stones and slashing tires of participants' vehicles.

None of this appeared to spoil a new flurry of peace moves offering the prospect of an end to four years of Israeli-Palestinian bloodshed, following the Nov. 11 death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

A senior aide to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and a Palestinian cabinet minister sat down together to discuss the summit idea and an emerging truce deal — the first high-level diplomatic contact between the two sides in months.

These talks are promising in all aspects, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said.

Palestinians said they expect to take control of five West Bank cities within 10 days, and Israel indicated it would refrain from targeted killings of militants.

## Former Ukrainian aide vows strong opposition

KIEV, Ukraine — One of the most feared and influential figures in Ukraine's former government vowed to help build a powerful opposition to new President Viktor Yushchenko, saying Wednesday he is not afraid of his one-time enemies who are now in power.

Viktor Medvedchuk, former chief-of-staff to ex-President Leonid Kuchma, denied allegations of crimes while in office — including claims he helped orchestrate the feud in the Nov. 21 presidential runoff that prompted the "Orange Revolution" protests — and said he would not flee into exile.

The government lost. We can't stay in power or pretend to be in power," Medvedchuk told journalists in his first wide-ranging press conference in more than two years. "We have only one way out: go into the opposition."

As Kuchma's right-hand man since 2002, Medvedchuk operated behind-the-scenes in Ukraine's bare-knuckle politics — earning the nickname "the minotaur" and reputation as the real power in this nation of 48 million. His personal Web site features a page aimed at dispelling "the myths about Medvedchuk," insisting that he is a "person without a heart."

## British government proposes new powers

LONDON (AP)—The British government Wednesday proposed sweeping new powers to control suspected terrorists, including electronic tagging, curfews and house arrest of people who have not been convicted of crimes.

Home Secretary Charles Clarke said the new "control orders" would apply to both foreigners and British nationals, and he promised to introduce legislation as soon as possible.

Eleven foreigners who have been held without charge as suspected terrorists for three years will not be released until the new powers were in place, he added.

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## SPORTS

## Totmianina, Marinin crown comeback

TURIN, Italy (AP) — After winning another gold medal following a near flawless performance, Tatiana Totmianina looked to the sky and thought, "Thank God, I can do it again."

Totmianina and partner Maxim Marinin won the pairs title at the European Figure Skating Championships on Wednesday, three months after a terrifying fall left Totmianina unconscious on the ice.

Skating to "Sheherazade" by Rimsky-Korsakov, they were almost perfect with their routine, which included the same lift that sent Totmianina tumbling to the ice face first on Oct. 23 at Skate America in Pittsburgh. She was taken to a hospital with a concussion and bad bruises.

When the Chicago-based skaters started skating again in November, they had to start with the basics, cross-country. A month later, they were doing their toughest lifts, spins and jumps. Now, they have four straight golds at the Europeans.

"I think the biggest lesson I've learned is to love your own life," Totmianina said. "And another is to trust your partner, to trust your coach. You need to be a team and just enjoy skating."

The routine also featured three different one-handed lifts.

Right after the accident, "I didn't think about the Europeans," Totmianina said. "If you think too far ahead, it's not going to help you. It has to be day by day."



AP Photo

Tatiana Totmianina, left, and Maxim Marinin perform during the pairs program competition at the European Figure Skating Championships, in Turin's Palavela ice rink, northern Italy, Wednesday. Totmianina and Marinin clinched their fourth straight pairs competition title.

Marinin remembered seeing Totmianina in the hospital, with a huge bruise across her forehead. "She tried to smile and waved to me, took my hand and said,

"Don't worry Max, we will come back," Marinin said. After their winning performance at the Palavela — next year's Olympic venue — Marinin punched the air, and

both looked upward. "I said inside of my head, 'Thank God, I can do it again,'" Totmianina said.

The Russians opened with a triple salchow, then did a triple double combination. There was just one noticeable flaw, when Marinin caught Totmianina awkwardly after a triple twist. That brought their only deduction from the judges.

Their total mark was 196.28 points under the new scoring system being used in the European championships for the first time.

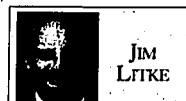
A Russian couple won't the event for the 10th straight year, and the Russians swept the medals. Second went to Julia Obertas and Sergei Slavnov, who did a rare quadruple twist.

They scored 177.10 points, beating compatriots Maria Petrova and Alexei Tikhonov for the first time. Petrova-Tikhonov, who won the title in 1999 and 2000, had 175.89 points.

Another Russian, world champion Evgenia Plushenko, had a rough day. He bungled a jump and looked strangely listless during his short program to Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata." Brian Joubert of France slipped after a jump in his first place.

Joubert scored 76.98 points to Plushenko's 75.33. Stephane Lambiel of Switzerland was third with 69.97. The final is on Thursday.

## Is there a doctor in the house to tell T.O. 'No'?



JIM LITKE

The reason an athlete visits an orthopedic surgeon as opposed to a faith healer should be evident: You can't always count on divine intervention.

And so while it was uplifting to hear Terrell Owens say, "Spiritually, God is healing me and I'm way ahead of where a lot of people expect me to be," it's a good thing he bothered to get a second opinion. Even if it wasn't the one he wanted, it was the one Owens needed.

A month ago, Dr. Mark Myerson needed two screws and a plate to put Owens' right ankle back together. After Tuesday's weekly checkup, Myerson said he was pleased with his patient's recuperation, but he still refused to clear him to play in the Super Bowl.

Yow! Owens looked healthy patrolling the sideline in Philadelphia last Sunday, waving a towel and whipping up the home crowd. But that means something only if he's auditioning for the cheerleading squad. The guys on New England's defense can appreciate a courageous comeback story more than most, but once Owens sets foot inside the line that won't keep them from going after his bum ankle.

Myerson reasoned it takes eight to 10 weeks to recover from surgery, when the Eagles and Patriots meet Feb. 6, Owens will have been on the mend and rehabbing for about 6.9. Still, the team's doctors and trainers apparently have the final say. If they green-light Owens for the Super Bowl, the only place any of them should be allowed to operate an X-ray machine is at an airport.

It's easy to understand the temptation on all sides, of course. Games that mean as much to a player as the Super Bowl only come along every so often, and pro football careers are notoriously short and risky to begin with. On top of that, the most inspirational moments in sports are about guys playing with pain that makes you wince just reading about it.

The hands-down winner in the category is Muhammad Ali going all 12 rounds against Ken Norton in 1973 after his jaw was busted by a punch in the second. But it's hardly the only one.

Last October, it was Curt Schilling busting the stitches holding together a frayed tendon so he could work seven innings of Game 6 against the Yankees. Three decades earlier, it was Willis Reed dragging a bum leg into the center circle for the jump ball against Walt Chamberlain in Game 7 of the

1970 NBA Finals. And then there was Kirk Gibson's gimp-kneed tour of the bases after his walk-off homer against the As All-Star closer, Dennis Eckersley, in Game 1 of the 1988 World Series.

If those moments sent chills down your spine, imagine the effect it had on the field.

"When he hit that ball," Oakland shortstop Walt Weiss said about Gibson back then, "it was almost as if he was dealing a blow as it was, I remember running off the field and saying, 'Man, that was unbelievable.'"

And while football may be the one sport that rivals boxing in its physical demands, there are plenty of inspirational tales to go around. The best of that lot is about Rams defender Jack Youngblood.

In the first half of a 1979 pay-off game against the Cowboys, he was chop-blocked by two Dallas linemen, causing his left fibula to snap above the ankle. Youngblood talked the trainers into taping him up at halftime, finished that game and played the next two wearing a brace. The Steelers sought any chance of a happy ending by beating the Rams in the Super Bowl.

"It was nine years in the league at that point in time," Youngblood recalled during an interview on his return to the Hall of Fame last year. "I didn't know where I would have another opportunity or not, to tell you the truth."

Similarly, this is Owens' ninth season in the league. Orthopedic medicine has made significant strides in the intervening years, but miracles remain outside its reach. If Owens is counting on one of those, or relying on the opinion of the company doctors, he'd do well to remember why Myerson said "No" in the first place.

His decision absolves the doctor of any blame should Owens re-injure the ankle — or worse. But more likely, Myerson made it knowing the sheer number of disastrous outcomes are what make the rare successes so memorable.

A career, after all, is a terrible thing to waste.

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## NHL lockout hurts retail stores, other businesses

By Sandy Shore  
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Inside a tiny sports apparel store on the 16th Street Mall are racks of jerseys, from the dark blue of the NFL's Broncos to the golden tinge of the NBA's Nuggets. Tucked in a back corner are the crimson jerseys of the Colorado Avalanche, largely forgotten in a lost NHL season.

Sales have gone cold since the hometown hockey team stopped playing. Sportsfan manager Chastity Cannon said. Overall business is down by one-fourth and holiday sales are off by half.

"Without hockey, it's been just a horrible year," she said. "I've noticed that a lot of the hard-core fans have come in to look, but when there's no season, we don't get the new merchandise they're looking for."

The dispute that has kept NHL

players locked out for 133 days of Wednesday has meant millions of dollars in losses for stores, restaurants and businesses across North America that rely at least in part on a professional hockey team for their livelihood. Even if the season is saved, few expect a big rebound in business.

"It's a disaster," said Jim Root, the vice president of Gerry Cosby & Co., Inc., an apparel store that is steps away from Madison Square Garden in New York.

Root said that hangers apparel sells better than the NBA's Knicks, and hockey fans are much more loyal. The store's business was down 40 percent before the holiday season, and the bottom line is getting worse.

"It's probably now 50 percent off without Christmas being here for this month," Root said.

Bob Phillips, a salesman for East Side Sporting Goods in suburban Detroit, said sales of fled

Wings and other hockey apparel have been "dead."

"I talked to a competitor and it's the same thing," Phillips said. "Obviously, if they're not playing, they're not selling."

At a Sports Authority store in King of Prussia, Pa., just outside Philadelphia, Flyers fans aren't looking for hockey jerseys — not with the 76ers and the Super Bowl-bound Eagles holding everyone's attention.

The lockout has cost fans and businesses more than 700 of 1,230 regular-season games in 30 U.S. and Canadian cities. It has hit people like Troy Johnson, co-owner of Innis and Grill, a long slaphut from the Pepsi Center, home of the Avalanche. In a typical season, the restaurant is packed with 800 to 1,000 patrons on hockey nights.

Johnson has filled some of those nights with holiday parties and other events but crowds vary and he expects a six-figure

## Empty nets

An update on the status of the NHL lockout as of Wednesday:

► The NHL and the players' association resumed talks Wednesday, though neither side planned to make a new proposal

► Teams affected: 30 (24 from United States and six in Canada)

► Days lost in the season: 106

713 games missed

1,230 games in the regular season



SOURCE: NHL  
drop in business by the end of what would have been the NHL season.

process forward and try to get a resolution.

It was Vancouver center Trevor Linden who came up with the idea last week to talk with just six people in the room. Linden, the NHLPA president, invited Harley Hotchkiss — the chairman of the board of governors.

The structure was successful in producing discussion, but it did nothing to close the gap in the philosophical differences.

"The question is whether one or both sides can be creative in ways where both can achieve their objectives while remaining true to their principles," Daly said. "I continue to hope that that is a realistic possibility. If I didn't, I don't think we'd be meeting."

He does day in and day out, so if he can change direction," Burkholder said.

If he passes all those tests, then we'll start talking about practice time. Right now, the game isn't even in our vision right now. If he has any setback in his rehab, then the whole idea of playing in the Super Bowl is probably off.

In his first season with the Eagles, "I had eight years in San Francisco, Owens led Philadelphia with 77 catches for 1,200

yards and 14 TDs. Quarterback Donovan McNabb and other Eagles have said they don't need Owens to beat the defending champion Patriots, who are 7-point favorites.

"If T.O. plays, it's an added bonus," McNabb said. "If he doesn't, it's not going to stop anything we're doing. You have to have it in the back of your mind about your future, so that's a tough call. That's something as a player you have to think about."

Means became part of an NCAA investigation that led to sanctions in 2002 depriving the team of scholarships and bowl eligibility.

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## Hockey talks conclude with promise of another meeting

NEW YORK (AP) — The latest round of talks between representatives of the NHL and the players' association wrapped up Wednesday without a deal but with the promise that the sides would meet again this week.

An agreement will have to be reached soon or the lockout, which reached its 133rd day Wednesday, will wipe out the hockey season.

It was the third time in a week that each side sent a small group to try to find common ground that would lead to a new collective bargaining agreement. All three sessions were held without commissioner Gary Bettman and union chief Bob Goodenow.

Wednesday's meeting was held at an undisclosed location in Toronto, and both sides limited

post-meeting remarks to e-mailed statements.

The meeting has concluded for the day and we will meet again this week," NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly said. "We have no further comment at this time."

During a two-day meeting last week in Chicago and Toronto, the sides tried to get together in secrecy but were unsuccessful. Both parties believe they will have a better chance to get things accomplished if they can talk out of the public eye.

"After meeting today, we have agreed to continue discussions and will not be making any further comment at this time," players' association senior director Ted Saskin said.

Although no details were im-

mediately available, neither side planned to make a new proposal on Wednesday because the participants wanted to generate ideas through an open dialogue instead of working on a formal proposal.

"I think the setup of these meetings is what's important in terms of the small-group dynamic, the open discussion and dialogue," Daly told The Associated Press on Tuesday night. "It's less formal or structured than the meetings we've had in the past, and I think that's helpful to the process."

But time is running short to make a deal and save the season.

"We're in a critical stage, and that means we're down to days," Daly said. "We'll try to move the

## Owens

Continued from B1

against Dallas on Dec. 19. By not clearing Owens to play, Myerson should be absolved of any blame if Owens goes against his wishes and whips up re-injuring the ankle.

Owens was told after surgery that he had only an outside chance of returning for the Super Bowl, which was 6.5 weeks away at the time. But he rehabbed vigorously, hoping to help Philadelphia win its first NFL championship since 1960.

## Payoffs

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Means and another player. Means, who has not been accused of wrongdoing, previously testified that he let Lang choose his college.

Prosecutors introduced telephone records from June 2000 to February 2001 showing 49 calls between phones belonging to Lang and Young. Thirty-nine of those calls originated with Lang's phone.

Duke Clement, a Memphis real estate developer, testified he heard Young brag about 1998 and again in 2000 that he paid another high school coach to send two other players to Alabama.

After a checkup Tuesday in Baltimore, Myerson said that while he's pleased with Owens' recuperation, the operation requires a recovery period of eight to 10 weeks. Myerson added that any attempt to accelerate Lang's rehabilitation process poses the same risk for injury.

Burkholder said Owens worked out on a treadmill when he returned to Philadelphia on Tuesday.

"We will continue to see whether he can jog and see how

Lang said he began shopping Means around to various colleges in 1999 when he realized how many schools wanted him.

Lang testified that former Kentucky recruiting coordinator Claude Bassett gave \$7,000 for work at a camp and a Means visit to campus, and that former Georgia head coach Jim Donnan gave \$700 cash for work at a camp. He testified that Bill Harper, a Georgia booster from Memphis, gave him a \$100 bill.

But he said that when he was referred to Young by former Crimson Tide assistant coach Ivy Williams, he started the bidding for Means at \$50,000.

Young "took to it like water," Lang said.

Lang, who made less than \$30,000 at Trezevant High, said he kept upping the price until it reached \$150,000, which he received in a series of payments each smaller than \$10,000, the threshold at which bank transactions must be reported.

Young told him that since the payments were in cash, "if anything happened, it was his word against mine," Lang testified.

Means stayed at Alabama for one football season before transferring to Memphis after reports of a payoff to Lang became public.

Alabama's recruitment of

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Jury finds man guilty of murder

**MOUNTAIN HOME** — After three hours of deliberations, an Elmore County jury convicted a man Wednesday of first- and second-degree murder for killing his wife and their unborn child.

Albert Ciccone, 27, ran over his wife, Kathleen, with his car on Oct. 16, 2003, prosecutors said. Elmore County sheriff's reports indicate the fetus was 3 months old. Authorities allege that after an argument Kathleen got out of the vehicle and began walking.

Ciccone drove the car into his wife about 50 mph, killing her instantly, prosecutors said. Defense attorneys claimed it was an accident.

The jury began deliberating Tuesday afternoon. One juror was dismissed Wednesday for allegedly bringing outside information about the case into the courtroom. Deliberations started again around noon and lasted about three hours before reaching consensus.

Ciccone faces a life sentence. Sentencing is scheduled for March. County prosecutors have said they will not seek the death penalty.

### Kimberly considers franchise agreement

**KIMBERLY** — The city of Kimberly is considering a new franchise agreement with Idaho Power Co.

The new contract will have franchise fees charged at the rate of 1 percent and not require a vote of the people. Rates above 3 percent must be approved by voters.

The deal with Idaho Power could generate roughly \$10,000 a year in revenue for the city of Kimberly. The city is one of several in Magic Valley considering a franchise policy.

Idaho Power spokesman Dan Olmstead told the Kimberly City Council Tuesday that the paperwork for Jerome already has been completed. Ketchum voted for a 3 percent rate that will give the city underground power lines while Blufffield also will go to a 3 percent rate.

The franchise fee will be up for public comment at the Kimberly City Council's Feb. 8 meeting.

### Robert Stuart School zeroes in on grant

**TWIN FALLS** — Robert Stuart Junior High is one step closer to receiving a grant to help it implement the Making Middle Grades Work school improvement program.

Kasey Teske, an eighth-grade science teacher at Robert Stuart, also is a grant-writing principal at Oregon Trail Elementary, gave the Twin Falls School Board an update on the grant process Wednesday evening. The grant would be for about \$99,000 over three years.

The program emphasizes 10 key practices for improving schools. Those include: strong core academics, guidance programs, extra help, engaging classrooms, teamwork, quality teachers, use of data, parent involvement, use of technology and leadership.

Teske said he believes the grant will help unify the school's previous improvement efforts.

Principal Craig Ainsworth said the school is already following the 10 key practices, but the grant will help staff learn more and be able to do more.

The school is planning a forum on the grant for 4 p.m. Feb. 7 at the school's library.

— compiled from wire and staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	1st Aug.	2nd Aug.	3rd Aug.
Baltimor	67%	38%	38%
Big Wood	77%	48%	48%
Little Wood	95%	53%	53%
Big Lost	89%	49%	49%
Little Lost	84%	47%	47%
Herrick/Teton	87%	47%	47%
Upper Snake Basin	80%	47%	47%
Oakley	87%	47%	47%
Baltimor Falls	81%	53%	53%

\*A comparison of basin snowpack, on Jan. 1, 2004, and a 10-year average.

## Armed man robs convenience store

By Rebecca Meany  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A convenience store on North Washington was robbed at gunpoint early Wednesday morning, but no one was injured in the incident, according to the Twin Falls Police Department.

Around 4 a.m., a man walked into the Oasis Stop 'N Go at 515 Washington St. N. and demanded money from the female clerk.

"She kind of questioned him, then he showed a gun," said Staff Sgt. Matt Hicks.

The clerk gave him an undisclosed amount of money, and he left on foot.

"The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 18 to 25 years old, 6 feet tall and weighing about 200 pounds, police say."

He was wearing a bulky black jacket with white stripes on the sides, dark jeans, white sneakers

and a black knit cap. The weapon was described as a silver handgun.

The Oasis Stop 'N Go at 890 Washington St. S. was robbed three times within a month and a half last fall.

"Physically, (this suspect) has the same characteristics," Hicks said, "but based on the movements and tactics, we don't think it's the same guy. That guy had a really unique walk. This guy's mannerisms are different."

Hicks added that police are not ruling out the possibility that the perpetrators are the same person, however.

Like previous robberies, Hicks said, the latest one occurred in the middle of the night when few witnesses were around.

"I don't remember the last time we had a daytime robbery," he said. "There's just too many customers (in stores)."

Police say the man appeared

to be acting alone in Wednesday's robbery.

If he had somebody helping him, we didn't see them," he said.

Within four hours of a crime, police usually obtain the names of 15 to 20 previous offenders. Names are gathered from local jails, bail bondsmen and the Idaho Department of Probation and Parole, Hicks said.

"Most don't pan out," he said. "Because we don't have a lot of physical evidence and only one witness (in this incident) that's what we're forced to do — old fashioned police work."

If anyone has information on this incident, they are asked to contact the Twin Falls Police Department at 735-4357.

Times-News writer Rebecca Meany can be reached at 735-3259 or by e-mail at [rmeany@magicvalley.com](mailto:rmeany@magicvalley.com).



Police released this security camera image showing the man who robbed Oasis Stop 'N Go at 515 Washington St. N. on Wednesday. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 18 to 25 years old, 6 feet tall and weighing about 200 pounds.

## BORN TO RUN



Dashing through the snow, 'Amelio,' a 3-year-old yellow Labrador, chases after her owner, Jill Hitchin, during a cross country ski outing in Ketchum Wednesday.

## Commission approves U.S. Geothermal sale

The Associated Press

**BOISE** — The Idaho Public Utilities commission has approved a sales agreement between Idaho Power Co. and U.S. Geothermal that clears the way for what could be the first geothermal power plant in the Pacific Northwest.

Boise-based U.S. Geothermal is planning to build the Raft River Geothermal Power Plant near Malheur. Officials expect the plant to be completed in mid-2006.

The Raft River facility will connect with the Raft River Rural Electric Cooperative system and wheel energy to Idaho Power over transmission lines

owned by the co-op and the Bonneville Power Administration. It will sell up to 10 megawatts to Idaho Power under the 20-year agreement.

The sales agreement includes a variable compensation plan approved by the commission in resolving complaints filed by U.S. Geothermal and wind developers.

The commission accepted Idaho Power's plan to reduce payments if alternative energy plants produce less than 90 percent or more than 110 percent of the power they promised the utility under contract.

Under federal law, small power producers are entitled to sell the energy they generate to

regulated utilities at a price set by the state. It is equal to the cost the electric utility avoids if it would have had to generate the power itself or buy it from another source.

Idaho Power maintained that the uncertainty of production from wind and geothermal could force it to buy power from more expensive sources to meet demand if the co-generation comes up short of the promised target. Exceeding that target would require the utility to sell off the excess power possibly at prices less than it paid for it, it contended.

Idaho Power wanted to classify wind and geothermal units with hourly metering that

would lead to possibly reduced rates. The generators, whose production can range from 8 megawatts to 12 megawatts, wanted the classification based on annual generating average.

U.S. Geothermal will receive a rate that begins at about 5.15 cents per kilowatt hour and increases 2.3 percent annually, topping at 8.1 cents over 20 years.

U.S. Geothermal will receive that rate for energy delivered that is between 90 and 110 percent of its estimated generation amounts.

For energy delivered in excess of 110 percent or less than 90 percent, U.S. Geothermal will be paid less.

## District looks at updating energy equipment

The \$1.3 million in projects would require a general obligation bond issue

By Laurie Welch  
For The Times-News

**RUPERT** — Minidoka County School District officials have proposed \$1.3 million in energy conservation projects, but the program will not raise patrons' taxes.

The proposal would utilize a performance contract with Chevron Energy Solutions to upgrade energy equipment in the district's buildings and use the guaranteed utility savings to repay a low-interest federal loan.

In order to qualify for the loan, the district will have to pass a general obligation bond issue in the amount of \$1.5 million. The additional \$200,000 will be used for re-roofing projects.

The bond will need two-thirds voter approval and an election will have to be held by early April.

Payments for the loan would come out of the general fund energy savings over the 14-year life of the bond, so taxes would not be raised.

The district's facility advisory committee met Tuesday with the School Board and represen-

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— Max Twiss, an advisory committee member

tatives from a bank and Chevron Energy Solutions to discuss financing options for the project.

"This is pretty win-win," said Max Twiss, an advisory committee member. "But we need to let the people know exactly what is going on."

Twiss said there will be large energy savings that come with a contractual guarantee, and no tax increase because the project will pay for itself.

"This will let us do more for our schools," he said.

Financial options include using the loan or the district could have judicial confirmation that the work is needed.

Money to repay the loan will come from a guaranteed

bank willing to issue the loan.

Mike Boyer, of Chevron Energy Solutions, said Chevron would contractually guarantee the district will save \$98,335 a year in utility costs if it implements the recommended upgrades.

Chevron would also guarantee that there will be no construction change order requests and equipment will perform at a certain level, Boyer said.

Boyer said Chevron has entered into performance contracts with the Cassia, Jerome and Meridian school districts as well as Idaho State University and the University of Utah.

School Board member Greer Copeland said many of the recommended changes will have to be done anyway because a lot of the equipment in question is getting old.

The facility advisory committee will give the School Board its recommendations during a special meeting on Feb. 10.

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## Dalai Lama schedules Sun Valley appearance

Nobel Prize-winning leader will arrive on anniversary of Sept. 11

The Associated Press

**SUN VALLEY** — The Dalai Lama plans to visit Sun Valley for the fourth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Organizers of next September's trip by the Nobel Prize-winning spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists will address a general audience, conduct private meetings, speak at a press conference and talk to invited corporate leaders about ethics in business.

The Dalai Lama has agreed to hold a special session with kids during the visit to Sun Valley, said Sokoloff, president of 13D Research, which is based in Ketchum and Boca Raton, Fla.

Karl Sokoloff, a financial researcher from Ketchum who says he's a personal friend of the Dalai Lama, said a formal invitation to Idaho was offered by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Kempthorne said in his letter that he wanted Idaho's children to meet with the man considered by his followers to be the 14th in a line of Dalai Lamas. He's said to be the incarnation of Avalokitesvara, the Buddha of Compassion.

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During his stay, he'll bless a prayer wheel that's due to stay in Sun Valley. Tibetan prayer wheels, also called mani wheels, are devices believed by Buddhists to spread spiritual blessings and well-being.

This isn't the first time Sokoloff has hosted a member of the Dalai Lama's family.

Two years ago, the Dalai Lama's sister, Jetsun Pema, visited the Wood River Valley.

Pema is the director of the Tibetan Children's Villages, a charity for Tibetan orphans that's based in Dharamasala, India, the hill station where the Dalai Lama now lives after fleeing his home country a decade after the 1949 invasion of Tibet by the Chinese army.

Born Lhamo Dhondup on July 6, 1935, to a peasant family, the Dalai Lama was recognized at the age of 2 as the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama.

He received the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize for his work on global human rights and his efforts to free his country from Chinese rule.



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### Denise D. Turner



**TWIN FALLS** — Denise D. Turner, 57, of Twin Falls, went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005, at her home following a courageous two-year battle with cancer.

She was born Aug. 2, 1947, in Cairo, Ill., the daughter of Robert and Helen Dunn Watkins. Denise was raised and attended schools in Cairo and graduated valedictorian of her class at Cairo High School in 1965. She attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill., graduating cum laude with a bachelor of science in fashion merchandising.

She married Revis Turner on Dec. 22, 1967, in the Cairo, Ill., First Baptist Church, and they celebrated their 37th anniversary this past December. Denise was an accomplished author of two books, "Home Sweet Fishbowl" and "Cuff Marks on the Ceiling," was a contributing author to numerous books, including "Chicken Soup for the Baseball Fan's Soul," authored several freelance magazine articles, was an assistant features editor for a weekly columnist at *The Times-News*, was *Times-News* Employee of the Year 1998; received The Harold Schachern Award for Best Journalist 2001 from the Religion Newswriters Association; and was recipient of several journalism awards, including Society of Professional Journalists and the Baseball Fan Club. She was especially proud of the development of the Saturday *Times-News* religion section over the past several years.

Denise was a member of the

Twin Falls Lions Club, where she served as vice president. She supported the Magic Valley Arts Council and Magic Valley Reads Committee. She served as secretary for the Twin Falls All-Star Baseball Program from 1997-1999, and the Twin Falls Cowboys American Legion Baseball Parent Board from 2002-2004. She was the "unofficial" scorekeeper for the countless baseball games in which her son, Steve, played. She was a parent volunteer with JUMP Company and the Twin Falls High Schools Madrigals, in which her daughter, Becky, participated. She was a member of the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene and an active participant in the Pathseekers Sunday school class.

Denise was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinals Baseball fan. During high school, she was the president of the Julian Juvier Fan Club and, because of this, she met Javier and other 1963 Cardinals, including Stan Musial and Bill White.

Survivors include her husband, Revis; daughter, Rebecca (Daniel) Duggan; son, Stephen; mother, Helen Watkins; aunt, Alice Johnston; uncle, Robert Dunn; and cousins, William Johnston, Barbara (Richard) Bauerle and Charles Johnston. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Watkins.

Denise and her family would like to thank Dr. Sara Johnson and her staff and Dr. Campbell and the MSTI staff for their kind and compassionate care. In addition, the family thanks the staff of *The Times-News*, the Center for New Directions, CSI and the Pathseekers Sunday school class for their support.

Funeral services for Denise Turner will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene, 1231 E. Washington St. N., with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Private family interment at Sunset Memorial Park will precede services. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

The family suggests memorials to the First Church of the Nazarene Building Fund, 1231 E. Washington St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301; Idaho Eastern Oregon Sight and Hearing Foundation, P.O. Box 46420, Boise, ID 83711; Habitat for Humanity, 11411-MV, P.O. Box 3034, Twin Falls, ID 83303-3034; MST Cancer Center, 190 Banknorth, Boise, ID 83712-6297; or to the CSI Foundation, to endow a journalism scholarship in Denise's name, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1238.

### Louise A. Bruckner



**JEROME** — Louise Atwood Bruckner, 81, of Jerome, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

She was born April 25, 1923, at New Albany, Kan., to Opal Jefferson Atwood and Joseph L. Atwood. Louise was raised in Kansas and later moved to Idaho. She married John B. Lamb, and they were later divorced. They had four children. In 1970, Louise married George Bruckner. He was a good stepdad and granddad to her children and grandchildren.

Louise is survived by her four children, Larry J. Lamb of Jerome, Linda Selk of Santa Cruz, Calif., Randall S. Lamb of Prescott, Ariz., and Gregory M.

grandsons, Mark, Curt, John, James, Steven and Nolan; 21 grandchildren, Alissa Marie and Tara Louise; six great-grandchildren, Trevor, Anthony, Bradley, Chavon, Dominic and her special baby, Curt; two brothers, Rex and Bill Atwood; and many great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Marie; one brother, Homer; her husband, George, died on his birthday, Dec. 17, 1998; and her grandson, Les, died on Sept. 16, 2001.

Gravestone services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at the Jerome Cemetery, with the Rev. Laura Rockwell officiating. No viewing is planned.

### Gloria R. Fitterman



**RUPERT** — Gloria Rose Fitterman, a 71-year-old resident of Rupert, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Gloria was born June 2, 1933, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Peter and Adele Dicesare. At the age of 8, she moved with her family to Miami Beach, Fla. She attended the University of Miami and Miami Dade Community College, obtaining a degree in art. She painted realistic art work like the masters. While she was in Florida, she worked for the school district teaching children art. She also worked for interior designers as an artist. Norman Rockwell hired her as an artist at the age of 16, but due to an illness, she had to return home to Florida.

She married Lloyd Fitterman on March 1, 1953. They have been married for 53 years. They moved to Idaho in 1987 to be close to their son who had come to Rupert to

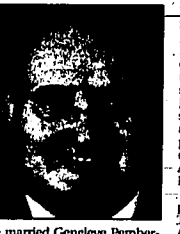
work for Minidoka Memorial Hospital as a doctor, William S. Fitterman. The move also put them closer to their children and grandchildren, of whom she was very proud and loved them so much. She also enjoyed animals, especially elephants, watching birds, music and her artwork. She was loved beyond words by her husband and children and

by anyone who knew her. She always saw the good in people no matter what.

She is survived by her husband, Lloyd of Rupert; her children, Cathleen Lee Andrews of Rupert, William S. Fitterman of Montana, Adalia Rose Ameen and son-in-law, David C. Ameen of Rupert; grandchildren, Lauren Lee, Danielle, Emily, Stephen, Megan Fitterman and Layne Andrews; great-grandchildren, Gloria Rose, Austynn, Logan and Morgan; and one brother, Joseph Dicesare. She was preceded in death by her father and mother.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at Hansen Mortuary, Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St. A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour before the service on Saturday. Burial will be at the Rupert Cemetery. Services will be under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

### Edwin J. Lynch



**BURLEY** — Edwin James Lynch, 82-year-old Burley resident, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at his home in Burley.

He was born Jan. 13, 1923, in Bentonville, Ark., the son of Edwin James and Zoe Dorris Lynch. He graduated in 1941 from Vale High School in Vale, Ore. He joined the U.S. Army and, during World War II, he served for 19 months overseas in the European Theater, where he worked in a military post office. Following the war, he met and married his first wife, Mary, in New York City. They were later divorced. Edwin worked for the U.S. Post Office in Vale, Ore., and later in Kimberly until his retirement. He also worked for many years at Safeway in Twin Falls while at the same time he worked as a rural postal carrier. In November of 1977,

he married Genevieve Pemberton Yarbrough in Rupert.

Survivors include his wife, Genevieve of Burley; two sons, Tom (Marlyn) Lynch of San Rafael, Calif., and Tim Lynch of Tacoma, Wash.; two daughters, Annamarie Dean of Spokane,

Wash., and Cathy Allport of Seattle, Wash.; three stepsons, James (Janet) Yarbrough of Redding, Calif., Gary Yarbrough of Norman, Okla.; and Quinn (Sharon) Yarbrough of Burley; a stepdaughter, Miss (Donna) Jones of Norman, Okla.; and a sister, Nona Barnes of Nampa; and his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a stepdaughter, Sharon Adams and a daughter-in-law, Paulette Yarbrough.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at Truth Tabernacle, 2459 Hilland Ave. in Burley, with Pastor Quinn Yarbrough officiating. Burial will be at the Decio Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, from noon to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

## Jerome annex project gets under way

The \$1.8 million facility is expected to be completed by June

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — Construction of the new \$1.8 million Jerome County Judicial Annex buildings is under way and progressing on schedule, Bruce Poe, an architect from Cole Associates Architects of Boise, told county commissioners Wednesday morning.

There have been no major problems since construction began Jan. 3 on the former Riddle's grocery store, Poe said.

"We are running into the sort of issues that are to be expected when you start remodeling an old building," he said.

The county is remodeling the old grocery store on the 200 block of West Main Street into a judicial annex for use as a court room building.

When completed, the annex will include 100 public parking spaces with landscaping. There also will be secure parking with locking gates for sheriff's deputies and judges.

The 32,000-square-foot facility will contain both juvenile and adult probation areas, four courtrooms, the clerk's office, chambers for judges, a conference room, jury room, and holding cells for inmates waiting to go to court.

The public will have access to the front portion of the building. The back of the facility, however, will be secure.

Poe said the judicial annex is expected to be completed by June 1.

## SERVICES

Winnie Muir of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Twin Falls LDS 6th Ward Church, 667 Harrison St. Pathseekers Sunday school class for their support.

Funeral services for Denise Turner will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene, 1231 E. Washington St. N., with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Private family interment at Sunset Memorial Park will precede services.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." The family suggests memorials to the First Church of the Nazarene Building Fund, 1231 E. Washington St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301; Idaho Eastern Oregon Sight and Hearing Foundation, P.O. Box 46420, Boise, ID 83711; Habitat for Humanity, 11411-MV, P.O. Box 3034, Twin Falls, ID 83303-3034; MST Cancer Center, 190 Banknorth, Boise, ID 83712-6297; or to the CSI Foundation, to endow a journalism scholarship in Denise's name, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1238.

Floyd N. George of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 18th St.; family and friends may call one hour before the service (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Ethel E. Stokes of Gooding, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the First Christian Church in Gooding (Demery's Gooding Chapel).

Dominga Yrusta Obermiller of Burley, vigil service with recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m. today at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1201 Oakley Ave. in Burley; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Friday at the Little Flower Catholic Church; friends may call from 6 to 7 p.m. today and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Sister Barbara (Mary Teresita) May Gonzales of the

Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood, celebration of life at 7:30 p.m. today at Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel, 1000 E. Falls, Twin Falls (Uhlman Funeral Chapel).

Lloyd A. Blake of Mesa, Ariz., and formerly of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the LDS Mesa Fairfield Ward, 933 E. Brown Road, Mesa, Ariz.; viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Bunker Funeral Home, 33 N. Centennial Way, Mesa, Ariz.

Leslie Hestbeck of Twin Falls, memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

Ted C. Kropp of Eden, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Thomas Kent Metcalf, formerly of Eden, funeral at 11

a.m. Saturday at the Hazelton LDS Church, 531 Middleton Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Charlotte Viola Gold of Meridian and formerly of the Wendell-Gooding area, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding; viewing from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the church (Parks Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Richard Theron McChure of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at Parks Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Lawrence "Larry" W. Baxter

**TWIN FALLS** — Lawrence "Larry" W. Baxter, 82, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005, at Bridgeview Estates. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

### Terry Burns

**RUPERT** — Terry Wayne Burns, 60, of Goodyear, Ariz., and formerly of Rupert, died

Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, with Pastor Elaine Steele officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before the funeral Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley. A complete obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

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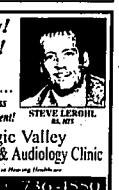


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# Bankruptcies delay tax collections

By Rose Marie Parsons  
For The Times-News

**RUPERT** — Bankruptcies have caused a delay in the collection of some property taxes in Minidoka County.

In most cases the county will eventually get its money, but it can take a long time, said Minidoka County Treasurer Laura Twiss.

Twiss told county commissioners this week that in a few cases the county has to settle for less than full payment of taxes, as it did with Kmart after the company filed for bankruptcy.

Usually, though, the county

will receive full payment when the property is sold, Twiss said.

Third-year delinquencies are down for this date compared with last year, Twiss said, but knowing which of these properties is in bankruptcy has become harder because she can no longer get the information free from a federal Web site.

If a taxpayer has declared bankruptcy the county will be notified by the bankruptcy trustee if it is listed as a creditor. A tax deed cannot be issued until a bankruptcy is closed, Twiss said.

In other cases, Twiss said she

deals with mortgage companies that will sometimes pay the taxes to avoid having the county take a tax deed.

As of Dec. 20, 2004, the county was owed \$571,754 in delinquent taxes for tax years 1998 through 2003.

The 2004 tax bills for the county and all taxing districts, including special assessments, totaled more than \$11.1 million, Twiss said.

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## Delinquent taxes as of Dec. 20,

Year	Parcels	Taxes
1998	1	\$1,371
1999	1	\$1,371
2000	12*	\$6,327*
2001	81	\$53,383
2002	313	\$176,162
2003	564	\$332,492
Total	974	\$571,754

\* Since Dec. 20, 2004, delinquent year 2000 taxes have been paid on five parcels.

# School goes on in spite of power outage

**SHOSHONE** — Shoshone students were left in the dark for a couple hours Wednesday due to a small power outage.

Idaho Power Spokesman Dennis Lopez said a mechanical problem outside the city caused power to be out from about 11:30 a.m. to about 2:30 p.m. The number of power customers affected was not available.

## Water users association honors local resident

**BOISE** — Seven Idahoans — including four from the Magic Valley area — were named to the Idaho Water Users Association Hall of Fame in ceremonies held Wednesday during the Association's 67th annual convention in Boise.

The seven individuals named to the Hall of Fame were cited for the long and distinguished service in a variety of important water related activities. They

## Magic Valley in brief

four from Magic Valley included:

- Ella M. Mink of Jerome.
- Albert Lockwood of Eden.
- Chuck Colner of Kimberly.
- Joe Pavlov of Gooding.

The Association also honored two individuals with Water Statesman Awards. They included former state Sen. Laird Noh of Kimberly and IWUA Executive Director Norm Semanko of Boise.

A husband and wife, Leonard and Betty Martin of Paul, were honored by association with its Water Guardian Award. The Snake River Valley Irrigation District of Shelley was named as winner of the Association's Water Guardian Organization honor.

Ruth Bales of Rupert with the Minidoka Irrigation District was honored with an outstanding employee award.

Walt Mullins of Murtaugh

was presented with the association's Water Management Award.

## Family Readiness Group meets today

**TWIN FALLS** — The Idaho National Guard's Twin Falls Family Readiness Group will meet at 7 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Armory. The meeting is open to the public and family and friends of soldiers in Iraq are especially encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact the Armory at 733-2404.

## Rec district considers options on expansion

**JEROME** — The Jerome Recreation District is looking at several options for choosing a construction firm to build its planned \$2.4 million multi-use facility.

The Jerome Recreation Dis-

trict's board of directors held an information gathering session Wednesday afternoon with several residents.

At that meeting, Jerome Recreation District Board member Dave Parish said the district wants to have the facility completed by Jan. 1, 2006.

The Jerome Urban Renewal Agency has pledged \$1.9 million toward the two-story, 19,000-square-foot expansion. Recreation Director Tom Kuntz said Wednesday that he's been busy gathering information concerning loans and bidding options for the construction project.

"The Urban Renewal Agency wants to fund the recreation district project up to the amount pledged and let the recreation district go through whatever bidding process they wish," said agency Chairman John Shine. "We are not equipped to drive this project."

— compiled from staff reports

# McGee, Hammond accepted by panel

**BOISE (AP)** — Karen McGee, a Pocatello Republican activist who has become a controversial figure on the State Board of Education, was recommended for reappointment Wednesday by the Senate Education Committee.

McGee was grilled for an hour by a number of hostile senators earlier this week and found herself defending her record of support for charter schools and a teacher certification process that requires no classroom experience.

Former Senate Education Committee Chairman Gary Schroeder, who was one of McGee's chief critics on Monday, challenging her knowledge of the Idaho Constitution as it relates to the State Board of Education's oversight responsibility.

But on Wednesday, it all came down to politics.

"Mrs. McGee donated money to a group that tried to unseat me. And so with all due respect, I'm entitled to vote against this nomination," Schroeder told his fellow senators.

Sen. Mike Burkett, D-Boise, also voted in opposition, saying he was not satisfied with McGee's statements about moving oversight responsibility from the Department of Education to the State Board of Education. The Department of Education is

currently headed by the only statewide elected Democrat, Marilyn Howard.

"She found really no area that might not in the future become moved from the Department of Education to the board. I guess I find that unacceptable," Burkett said.

But freshman Republican Sen. Mike Jorgensen of Hayden Lake said he thought he also found McGee's remarks troubling. He would support her nomination because such decisions are made by the Executive Director of the Board, not members.

McGee, who did not attend the committee meeting, was confirmed after a voice vote in which at least three of the nine members opposed her.

McGee was first appointed to the board in 1998. She currently chairs the Governor's Workforce Development Council and formerly chaired the Governor's Welfare Reform Committee. She was also a member of the Pocatello City Council for 14 years.

The board also unanimously confirmed Board of Education member Sue Thilo of Coeur d'Alene as a member of the School Commission. Chairman Jim Hammond of Post Falls.

The nominations will be sent to the Senate floor with a recommendation for approval.

# Courthouse remodeling sent to Senate for a vote

**BOISE (AP)** — A Senate panel on Wednesday unanimously moved to remodel and expand the Ada County Courthouse to be used as a temporary Statehouse in two years.

Despite an overcrowded Capitol building, the old courthouse has sat vacant since 2001, when Ada County moved its staff to a new building. Efforts to pass legislation that would either tear down the courthouse or remodel the existing building failed to pass in previous sessions.

Cov. Dirk Kempthorne urged lawmakers in his State of the State address this month to come up with a new plan.

Lawmakers considered two proposals Wednesday, one that would remodel the existing courthouse at a cost of about

\$20 million, and a second would tear down the building and build a new one at a cost of about \$22 million.

Boise Mayor Dave Bleter testified in favor of the remodel.

"No single issue in five years that I served here drew more phone calls and e-mails than the renovation of the courthouse," Bleter said.

Sen. Hal Burderson, R-Meridian, supported the alternative, which would have demolished the Roosevelt-era building but preserved some of the artifacts.

When that plan failed by a single vote, senators unanimously backed the remodeling plan, which now goes to the full Senate for debate and a vote.

The committee can come resur-

# Prosecutors may seek death penalty in child murder case

**COEUR D'ALENE (AP)** — Prosecutors said charges would be filed this week against a man accused of beating his son to death.

The father, Barry Lane McAdoo, 30, of Coeur d'Alene, already is named in two warrants. McAdoo, 30, is accused in a state warrant of beating or shaking 15-month-old Brandon McAdoo so severely that the child suffered a fatal blunt-trauma injury to the head.

The father was also named in a federal warrant for unlawful flight from justice.

He allegedly fled Coeur d'Alene on Jan. 14, the day mother Angela Cowney reported their son's injuries. Brandon McAdoo died two days later at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, Wash.

Authorities said they found Barry McAdoo on Monday at a Spokane hospital getting treatment for frostbite and pneumonia. He was expected

to be extradited to Kootenai County this week.

Besides the head injury, autopsy reports said Brandon McAdoo had an untreated, partially healed fracture in his right arm. State officials had followed a report that the baby was being abused a month before his death, police said.

Detective Dan Mattos said the toddler was likely suffering from the untreated fracture when the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare investigated the complaint.

Prosecutor Bill Douglas said first-degree murder charges against Barry Lane McAdoo would be filed this week.

"We're using the portion of the statute that says if a child is killed in the course of battery, he can be charged with first-degree murder," Douglas said. "These measures premeditation is not needed as an element of the crime."

# 'It was a complete nightmare'

## Passengers describe deadly crash in California

**GLENDALE, Calif. (AP)** — A terrible rumbling was the first signal to passengers on Metrolink Train 100 that their daily commute would become a terrifying nightmare of chaos and confusion.

The lights suddenly flickered out, the floor tipped to a dangerous angle, and Tracy West went flying.

"I was flipping over people until I landed a couple of feet ahead and hit a cup-holder, armrest or something," said West, 38, of the Northridge section of Los Angeles. "Then when it was over I saw that I was bleeding and had bruises all over."

West spoke as she was treated for a severe leg wound at a triage center set up in a Coeur d'Alene parking lot for survivors of Wednesday's train crash. Eleven people were killed and more than 180 injured when the train, headed from Moorpark to Los Angeles Union Station struck an SUV parked on the track and derailed. It sideswiped another Metrolink train.

Those who emerged said they had no idea what was happening as cars slid awkwardly and commuters, including some who had been napping, tumbled down the aisles.

"I heard a noise, it got louder and louder. And next thing I knew the train tilted, everyone was screaming and I held onto a pole for dear life," said Diane



Firefighters attend to injured victims at a triage center near the site of a commuter train accident Wednesday in Glendale, Calif. A commuter train smashed into an SUV left on a crossing by a suicidal man, sending the train careening off the tracks in a wreck that killed several people and injured about 200, authorities said.

Brady, 56, of Simi Valley, who was sitting in the top section of a middle car on the train.

"I held on for what seemed like a week and a half. It seemed. It was a complete nightmare,

like nothing I've experienced in my 65 years of taking the Metrolink."

Transportation engineer Paul Konkrat, 28, of Burbank, hunched himself when the train began sliding, grabbing hold of a bar.

"We hit and then somebody's head landed on my thigh," said Konkrat, his jeans covered in blood as he stood near the scene of the accident.

The bleeding woman told him over and over, "I can't move my head."

"I sat there and I tried to comfort her. I didn't know what else to do. Then it got really smoky, so smoky that I had to leave. I don't know what happened to her," Hemelita Thomas, 67, of Chatsworth, told the news of the crash blended with screams of passengers around her.

"I thought it was an earthquake because of the sound of gravel underneath the train," Thomas said.

Thomas was able to get up and help a man who had been standing and was bleeding badly.

"I recognized him because he was always in the same car all times standing," she said.

Thomas had only started taking the train to her job at Bank of America downtown six days ago, after friends convinced her that it would be less stressful than driving. She said she's unsure if she'll take it again.

# Surplus money goes to fund trips for Marine families

**BOISE (AP)** — Money left over from a fund that helped pay for Idaho National Guard members to travel home last year from training for the war in Iraq can now be used by families of Idaho's U.S. Marine Corps reservists, heading to the Middle East.

The Call to Duty Fund will provide \$200 for each spouse who wants to go to Camp Lejeune, N.C., to visit the soldiers. The Call to Duty Fund also made money available for Marine reserves training at Twenty-Nine Palms in California to by home for a weeklong leave.

The Marines were called to active duty earlier this month

and sent to the two training facilities in preparation for their mission to Iraq.

The fund, which raised about \$300,000, stopped soliciting donations Dec. 1. Some money left in the account after that date paid for phone cards for deployed Guard members to call home.

The rest will now go to Marine families.

"Helping the Marines and their families should pretty much drive down the Call to Duty Fund to zero," said Craig Lower, a retired U.S. Army officer who now manages the fund. "The fund has been a great help to all of the families deployed."

Eighty-seven Idaho Marine reservists are training at Camp Lejeune and Twenty-Nine Palms.

There's no exact date yet for their departure to Iraq, said Sgt. Bill Heyob, of Charlie Company, 4th Tank Battalion of the Marine Reserves.

It is expected to be in the next couple of months, he said.

For Cerise Stanley, the retired Marine and Boise resident who

is spearheading the effort to pay for the travel costs, the fact that Marine families now have extra cash doesn't mean the end of her mission.

"I made a commitment to these warriors to take care of them," said Stanley, adding she wants to keep raising money on her own and build a network to help families with unanticipated emergencies.

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## JEROME COUNTY COURTS

**JEROME** — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

### Misdemeanor sentences

Florencio Garcia, 49; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$750 suspended, \$78.50 court costs; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 145 suspended, 30 days discretionary; five days eligible for work program; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

### Felony arraignments

Janetta-Dee Rodasina, 37; possession of a controlled substance; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use (misdemeanor); controlled substance - advertising to sell a simulated substance (misdemeanor); sentencing March 4; District Judge John K. Butler.

### Felony sentences

Oscey Emanuel Lopez-Miguel, 28; failure to stop damage, leaving the scene of an accident; \$500 fine, \$88.50 court costs,

\$250 costs of prosecution; three years supervised probation; one year determinate penitentiary time, four indeterminate; credit for 112 days served; failure to stop/yield from a stop sign (infraction); failure to provide proof of insurance (infraction); dismissed by prosecutor; District Judge John K. Butler.

Federico Lozano Salvatierra, 32; two counts aggravated battery; dismissed by prosecutor; malicious injury to property; \$1,000 fine, \$88.50 court costs, \$250 public defender fee; five years supervised probation; one year determinate penitentiary time, four indeterminate; credit for 66 days served; District Judge John K. Butler.

Michelle Bell, 24; possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use (misdemeanor); \$500 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$100 public defender fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 179 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jarrod J. Burns, 37; unlawful

possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; dismissed by prosecutor; carrying a concealed weapon without a license (misdemeanor); dismissed by prosecutor; driving without privileges (misdemeanor); \$500 fine, \$500 suspended, \$78.50 court costs; two years supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 171 suspended, credit for nine days served; 180-day driver's license suspension; frequenting a place where controlled substances are used (misdemeanor); sentencing concurrent with count three; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

### Felony dismissals

Robert Edgar Weber, 41; attempted theft by extortion, aiding/abetting, dismissed without prejudice; burglary; dismissed by prosecutor; District Judge John K. Butler.

### Civil

Credit Bureau of Twin Falls vs. Terry Turpin. Seeking \$1,181.18, plus interest of \$139.52; attorney fees of \$395. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

for collection.

### Child support cases

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Bradley E. Somerset. Seeking \$221 monthly support for Logan E. Somerset, plus 49 percent of child's medical expenses; \$582 for the time the child was in the custody of the State; attorney fees.

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Jonica Somerset. Seeking \$302 monthly support for Logan E. Somerset, plus 51 percent of child's medical expenses; \$604 for the time the child was in the custody of the State; attorney fees.

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Felipe Angel Felix and Brandie Marie Ramirez. Seeking of Mr. Felix \$235 monthly support for Luis Angel Felix Alvarez, plus 66 percent of child's medical expenses; \$2,406 for his pro rata share of birth costs; attorney fees.

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Brandon Desmond Choies, also known as Antonio Choies, and Grace Beth Grier. Seeking of Mr. Choies \$287 monthly support for Brandon Desmond Choies, plus 44 percent of child's medical expenses; attorney fees.

## GOODING COUNTY

## COURTS

**GOODING** — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

### Misdemeanor arraignments

Timothy Ray Harris; disturbing the peace; sentencing Feb. 14; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Jose L. Lara-Contreras; driving under the influence (under age 21) amended to driving under the influ-

ence; sentencing Feb. 14; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Joshua Michael Northrup; two counts fraud - insufficient funds check; pretrial conference March 14; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

### Misdemeanor sentences

Kenneth C. Ritter; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, three months supervised probation; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Christine M. Bingham; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$600 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 179 suspended, credit for one day served; 180-day driver's license suspension. Separate case, possession of a controlled substance; \$1,000 fine, \$900 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail, 90 suspended; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Guadalupe Salazar-Velazquez; driving under the influence (second offense); \$2,000 fine, \$2,000 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; two years supervised probation; 365 days in jail, 305 suspended, credit for 23 days served; 365-day driver's license suspension; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; failure to stop damage, leaving the scene of an accident; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; 180 days in jail, 180 suspended; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Robert L. Sterk; driving under the influence amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$300 fine, \$150 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year supervised probation; 90 days in jail, 89 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

### Misdemeanor dismissals

Randall William Staubs;

criminal trespass; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

### Civil

Thent C. Schoessler vs. Laurena L. Schoessler. Seeking \$6,910.03, plus interest; \$750 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for credit card debt incurred after their divorce.

Statewide Collections vs. Leroy Davidson and Marilyn Davidson, spouse. Seeking \$1,660.05, plus interest; \$300 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Statewide Collections vs. Theresa Strickland and Devin Strickland, spouse. Seeking \$1,504.60, plus interest; \$480 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Rocky Mountain Plumbing vs. Darren D. Belin; Belin Construction Inc.; Raymond A. Bell and Laurel L. Bell, and JM Kitchens. Seeking \$8,030.06, plus interest; \$1,000 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant has failed to pay for materials and labor provided.

Wilson-Bates Appliance Stores vs. Mark A. Flakosky and Michelle Flakosky. Seeking \$5,340.63, plus interest; \$1,800 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for goods purchased on a revolving account.

Cavalier Growth and Income Fund vs. Glenn E. Schutte. Seeking \$3,937.66 for count one, plus interest; \$900 attorney fees. Seeking \$4,277.12 for count two, plus interest; \$1,000 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

### Child support cases

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Glenn E. Schutte. Seeking \$404 monthly support for Kyla Ann Murphy, Kaomi Joy Murphy, William Lyle Murphy and Kymber Gene Murphy, plus 64 percent of child's medical expenses; attorney fees.

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Kristy Ann Murphy. Seeking \$227 monthly support for Kyla Ann Murphy, Kaomi Joy Murphy, William Lyle Murphy and Kymber Gene Murphy, plus 36 percent of child's medical expenses; attorney fees.

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Kristy Ann Murphy. Seeking \$107 monthly support for Kyla Kathylene Marie Strout, plus 41 percent of child's medical expenses; \$186 for the time the child was in the custody of the State; attorney fees.

## Lawmaker proposes drug tests for officials

**SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)** — A lawmaker wants New Mexico to require yearly random drug testing of all its elected officials, from school board members to U.S. senators, with results posted on the Internet.

"I think we need to remember that we are public servants. We're not royalty," Republican state Sen. Steve Komadina said Tuesday. His bill was prompted by last year's drug-related arrests of a prominent New Mexico judge and a public utilities commissioner.

Tin Storey, a senior fellow at the National Conference of State Legislatures, said he knew of no other state that requires such testing.

The bill would apply to the state's roughly 1,000 elected officials, who would undergo testing at least once a year. Those selected for tests would get 48 hours' notice from the secretary of state, and results would be posted on a state Web site.

Officials could decline to participate, but they would have to explain in writing — and explain why — too, would be posted online.

The bill could run into legal problems. In 1997, the Supreme Court ruled in a Georgia case that candidates for public office could not be required to undergo drug tests. The court struck down a five-year-old law that required candidates for state office and many local offices to undergo drug tests before their names could appear on ballots.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote for the court in the 8-1 ruling that the drug test "diminished personal privacy for a symbol's sake."

Bill Fulginiti, executive director of the New Mexico Municipal League, said some municipalities require drug testing for employees such as police officers, firefighters and those with commercial drivers' licenses — but not for elected officials.

"I would say for the overwhelming majority of at least municipal elected officials, this is not an issue that rises to the level of an urgent solution," Fulginiti said. "The league has not taken a position on the bill."

Komadina said citizens deciding whether to run for office might be deterred by what they viewed as an invasion of privacy, but "that's just part of the game."

Democratic Gov. Bill Richardson said he would submit to voluntary drug testing, but he has not reviewed Komadina's bill, according to a spokesman.

Democratic Secretary of State Rebecca Vigil-Giron said she isn't interested in having her name turned into a tasteless agent, and she said she lacks jurisdiction over federal or municipal officials. "I don't find that it's a useful piece of legislation," she said.

Last May, police stopped John Brennan, a longtime state district judge and the chief judge in Bernalillo County, near a DWI checkpoint in Albuquerque and found cocaine in his vehicle. The judge later resigned and pleaded guilty to aggravated DWI and cocaine possession.

## BRAIDED TRIO



Diana Boyles, 8, center, reacts to an educational video as she braids the hair of Sydnie Hodges, 8, right, and as her own hair is braided by Aubrey Scott, 7, left, at Valley Christian Academy in Roswell, N.M., on Wednesday.

## Tight park budgets result in students being turned away

**FRESNO, Calif. (AP)** — Thousands of California students are turned away from national park education programs each year because of insufficient funding and staff reductions, according to a study released Wednesday.

The report from the National Parks Conservation Association says additional federal dollars are needed to open the nation's parks to more students.

The study examined educational programs at 11 of California's 24 national parks, including Joshua Tree, Yosemite and Lassen Volcanic. It found that more than 80,000 kindergartners through 12th graders participate in the programs each year, or 1 percent of the state's 7 million public and private school students.

"Part of providing a high-quality education to our children is ensuring access to the unique learning opportunities in our national parks," said Deborah DeMeo, the association's California desert field representative.

According to the NPS study, the 11 parks examined have 149 staff devoted to interpretive programs such as nature walks, science workshops and wildlife talks, but require twice that number to provide adequate services.

In 2003, for example, Lava Beds National Monument eliminated educational programs that had served 2,442 students because of staff shortages, according to the study.

Such actions are a waste of California's bountiful natural resources, according to science educators.

"National parks offer the ultimate outdoor classroom," said James M. Andre, director of the Southwest Granite Mountains Desert Research Center operated by the University of California, Riverside.

"Numerous national reports highlight the field experience as most effective means for teaching science and developing an

awareness of our natural world."

NPSA, an advocacy group, estimates that the 11 parks would require a \$7 million increase in their operating budgets to meet current demand. The national park system as a whole suffers from a shortfall of more than \$600 million, according to the NPSA study, prompting parks around the country to cut programs and staff.

Holly Bundock, a National Park Service spokeswoman, said that while cutbacks are inevitable, many positive programs are currently offered in national parks.

"Frankly, the emphasis has been on maintenance backlogs, which is visitor facilities and restoration that everybody enjoys, but education is still one of our primary missions," Bundock said.

"We love more money, but we do what we can with what we've got."

representative.

When Wenerstrom grabbed the bag, he noticed it was unusually heavy and discovered the body after opening it.

He said he didn't get a good look because he immediately jumped out and called the police.

Police confiscated the bin, and have declined to say what evidence they may have found in it.

Wenerstrom spoke briefly to The Associated Press on Wednesday before his cell phone died. He did not leave a number before it died.

## Man says he was drawn to trash bin that held body

**WEST VALLEY CITY (AP)** — The man who found the body of a 2-year-old girl, Sherie Allen, tucked inside a plastic bag and placed inside a strip mall's trash bin felt he "was meant" to look inside that particular dump site.

Steve Wenerstrom, of Midvale, said Wednesday that he had the idea what he would find inside, but felt "drawn to it."

Police said Allen's body could have been inside the bin, last dumped on Friday, for as long as four days before being discovered. The condition of the body made it difficult to determine how long she had been dead.

She was identified by matching fingerprints in a national database.

Capt. Steve Sandquist said Allen was wanted by the police. She had several local addresses and went by several aliases, including Sherie Tippin. Sherie

Green, Latasha Smith and Lausha Kemp.

Sandquist said detectives are not releasing the cause of death, but did say it was being treated as a homicide.

Wenerstrom said he noticed the plastic bag while searching through the bin late Monday. However, he did find it odd there was little trash in the bin after a weekend.

When Wenerstrom grabbed the bag, he noticed it was unusually heavy and discovered the body after opening it.

He said he didn't get a good look because he immediately jumped out and called the police.

Police confiscated the bin, and have declined to say what evidence they may have found in it.

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## U.S. warns travelers of violence

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The State Department on Wednesday alerted Americans visiting Mexico that violent crime, including murder and kidnapping, has increased in its northern border region.

"U.S. citizens should be aware of the risk posed by the deteriorating security situation," the department said in a public announcement. It

added that the great majority of victims are Mexican citizens.

The announcement attributed the increased crime to a war between criminal organizations struggling for control of the lucrative narcotics trade. It said the leaders of several major criminal organizations have been arrested, creating a power vacuum.

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## Coast Guard sends aircraft, cutter to ship carrying research students

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A "Semester at Sea" research ship with 990 people on board was temporarily disabled in the Pacific Ocean on Wednesday, and Coast Guard vessels and aircraft from Alaska and Hawaii were dispatched to help.

The 591-foot Explorer lost power in three of its four engines when a 50-foot wave broke bridge windows, damaged controls and injured two crew members, the Coast Guard said.

The ship for a time operated on just one of its four engines and could do little more than keep the bow headed into heavy seas using emergency steering. By Wednesday evening, a second engine had been started and the ship was making headway at a speed of about 10 knots, said Coast Guard spokesman Lt. Glynn Smith in Alameda, Calif.

The Coast Guard received word of the Explorer's situation at about 2:30 p.m. Alaska time. The ship was reported about 650 miles south of Adak, Alaska. Adak is in the Aleutian Islands about 1,300 miles southwest of Anchorage.

The Explorer is a 25,000-ton,

Bahamian-flagged vessel, that was en route to Korea and Japan from Vancouver, British Columbia. Stellar Maritime S.A. is the owner. It was built in 2001.

Of the 990 people aboard, 681 are students and 113 are faculty and staff. The other 196 are ship's crew.

Paul Watson, director of enrollment management for the Institute for Shipboard Education, said Semester at Sea is a global comparative study-abroad program for undergraduate students. About 650 take part at one time.

They can choose from 70 courses taught by faculty with international experience, including world history, international business, cultural anthropology and world music, Watson said. The program is academically sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh.

"The idea is to develop a more global perspective, exploring people of other countries, other cultures, particularly in the non-Western world," Watson said.

The 100-day voyage began Jan. 18 in Vancouver.

Watson said no students, faculty or staff had been injured. A

medical staff of two doctors and two nurses is on board.

"The ship never lost internal electrical power and maintained good communications with the Coast Guard," Smith said.

Among the units responding was the Jarvis, a 378-foot Coast Guard cutter that departed from Dutch Harbor in the Aleutians. Reaching the vessel could take two days, Smith said.

Three Coast Guard HC-130 long-range aircraft also were en route, including two from Kodiak, Alaska, and one from Barbers Point, Hawaii.

The Explorer was about 1,600 miles from Honolulu and 800 miles from Midway Island.

The Coast Guard also directed four merchant vessels to divert and assist the stricken vessel.

Jim Lawrence, a spokesman for V-Ships, the technical managers of the ship, said he did not have details of injuries.

"I do know that nothing is critical," he said.

Ship managers will look at weather information and determine the most comfortable route for the ship and its passengers, he said.

## Survivors remember Auschwitz

Many think lessons need reinforcing



Moshe Katsav, president of Israel, lights a flame during a cemetery in Cracow, Poland, on Wednesday. Katsav honored British WW II soldiers, among them Jews, buried at the Rakowicki cemetery. Katsav

OSWIECIM, Poland (AP) — Vandalized Jewish graves in western Europe. Growing support for extreme-right parties in Germany. Comments by France's far-right leader playing down the evils of the Nazi occupation.

Decades after World War II, many think the lessons of the Holocaust still need reinforcing in Europe. Survivors from Auschwitz, gathered for Thursday's 60th anniversary of the Nazi death camp's liberation, vowed to keep telling their story to make sure that happens.

Trudy Spira, who came from Venezuela for the ceremonies, said Wednesday renewed efforts to educate people about the dangers of hatred were even more important as the generation that experienced the Holocaust ages.

"It's very important, you are the last generation that can talk to the survivors, we are every day less," said Spira, who was deported to Auschwitz with her family as an 11-year-old from Slovakia in 1944.

An estimated 1 million Holocaust survivors are still alive. "We can give living testimony ... to let the world know to try to get them to learn even though they don't, so that it doesn't happen again," Spira, 72, said at a news conference held by the European Jewish Forum in Krakow, about an hour's drive from the camp is located.

Romanian-born Auschwitz survivor Olly Rittenband from Copenhagen, Denmark, whose book "Will To Survive" is read in Danish schools, made the painful effort for her father, who died at the Dachau concentration camp in Germany.

"For more than 30 years, I couldn't speak about the Holocaust," she said.

caust," said Rittenband, 80, who lost 70 relatives in the Holocaust.

"This is the Kaddish for my father," she said, referring to the Jewish prayer for the dead. "I don't want to write, I was crying the whole time but I did it."

Leaders including Vice President Dick Cheney, Russian President Vladimir Putin, French President Jacques Chirac and Israeli President Moshe Katsav are to light candles and hear interfaith prayers at the sprawling camp to mark the arrival of advancing Soviet troops on Jan. 27, 1945, as World War II neared its end.

Germany's President Horst Koehler will attend but won't speak at the main ceremony in acknowledgment of Germany's role as perpetrator of the Holocaust. He is to address a youth forum about the Holocaust in Krakow.

Some 1.5 million people, most of them Jews from across Europe, died in gas chambers or of disease, starvation, abuse and exhaustion at Auschwitz

and neighboring Birkenau — the most notorious of the death camps set up by Adolf Hitler to carry out his "final solution," the murder of Europe's Jewish population.

Six million Jews died in the Nazi camps, along with several million others, including Soviet prisoners of war, Gypsies, homosexuals and political opponents of the Nazis.

Reports in western Europe of increasing anti-Jewish incidents such as vandalizing graves and a walkout last week by members of a small German far-right party from an Auschwitz commemoration in the Saxony state legislature are cited as examples.

Earlier this week, a group of nationalist Russian lawmakers called for a sweeping investigation aimed at outlawing all Jewish organizations and punishing officials who support them, accusing Jews of fomenting ethnic hatred and saying they provoke anti-Semitism.

## Utah expects speedy growth rate

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's population will grow at twice the national rate over the next 45 years, likely causing headaches for school administrators at already underfunded schools.

The state's population, which reached 2.2 million in 2000, is expected to reach 5.4 million by 2050, a jump of 1.8 percent. A large majority of the growth is expected among school-age children, according to statistics released this week by the governor's planning office.

Much of Utah's future population growth is projected to come from within. The state has the highest fertility rate, the third highest life expectancy and the largest household size in the nation.

Natural increase — the amount by which annual births exceed annual deaths — will account for 79 percent of Utah's population growth.

"Over the next 50 years, 8 out of 10 people in the state will be our own children and grandchildren," said Robert Speltz, an analyst with the state's Office of Planning and Budget.

One immediate impact of the growth will be seen in the number of school-age children. "It's almost like taking the number we had in the 1990s and multiplying it by 10," said Stephen Kroes, executive director of Utah Foundation, a research organization based in Salt Lake City.

The school-age population in Utah is projected to increase by 155,000 over the next decade. That number will challenge lawmakers in a state where education financing has long been considered an anomaly.

Kroes calls the problem "Utah's education paradox." Plainly put, while Utah spends more of its money on public education than most

other states, it still spends less per student. Blame it on the state's unique demographics.

Utah has 483 school-age children for every 1,000 adults in the labor force, according to Utah Foundation. That's compared with the national average of 402, meaning that Utah's labor force — which funds a large portion of public education through personal income tax — must support a student population that is 20 percent larger than the national average.

## Storm clogs part of I-80

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Freezing rain shut down slippery sections of Interstate 80 in northern Nevada for several hours Wednesday with a trio of truck-littered accidents from near Winnemucca to Utah.

No one was killed but at least four people were injured in the series of multiple-vehicle wrecks, which all occurred at about 5:30 a.m. when drizzle hit the freezing pavement, Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper Rocky Gonzalez said.

The most serious accident involved four tractor-trailer rigs at Imlay, 32 miles west of Winnemucca. One of the trucks burned. The driver was taken to University Medical Center's burn unit in Las Vegas.

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MORNING BREAK

# Girl gets hand slapped by readers

**DEAR ABBY:** Thank you for printing the letter from "Confused in California," whose daughter, "Victoria," and her boyfriend, "Albert," expect her to pay for the daughter's rent and expenses while she lives with him.

I had a delightful morning imagining what would happen if one of my daughters suggested I should pay her boyfriend for her room and board — two years retroactive, no less! I fell on the floor laughing and hooting.

**—NO CONFUSION HERE IN CANADA**

**DEAR NO CONFUSION:** You're not the only person who was appalled at the suggestion. The chorus was unanimous. Read on.

**DEAR ABBY:** Surely two years of sexual favors should be worth at least \$8,000 on the open market — to say nothing of the going rate for two years of cooking, cleaning, laundry, shopping, etc.

"Confused in California"



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

should be submitting an even larger bill to "Albert" for everything he has received from "Victoria" during the past two years.

**—REALISTIC IN EUGENE, ORE.**

**DEAR REALISTIC:** What a clever idea. It hadn't occurred to me to advise the mother to reverse the charges.

**DEAR ABBY:** I suspect that "Albert" is getting ready to dump "Victoria." When he is in love with her, he provided for her. Now he wants to be paid for the past "burden" because he's not in love with her anymore. I'd put money on odds that he's looking for a wife outside that relationship.

**—ANNIE IN PASCO, WASH.**  
**DEAR ANNIE:** You could be right. Or perhaps the two lovers consider her mother to be an easy touch.

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother and I had an agreement when I turned 18. Even though I was legally an adult, as long as I lived on her dime, I would abide by her rules.

From the time I was 18 to the time I was 20, I paid my parents rent — even though I was a full-time student. When I moved into my own apartment, I paid the bills. I was made aware that if you believe you're adult enough to make decisions your parents don't agree with, you had better be adult enough to pay your own way.

Being a parent means that you love your child unconditionally. It does not mean that you have to open your checkbook unconditionally, too.

As a now 30-year-old woman, I am thankful my mother taught me that if you want to live life your own way, you can't

do it from someone else's pocket. She and I have a relationship that most of my friends envy. She treats me as an adult and respects my decisions, even when she doesn't necessarily agree, because I don't ask her to pay for them. She tells me often that she's proud of me for being adult enough to take responsibility for my own life, and for my decisions. I'm proud of her for teaching me to do that.

I'm glad you told "Confused" to stick with her convictions. The sooner her daughter and her daughter's "flame" understand that it is not Mom's job to support a lifestyle she doesn't approve of, the sooner both of them may grow up and start behaving like the adults they purport themselves to be.

**—GRATEFUL DAUGHTER IN INDIANA**

**DEAR GRATEFUL DAUGHTER:** I agree with you that "Victoria" and "Albert" have a lot of growing up to do. And it's not her mother's job to pay their tuition in the school of experience.

# Stay with the tried and true at work, Aquarius

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

**IF JANUARY 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY** — Uranus, the planet of revolutionary change, may be only one sign away — but it should live your life and stir fresh ideas in March. Maybe you will prefer to follow unique ideas or break away from tradition then. But 2005 can remind you to follow rules and regulations in the early fall when Saturn passes through your opposite sign and comes up back into conventional activity. Enjoy freedom now but prepare to get ahead with career and reputation in the last quarter of 2005.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Even with all your energies turned toward ambitions, it may be a strain to endure stiff and formal meetings. Don't neglect possessions — and remember to fix things promptly that are broken. Take practical measures.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** No one is comfortable dealing with a rude, a prideful or a censor. Those holding narrow views could put your social skills to a severe test. Guard both your tongue and your money today.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Get the penny wrappers out and guard the change that fall under the cushions. Simple economies make a lot of sense when you feel the urge to pinch pennies. Save for a rainy day.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Remember that necessity is the mother of invention. You may feel like a free spirit, but when push comes to shove conservative choices are made. Old loves and new relationships could be in the picture.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Your efforts to entertain could fall flat, but not because of anything you've said or done. A businesslike atmosphere in place and social gatherings have serious themes that require formality.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You are slightly out of sync with

the rest of the world and the urge for a wild adventure might occur at the wrong time and place. Temporary frustrations may throw a wet blanket on your love life.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Toe the line or suffer the consequences where career obligations are concerned. **Amor** is in the deep freeze and frustrations could put you so far behind you might feel like a rear-view mirror.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Business needs could interfere with pleasure and put a temporary stranglehold on romance. Lack sympathy can place barriers between you and a significant other for a few hours.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Your normally jolly self could turn into a veritable Scrooge, when post-holiday bills arrive. A scarcity of funds can put you in a temporary funk. Pack a brown bag lunch or chip coupons.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Others may be immune to your romantic charms today, so steel your resolve and expect icy rebuffs. To maintain harmony and keep the peace, it's best to let others call the shots.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You may be in for a surprise when the spotlight falls on your wallet. Experimentation with new methods will not be welcomed in the workplace. Traditions must be honored to keep the peace.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Effort put into career will earn you brownie points, but you may not get pats on the back. Expectations are high and to win big you must be precise. Don't let interruptions ruffle your composure.

## Camel's hump contains fat, not water

No, it's not true that camels store water in their humps. The humps are filled with fat, which gets burned when they don't get enough food. Not that the humps disappear after weeks in the desert, but they do get floppy and bounce from side to side.

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

This day in history: Happy Birthday to the National Geographic Society! It was on this day, Jan. 27, 1888, that the society was founded in Washington, D.C.

A mastiff and a spaniel are two dogs that we know came over on the Mayflower.

Although not originally an American sport, the first pro hockey league in the world was started in the United States.

In her time, government artists depicted Queen Elizabeth I as eternally youthful and unattractively beautiful. A German visitor in the 1590s described her a little differently: "her face oblong, fair and wrinkled; her eyes small, yet black and pleasant; her nose, a little hooked, her lips narrow and her teeth black to deflect the English seem subject to from their too great use of sugar."

Kopi Luwak is the world's expensive coffee, costing about \$300 a pound. What makes it special is that the beans are hand-recovered from the poop of "paradoxurus," a tree-climbing marsupial that eats only the very best coffee cherries. Coffee connoisseurs claim that the trip through a monkey's digestive system adds a unique flavor. We're sure it does.

You may have heard of the Scottish dish "haggis" (sheep's stomach filled with liver, lungs and heart), but other countries have similar dishes made from unconventional meat. France has "foie gras" (liver), Italy has "tripe" (stomach), and the British "ragout" is made of pork pieces, bread and favorings stuffed in intestines. In Italy, they mix cheese with lamb and pig parts to make "quagghiera," and the Czechs make their "trilnice" from the liver and lungs.

Alert! You may have given birth to a gastrophagist (one who feeds on milk).

You've probably never heard of Maria Ann Sherwood Smith, but you know her apple, the Granny Smith. She found it growing in her orchard in Australia in 1868 from the remains of some French crab apples.

During Ulysses S. Grant's presidency he was arrested and fined \$100 for driving his horse beyond the speed limit.

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## AN ICICLE VALANCE



Richard Zalewski clears snow from his porch roof Tuesday, in Syracuse, N.Y.

## New Jersey governor threatens shock jock over comments about first lady's mental health

**TRENTON, N.J. (AP)** — Acting Gov. Richard J. Codey said Wednesday he threatened to take a radio show host outside after the shock jock made dismissive comments about postpartum depression; an ailment that has afflicted first lady Mary Jo Codey.

Codey said NJ 101.5 should take action against the talk show host, Craig Carton, and defended Tuesday's aggressive rebuke at the station's Ewing Township studios.

"Somebody made disparaging remarks about my wife. I defended my wife like any man or husband would," Codey said. "I have a right to defend my family, and I will."

Codey denied an account in The Star-Ledger of Newark that said he told Carton during the altercation: "I wish I weren't governor, I'd take you out."

"I didn't say I would take him out," Codey said. "I said I would take him outside. When you're Irish you take them outside, not out."

According to the account from a Star-Ledger reporter who witnessed the confrontation, Carton responded: "That's real

professional. You want to fight?"

Codey and Carton then shouted at each other before Carton left the station and Codey went on to appear for his monthly "Ask the Governor" call-in show.

Codey said he was upset about remarks in Carton's "Jersey Guys" show on Monday.

According to a partial transcript the governor's office said it received from a source, Carton said: "What Gov. Codey ought to do is approve the use of medical marijuana so women can have a joint and relax instead of putting their babies in a microwave. Then all they want to do is cook Doritos. Women who claim they suffer from this postpartum depression ... they must be crazy in the first place."

Citing station policy, program director Eric Johnson declined to release a tape or transcript of the show to The Associated Press.

The station on Wednesday posted a statement on its Web site saying it "is surprised and disappointed the Acting-Governor would propose violence as the solution to his dispute with one of our program hosts."

Talk show hosts are, by nature, controversial. While we may not personally agree with their opinions, we defend their right to express them without the threat of physical harm."

On his show Wednesday, Carton said Codey had threatened to kill him and added that he would wage an on-air campaign to remove the acting governor from office unless he received an apology. He called Codey "an out-of-control, arrogant man."

"If I do not get an apology from him, and he owes me one, he will wind up the same way (former Gov. James) McGreevey did, which is out of office, based on the power of this show," Carton said.

Codey's office declined to respond to Carton's demand. "The governor is not dignifying the comments made on today's show with any further comments," said spokeswoman Kelley Heck.

Codey said his wife was upset by Carton's remarks. But he also described her resilience. "My wife has survived mental illness, being in a coma for eight days, breast cancer, me at times, so I think she can survive this person."

## Lawmaker proposes stiff taxes for adult entertainment

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** — A Show-Mo State lawmaker wants a sin tax — on those who show too much.

First, Missouri banished strip billboards and young sexy dancers. Now, Republican Sen. Matt Bartle wants to force adult entertainment businesses out of the state by stripping them of their profits.

Legislation pending in the Senate would impose a 20 percent tax on revenues of all "sexually oriented businesses," charge a \$5 fee for each person entering their doors and prohibit them from staying open late at night.

"The goal of the bill is to make Missouri inhospitable for these businesses," said Bartle.

Adult entertainment executives question whether the legislation violates constitutional free speech and expression rights and warn it could hurt the state's economy.

"It's small business killer and it's a job killer," said Dick Snow, owner of Buzzsaw's Showgirls in Kansas City and a board member of the Missouri Association of Club Executives, the industry's trade group.

As many as 1,000 Missouri businesses could be affected by the legislation, said Snow, who suggested the proposed taxes also could hit mainstream video and book stores that carry a few adult titles.

Two years ago, Missouri passed a law banning nude dancers younger than 19. Last year, it enacted a ban on the prohibition of most billboards for sexually oriented businesses.

**Strangled husband sends \$17,000 apology**  
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — When five dozen roses didn't work, an estranged husband took out a full-page newspaper ad to ask his wife for forgiveness.

"Please believe the words in my letter, they are true and from my heart," read the ad in Tuesday's edition of The Florida Times-Union. "I can only hope you will believe me and improve my unending love for you. Life without you is empty and meaningless."

Larry, who declined to give

## Odds and Ends

his last name, sent the \$17,000 apology to Marianne, his wife of 17 years. She left him almost two weeks ago, he said.

"It was a culmination of things," he told the newspaper. "But I am desperately trying to save our marriage."

Larry, who lives in Orlando, said his wife is staying with her parents near Jacksonville. But they blocked him from entering their gated community and she changed her cell phone number so he can't contact her.

A relative told him that Marianne saw the advertisement.

"She said my wife read the ad and started crying. But so far I've had no response from her," Larry said.

But the ad drew the attention of many other readers, who contacted the paper.

"They want to know if she has responded and if they have worked things out," said Jay Weimer, director of display advertising. "We tell them we are pulling for him."

## Lil Bit wants to become a weather forecaster

**LEXINGTON, N.C.** — Punxsutawney Phil could get some competition, from a real hog. Officials in Lexington say their Lil Bit will do the forecasting on Feb. 2.

While groundhog Phil will be looking for his shadow in Pennsylvania, Lil Bit, the 65-pound potbellied pig will be doing the same in Lexington.

—compiled from wire reports

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# Comunidad

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Canons line the coast of Akumal.

## 'Place of the turtle' offers scenic beauty along the Mexican Riviera

Close your eyes and imagine yourself lying on a cool, white, sandy crescent beach. You are shaded by huge coconut palm trees dancing in the gentle breeze. Ocean waves serenade you as you sip on delicious libations. This fantasy can become reality when you visit Akumal.

Akumal, which means "place of the turtle" in Mayan, is located along the Mexican Riviera about one hour south of Cancun. It has been a popular nesting spot for giant green turtles for centuries. The sea turtles come to this region during the summer months to lay their eggs in the warm sands of the Caribbean.

During the winter months, tourists make their way to Akumal to enjoy the simple life at this Shangri-la of the Caribbean. Two popular bays, Akumal Bay and Half Moon Bay, edge the casual beach town that is home to thousands of tourists during the peak season. Visitors staying in the many bungalows, hotels and condos get a birds-eye view of the barrier reef that protects Akumal from the open sea, and allows the perfect conditions for swimming, snorkeling and diving.

In the late 1950s, Pablo Bush and a group of divers began salvaging a sunken Spanish galleon known as the *Mantanceros*, "Our Lady of the Miracles." The ship set sail from Cadiz, Spain in 1741 and later sank on a reef just north of Akumal. The divers camped out on the shores of Akumal during the salvage. At that time, the Akumal region was part of a coconut tree plantation and unknown to the world. Later, Bush bought the plantation and thousands of acres north and south of Akumal.



**BUENAS VISTAS'**  
Karla Barnes

Once the word was out, visitors began to make their way to this paradise along Sea. At first access could only be obtained by boat, but in the 1950s roads began to take shape. Now, well-maintained highways run from Cancun to Belize and beyond.

My husband and I first visited Akumal in the mid-1980s, we knew then it was a very special place. We were young and energetic and used Akumal as our base to visit many popular sites on the Yucatan. Several trips later, we returned to Akumal to do what most do when they come here, relax and unwind in this quiet beach village.

Diving, snorkeling, fishing and beach combing are some of the most popular pastimes while visiting Akumal.

Those looking for more adventure can explore Yalku Lagoon or Xelha, nearby snorkeling hot spots or take a day trip to the archaeological site of Tulum, just 10 minutes to the south. Once you have driven south of Tulum you have entered what is known as the Costa Maya. Here, you can appreciate the many wonders of the Sian Ka'an Biosphere or check out the less visited Mayan sites of Coba and Muyil.

The perfect ending to a day in Akumal always ends at the water's edge. Here you can enjoy the catch of the day for dinner at one of the local eateries as you marvel at the serene sight of the colorful sun setting in the distance on Akumal Bay.

Karla Barnes of Burley and her husband are frequent visitors to Mexico.

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## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

### Concert marks 10th anniversary of death of Selena

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A three-hour concert to mark the 10th anniversary of the death of Tejano singing star, Selena, has been set for Houston's Reliant Stadium this spring.

Several performers, including Gloria Estefan and T'Pollo, are to participate in the event, to be broadcast live April 7 by the Univision Network.

"We can hardly believe it has been so long since she left us, but we are excited to help celebrate her life and her spirit," said Houston Mayor Bill White.

Other performers who have signed on include Pepe Aguilar, Carlos Vives, Banda El Recodo, Alicia Villarreal, Alexis Syntek, Lucero, Ana Gabriel, Intocable and the Kumbia Kings.

Houston was the site of Selena's final concert. She played at the Astrodome in February 1995 to more than 60,000 fans as part of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The following month, the 23-year-old singer was fatally shot at a Corpus Christi motel. The former president of her fan club, Yolanda Saldívar, was convicted of the slaying and is serving a life prison term.

"I promised to keep my daughter's memory alive through her music," Abraham Quintanilla, Selena's father, said last week. "And now, 10 years later, this event is a fitting celebration of not only her music, but her life, as well."



Tejano music star Selena poses in this March 7, 1995, file photo in Corpus Christi, Texas, while wearing a ring given to her by Yolanda Saldívar. A three-hour concert to mark the 10th anniversary of Selena has been set for Houston's Reliant Stadium this spring.

## Digame! (Tell me!)

Comunidad means "community" in Spanish and that's what this page is all about.

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Pat Marcantonio

## Hispanic Health Fair scheduled for Saturday

HAILLEY — The third annual Hispanic Health Fair will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Community Campus (the old Wood River High School).

The St. Luke's Center for Community Health invites all Spanish speakers to this free event. There will be medical and mental health talks, free blood pressure checks, car seat inspections, health information, prizes and more.

A simultaneous youth health fair and child care will be provided by Halley Head Start. The minimum age is 2.



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## Magic Valley scrapbooks



Photo courtesy of ARLAINE PROBASCO of Buhl  
Arlaine Evelyn (Fellon) Newbry is pictured in Twin Falls in 1932. 'She was a quiet person and gracious ... and a hard worker,' says daughter Arlaine Probasco of Buhl.

Grace Lewis graduates from Jerome High School in 1927. She became a country schoolteacher and married a man from a neighboring farm, Earl 'Cap' O'Harrow. The couple moved onto a farm of their own, south of Twin Falls, where they raised two children.



Photo courtesy of COLLEEN THERIOT of Twin Falls



Photo courtesy of JAMES LEE of Twin Falls  
In 1937, Nellie Lee helps build her own home at 228 Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls.



Photo courtesy of CAROL BARNES of Filer  
Mattie Ward holds her daughters, Emily Ward (Tverdy), left, and Marion Ward (Hamby) in 1909 in Twin Falls. Mattie, wife of Irving Ward, moved to the Buhl area in 1906 and was a registered nurse, a hat-maker and the first midwife in the Buhl and Castleford area. Emily was the first immigrant baby born in the area, says Carol Barnes of Filer, daughter of Emily and granddaughter of Mattie.



Photo courtesy of JEANETTE M. MEYERS of Twin Falls  
A women's softball team of mixed ages poses in 1948 in Twin Falls' Harmon Park. The player at back right is Ruth Brown, sister of Twin Falls resident Jeanette Meyers. Meyers is able to identify some of the others: Peggy Ringwood, front left; Baba Gee, front right; Jolene Lyons, middle left; Janet Coleman, middle right; and Hazel Terry, in back, second from left.



Photo courtesy of ARLAINE PROBASCO of Buhl  
Viola Spencer, second from left, stands with her daughters and daughter-in-law — Alice Dunahee, left, Esther Spencer and Etha Pearl Fellon, right — in Twin Falls in 1920.

These photos from our readers' scrapbooks show a few of the early Magic Valley women who built homes or played ball, raised their own children or nursed other people's, held together families or operated businesses. They're remembered — by proud family members — for both grace and hard work.

— Virginia S. Hutchins



Photo courtesy of PAT HAMILTON of Buhl  
Louise M. Hamilton of Buhl, wife of J.C. Hamilton, helped organize the Buhl Health Camp — located at what is now McClusky Park — during the Depression. Louise and others gathered undernourished children in the Magic Valley's West End in summertime to feed them, give medical assistance and provide recreation facilities to boost children's health and well-being. During World War II, Louise operated the Buhl hospital as a volunteer nurse because of the area's severe shortage of nurses and doctors, says son Pat Hamilton of Buhl. In the 1920s and '30s, Louise had worked as a midwife with Mattie Ward.



Photo courtesy of DON ROYSTER of Burley  
Widow Laura Pugh and her son, Marshall, pose in Filer in the early 1920s. Laura's husband, Grover Pugh, had died in an accident before Marshall's birth. 'My aunt, before her long and happy marriage to N.L. Johnson, who adopted Marshall, was a courageous and loving single parent,' says Don Royster of Burley, nephew of Laura.



Photo by BILL STUDEBAKER



Far left, Jason Kitley and Matt Garner enjoy some evening fishing on the Snake River.

Left, early settlers of Twin Falls found plentiful numbers of the mysterious sturgeon within the Snake River, as demonstrated by this Clarence Bisbee photo.

Courtesy of Twin Falls Public Library

## FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT

The Snake River White sturgeon historically grew in excess of 10 feet, weighing some 300 pounds. It would be a rarity to catch such a large sturgeon these days, but four-footers are in abundance.

# ON A quest for sturgeon



Photo by BILL STUDEBAKER

A domestic sturgeon floats at the Stan and Loretta Standal ranch near Hagerman.

## Magic Valley offers one of the heartiest population of the species

By Bill Studebaker  
Times-News correspondent

Most fishermen I know talk about the big fish, and the big fish is what they fish for, and the largest river fish in North America, the White Sturgeon, swims nearby.

Located between Lower Salmon Falls dam, near Hagerman, Idaho and Glenns Ferry, Idaho, just off Interstate-84, there is, according to Phil Bates, the Idaho Power's sturgeon specialist, "one of the healthiest sturgeon reproduction areas in the state."

If you live in or near Twin Falls and don't want to drive so far, there is excellent fishing just below Auger Falls and the mouth of Rock Creek.

Often when I've kayaked Auger Falls and I'm paddling to the slot in the cliffs on the south side where I scramble up, carrying my kayak, I've bumped into fishermen, pole bent, a sturgeon on the hook.

To get to Auger Falls is a bit of a hike through a soon-to-be Twin Falls Nature Preserve, or you can put a boat across from Niagara Springs and putt upstream to the Sturgeon Hole at the mouth of Rock Creek. (Watch out for submerged rocks along the way.)

### Mammoth fish

Sturgeon are amazing primitive critters. They have been around for thousands of years. I've heard them referred to as leftovers from the Pleistocene era. Perhaps. Perhaps older.

The Snake River White sturgeon historically grew in excess of 10 feet, weighing some 300 pounds. It would be a rarity to catch such a large sturgeon these days, but four-footers are in abundance. Six- and eight-footers have been caught from time to time.

Sturgeon fishing, an odd thing to say "fishing," because sturgeon aren't fish in the manner that one normally thinks of fish with lots of bones that often make them annoy to eat. Sturgeon don't have bones. "Sturgeon have no skeletal frame," says Doug Megargle, an Idaho Fish and Game sturgeon specialist. "They have cartilage and cartilage doesn't support

weight as well as bone.

"Water suspends a sturgeon's mass. That's why removing them from the water causes chronic stress."

Sturgeon fishing is open year-round, and according to a local man known as the Fish Whisperer, "Fishing is good all year [you know when to go out, where to fish, and what bait to use]."

Sounds simple, but there's a little more to it.

### Craft to the catch

In the summer, night is a good time to fish. Folks cast their lines out, set up their poles, build a fire, and sit through the night hoping the big one bites. "That's summer. But in the winter, sturgeon fishing is good in the middle of the day, less competition and equally good," says Matt Garner, the Fish Whisperer. "I've caught sturgeon on Christmas day below Auger Falls."

Christmas Day is time, Auger Falls is place. But what to use as bait?

I've heard tales of people using dead chickens, rotted duck wrapped in cheese cloth, bundles of liver, and particularly "morts." Morts are fatalities from the local fish hatcheries. The dead fish are set to the hook and cast to settle on the bottom where sturgeon generally feed.

They do feed there, but not exclusively. According to Phil Bates, sturgeon are near the top, if not the top, of the food chain, and they can take anything they want in the river. They move from the surface to the bottom looking for food. If it's what they want, and it's on the bottom, they go for it. "I've seen them catch trout without any trouble," says Bates.

Contrary to the rotten bait theory, the Fish Whisperer says, "It's my opinion that they want the freshest food they can get. They're just like us."

The sturgeon's fight to get away is strenuous. It takes energy. But this stressful event isn't as damaging as lifting the sturgeon out of the water. The handling of a sturgeon is critical, and since sturgeon must be released, it's important to learn how to remove hooks and take pictures.

Holding a sturgeon on its back in the water is a good position



Photo by ERIC STUDEBAKER

from which to remove hooks, old and new.

### Caution with the release

"Do not drag the fish's head up onto the shore... keep their gills in the water," states the Fish and Game fishing rules booklet. Remember, a sturgeon can't support itself out of the water.

Sturgeon don't breathe air in the fashion we do, and "to lift them up out of the water gives them the sensation of suffocation. Just because they swim away after being handled doesn't mean that they have returned to the river safely and healthy."

And beware not to create "ghost sets." Ghost sets come from improper rigging. If there's a snag and the pole line breaks before the weight line does, there's a loose hook, baited and ready for a sturgeon and no one is there to release it. The sturgeon dies.

It has taken a cooperative effort to keep the sturgeon healthy in the Valley. Thanks to the fishery management plans administered by the Idaho Power, Idaho Fish and Game and the sensitivity of sturgeon fishermen, there are substantial



Above, Jason Kitley keeps a hooked sturgeon's head underwater, part of the careful method necessary when fishing for sturgeon.

Left, Eric Studebaker brings a hooked sturgeon closer to shore.

Photo by JASON KITLEY

populations of sturgeon in the Snake River. Folks in the Magic Valley are lucky to have these primitive aquatic animals still available.

Go catch the big one. Good luck, and watch for the Fish Whisperer.

## OUTDOORS

# CSI will hold snowshoe hike

**TWIN FALLS** — The College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program will coordinate a beginner's snowshoe hike on Feb. 5 in the Magic Mountain area. All interested adults and children older than 12 are invited to sign up in advance.

The trip will be a "common adventure" for all participants who enjoy hiking, whether they've had any experience on snowshoes or not. Those who have their own snowshoes can use them. Snowshoes can be rented from the Outdoor Program for \$4 a pair. Transportation and administrative costs of the trip will be shared equally among all participants.

Bill Studebaker, Outdoor Program director, said participants should come to a pre-event meeting from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 3 at the Outdoor Program office. The meeting will provide a checklist and advice on what participants should bring, how they should dress and how costs will be shared.

Transportation will be provided from the CSI parking lot to the snowshoe site and back. The van will leave at 9 a.m. and return by about 4 p.m.

For more information or to sign up, contact the Outdoor Program at 732-6696 or bstudebaker@csi.edu.

## Sign up now for Snoyak races on Feb. 12

**HANSEN** — Magic Mountain Ski Patrol is holding a Snoyak (kayak on snow) race at 10 a.m. Feb. 12 at Magic Mountain.

The race is a timed event with the best two out of three runs. Helmets are required. An auction and raffle will follow the race. Concessions will be available; participants are asked not to bring coolers or food. Funds raised will support the ski patrol.

The entry fee is \$30 per person. Contestants under 18 must have parental permission and signature. Entry forms are available at River Rat White Water Tour, Clatskanie Sports, Ellevation Sports, Mt 103 and Magic Mountain, or send the entry fee with name, mailing address, phone number, age, e-mail address.

## Outdoors in brief

**dress and T-shirt size to Cindy Spencer, Magic Mountain Ski Patrol, 707 Ash S., Kimberly, ID 83411. For more information, call 423-5140.**

## Jackpot D.U. chapter plans February banquet

**JACKPOT** — Don't worry about forgetting Valentine's Day — bring your sweetheart to second Ducks Unlimited Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 12, to enjoy games and support wildlife habitat conservation. You can even buy a very special gift at the auction.

The event starts at 5 p.m. in Cactus Pete's Ruby Mountain Ballroom. Banquet prices include the four-diamond buffet consisting of prime rib, shrimp cocktail, dress salads and desserts, and cornish game hens; and your D.U. membership. A special Early-Bird package includes raffle tickets if you make reservations before Feb. 4. Special room rates also available.

Games will include toss-the-dice, slots, bingo and raffles. Prizes and auction items include guns, prints, sculptures, miscellaneous items and local donations.

For more information, contact Mark or Karen Smith at 208-326-4446.

## Ducks Unlimited in Twin Falls meets Feb. 5

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls Chapter of Ducks Unlimited hosts its 17th annual Couples Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Radio Rodeo, 241 Main Ave. W.

A silent auction, live auction and raffles will take place during the evening. Prizes include guns, decoys, prints and much more.

Proceeds from the banquet help D.U. fulfill the annual life cycle needs of North American waterfowl and other wildlife by protecting, enhancing, restoring, and managing important wetlands.

For tickets and other information call 732-6220, 280-2950 or 734-5711.

## Ski the Rails festivities begin on Saturday

**KETCHUM** — The Wood River Trails are beautifully groomed, so grab your skis, a pair of your dog and Blaine County Recreation District on Saturday, Jan. 29 for the Ski the Rails. This annual celebration of the Wood River Trails is a free ski tour along the old Union Pacific Railroad right of way. Official starting time is 10 a.m. at the 2nd street connector in Ketchum.

Skiers will enjoy healthy snacks and drinks at several aid stations along the way. Historical markers are placed along the trails so skiers can learn more about local history along the trail.

Buses travel the length of the route to transport the skiers from the Brewery to the start in Ketchum and points along the trail. The first bus heads north from the Brewery to the official starting point at 9:30 a.m. Dogs are welcome on the bus and please remember they must be leashed while on the bus.

After your ski, a hot lunch is available at Cafe at the Brewery for only \$10. Lunch is served until 2 p.m. For more information contact the Blaine County Recreation District at 788-2117. Hope to see you out on the trail!

## Explore Craters of the Moon for winter activities

**ARCO** — Winter has arrived at Craters of the Moon, and snows have provided an excellent base for cross-country skiing around the loop drive winter trail.

The trail has been groomed and track has been set for skiing. From now until the end of the season, grooming will occur on a weekly basis and more often as snow pack and staff resources allow. Most of the Loop Drive follows relatively level terrain and can be skied in two to four hours. Opportunities for snowshoeing are available throughout the park.

At this time of year, there is no entrance fee and no charge for these activities, but donations are accepted so that these serv-

ices may be continued for visitors.

The Visitor Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, except for federal holidays in winter. The Craters of the Moon National History Association offers a wide selection of books and other items at the center.

Visitors are advised to contact the park for information on ski and road conditions by calling (208) 527-3257 or the visitor center at 527-3704.

Information regarding road conditions outside the park is available from the Idaho Transportation Department by calling (888) IDA-ROAD or visiting the Web site at <http://www.idaho.gov/Apps/Road/Report>.

## Twin Falls hosts Discover Scuba on Saturday

**TWIN FALLS** — The city of Twin Falls Park and Recreation Department will hold a Discover Scuba class from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls community pool.

The class is designed to introduce people to the basics of scuba diving. The fee is \$15 per person.

For more information or to register, call 736-2265 or stop by 135 Maxwell Ave.

## CSI has spots open for scuba class

**TWIN FALLS** — A scuba diving class offered through the Outdoor Program at the College of Southern Idaho will begin Monday. A few spaces are still available.

The course will follow the curriculum of the Professional Association of Diving Instructors, whose certification is recognized worldwide. Bling Parkinson of Rocky Mountain Water Sports is the instructor. All sessions will be held at the Twin Falls City Pool.

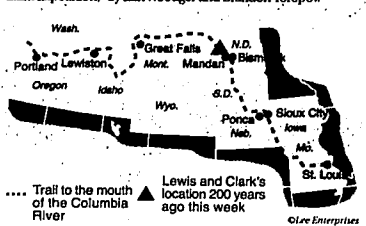
Cost is \$250, which includes all equipment, texts and pool fees.

For more information, contact the CSI Outdoor Program at 732-6696 or bstudebaker@csi.edu.

— compiled from staff reports

## 'taken... with the Plurisee'

The expedition's medicine chest included Dr. Rush's Pills, alcohol, strychnine, camphor, castile soap, chocolate drink, diuretics, electric lantern, lead acetate, laudanum, liniment, mineral water, essence of peppermint, jalap, mercury, potassium bismuthate, potassium nitrate, purgatives, saltpetre, safflower, sulphuric acid, zinc sulphate and various kinds of bark, according to the "Encyclopedia of the Lewis and Clark Expedition," by Elin Woodger and Brindon Toropov.



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January 26, 1805 — one man taken violently Bad with the Plurisee. Bleed & apply those remedies Common to that disorder.

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— Meriwether Lewis  
(Journal excerpts of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, edited by Gary E. Moulton, will appear each Thursday. Copyright Lee Enterprises.)

## Law prohibits dogs from chasing game

Questions: "My husband and I like to walk in Rock Creek Park near Twin Falls. During my walks I observe free-ranging dogs chasing deer and other wild animals. Isn't it against the law for dogs to chase game animals?"

Answer: You are absolutely correct. Idaho law forbids dogs running at large that are "actively tracking, pursuing, harassing, or attacking big game animals." Most counties and cities also have ordinances prohibiting dogs running at large.

Dogs generally weigh less than deer or elk and move around on crushed snow more easily. At a time when they should be focused on surviving the winter a deer chased through Rock Creek Park might easily result in a vehicle collision. At the very least animals use valuable nutritional reserves.

Idaho law provides for the owner or possessor of a dog to be issued a citation. This law also allows any department employee, peace officer, or others authorized to enforce the Idaho fish and game laws to destroy any dog running at large and which is actively tracking, pursuing, harassing, or attacking big game animals.

## M.V. fly fishermen will hold annual banquet

The Times-News

The Magic Valley Fly Fishers will hold their 36th Annual Banquet and Membership Drive on Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Surf Club in Twin Falls. Doors open at 5 p.m. starting with a no-host bar, dinner will be served at 7. This year's featured guest will be noted fly fisherman, fly tier and writer Skip Morris, who will be giving a presentation titled "Uncommon Fly, Uncommon Waters, Uncommon Methods."

Cost for the banquet is \$40 per person, or \$75 per couple. The price includes a prime rib or chicken or steak dinner, one-year membership to the Magic Valley Fly Fishers, and one chance to win the grand door prize. "Best buy" are \$55 for a single and \$110 per couple, which include the standard ticket along with 25 and 50 extra raffle tickets, respectively.

Numerous other raffles and

**ASK THE OFFICER**  
**Gary Hompland**

...jailing, harassing, attacking, or killing any big game animal. The law provides officers protection from criminal and civil liability.

In practice, conservation officers attempt to locate responsible owners and issue citations before destroying pets harassing big game animals.

If you observe dogs chasing wintering big game report it to your nearest Fish and Game Regional Office or the local law enforcement agency.

Reference Idaho Code 36-1101(b)(6) and C.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Contact him at (208) 324-4350 or e-mail at the Fish and Game Web site at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

## Arctic heroine Pam Flowers speaks in Buhl

The Times-News

**BULH** — The first American and the first woman to mush solo across the Arctic is coming to Buhl.

Pam Flowers will be featured in a free presentation for the public at 7 tonight in the Buhl Middle School Auditorium. She will be speaking in two assemblies Friday at Poppewille Elementary School.

Flowers is a well-known author and adventurer as well as a former Idaho Sled Dog Race finisher.

She and her team of sled dogs 2,500-mile journey across North America's Arctic is the topic of her book *Alone Across the Arctic*.

The adventure began at Repulse Bay on the eastern edge of Canada. With the successful completion of her journey, Flowers' name has gone into history books with other explorers and heroes.

In her book, she writes of the challenges of traveling alone — facing raging blizzards, ice packs, whiteouts, hostile polar bears and other arctic animals and the challenges of caring for and feeding herself and her team. Even in the midst of danger, she relished "time alone with her sled dogs and their writes. 'Their survival — her survival — hinged on mutual trust and love.'"

In addition to her Arctic journey and the Iditarod, she has made two trips to the Mag-

netic North Pole as well as other expeditions. She has been honored by Outside Magazine and the Society of Woman Geographers.

*Alone Across the Arctic* received the Benjamin Franklin Award by the publishers Marketing Association. She has been a featured speaker at the Iditarod Teacher Workshop which is held in Anchorage for teachers from throughout the world. She will be speaking at that event again this year.

Flowers is now a motivational speaker who inspires youth and adults. Her talks are enhanced by photos taken during her expeditions. This 100-page book brings a message of the power of persistence, hard work and the determination to reach any goal.

## State assesses mule deer fawns winter survival

Idaho Fish & Game

**JEROME** — Mule deer in the Magic Valley Region are in good physical condition and after trapping and radio collaring 26 fawns in the South Hills, biologists will be able to monitor their health throughout the winter.

"The deer look to be in very good shape," said Randy Smith, Magic Valley Region Big Game Manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. "We captured 13 doe and 13 buck fawns that averaged just over 77 pounds each. They appear to be in very good physical condition which should result in good survival this winter."

Each of the fawns captured were fitted with a radio collar, each with a different frequency. Idaho Fish and Game wildlife technicians will monitor the fawns every other day for the

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next five months. As long as the fawn alive the technicians will be keeping every two weeks on their receiver. If the fawn dies they will get a mortality tone or a beep every second.

If the mortality tone is heard, the technician will then find the animal and determine the cause of death.

At the conclusion of winter, biologists are able to track these fawns back to their summer ranges. The radio collars are attached with surgical tubing allowing the collars to drop off and be used for as many as four winters.

The study helps biologists assess the status of deer populations and understand what factors are important in driving deer numbers. This information combined with hunter harvest data, public input, and aerial surveys is used to determine fall seasons for the upcoming fall.

The South Hills is one of 10

study areas in the state the Idaho Department of Fish and Game uses to monitor mule deer winter survival across the state.

For more information, call 324-4359.

## Hunter and bowhunter education sign ups set

**JEROME** — Youths wanting to apply for controlled hunts this spring need to plan now to sign up for one of several hunter education classes that are being offered by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

To help students find the class they need, the department will have five registration sites, each with a number of classes to choose from.

Sign ups for fall classes will be held the third week of February at:

• Feb. 14 — Blaine County Sheriff's Office, 201 First Avenue South, in Halley from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

• Feb. 15 — Cassia County Sheriff's Office, 129 East Fourth

Street, in Burley from 2-7 p.m.

• Feb. 16-17 — Boy Scout Service Center, 2988 Falls Avenue East, in Twin Falls from 4-7 p.m.

• Feb. 18 — Fish & Game Regional Office, 808 W. Main Street, in Jerome from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

• Feb. 21-25 — Farmer's Insurance Office, 130 Broadway Avenue North, in Buhl from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration requires an address, phone number, date of birth, and social security number for each student. Cost is \$8 per student.

Students completing the class will receive a free small game hunting license for this year's hunting season. Students 12 and older wishing to hunt big game this fall must complete the junior hunting license. Cost for the upgrade is \$3.50 at any Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional Office or for \$6.50 at other license vendors.

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and the subsequent effort to conceal it.

The two-year probe of the shooting has involved extensive interviews.

"It's a fair statement to say that had he (Walters) handled things differently at the beginning, he might very well have been looking at a different penalty," Tibor said.

Up to a half-dozen grizzly bears have been found illegally killed in Idaho in the last three years, said Tibor, including instances in which agents determined that the killings were legitimate self-defense.

## Hunter will pay \$15,000 after grizzly shooting

**BOISE (AP)** — A Kentucky bow hunter who killed a federally protected grizzly bear near Island Park and then tried to cover it up must pay \$15,000 in restitution.

Dan Walters, 46, of Dry Ridge, Ky., pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court this week to a misdemeanor charge of killing a bear, a 300-pound, 7-year-old sow that was part of efforts in the Yellowstone Recovery Zone to restore a species listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

In addition to the restitution, Walters will be forbidden from

hunting for two years.

The bear had been wearing a radio collar at the time it was shot in September 2002, but the collar hasn't been recovered.

Officials said Walters buried the arrow with which he shot the bear.

Walters was hunting with two friends in the Sawtooth area near Island Park when he encountered two bears, one larger than the other, according to a statement from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boise.

Walters believed the animals were black bears, and shot the larger one in the right quar-

ter, the statement said.

After tracking the animals briefly, Walters returned to his truck. In a search the next day, Walters and three other men found the dead grizzly and discovered it was wearing a tracking collar.

An elk hunter found the carcass days after the bear's death and reported it to wildlife officials. Walters may have avoided such a steep fine if he'd been more forthcoming with information, said Craig Tibor, a Fish and Wildlife Service agent now investigating others who may be involved in the shooting —

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in the first person, keeping it under 500 words. Photos are a plus. Be sure to include your phone number. Address your story to: Outdoor Editor, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83401; or e-mail it to [twins@mindspring.com](mailto:twins@mindspring.com); or bring it to our Burley or Twin Falls office.



A wail, followed  
by barks and howls ...

# The hunt is on

BOISE (AP) — Rick Gipson blows a siren-like wail on his howler call to wake the dawn on a cold winter day in the Owyhee Desert. His call is greeted by a crazy chorus of yips, barks and howls.

Coyotes are in the area, and now comes the tricky part — using a variety of calls and decoys to lure the intelligent and wary animals within rifle range. It's a challenge that Gipson relishes.

He killed his first coyote in Colorado when he was 6 years old with a 22 rifle after a coyote raided his grandmother's chicken coop.

After 35 years of coyote hunting, he's learned they are a worthy foe.

"I've had so many coyotes make a fool out of me it's not even funny," Gipson said.

He has a bag of tricks to fool the wily canines, including dozens of calls, a motorized rabbit puppet on a stick that flips and flops and draws a coyote's attention, and even a life-sized, stuffed coyote named "Deke."

Gipson places Deke in an open area near the sagebrush in hopes that it will challenge other coyotes, which are competitive and territorial by nature. Gipson uses one of his calls to mimic the hysterical shrieking of a dying rabbit. It's the sound of an easy meal for a coyote.

"Coyotes will respond to anything that sounds like it's dying," he says.

Shortly after daylight, one comes bounding toward the well-camouflaged Gipson and his young hunting buddy, 14-year-old Jimmy Nasados of Meridian. But being hidden doesn't mean being undetected. The coyote circles downwind and catches a whiff of human scent. It's like an alarm bell going off, and the coyote turns and bounds away. Gipson fires a shot and misses.

es. Round one goes to the coyote.

Irrepressible pest or noble quarry? Coyotes have long been a nemesis for ranchers and farmers. For decades they've been trapped, snared, poisoned, gassed and shot from helicopters and airplanes.

Bounties have been put on them, and states and the federal government have spent millions of dollars to kill them.

But despite all that, coyotes have not only survived, they've thrived. Coyotes provide a year-round hunting opportunity, and hunting them is nearly unregulated. All you need is a hunting license, so it's impossible to know how many people hunt them in Idaho.

They're an unprotected species in the state, and that means they can be hunted and trapped year-round, day or night, by virtually any method.

There is no limit on how many a person can kill.

Because of that, coyote hunting can be controversial.

They've been shot from airplanes and chased to exhaustion in deep snow by people on snowmobiles. Some people kill coyotes and leave them in a field, which would be illegal if it was done to any game animal or furbearer.

But Gipson sees coyotes as more than vermin. He sees them as a hunting challenge worthy of respect.

After being fooled at his first attempt of the day, Gipson drives to a canyon in the Owyhees. He and Nasados quietly set up in a pile of rocks overlooking the creek. Gipson stashes an electronic call in the brush near the creek and sets up a rabbit decoy.

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Top, Left, Jimmy Nasados of Meridian, Idaho, peers through his rifle sight in the Owyhee Desert in Idaho, while coyote hunting in December 2004.

Above, Rick Gipson carries a coyote on his back while hunting in the Owyhee Desert in Idaho, in this December 2004 photo.

The electronic call, a small camouflaged loudspeaker with a remote control, drones a variety of digitally recorded animal sounds. This time, Gipson tries the sound of a distressed starling, then after several minutes, he switches to a distressed partridge.

The eerie, droning, repetitive sound of dying birds cuts through the chilly, foggy morning air. Gipson and Nasados sit statue still. They wear camouflage from head to toe to blend in with the terrain, and use rocks and bushes to further obscure them from the coyotes' sharp eyes. After about half an hour, Gipson catches movement. Shining only his eyes, he sees a coyote lope along the brushy creek bed.

It's searching for the source of the noise.

Nasados is facing the opposite direction, guarding the downstream angle and hopes to bag his first coyote. Since he turned 12, the legal age to hunt game animals in Idaho, he's compiled an impressive list of game. He's bagged three deer, two antelope, turkeys, ducks, doves and pheasants. But he hasn't bagged a coyote even though he's seen more than a dozen. The coyote moves within 20 yards of the call and abruptly turns away. It senses something it doesn't like.

Gipson makes a smooching sound and then barks to get its attention and hopefully stall it from running away before he

can get a shot. The coyote turns and looks his way. It's a final, fatal mistake.

Gipson's rifle barks and the coyote drops dead without a twitch.

Gipson and Nasados could use nearly any hunting method to take coyotes, but they like calling them.

"I'd rather call in any animal I hunt rather than stalk it or sit in a tree stand and wait for it to come in," Gipson said.

"I like the thrill of them coming in when you're calling," Nasados said.

Gipson said any animal that is hunted deserves a measure of respect.

"There's an ethical and proper pursuit of any animal," he said. "I think coyote calling is the most ethical way of hunting coyotes."

Gipson said he doesn't kill females in the spring time when they're having pups, and he always skins the coyotes he shoots and uses the pelts, which he later sells for market value.

"I don't like to shoot animals and let them lay. There's got to be some use," he said.

And even though a lack of coyotes has never been a problem, limiting his kill means there will always be opportunities in the future to hunt coyotes.

"I've been doing it most of my life," Gipson said. "I guess I'm just addicted to it."

## Where Yellowstone's wild things are

### Wintertime offers opportunities to catch a glimpse of wolves

By Rosemary McClure  
Los Angeles Times

If you go:

**Where to Stay:**  
**Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel,** P.O. Box 165, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190; (307) 344-7311, www.travelyellowstone.com. Simple, rustic. Has a restaurant and evening programs. Doubles with bath, \$104.64; without bath, \$42.52.

**Yellowstone Village Inn,** Yellowstone Park North Entrance, U.S. Highway 89, Gardiner, MT 59030; (800) 228-8158, www.yellowstonevill.com. Nice grounds, indoor pool and sauna at this lodge near the north entrance. Doubles \$45, with breakfast.

**Absaroka Lodge,** Yellowstone Park North Entrance, P.O. Box 10, Gardiner, MT 59030; (800) 735-7414, www.yellowstonemotel.com. A pleasant-looking motel with balconies. Small, clean rooms. Doubles \$50, kitchen suite \$60.

**Where to Eat:**  
**Yellowstone Mine,** U.S. Highway 89, Gardiner, MT 59030; (406) 848-7338. Montana beef is the specialty at this Old West-style restaurant. Main courses \$15 to \$18.

**Chico Hot Springs Resort,** 1 Chico Road, Prym, MT 59065; (406) 333-4933, www.chicohot Springs.com. Fine dining available at this hotel 30 miles from Yellowstone. Main courses: duck Grand Mariner (\$24.95), beef Wellington (\$49.95 for two).

**Wildlife Tours:**  
**Lodging and dining programs,** Xanterra Resorts.

(307) 344-5566, www.travelyellowstone.com. Two to five-day wildlife and ski programs, including lodging, tours, meals and transportation.

**Yellowstone Wolf Discovery** program is \$289 per person, double occupancy (\$68 single surcharge). Family programs available.

**Yellowstone Association Institute,** P.O. Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190; (307) 344-2293, www.yellowstoneassociation.org/institute.

Field courses, backcountry courses and custom tours all taught by biologists, historians or other experts.

**For more information:**  
**Yellowstone National Park,** Mammoth Hot Springs Visitor Center; (307) 344-7381, www.nps.gov/yell.

those who visit by snowmobiles or the rubber-tracked vans called snowcoaches.

Wolves weren't always in such favor in Yellowstone. They were wiped out of the park at about the same time they vanished from the rest of the West, poisoned or shot by bounty hunters or settlers in the late 1800s and early 1900s. They were classified as an endangered species in the 1970s, but environmentalists had to battle ranchers and hunters for 20 years before the wolves were allowed to roam Yellowstone again.

"Wolf hatred exists; many wolves die every year because of it," said Wolf Specialist Douglas Smith, director of Yellowstone's Wolf Recovery Project.

But others see the wolf as "the essence of wilderness," Smith said. "They're the top predator. ... Without them, Yellowstone wasn't complete."

Our group of 10 piled into a van about an hour before dawn and set off on the Lamar Valley in a gray twilight. It was 7 below zero and snowing lightly, but the cold was quickly forgotten.

Two wolves were on a ridge high above us; we heard them howling.

When the wolves moved on, we did too. Wright monitored their movements on a hand-held radio, staying in contact with other wolf watchers along the road. We pulled over several times, seeing wolves at each stop.

"There's an ebb and flow with every pack," said Smith, who has been with Yellowstone's wolves since their reintroduction to the park. "The Druids are at a low ebb; there were 37, now there are seven. But I think the pack will survive."

Just as the winter wolves to see, the winter wolves to see.

We had come to the park to see fairy-tale villains. Instead, we had found heroes of a sort. Survival experts that have helped restore the species of cruel treatment. Wolves in the wild.

## You can ski ... there?

The Washington Post

Had enough of the sooty fire-side lodges, slathered-on Chapstick and frozen noses of a ski vacation? Nearly every state in the United States has ski destinations, including those in these warmer-weather climes. Stuff your ski jacket in your luggage next to your shorts and T-shirts and head for one of these locales, which are seeing more snow so far this year than in recent winters.

### Mount Lemmon Ski Valley in Arizona

Best for ... anyone who wants to boast about skiing at the southernmost resort in the continental United States.

When to go: Mid-December to late March, right after a snowfall.

What's there: Though this resort in the Santa Catalina Mountains is not Arizona's top ski spot — head north to Sun-Red Park Resort or the Arizona Snowbowl for that — the west winter has been good to the south, leaving plentiful snow. However, since this is the desert, the powdery, dry snow

### Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Resort

Best for ... those in need of fresh air after barricading themselves in a casino playing the slots.

When to go: Late November through early April.

What's there: A lot of snow. A lot. Sixteen feet, in fact. (The resort usually sees 10 feet a year.) Sadly, a series of avalanches hit Mount Charleston in mid-January, killing one person and closing the resort

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When to go: February and March.

What's there: The Mauna Kea Skislopes have varying amounts of what locals call "pineapple powder." The mountain, an extinct volcano, is seeing the best snow in years, with three or four feet in some spots. Generally, skiers cover no more than 2,500 vertical feet, though occasional vertical large snowfalls pile atop dangerous lava rock. The slopes aren't groomed, and there are no ski shops around for equipment rental.

Cost: Free. If you have the equipment. Otherwise, SKI Guides Hawaii (808-885-4188, www.skihawaii.com) will take you to the top and give you a guide for \$250 per person (minimum of three people), plus \$50 to rent ski or snowboard equipment.

Getting there: Mauna Kea is 1 1/2 hours from Hilo on the Big Island (a 30-minute flight from Honolulu). Getting to the top is tough, because there is no ski lift and the road isn't paved. Skiers take turns driving, picking up others at the bottom of runs.

Info: Ski Association of Hawaii, www.hawaisnowski-club.com.

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## WORLD

# It's all go for Iraq's vote

## All that's left is for voters to come forward

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Millions of ballots have been printed, thousands of voting booths assembled and 300,000 Iraqi and American troops put at the ready. Everything is in place for Iraq's national elections. All that's needed now are voters.

Participation is the crucial question in Sunday's parliamentary election, which the insurgents, mostly Sunni Arabs, have vowed to disrupt. Substantial Sunni turnout in the face of intimidation and murder could spell the beginning of the end of the rebellion and hasten the day when America can bring home its 150,000 troops.

But if the vast majority of Sunnis shun the polls — either out of fear or lack of confidence in the process — it would undercut the new government's legitimacy, widen the fault line between Sunnis and the majority Shites and possibly doom the American military to years of struggle against a determined foe.

To encourage a big turnout, U.S. and Iraqi authorities will impose sweeping security measures — sealing the country's borders, imposing travel restrictions and putting swarms of armed guards at polling stations. American troops have been rounding up hundreds of suspected rebels to head off election-day attacks.

Iraq's 14 million eligible voters will cast ballots at 5,220 polling centers, choosing a 275-member National Assembly and provincial legislatures. The National Assembly will then appoint a new government. Voters in the Kurdish-ruled area of northern Iraq will also elect a new regional parliament.

An additional 1.2 million Iraqi exiles can vote in 14 countries, including the United States, over a three-day period starting Friday.

Final results will not be known for a week or more, but preliminary figures should be available hours after polls close.

Legis will vote for lists of candidates, rather than individuals, and the alliance endorsed by Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's top Shiite cleric, is expected to fare best.

Other major contender lists are led by Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite, and Interim President Ghazi al-Yawer, a Sunni Arab. A Kurdish list is expected to draw most votes among the Kurds, about 15 percent of the population.

In all, some 19,000 candidates are competing. At least 30 percent of the candidates on each list are women, by law.

Shiites, an estimated 60 percent of the 26 million population, are expected to turn out in huge numbers, encouraged by Iraqis who sense empowerment after generations of domination by the Sunni Arabs. The Sunnis, by the same token, dread the loss of



An Iraqi policeman looks at the poster of the United Iraqi Coalition reading "we will save our children." Tuesday, Iraqis are to choose a 275-member National Assembly and legislatures in each of the 18 provinces in Sunday's balloting.

supremacy, and many insurgent attacks have targeted Shites, including a car bombing outside a Shiite mosque Friday that killed at least 14 people.

A turnout that fails to attract Sunni Arab participation could produce a government unacceptable to Sunnis. This, warns Interior Minister Falah al-Naqib, could send Iraq into a downward spiral into civil war.

Mindful of the dangers, Shiite leaders promise to guarantee a role for Sunnis in the new government.

"No matter what the results are, we will work and insist on achieving the principle of participation of all parts of the Iraqi people," said Abdel-Kazim al-Hakim, who heads the al-Sistani-endorsed ticket.

But those assurances may not be enough for the millions of Sunni Arabs who live in areas identified by the U.S. military as the most dangerous — Baghdad and the provinces of Anbar, Salaheddin and Ninewa. Those areas, which also have Shiite communities, make up more than 40 percent of the nation's population.

Voters in areas deemed too dangerous will be allowed to cast ballots outside their home districts.

Insurgents have cast a menacing pall, blasting polling stations, killing electoral workers and candidates and torching warehouses holding election materials.

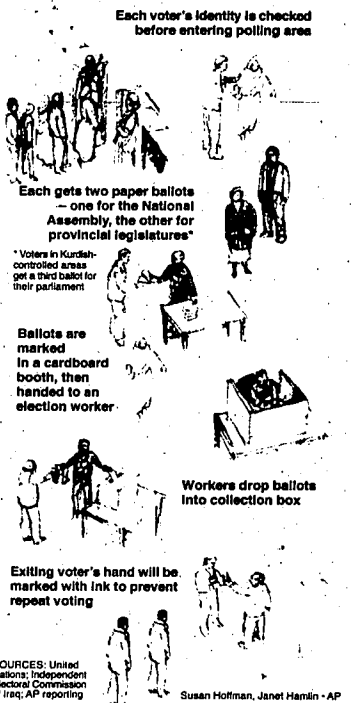
The chief U.N. electoral official here, Carlos Valenzuela, describes intimidation of election workers as "high and very serious" but expresses confidence the voting will go ahead.

Even without the specter of violence, organizing such an election in a nation without a solid democratic foundation was a huge undertaking.

A new election law had to be put in place, voter rolls updated, millions of ballots printed mostly in Canada and Australia and poll workers trained — all against the backdrop of violence.

### The Iraq voting process

U.S. and Iraqi authorities will use sweeping security measures for Sunday's election — sealing the borders, restricting travel, stationing Iraqi police and National Guard at polling stations and placing concrete barriers around some centers.



SOURCES: United Nations; Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq; AP reporting

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Two skeletons found in the excavations in Ecatepec, Mexico, are seen in 2004. Archeologists excavating an Aztec settlement have found some of the first physical evidence to support the gory sacrifices depicted in a centuries-old Indian book of paintings known as a codex.

## FINDING SKELETONS

### Mexican archaeologists unearth evidence to support depiction of ancient sacrifice

MEXICO CITY (AP) — It has long been a matter of contention: Was the Aztec and Mayan practice of human sacrifice as widespread and horrifying as the history books say? Or did the Spanish conquerors overstate it to make the Indians look primitive?

In recent years archaeologists have been uncovering mounting physical evidence that corroborates the Spanish accounts in substance, if not number.

Using high-tech forensic tools, archaeologists are proving that pre-Hispanic sacrifices often involved children and a broad array of intentionally brutal killing methods.

For decades, many researchers believed Spanish accounts from the 16th and 17th centuries were biased to denigrate Indian cultures, others argued that sacrifices were largely confined to captured warriors, while still others conceded the Aztecs were bloody, but believed the Maya were less so.

"We now have the physical evidence to corroborate the written and pictorial record," said archaeologist Leonardo Lopez Lujan. He said, "some 'pre-indian' currents had always denied this had happened. They said the texts must be lying."

The Spaniards probably did exaggerate the sheer numbers of victims to justify a supposedly righteous war against idolatry, said David Carrasco, a Harvard Divinity School expert on Meso-American religion.

But there is no longer as much doubt about the nature of the killings. Indian pictorial texts known as "codices," as well as Spanish accounts from the time, quote Indians as describing multiple forms of human sacrifice.

Victims had their hearts cut out or were decapitated, shot full of arrows, clawed, sliced to death, stoned, crushed, skinned, buried alive or tossed from the tops of temples.

Children were said to be frequent victims, in part because they were considered pure and unpolled.

"Many people said, 'We can't trust these codices because the Spaniards were describing all these horrible things,' which in the long run we are confirming," said Carmen Piloun, a forensic

anthropologist who found some of the first direct evidence of cannibalism in a pre-Aztec culture over a decade ago: bones with butcher-like cut marks.

In December, at an excavation in an Aztec-era community in Ecatepec, just north of Mexico City, archaeologist Nadia Velez Saldana described finding evidence of human sacrifice associated with the god of death.

"The sacrifice involved burning or partially burning victims," Velez Saldana said. "We found a burial pit with the skeletal remains of four children who were partially burned, and the remains of four other children that were completely carbonized."

While the remains don't show whether the victims were burned alive, there are depictions of people — apparently alive — being held down as they were burned.

The dig turned up other clues to support descriptions of sacrifices in the *Magibechci* codex, a pictorial account painted between 1600 and 1650 that includes human body parts stuffed into cooking dishes, and people sitting around eating, as the god of death looks on.

"We have found cooking dishes just like that," said archaeologist Luis Manuel Gamboa. "And, next to some full skeletons, we found some incomplete, segmented human bones. However, researchers don't know whether those remains were cannibalized."

In 2002, government archaeologist Juan Alberto Roman Berrelze announced the results of forensic testing on the bones of 42 children, mostly boys around age 6, sacrificed at Mexico City's Templo Mayor, the Aztec's main religious site, during a drought.

All shared one feature: serious cavities, abscesses or bone infections painful enough to make them cry.

"It was considered a good omen if they cried a lot at the time of sacrifice," which was probably done by slitting their throats, Roman Berrelze said.

The Maya, whose culture peaked farther east about 400 years before the Aztecs founded Mexico City in 1325, had a similar taste for sacrifice. Harvard University anthropologist David Stuart wrote in a 2003 article,

## Some Iraqis dare to be hopeful

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — In a country racked by violence, a tiny bookstore in a dusty mall offers a quiet corner where customers can escape the misery and the owners can dare to sound hopeful.

Here students too poor to finance their studies can borrow books for a week at 20 cents each, and the two men who own the tiny bookstore can indulge their conviction that their business is also a mission.

Such positive attitudes set Mohammed Hanash Abbas and Abdulh Zeidan apart in a country where the prevailing mood has been shaped by three wars since 1980, almost 13 years of crushing sanctions, the humiliation of foreign occupation and the brutality of the insurgency.

"I don't just see light at the end of the tunnel, I see light at the start and throughout the tunnel," says Abbas, 41, a typically upbeat remark. His partner Zeidan, 39, agrees.

"We must live like other people," Zeidan says. "Let a million die. That's the price of freedom. Have you heard of any society that gained freedom without sacrifice?"

On a recent afternoon, they mused about the Jan. 30 election, the Sunni-led insurgency

and the large U.S. and foreign military presence in Iraq. Personal matters came up too — how business has gotten steadily better since Saddam Hussein was ousted in April 2003, their plans to expand the store, why Abbas isn't married yet.

While their openly upbeat attitude is unusual, their views are not. Abbas spoke of his dream of going to Paris. Zeidan longed for a child to replace the one his wife miscarried when the stress of living through the U.S. bombing and ground invasion overwhelmed her.

Filled with hope, they wanted to give the Americans a chance and dismissed the nascent insurgency as a storm in a tea cup. Abbas spoke of his dream of going to Paris. Zeidan longed for a child to replace the one his wife miscarried when the stress of living through the U.S. bombing and ground invasion overwhelmed her.

Getting to Iraq's Baghdad's old quarter was an easy 10-minute ride then, and Iraqi children still waved to Ameri-

cans soldiers in their Humvees. Much has changed. Security has worsened. The Americans are now perceived as harsh occupiers with little respect for Iraqi culture or lives.

The insurgency has made it potentially fatal to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. The last time I was in Iraq, a gunfire rattled on Halifa street across the Tigris river. Later, gunmen attacked an Iraqi patrol not far away, and explosions sent shoppers running for cover.

The Baghdad of 2005 throws up an incongruous scene: American Humvees on the streets, one or two bombings a day, gunfire echoing in the distance, and election posters plastered on the walls promising anything from the departure of the Americans to better security and economic prosperity.

Yet in Iraq's Arabic for "read" the usual bookish atmosphere prevailed. The shelves were stacked with Shakespeare, Hemingway and Omar Khayyam. News in Arabic from the BBC filled the air as students hunted for bargains, often a book discarded by U.S. troops and sold to Iraqis by base cleaners who haul them in by the box.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### U.S. Cellular offers free incoming calls

TWIN FALLS — U.S. Cellular phone customers in the Twin Falls area can now receive incoming calls for free, the company said Wednesday.

U.S. Cellular recently introduced CALL ME minutes, providing unlimited free incoming calls — from any landline or wireless number — to U.S. Cellular customers in their local calling areas. Those minutes are not deducted from package minutes, leaving customers with more minutes for placing calls.

"As consumers rely more and more on their cell phones, we give our customers more value and the freedom to answer incoming calls without worrying about going over their allotted minutes," Alan D. Ferber, vice president of marketing for U.S. Cellular, said in a statement.

U.S. Cellular said it is the first cellular carrier in the United States to offer this feature.

### Regis Corp. reports drop in earnings

TWIN FALLS — Regis Corp. on Wednesday reported a 3 percent drop in net income for its second quarter, which the company blamed on a drop in traffic near the end of 2004.

Net income for the Minneapolis-based company with Twin Falls and Burley salons fell to \$26.8 million, or 58 cents per share, from \$27.7 million, or 60 cents per share, a year ago. Revenue increased 14 percent, from \$472 million to \$537 million. Same-store sales rose 0.4 percent.

"We are obviously disappointed with our performance against targets," said Paul D. Finklestein, Regis chairman and chief executive.

### Micron plans to host conference on Friday

BOISE — Micron Technology Inc. will host an analyst conference on Friday, and anyone may listen in online.

Steve Appleton — Micron's chairman, chief executive and president — and other Micron executives will make presentations, respond to questions regarding Micron's strategy, and provide an update on market conditions. Presentations are set for 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The analyst meeting will be broadcast featuring live audio and slides at [www.micron.com/ir/conference.html](http://www.micron.com/ir/conference.html). A replay will be available until Feb. 4.

### Starbucks earnings rise by 31 percent

SEATTLE — Starbucks Corp. said strong sales of holiday drinks, gift cards and music related boost quarterly earnings by 31 percent, and the coffee retailer raised its earnings forecast slightly for its current fiscal year.

The Seattle-based retailer with a Twin Falls store on Wednesday reported earnings of \$144.9 million, or 35 cents per share, up from \$110.4 million, or 27 cents per share, in the same period last year. Revenue for the 13 weeks ended Jan. 2 was \$1.59 billion, up 24 percent from \$1.28 billion in the year-ago period.

Analysts polled by Thomson First Call were expecting earnings of 34 cents per share on revenue of \$1.59 billion.

### Committee urges panel to probe IBM sale

WASHINGTON — Three House committee chairs urged a secretive government panel to investigate national security implications of IBM's proposed \$1.75 billion sale of its personal computer division to a China-based company.

Republican Reps. Duncan Hunter of California and Henry Hyde and Don Marzullo, both of Illinois, asked for the review by the U.S. Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, which considers risks of foreign firms buying or investing in American companies.

The panel, which meets in secret, includes representatives from the departments of Treasury, Defense, Justice, Commerce, State and Homeland Security. The committee is run by Treasury Secretary John Snow and makes recommendations directly to the president, who can block sales for national security reasons.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

## THE GAS QUESTION



Randy Jones of Twin Falls fills his 1974 Chevy pickup with gas Tuesday afternoon at the Stinker Station on Shoshone Street South. Gas prices hovered around \$2.80 in Twin Falls this week.

## Why are gas prices higher in Idaho?

By Megan Hinds  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Most weeks, you can count on gas prices for retailers' savings in general to be higher than surrounding cities and states. And if you're expecting the recently enacted pre-pay gas ordinance to make a difference in prices, you'll be waiting a long time.

There are too many other factors that contribute to high gas prices for retailers' savings from prevented drive-offs to make much of a difference, retailers say.

The gas ordinance has achieved its desired goal since the City Council passed the law in November, local authorities haven't received a single report of someone turning and burning," said Sp. Mark Marvin of the Twin Falls Police Department. That's compared with 210 reported drive-offs in 2004 until the ordinance was enacted.

"It's eliminated a whole class of crimes," Marvin said. "It's completely preventable."

Those 210 incidents represent only about 10 to 15 percent of the overall problem, Marvin said, estimating the total cost savings to the police department at around \$7,500. Taxpayers would pay nearly \$80,000 annually if every case were reported and investigated, he said.

The cost to gas retailers from drive-offs varies. Dan Willie, owner of Traveler's Oasis in Kimberly and the Oasis Stop 'n' Go store chain, estimated his business' loss between \$23,000 and \$25,000 in gas thefts in 2004 until the ordinance was enacted. Willie said the City Council to pass the law.

Willie said he doesn't believe the ordinance will have much effect on the gas prices at his stores, of which some sell Shell-branded fuel and more.

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## Collusion concerns?

By Megan Hinds  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — High gas prices in Idaho aren't new. Idaho consumers have wondered for years why they pay more for fuel than folks in other parts of the country. In 1999, former attorney general and present Idaho Supreme Court Justice Jim Jones chaired a state advisory committee to investigate Idaho's high gas prices. At that point, the price of gas in Idaho was the second-highest in the continental United States — averaging around \$1.49 per gallon.

The committee recommended petitioning the federal government to investigate the pricing practices of Salt Lake City petroleum refiners. The committee wanted the federal government to look for evidence of price fixing or collusion among the refiners to keep gas prices high.

"We can't tell if there's collusion or gouging, but however you cut it, the big oil companies have been making great profits and it's been to the detriment of Idaho consumers," Jones said then.

Ultimately, the committee determined that there was little evidence of collusion in the state, and no further investigation has been made. Bob Cooper, spokesman for the office of Idaho's attorney general, said this week the department's consumer protection unit has received no recent consumer complaints about possible gas price fixing. Just one grumble about the price of diesel fuel in northern Idaho.

"If you and I each own gas stations and I see you lower your price and I lower mine, that's not price fixing," Cooper said. "If when you and I agree to charge the same price that is illegal."

## Governor will lead trade missions to Asia, Mexico

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will lead Idaho companies and organizations on two trade missions this year — one to Asia in May and another to Mexico in October.

The mission to Asia is scheduled for May 14-28 and includes stops in Tokyo, Seoul, South Korea; Beijing and Shanghai; China; and Taipei, Taiwan. The Mexico mission, Oct. 22-29, will visit Monterrey, Mexico City and Guadalajara.

"First and foremost, we want to create jobs at home by expanding trade and tourism opportunities for Idaho businesses. Second, we want to connect Idaho firms, policy makers and educational leaders with high-level industry and government decision makers in international markets," Kempthorne said in a statement this week.

In each country, Kempthorne will discuss trade issues and areas of mutual interest with representatives of the ministries of commerce, agriculture, foreign affairs and technology.

The state will also host events in each city where Valued Partner Awards will be presented to international clients of the Idaho delegation.

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## Changes brew for Coors' future

The Associated Press

GOLDEN, Colo. — Ask Dave Shuey about the merger between Molson and Coors and he admits he is a little nervous. Not about layoffs, lost business or even a new look at the venerable brewery down the street from his Foss General Store.

"Pete has been a personal friend for 30 years," Shuey explains while sitting in his tiny office next to the store's beer cooler. "My concern is with him, whether he's going to stay."

Pete is Pete Coors, chairman and telegraphic pitchman for the Adolph Coors Co. And Pete Coors is like family to people like Shuey, a 35-year resident of this mining-town-turned-bedroom community nestled against the Rocky Mountain foothills west of Denver.

Coors' brewing business has elevator and research operations in Magic Valley and buys barley from local growers. Its Colorado ties are even stronger.

The history of Golden is inextricably tied to that of its biggest employer, founded 132 years ago — three years before Colorado's statehood — by a German immigrant who saw the beer-brewing potential in snow-fed Clear Creek.

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory and the U.S. Geological Survey's earthquake center also are here now, but Coors is easily the most identifiable entity in Golden and perhaps Colorado's most recognizable business.

Tucked below South Mountain, the complex of concrete buildings employs about 4,500 people. It draws more than 250,000 visitors annually, many of whom also stop in the town's restaurants and shops.

The brewery is a critical part of the area's economy, paying \$346 million in wages and bene-



Pedestrians cross the main street in downtown Golden, Colo., on Tuesday where a sign welcomes all to the town 'Where the West Lives.' Golden has been the home to Coors Brewery since it was founded by Adolph Coors 132 years ago.

fits and about \$15.1 million in taxes annually. In 2002, Coors bought \$346 million in products and services from Colorado companies, including \$16 million from Golden-based vendors.

The brewery has a long reputation here, not all of it rosy. There have been bitter labor disputes, toxic spills that killed tens of thousands of fish and controversial politics involving the Coors family.

Descendants of founder Adolph Coors still run the company, still pick up their own groceries in Golden's shops and still give generously here and elsewhere. The late Joseph Coors helped found the Herlihy Foundation, a conservative think tank, and Pete Coors was the Republican nominee for Senate last year. He lost to Democrat Ken Salazar.

Now Coors is on the verge of a \$6 billion merger with Molson Inc. to form the world's fifth-largest brewer. The Molson Coors Brewing Co.'s U.S. operations would be managed from suburban Golden, but executive headquarters would be in Denver and Montreal.

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## State guards unclaimed property

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for hundreds of people and businesses whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley.

The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll call to claim the property.

It's stuff for which I d a b businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, workers' compensation benefits and the like.

The Idaho Legislature in 1997 changed state law governing unclaimed property. Now after property that's safeguarded by the tax commission remains unclaimed for 10 years, it will transfer to state ownership and be deposited in Idaho's general fund.

"The first time that will happen is 2007. Before the 1997 law, the tax commission held unclaimed property for its rightful owners in perpetuity."

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. Today's list is from Bellevue and Twin Falls. The tax commission said each person or business listed today — or the person's heir — owns unclaimed property worth more than \$100.

Watch for other towns in coming weeks.

Unclaimed Property  
Bellevue and Twin Falls

Bellevue  
Election Corp.  
Casey Gill  
Esteban Hernandez  
John Myers  
Kenneth Schmeisser  
Peter Snook

Twin Falls  
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Vance Sourya  
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What to do  
See your name on Idaho's unclaimed property owners list? To claim your property, do one of these:

• Call 1-800-972-7660, ext. 7622 or 7627.

• Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410.

• Send e-mail to [lostfound@tax.state.id.us](mailto:lostfound@tax.state.id.us).

• Log on to [www.idaho.gov](http://www.idaho.gov) and click on "Unclaimed Property" for instructions and claim forms that can be printed and mailed to the commission. The site also provides a search link for other names and a link to other states' unclaimed property listings.





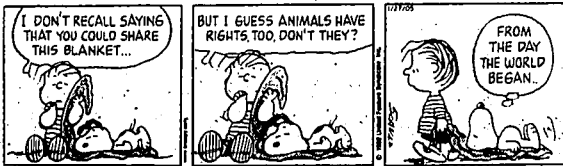




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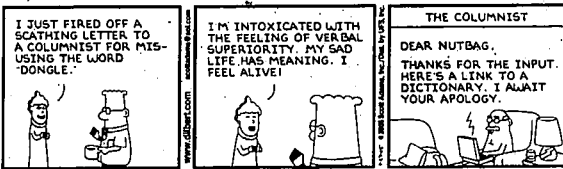
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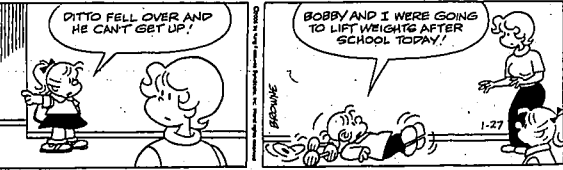
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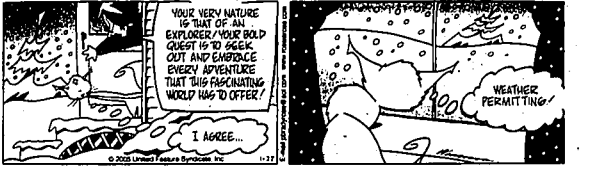
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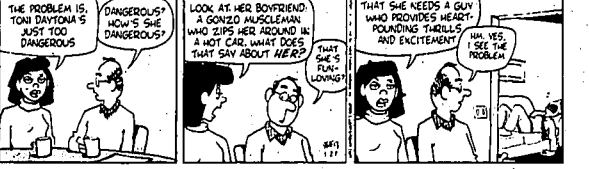
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WORLD

# SEEKING YENI

## An anguished search for a tsunami victim

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** A powder-blue school ID card was wedged into a metal fence as the tsunami moved down a neighborhood. It inspired a search to learn whether the girl survived or took her last breaths as the sea closed in. The hunt became a lesson into the swiftness of trying to account for a single life amid so much loss.

By Brian Murphy  
Associated Press writer

**BANDA ACEH, Indonesia** — The power of the sun had twisted the iron fence into crooked angles and plastered it with debris. All was sun-bleached except for a tiny splash of light blue — the corner of a small, laminated card mostly obscured by a jacket of coarse sand and the dried fingers of palm fronds.

From the discovery, details of a life emerged.

Her name: Yeni Sofiana. Born Oct. 14, 1989. That would make her 15 years old.

She's younger in the photo. The school ID was issued September 2002. The picture shows a slim girl in a tidy white blouse, short hair tucked behind her ears. She stares directly into the camera. Why didn't she smile?

Then more questions: Did she survive the Dec. 26 morning, exactly one month ago, when the Indian Ocean turned coastlines into graveyards? Or would she never see her 16th birthday? And, if so, was her body recovered and mourned by someone?

What stories did Yeni have to tell?

Answers are a precious commodity after the tsunami. Questions are sadly plentiful.

Across a giant crescent of coastal lowlands and islands from Indonesia to East Africa, survivors will chase any scrap of information about the missing. Their appeals once poured off copy machines: fliers with names, cell phone numbers and photos. School pictures. Wedding photos. Birthday party snapshots. A silent army of the taken without a trace.

The pages are fading along with the hopes.

Some, it seems, will never find their loved ones. So many were pulled out to sea, hastily buried in mass graves or covered by the salt and sand bars that have redrawn coastlines.

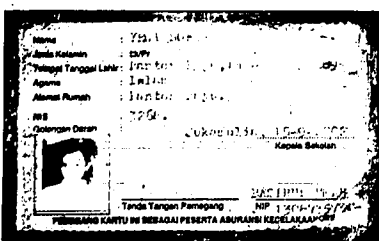
Yeni showed there are many paths to hunt for answers, but almost just as many dead ends. The ID was found in Surien, a table-flat thumb of land near where two rivers wind slowly into the sea. Locals say it was a pleasant place of two-story homes, flower gardens and shops. Now, that's mostly gone, either swallowed by the sea or leaving waist-high rubble and a surreal interplay of land and sea. A 90-foot fishing boat sat atop part of a flattened garage.

The Surien survivors faced the same choices as those in other stricken areas: move in with luckier relatives or head to refugee camps. The neighborhood leader, Syahril Amin, was given a single room in an army barracks' storage area in Banda Aceh.

"Let me see her ID," said Amin. He studied it for a few moments. "I don't recognize the face or the name," he continued. "But



Neighborhood leader Syahril Amin looks through a list of tsunami survivors' names in Surien, Indonesia, on Wednesday. When presented with the powder blue school ID card of missing girl Yeni Sofiana, Amin said, 'I don't think she lived in Surien. Maybe she was visiting. Maybe she carried her ID to us.'



This is a picture of Yeni Sofiana's tsunami-damaged identity card. The ID was found in a table-flat thumb of land near where two rivers wind slowly into the sea. It was wedged into a metal fence as the tsunami moved down a neighborhood.

let's look at the list."

He pulled out a paper file. It was a rundown of those from Surien who survived — no more than a few pages long. There was no need for more.

Surien had more than 1,600 people. The new population would be 257. It's much the same story all along the west coast of Aceh province, the first place to feel the fury of the killer waves. A list outside the governor's office keeps track of the missing figures in Aceh: more than 123,000 missing, more than 94,000 known dead, about 400,000 driven from their homes.

Across the 11 countries lashed by the tsunami, the death toll stands between 143,784 and 178,081. The number of missing ranges from 26,460 to 146,611.

"We still keep this category called missing," Amin sighed. "We know the truth in our hearts and still refuse to say it. They are dead."

They include Amin's wife, mother and one of his three sons. All were swept away and their bodies were not recovered. He ran his finger down the survivor list, written in solid block letters. Yeni Sofiana did not appear.

"I don't think she lived in Surien," said Amin. "Maybe she was visiting. Maybe she carried her ID to us."

"She is just a name to me."

Somewhere, Yeni's name must have been on a list. But where?

The Indonesian Boy Scouts have one of the most comprehensive tallies. They have canvassed more than 150 refugee camps and noted the names and family details of at least 2,000 survivors. Another important list is with the humanitarian group Save the Children. It holds names of hundreds of children separated from their parents.

Yeni's name was on neither.

"There are so many cases like this girl Yeni," said Bayu Tiesno, who coordinates the scout's survivor list program. "People come to us with just a name and a photo. We say, 'We're sorry. If they are not on our list we cannot help.'"

"We stopped looking at the people's faces. I can't bear seeing disappointment after disappointment."

Inquiries about the girl finally reached Dewi Susilo, an army official stationed near her village, Alueblie. He was a friend of a teacher in Yeni's old school, he said, speaking from the only working telephone in the area.

From that beginning, the story took shape, piece by piece.

Yeni was always among the top students, recalled the headmaster of her former school, Hasan Bari. Her math scores, in particular, were stellar.

But last June, she quit high school and, for the first time, left Alueblie, which sits on a piedmont ridge looking over palm groves stretching to the sea. Off in the distance now is the telltale border of the tsunami zone: an abrupt switch from rich greens to muddy browns.

Yeni moved in with her older sister, Heniwati, in a rented room in Surien to study to become a seamstress. "I guess they needed the money," he said. "It happens."

"I'm afraid the tsunami took her," the army official said.

Her sister, too, is missing and presumed dead.

Tuesday, the girls' mother arrived in Banda Aceh after a 20-hour bus trip under the 8,250-foot peaks of interior Sumatra.

There, she began looking for any sign of her only son, Supriatno.

He was visiting his sisters in Surien when the neighborhood vanished.



A Thai Muslim elder says a prayer for a new fishing boat during a religious service on Koh Lanta Island, southern Thailand, on Wednesday. The boat is one of the first two vessels to be launched in an effort to rebuild the local fleet after the Dec. 26 tsunami.

## Prayers, candles mark one-month anniversary

**GALLE, Sri Lanka (AP)** — Sri Lankans lit candles and chanted prayers for the dead to mark one month since the tsunami Wednesday and mourners on a Thai island launched two new fishing boats in a first step toward rebuilding the devastated coastline. On the hardest-hit Indonesian island of Sumatra, there were no memorials, but children went back to school and the empty desks of dead classmates.

A month after killer waves swept away more than 140,000 lives and ravaged coastlines around the Indian Ocean, survivors quietly remembered the tragedy and carried on with the struggle to rebuild their lives. But behind the public grieving was a deepening sense of frustration at the slow pace of recovery efforts.

"We have not received any assistance yet," read a banner strung between plastic tents housing survivors in Sri Lanka's second largest city of Galle.

Candles and multicolored Buddhist flags lined a highway hugging the coast of Sri Lanka, where nearly 31,000 people died and a million were displaced by the Dec. 26 tsunami.

At the Ariyakara Viharaya temple near Galle, more than 2,000 oil lamps flickered in memory of the dead. Monks chanted on loudspeakers. Devotees brought fresh flowers.

"In memory of that day, for the missing and dead in all the countries, we are praying that a tsunami will never return," said L. Chandarani, the head monk.

In Indonesia, where at least 95,000 died, there were no government or religious events to mark the day. Instead, officials said a proper remembrance was to send children back to school for the first official day of class since the tragedy.

Many students in ravaged Aceh province, however, returned to find their schools filled with mud and debris, with books, computers and other materials strewn everywhere. And many of their friends and teachers were gone forever.

Alone, a 6-year-old boy with neatly parted hair and a Power Rangers bag, arrived at school with his mother and wondered about his best friend, Anis. After about two hours of glancing repeatedly at the school gate, it hit him.

"I don't think he's coming," he whispered.

Only 385 of his class of 43 showed up. Out of the 600 enrolled at SD Kartika primary school, just 260 returned Wednesday. The rest are presumed dead.

At another school, English teacher Roslina Ramli — who lost four children to the tsunami — was one of 25 teachers who came to school before the tsunami the faculty was 75

strong. "I have to put on a brave face," said Roslina. "Teachers are supposed to give the students strength and guidance but it will be hard."

In one classroom, workers doing a last-minute clean up found a body Wednesday while shoveling out thick mud.

The government estimates that 700 to 1,100 schools in the province were destroyed and 1,750 primary school teachers were dead or missing. Nearly 180,000 students have no schools to go to, Welfare Minister Alwi Shihab said.

One month on, the full death toll from the massive earthquake and the tsunami it spawned is still unknown — and probably never will be. Workers still discover bodies daily, and many more victims were washed out to sea.

Differing government tallies in Sri Lanka and Indonesia, the two hardest hit countries, have made the total number of dead in 11 countries between 144,000 and 178,000. As many as 147,000 people are missing — many of them presumed dead, leaving the possibility that more than 300,000 died.

In the Thai resort of Phuket, residents and Buddhist monks unveiled a memorial wall honoring the dead. Authorities say more than 5,300 died in Thailand, nearly a third of them foreigners, and 3,100 are missing.

The worst-hit areas, such as Phang Nga province north of Phuket, have yet to start rebuilding. Elsewhere, the sounds of hammers and drills resounded through beachfront streets.

In Koh Lanta, an island to the south, a Muslim elder blessed two fishing boats, the first vessels to be launched there in an effort to rebuild the local fleet, which was virtually wiped.

The Sri Lankan government has promised to rebuild destroyed homes but has banned reconstruction along the beach. That has prompted complaints from fishermen who are used to living at the seaward edge of the beach.

"We have enough food and water but we need boats and nets. We don't want to be beggars," said fisherman Priyantha Senarathna, 27, who lost his 4-year-old daughter to the waves.

"I lost everything to the sea, but I want to get it back through the sea. If the government will give me a boat, I can start my life again," he said. "I just hear politicians' promises but I see no action at all."

Amid the grieving, there was growing impatience with the sluggish progress of recovery. And leading British charity Oxfam said Wednesday that too many aid organizations without adequate skills are complicating the work.

## Officials: Murder suspect sought overthrow of Dutch government

**AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP)** — The man accused of murdering filmmaker Theo van Gogh dreamed of replacing the Dutch government with an Islamic theocracy, and was supported by a network of like-minded fanatics, prosecutors said Wednesday at the first public hearing in his case.

The suspect, Amsterdam native Mohammed Bouyeri, 26, did not appear at the pretrial hearing, but his lawyer said Bouyeri wants to "be held accountable for his actions" and sees them as part of a religious war.

which criticized the treatment of women under Islam.

"The murder made it clear that terrorism, inspired by an extreme interpretation of Islam, is a reality in our country," prosecutor Frits van Stralen said.

"From the beginning there were signs that the murder did not come out of the brain of just one suspect, but that there was an organization behind it," he said.

Bouyeri faces charges of murder, attempted murder, threatening politicians, possession of an illegal firearm and impeding democracy. He could be sentenced to life if convicted.

He and 12 others face separate charges for allegedly plotting to kill politicians and belonging to a terrorist group known as the "Hofstad" net-

work, which prosecutors said provided support for the Van Gogh murder.

Prosecutors said radicals are only a tiny fraction of the Dutch Muslim community, which makes up around 6 percent of the 16 million population.

Judges ordered Bouyeri to undergo a psychological examination and said they would schedule a pretrial hearing within 90 days.

On the basis of statements from 53 eyewitnesses, prosecutors said Bouyeri approached Van Gogh while both were bicycling on a busy street, shot him, chased him across the street, shot him again, then cut his throat nearly to the spinal cord with an enormous kitchen knife before pinning it to his chest with another knife.

## Report: Rich countries 'poach' doctors that poor nations spent funds to train

**ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP)** — Rich countries poach doctors and nurses that poor nations spend millions to train, taxing already underfunded over-stretched hospitals in Africa and elsewhere, according to a report released Wednesday.

The International Organization for Migration, a private group that often works closely with the United Nations on immigration and refugee issues, also said in its report that the practice means Europe and the United States get health workers at a bargain.

The IOM estimated it would have cost rich nations about \$184,000 to train each of the estimated 3 million professionals educated in poor countries now working in the developed

world, for a "staggering" total savings of \$552 billion.

Poor nations, meanwhile, spend \$500 million a year training health workers, according to the report presented at a two-day meeting to discuss the impact of the migration of Africans.

"Emigration of health care professionals is a cause of particular concern for Africa with developed countries deliberately recruiting health personnel from the region, partly to offset domestic shortages," said the report by Ndioro Ndiaye, deputy director general of the International Organization for Migration.

The International Organization for Migration said 21,000 Nigerian doctors are working in the United States, and more

doctors from Benin work in France than in their own country.

In all, the report said, 23,000 African health professionals emigrate every year, leaving their own stretched health service in dire straits.

In Nigeria, health workers blame mismanagement by a succession of corrupt military and civilian regimes for the economic woes of the past two decades that have continued to force them abroad.

Poor salaries are paid late and overworked doctors have to work with outdated equipment, leaving most dissatisfied and eager to leave, said John Adebawale, a general practitioner at the Lagos Island Hospital in Nigeria's commercial capital, Lagos.

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Idaho Code 45-1506  
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**ADVERTISMENT FOR ASPHALT BIDS**  
The Twin Falls Highway District invites proposals for the following asphalt products for the 2005 Oiling Season: CRS-2, CRS-2R, CSS-1, CSS-1H, CSS-1F, D-1, HFS-2P, HFS-1, SC GRADES, HFE-10, SC GRADES AND MC GRADES. Specifications and a bid documents are on file and may be examined at the Twin Falls Highway District office located at 1234 Highway 123, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301-7878. Office hours are 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Bids will be received on or before 10:00 A.M., February 1, 2005. All bids must be sealed with a check or cash and marked on the outside "2005 Asphalt Bids". Dave Burgess, Director  
PUBLISH: January 20 and 27, 2005

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A Sharon Bryan, City Engineer, City of Twin Falls, 321 Second Avenue East, Suite 190, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1907 (208) 735-7245  
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The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, 824 ALTRUIS DRIVE, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property.  
Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust.  
The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 08/01/2004 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 8.750% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on this obligation is \$128,570.42, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder in the sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.  
Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISCLOSED TO CREDITORS. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(a)(1) IDAHO CODE, NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, CURRENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.  
Dated January 18, 2005.  
Name and Address of the Current Trustee is STEWART TITLE OF BOISE, INC., 9196 West Emerald, Suite 100 Boise, ID 83704.  
PHONE: (800) 281-8219 for information  
Stewart Title of Boise, Inc. Successor Trustee By: Bev Peterson, Sr. Trust Officer  
PUBLISH: January 27, February 3, 10 and 17, 2005

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The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, 646 PINK CORT, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property.  
Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust.  
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**ADVERTISMENT FOR SALE OF TENANTS PERSONAL PROPERTY**  
Idaho Storage, LLC, 2402 Jordan Lane, Filer, Idaho 83328, pursuant to Idaho Code, Chapter 25-1A-Idaho Code, we will sell at auction, on or after February 1, 2005 the contents belonging to Mike Brown, 263 S. 520 N., Shoshone, Idaho 83352 and Rebecca Scott, P.O. Box 92, French Camp, California 95231.  
PUBLISH: January 27 and February 3, 2005  
CALL FOR BID FOR SCHOOL BUSES  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CURRENT TRUSTEE IS STEWART TITLE OF BOISE, INC., 9196 West Emerald, Suite 100 Boise, ID 83704. PHONE: (800) 281-8219 for information  
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PUBLISH: January 27, February 3, 10 and 17, 2005

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**SNOW.**

Deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ernest Fred Snow has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or his estate are required to present them in writing within 40 days after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, or filed with the Clerk of the County of Idaho, on or before the date of January 27, 2005.  
/s/John A. Doerr  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
1031 Eastland Drive  
Suite 100  
Twin Falls, ID 83301  
208-734-4034

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**COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 511 Quincy Street.**

I will attend, offer and sell at public auction the above-described property thus directed to be sold as set forth in the Decree of Foreclosure as set out in said Judgment and Order of Sale to the highest bidder in lawful money.

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DATED this 21st day of January, 2005.

STEPHAN KIVANOVIC, STONE & THORNBOROUGH, ATTORNEYS FOR TRUSTEE

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In the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District and for the County of Twin Falls and State of Idaho.  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
Case No. CV-04-2919  
**MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE KENNEDY MORTGAGE CORPORATION; GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION** as agent for the Mortgage Electronic Registration Agency acting as nominee of the District of Columbia Affordable Housing Finance Trust.  
Plaintiff.  
vs.  
**CHRISTOPHER K. LINENBROKER, AN INDIVIDUAL; PENNY LINENBROKER, AN INDIVIDUAL** DEFENDANTS THROUGH 10, INCLUSIVE.

To be sold at Sheriff's Sale at the County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street North, in the Fifth Judicial District and for the County of Twin Falls, County of Twin Falls and State of Idaho, on the 15th day of February, 2005, at 10 am o'clock P.M. said day, all right and interest in the real property described as follows to-wit:  
THE SOUTH 49 FEET OF THE NORTH 99 FEET OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 16N, RANGE 18E, EAST 1/4 OF FAIRFIELD SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN BOOK 5 OF PLATS, PLAT 12, IN THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO.

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Case No. CV-1989-3976  
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ECONOMIC TRUST**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that:

The trustee has filed a Petition with the above-named Court for approval of the annual accounting. The hearing on said Petition is set for Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., at the Courtroom of the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, at which time the above-named Court will be ordered by said Court for hearing said Petition. Only 10 minutes have been allocated by the Court for the hearing. In the event that the parties wishing to contest the proceeding must appear at the hearing with all interested parties with 48 hours' prior written notice of their intent to produce evidence and cross-examine witnesses. In the event that the matter before the Court is going to be contested, the hearing shall be rescheduled on a future date when the petitioner will be able to produce sufficient time to be heard. All parties to be heard.

DATED this 21st day of January, 2005.

STEPHAN KIVANOVIC, STONE & THORNBOROUGH, ATTORNEYS FOR TRUSTEE

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By Bill Keane



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