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Idaho gay marriage ban fails

Voting split among area legislators

The Times-News and The Associated Press
BOISE — All but one Magic Valley legislator remained silent during an hour-long debate Wednesday in the Idaho Senate over a proposed constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. In the end, the measure, which was defeated 21-14, could not must the two-thirds majority needed to send it to voters. Minority Floor Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, said the



two-thirds majority needed for passage wasn't written into the state charter by accident. "My marriage is not threatened, and I believe there is no threat in Idaho," Stennett said. "The constitutional framers set a high bar. The two-thirds vote is designed for the protection of the minority against the majority." Eight Republican senators joined with six Democrats to vote against the measure. From Magic Valley, Sens. Chuck Colner, R-Twin Falls, Tom Gannon, R-Hull, and Stennett voted against the measure, while Sens. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Denton Darrington, R-Declu, voted in favor. Proponents have argued they are trying to protect traditional marriage from liberal activist judges who want to expand the

How they voted

Here is the 21-14 roll-call vote by which the Idaho Senate on Friday blocked a constitutional ban on gay marriage. A yes vote was a vote to pass the amendment and there were 21 of those.

- **Republicans for (20)** — Grand, Broadword, Bunderson, Burtenshaw, Corder, Cameron, Darrington, Davis, Geddes, Hill, Jorgenson, Keough, Lodge, McGee, McKenzie, Noble, Pearce, Richardson, Sweet and Williams.
- **Democrats for (1)** — Marley.
- **Republicans against (8)** — Anderson, Cole, Compton, Gannon, Goedde, Little, Schroeder and Stegner.
- **Democrats against (6)** — Burkett, Kelly, Langforst, Malepaic, Stennett and Weir.

definition of marriage. The amendment would have invalidated any type of marriage or civil union except those between one man and one woman. **Please see GAY, Page A2**

ARMY DOC



Frank Batcha, of Halley, shares a laugh with friends on a bus ride near Alexandria, La., the day before he departed for the Middle East last November. Batcha is a physician with the Army's 116th Brigade Combat Team in Iraq. **ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News**

Hailey physician watches over troops in Iraq

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — Even as a boy growing up in the small town of Salem, Ohio, Frank Batcha knew he wanted to be a doctor. It was much more than just a career decision. It was his calling, he said. But Batcha took the long road to get there. After earning his biology degree from the prestigious Brown University in Rhode Island, he dabbled in a variety of occupations, including marine biologist, graduate student, high school chemistry teacher and football coach before heading off to med school at Northeastern Ohio University. He earned his medical degree in 1992. He said he doesn't regret all the twists and turns in the road to his dream. "Obviously, my path to this end was somewhat circuitous, but the ultimate goal was always there," said Batcha, who is a physician and partner at the Hailey Medical Clinic. "I'm happy that I had some non-medical careers prior to becoming a doctor as I feel it gives me better insight." Today, Batcha's journey has



taken him thousands of miles away to northern Iraq, where he is a physician with the Army's 116th Brigade Combat Team. Team, Iraq's desert landscape is much different from the mountains of Idaho Batcha fell in love with years ago on a ski vacation. He knew the first time his feet touched Idaho soil that he would someday call Idaho home. It was nirvana for the Midwestern man with the heart of an outdoorsman — a man who loves to hunt, fish, hike, ski, mountain bike, kayak and climb. He felt an immediate kinship with the people of Idaho. "The people of Idaho are more friendly, open and helpful than anywhere I have ever been and truly look out for one another," Batcha said in an e-mail from Iraq. So when it came time to do his residency, he chose the University of Washington's Family Practice in Boise, Idaho has been home ever since. After finishing his residency in

Allawi predicts insurgency in Iraq is almost defeated

The Associated Press
BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's interim prime minister declared Wednesday that the success of the national elections had dealt a major blow to the insurgents — who have not carried out a major attack since the fallowing — and he predicted they will be defeated within months. But a major Sunni clerical group declared that Sunday's elections "lack legitimacy" because many Sunni Arabs did not participate, saying the new government would have no mandate to guide the nation's future. "That suggested problems remain in reconciling with the Sunni Arabs, who comprise about 20 percent of Iraq's 26 million people" but form the core of the insurgency. Nevertheless, both Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and his major Shiite Muslim rivals predicted that the Sunnis, promising them a major role in drafting the new constitution even though many shunned

the ballot — either out of fear of rebel attack or opposition to the electoral process. "Definitely by the Sunni Muslims will take part in the government and will have a role in the drafting of a constitution," Abdul-Hakim, head of the main Shiite political faction, told The Associated Press. Allawi, a secular Shiite backed by the Americans, told Iraqi television that the elections, which drew large turnouts except in Sunni insurgent strongholds, constituted a "major blow to all forces of terrorism." He noted that attacks by Sunni insurgents had fallen dramatically since the elections but it was unclear whether the drop was the start of a trend. **Bush divides baby boomers.** See page A4



Ayad Allawi



Bush

President presses Congress for change

Says Social Security needs to be saved

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — President Bush challenged a hesitant Congress on Wednesday to "strengthen and save" Social Security, saying the nation's costliest social program was headed for bankruptcy unless changed. Bush's plan would cut guaranteed retirement benefits for younger Americans but would not affect checks for people now 55 and older. Bush, in his State of the Union address, pledged to work with Congress "to find the most effective combination of reforms," although he has ruled out some remedies, such as raising Social Security taxes. Democrats said they oppose his proposal to divert Social Security revenues into private investment accounts, saying that there were better ways to fix the program, the 70-year-old centerpiece of the New Deal. Republicans stood and cheered when Bush urged lawmakers to approve "voluntary personal retirement accounts." Democrats sat in stony silence, underscoring the partisan divide on an issue likely to dominate the year in Congress. Democrats also murmured and grumbled when Bush said Social Security would require drastically higher taxes, massive new borrowing or severe benefit cuts unless the system is changed. Bush's 53-minute speech spanned problems at home and abroad, but it was the first State of the Union address since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that focused most heavily on domestic issues. Despite Democrats' criticism, he offered no hint of a timetable for a troop withdrawal from Iraq. The latest applause was when Bush recognized Janet and Bill Norwood, the parents Marine Sgt. Byron Norwood of Platteville, Texas, who was killed in the assault of Fallujah. **Please see BUSH, Page A4**



Parmeshwari, 65, who claims to be the grandmother of the infant dubbed 'Baby 81,' walls outside a court in Kalmunai, Sri Lanka, Wednesday. **AP photo**

'GIVE US OUR BABY!'

Couple protests after court orders DNA tests for 'Baby 81'

The Associated Press
KALMUNAI, Sri Lanka — "Give us our baby," a distraught Sri Lankan mother cried Wednesday after a judge kept her from the 1-month-old boy she says was torn from her arms in Asia's tsunami. In the disaster zone's most heart-wrenching custody case, a court ordered the infant's mother and her husband to undergo a DNA test to prove they are the parents of the child known as "Baby 81," triggering a melee at a hospital that led to the would-be parents' arrests. The couple had hoped to take custody of the child at Wednesday's hearing, and became inconsolable when told he would be put back into hospital care at least April 20 — the next available date on the court calendar when the judge will hear the DNA results. "Janita Jayarajah beat her chest and shouted she couldn't be away from her child that long. Then, accompanied by dozens of relatives and friends, she and her husband, Manugupillai, marched a half-mile to the hospital where the baby has been kept since the Dec. 26 disaster and forced their way in. **Please see BABY, Page A2**

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Areas of morning fog, then mostly sunny skies and very mild temperatures. Highs, middle 40s.
Tonight: River bottom and low lying fog will redevelop. Otherwise mostly clear and brisk. Lows, lower 40s.
Tomorrow: Morning fog, then mostly sunny until late when clouds will thicken. Highs, lower 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Morning fog, then mostly sunny skies and mild. Highs, lower to middle 40s.
Tonight: River bottom and low lying fog will redevelop. Otherwise mostly clear. Lows, lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Morning fog, then mostly sunny until late when clouds will thicken. Highs, lower to middle 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Areas of valley fog, then mostly sunny Friday and very nice today. Friday will remain mostly dry until late when a chance of snow will develop. Cooler temperatures and snow showers start Saturday.

BOISE Mid, dry and mostly sunny for today and Friday. There will still be areas of low fog from early and late in the day. Clouds increase on Saturday and showers will become possible.

NORTHERN UTAH Dry and mostly sunny through Friday. Saturday will become colder with a slight chance of light snow.

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists cities like Boise, Burley, Caldwell, etc. with high/low temperatures.

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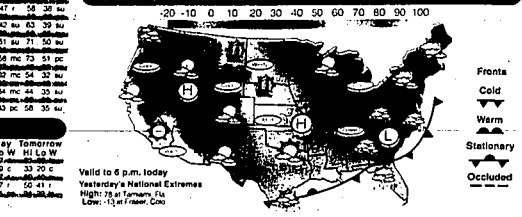
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Doc

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family practice and a fellowship in sports medicine in 1996. Batcha settled into practice in Halley, a town nestled in the mountains he so loves. In his spare time, he volunteers with the local sheriff's department's search and rescue unit and serves as the team doctor for the local hockey team, which he called "one of my favorite medical duties."

spect with which they treat me when it's they who are doing all the hard work. There have been several times I have traveled in convoys with the soldiers and although thankfully nothing significant occurred, I felt secure knowing the soldiers and fortitude of the soldiers assigned to protect me.
Batcha's days are filled morning with the administration and supervision of health care for the soldiers of the 116th. Although he does see some patients, most of the soldiers' medical care is delivered by physician assistants and nurse practitioners as well as medical doctors from various parts of the country doing 90-day tours.
"Hopefully, when we completely relieve the unit we are replacing and have established our own 'battle rhythm,' I will get back to my medical care. From the way Batcha described it, Iraq looks like a nation of dichotomies.
"People who have been to third world countries can understand, but to most Americans, it is indescribable," Batcha wrote. "Families will live in mud huts or tents, yet may have a car or satellite dish in front. Some have no running water, but the children are clean and well-dressed. One may find a home that would fit in well in the American suburbs surrounded by mud huts and great huts.
Batcha said his own living conditions are "somewhat austere" due to his need to near

the medical facility. Most of the other soldiers of the 116th are living in relative comfort compared to the cot-filled tents — "big top rejects," the soldiers had called them — they lived in tents training in Texas and Louisiana.
"Most of the soldiers live in housing units which are not much worse than a college dorm room, replete with DVDs and video games," Batcha wrote. "It is amazing how resilient people can be.
One thing, the soldiers of the 116th have not been able to escape is the mud.
"The weather in Iraq" has been surprising," Batcha wrote. "It has been wonderfully cool, but I never knew it could rain so much in the desert. Much the constant companion of armies, is prevalent here as well. I don't complain too much about the weather. I'm sure I will be looking back nostalgically at it come July or August."
Iraqis have cast their ballots and the elections are over, but Iraq is still very dangerous territory.
"The rest of our troops face many challenges, not the least of which include those people, who for their own selfish purposes, are committed to derailing the path toward freedom and democracy by inciting violence, hatred and terror," Batcha wrote. "But I feel that most importantly, we all need to realize that we are in this for the long haul, and can't afford to let our focus lapse."

Martha Stewart gears up for 'Apprentice' spinoff

New York Daily News
NEW YORK — It's a marriage made in TV heaven: Donald Trump and Martha Stewart.
Newlywed Trump and jilted Stewart are partners on "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart," a spinoff of NBC's reality series in which a gaggle of smart-pants try to win a job with Trump.
"Stewie" has "out," contestants will vie for a one-year, \$250,000 job with Stewart, who turned a small catering company into a worldwide corporation.
The Donald and Mark Burnett, who produce "The Apprentice," will do the same for the Stewart spinoff, which has yet to be scheduled by NBC.
Stewart is in federal prison in West Virginia wrapping up a five-month stint for lying about a "stock" transaction. The sitcom done in March she'll be confined to house arrest at home for five months.

Baby

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into the pediatric ward.
"Here is my baby — look, look!" the 25-year-old woman screamed. "Please give us our baby!" she pleaded before dropping to her knees at the feet of the head nurse and begging to take the child home.
The couple and two supporters were arrested and briefly held by police, then released and ordered to appear at a hearing on Thursday.
Besides the Jeanyajaps, eight other women have stepped forward to claim the boy, called Baby #1 because he was the first admission to the hospital

the day the tsunami hit. The Jeanyajaps, however, are the only couple to file a formal custody claim. They say records proving they're the parents of the child were lost in the tsunami.
"The couple and the baby will travel eight hours to the capital of the United States, Results will be available in less than a day.
Tlarena de Silva, head of the government's National Child Protection Authority, said the authority is willing to conduct the tests — which could cost as much as \$100 — for free. UNICEF has also offered to pay for the test.

Gay

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Opponents say the state should not discriminate against an entire class of people based on their sexual preference, and they also argue that the legislation is unnecessary and insensitive because gay marriage already is prohibited by state law.
Last year a proposed ban failed by one vote in the Senate State Affairs Committee.
The issue has been at the forefront of legislative issues since the year session began Jan. 10, dividing friends, colleagues and even the Republican Party leadership. Gannon said that's one reason why he didn't vote for it.
"Whatever we're seeing here today is a microcosm of what we would see if it went on the ballot," he said. "It would be a firestorm that would tear this state apart."

Clarification

Incomplete story ran in Wednesday's paper
A story was inadvertently cut off in Wednesday's paper and the end of the article should have read as follows:
Cole, Garling and the tractor-trailer driver, Gail C. Bradley, 28, of West Jordan, were uninjured. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Nixon's papers will head home

Change in law allows transfer

YORBA LINDA, Calif. (AP) — On Saturday afternoons, brides and grooms exchange vows on the lawn just yards from the graves of former President Nixon and his wife, Pat. It is the kind of commercialism that has helped pay the bills at the Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace, the only presidential library without federal funding. But such small-time fund-raising may no longer be needed.

Three decades after the 37th president resigned in disgrace and the government seized his papers and tapes, a change in the law is sending the material home, transforming Nixon's library from a private institution into a National Archives collection and making it eligible for millions of dollars in federal money.

Library officials are planning a new addition for the 46 million pages of records, 30,000 gifts and 3,700 hours of recordings, including the White House tapes that sealed Nixon's downfall.

Nixon supporters may get something less tangible as well — a measure of validation for the library and perhaps for the man.

"It's always sort of been off to the side," said Ken Khachigian, a former Nixon speechwriter. "In effect, he's entering back into the presidential mainstream."

Some Nixon critics are portraying the transfer as the latest attempt by Nixon's partisans to control his legacy.

"At Yorba Linda, materials are used to resurrect Nixon's family play of rewriting his own history, as he wished it to be," historian Stanley Kutler, who sued in 1996 for access to the Nixon tapes, wrote in a Boston Globe opinion piece.

Library officials dispute that, noting that the library, which opened in 1990, will be run by the National Archives in the same way as the 11 other presidential libraries.



John Taylor, executive director of the Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace, stands in the library Thursday in Yorba Linda, Calif.



President Richard Nixon gestures toward transcripts of his White House tapes after announcing he would turn them over to House impeachment investigators and make them public in April of 1974 in Washington.

Duties will be split between federal archivists and private foundation staff.

The transfer was made possible by language in a 2004 spending bill deleting a federal prohibition against removing Nixon's papers and tapes from the Washington area. California Republicans, including Rep. Gary Miller, who represents Yorba Linda, sought the changes. "I think the issue why they were held there is long gone," Miller said. "Why should this one library be different from every other presidential library in the United States?"

It is expected to take until 2009 to transfer all Nixon's records to the library 30 miles south of Los Angeles.

The National Archives first has to finish transcribing and making public 2,000 hours of tape recordings. So far, 2,019 hours have been released.

The move caps years of disputes over the records after Nixon's 1994 death. His estate fought the government to get the records back, finally accepting an \$11 million settlement in 2000 as compensation for the material.

"To have all the materials united under one roof is something that I'm looking forward," said Nixon's elder daughter, Tricia Nixon Cox. "I think that would have meant a lot to him, too."

The library, which draws about 150,000 visitors a year, got \$500,000 in federal money in the 2001 budget. In 2002, the new addition, and in 2006 is looking for \$3 million to \$4 million to build the addition, and \$2 million or more for National Archives staff.

After Nixon resigned in 1974, lawmakers afraid that he would destroy documents necessary for the Watergate investigation passed a law giving the government possession of his papers and tapes.

Four years later, Congress passed the Presidential Records Act, abolishing private ownership of presidential papers.

Army considers extending Reserve

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Missing enough troops for another rotation in Iraq will be "painful" and may eventually require the Pentagon to adopt policies that would extend the two-year limit on the mobilization of reserves, a senior Army leader told Congress Wednesday.

"Right now we have 650,000 soldiers on active duty executing missions worldwide, and many of them have met their 24-month cumulative time, so we'll have to address this," Gen. Richard Cody testified before the House Armed Services Committee.

Wednesday's testimony underscored a debate brewing in the Pentagon over how to meet the long-term demands of the war on terrorism. The Pentagon has 24 months of active duty, but the Army is considering seeking an extension to allow for longer and more frequent deployments of reservists.

Cody said the Army has not asked for a formal change of

policy but made it clear that was under consideration. "We're trying to be very careful before we make these changes," because they would have broad implications, he said after the hearing.

Gen. James J. Leiby, chief of the Army Reserve, who also testified, told reporters afterward that he believes the Army will keep the current limit. "I don't know that a formal decision has been made. I think, in fact, though, it has," he said. "It will remain cumulative."

The pressure for a broader mobilization comes as demand for troops in Iraq remains unexpectedly high.

Cody acknowledged that shortly after major combat operations in Iraq were declared over on May 1, 2003, the Pentagon projected that the number of brigades required to secure the country would fall from 14 to 11 that day to 11 by December 2003 and four last year. There are now 20 U.S. brigades in Iraq, including an increase of about three brigades deployed only for the period surrounding the Iraqi elections held last Sunday.

Congress frets over Hubble

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saving the Hubble Space telescope may be too expensive and dangerous, lawmakers said Wednesday after hearing from scientists who are split on the best way to repair or retire the cosmic camera.

The chairman of the House Science Committee said Congress needs to decide whether the 14-year-old telescope, renowned for its inspiring snapshots of the universe, is worth the \$2 billion — estimated to be as much as \$2 billion.

"We have to make hard choices about whether a Hubble mission is worth it now, when moving ahead is likely to have an adverse impact on other programs, including quite possibly other programs in astronomy," said Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y.

Hubble hovers about 375 miles above the Earth, circling the planet every 95 minutes, and has seen galaxies that are more than 12 billion light years away.

While NASA has sent several repair missions, experts say an additional one is needed because the battery and wind-up gyroscopes probably will fail between mid-2007 and 2010.

But with the crash on Feb. 1, 2003, of the space shuttle Columbia, a manned mission to repair Hubble is not the best course of action.

"Some people just want to dive back in and use the shuttle as if there are catastrophic accidents didn't happen. To the degree that we don't have to use the shuttle, we shouldn't use the shuttle," he said.

Experts also are divided about the best course of action.

NASA caused an uproar among scientists last year when the agency said that the safety of astronauts should not be put at risk in order to repair Hubble.

National Academy of Sciences committee concluded in December that NASA should use astronauts, not a robot, for a repair attempt.

Homeland Security nominee says he'll balance safety, civil liberties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats peppered Homeland Security Secretary nominee Michael Chertoff with questions Wednesday about his tenure as a top Justice Department prosecutor, focusing on whether he had a role in approving improper interrogation methods for terror suspects.

Chertoff, now a federal appeals court judge in New Jersey, maintained he gave the CIA only broad guidance and never addressed the legality of any specific interrogation technique.

Critics have said some techniques used on detainees swept up after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks violated the Geneva Conventions, which prohibit violence, torture and humiliating treatment.

"My answer was exactly the same: I am not in a position to evaluate a set of facts based on a



Michael Chertoff

hypothetical circumstance," Chertoff said under pointed questioning from Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., during his confirmation hearing in front of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

He said he ended those conversations by advising, "If you are dealing with something that makes you nervous, you better make sure that you are doing the right thing. And you better check it out and that means

doing an honest and diligent examination of what you're doing and not merely putting your head in the sand or turning a blind eye."

"To summarize, you would not, then, have given a yes-or-no answer to that question?" Levin asked.

"Correct," Chertoff said. Despite the grilling, Chertoff is expected to be easily confirmed as the nation's second homeland security secretary, Levin said after the hearing that he knew of no senator who planned to oppose Chertoff — even though he personally remained undecided.

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The third change allows for waste in an 80-gallon tank from the Auxiliary Reactor Area to be combined with the waste in the tanks at Test Area North instead of shipping it off-site to a treatment facility.

The agencies agree that the new remedies remain protective of human health and the environment. These changes reduce the cost and accelerate completion of cleanup.

Detailed information on each of the changes is available in the administrative record at the DOE Reading Room of the INL Technical Library in Idaho Falls. Copies can be found at Albertsons Library on the Boise State University campus or accessed on the internet at <http://ar.inet.gov>. For more information, contact community relations staff at (208) 526-3183.

The Idaho Completion Project is focused on reducing risk and completing the majority of remaining cleanup work from past INL missions by 2012. The project is managed by Bechtel BWXT Idaho for the U.S. Department of Energy.

NATION

Bush

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In an emotional gesture, Mrs. Nancy Pelosi, leader of the House Democratic Caucus, pledged to confront terrorism and pursue weapons of mass destruction, and singled out Syria and Iran. Returning to his inaugural address theme of spreading democracy, Bush hailed the success of Sunday's elections in Iraq.

"As the victory of freedom in Iraq will strengthen a new ally in the war on terror, inspire democracy reformers from Damascus to Tehran, bring more hope and progress to a troubled region," he said. In a challenge to Iraq's government, he told the country's citizens: "As you stand for your own liberty, America stands with you."

"The goal of two democratic states—Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace, is within reach, and America will help them achieve that goal," the president said. With more than 1,400 Americans killed in Iraq and the United States spending more than \$1 billion a week on the war, Bush urged Congress to support his request for an additional \$80 billion. "During this time of war, we must continue to support our military and give them the tools for victory," he said.

White key allies like Germany and France opposed the war. Bush said his administration "will continue to build the coalitions that will defeat the dangers of our time."

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, delivering the Democratic response, challenged Bush on Iraq.

"We all know that the United States cannot stay in Iraq indefinitely and continue to be viewed as an occupying force," she said. "Neither should we slip out the back door, falsely declaring victory but leaving chaos... We have never heard a clear plan from this administration for ending our presence in Iraq."

Emboldened by his re-election, Bush called on lawmakers to move on several controversial fronts—including liberalizing the nation's immi-

gration laws, imposing limits on medical malpractice lawsuits, simplifying taxes and extending the life of the tax cuts enacted during his first term.

He also urged passage of long-stalled energy legislation and promised to send Congress a budget next week that holds discretionary spending below inflation. Warning Congress that it will face painful choices, Bush said his budget would substantially reduce or eliminate more than 150 federal programs.

Bush said his wife would lead a nationwide effort to reduce gang violence by encouraging young people to remain crime-free. In a nod to conservatives, he renewed support for a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

Transforming Social Security is not a gamble for Bush and for Republican allies wary of taking big political risks. While Bush cannot run for another term, most GOP lawmakers face re-election next year and are nervous about tampering with a system that Americans like and see no immediate need to overhaul.

Democrats, on the other hand, face a risk of appearing as obstructionists if they simply oppose all of Bush's plans.

Under Bush's Social Security plan, workers would be allowed to divert up to two-thirds of their payroll taxes into private investment accounts, according to a Social Security expert who was briefed on the plan Wednesday. Contributions would be capped at \$1,000 per year, rising each year by \$100. Social Security's guaranteed benefits would be reduced to make up for money allocated to the private accounts.

A variety of solutions have been proposed over the years, such as limiting benefits for wealthy retirees, raising the retirement age, indexing benefits to prices rather than wages, discouraging early collection of Social Security benefits and changing the ways benefits are calculated, Bush said.

"All these ideas are on the table," Bush said. "I know that one of these reforms would be easy. But we have to move ahead with courage and honesty because our children's retirement security is more important than partisan politics."

Bush draws line through baby boom generation

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press writer

Analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is drawing a long gray line through the baby boom generation, hoping to keep the oldest at bay and the youngest at his side as he pursues "drastic changes to Social Security."

Gingerly touching the third rail of politics, Bush said in his State of the Union address, "I have a message for every American who is 55 years or older: Do not let anyone mislead you. For you, the Social Security system will not change."

But it will change dramatically for people under 55, if the president gets his way. Benefit cuts, increasing the retirement age and discouraging the early collection of retirement checks are all on the table.

While urging Congress to create private investment accounts for Social Security taxes, he told the under-55 set, "Your money will grow over time at a greater rate than anything the current system can deliver." With that line, Republicans jumped to their feet and applauded while Democrats sat glumly in their seats.

Bush can't guarantee market-based private accounts will always yield better rates than the current program, but that might not matter to young and middle-aged Americans who have long assumed Social Security will splutter before they grow old.

People under 55 are generally more savvy about investments than their parents and grandparents who were raised during the Depression and consider Social Security a birthright. A recent Democratic poll found that

nearly two-thirds of people under 50 believe that Social Security will pay lower or no benefits when they retire.

People over 50 have much more confidence in the system. Independent pollsters with the Pew Research Center found that 58 percent of people 18-54 support private investment accounts. Among those 55 and older, only 45 percent do.

Bush sought to keep the young and middle-aged on his side by appealing to their parental and maternal instincts. "You'll be able to pass along the money that accumulates in your personal account, if you wish, to

your children and grandchildren," the president said. "And best of all, the money in the account is yours, and the government can never take it away."

At 58, Bush tried to bond with people on the older side of his gray line, urging them to help make Social Security safe beyond their time. "As we see a little gray in the mirror—or a lot of gray—and we watch our children moving into adulthood, we ask the question: 'What will be the state of their union?'" the president said.

Bush is gambling that the country has changed enough demographically (fewer Depression-era voters who view Social Security as unchangeable) and

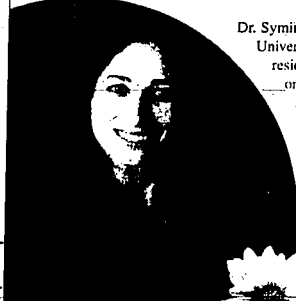
economically (more people with experience in the investor class for him to tackle a political taboo).

Politicians have long been warned that Social Security is "the third rail of politics," a reference to the deadly effect of touching the electrified rail that makes some trains go.

"It's dicey, but it might work," said Democratic strategist Jim Duffy. "It's telling people who are directly impacted by Social Security, the people getting it now or about to get it, 'You don't have to worry about me curbing your benefits. But there's not enough money to go around so your children and grandchildren are going to play by a different game.'"

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Mideast summit could push peace

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egypt on Wednesday invited the leaders of Israel, the Palestinian Authority and Jordan to a summit next week, a move indicating confidence that a much-anticipated breakthrough in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process is in the offing.

Word of the summit, which all parties agreed to attend, came as Damascus-based leaders of the Palestinian militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad met Egyptian intelligence officials in Cairo, seen as a key step toward securing a truce from Palestinian factions.

The summit, to be held Tuesday in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, was expected to focus on a possible Palestinian prisoner release, the fate of Palestinian fugitives and a West Bank troop redeployment. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and King Abdullah of Jordan have all accepted invitations to attend from summit host, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

The White House welcomed the development. "That's an encouraging step that's being

taken to build upon the recent discussions between the Israelis and the Palestinians," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

"There have been a number of encouraging steps from both parties that show that they want to seize this opportunity before us to move forward."

The expected arrival of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in the region over the weekend also intensified pressure on both sides to settle some differences over what should be announced after the meeting. There has been no word on whether Rice might attend the summit.

Israeli television reported the summit would also likely result in the return of Egyptian and Jordanian ambassadors to Israel. Egypt withdrew its envoy after the latest Palestinian uprising began in September 2000. The violence also caused Jordan to delay posting a new ambassador. Egyptian and Jordanian officials declined to confirm the reports.

Judith Kipper, an analyst at the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations, said the talks would be about "feel-good sym-

bolism, and then the real work begins."

The Egyptian president's office released a statement saying the summit was arranged in view of "the critical state that the peace process in the Middle East is going through" and was designed to "realize tangible progress on the Palestinian track."

The statement also said Mubarak, who had steadfastly refused to meet with Sharon since he became prime minister in 2001, would discuss with the Israeli premier ways "to push peace on the Syrian track."

Damascus has been saying it wants to resume peace talks

with Israel, which collapsed in 2000. But Israel says Syria must first clamp down on Damascus-based Palestinian militant groups responsible for killing hundreds of Israelis in suicide bombings.

Egypt, a key U.S. ally, is seen as a linchpin in Middle East peace mediation.

The Arab state was the first to sign a peace treaty with Israel and has been trying for months to coax Palestinian militant factions to stop attacks against Israelis. Egypt is also expected to play a key role in developing Palestinian security services in neighboring Gaza following any planned Israeli withdrawal.



Kurdish woman Fatima Ibrahim casts her ballot at a polling station during the Iraqi elections in downtown Baghdad, on Sunday.

Some Kurds see chance to push for statehood

Los Angeles Times

GHAMCHAMAL, Iraq — A cane leans on the door and the old tribal leader sits in the sun below the citadel. With a whisper, he could summon 1,000 armed men. He chooses not to. But make no mistake, he says, the time has come for the Kurds to grab the oil fields, seal the northern mountain passes and seize their independence. Karim Agha is a proven ally of America, but he is also part of a growing number of Kurds whose push for an independent state could splinter Iraq and undermine U.S. policy in the region. Despite a strong showing in Sunday's election that would give them unprecedented influence in a new national government, Kurds are debating whether it's time for them to declare their own state.

"The war against Saddam Hussein is over, and everyone has their freedom except the Kurds," Agha said, arguing against his will, prayer beads facing his fingers. "We are surrounded by enemies, and we can wait no longer for our own nation. It would be a great shame for the U.S. to abandon us."

Fearing that a bid for independence would draw the fury of neighboring Turkey and Iran, which have their own restless Kurdish populations, the main Kurdish political parties say they are committed to a unified Iraq.

But many Kurds believe the chaos across the country creates a prime opportunity for them to claim the contested oil city of Kirkuk and break away. More than 1.7 million Kurds, or about 45 percent of their population, signed a petition for independence that was recently delivered to the United Nations.

The struggle is between pragmatism and a centuries-old dream. It suggests that the influence held by Kurdish politicians and U.S. allies such as Jalal Talabani and Massoud Barzani may be diminishing. Men like Agha, chief of the Hamawnd tribe, are more willing to fight than to equivocate in the face of international

pressure, especially when it comes to independence and the fate of Kirkuk.

"Talabani and Barzani must not give up Kirkuk," Agha said. "If they do, the people will split with them. We won't accept that. We want it to be solved peacefully. But if not, we've already lost a lot of lives over Kirkuk, and we're willing to lose a lot more. The oil of Kirkuk will sustain us, and we will not abandon it."

What unfolds in Kirkuk in coming days and weeks is as crucial to the stability of Iraq as the struggle between Shiite and Sunni Muslim Arabs to the south. The Kurds' goal has been to win a majority in Sunday's local elections in Kirkuk and claim the multi-ethnic city as part of their semi-autonomous state in the north. The next step, men like Agha, say, would be for the Kurds to demand independence.



The Kurds are hoping that the votes of about 70,000 of them, expelled from Kirkuk under Saddam and now seeking to return, will give them the edge in a local council now balanced among Kurds, Arabs, Turkmens and Assyrian Christians. They appear close to that aspiration: Arab voter turnout in Kirkuk was between 25 percent and 40 percent, and Kurdish participation was more than 70 percent, according to local political parties.

A surge in Kurdish power would anger Turkey, which is worried that Kurdish control of Kirkuk and its oil reserves would embolden and create instability among Turkey's disadvantaged 13 million Kurds. Such a scenario could create regional problems if Kurds in Iran and Syria also demanded more autonomy.

Washington has been pressuring Kurds not to break from Iraq. The two mainstream Kurdish parties, the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, want to avoid angering their most powerful ally. They say the political reality is simple: The United States will side with its NATO partner Turkey over a mountain people who have been denied independence for generations.

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EDITORIAL

Suspension wasn't the best way to quell testing issue

The showdown between Savtooth Elementary School kindergarten teacher Debbie Soran and the administration of the Twin Falls School District over testing in the classroom never should have reached the "High Noon" stage.

administer the tests herself, surely some other way could have been found to free up more time for her in the classroom.

We all do things as part of jobs that we'd rather not do, and most people disagree from time to time with their bosses about the best use of their time.

Our view: The debate over testing in Twin Falls schools could have taken place without a teacher's suspension. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Soran was placed on paid administrative leave on Jan. 20 after refusing to give the Texas Primary Reading Inventory, an assessment kindergarten teachers must take twice a year as part of federal Reading First grants.

But compromises take place every day in the workplace. It's remarkable that cooler heads didn't prevail before Soran was put on administrative leave.

Soran and many of her colleagues are correct that, largely because of federal No Child Left Behind Act, testing takes up much more of their teaching time than it used to. Perhaps too much.

The test is given one-on-one, teacher to student, while a substitute instructor teaches the rest of the class. Soran argued that she should teach the class while the substitute gave the test.

If so, that's an issue for the Twin Falls School Board, which is responsible for setting the direction of policy in the district. If administrators are wise, they will have no objection to a full, frank and public dialogue on the merits and disadvantages of the district's testing policies.

Soran said she didn't think it would be a big issue since Savtooth does not receive a Reading First grant.

Soran has certainly put the subject on the School Board's radar. It's time to get the public more involved in the discussion.

She left there was too much testing going on and that being in the classroom would be a better use of her time.

Soran is a dedicated and capable teacher, and she should be returned to the classroom as soon as possible. While her actions in refusing to give the test may have gone too far, it's pretty hard to fault her motives.

Point taken, but the district is paying Soran to assess students, as well as teach them. Her supervisors are entitled to tell her how they want the job done.

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LETTER

Suspending kindergarten teacher penalizes kids

I am writing in reference to the suspension of kindergarten teacher Debbie Soran.

I am a grandparent of one of her students. I am very upset with the way this situation was handled. Is anyone thinking about the kids?

Kindergarten is a very impressionable time for these little ones. They become very attached to their teacher, and to have their world turned upside down in the middle of the school year is inexcusable.

I would also like to say what a wonderful teacher Mrs. Soran is. The work she has done with my grandson is remarkable. She should be commended, not suspended. As a taxpayer, I would like to see more teachers like her in our school system.

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Democracy can't be forced on Iraqis

Jan. 26, 2005 - 37 more Americans killed in Iraq.

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Iraq voters escape terror's tarpit

As I watched the images of Iraqis lining up to vote, even in the face of terrorists who threatened to wash the streets with blood, I couldn't help thinking of Whitaker Chambers.

Chambers broke with the Communist Party in 1948, testified against Alger Hiss in 1950, and then emerged as a melancholy but profound champion of freedom.



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Chambers once wrote a letter to William E. Buckley in which he explained that a former communist has certain advantages in understanding the truly evil nature of his foe.

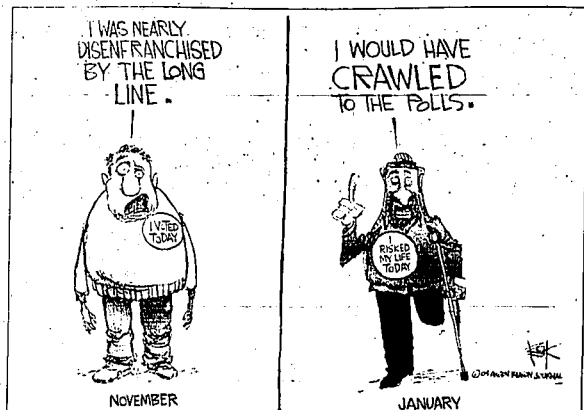
"I sometimes feel," he wrote, "that it takes a talented mind to understand — to really understand — the threat of communism. To really understand communism is to have lived in hell and cannot have been forever defiled. To understand communism means to understand the terrible capacity of man for violence and treachery, an apprehension of which leaves one forever tainted."

Andre Malraux read Chambers' work and wrote to him, "You are one of those who did not return from hell with empty hands."

I thought of Chambers when I heard reporters in Iraq observe that beneath the joy and exhilaration that came with voting last Sunday, Iraqis showed something grimmer: a stern determination to not let evil triumph.

These Iraqis are people who, like Chambers, have spent their lives in hell and cannot have been unaffected by it. They have touched pitch and witnessed or participated in man's capacity for violence and treachery. They must be both drawn in and toward evil.

They lived most of their lives under the dense evil of Saddam's regime — the mass graves, the rape rooms, the chemical attacks, the wars against Iran. Totalitarian cruelty on that scale was bound to get into their heads.



And from the dense evil of Saddam, these people were thrust into the haphazard evil of the terrorists and the occupation. The Zangani terrorists commit murder in a mord of spiritual ecstasy, while the old Baathists feed their addiction to sadism and domination.

These new monsters brought back, I dipped it deep as I was moving the eyes of all the world's tyrants."

They proudly described liberating themselves, finally making themselves the initiators of their own lives.

The journey back from nihilism toward normalcy, from a universe in which the ballot is already filled out for you to a universe in which you make your own mark. This is not a small step.

When Saddam was first toppled, liberty turned immediately into anarchy. But as Michael Rubin, who has spent much of the past two years in Iraq, observed Monday in *The Wall Street Journal*, gradually the habits of moderation have begun to develop — the habits of self-regulating liberty, compromise, tolerance and power-sharing.

And there came Sunday's act of mass heroism. On the Internet and in interviews, Iraqis tried to convey the tacit feel of their new migration to normalcy.

Every person has realized that he's not fighting alone in this battle," one voter wrote. "I moved to mark my finger with ink. I dipped it deep as I was moving the eyes of all the world's tyrants."

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where these people have been is not a straight shot, which we can readily understand. In Washington, senators make facile arguments about improving the training of Iraqi troops, trying to reduce problems of motivation to problems of technique. Ted Kennedy gave a speech last week blithely insisting that the terrorists are winning the war for the hearts and minds of Iraqis. Brent Scowcroft warned of incipient civil war, denigrating the Iraqis' ability to manage their own tensions.

In fact, these are a people who voted at higher rates in the face of death than we do in the face of inconvenience. These are a people who have used the campaign as a process of therapy and self-education. These people have — just built the most democratic government in the Arab world.

They will surely face more war and tension and corruption, but they did not return from hell with empty hands. They came back with their fingers stained with ink.

David Brooks is a columnist for *The New York Times*.

State action can protect game herds

Although wolf advocates and the media on the reintroduction of Canadian gray wolves to the lower 48, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife-Idaho has been working with our elected officials to strike a balance and return state management to Idaho's predator populations.



REMEMBER COMMENT Nate Helm

Wildlife-Idaho believes the Idaho Department of Fish and Game must lead efforts to control wolf impacts to Idaho's ungulates, and right now.

By all reasonable accounts, we have a very healthy, vigorous collection of wolves in Idaho that continues to make large strides in territory and population. The wolves in Idaho are more than fully recovered. Recent population estimates put Idaho's wolf population at or about 500 wolves, consisting of 51 packs containing 32 breeding pairs. However, the original goal was to maintain just 15 breeding packs.

control in "nature." Nature, as it seems, is supposed to figure out the impact that mankind has had on our planet — which of course we cannot.

"The recently amended 10(f) federal wolf management guidelines authorized under the Endangered Species Act begins to give Idaho real protection for her citizens, private property. The credit for this blessing goes to Gov. Kempthorne and his staff. Without their work, we would not have seen this flexibility this soon. For Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife-Idaho and most of Idaho's sportsmen, however, the state property on which wolves live has been afforded protection with tough strings attached.

Additionally, Idaho's wolf population has and will continue to grow at 20 percent per year under present management practices. This burgeoning population is having a catastrophic impact on Idaho's big game herds.

Despite the overwhelming evidence of the immediate need for control, the struggle to implement active management findings within bureaucratic quagmires and obstructionist-filled courts. Those same obstructionists, if they could have it their way, would lock man out of Idaho and return

opportunity. The Fish and Wildlife Service then has the final say on wolf removal.

As an example, the Clearwater Region's elk herds have undergone extensive analysis. There is a laundry list of things to do to help this once nationally famous herd. With less than 10 percent of the tags (elk) available a short 20 years ago, the lost revenues alone justify more urgency.

There is an ongoing collaborative effort coordinated by Idaho Sen. Mike Crapo to improve habitat, regulate hunting and curb predators (except wolves) — trying to give the herd a chance to recover. However, today there are eight known wolf packs in that same region. With no ability to give the elk a leg up, we are helplessly locked into a long-term, limited population.

With the information available already now is the time to get down and get busy providing the federal agencies with whatever they demand. Our congressional delegation has directed resources for this management. Excuses for not taking action are no longer valid. The hoop-jumping is an obstacle, but we have little choice. It must be done. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has the sportsmen's backing to get in the fight to protect our hunting heritage.

Nate Helm of Nampa is the executive director for Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, a hunting and fishing advocacy organization with over 500 members in the Magic Valley.

LETTER

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As far as I know, there is only one station with an attendant. Regardless of price, that's where I get gas.

One thing puzzling is prices at most stations go up or down to exactly the same and on the same day. And one dealer with stations here and in the Midwest area sells cheaper there than here. What's the difference?

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- Buhl at Gooding, 6 p.m.
- Hagerman at Lighthouse Christian, 7:30 p.m.
- Wainwright at Magic-Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
- Postseason**
- Western States Basketball Classic, Phoenix
- 4A vs. CSD-Fremont, 9:45 a.m.
- GIRLS BASKETBALL**
- Postseason**
- 5A Region Four-Five-Six playoffs
- Twin Falls at Highland, 7 p.m.
- 4A Great Basin Conference West Tournament
- Burley at Minico, 7:30 p.m.
- Wood River at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
- 3A SCIC Tournament
- Buhl at Declo, 7 p.m.
- 2A Canyon Conference Tournament
- Valley at Glens Ferry, 7 p.m.
- West Valley State Basketball Classic, Phoenix
- ISDB vs. CSD-Fremont, 8 a.m.

IN BRIEF

Handicapped skiers benefit planned

POCATELLO — Idaho State University's Cooperative Wilderness Handicapped Outdoor Group (CW HOG), will hold its annual skiathon to benefit handicapped skiers on Feb. 12 at Pebble Creek Ski Area.

Revenue from the event supports the Pocatello Adaptive Ski School, which provides alpine ski instruction and recreational opportunities for skiers with disabilities.

Registration will take place from 9-9:30 a.m. in the lodge. Participants may pick up their packets at the CW HOG office in the Pond Student Union Building at ISU.

Pledge money collected must be turned in by Feb. 22. An awards party will be held at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Christensen Courts Community Room, located at 711 N. 6th Ave., Pocatello.

Top pledge gatherers will receive a certificate for outstanding grand prizes; a gift certificate from Barrie's Ski and Sports, a prize from Pocatello Electric, and a one-year membership at Fitness, Inc. Door prizes will also be awarded.

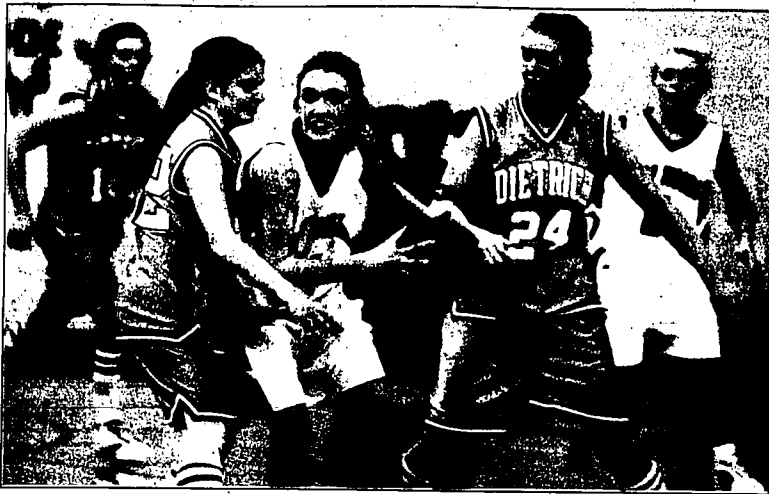
For more information, contact the CW HOG office at (208) 282-3912.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Dallas fullback Robert Newhouse, who completed a 29-yard touchdown pass to Golden Richards in the Cowboys' 27-10 victory over Denver in the 1978 Super Bowl.

Richfield books state trip



Richfield senior Brooke Norman looks for a passing lane away from Dietrich defenders Nicki Miller (left) and Caitlin Dill during the Tigers' 46-38 win Wednesday night in Shoshone. The victory gives the Tigers a spot in the upcoming Class 1A girls basketball tournament.

Poor shooting ends Dietrich's season

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Just four more baskets. That's all the Dietrich Blue Devils girls basketball team needed to prolong its season. Trailing 43-36 with 50.9 seconds left in Wednesday night's game against the Richfield Tigers, coach Gene Shaw nudged his girls together in a timeout and asked for some full-court pressure.

But with your season on the line, the last minute of a game is desperation time. The Blue Devils couldn't jar the ball away from Richfield and had to foul junior guard Breanna McAllister, who calmly knocked down a pair of free throws to put the Tigers' lead out of reach.

Game over — season over — 46-38.

The Blue Devils paid dearly

for an ice-cold start on the Shoshone-High School hardwood. Dietrich started the game by missing three consecutive layups before losing possession off traveling calls on two straight trips down the floor. While Dietrich opened the game shooting a frigid 2-for-10 from the field, Richfield drained three open 3-pointers to open a 9-1 lead with 5:10 remaining in the first period.

"We came out and miss three easy ones right off the bat, and all of a sudden, Richfield is up by 10," Shaw said. "You have to give credit to Richfield though, we practiced not to let them have any threes, but they came down and hit three early. That first quarter kind of told the story of the game."

The hole proved too big to dig out for Dietrich. Caitlin Dill dropped in a game-high 17

points, but was the only Blue Devils player to reach double figures.

Richfield sophomore forward Cassie Wood led her team with 16 points, including 7-of-8 from the charity stripe. The win gives the Tigers a guaranteed spot in the Class 1A state tournament and a Wednesday date with the Hagerman Pirates for the District Four's third seed.

"Finally," Richfield coach Steve Kent said, "it's the third year in a row we've been in this second-place game against Dietrich and they got us the last two."

Breanna McAllister added nine points for the Tigers, while lone senior Brooke Norman scored eight while taking care of most of the ball handling duties for Richfield. Dietrich ends their season with a 14-9 record.

"It's the first time in 10 years we haven't made it to the state

tournament," Shaw said, "but that just shows you how tough our conference is."

According to Kent, Dietrich is possibly the best team that won't be playing at the state tournament.

"There's no question, based on the regular season and the early postseason that we're playing in the toughest conference in Idaho," Kent said. "There are going to be several teams in the state tournament that aren't as good as Dietrich."

Richfield 46, Dietrich 38

Points	19	18	10	46
Rebounds	15	12	10	37
Assists	10	8	6	34
Steals	4	3	2	9
Blocks	2	1	1	4
Fouls	12	10	8	30
Timeouts	3	2	2	7
Technical fouls	0	0	0	0
Three-pointers	3	2	1	6
Free throws	2	1	1	4
Free throw percentage	50%	50%	50%	50%
Field goal percentage	20%	17%	10%	17%
Three-point percentage	33%	25%	10%	23%
Minutes	20	20	20	60

Filer girls dominate Kimberly

By Nathaniel Garrabrant Times-News writer

FILER — In what seemed at times more of a shooting practice than a game, top-seeded Filer downed No. 4 seed Kimberly 81-37 at home Wednesday night in the second round of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament.

"It got ugly in a hurry," said Bulldogs' coach Rich Bishop.

That's of course a matter of perspective, as the Wildcats certainly liked what they saw after the first quarter, holding a 26-8 lead facilitated by 11 turnovers on the part of their guests.

Utilizing a stalling press, Filer (17-2, 8-1) put the Bulldogs on the ropes almost immediately and put the ball in Lindsay Helms' hands. With eight points in the span of six minutes, the senior forward sparked a 21-2 run to open the game and finished with 30 points on the night while going 6-for-8 from the charity stripe.

"It was a total team effort," said Wildcats coach Joe Bate. "We established pressure and executed on offense."

Unable to cope with the hosts' defensive pressure, Kimberly (3-17, 1-8) committed 31 turnovers by game's end.

"We've been working hard on defense and it's paid off," said Helms.

The Wildcats took a 43-18 lead into the

half and came out for the third with a 22-2 run, sparked by a long field goal from senior Jennica Meacham, who finished with 19 points on the night and sank a pair of 3-pointers.

The quarter concluded with Helms posting 13 points in five and a half minutes. Bate looked to iron out the few wrinkles that showed up.

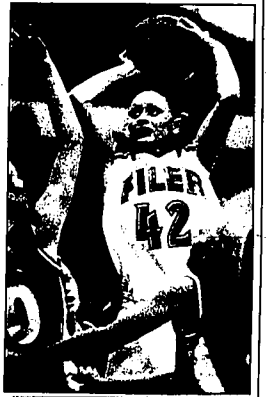
"We've got to not let down," he said. "There were a few instances where we relaxed."

Taking advantage of such instances was Bulldogs forward Kayla Hutcherson, who paced the visitors with 17 points.

"Give Kimberly some credit, they never let down," said Bate.

Indeed, Kimberly went out fighting, recording 15 points in the final quarter, as Whitney Rank and Sarah Gamel combined for seven points in the final three minutes with aggressive play in the paint.

Filer plays Gooding in the SCIC championship game in Declo on Monday. Kimberly faces a team to be determined.



Filer's Rachel Jaynes, 42, goes up for a jump shot during the first quarter of their game against Kimberly Wednesday in Filer.

NHL makes new offer to players' association

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NHL's latest salary cap proposal to end the season-long lockout was rejected Wednesday by the players' union, which came back with its own idea. Bring commissioner Gary Bettman to the bargaining table.

Bettman accepted, and is set to begin the talks Thursday for the first time since Dec. 4. He'll meet with union head Bob Goodenow.

In turning down the league's offer, the union reiterated it won't accept a salary cap as a solution.

"The league presented a written proposal with minor

variations of concepts that were presented orally by the NHL last Thursday," NHLPA senior director Ted Saskin said. "We told the league last week and again today that their multilayered salary cap proposals were not the basis for an agreement."

The sides met for four hours in Newark, N.J., the fifth time in two weeks they've talked.

The NHL proposed a six-year deal that contained a cap that would force teams to spend at least \$32 million on player costs but no more than \$42 million — including benefits. Both figures would be adjusted each year to reflect changes in league revenues.

The lockout reached its 140th

day Wednesday, and has forced the cancellation of 762 of the 1,230 regular-season games plus the All-Star game.

Bettman has promised the 30 NHL teams that he will get them cost certainty, a direct link between league revenues and players costs. This offer would give the players between 53 and 55 percent of league revenues.

If a deal is reached in time for hockey to be played this year, the NHL proposed that the players' association would still receive 53 percent of revenues generated from a full playoff schedule that would follow a shortened regular season.

Also included in the offer — which could be reopned by

the union after four years — was a profit-sharing plan that would allow the players' association to evenly split revenues over a negotiated level with the league.

On Dec. 9, the players' association proposed a luxury-tax system with an immediate 24 percent rollback on all existing contracts. The NHL liked the idea of cutting down salaries but called that a short-term fix.

That portion of the union's offer, however, was accepted and included in the league's new proposal.

The NHL also proposed giving guaranteed player contracts as they currently exist.

Super trips produce Super memories

Super or strange? Time to pack. Clean underwear. . . Laptop (with strange little security gizmo that I know I'm going to lose). . . About 36 shirts (all casual because I'm that kind of guy). . . Clean underwear. . . A copy of Uncle Remond's Inexpensive Bathroom Reader. . . and, of course, a case of Chef Boyardee (especially the tasty Beefaroni).



And plenty of room to bring your memories. I've been to more than 30 Super Bowls, which must sound bizarre to anyone who hasn't lived that long. And I'm not exactly sure how many because, as with most memory is the second thing to go.

Still, there are Super Bowl moments I will never forget. And most none of them have anything to do with the play on the field. It's the memories that, long journey, allow me to share some with you.

Top Ten Super Bowl Memorable Moments

10. Dawson framed? It was SB IV (not a medical device) in New Orleans and on that Tuesday, NBC's reported Kansas City QB Len Dawson would have testified in a federal investigation of sports gambling. He was later cleared of any wrongdoing but turned his career highlight into a nightmare until he beat Minnesota 23-7.
9. "Help you, honey?" Same Super Bowl and my first visit to a "female impersonator" club in the French Quarter. I was tickling at the performers but Please see GREENE, Page B4

Tomjanovich resigns, citing health reasons

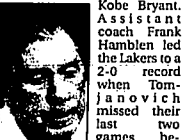
The Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Rudy Tomjanovich resigned as coach of the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday, citing health concerns brought on by the job.

Tomjanovich, 56, went 22-19 in his first season as Phil Jackson's successor and with a revamped lineup built around Kobe Bryant.

As a 15-year coach Frank Hamblen led the Lakers to a 2-0 record when Tomjanovich missed their last two games because of a stomach virus and a sinus infection.

General manager Mitch Kupchak said Hamblen would say on indefinitely as interim coach.



After victories, Tomjanovich said he would celebrate with a dinner of steak and fries, but the grueling feeling in his stomach always returned by the time he finished his meal.

"It just kept wearing on me and wearing on me and my resistance got low. It hurt my health," he said, clearly subdued. "Maybe I'm an old general that needs to get his butt off the front line and do something else."

Tomjanovich, who led the Houston Rockets to NBA titles in 1994 and 1995, returned to coaching after recovering from bladder cancer.

He said that he began wearing a brace mentally and physically about a month ago.

"I went from this energetic, pumped-up guy to being sapped of a lot of energy," Tomjanovich said, adding that he takes antibiotics regularly now. "It just seems like I got deeper into not feeling good. Why this happened now and why my body couldn't take it, I do not have the answer."

SPORTS

Gooding holds off Hornets

GOODING — Gooding rallied in the fourth quarter to save itself a 63-53 win in the second round of the Southwest Central Idaho Conference girls basketball playoffs.

Ashly Abramowski scored 13 of her game-high 21 points in the fourth quarter as Declo led by four points going into the final stanza.

"That was the sparkplug for us," said Gooding coach Chris Comstock.

In the fourth, Abramowski hit two 3-pointers and Leslie Sillman added another from long range to spark the Senators.

Declo guard Holly Hurst pumped in 20 points including four 3-pointers.

"Declo shot tremendously well," Comstock said. "Hurst would connect from three feet beyond the 3-point line. She played well. As a team they shot and rebounded well."

Kayla Poulton added 10 points in the loss.

Gooding plays Filer in the SIC title game for a state tournament berth at 7 p.m. Monday at DeLo High School. The Hornets host Buhl at 7 tonight.

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FROM SUDAN TO FAIRFIELD

Gai chases NBA dream

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (AP) — In 1989, Deng Gai was a refugee fleeing Sudan's civil war, going without food and cramming his 6-foot-7 frame into a train and then a crude boat for the three-day trek to Egypt.

Nowadays, the Dinka tribesman is a senior forward at Fairfield University in southwestern Connecticut, leading NCAA Division I basketball players with 5.7 blocked shots per game and eyeing a career in the NBA.

"That's my dream ... to play at that level," Gai said in an interview last week. "And hopefully my situation will be better and I'll get to help my family."

As for the future, Gai's thoughts are rarely far from Sudan, where fighting killed more than 2 million people and displaced twice that many. A peace treaty was signed this month.

"I hope that peace is near. They said the war is almost stopping," Gai said. "I feel guilty sometimes. I feel like I'm blessed. I'm going to finish school. I'm playing well. People are really nice to me. There's a lot of freedom in this country."

Swatting shots equally as well with his left and right hands, he posted a career-high 13 in an 80-58 victory over Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference rival Siena on Jan. 22.

Gai's 387 blocked shots in 89 college games rank 13th in the NCAA Division I career list, and he's helped the Stags since his season 10-9 by also averaging 14.3 points.

"His ability to block shots is something I've never seen," Fairfield coach says. "I've said, 'You don't see ambidextrous shot blockers. It's just an innate gift he has.'"

Now 6-9 and 225 pounds, Gai is agile and quick. The soft-spoken 23-year-old says O'Bole said, "You don't see ambidextrous shot blockers. It's just an innate gift he has."

Separated from his parents and 11 siblings when he left Sudan, Gai found a home in Fairfield, where he joined fellow Dinka tribesman Ajuo Deng.

Deng, whose brother Luoi Deng starred at Duke and is now in the Chicago Bulls, transferred to Fairfield from Connecticut in 2001. The Deng brothers also fled Sudan, the



Fairfield center Deng Gai, right, practices with the team last Thursday, in Fairfield, Conn. Seven years ago, Gai was a refugee fleeing Sudan, going without food for days and cramming his 6-foot-plus frame into a crude boat. Nowadays, the Dinka tribesman is a senior forward at Fairfield University in southwestern Connecticut, leading NCAA Division I basketball players with 5.7 blocked shots per game and eyeing a career in the NBA.

African nation split along religious lines since the mid-1980s. "There was a tribal mentality; there was that fellowship, that comfort," O'Bole said.

Gai's mother arrived in the United States last year and is staying with relatives in Iowa; he last saw her last fall. He also has five siblings in America. His father remains in Sudan and his other siblings are scattered in other countries, including Norway.

"I've seen so many things. I've seen things we haven't had. I don't want to," O'Bole said. "He's grown in every dimension in his life. None of the guys on the team have ever dealt with civil war. That's really for him."

Gai could say little more than "My name is Deng" when he arrived in Fairfield. He had played for a while at nearby Milford Academy, an athletic prep school. At Fairfield, Gai, with Deng's help, quickly assimilated. The two also shared their love of the game with O'Bole and the team, using it to call out plays.

"When we run offense and we run the alley-own, I call it out in Arabic," Gai said. "His teammates appreciate having the big guy at their back, knowing if they get bent on defense, Gai will be leveling."

"The feeling is mutual. 'We've got to stay together. They look out for me,' Gai said. 'They're my family now.'"

Gai participated in an NBA pre-draft camp last year but decided to return to college for his senior year. He now has a shot at going in the first round.

Gai is an art major, with a minor in politics. In Harrington, his art professor said Gai brings a sense of his past to his work.

Gai recently explained his vision for his latest art project — a charcoal sketch of his journey. "There will be a basketball amid a dark expanse, and leading up to it will be an open book and a self-portrait."

"I'm coming from my goals to reach it," Gai said. "I'm kind of in the middle now. It's still dark and I'm still fighting to reach it."

Boys basketball Twin Falls 75, Century 49

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High used a tenacious defense and hot shooting to blast Century 75-49 in nonconference boys basketball action Wednesday night.

The Bruins led 26-7 at the end of the first quarter and 47-23 at halftime. A strong third quarter snuffed out any hopes of a Diamondbacks upset.

"We played as good a defense as we have all year," said assistant coach Shaun Walker. "We found the open guy in transition and knocked it down. When our guys decide to play like they did, it's scary."

The Bruins shot 66 percent in the first half and hit 7-of-9 3-point attempts. Tanner Hazelbaker connected on four on route to a game-high 18 points while Mike Smith added 13 points. Brett Vriesman added 15, mostly from the foul line. Jesse Ivey added 10.

Twin Falls (17-0) hosts Skyline in Region Four-Five-Six play Friday.

Minico 52, Idaho Falls 50

RUPERT — Kyle Straatman picked the right time to connect for his first basket of the ballgame. Straatman's 3-pointer with 11 seconds left proved to be the game-winner as Minico knocked off SA Idaho Falls 52-50 Wednesday night.

Kody Blingham scored 14 and Matt Schenk added 11.

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Wrestling Jerome cruises past Buhl

JEROME — Jerome took advantage of four wins by forfeit to night Buhl 59-15 Wednesday night.

The Tigers host Mountain Home Tuesday.

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Bowling Twin Falls sweeps Burley

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School boys downed Burley 11-2 behind a team-high 206 pins by Shaune Hickinson. Burley's Troy George rolled a 183.

For the girls, the Bruins vary with forfeit 13-0 and the junior varsity by 4-0 behind 165 pins for Alison Tucker and 169 for Jenna Meeks.

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Burley 55, Pocatello 45

BURLEY — Anthony Curley scored 18 points while Steve Ebermohn and Kyle Benham added 10 apiece to lead Burley past Pocatello 55-45.

The Bobcats (9-6) play next at Wood River Friday.

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SW89 quadrangular

BURLEY — The Minico girls dropped only three points total in three varsity bowling matches Wednesday, downing Wendell 11-2, Declo 12-1 and Kimberly 13-0 at the Snake River Bowl in Burley. Kelle Wain led the way with a score of 185 pins.

Declo edged Kimberly 7-6 in another match. Stephanie Hull rolled an impressive 243 in that win for Declo. Teya Moses carried a 141 for Kimberly.

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No. 9 Louisville 77, No. 18 Cincinnati 70

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Freshman forward Juan Palacios scored 17 points and banked in an unlikely 3-pointer to seal Louisville's 77-70 victory over Cincinnati Wednesday night.

Taquan Dean scored 19, and the 6-foot-8 Palacios shot 8-for-10 and grabbed 10 rebounds for the No. 9 Cardinals (19-3, 7-1). Connor Lee added 14. The team won eight in a row and 13 of their last 14.

No. 9 Louisville 77, No. 18 Cincinnati 70

No. 23 Connecticut 81, No. 24 Villanova 76

HARTFORD, Conn. — Rashad Anderson scored 21 points and made key blocks in the closing seconds, leading Connecticut to an 81-76 win over Villanova on Wednesday night.

The No. 23 Huskies (13-5, 5-3

No. 23 Connecticut 81, No. 24 Villanova 76

No. 7 Wake Forest knocks off No. 4 Duke

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Chris Paul scored 23 points and Wake Forest withstood a flurry of late 3-pointers to hang on for a 92-88 victory over Duke on Wednesday night.

The seventh-ranked Demon Deacons (10-3, 6-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) led by a margin of 14 in the final minutes and appeared headed to an easy victory.

But J.J. Redick made a trio of 3-pointers in the final 2:14 and Sean Dockery then hit a key No. 4 Duke cut it to 90-89 with 3 seconds to play.

The Blue Devils (16-2, 6-2) had to foul and sent Baron Davenport to the line with 2 seconds left. He made both shots to make it 92-89, and Redick's off-balance 3-foot shot at the buzzer denying Duke a much-needed quality win.

Eric Williams, the ACC player of the week, finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds for Wake Forest. Justin Gray had 16 points and Vyns Dancelius had 12.

Redick finished with 33 points and made five 3s in 13 attempts. Sheldon Williams had 16 points.

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Rockets' McGrady outshines Iverson

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tracy McGrady outperformed the NBA's leading scorer, and the Houston Rockets knocked the Philadelphia 76ers out of first place in the Atlantic Division with a 118-95 victory Wednesday night.

McGrady made five 3-pointers and had 34 points and nine assists for the Rockets.

McGrady was a consistent threat on offense throughout each of the four quarters, while Allen Iverson — leading the NBA with an average of 29.0 points — had 15 points in the first quarter. Iverson also had 10 assists.

Juan Howard added 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Rockets. Jon Barry made four 3-pointers and scored 12 points, and Yao Ming also scored 12.

Combined with Boston's victory over New Jersey, the 76ers fell a half-game behind the Celtics in the division standings.

Raptors 98, Pacers 97

INDIANAPOLIS — Chris Bosh had 25 points and 15 re-

bounds, and Jalen Rose hit two free throws with less than a second to go for Toronto.

Indiana blew a 19-point lead in the third quarter en route to its sixth straight loss, its longest losing streak in two years.

Rose finished with 22 points, and Milt Palacio added 13 for the Raptors. Stephen Jackson led Indiana with 18 points, but missed his final six shots.

Celtics 110, Nets 89

BOSTON — Paul Pierce had 28 points in 10 rebounds and 10 assists for his fifth career triple-double, and Raef LaFrentz added 21 points and eight rebounds for Boston.

Pierce had 14 points and four assists in the third quarter to help the Celtics, 4-2 in their last six games, open up an 87-58 lead with 1:35 left in the quarter. Jason Kidd had 25 points for New Jersey.

Pistons 99, Hawks 84

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Chauncey Billups finished with 27 points and 13 rebounds to help the Pistons, 4-2 in their last six games because of a family emergency.

Billups' coach Jay Williams was in New Jersey, tending to an illness in the family. General manager John Brunnelle said he's not sure when Williams will rejoin the team.

Brunelle said he's not sure when Williams will rejoin the team. Brunnelle said, provided there's still room on the roster. Williams, who faces reckless manager charges related to a 2002 shooting at his New Jersey mansion, has said he hopes to use the CBA as a springboard for his return to the NBA.

He'll quit professional basketball in 2000 because of knee problems. Williams was acquitted in April of aggravated manslaughter in the Feb. 14, 2002, shooting death of a 19-year-old driver, Costas "Gus" Christof. He was convicted on four counts stemming from a failed bid to conceal the shooting. His retrial on a charge of reckless manslaughter is due to begin in March.

SPORTS

Vols rejoin nation's elite with best recruits

NEW YORK (AP) — Tennessee traveled far and wide to assemble one of the nation's best recruiting classes.

The Volunteers signed 27 players Wednesday, the first day of the national signing period, and went into Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin, Florida and Washington D.C. for tonight prospects.

Tennessee had the No. 1 class according to Scout.com/Super Preps editor Allen Wallace and Max Eindinger, two of the leading recruiting analysts.

Tom Lenning of ESPN.com and College Sports Television had the Vols behind only Nebraska.

"Rivals.com was expecting a late surge by Southern California to put the Trojans in the top spot by the time final announcements were made, just ahead of (Oklahoma and Tennessee)." The Vols haven't had a class regarded this highly since 2000, when coach Phillip Fulmer brought in a group that included linebacker Kevin Burnett, offensive lineman Jackson Turner and Michael Munoz, tight end Jason Witton and quarterback Casey Clausen.

"They're back to familiar ground," Wallace said.

During the campaign Southern California, which was the consensus No. 1 on signing day last year, came on strong late and had a chance to add back-to-back top-rated recruiting classes to its back-to-back national titles.

USC landed two of the nation's best linebackers (Brian Cushing from New Jersey and Luther Brown from California) on signing day and still were in the running to sign two or three big-time prospects from the West Coast on Wednesday night, including wide receiver DeSean Jackson.

"It looked like it might not have been their year but it turned on a dime," Bobby Burton of Rivals.com said of the Trojans. "To have back-to-back years of best recruiting classes is unheard of."

Quarterback Mark Sanchez and linebacker Rey Mauluga from California and wide receiver Patrick Turner from Tennessee highlight the Trojans' class.

Miami, Michigan and Georgia followed with highly rated classes, but also cracking the top 10 were Nebraska and Texas A&M, two schools trying to return to the nation's elite.

Nebraska coach Bill Callahan signed 30 players and did particularly well recruiting the junior colleges. "It could have an immediate impact on the Cornhuskers, who went 5-6 last season."

"A year from now everyone will be talking about this Nebraska class as their greatest in the last 25 years," Lemming said.

Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione, heading into his third season with Oklahoma, went head-to-head with Oklahoma and Texas on several players and came away with the school's best recruiting

State football signees

Here is a list of high school and junior college students who have signed letters of intent to attend Idaho universities.

- BOISE STATE**
 Richie Brockel, Ute, 6-2, 230, Greenway HS, Phoenix, Ariz.
 Jeremy Childs, wr, 6-0, 170, Los Alamitos (Calif.) HS.
 Jadon Dalley, c, 6-0, 285, Phoenix College, Phoenix, Ariz.
 Jameson Davis, k, 5-10, 185, Eagle (Idaho) HS.
 Dennis Ellis, db, 6-3, 207, College of the Canyons, Cleveland, Texas.
 Cameron Filkins, qb, 6-4, 324, Los Alamitos HS, Seal Beach, Calif.
 Alona Key, wr, 6-4, 205, Mesa Verde HS, Citrus Heights, Calif.
 Ben Linnacchione, of, 6-3, 280, West Virginia Univ., Pittsburgh, Penn.
 Nick Lomax, qb, 6-6, 210, Lake Oswego HS, Tualatin, Ore.
 Paul Lucarelli, of, 6-4, 250, Chino (Calif.) HS.
 Tristan Patin, db, 5-9, 165, Serra HS, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Jerard Rabb, wr, 6-3, 200, Saddleback Community College, Orange, Calif.
 Orlando Sandrick, db, 5-11, 175, Los Alamitos (Calif.) HS.
 Matt Schweitzer, te, 6-4, 220, Gig Harbor (Wash.) HS.
 Kyle Severson, db, 6-6, 190, Lincoln County HS, Ploche, Nev.
 Nathan Thomas, lb, 6-1, 220, Claremont HS, Calif.
 Kyle Wilson, db, 5-10, 180, Piscaquay (N.J.) HS.

- IDAHO**
 Matt Ashew, wr, 6-4, 211, West Hills College, St. Louis, Mo.
 Billy Bates, of, 6-5, 264, Southridge HS, Beaverton, Ore.
 Kellen Beam, te, 6-7, 227, Gonzaga Prep, Astoria, Ore.
 Brynne Braken, db, 6-5, 224, Shaunde Park HS, Spokane, Wash.
 Jason Brown, wr, 6-1, 210, Long Beach Poly, Long Beach, Calif.
 Charles Campelli, db, 6-3, 230, Chabot College, Hayward, Calif.
 Ryan Davis, of, 6-0, 272, Orange Coast College, LaVerne, Calif.
 Marvin Jones, of, 6-2, 298, Bethel HS, Vallejo, Calif.
 Adam Juratich, of, 6-3, 285, Gresham HS, Paisley, Ore.
 Jason Martin, db, 5-9, 182, Mt. San Antonio College, Montrovia, Calif.
 Jonathan Miller, of, 6-1, 270, Chabot College, Hayward, Calif.

- Kurt Newboles, of, 6-7, 281, W.F. West HS, Chehalis, Wash.
 Matt O'Donnell, of, 6-4, 288, San Jose College, Santa Clara, Calif.
 DeAngelo Ramsey, wr, 6-2, 209, Fresno College, Clovis, Calif.
 Miles Robbins, wr, 5-11, 174, Corona College, Corona, Calif.
 Adam Shamion, lb, 6-2, 220, Post Falls (Idaho) HS.
 Josh Shaw, de, 6-2, 233, Lewis & Clark HS, Spokane, Wash.
 Bryce Sinclair, of, 6-5, 330, Serra HS, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Daniel Smith, wr, 6-11, 210, Pierce College, Houston, Texas.
 Irvid Stevens, of, 6-3, 279, Centennial HS, Corona, Calif.
 Tone Taulupe, of, 6-1, 196, Compton College, Long Beach, Calif.
 Steve Wichman, db, 6-3, 224, Delta College, Tracy, Calif.
 Eddie Williams, rb, 6-1, 237, Aragon (Calif.) HS.
 Wes Williams, cb, 5-10, 156, Esperanza HS, Tualatin, Ore.
 Justin Willis, of, 5-11, 281, Valley Christian HS, San Jose, Calif.

- IDAHO STATE**
 Peter Anderson, lb, 6-3, 220, Highland HS, Salt Lake City
 Francisco Angulano, of, 6-4, 295, Carrizos JC, La Palma, Calif.
 Luke Butler, qb, 6-5, 210, Century HS, Pocatello
 Lance Cartwright, of, 6-5, 280, Layton HS, Layton, Utah
 Scott Cassin, of, 6-5, 265, Grossmont CC, Spring Valley, Calif.
 Dane Edmondson, lb, 6-0, New Plymouth HS, Fullland
 Craig Gannett, of, 6-4, 220, Santa Fe HS, Whitler, Calif.
 Curtis Gault, of, 6-5, 295, Moreno Valley HS, Calif.
 Kenny Helmandollar, of, 6-0, 185, Eagle HS, Meridian
 Russel Hill, qb, 6-0, 195, Timberline HS, Boise
 Scott Jassis, db, 5-10, 165, Mountain View HS, Boise
 Clint Kiekerheim, of, 6-0, 195, Pocatello HS
 William Liebert, of, 6-3, 285, Snow College, Idaho Falls
 Jonathan Angulo, of, 6-5, 275, De Anza College, Fremont, Calif.
 Ernie Pierce, wr, 6-3, 187, Sweetwater HS, National City, Calif.
 Pete Richter, wr, 5-9, 179, Timberline HS, Boise
 Colby Robison, wr, 6-1, 175, Madison HS, Rexburg
 Luke Sniawski, qb, 6-6, 210, LaLayette, Van Nuys, Calif.
 Jaron Taylor, wr, 5-11, 175, Timberline HS, Lacey, Wash.

class in years.

During Fulmer's 13-year tenure in Knoxville, he and his staff have consistently been among the nation's best at luring blue chippers from all over the country.

The class the Vols signed Wednesday included defensive end Raymond Henderson from Wisconsin, linebacker Andrea Mathis from Pennsylvania, defensive lineman Josh Myers-White from Ohio State and linebacker Rico McCoy from Washington, D.C. All were rated among the best players at their positions nationally.

"I have to do that at Tennessee where you don't have that homegrown talent," Burton said.

And as usual, the Vols did well in the Deep South and Florida, landing cornerback Demetric Morley from Miami, defensive back Slick Shelley from Fort Smith, Ark., and offensive lineman Josh McNeil from Collins, Miss.

Oklahoma's 55-19 loss to USC in the Orange Bowl last month certainly didn't hurt the Sooners in recruiting.

The Sooners' top prized recruits were on the defensive side, where they could use some help.

Tackle DeMarcus Granger from Dallas and linebacker Ryan Reynolds from Las Vegas were each considered among the very best defensive players in the country.

Greene

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somewhat charmed by the "waitress" until she spoke and the name of the Denver sports writer, I was sitting outside the press box, freezing along with the common man—and standing in the long restroom line at halftime with hundreds of men. Bob Lilly of Dallas begins chasing him and it began to look like the Cowboys were going to get a safety, Greene finally falls down for a 29-yard sack route to the Cowboy's 24-3 win.

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7. "Yellow Ribbon." Back to New Orleans before SB XV and there was a gigantic wave that tied around the Superdome because of the Iran hostage crisis. A small part of me thought it was hokey, but my heart was waded by the gesture.

8. "Where's he going?" New Orleans but in the awful Tulane Stadium for an actual game moment of SB VI. It was near halftime and Miami you Bob Greene takes the snap at midfield. Tackle Bob Lilly of Dallas begins chasing him and it began to look like the Cowboys were going to get a safety, Greene finally falls down for a 29-yard sack route to the Cowboy's 24-3 win.

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4. "What about the 'a'?" It was Miami for SB XIII. Dallas LB Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson said of Pittsburgh QB Terry Bradshaw: "He couldn't spell 'cat' if you spotted him the 'c' and the 't'." Bradshaw laughed it off the first 50 times he was asked, but by Thursday was snarling at the mere mention of Henderson or the figurative cat. However Hollywood learned how to spell "loser" when the Steelers won 35-31.

5. "The Catchlight girls." I've had my photo taken with a lot of folks, but none has meant more than when I met the Miller Lite Catchlight Girls—Tonya Ballinger and Amanda Baker at SB XXXII in San Diego. We really got along famously so it's a little disappointing that they don't call, they don't write...

6. "All that glitter." Troublemakers might tell you that I was seen at the infamous Gold Club in Atlanta during the week of SB XXXIV, but I have no memory of that incident. But there is one thing I'll never forget.

1. "Can I help you, sir?" Same Super Bowl week and I'm looking for the tram station to catch a train to the Atlanta airport. This really pleasant young man offers to take my luggage and show me the way to the station. He's so nice he even embraces me before I board the train. Five minutes later I realized my wallet is gone. And what was the most I tipped him 10 dollars.

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New England Patriots running back Corey Dillon (28) breaks away for a long run against the Indianapolis Colts during the AFC divisional playoff game at Gillette Stadium, Jan. 16, in Foxboro, Mass.

Dillon leads Super Bowl retreats

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — As Corey Dillon left the field after his final game as a Cincinnati Bengal, he tossed his shoulder pads, cleats and helmet into the stands at Paul Brown Stadium. It was a snapshot of the talented but tempestuous running back's seven years with one of the NFL's losingest franchises.

Little over a year later, Dillon is the third choice in betting lines to be the MVP of Sunday's Super Bowl, a game that he never thought he'd get to, only quarterback Tom Brady and Donovan McNabb are ahead of him. Traded to the Patriots for a second-round choice just before last April's draft, he's on a tear that could win his 17th game of the season, exactly half of the 34 the Bengals won in his seven years with them.

"It's very relaxing to be with a winner because everyone around me is relaxed. It calms me," he said this week as the Patriots, seeking their third NFL title in four years, prepared to play Philadelphia.

"They know this is my first experience here, so the other players joke on me a lot. I get a lot of Cincinnati jokes."

"Dillon isn't the only veteran who suddenly finds himself in a Super Bowl after years with a losing team."

Last season, it was safety Rodney Harrison, Dillon's New England teammate, who spent the first nine years of his career in San Diego. The Eagles, who lost three straight NFC title games before beating Atlanta to get here, have two of their own back after bad experiences elsewhere — middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter and defensive end Hugh Douglas.

But Dillon is the poster boy for all of them. His off-field reputation was so questionable that locker room was acquired by the Patriots, coach Bill Belichick brought him to Foxboro for an extensive interview to ensure he was the kind of player who would fit into his closely knit locker room.

That was Dillon's first surprise — he knew he would be traded, but he thought it would be to Dallas or Oakland.

The interview went well. Dillon became a Patriot and rushed for a team-record 1,635 yards.

That was not a shock.

Even playing with the lovely Bengals, he became one of four backs to rush for more than

1,000 yards in his first six NFL seasons; he made the Pro Bowl three times; and in 2000, he set what was then an NFL single-game record by rushing for 278 yards against Denver.

But given his reputation, a lot of his new teammates were amazed at his calm and polite demeanor. If there were any temper tantrums — and they say there weren't — they never reverberated outside the locker room.

The Patriots are equally satisfied — if not more so — with Harrison. He was signed after being released before the 2003 season by San Diego, in part because of the salary cap, in part because the Chargers thought he was on the backside of his career.

"I'm a hot calmer being here this year than I was at this time last year. But it's still gratifying to be winning after the team I was with for so long gave up on me."

Said Harrison, who won his first Super Bowl ring last season.

This year, at 32, he was almost a player/coach, positioning teammates in a secondary depleted by injuries to Ty Law and Tyrone Poe.

Harrison did play in a Super Bowl in 1995, as a rookie with San Diego, when the Chargers lost to San Francisco 49-26. But the Chargers went downhill quickly from there.

"I was more delighted for Rodney when we won last year than I was for myself," said Willie McGinest, another team leader.

In the case of Trotter and Douglas, the team that gave up on them is the team they ended up rejoining.

Trotter had been a Pro Bowl middle linebacker for Philadelphia and was designated the team's franchise player when he became a free agent after the 2001 season. But he was released after the Eagles tired of negotiating a long-term deal.

Philadelphia has never been afraid to release key players if they don't fit into the team's

salary structure.

"It was difficult, but that's our philosophy," said Tom Heckert, the team's personnel director.

Trotter landed in Washington, but underperformed. In part because of injuries. He was released last summer and re-signed with the Eagles.

Douglas, a three-time Pro Bowler and one of the NFL's better pass rushers for nearly a decade, signed as a free agent with Jacksonville before the 2003 season. He had just 3.5 sacks with the Jaguars, nine fewer than he had with the Eagles the previous season, and was released last summer. Back to the Eagles he went.

Trotter contributed more on the field this season.

He was mainly a special-teamer for the first half of the season, but became the starting middle linebacker at the midway point after the Eagles had problems stopping the run, allowing an average of 131 yards a game. In the second half of the season, that figure was almost 50 yards lower and Trotter ended up in the Pro Bowl again.

"When I was with the Redskins and we played in Philadelphia, I'd see people in the stands with my jersey. Except that instead of 'Trotter' on the back, it would say 'Traitor,'" he said.

There were off-the-field blemishes, too, in bringing back Trotter and Douglas. Their locker room pranks enabled teammates to deal with the extreme pressure of getting to the Super Bowl after the three straight NFC title-game losses.

"It was great to have them back," safety Brian Dawkins said. "It was great on the field, but it was even better in the locker room. Those two guys really kept us loose."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Registrations go online in Blaine

HAILEY — Blaine County motorists can now renew their vehicle registrations online at <http://dmvonline.idaho.gov>. To renew online, users must log in securely by entering their plate number and a four-digit PIN printed on the reminder/postcard they receive from the Idaho Transportation Department. Motorists pay the renewal fee using Visa, MasterCard, or Discover through the state's secure payment server. The disabled veteran plate is exempt from renewal fees and special tags. Since no tax dollars were used to develop and maintain the service, a \$1 convenience fee and a nominal credit card surcharge paid by users cover the costs. Blaine County partnered with Access Idaho, the Gem State's official Web portal and provider of electronic government services. For more information, call the Blaine County DMV at 788-5538.

Accident kills Ruptert resident

RUPPERT — Paul Garza, a 49-year-old Ruptert resident, was pronounced dead at the scene of a collision at the intersection of 100 East and Baseline roads Tuesday afternoon. Local firefighters, the Ruptert Fire Department extraction unit and other emergency responders were dispatched at 2:13 p.m., said Minidoka County Chief Deputy Vic Watson. A southbound SAC Produce Co. truck driven by Solon Short, 24, of Twin Falls, failed to stop at a stop sign and collided with Garza's westbound 1988 Pontiac GrandAm, Watson said. Short was transported to Minidoka Memorial Hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening, according to the accident report. Idaho State Police specialists were called to the scene from Twin Falls because Short claimed brake failure prevented him from stopping, Watson said. Watson said the investigation remains open, but ISP's initial findings indicated the truck's brakes were out of adjustment.

Kimberly will offer rabies shots for dogs

KIMBERLY — Dogs in need of a rabies shot can get them Saturday at a rabies clinic at the City Hall garage in Kimberly. Shots will be given between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. by veterinarians Jerry Jackson and David Clark. The cost of the shots will be \$7.50. Kimberly residents needing to purchase dog tags this year can also get them at this time for \$5.

Hospice volunteers needed in Burley

BURLEY — Intermountain Home Hospice, a Cassia Regional Medical Center is looking for volunteers. Qualifications include being a caring and giving person, with a desire to help terminally ill patients and their families. No experience is necessary. Hospice provides the training and volunteers help by using their talents or interests to benefit the families. Training for Hospice volunteers is scheduled at the Cassia Regional Medical Center on Feb. 17, 22 and 24. The training lasts from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and lunch will be provided. To pre-register or for more information please call Marice or Paula at 678-8844.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	of Aug.	percent
Salmon	85%	40%
Big Wood	75%	48%
Little Wood	87%	42%
Big Lost	83%	47%
Little Lost	79%	47%
Henry/Fork Basin	82%	51%
Upper-Snake Basin	74%	47%
Oakley	83%	54%
Salmon Falls	87%	55%

A comparison of basin snowpack, on this date, to a 30-year average. An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in late March.

Road chief champions bridge

Transportation board chairman tries to sell bonding project to legislators

By Julie Pence Times-News writer
BOISE — If Twin Falls doesn't want a bridge over the Snake River Canyon to be built within the next 10 years, then all city and county officials have to do is tell the Idaho Transportation Board, its chairman, Chuck Winder said Wednesday.

"If the community were to come to us and tell us they don't want a bridge, we'll take the bridge off the list," Winder said in response to comments a few Twin Falls officials made after hearing Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's bid plan last month to connect Idaho. Unveiled in his "State of the State" speech, Kempthorne proposed to take advantage of CARTEE bonds, or Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles, to include a third bridge over the Snake River Canyon about halfway between Twin Falls and Buhl in a list of projects that would cost some \$1.64 billion plus interest. Winder met with the House

Agricultural Affairs Committee to answer questions about the proposal. He said he's meeting with a number of groups from around the state. All of the proposed projects, which with interest are projected to cost about \$3 billion during the next 26 years, have been on the transportation department's agenda, he said. The greater Twin Falls Transportation Committee has been planning for a third bridge 20 to 25 years from now. Kempthorne's plan would jump the bridge forward by at least a decade. He estimates the cost at \$184 million. "I think it's an interesting idea," House Ag Chairman

Doug Jones said. He said about five years ago he had loaded Winder into his farm truck and taken him to a Snake River Canyon site almost directly south of Jerome's west exit on the north side of the canyon. "This is where we ought to have a bridge," Jones recalled saying at the time. "One half mile to the east or to the west, it doesn't matter." The location, upon which a \$1 million environmental impact study is about to be conducted, would siphon truck traffic from I-84 onto U.S. Highway 93, thereby allowing trucks to avoid the Perrine

Jones said another bridge would be a boon for agriculture. But a former Transportation Board Chairman, Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, said it would take a lot more convincing before he'll go with the plan. He noted the bridge is not on the department's immediate five-year plan, which is a timeline and budget for construction projects around the state. Rep. Mark Lacombe, D-Ketchum, suggested the plans for a bridge and other major projects were chosen simply on "a chicken for every pot" policy, or "you know, everyone gets something."

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A LONG FALL



A Boise woman is asking if the rock barrier at Shoshone Falls Park provides enough safety after her dog jumped over the wall and was killed at the bottom of the canyon.

Woman whose dog perished questions rock wall safety

By Candace Baltz-Smylie Times-News correspondent
TWIN FALLS — Teresa Sperry used to walk her dogs along the trails at Shoshone Falls Park — that is, until one of her weimaraners leapt over a rock barrier to its death at the bottom of the canyon. Sperry, her dogs and her sister were hiking on the mud path just northwest of the concessions stand. They had come to a point with a "no trespassing" sign and let the dogs off the leash. They stayed on the path, did not trespass, and let the dogs wander within eyesight. Sperry's 1-year-old weimaraner, Blue, "must have been chasing a bird or something and just didn't see where she was going," Sperry said.

Sperry looked on in horror as her weimaraner leapt over the rock barrier. Her other dog, Huben, tried to go, too, but Sperry caught him. "Teresa is from Boise, and used to come out here a lot to walk her dogs with her sisters on the trails," said Sperry's father, Bill Brady. "She was just devastated to watch Blue jump to her death like that." But that wasn't the biggest shock for Sperry. After a Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy arrived at the scene, she found out this wasn't the first time a dog had jumped over the waist-high rock barrier and into the canyon. "It's not like it happens all the time, but I can think of one other incident when a dog went over the canyon at Shoshone Falls Park," said Nancy Howell, a spokes-

woman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department. "It was about four or five years ago, and we were able to retrieve the dog. It was still alive." But Blue wasn't as lucky, and the sheriff's deputy couldn't retrieve the dog. So Sperry's boyfriend found a way down to the river, and went searching for the body. It didn't take long before Sperry said her boyfriend found Blue, and the remains of other dogs. "They had to have jumped, like Blue," Sperry said. But Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Boyser said he only knows of the two cases of dogs jumping over the canyon. "I feel sorry for the loss of the dog," Boyser said. "But we have a sign

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Burley sewer project gets under way

The costs may add up to \$27 million over two years

By Laurie Welch For The Times-News
BURLEY — Construction of Burley's new wastewater treatment plant, scheduled to be finished within two years, is under way. "The \$21 million wastewater treatment plant will probably cost about \$27 million when everything is paid for," said Rod Smith, chief plant operator. A new 3,300-square-foot administration building, which will house offices, the lab and the control room, already is complete. Smith said his staff expects to occupy the new building in about a month. The control room in the new building will monitor the functions at the plant as well as keep tabs on wastewater from the Burley-Ileburn Industrial Park, Smith said. "The contractor used about 80 percent local help during the

construction of the building," Smith said. Not only does that benefit the local economy but local companies can provide better service and stand behind their work, Smith said. "If we have a problem they're here to take care of it," Smith said. As work proceeds, there will be jobs for carpenters as well as equipment operators and the treatment facility will need to fill four new positions, including a lead operator and a lab technician when it's finished, Smith said. The new plant will add about 45 acres to more than 35 acres of the existing treatment facility, Smith said. The old administration building will be used as a collection station and a maintenance building. "We couldn't see the sense in destroying the building," Smith said. The 36-acre west pond will be turned into a collection point for storm drains that now drain straight into the river, Smith said. "A city doesn't have to have a collection point for storm drains until its population



Rod Smith, chief operator of Burley's wastewater treatment plant, looks over a drawing of the new sewer plant from the control room in the new administration building at Highland and Fifth avenues. Work has been under way on the treatment portion of the plant for about two weeks and is scheduled to be complete within two years.

reaches 10,000, but Burley's population is at 9,300. "The city fathers are looking ahead," Smith said. The fate of the larger existing pond is still up in the air. Part of it could be utilized as an equalization pond for toxic waste coming into the plant that would disturb the micro-orga-

nis essential to the filtering process. "The equalization pond would catch something like diesel fuel, which would hurt the plant," Smith said. The new plant will employ about 50 percent new technology and 50 percent tried and true. Please see SEWER, Page C3

Buhl schools will consider reserve fund

District employees would manage fund for health insurance

By Sandra Wisecaver Times-News correspondent

BUHL — The Buhl School District is looking at new insurance options for its employees. Jim Hawkins, an insurance consultant working with the district, has drafted a plan to build a reserve fund for medical insurance.

The district paid out \$700,000 in premiums to its carrier Regence last year and the company paid \$313,000 in claims, Hawkins said. "That's a \$186,000 difference — profit for Regence," Hawkins said. "In my opinion, in prior years it's been that number or higher. Every year they cry they need an increase and they have made tremendous profits."

A benefits package for employees is part of the annual contract negotiations that take place between the Buhl Education Association and School Board members. A dollar amount to be applied toward single-coverage insurance for employees is part of those negotiations. Hawkins' plan would establish a trust fund that would be managed by trustees consisting of district employees.

The trustees would work with employees to determine how the trust dollars are managed, Business Manager Brian Bridwell said. The trustees would be able to negotiate a so-called "minimum" agreement with the insurance company.

"To kickstart the trust, additional money above the premium costs would need to be deposited into the fund. For example, if the plan cost \$350 per employee per month, the trust could request an additional 5 percent, or \$17.50, for the reserve fund. This would be subject to contract negotiations to determine if it would be covered by the district or as a payroll deduction for employees.

That's the maximum side of the min-max. Bridwell said. The minimum side is that the trust pays the carrier 10 percent less than the actual premium. The trust would pay the insurance carrier \$315 and retain \$35 in reserve, along with the 5 percent, or \$17.50, for a total of \$52.50 per month per employee.

At the end of the premium year, if \$350 per employee per month was paid out in claims, the trust would pay the total \$350 premium. If insurance usage was \$300, then Regence would keep the \$315 and the trust would retain all the reserves in the trust.

"If you have good years of good issue then you build up the reserve," Bridwell said. "That one year you have that \$1 million paid out in claims and premiums go from \$350 to \$400 the next year then the trust can contribute to the cost of the health insurance.

"Employees would have a savings account to pull from in a bad year." School Board members will continue to review the plan, it'll need their approval before it becomes reality.

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Michael K. Makin



TWIN FALLS — Michael K. Makin, 54, of Twin Falls, died suddenly Sunday evening, Jan. 30, 2005, at his home in Twin Falls. Makin was born on Feb. 11, 1950, in Boise, Idaho, the son of Neil and Dorothy Fiscus Makin. At the age of 5 he and his family moved to Twin Falls. He attended grade schools in Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1969. In high school, Mike was an excellent athlete, excelling in wrestling, track, and was all-state in football. Following his schooling, Mike received his education by attending the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho, where he obtained his business administration degree in 1974. Mike returned to Twin Falls where he received his journeyman license and started his career as an electrician. He owned and operated, Ellipse Electric for seven years before

working with the union which he continued up to the time of his death.

Mike was a certified scuba diver and loved water activities especially in the ocean. He loved the tropics, living in Hawaii, Mexico, New Zealand and Australia. Mike enjoyed

traveling to Belize, the Yucatan in Mexico and Acapulco to see his friends.

Mike is survived by his parents, Neil and Dorothy Makin of Twin Falls; one brother, Mark (Tamara) Makin of Twin Falls; as well as two nephews, Stryder Makin, who is in the U.S. Navy and Stigley Makin of Twin Falls.

He was preceded in death by one nephew, Axel Makin. A celebration of Mike's life will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Dale and Margie Koenig officiating. At Mike's request there will be no public viewing and cremation will take place under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

The family suggest memorials be given in Mike's name to the Pediatric Heart Association. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Ertie Louisa Blake



HEROME — Ertie Louisa Blake, 90, of Jerome, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. She was born Oct. 31, 1914, at Berryville, Ark., the daughter of John E. and Lucinda A. Curmatt. Mrs. Blake was reared and educated there.

Ertie met her future husband, Vernon Blake at a tent meeting and they were later married at Berkeley, Iowa, on March 24, 1934. He preceded her in death in 1990.

They lived in Minnesota and Arkansas prior to their move to Idaho in 1951, then moved to California for a short time and then returned to Idaho in 1952.

She was a faithful church member and always attended church rain or shine.

Ertie attended Faith Chapel Assembly of God in Jerome from

1952 until 1991 and was very active in programs and ministries. Since 1991 she has attended the First Assembly of God church in Twin Falls and the Free Will Baptist Church in Jerome.

Ertie loved her family, friends and relatives. She had a generous nature and loving heart and lived an honest, moral and dedicated Christian life.

Survivors include her children, Gerald (Betty) Blake, Myrtle (Marilyn) Blake and Janice Beards; all of Jerome; one daughter, Marie Spranger of Twin Falls. Also surviving are nine grandchildren, —18 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral for Ertie Blake will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, at the Hope Robertson Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Cecil Koenig officiating. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at the chapel and from 9 until 10 a.m. Thursday.

Carl Clair Miller



TWIN FALLS — Carl Clair Miller, age 85, died early Friday morning after complications following a heart attack.

Carl was born June 1, 1919, in Filer, Idaho, to Ernest W. Miller and Anna Belle Guthrie Miller. He was the fifth of five children. After graduating from Filer High School, he joined the U.S. Army in 1941. He served as a master sergeant in military intelligence during World War II in Washington, D.C. and then in London, England. In London he met Mary McMillan Williamson, whom he married in Vancouver, British Columbia, on March 28, 1946. Upon returning to the Twin Falls area, he worked at the

flour mill and then at Friedman Bag. Carl retired in 1986, two

years after Mary's death. Carl is survived by his children, Carlene (Doris) Pedersen and Mark (Katie Kiefe) Miller; his grandchildren, Lindsey (Matt) Thomas, Nancy (John) Murphy, and Kelsey (Ron) Valdes; his great-grandchildren, Lucy Murphy and Claire Murphy; and his sister, Elizabeth (K.W.) Hudson, formerly of Sacramento, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife's brothers, Owen Miller and Lytle Miller; and his sister, Gela Miller.

A funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at the Hope Robertson Funeral Chapel, followed at Sunset Memorial Park.

Joseph L. 'Joe' Lourenco



HEROME — Joseph L. "Joe" Lourenco, 39, of Jerome, passed away Jan. 31, 2005, at his home. He was born April 15, 1965, in Terceira, Azores, Portugal, the son of Jeremiah and Maria Goncalves Lourenco. Joe married Diane Souza on March 3, 1990. They made their home in Jerome where they owned and operated 1843 Lourenco Dairies, Inc.

Joe is survived by his wife, Diane Lourenco of Jerome; children, Joseph of Boulder, Colo., and Katie of Jerome; his mother, Maria Lourenco of Hillmar, Calif.; four brothers, Tony (Michelle) Lourenco of Los Banos, Calif.; Jerry (Mary Lou) Lourenco of Hillmar, Calif.; Frank (Irene) Lourenco of Atwater, Calif.; and George Lourenco of Merced, Calif. He is also survived by his

mother-in-law and his father-in-law, Mary Jean and John Souza of Turlock, Calif., and many extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Joe will be remembered as a wonderful husband, father, son, brother and friend. He was an excellent dairyman and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

A funeral will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome, with Father Ronald Wokoske presiding. A visitation will be held where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, and again one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Interment to follow in the Wendell Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Elaine Hunt Pike Drew



HEYBURN — Elaine Hunt Pike Drew, a 96-year-old Heyburn resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005.

She was born Nov. 24, 1908, in Lexington, Neb., the youngest of Roy Samuel and Bertha Swines Hunt. She graduated from Burley High School. She married Gaylord Pike on Jan. 1, 1928, in Kimberly. He preceded her in death in 1998. Elaine then married John Edward Drew on Feb. 27, 1948, in Burley. Each brought to this union a son, Gayle Pike, and Don E. Drew. John preceded her in death on Dec. 16, 2003, after 55 years of marriage.

They lived in the Emerson area where they farmed until John's retirement. In their retirement years John and Elaine enjoyed traveling to Quartzsite, Ariz., to spend the winter months. She has been a member of the Burley First Christian Church since she was 9 years old. Elaine was very active in the local, state and national level of the Christian Women's Fellowship. She was a lifetime

member of the Ruth Bebekah Lodge #107, a member of the Emerson Grange and participated with the Cassia County Fair Board. Survivors include five grandchildren, Patrick Pike, Gayle (Tracy) Pike, all of West Jordan, Utah; Diana (Rick) Quamstrom of Meridian and Debbie (Gene) Gibson of Boise; 13 great-

grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Nadine Christensen of Burley; a brother, Lowell (Lue) Hunt of Klammath Falls, Ore.; a sister-in-law, Roxana Hunt of Otthello, Wash.; a daughter-in-law, Wanda Drew of Heyburn; and five nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Bernice and Mildred; a brother, Robert Hunt; a son, Gayle Pike; and a stepson, Don E. Drew.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2005, at the Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave., with Pastor Herb C. Whitaker officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from noon to 12:45 p.m. prior to the funeral on Friday at the church. The family suggests memorials be given to the Burley First Christian Church Youth Camp Scholarship Fund.

LeOla Van Every

RUPERT — LeOla Van Every, an 84-year-old Rupert resident, died Jan. 31, 2005, at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise.

LeOla was born Feb. 17, 1920, in Buhl, Idaho, the daughter of Joseph Elwin and Dollie Hammond. She attended schools at Moore, Idaho, in Lost River Community, Pioneer School in Minidoka County and Rupert High School. She married Ray Wall on Sept. 18, 1937, and they raised four children. Ray died on Nov. 11, 1997. LeOla married Leo Van Every on March 12, 2000, and they made their home in Rupert, Idaho.

LeOla is survived by her husband, Leo Van Every, and all her



children, Le Rae Asson, Colleen (Wayne) Henderson, David (Nicola) Wall and Gary Wall; stepson, Edward (Andrea) Van Every; stepdaughter, Mary (Vince) Ebersole; 17 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and her sister, Nedra Caldwell of Rupert.

She was preceded in death by her parents and first husband. A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at the Rupert Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. at the Seventh-day Adventist Church at 1250 21st St. Heyburn, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary, Rupert, Idaho.

Cheri Newby Roberts

Together they loved their animals, gardening and spending time with their family.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Roberts of Arco; her mother, Betty Lou Newby of Shoshone; a brother, Don Newby of Idaho City; her daughter, Sheri Shawna (Dave) Moore (Ed) Caldwell, Shell (Robert) Erwin Seely of Gannett, LouAnn (Mark) Erwin Whitesell of Arizona; seven grandsons, three

nieces and a nephew. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Jay and Elizabeth Locke.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the cancer foundation. At Cheri's request cremation is under the direction of Simpson-Marvel Memorial Chapel, 153 Lost River Ave., Arco. A celebration of Cheri's life will be held next summer.

SERVICES

p.m. today at the mortuary.

Crystal M. Torres of American Falls and formerly of Shoshone, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Shoshone LDS Church, 507 N. Greenwood, Shoshone. Visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the church and one hour before the service (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Fred N. Locke of Gooding, funeral at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Gooding High School Auditori-

um. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

Catherine Estelle Davis of Ketchum, memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.

Ronald L. "Jim" Maxwell of Hagerman, graveside service at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Rare plant species nearly wiped out by work crew

MARSHALL, Calif. (AP) — One of California's rarest plants was nearly wiped out of existence when Marin County workers used a backhoe to clear a plugged roadside drain in the species' sole habitat.

The Baker's larkspur, a purple plant that blooms April through May and grows up to 2 feet tall, is found in only one place in the world: near a drain along the Marshall-Petaluma Road in western Marin County.

Last October, heavy rain pushed debris down a hillside into the culvert, backing it up and flooding the road.

When county crews came out to clear the roadside drain with the backhoe, they cut into the hillside at the exact spot where most of the Baker's larkspur were growing. Within minutes, the population of 100 plants was reduced to five.

"They had to clear it, but a little bit of notice would have been nice," Doreen Smith of the Marin Native Plant Society told the Marin Independent Journal. "We could have got in there and saved the plants. Now we have only five left. This is the very rarest plant in Marin, if not the world."

County officials said they didn't intend to harm the plant but had little choice but to clear the plugged drain, given the emergency.

Although a 200-foot stretch of the hillside was marked to alert county crews not to cut the Baker's larkspur, the backhoe crew didn't know the exact location of the plants, said re-creation maintenance supervisor Pete Maendle.

"The crews knew the area was sensitive, but it was an emergency situation," Maendle said. "When storms come you don't have time to make plans. It's unfortunate that this happened."

Members of the Marin Native Plant Society, Marin County Public Works Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state Department of Fish and Game met Tuesday to discuss the fate of the plant and how to better protect it. The group went to the hillside to search for seedlings, but didn't find any.

There is a plan to grow the plant in less precarious areas, but attempts to move native plants and grow them elsewhere, fail 90 percent of the time, said state biologist Gene Cooley.

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Preliminary work on Jerome street project will continue

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News Correspondent

JEROME — The Jerome City Council has approved a \$10,242 payment to Sunrise Engineers for preliminary work on the Eighth Avenue West and Date Street project.

The estimated \$1.6 million improvement project will be financed primarily with grant funds — 93 percent will come from federal dollars funneled through the Idaho Transportation Department and the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council. A 7 percent local match will be required.

Construction on the project should start in 2007 and will take between 18 and 24 months to complete.

The project will widen Eighth Street West from Lincoln Street North to Date Street and Date Street North to Main Street West. The widened street will include a parking strip, curbs, gutters and sidewalks. The bridge over the canal on Date Street North between Sixth Avenue West and Seventh Avenue West also will be rebuilt.

City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said staff had met with Sunrise Engineers' and

Other business

Other City Council business included:

- **Boy Scouts** — Seven Boy Scouts and their parents with the Snake River Council's Troop 137 celebrated the 95th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America by attending the City Council meeting. The Scouts led the council in the pledge of Allegiance and witnessed Mayor Charles Colwell proclaim Feb. 6-13 as National Boy Scouts Week.

- **Tsunami relief** — Correll told the council that he had been approached by citizens wanting the city to organize and coordinate a fund-raising drive with other agencies for Tsunami relief. He said he hoped to identify several approved places for people to make donations.
- **Upcoming meeting** — Rothweiler said the City of Jerome Commission on Minority Relations will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 16 in council chambers.

was looking at the possibility of also including the last two blocks of Eighth Street West from Date Street North to Fir Street North into the project. If those two blocks were to be included in the project, financing would also have to be found for that addition, Rothweiler said.

In another matter, the council approved a 2.5 percent merit increase for police Sgt. Jay Gardner, bringing his salary from \$2,877 to \$2,950 per month, or \$35,400 per year. Gardner has 18 years of experience with the Jerome Police Department; he's the school re-

source officer and he supervises the community resource program. Gardner also manages the police department's Homeland Security grant and has been instrumental in securing new equipment for the department.

Financing will also be approved a 3 percent merit increase for Sgt. Patty Ward, bringing her salary from \$2,697 to \$2,773 per month, or \$33,276 per year. Ward has been with the Jerome Police Department for 20 years. She supervises animal and code enforcement and has taken on new roles as training coordinator and as a resource for crime victims.

Tribes and local officials reach drug enforcement agreement

FORT HALL — The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and regional law enforcement agencies have agreed on how to deal with drug activity in the Fort Hall area.

The jurisdictional agreement, expected to be signed this week, sets protocol for investigating and responding to drug crimes. The agreement, the Tribal and regional law enforcement officials met in October to discuss the region's drug problem and start work on the cooperative plan under the Idaho State-Tribal Relations Act.

Under the agreement, the parties will meet at least twice a year to evaluate progress, prevent drug activity.

"The tribes and the law enforcement and government leaders signing this agreement share a common desire for effective and efficient law enforcement cooperation to eradicate illegal drug manufacturing, trafficking and use," Tribal Council Vice Chairman Wesley Edmo said.

Idaho in brief

"We don't have a landside, but we have a new library," said Mike Kennedy, a member of the Coeur d'Alene Public Library Foundation.

Construction of the 42,000-square-foot library is expected to be completed in 2006.

Ammon approves bond on wastewater plan

AMMON — Voters have overwhelmingly approved a \$15 million bond to allow the city to hook into a regional wastewater plan in Shelley.

About 78 percent of voters approved the bond, which will cover the cost of sewer lines and construction of Ammon's portion of the plant.

"It's what I was hoping for," Ammon Mayor Bruce Arnd said. "Over the weekend, most of the comments I got and most of the calls have seemed to be positive."

Ammon has worked since 2000 with Shelley, Bonneville County and Bingham County to plan the regional facility.

"I'm glad that I didn't spend the last four years for naught," Arnd said.

But there are hurdles ahead. Besides the \$15 million bond, the city also needs another \$6 million. Arnd hopes the remaining balance will come from federal grants.

"We're still got a long ways to go," Arnd said.

The bond will repay the bond by raising monthly sewer bills from \$27 to \$35 in coming years.

a 30 percent increase.

"Construction on the wastewater plant is expected to begin in 2005 and will take up to 18 months to complete."

Official: Police followed puppy in fatal shooting

BOISE — Community Ombudsman Pierce Murphy says a police officer followed department policy when he fatally shot a man in a grocery store parking lot a year ago.

Officer Jeff Dustin had no way to know that Robert Underwood's gun was unloaded, and had "the absolute right to defend his own life," Murphy said.

Furthermore, "Murphy" said Dustin's use of deadly force was consistent with department policy and state law.

At the time of the shooting, Underwood, 34, was wanted on a felony warrant stemming from drug-related charges, according to police reports. He reportedly told friends and family members before the shooting that he would rather be killed by police than go back to jail.

Dustin was driving past the Winco grocery store when he saw Underwood in the parking lot and realized he matched the description of a suspicious person reported in the area earlier in the year.

But when the officer approached, Underwood reportedly pulled out a gun, failed to drop it as the officer demanded, and twice told Dustin to shoot him.

Dustin fired three shots, hitting Underwood once in the arm and chest.

— compiled from wire reports

Coeur d'Alene voters approve bond funding

COEUR D'ALENE — Bonds funding library and public safety needs have been passed by voters.

The \$7 million public safety bond — which will be used to buy a training facility, remodel two fire stations, pay off existing buildings and buy equipment — passed with nearly three-quarters of the vote. The library bond — which raises \$3 million toward a new \$6.7 million library — was a bit closer, with just over 68 percent of residents voting in favor.

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practices.

Some of the new technology that will be installed includes a Fenton Dryer that takes waste water and turns it into Class A Sludge.

"Class A sludge makes fantastic fertilizer," Smith said. "Class A has been disinfected and you can handle it and put in on golf courses and parks."

Smith said the Class A sludge is high in nitrates and phosphate and can even be sold to farmers for use on crops that grow above the ground, like hay or wheat.

"But, it can't be put on potatoes or beets," he said.

The wastewater will come to the plant via 12-inch pipes. It will then pass through a screening building where paper and solids are taken out. Those solids are pressed and taken to the landfill, Smith said.

The liquid waste is put into oxidation ditches and anaerobic digesters that utilize micro-organisms to decompose the remaining solids.

"The micro-organisms must be kept well aerated, well fed and warm — and they'll do the work for us," Smith said.

The wastewater then goes through mechanical filters and UV disinfectors that kill any remaining harmful organisms.

"The bugs are killed off before they hit the river with the UV," Smith said.

"The use of the UV disinfectors will replace chemical treatment that is used to chlorinate, which is now used to disinfect and sulfur dioxide, which gets rid of the chlorine," Smith said.

"The elimination of chemical treatment will make the plant safer," Smith said. "Sulfur dioxide and sulfur dioxide pose a hazard to employees."

Bridge

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"I can assure you there is not a chicken for every pot," Winder said, noting he's had many phone calls from residents around the state complaining about not getting any bridge.

Winder admitted, though, that the bridge — along with some other projects — were put ahead of schedule.

Transportation officials look at the state's long-term plans and choose those for which there was greatest need in certain regions, he said.

Smith pointed out there would

be several years during the payoff that interest would take up half the federal highway money the state gets during any given year.

A graph produced by the transportation department shows the heaviest debt service would be from years 13 through 23.

Winder said even though there would be a period of time that significant money is going to pay interest, about 75 percent of the total money available from both state and federal sources would be put toward actual projects.

Rep. Mack Shirley, R-Hedberg,

asked about risks.

Winder said he thinks there is zero risk to the Idaho taxpayer.

"It's almost too good to be true," he said. "The best argument that I have is that we're doing this over nine years with a couple of re-authorizations from the Legislature."

There will be no increased tax on property for funding the state, while on the investment side, those who buy the bonds won't have to pay taxes on them. But if the state decides to maintain its pay-as-you-go method over the next 20 years, it

DEATH NOTICES

Paul Garza
RUPERT — Paul Garza, a 49-year-old Rupert resident, died Feb. 1, 2005, from a traffic accident.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 S. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. A recitation of the Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2004, at the church with a visitation one hour before and one hour after before the service on Saturday.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Joe Preslicka
HEYBURN — Joe Preslicka, an 85-year-old Heyburn resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, at Cassia Medical Center.

A funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley, with Pastor Keith Wise officiating. Burial will be

held at a later date in Portland, Ore. Friends may call from 2 p.m. until time of service on Saturday at the mortuary.

Carrol Mae Swenson
GOODING — Carrol Mae Swenson, 67, a resident of Gooding, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at Demary's Gooding Chapel. Cremation arrangements will be under the direction of Demary Funeral Service in Gooding.

Steven Salerno
TWIN FALLS — Steven Salerno, 79, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday morning, Feb. 1, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

At Steven's request there will be no public service. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Fu-

neral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Melvin Coleman
BOHLE — Melvin Coleman, 81, of Bulli, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be made by Garner Funeral Chapel of Bulli.

Dora C. Price
BURLEY — Dora C. Price, a 90-year-old resident of Burley, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

O.J. Smith
TWIN FALLS — O.J. (Osmond John) Smith, 87, formerly of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005.

A service with military rites was held. A celebration of life will be held on Friday in Portland, Ore.

Filer council eyes comp plan talks

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — When the Twin Falls County comprehensive plan Commission is up for review this year, Filer City Council members will be watching with great interest.

Councilman Bob Templeman said he even hopes to participate in the discussions on property rights and land use.

"It's good to work with them, because we're sharing these boundaries and this is our future," he said during Tuesday's council meeting.

Before a date for the review process can be set, Twin Falls County commissioners will be re-

questing proposals for discussion.

The county also hopes to hire a consultant who will coordinate the process, but a tentative structure for the review is to divide property rights into five committees. Each committee will then offer feedback on issues concerning one or more of 13 topics, including property rights, hazardous areas, community design, land use, recreation, economic development, natural resources, special areas, population, schools and transport, public safety, housing and transportation.

A plan interviewer Tuesday's Filer City Council meeting Planning and Zoning Administrator

Sue Switzer said input and committee participation from county residents is encouraged.

"It's a living, breathing document that comes up for review every 10 years," she said of the comprehensive plan. "This is an opportunity for citizens to express their concerns and see where the county is growing."

In other business, the council approved a \$6.6 million contract to keep the auditing services of Twin Falls-based Ware & Associates. The annually renewed agreement includes an increase of \$200,000 over last year's.

The Filer City Council will hold its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15.

Expanding beef imports from Canada poses no concern, says U.S. delegation

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) —

allowing live cattle and expanded beef imports from Canada will pose no increased food safety concerns in the United States.

A delegation of U.S. cattlemen's and animal science professors at Colorado State University said member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association delegation told reporters during a telephone conference call.

The delegation, which visited Canada after two new cases of mad cow disease were confirmed there in January, did not go so far as to support the U.S. Department of Agriculture's plans to expand Canadian imports into the United States. But one delegate, an air biochemistry professor, suggested the mad cow scare in North America had been overblown and that the

chance of any serious outbreak of the disease is minimal.

"I'm going to lay this out here: 20 years from now, this will be a history lesson on overreaction in North America," Tom Field, an animal science professor at Colorado State University said.

Members of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, meeting in Texas, are expected to

consider the delegation's report later this week, possibly deciding then whether to back the USDA's plan to expand beef and cattle trade with Canada, including allowing the import of some live cattle, beginning next month.

Another cattlemen's group, I-CALF, United Stockgrowers of America, has challenged the plan, claiming it would pose a risk to both consumers and producers.

Don Hineman, a Kansas cattle producer and feeder, said the USDA delegation was "an excellent example of how to do the trip, which included tours of feedyards, slaughter facilities and feed mills.

Group wants high court review of field burning

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A

group trying to protect air quality in the Inland Northwest wants the U.S. Supreme Court to review a lower court ruling that allowed agricultural field burning to continue in Idaho.

"We need safe air for everyone, think the recent decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is illogical because it appears to protect polluters who harm public health."

"We need to see a more important right now in terms of protecting the future of public health," said Paul Gorn, executive director of SAFE, which is based

in nearby Sandpoint, Idaho.

Gary Baise, the lawyer representing individuals and corporations involved in grass seed production in the Idaho Panhandle, rejected the SAFE claim.

"That's patient nonsense," Baise said. "It's a safe practice."

Congress has already established that practices that threaten public health are not allowed, Baise said. He predicted the Supreme Court would decline to accept the case.

The Rathdrum Prairie, east of Spokane, is a major center of seed production for Kentucky Bluegrass, which is shipped

around the country.

Last summer, a panel of the state court found that burning straw that is left on bluegrass fields after harvest was part of the production process, and not subject to federal air quality controls.

Clean air advocates contend the burning of fields in northern Idaho each summer pollutes the air and damages the health of half a million people living along the state's Washington border. Farmers contend the burning is necessary to clear the fields and prepare them to grow the next year's crop.

Fall

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Sperry said she wants the park's management to erect more explicit signs to communicate the danger of the path and the barrier. "Something blatant that says, 'hold your dogs,'" Sperry said. "Or just tell people it's dangerous."

Bill Brady: "I know we are talking about a dog, but it would be terrible for the same thing to happen to a child. There's nothing behind that barrier."

Boyser said the rock wall has been in place for more than 70

years, and it's there to act as a boundary, not as a safety net.

"It's a canyon. And when you go in a canyon, you have to be more careful," he said. "So do we put up a 5- or 6-foot wall there? Then you can't see the view."

Sperry said she wouldn't mind if the entire path was blocked off, as long as it kept people — and dogs — safe. "There's no reason for it to be open there," she said. "Put up a sign or just fence it off."

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Panel votes to tear down Ada courthouse

BOISE (AP) — Despite the pleas of some Boise's most elected officials and elected citizens and elected officials, a Senate panel on Wednesday voted to tear down the Ada County Courthouse and build a new Capitol annex.

The vote came only days after the full Senate killed a separate bill that would have started a less expensive process to remodel and expand the current building.



The vote to proceed with the \$22 million project came after some of the 31 people who had asked to testify were told by County Clerk Chairman Don Bertenshaw, R-Terreton, that there was not enough time to hear all of their comments.

The list of those opposed included three Boise City Council members: a member of Idaho's most famous family, the Simpsons, and a number of builders and architects.

Boise resident Jodi Ochoa was among them, saying the building was near and dear to her family history.

"The state of Idaho may own this building, but it doesn't own our history," she said. "The best solution is not to disregard and disrespect our history by tearing it down. Try to reflect on how you would feel if it were in your own community."

Boise City Councilwoman Elaine Clegg said the Legislature has a moral obligation to preserve its history.

"I beg you to save this building," she said.

Other remarks were more direct, such as those from Kay Hubbard, a member of the local-by-prominent family.

"Members in Senate and House have an anti-Ada County bias," she said. "Public policy involves all citizens."

Phil Hart appointed a new Idaho Capitol Commission to restore and preserve the nearly 100-year-old building.

A plan was drafted and approved in 2001 to spend \$64 million on the Statehouse renovation. It stalled in 2002, when lawmakers raided the partial fund that had been set aside to shore up the state's operating budget.

During the same timeframe, lawmakers couldn't agree whether to rebuild the Ada County Courthouse or demolish it and start over.

However, increasing crowding during the legislative sessions are a constant reminder of the need for space inside the Statehouse.

Idaho Falls aims to lure tourists with billboards

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A zoo, some museums and a green belt hardly makes for a destination city, local leaders admit.

But Idaho Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau President Robb Chiles believes a billboard outside Fort Hall, and near Blackfoot, strategically placed along Interstate 15, could persuade travelers to tarry in the town awhile before heading on to Yellowstone National Park.

A grant from the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor allowed the bureau to erect five billboards promoting local attractions along the busy route.

"You're not going to spend a week here, but you can spend one or two days," Chiles said. "There's people out there that have money to spend and are looking for something to do."

One sign promoting the Tauphus Park Zoo stands just 80 minutes drive time

south of Idaho Falls. Near Malad another billboard touts the cultural district's attractions. The image of the space shuttle — promoting an upcoming exhibit at the Museum of Idaho — graces a billboard outside Fort Hall. And near Blackfoot a sign informs motorists that the Idaho Falls greenbelt is just 20 minutes away.

The final sign, placed next to Exit 118, reminds motorists to turn into Idaho Falls.

It's the only eastern Idaho city trying to snag a few dollars from those headed to Yellowstone. Rexburg city leaders hope to place signs along U.S. Highway 20 pointing motorists to the community's downtown area.

There's a lot of traffic on Highway 20," Rexburg Mayor Shawn Larsen said. "We would like to capture some of that business."

Judge stops bid to halt wolf plan

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A Superior court judge on Wednesday denied a request from animal rights advocates to halt Alaska's aerial wolf control program until the issue goes to trial.

Friends of Animals and others are suing the state over a game management program they call a slaughter. The wolf program aims to boost moose populations in five areas of the state.

In her 15-page decision, Judge Sharon Gleason said the plaintiffs failed to show the elimination of as many as 610 wolves this year would cause irreversible damage to the species. As of Wednesday, 93 wolves had been killed this winter, state officials said.

Wolf populations here have never been threatened or endangered. The state Department of Fish and Game last year estimated there were 3,000 to 11,000 wolves in Alaska. About 1,500 are killed every year, mostly by trappers.

Judge dismisses challenge to wolves

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A federal judge has tossed out a challenge to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's reintroduction program for the endangered Mexican gray wolf.

U.S. District Judge Christina Armijo dismissed all claims made by groups seeking to have the wolves removed from southwestern New Mexico and southeastern Arizona, where the federal government launched its reintroduction program in 1998.

The Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties for Stable Economic Growth, the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association and others claimed the agency should do an in-depth analysis of the effects of the program.

The groups argued that the wolves were breeding with hybrids in the wildland diluting the gene pool. They also said Fish and Wildlife underestimated the number of livestock the wolves would kill.

TSUNAMI AID WITH A SMILE



St. Mary's kindergarten Valeria Corra-Rondon, left, watches eighth-grader Dani Hendrickson as they decorate piggy banks for a tsunami relief fund on Tuesday as part of Catholic Schools Week at St. Mary's Catholic School; in Livingston; Mont: Students are saving money in their piggy banks until Easter and then plan to donate it to the Catholic Relief Fund to aid children in need due to the tsunami disaster in Asia.

Finances concern U of I official

MOSCOW (AP) — The University of Idaho Foundation's financial status merits concern, the school's financial vice president warned faculty members.

"It doesn't have the resources to meet its obligations," Jay Kenton said about the nonprofit foundation.

Kenton's report, given to the University of Idaho Faculty Council, focused on a recent independent audit of the school's finances.

"They're calling into question the foundation's financial capability," Kenton said of the Deloitte & Touche LLP audit.

The foundation still owes the university \$7 million in loans used to finance the botched University-Place satellite-campus project in Boise.

One \$5 million note was due at the end of 2004, but the Idaho State Board of Education extended that deadline until the end of this year when foundation officials revealed they could not pay. Another \$2 million is

also due at the end of 2005.

The multi-building, \$136 million University Place project was intended to reinforce the University of Idaho's standing in the state's largest city in the face of competition from Boise State University. But financial manipulations to bring it off went sour with the economy. It cost the school's president and financial vice president their jobs, and

the complex was sealed back to a single building, the Idaho Water Center, which opened this fall.

In December, foundation officials told the State Board of Education that its remaining \$13 million debt — paid down from \$28 million originally owed — was expected to be completely paid off by the end of this year.

Bill OKs loaded guns in vehicles

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Gun owners — even those without a concealed weapons permit — would be allowed to carry their loaded weapons in cars under a bill being prepared for the Utah Senate.

Sen. Mark Madsen, R-Lehi, said he is drafting a bill, SB175, that would give gun owners the same access to weapons in their cars that they have in their homes.

"It's called the 'home-castle' principle," Madsen said. "If you're in your car, the same right you have in your home extends to your car. It's pretty simple."

Gun owners now may carry unloaded, secured firearms in vehicles but may carry loaded guns only if they have a concealed weapons permit.

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Bars should cut off drunk patrons

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Fed Up in N.Y.," whose father-in-law "scotched" him in his motorized wheelchair at the local bar a mile away and returns home drunk, missed one point. The bar has a legal responsibility not to allow customers to leave drunk, and instead of serving drunk customers, to cut them off.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

"Fed Up" should go to the bar with the police and inform the bartender and management that the next time they "over-serve" "Papa Jake," she'll sue to it that the New York state liquor license people get an earful, and if anything happens to Papa Jake, or he causes injury to anyone in his drunken condition on the way home, the bar will share in that responsibility. I'll bet the gin and tonic after that the bar will cut Papa Jake off long before he gets drunk.

DEAR ABBY: Why didn't you suggest counseling for that poor man? Obviously, Papa Jake is widowed and has too much idle time on his hands. After he has been given a thorough physical and mental evaluation, he needs to be introduced to AA, as well as activities that could spark his creative talents. — **JESSICA IN TENNESSEE**
DEAR JESSICA: I'm sure that at the time of his stroke and afterward, Papa Jake received plenty of such services and evaluations. However, if he's willing to admit he has an alcohol problem, AA could be helpful. (And so could Al-Anon for "Fed

Up" and her husband.) They might also consider contacting the American Stroke Association, which maintains a listing of telephone support groups for stroke survivors, their families, friends and interested professionals. The toll-free number is 888-45TRKX.

DEAR ABBY: As a follow-up to the letter from "Fed Up in N.Y.," whose father-in-law was using his motorized scooter to travel to a bar, I suggest that she or her husband disconnect the battery to his scooter. I hope this is helpful. — **PHILIP C. HOUSTON**
DEAR PHILIP: It might prove helpful, but only as a last resort.

DEAR BEVERLY: I need advice. My mother-in-law expects a phone call or card from her son and me on her wedding anniversary. Her husband died two years ago. I haven't called her since a card on that day since his death.

She frequently comments on her remembered to call her. Should I be sending her happy anniversary cards? — **CONFUSED**
DEAR CONFUSED: Consider how you would like to be treated on such a bittersweet occasion. Surely you would not want to be ignored. Because you feel uncomfortable sending her a "happy" anniversary card, create one that says you are thinking of her and the many happy years she shared with her husband. But don't treat her special day as if it never happened.

Libra: Keep painful memories out of sight

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

IF FEBRUARY 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... Magical Neptune is putting an aura of romance around everything important. You are blessed with good health and a youthful outlook in the year ahead. As understanding and compassion develops, your imagination will run wild. Be creative and playful as those looking for romance can find the lack to go with Jill and tumble into love. You can attract helpful opportunities this month — and again in August and September. — to make dreams a reality.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): What the eye doesn't see, the heart can grieve over. Keep your focus on the important things and don't be distracted by minor interruptions. Your creativity is the key to happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Home and family could form large in importance and provide a safe haven from worldly troubles. A peaceful and tranquil resting place is the key ingredient to achieving success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Imaginative ideas could be boundless and provide helpful fodder for future success. Write down your inspirations and talk over your thoughts with trusted friends. Build a castle in the sky.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): People depend upon you and vice versa, so maintain a healthy spirit of cooperation in the business world. Earning your just desserts may involve some extra cash in your paycheck.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Inspiration could help you plant important seeds for the future. Essential relationships are running smoothly, so now is the time to make your move or come to an agreement.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Romantic yearnings bubbling just beneath the surface are likely to be satisfied. Put extra emphasis on making a pleasant appearance and an alluring first impression if you want to make dollars.

Water is colder along the West Coast

The water on the West Coast is about 20 degrees colder than the water on the East Coast. That's because ocean currents in the Northern Hemisphere flow clockwise, so the western coast comes up from the tropics, but on the west coast it comes down from the arctic.



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President Calvin Coolidge's wife Grace had the same reaction for a net. Her name was Rebecca.

1959, was "the day the music died." Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and "The Big Bopper" Richardson, performing on grueling bus tour, died.

to charter a plane so they could have time to do laundry before the next show. The plane crashed in a snowstorm in Iowa, killing them all. Mushi! A good dog sled team can get you moving at about 20 miles per hour over snow and ice.

Reader Marvin M artson character Marge Simpson's maiden name was Bouvier. Her mother's name was Jacqueline Bouvier, a little joke on former First Lady Jackie Kennedy, who was born with the same name. It's true that Planter's president Amedeo Obici paid 13-year-old Anthony Gentile for designing Mr. Peanut. But Obici's great-grandniece Jolynne Dazle tells us that her relative later financed Gentile's college education, helping the creative young man and become a surgeon.

This day in history: Feb. 3.

Woman tries to sell 'Duff' beer on eBay

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — D'uh! A woman has pleaded guilty to selling on eBay three non-existent cases of Duff brand beer, the favorite of cartoon character Homer Simpson.

Odds and ends
The Simpsons' merchandising for products that would be detrimental to children.

French government must pay for airline accident
MAIRSEILLE, France (AP) — Most people wouldn't pay 40 cents for a dead hedgehog. The French government has shelled out over \$4 million.

Such a large group of birds' in the path of the jet.
It ordered the government to pay \$4.2 million to Air France and five insurance companies that had paid out after the accident. — compiled from wire reports

Prosecutor Gavin Burnett told the court Woodford paid a total of \$1,511 by three separate buyers after advertising the bogus beer on the auction site.

New governor continues to use old stationery
HASTINGS, Neb. (AP) — Mike Johanns is out as Nebraska's governor, but his stationery will stay.

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Nude juice bar owner fights off legal challenges by reconfiguring business

SALLEM, S.D. (AP) — The mix of nude dancers, orange juice and black-and-white independent films was in Bob Rieger's original business plan. But it has had to be reconfigured since Racerhouses Gentlemen's Club survive amid the cornfields of McCook County and fend off a two-year barrage of challenges from politicians and outraged members of Citizens Against Nude Juicebars and Pornography.

At this point, it's harassment," Rieger says. "They're really picking on me." McCook County State's Attorney Robert Gehl says the proposed ordinance is not an attempt to put him out of business. "As long as they have some opaque clothing over the crucial parts of the human body, they can dance all they want."

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Million Dollar Baby 11:45-1:30
Hitch and Seek 12:45-2:30
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SPELLING BEE ACE

Gooding student vies for championship

GOODING — Ehan Sabala, a fifth-grader at Gooding Elementary, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The school-level bee, where students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 73rd annual national event. This year's fourth-grade participants were Tyler Logran, Ali Scott, Bayden Rigby and Megan Behnini. The fifth-graders competing were Ehan Sabala, Kyle Sides, Hannah Brown and Carlos Campos.

The bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society and ING Americas, a

financial services company. All school winners, including Ehan, took a written test, and up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state bee April 1.

The National Geographic Society will provide all expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the national championship on May 24-25. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the society.

The national bee will air on the National Geographic Channel, and afterward on PBS stations.



Gooding Elementary School Geography Bee winners are, from left, front row: Megan Behnini, Bayden Rigby, Ali Scott and Tyler Logran; back row: Hannah Brown, Ehan Sabala, Kyle Sides and Carlos Campos. Ehan won the school-level bee.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Veterans receive funds for transport van, hall

On behalf of local disabled veterans, we want to thank the following for helping raise funds for the veterans transport van and donations to keep the DAV Hall in good repair and keep our chapter functioning to help disabled veterans:

Twin Falls County commissioners, Gooding County commissioner, Kevenen Foundation, Dr. David R. Long, Stradley Insurance, Oktoberfest (Cheryl Roessler), A.C. O'Neil (in memory of Richard Kelley), Moose Lodge 612, John Hise, Harold Buckbee, Richard T. Clark, Bernard Chapman, Cecil Bowyer, Dr. Gregory Kadlec, Alice Jacobs, Gerry MacLund, Ken Davis, Fred Enns, Kelly Carpenter, Eunice Williams (in memory of Jack H. Williams), Jerome County commissioners, the many patrons of the Golden Copra restaurant in Twin Falls during the Veterans Day weekend and Golden Corral, Veterans Dinner on Nov. 15, 2004.

If we missed you, please accept our apologies. You have helped America's disabled veterans — thanks to all of you.

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I would like to thank my Girls of Love committee. Thank you to the Girl-N-Take Barber-shop Quartet, Diane Reynolds, Lisa Johnson (Twin Falls High School health classes), Magic Valley Regional Medical Center (John Kee, the awesome doctors, supportive employees and auxiliary), Shwone Harigar for media, Holland Chiropractic, Del Computers, The Times-News, Betty Franz, Cindy Burley, Girl Scouts, Alpha Kappa, T.J. Management, Janice Kirkdorfer, Ingrid Stroppe, J.D. Sparks, Women's Moose Lodge, Sav-Mor Drug (Dave Utley), Magic Valley citizens, and those I'm sure I've forgotten, please forgive me.

KIM SOMIREK
Director
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Benefit for local woman is big success

We would like to thank all those that donated, participated and supported the Nancy Wormsbaker benefit. You made it a big success.

Thank you,
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Gifts of Love serves eight care centers

We were a great success! We were able to serve seven local care centers — Twin Falls Care Center, St. Benedict's, Mountain View, BridgeView, Snake and SunBridges. The remaining truckload of gifts went to the Bright-Gate Center. A big thanks to all of you who do

Youths experience Christmas early this year

GOODING — Five students and their parents had early Christmas presents, thanks to the Starkey Foundation.

Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind students Danny Roy of Twin Falls and Melody Mower, along with Hope Robbins of Burley, Skyler Sikowicz of Paul and Kristopher McCrackin of Nampa each received new hearing aids after being flown to the Starkey Laboratories in Minneapolis, Minn., on Dec. 11, reported Gayle Chaney, audiologist at ISDB in Gooding.

state who would be eligible for the Starkey Foundation grant aids. She also received a grant from the Idaho Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation for \$7,000.

Chaney learned that the Jane Pauley show was going to be filming at the Starkey Labs to do a special on Austin.

In December, the group flew to Minneapolis. People were there from all over the country with interesting stories to tell on how they were invited there.



Idaho students visited Starkey Laboratories in Minneapolis, Minn., where they received free hearing aids. While there, they met actor Hugh O'Brian, who also had arrived to be fitted with hearing aids. Far right is Gayle Chaney, ISDB audiologist.

Austin asked her to contact him after the conference and she did, Chaney said. She had a list of students from all over the

The results of the new hearing aids were immediate. Chaney said the students could hear the gravel crunching under his feet and others heard sounds again.

Chaney called it "an absolutely wonderful experience for all involved and the kindness and generosity of the Starkey Foundation is amazing to see."

Robert Stuart Junior High reports honor roll

TWIN FALLS — Robert Stuart Junior High School announced the honor roll for the first semester.

3.50 to 3.99 grade point average

Seventh grade
Quintin Acklin, Melissa Aguilera, Ryan Bartlett, Bryce Burt, Braxton Berry, Brian Bishop, Gabrielle Bond, Karlie Boren, Daniela Borlase, Carey Cornia, Breana Crossland, Catiana Crum, Creed Heigt, Sonia Garcia, Heston Jenkins, Miltrina Kadiric, Oksana Kryshlak, Silko Lilic, Austyn Lynch, Maria Mandura, Brett Maughan, Crystal Roberts, Nazarin Sadehizadeh, Pedro Santos, Megan Snow, Christine Stewart, Haley Stewart, Alexandra Wolford and Madeleine Young.

Eighth grade
Clerissa Adams, Antonia Albert, Bradley Bates, Jordan Barnes, Justin Barrow, Dakota

Baron, Megan Beale, Kaitlee Belieu, Lacey Berahard, Christine Bradshaw, Anthony Bratcher, Whitney Ireland, Jacob Crans, Patrick Deleit, Adhara Delic, Whitney Detweiler, Alexis Ellett, Justin Elmer, Kari Graybeck, Grace Hall, Sarah Lawkins, Haley Heck, Abigail Herring, Dennis Kerr, Joshua Laskey, Jodie Lewis, Jordan Majors, Maria Marcetic, Dakota Marovich, Sean Mauldin, Danielle Mecker, Clark Mindock, Brandon Moore, Jordyn Neerdaals, Allison Pfefferle, Erickett Piazza, Kelsey Price, Kyle Rees, Courtney Rose, Kaitlyn Simpson, Tyler Smith, Olivia Turner, Andrew Vito, Haley Wall and Jessica Wilkinson.

Ninth grade
Cynthia Avalos, Bret Bartlett, Dallas Bastian, Jameson Bastow, Michael Bielenberg, Noah Boggess, Timothy Bork, Craig Ewald, Ivan Collins, Tami Craig, Darci DeBoer, Kristine Dow-

nard, Nicole Eldredge, Ashley Foster, Breanna Fox, Ashleen George, Brittany Gerard, Jessa Hernandez, Felice Popkinis, Lura Johnson, Elizabeth Lantz, Joseph Laskey, Kelsey Mahter, Angelena Malberg, Brent Martinez, Amanda Jay, Nathasha Ortega, Jessica Priddy, Anna Ramovic, Chance Requa, Amy Rodriguez, Antonio Saldivar, Erika Sanchez, Cayla Schenck, Jason Sipe, Erica Solorio, Taylor Spaulding, Jason Stokes, Justin Stokes, Grayson Stone, Monique Terry, Keagan Tilley, Rosemary Wardrip, Sharaevon Whittemore and Elizabeth Williams.

4.00 GPA
Seventh grade
Deaven Anderson, Matthew Ashby, Chelsea Brown, Sierra Chapple, Maria Garth, Levi Hays, Zachary Hill, Elizabeth Laidig, Alyssa Long and Krystyn Whittemore.

Eighth grade
Ian Birch, Randal Borlase, Janie Buckingham, Braden Casperson, Kimberly Dinecheck, Christie Essina, Katelyn Field, Alexa Gregg, Anna Jensen, Paul Jaeger, Christina Jenkins, Rachel King, Danielle Martens, Kalli McBrilde, Hannah McNeely, Lena Murray, Mari Neivovich, Melissa Nikolova, Samuel Plant, Tori Sanford, Brooke Sigler and Zachary Thomas.

Ninth grade
Aunette Askari, Riley Baird, Brooke Baker, Nathaniel Biagiotti, Patricia Bily, Kelsey Bordeyck, Jennifer Cutler, Karmella Dolecheck, Nikolina Dragavice, Danielle Essina, Carson Hewerton, Bailey Laley, Chelsea McBride, David Nielson, Randi Parks, Shaylan Seddigh, Joseph Simonson, Jamie Sparrow, Jonathan Sweet, Cherra Vanicevum, Shelby Woodhouse and Alex Yeggy.

SENIOR DONATIONS



Sandy Stoller, coordinator for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a fraternal benefit society, presents a \$2,954 check to the Rupert Senior Center to help pay for a new air conditioner. Barbara Miller-Garcia, center site director, and Gary Hieb, center chairman of the board, accepted the check. Another check for \$200 was presented by Janet Draper, president of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, to the Rupert Senior Center to help with expenses for Meals on Wheels. From left are Stoller, Miller-Garcia, Draper and Hieb.

Group offers life skills, Spanish classes

JEROME — Catholic Charities of Idaho is offering courses this spring at the Family Support and Learning Center, 216 Second Ave.

"Everyday Life Skills" will cover how to maintain a healthy body and safe home and how to plan and keep a job, preparing young adults and adults starting over for a successful life. The class will be held from noon to 12:50 p.m. and run for 13 weeks. Dates to be announced. The cost is \$30.

"Spanish Simplified" will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. every Monday for eight weeks for beginners or as a refresher. The cost is \$16 and \$25 for the textbook.

"Reading Tutoring" will be held for people who want to improve their reading skills to high school equivalency level. The free class will be held at 8 p.m. Thursdays.

"Raising Children in Troubled Times" is designed to help parents overcome obstacles to raising and supervising their children. It meets from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. Mondays. The cost is \$16 for the eight-week series.

Kimberly Public Library adds several new books

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison W., has added several new Christian fiction books.

"Dearest Dorothy, Are We There Yet?" "Dearest Dorothy, Slow Down, You're Wearing Us Out!" and "Dearest Dorothy, Help! I've Lost Myself" by Charlene Ann Baulch, "Crystal Joe" by Melody Carlson, "Tiger Lillie" by Lisa Samson, "The Way of Women" by Lauraine Snelling, "The Last Storyteller" by Diane Noble and "The Heart of Thornton Creek" by Bonnie Lynn.

Care giver support group meets in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — A caregiver support group will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Office on Aging Annex, 998

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Washington St. Facilities are Judy Gerard, manager of Home and Community Based Services through the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging and Faye Carter from Buhl, a caregiver for more than 20 years.

The meeting is for people who care for an elderly or disabled friend or family member. For more information, call 736-2122.

Buhl couple shares travel experiences

HAGERMAN — Terry and Stevie (Mury) Halbert of Buhl have traveled to all of the national parks and will share their traveling experiences at the Hagerman Valley Historical Program at 7 p.m. Feb. 8 at the National Park Service, 221 N. State St.

"They wrote a guide book containing first-hand knowledge of the national parks. 'Expedition America: A National Park Odyssey' contains a locator map of each park with main features listed and includes weather and time zone information. Their book will be available for sale at the program.

For more information, call 837-0600.

DAV will hold public dance Friday in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a public dance at 8 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave.

The cost is \$20 donation. For more information, call 734-5208.

Benefit auction will take place Saturday

BUIH — A benefit auction for Duane Mudd will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Lucerne Grange.

Mudd of Buhl who suffered from cancer and had to have a kidney removed, organizers said.

Local auctioneer Igle Masters will auction several items including a car, shotgun, Holstein calf, jewelry, books, dresser, telephones, snow plow, leather jackets, golf clubs, trolling motor and more.

A raffle for a \$250 gift certificate to the Total Look Salon will also be held. Tickets are two for \$1.

For more information, directions or to make donations, call Carolyn at 543-8338 or Laz at 543-5942.

T.F. Senior Citizens Center will hold dance

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a dance from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at 536 Shoshone St. W.

Music will be provided by Melody Masters. The cost is \$4. For more information, call 734-5084.

Singles group holds mainstream workshop

HERMONE — The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold a mainstream workshop at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the American Legion Hall.

Dancers with last names beginning with H through O should bring finger foods. For more information, call 734-4647.

Gooding Basque Association holds dinner

GOODING — The Gooding Basque Association will have its First Friday Dinner from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Basque Center at the intersection of Highway 25 and 46.

Menu includes breast, cod fish, Basque rice, green beans, Basque bread, salad bar, potato soup and various desserts

will be served. Adults are \$16, seniors are \$14 and children are \$7.

For more information, call Julie Gough at 352-4266.

Hands On sponsors Parents' Night Out

TWIN FALLS — The Hands On pottery studio, 147 Shoshone St. N., will host a Parents' Night Out from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Children ages 7 through 12 will be entertained with painting, food and entertainment. The cost is \$20. For more information, call 736-4475.

T.F. Senior Center holds breakfast Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone W., will have a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11:45 a.m. Saturday.

The cost is \$3.50. For more information, call 734-5084.

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A DEMAND FOR TROOP WITHDRAWAL IN IRAQ

Father of killed U.S. soldier will speak in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — On March 27, 2003, Fernando Suarez del Solar's son, Jesus, died while fighting in Iraq.

Now the father is calling for the withdrawal of American troops.

Suarez, an Escondido, Calif., resident, will speak at 7 p.m. March 11 at the First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls. The event is free. He will speak in Spanish with an English interpreter.

"His presentation is sponsored by the Boise-based Idaho Peace Coalition.

Jesus Suarez was a 20-year-old Marine who died when he stepped on a U.S. cluster bomb and bled to death in the remote Iraqi desert near Diwanija, the coalition reported. Jesus left behind a wife and a 1-year-old son, as well as his parents and

three sisters.

Fernando Suarez del Solar immigrated from Tijuana, Mexico, with his wife and children in 1997. The 48-year-old father worked as a cashier at a convenience store and delivered newspapers. Following his son's death, however, he "devoured information about the war," sought out other military families, attended anti-war gatherings and talked with elected officials, the coalition reported. He also traveled twice to Iraq to see how the war affects both American soldiers and the Iraqi people.

Suarez has since established a group to provide psychological counseling for Hispanic families who have loved ones serving in the military or have suffered the loss of a family member. He also created a foundation in his son's name to

provide young people with scholarships to help them pursue alternative careers other than the military, the coalition reported.

His topics will be "Countering Military Recruitment of Youth," "Iraq under U.S. Occupation" and "Voice of Peace."

The Idaho Peace Coalition is sponsoring the Suarez's tour, which will include Boise and Nampa, with support from the Boise State University Department of Sociology, School of Social Work and Cultural Center; Alberson College of Idaho Latino Student Organization; St. Mary's Church; St. Mark's Social Justice Committee; Catholic Charities of Idaho; Idaho Community Action Network; Snake River Alliance; and Interfaith Alliance of Idaho.

For more information, call Liz Paul at 208 853-4455.

PRAYING FOR THE POPE



Leonor Flores carries an image of the Virgin of Guadalupe as she passes by a statue of Pope John Paul II at the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico City, Mexico, on Wednesday. Flores said she went to the Basilica to pray for the pope's health.

Moreno earns an Academy Award nomination for her role in the movie 'Maria Full of Grace'

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Like the character she played in "Maria Full of Grace," Catalina Sandino Moreno let Colombia to live in New York City. But her address was more like Cloud Nine.

When Moreno was announced as an Academy Award nominee for best actress, she was "in total disbelief."

With just this one film under her belt, the 23-year-old actress now finds herself nominated alongside Annette Bening and Hilary Swank. Having performed only in Colombian theater before being cast as a "mule" in "Maria Full of Grace," Moreno may be the freshest face of this year's nominees.

A year ago, the HBO-produced "Maria Full of Grace" won best dramatic film at Sundance. Since then, the story of Maria, who turns to drug smuggling for money (a memorable scene shows her swallowing plastic-wrapped pallets of heroin), has become an independent hit.

Moreno's natural performance has been trumpeted by critics and at festivals, including the Berlin Film Festival where she split lead actress honors with last year's Oscar winner, Charlize Theron.

AP: When you began the movie, did you ever imagine this could happen?

Moreno: Oh, no. When I heard that HBO was going to be producing it, I thought it was going to be on HBO, the channel. And I was so happy because my mother had cable and I was like, "Oh my God, Mom, we can



Catalina Sandino Moreno gives an Oscar-nominated performance in 'Maria Full of Grace.'

see it on HBO? We can just lay here in bed and watch it." I never thought it was going to be released. I never thought it was going to be in festivals. I never thought I or the movie could win something. And everything happened. It was just a dream that I never dreamt.

AP: It seems you were very much "discovered" in Bogota. How did you come to be cast in the film?

Moreno: I was studying acting in a little theater in Colombia and somebody saw me. I was at the end of my semester studying advertising in college and I was so busy that I didn't want to go to the audition. The person who had seen me in the theater liked me and called my mother. She said, "Of course! Sure she's going to go." But I didn't want to go — I was so busy! My mother was the one that pushed me. She said, "You should

go, you should go meet the American doing the Colombian film." So I figured I would go and see what this American wants. I'm a Colombian girl, why not? Two weeks later, they called me to tell me the director wanted to meet me. At the end of that day, Josh (Joshua Marston, the film's writer-director) told me: "Welcome to the crew; you're my Maria."

AP: Why do you think this movie has gotten so much attention?

Moreno: I think it's because it's a real story with real human beings with very naturalistic acting. (The actors) are so fresh and so natural and so human and so beautiful. And I think people like that. People don't care about subtleties. People don't care about races. It's the story about Maria and it's a whole point of view that even we Colombians didn't know anything about.

Organization offers citizenship, English classes

JEROME — The Catholic Charities of Idaho is offering classes at 216 Second Ave. E.

"English for Spanish Speakers" will be held from 7 to 7:50 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 7 to March 14. The cost is \$16. The class will teach basic use of English language in an informal setting.

"Citizenship Preparation" will be held at a date to be announced. The course includes an overview of the U.S. citizenship application process, a civics and history for the exam and mock interviews. The cost is \$16. The class is in English.

"Raising Children in Troubled Times," an eight-week parenting class will be offered in Spanish from 10 to 11:45 a.m. Tuesdays. The cost is \$16.

Scholarships are available for those in need.

For more information, call 324-4286.

Library adds Spanish books to shelves

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison W., has added several books in Spanish to its shelves:

"Somberos, Gorras y Chuchucas" by Ann Morris. "Se Venden Gorras: La Historia De Un Vendedor Ambulante, Unos Monos Y Sus Travessuras" by Elyhyr-Sheridkin. "Fiesta" by Ginger Foglesong Guy. "Doa De Rocardp" by George Ancona. "In Mama Es Una Llanar" by Deborah Guarino. "La Senorita



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Nelson Ha Desaparecido" by Harry Allard. "Asi Vimos A La Escuela—Un Libro—Acerea-De Niños En Diferentes Paises Del Mundo" by Edith Baer and "La Semilla De Zanahora" by Ruth Kruss.



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William R. Bell checks his field for weeds in 1939, at the spot that's now the corner of Sparks and Caswell in Twin Falls. "He did not have the weed killers we use now, just a hoe and shovel," says granddaughter Patricia Cogswell of Twin Falls. "He never walked out into the field without one or the other in his hand. I don't remember seeing many weeds poking up through the crops."

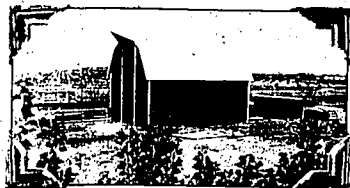


Photo courtesy of JESSE DEKLOTZ OLSON of Filer

A new barn graces the DeKlotz homestead in about 1910, west of Filer at Peavy. The barn is still standing and still in use, says Jesse DeKlotz Olson of Filer.

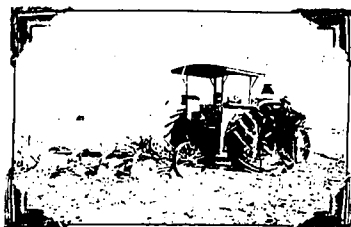


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A Rumbery tractor is shown in about the 1910s, on Stricker Ranch at Rock Creek.

West of Filer, Ed Vincent hauls a wagon load of sugar beets on the way to a beet dump at Peavy in October 1933. The beets had been topped, and loaded by hand. This photograph depicts the extreme difference in harvesting methods of 70 short years,' says Roger Vincent, Ed's son.



Photo courtesy of ROGER D. VINCENT of Twin Falls



Photo courtesy of JEAN SOMMER of Twin Falls

Betty Sommer (Griff), Dorothy Sommer (Woolridge) and Bill Sommer - three of the five children of John and Louise Sommer - display their smiles atop a piece of horse-drawn farm equipment on the family farm south of Twin Falls in about 1930. Their father farmed with horses for years, and the children enjoyed riding on the machinery.

Sure, the creation of Twin Falls... needed investors with money and influence to build a town on the desert and a dam on the Snake River. But it took hundreds of regular folks to grub the sagebrush, plant the new fields and coax abundance from the earth.

"We lots of times think of history as the big movers and shakers and what they have done," said Twin Falls resident Patricia A. Cogswell, whose grandparents lived for a time in a dugout on their homestead north of Filer. "Well, the money would not make a difference if the workers did not come and

make the miracle happen."

Her ancestors... and others like them turned the desert green. Cogswell's grandfather is pictured on this page, checking his field for weeds, which he eradicated with hoe and shovel.

"Agriculture was what it was all about, and this is an example of the way it was and the hard work involved," Cogswell said.

In tribute to the many farm families of Magic Valley's early years, we're devoting this page during all or most of February to old agricultural photos.

-Virginia S. Hutchins

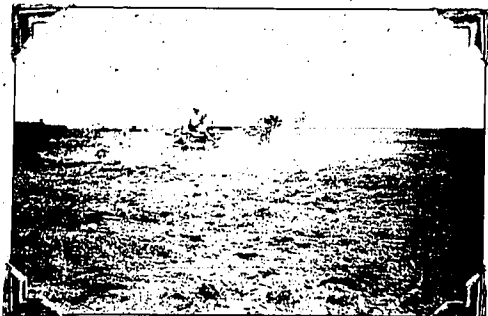


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Farmer and tractor break the soil in about the 1910s, on Stricker Ranch at Rock Creek.



Photo courtesy of DON and JEANNE DEAN of Kamohary

Gladys Stricker took this picture of a horse-drawn plow in about the 1910s, on Stricker Ranch at Rock Creek. Someone wrote on the back of the photo: 'They plowed around the field. Plowing this way it moved the dirt to the center of the field. It didn't work with irrigating with corrugates. They didn't do it this way long. We know that this was a posed picture because the camera case was hanging on the lever of the plow.'

Right, passengers enjoy the quick ride up the Magic Carpet. Below, the Magic Carpet walkway at Pomerelle operates much like an airport walkway.

Photo by Karla Barnes



All aboard

Climb on the magic carpet ride to the top of mountain



Snowboarders catch their breath on the bunny trail.

Pomerelle's new transport system makes skiing, snowboarding easier

By Karla Barnes
Times-News correspondent

Learning to ski has never been more fun at Pomerelle. Skiers and snowboarders are thrilled with the new Magic Carpet Boardwalk that has been installed on the Cottontail run which adds to the already fabulous experience offered at the resort.

The 450-foot escalator runs from the base of Cottontail (the beginners run) to the summit and can be accessed by skiers and boarders of all ages. Passengers on the Magic Carpet appreciate the ease of loading at the base and unloading at the summit within two minutes.

The new Magic Carpet offers a delightful change from the days of the old rope tow. Beginners are no longer challenged with the juggling act of hanging on to the rope and their equipment as they make the journey to the top. Magic Carpet riders are giving lots of positive feedback about the new addition. Jarlyn Cooley comments, "I think the escalator is much easier on your shoulders, and it sure beats holding on to the rope."

Barry Whiting, ski school director explained, "Riding the Magic Carpet is just like riding the People Mover at Disneyland. Those taking lessons can enjoy their entire 1-1/2 hour skiing or snowboard lesson without having to waste time with the rope tow. This device has helped the ski school tremendously. It makes the lessons here at Pomerelle a lot smoother experience. It gets people up the hill faster, making their time on the mountain a unique and pleasurable experience."

The Magic Carpet Boardwalk was made by Magic Carpet Ski Lifts out of Denver. It was installed just in time for the 2004-2005 ski season. The 450-foot Magic Carpet is the



longest of its kind west of the Mississippi. Many other resorts in the Northwest have Magic Carpets but most of them range between 50-100 feet.

Resort manager Jody Burrows is thrilled with addition of this innovative equipment. "This is the best thing we have done on the mountain in a long time," she said.

Sandy Anderson, co-owner of Pomerelle, added that the Magic Carpet shortens the learning curve by 40 percent, which is a great advantage to those learning to ski or perfecting their skiing or boarding skills. "Upcoming

plans at Pomerelle may include more Magic Carpets coming to the resort," she said.

Pomerelle is located at 8,000 feet in the Sawtooth National Forest. The facility caters to families and also to those that are interested in learning to ski and snowboard. The ski school instructors, which number around 40 individuals do an excellent job of helping young and old learn the ins and outs of skiing and boarding.

Bandy Hanshew, another enthusiastic instructor explained that the Magic Carpet is the greatest teaching aid Pomerelle has ever seen.



Above, Garth Bean takes a break going up Cottontail. Left, Jarlyn Cooley and daughter Emma enjoy the slower slopes of Cottontail.

"It really helps to train the skiers and boarders; it gets them going a lot quicker."

The mountain is in excellent condition. Sunny skies prevailed in January with excellent skiing terrain. The mountain has over 83" of snow on the top and 57" at the base. Skiers and snowboarders from throughout Idaho and the Northwest flock to Pomerelle during the winter months to enjoy this first class resort. If you haven't experienced the new addition at Pomerelle, enjoy the scenic drive south of Albion and take a ride on the new Magic Carpet Boardwalk.

OUTDOORS

Nordic skiers hear wild country tales

TWIN FALLS — High Desert Nordic Association members will hear a recording of wilderness ski experiences at the organization's meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

Joe St. Onge, of Sun Valley Trucking and Restroom, said his experiences in wild country skiing in Idaho and Alaska, said Robert Forster, HDNA president.

The organization will meet at 7 p.m. at Idaho Tech Restaurant, 400 Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls. Forster said plans will be completed for a moonlight ski in the South Hills on Feb. 19 and possible club activities for this month and in March. Several other reports and business matters are also on the agenda.

Forster said the meeting is open to all persons interested in cross country skiing. Further information about the association and activities may be obtained by calling Valdon Hancock at 734-6935 or by e-mailing valdonh@idnet.com. Inquiries about reserving the HDNA shelter in the South Hills should be directed to Dennis Kincald at 423-5442.

For more information about high desert Nordic Association, call Dale Stewart at 733-1882.

Snowshoe planning meeting is tonight

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 their own. Snowshoes can be rented from the Outdoor Program at \$4 per pair. Transportation and administrative

Outdoors in brief

The 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 tonight from 7 to 7:30 p.m. 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.

Kinslow hosts new NRA Basic Platoon course

TWIN FALLS — Red's Trading Post is sponsoring a NRA Basic Platoon course, which will be taught by Certified NRA Instructor George Kinslow of Idaho Ordinance. The course will be an one day class on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The courses will be held at 253 5th Ave. West located in Historic Old Towne Twin Falls. Cost is \$55 at the door or \$45 if you prepay. Each class will be limited to eight students. This course meets state training requirements to obtain a Concealed Weapons License. For more information please call Idaho Ordinance at 420-6183 or Red's Trading Post at 733-3546.

Competitions scheduled at Pomerelle Resort

ALBION — Pomerelle Mountain Resort announces competitions coming in February. Pomerelle's competitors are for the thrill of victory and the excitement of competing. The

competitions are geared towards challenge with an recent on fun, not extreme skiing or boarding.

The competitions are open to all ages, skiers and boarders. Feb. 5 is Do the Dew Big Air, judged on the amount of air you can get. All competitors in the Big Air will be entered into a drawing for a new Snowboard from Pepsal Co.

Feb. 12 is the Free Style Competition, competitors are judged on the pure style of their jumps. Inverted aerials are not allowed.

Feb. 19 is Kids Day at Pomerelle. Kids Day races are for skiers and boarders 14 years of age to 2 years of age. There will be a fun animal race at the new Magic Carpet area for all beginners. A more challenging giant slalom course will be set on Spud run. Trophies and medals will be given to the top three places in each division. Registration is from 9-11 a.m. All competition will begin at noon. There is a \$5 entry fee and a \$5 bus fee to Pomerelle.

A Pomerelle release waiver signed by a parent is required for all competitors under 18 years of age. Release waiver at Pomerelle Mountain or on-line at www.pomerelle-mtn.com. For more information, call Pomerelle Mountain's office at 673-5599.

Magic Mountain Ski Patrol hosts Snoyak

HAJENSEN — 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-flat-White-Water

Trixy, Claude's Sports, Elevation Sports, Mik 103 and Magic Mountain, or send the entry fee with name, mailing address, phone number, age, e-mail address and T-shirt size to Cindy Spencer, Magic Mountain Ski Patrol, 707 Ash St., Kimberly, ID 83341. For more information, call 423-5140.

Jerome D.U. Chapter holds banquet on Feb. 19

JEROME — The Jerome Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will hold its Annual Couples Banquet Feb. 19 at the Jerome County Fairgrounds.

Social hour with no-host cocktails begins at 6 p.m., and dinner will follow at 7 p.m. Kirk Martin from the Snake River Grill will serve his famous peach wood smoked prime rib or Alaskan king crab. Silent live auctions and raffles will be held during the evening. Prizes include guns, collectible duck decoys, prints and more.

A variety of costs is available:

- The early bird sponsor package, which includes two dinners, one sponsor membership, \$175 in raffle tickets and two entries in the early bird gun drawing, is \$300; must be paid by Feb. 5.

The early bird package — two dinners, adult membership, \$125 in raffle tickets and one entry in the early bird gun drawing — is \$135; must be paid by Feb. 5.

Couples dinner package includes two dinners and adult membership; \$70.

- Single dinner package is one dinner and adult membership; \$45.

Seating is limited and reservations are encouraged. Reserved dinner and raffle tickets will be available at the door. For tickets or more information on how to support Ducks Unlimited, call Laurie Johnson at 324-8247 or 420-3898 or Mary Thompson at 644-1722 or 308-1834. — compiled from staff reports

'meat being nearly exorsted'

The expedition added members at Fort Mandan. Including Baptiste Le Page and the Charbonneau family, Thuisaint, Sakakawa, and young Jenn Baptiste (Pomp). Toussaint Charbonneau was hired as an interpreter and Le Page was hired to replace John Newman, who had been court-martialed and was sent back to St. Louis in the spring of 1805 with a detachment of soldiers and the French rivermen.

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February 3, 1805 — our provisions of meat being nearly exorsted I concluded to Decend the River on the ice & hunt... We Killed 40 Deer, 3 Bulls 19 Elk, maney So meager that they were unfit for use.

— Meriwether Lewis

— William Clark

(Journal excerpts of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, edited by Gary E. Moulton, will appear each Thursday. Copyright Lee Enterprises.)

Cabin Fever Day includes many outdoor activities

The Times-News — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation has introduced the skills of scuba diving and learn all about equipment. Parent signature is required. Open to ages 10 and up; from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Bowhunting — Magic Valley Bowhunters, 205 Shoshone St. N., welcome you to test bow skills on a variety of targets at their indoor range located underneath the Ballroom Building. Compound bows will be available to try. Open to all ages from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Climbing skills/Coff — Nazzy Kart, 302 3rd Street S. will host climbing skill instructions from the CSI Outdoor program on an indoor climbing wall, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kids ages 7 and up, and all adults can participate, and learn all about equipment. Parent signature is required. Open to ages 10 and up; from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Paintball Ink — Highway 50. Challenge yourself against actual live opponents in a game of capture the flag at this indoor course. Recommended attire is old, loose clothes, light gloves and a hat. Paintball gun, goggles and course admission are free. Paintballs are \$5 for 100. Located on the right side of Highway 50, 1/4-mile south of Hanesen Bridge. Liability form must be signed by parent. Ages 10 and up, from noon to 2 p.m.

SKI-JORING IS BACK

Proceeds of area event will benefit Blaine County Senior Center

BELLEVUE — A popular Western extreme sport that combines the most daring horsemen, on the fastest horses pulling the fastest skiers, through a harrowing snow course returns to the Wood River Valley February 12 and 13.

Ski-joring, which resembles extreme waterskiing, is becoming one of the nation's hottest new winter sports making the list of hot things to do in the Western states in last month's USA Today. Organizers are aiming to see it become popular in Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana in future X-games competitions.



Skiers and large farm animals make an exciting mix with ski-joring.

This year's state race-to-be held on Silver Springs Ranch south of Bellevue, is sponsored by the Wood River Extreme Ski-joring Association and the proceeds from this two-day event will benefit the Blaine County Senior Center in Halley.

Track builder Jobs Board says the wide open landscape of the Bellevue Triangle provides the perfect race layout and promises a course that will promote spectacular thrills, and probably some equally spectacular spills.

The Wood River Extreme Ski-joring Association is a newly formed, non-profit organization that grew out of prior successful races held by the Smokey Mountain Ski Joring Association. It is recognized by the North American Ski-joring Association.

Though the organization is new this year, the board of directors is not green to the sport. Bentley by Steve Tyler, Peter Tyler, Peter Bloomfield and Board, "the association is running on all cylinders," says

Peter. "We are really excited about taking this sport to an all new level."

Peter says the sport has grown its reputation as legitimate as well as fun, and is drawing heavy hitters like skier Glen Plinke, who he pulled in a race in Whitefish, Montana last year.

There are divisions for men and women, girls and boys of all ages and abilities, even pec

wes. Registration fees start at \$25 and range up to \$110 for both days.

Riders and racers interested in participating in this year's local game can buy registering now online, or receive a registration by mail to be mailed back prior to the race. All registration must be complete prior to race day.

To find the event, take Gannett Road or Highway 75 south

to get to the ranch south of Bellevue which is located off Baseline Road on Price Lane. Race whistle blows at noon. Parking costs \$5 per car.

The association has launched a Web site where you can register, find maps or other information. Just visit www.WRESJA.com or by emailing Dallyup@aol.com. Those not Internet ready can call Peter at 208-720-0329 for more details.

Emerald Lake enjoys new rainbow trout

South Idaho Press

HEYBURN — The rainbow trout fishery has been restocked at Emerald Lake.

Idaho Fish and Game reintroduced the fish into the pond near Interstate 84, exit 211, about a month ago, said fisheries manager Dave Peterson. The pond was treated in October 2004 to eliminate carp, sucker and chub populations that had limited the growth of trout, bass and bluegill populations. The plan called for

reintroducing the latter species over time.

McGargle said the fish were fine when they were checked, a week after being released, to be sure they were not affected by the chemical used to treat the pond.

"People have been ice fishing and having a good time," McGargle said.

The department usually puts 3,000 rainbow trout in Emerald Lake in April, another 1,000 in May and 2,000 more in September. But McGargle said his goal

is to at least double that rate of stocking this year to jump-start the fishery.

When possible, stocking will be done at night because there is still a problem with contaminants feeding on the fish, McGargle said. But nothing can be done to discourage the birds because they are a protected species.

In the early spring, rainbow trout will also be stocked in Connor Pond, near Interstate 84, exit 200, which was also treated in October 2004, McGargle said. The plan is to

develop Connor Pond primarily as a bass fishery.

Although bass and blue gill will be added to Emerald Lake in July, it will probably take two years to establish fisheries of those species, McGargle said. In the meantime, people will still be able to catch the fish, but they will not be very big.

"We hope restocking the ponds will turn things around for the community and give them someplace close to catch something besides carp," he said.

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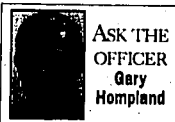
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BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Question: "I've heard several claim the department is heavy handed and officers only look for opportunities to issue citations. How many citations do you issue per year?"

Answer: "Occasionally I hear from someone who feels they have been treated inappropriately. The department takes accusations of poor conduct by employees very seriously. Every time a written report is received accusing a department employee of inappropriate conduct an internal investigation is conducted."

These investigations and interviews generally exonerate department employees of wrong doing. In 10 years supervising the law enforcement program for the department in the Magic



ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Hompland

Valley, I have only substantiated one claim of inappropriate behavior by a department employee. Complaints are often generated by subjects issued citations for fishing or hunting violations. One thing for certain, no one enjoys receiving a citation, even when they deserve it.

Conservation officers represent the interest of the citizens of Idaho to ensure wildlife and fish populations are protected

and hunters and anglers follow the laws. A major part of a conservation officer's job is looking for fish and wildlife violations. New conservation officers receive nearly a year of training to learn how to enforce fish and wildlife laws appropriately.

In 2004 Fish and Game employees statewide identified 6309 fish and wildlife violations. Over one-half (3,357) of the violations investigated resulted in citations being issued. Over 2,200 written warnings were issued. Almost 1,000 additional violations were identified and no suspects developed for prosecution.

Nearly 9,000 sportsmen were contacted in the Magic Valley by conservation officers during 2004. During that time Department employees issued 249 citations

and 226 written warnings. More than 50 additional violations were identified and no suspects were developed for prosecution. In 2004 Magic Valley conservation officers worked over 10,000 hours, or 31 percent of their time enforcing fish and wildlife laws. The remainder of their time was split between administration, game management, training, information/education, equipment repair/maintenance and hunter education.

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Canada Geese take off from a thin layer of ice, that sunk just below the surface of Bascojawn Park lagoon Sunday in Livingston, Mont.

Groomed paradise

Cougar Mountain trails lead to powdery meadows

BOISE (AP) — It's been a tough year for snowmobilers because there hasn't been much snow, but you would never know it after spending an afternoon with snowmobilers Lyle and Anna Evieland.

The 60-something Nampa couple rode their snowmobiles like teenagers earlier this month, dashing through powdery meadows and zipping down groomed trails out of the Wellington Snow Park near Smiths Ferry.

A long-awaited snowstorm had hit the night before, laying a thick layer of snow on the pines and fir, making their boughs sag from the weight. It was a light backdrop as the couple cruised along, with clouds of fresh powder billowing from their trails.

"As long as we're on the snow, we're happy," Anna said.

The Wellington Snow Park is at Smiths Ferry, about 60 miles from Boise off Idaho 55. It serves as the trailhead for 150 miles of groomed snowmobile trails in the area, and it's like a second home to the Evielands. They park their snowmobiles at the snow park on weekends and other times when they are with grandchildren for snowmobiling trips.

"It's very family oriented," Lyle said.

"It's also a tradition."

"We often have three generations when we do this," Anna said.

The couple brought their first snowmobile in 1972 to tow their kids up a hill so they could slide

down, Lyle said. Eventually, snowmobiling became the main focus of their winter activities.

"Pretty soon, we had one for everybody," he said.

They now ride larger, more powerful machines that will top out at about 100 mph and "will cruise all day at 50 to 60 mph," Lyle said.

"The sleds have improved so much since we started. They are so much more powerful and easy handling," Anna said.

Many of the trails from the Wellington Snow Park are groomed logging roads, and elevation ranges from about 5,000 feet up to 8,900 feet. Riders who want to blaze their own paths across the snow can go off trail through some meadows within a few miles of the parking area, which are great places for beginners to learn how to snowmobile.

Trails are groomed weekly as soon as snow is deep enough, the groomer's schedule of Cascade said. He typically grooms trails until mid-February or early March, depending on snow depths and weather conditions. Prindle and Tom Grotzer are the groomers during the week.

"We try to stick to a schedule, but sometimes the weather throws us off," Prindle said. "It often rains on what kind of snow we have."

The Smiths Ferry trail system also links to hundreds more miles of groomed trails, including those near Garden Valley and Cascade. If a person has



Lyle and Anna Evieland are members of the Cougar Mountain Snowmobile Club in Smiths Ferry. The 60-something Nampa couple rode their snowmobiles like teenagers earlier this month, dashing through powdery meadows and zipping down groomed trails out of the Wellington Snow Park near Smiths Ferry.

enough gasoline and energy, he or she could ride groomed trails all the way to McCall, Warren, Warm Lake, Yellow Pine and Stanley.

Snowmobilers who don't want to make epic jaunts can use Wellington Snow Park as a base for a day of snowmobiling. Members of the Cougar Mountain Snowmobile Club maintain the warming hut, which is more like a mini-lodge, keeping fires going in the wood stove and the giant fireplace. Good fishing spots are "basically on our bank account. Our customers wouldn't need us if they had spots," said Capt. Kevin Goodwin of Marathon, who caught two people on his boat with a handheld GPS device last year. At that point, the trip screamed to a halt.

"I actually took them to the dock," he said. "We're going home. Anyone like that you don't want on your boat anymore."

Area residents may pose a particular danger in that context, guides say.

"If it's a local client, chances are he's got his own boat, and he is trying to find out where you are fishing and how you're fishing," said Jason Long, an offshore charter boat captain based near the Seven Mile Bridge.

The practice tramples on tradition but stops short of qualifying as criminal.

Capt. Albert Ponzoza of Marathon chartered out to a Pennsylvania vacationer in June in flats off the Middle Keys, stopping at a top-secret spot

flush with hungry permit. Everything went swimmingly — until he ran into the guy the next day at his special spot in a rental boat.

After learning that Ponzoza was miffed, the man left a message on his answering machine.

"He said, 'Now I'm going to hurt you, I'm going to put your GPS coordinates on the Internet,'" Ponzoza hasn't checked to see if his former client has made good on the threat.

Once a really fertile patch of ocean — dubbed the "honey hole" or "super hole" — is marked on multiple GPS units, there's no telling how overfished it might become.

"A super hole is a place you can take your boat clients and catch as many fish as you want, whenever you want," Ponzoza said. "It's a mythic land."

"Some sweet spots are inherited — from relatives and others who run local waters."

"The guy who basically raised me was a very good fisherman here and he gave me spots, reefs and wrecks that he would find," said Goodwin, 32. "They are still good."

"That's so people can't go in and steal their GPS numbers," explained Daryl Simeon, captain of the Key West-based Phi Change.

Judge upholds ban at Tahoe's Cave

Ruling prohibits rock climbing

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A federal judge in Reno has upheld a climbing ban at Cave Rock on Lake Tahoe's east shore.

The Jan. 28 ruling by U.S. District Judge Howard McKibben upholds a management plan adopted by the U.S. Forest Service in 2003 to prohibit rock climbing on the landmark that is held sacred by the Washoe Tribe.

McKibben rejected a lawsuit filed last year by The Access Fund, a Colorado-based advocacy group for climbers. McKibben ruled against the decision and for the opportunity to finally put an effective management strategy into effect for this important historic resource and the landmark. Maribeth Gustafson, supervisor of the Forest Service's Tahoe unit, said in a statement issued late Monday.

"Among other things, the so-called ban was unconstitutional because it promotes the closing of public lands for religious purposes. Critics also have argued that the rock formation was already drastically altered when highway tunnels were blasted through it in 1931 and 1957."

In updating its management plan, the Forest Service determined a climbing ban was necessary to restore the area's cultural and historical resources to how they were before 1965. Located along U.S. 50 between Zenobia Cove and Glenbrook, Cave Rock did not become popular with climbers until the 1980s. It's primarily used by expert climbers be-

cause the rock face is sheer and requires technical skills.

Under the plan, all bolts, anchors and other climbing hardware must be removed from the rock.

Access Fund directors were not immediately available for comment. But Dave Schuller, general manager of Reno's RockSport Indoor Climbing Center, called the ruling a "huge loss" for the rock climbing community.

"It is an environment for climbing — unique anywhere in the world," Schuller told the Reno Gazette-Journal. "There is no other place like that. Everything about it is unique."

The Forest Service's management plan will allow continued activities such as hiking and picnicking at Cave Rock but defines rock climbing as a "noncompatible use" of the site.

"The ruling was welcomed by the Washoe Tribe," Tribal Chairman Brian Wallace, who described Cave Rock as "one of the linchpins in the cosmology of the tribe."

"It's very important in our relationship with the whole of existence," Wallace said. "Many among us have waited our entire lives for a moment like this."

Tribal attorney Tim Seward said the ruling upholds a management decision through which the government is putting tribal cultural resources on the same level with other historic resources.

"This is a decision we believe is important not just for the Washoe Tribe but the region and the nation as a whole," Seward said.

Students recount harrowing days on ship crossing Pacific

HONOLULU (AP) — There was nothing to hold onto.

Lauren Osgood watched as waves and flecks of sea spray licked at the glass on the door. Computers, library books and furniture were heaved to the floor and were flung again as the ship leaped like a massive metronome from port to starboard and back again.

"We were right by the exit door on either side, and so you could like see the waves on the doors, which freaked me out," said Osgood, a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who was enrolled in the Semester at Sea program that used the research ship Explorer as a floating classroom.

"That's kind of when I began to panic because you could see the water and realize that you were tipping that much," she said.

The Explorer limped into Honolulu Harbor on Monday for repairs and inspections after passengers endured more than a week's worth of rough seas.

The incident occurred about 850 miles south of Adak, Alaska, in the Aleutian Islands and about 1,300 miles southwest of Anchorage.

Students said rough seas had plagued the ship since they left for the program in Jan. 18 with 80 people aboard enrolled in a University of Pittsburgh program designed to give students a global perspective. Tuition for the program is about \$20,000 for the semester. The program includes living expenses on the ship and some trips ashore. The crew distributed plastic

bags for nauseous passengers and students sat on the floor during classes because the furniture was not secured to the ship and would topple with the ship's movement.

"We were so sea sick to it after a while, we were just talking to someone and when you felt the boat move, you'd just instantly grab for something," said Becca Leonard, 21, a junior at the University of Southern California.

After the engines and bridge were damaged, passengers and crew dined life vests. The students were herded into the ship's narrow hallways and eventually to the fifth deck of the ship.

"Your cabin was probably the worst place to be. Glass tables, chairs, beds to be flying out, our TV fell, glasses were breaking, the doors were flying open and shut," Leonard said. "They had to help you out of your room if stuff was lodged (against the door) because by the time you moved it, another wave would come."

The crew eventually separated the students and passengers by gender. Some students weren't sure whether the procedure was meant as a ploy to enter lifecrafts, or as a safety measure, or both.

"They tried to stick everyone in a hallway, so we were like huddling on top of each other," said Melissa Good, 20, a junior at Indiana University.

Fishermen battle to preserve fishing spots

By Jennifer Babeon Knight-Ridder News Service

MARATHON, Fla. — When in doubt, Capt. Jack Carlson conceals suspicious cellphones and other devices and stores them in an orange tackle box. Then he goes a step further.

"I just watch like a hawk, and I'll say, 'Do you mind if I look in your bags and see if there's anything in there that is not supposed to be?'" he said.

Carlson isn't searching for drugs or guns, and he's not moonlighting for the Transportation Administration. The Keys charter boat captain is looking for the latest ban of fishing boat systems: Global Positioning System devices. The increasing use of GPS (Global Positioning System) technology has made it ever more difficult to keep secrets at sea.

The problem: Some people who rent fishing boats are carrying the devices with them, allowing them to return to a prime spot later on with their own vessel or rented boat.

The satellite-positioning devices consist of a growing number of items — watches, cameras and cellphones, airplanes and automobiles — have upped the ante in an old-school vessel where you're used to being guided by your own ability to repeatedly exploit that ripe fishing spot on the fly.

lars can get a pretty good GPS. It's not just a Florida phenomenon, either.

"I've had some run-lins with it. I don't think they care," Len Grotzer, a Cape Cod-based captain who runs excursions off Nantucket Shoals for striped bass and bluefish, said of GPS position swipers.

"They want to spend \$500 and gain a lifetime of experience. It's taken me 15 years running as a captain to get as good as I am, and for \$500, that's not what I'm selling."

Charter boat captains use the devices themselves to keep track of their best spots — and they guard the coordinates zealously.

"There are probably between 40 and 60 million GPS receivers out there now, and we are probably adding between half-million and a million a month worldwide," said Glen Gibbons, founding editor of GPS World, an industry magazine.

"It's taken a lot of the skill out of it," Brownlee said.

At a time in which a watch with a built-in GPS costs less than \$160, there's a nightmare scenario for the trackers of bottom-dwelling fish, like snapper and grouper, which congregate in fixed locations: "Fish stalkers" who might charter for a day and then swipe coded GPS coordinates using their own hidden device which can be easily programmed to track locations over a period of hours.

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CARTOON CONTROVERSY

Serious debate flares over teaching kids tolerance of gays

NEW YORK (AP) — Cartoon characters adored by kids shared the spotlight in the latest flare-up of America's culture wars, but the debate itself poses serious questions for adults involving the depiction of gays and lesbians in materials for teaching children about diversity and tolerance.

The liberal camp argues that even young children should learn that intolerance based on sexual identity is wrong, and that gays are as legitimate a part of the national mosaic as anyone else.

"It's about creating awareness and understanding of people who are different," said Joan Garry of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. "Why shouldn't they be growing up for America's young people?"

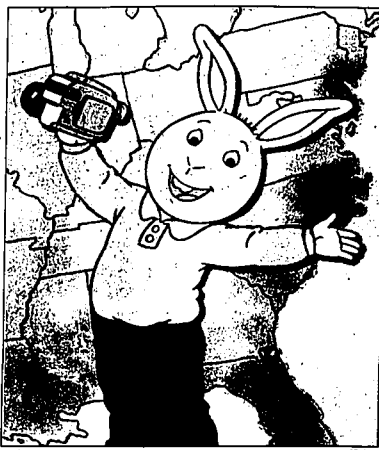
The conservative camp has responded vehemently. By all means, teach children to respect other individuals, but do not cross the line and teach them that homosexuality is acceptable.

"Tolerance itself can be a very dangerous word," said the Rev. Tony Fox, a Southern Baptist pastor in Wichita, Kan. "Tolerance gives the public schools an avenue to literally brainwash our kids that every lifestyle is OK."

Separate controversies in recent weeks have raised these issues:

- Education Secretary Margaret Spellings' criticism of an episode of the Public Broadcasting Service children's series "Postcards from Buster" in which the animated bunny visits the children of two lesbian couples in Vermont. "Many parents would not want their young children exposed to such lifestyles portrayed in the episode," Spellings wrote to PBS.

- An attack by some conservative leaders on a pro-diversity initiative of the We Are Family Foundation that features a video starring scenes of cartoon characters, including SpongeBob SquarePants. The true agenda, said Focus on the Family founder James Dobson, "is to



Buster, of the Public Broadcasting Service children's program "Postcards from Buster" is seen in an undated file photo. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings has criticized an episode of the series in which the animated bunny visits the children of two lesbian couples in Vermont.

desensitize very young children to homosexual and bisexual behavior."

- Some conservatives said last month's "No Name-Calling Week" in many middle schools was too focused on harassment of gays. In Massachusetts, the one state allowing gay marriage, conservatives say students are being indoctrinated to admire such marriages.

- Dobson, bristling at mocking commentary about his reference to SpongeBob, has posted a lengthy explanation of his concerns on the Web site of his Colorado-based Christian ministry. The problem, he says, was not the video itself, but the We Are Family Foundation's use of a "tolerance pledge" mentioning sexual identity and its ties to other groups support-

ing gay rights. "Tolerance and diversity" are almost always buzzwords for homosexual advocacy," Dobson wrote. "Kids should not be taught that homosexuality is just another lifestyle or that it is morally equivalent to heterosexuality."

Dobson and other conservatives were pleased when Spellings, soon after the SpongeBob flap, condemned the "Postcards from Buster" episode.

"For years, PBS has been splashing pro-homosexual messages into its programming," said Robert Knight of the Culture and Family Institute. "Along comes Secretary Spellings, who takes action as a servant of the people instead of a timid, go-along bureaucrat. Good for her."

After Spellings' statement, PBS said it would not distribute the episode to its 349 stations. Boston-based WGBH, the show's producer, is providing it directly to more than 20 fellow stations.

"We consider it the responsibility of public television to give children and parents the resources they need to understand the world they inhabit — without excluding any segment of our society," WGBH said. "The major goal of 'Postcards from Buster' is to help kids understand the richness and complexity of American culture."

Nancy Carlson-Page, an education professor at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass., has emphasized diversity awareness in a career spanning early-education teachers. She said Spellings was wrong to suggest that a certain category of family — those headed by gays or lesbians — be excluded from images shown to children.

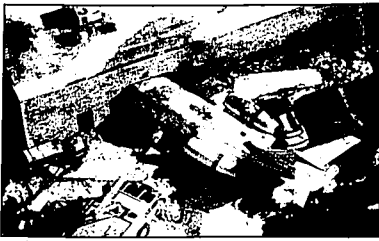
"All children, whatever family composition they have, should see the full, diverse range of families," Carlson-Page said.

Otherwise, when a child encounters a different kind of family, they'll think that family is lesser, that it doesn't count."

Linda Hodge, president of the National PTA, said she strongly supports classroom initiatives promoting tolerance and combating bullying. However, she suggested some programs could backfire if they focus explicitly on harassment of gays that those students feel singled out and labeled.

Hodge's bottom line: "Every child should feel safe and welcome in school."

For GLAAD's Joan Garry, a lesbian raising three children, the controversies hit home on a personal level. "There are millions of kids living in households with two moms or two dads, and millions of other kids who know their kids," she said. "I wonder what James Dobson would say to my own children. What would be the respectful, Christian thing, to say to them?"



An aerial view of the Canadian Challenger 600 corporate jet that crashed into a building after falling to take-off from Teterboro Airport in New Jersey on Wednesday.

Jet skids off runway, crosses N.J. highway

TEREBORO, N.J. (AP) — A corporate jet skidded off a runway Wednesday on takeoff and hurdled across a six-lane highway during the morning rush hour, smashing into two cars and punching through the wall of a warehouse. About 20 people were taken to the hospital, including two injured in their cars.

Crew members and passengers walked or crawled from the burning wreckage after the crash at Teterboro Airport, a small airport about 12 miles from midtown Manhattan that caters to executive jets.

"I think everybody at this point is extremely lucky and fortunate," said acting Gov. Richard J. Codey.

The cause of the crash was not immediately known. The Bombardier Challenger CL-600 had been chartered by Kelo & Co., a New York-based investment firm, to take company employees and guests to Chicago.

"We are relieved that all of the passengers on the plane seem healthy. We hope that the flight crew and anyone else who may have been injured in today's accident will also be all right," the company said in a statement.

All 11 people on the plane were taken to the hospital, the most seriously hurt among them was one of the pilots, who had a broken leg. One of those injured in a car was in critical condition. Five firefighters were taken to the hospital with minor injuries, and a man in the warehouse was also hurt.

"The pilot said he dragged himself out," witness Robert Sosa told WNBC-TV. "He literally crawled out like a baby, and all the other people just walked out normal."

Bruce Hicks, a spokesman for Million Air, the aircraft service company that fueled the plane before the crash, said his company did not do the airframe.

"They fueled it this morning, catered it, and that was it," he said.

Hicks said the plane would have been de-iced had the pilots requested the service, which is standard procedure.

Officials arrest suspects in death of aspiring actress

NEW YORK (AP) — A third suspect was arrested Wednesday in the fatal shooting of an aspiring actress who contacted a group of muggers while "What are you going to do, shoot us?" Ashley Evans, 18, was picked up on murder and other charges by New York detectives in Manhattan where she had fled to stay with relatives, police said. An arraignment on murder and other charges was scheduled for later Wednesday.

Police described Evans as a friend of the alleged shooter, 19-year-old Rudy Fleming, Tatiana McDonald, 14, also has been charged with murder.

The suspects allegedly were in a group that accosted Nicole duFresne, 28, her fiancé and another couple on Jan. 27 after they left a bar on Manhattan's Lower East Side, known for hip nightspots.

Witnesses said that after the suspects demanded money and grabbed' her for the other woman's purse, duFresne intervened, asking "What are you going to do, shoot us?"

After a brief shouting match between duFresne and Fleming, he allegedly fired a single shot into her chest, police said.

McDonald, who surrendered on Monday, confessed to police that she was with the gunman and that she had taken a cell phone from the stolen purse, according to court papers.

Fleming and four others were picked up for questioning late Sunday. Two of the four were charged in an attempted robbery the same night but not in duFresne's slaying, and the remaining two were considered witnesses.

Police said the weapon — a .357-caliber revolver — was found in the home-of-one-of-Fleming's relatives.

DuFresne's Web site described her as a writer, actor and producer. A Minnesota native, she was a graduate of Emerson College in Boston, and was active in several avant-garde theater projects in Manhattan and elsewhere.



Nicole duFresne

Study: Suicides fall since arrival of Prozac

Los Angeles Times

The U.S. suicide rate has fallen steadily since Prozac and other antidepressants came into use in the late 1980s, according to an analysis by researchers worried that evidence linking the drugs to suicide in children could reduce their use.

The suicide rate, which reached a peak in 1988 of nearly 13 deaths per 100,000 people, fell steadily to about 10.5 in 2002.

Most suicides are the result of untreated depression, not adverse reactions to antidepressants, wrote Dr. Julio Licinio and Dr. Ma-Ji Wong, psychiatrists at the University of California, Los Angeles, in an opinion piece released Wednesday by the journal Nature Reviews: Drug Discovery.

But Vera Sharav, president of the Alliance for Human Research Protection, said the conclusions of the analysis may not be valid because the decline could just as easily be explained by laws introduced around the same time reducing access to firearms as a common means of committing suicide.

The number of people being treated for depression rose more than 50 percent during the 1990s, an increase largely due to the availability of drugs known as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, or SSRIs.

Studies conducted in Denmark and Sweden have shown that fewer than 10 percent of suicide victims were taking antidepressants... when they killed themselves.

The drugs, however, recently have become the focus of a medical debate after clinical trials data showed that they increased the risk of suicidal thinking in children and adolescents. Starting this month, the drugs will carry a label warning of the dangers in minors.

Report targets oil-for-food program

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — An eagerly awaited first report by former U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker into alleged corruption in the U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq will be sharply critical of U.N. management in key areas and will target Benon Sevan, who ran the program, a source close to the investigation told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The Volcker report, to be released today, will focus on the administration, financial transactions, and internal auditing of the \$60 billion program, all of which were "tainted badly," said the person with knowledge of the report.

The interim report will not address questions about U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan or the employment of his son, Kojo, by the Swiss company, Caterina Inspection SA, which had a U.N. contract to certify deals under the oil-for-food program.

Critics have raised questions about nepotism and whether Kojo Annan played any role in

securing contracts for Caterina — allegations he denies. Volcker is expected to address actions by the secretary-general and his son in a separate report later this winter, the source close to the investigation said.

The oil-for-food program, launched in December 1996 to help ordinary Iraqis cope with U.N. sanctions imposed after Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, quickly became a lifeline for 90 percent of the population.

Under the program, Saddam's regime could sell oil, provided the proceeds went primarily to buy humanitarian goods and pay reparations to victims of the 1991 Gulf War. Saddam's government decided on the goods it wanted, who should provide them, and who could buy Iraqi oil, but the Security Council committee overseeing sanctions monitored the contracts.

The source familiar with the investigation, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Sevan put himself in a serious

conflict of interest and broke rules by participating in the selection of purchasers of Iraqi oil.

The Financial Times reported Tuesday that Sevan personally intervened to steer lucrative Iraqi oil contracts to Africa Middle East Petroleum, a Swiss-based oil trading company. The contracts could be sold to international traders for a markup of up to 35 cents a barrel, the paper said.

Sevan has repeatedly denied wrongdoing.

Last month, Volcker released more than 50 audits of the oil-for-food program carried out by the U.N.'s internal watchdog office, headed by Dilcep Nair, who is also expected to be criticized in the report, the source familiar with the investigation said.

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

A place to stay

Hotels, motels, campgrounds, recreational-vehicle parks and other lodging facilities in Magic Valley's eight counties reported these lodging sales during January.

County	Jan. '05	Change from reports	Jan. '04
Blaine	\$1,799,541	down 18%	
Camas	\$2,976	down 81%	
Cassia	\$166,157	down 6%	
Gooding	\$45,622	down 13%	
Jerome	\$317,006	up 49%	
Latah	\$1,204	down 6%	
Minidoka	\$72,690	down 5%	
Twin Falls	\$679,845	down 8%	

Magic Valley \$3,085,040 down 11%

The State Tax Commission tracks lodging sales monthly. But because of the normal reporting lag, the January sales totals — for the most part — reflect activity that happened in December.

Lodging totals include non-taxable sales, such as those to nonprofit schools or federal or state government employees, in addition to taxable sales.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

BRIEFLY

IN MONEY

CSI offers free career workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a "Career Planning Workshop" for people who are considering training or thinking about a career change.

The workshop will help participants learn how to market their resumes, training programs and wage potential, identify their interests, investigate careers and plan for success.

The center will offer the free workshop in two parts: 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and 1-3 p.m. Feb. 10. Career tests are also free.

To sign up, call 732-6980 or 1-800-690-0274, ext. 6980. Registration deadline is Monday.

Internet class will help small-business owners

TWIN FALLS — A free class will teach owners to market their businesses on the Internet.

The class is offered by the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

Sherry Rust, training coordinator, said the class is designed to assist rural small-business owners and managers with the e-commerce applications they need to grow their businesses.

Participants will learn how the Internet can be used as a resource and a marketing tool.

Stephanie Wagner of the Idaho State Department of Education at Lewis-Clark State College will teach Internet communications and conferencing, how to identify target markets, how to use presentation materials on the Internet, and understanding basic Web site components.

Class will be held 6-9 p.m. Feb. 17 in Evergreen room C33. Seating is limited. To register, contact Rust at 732-6155 or srust@es.edu.

Class will teach skills to manage employees

TWIN FALLS — "Keep and Pay the Best Employees Legally" — an enrichment class offered by the Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho, will be held 7-9 p.m. Feb. 22 in Shibley 101.

The fee is \$25 per person or \$75 per organization.

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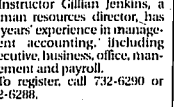
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Inching up

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— compiled from staff reports

ENVISION THE FUTURE



Jerome Police Department Sgt. Jay Gardner, left, watches eighth-grader Jonal Barceols, right, as she attempts to walk a straight line while wearing "drunk goggles" at the Jerome High School career fair Wednesday. Seventy-five local businesses, military branches, college programs and Jerome High School student groups had booths at the fair.

Considering careers when the picture's fuzzy

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

JEROME — Joanie Harding "strapped" on the dark green drunken-vision goggles and tried to follow the straight line taped to the floor in the Jerome High School gymnasium Wednesday.

The Jerome High School junior struggled to stay on the strip of neon orange tape with skulls and crosses on it. The goggles simulated intoxication's effect on balance and vision.

"It doesn't help that I had a

cold," Harding said. "It made me dizzy."

After a taste of police work, Harding looked at information about other careers. She hopes to be a veterinarian for large animals.

Jerome High School's annual career fair Wednesday drew about 1,000 students from the middle school and high school.

"It's never too early to start thinking about these things," said Eric Anderson, Jerome Middle School's principal.

The career fair included 75 representatives from Magic

Valley businesses, colleges, various branches of the military and Jerome High School clubs.

Linda Arrossa, the school's job-based learning coordinator, said the fair, which has been going on for at least six years, drew about 20 more presenters than last year.

"This is the best year we've had," Arrossa said.

That could have something to do with low unemployment rates in western Magic Valley. Some employers say they have difficulty competing for workers — especially those with

specialized skills. College technical programs, such as electronics and surgery technician training, aim to fill the demand.

At Trevino, the school's senior student body vice president says there to help recruit Student Council members.

"That's what the candy's for," Trevino said. He and fellow officers lured the students in, then talked about their concerns and how they can improve the school.

Trevino plans to go to either Please see CAREER, Page E3

Fed raises key interest rate again

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve on Wednesday raised interest rates for the sixth time since last June as policymakers continued their efforts to make sure a strengthening economy does not trigger unwanted inflation.

The Fed announced that it was raising its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, by a quarter-point to 2.5 percent. Before the Fed began tightening credit last year, the funds rate had been at a 45-year low of 1 percent.

The February increase is not expected to be the last. Analysts think the Fed will push the funds rate up in quarter-point increments through most of this year.

"That would mean higher borrowing costs for consumers and businesses. The Fed's action on Wednesday was expected to be quickly followed by announcements from commercial banks that they were raising their prime lending rates, currently at 4.25 percent, by another quarter point as well."

In explaining its action, the Fed repeated a previous promise that it believed it would be able to raise rates at a "pace that is likely to be measured."

Analysts believe the Fed will

Former Times-News editor dies

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Osmond John "O.J." Smith, a former Times-News editor who served on the boards of Idaho for Oregon in 1970, died Sunday. He was 87.

During Smith's years as an editor in Twin Falls, he connected with people elsewhere in the community and made himself approachable, said Twin Falls resident David Mead.

"He opened up the editorship on a more friendly basis and was well known around town," Mead said.

Smith was a member of the Twin Falls Boatmasters and the Twin Falls Rotary Club and served on the boards of the Magic Valley Cowboy Baseball Club, the YMCA and the United Fund. He was also a member of the Sawtooth National Forest advisory board.

After serving as night editor and city editor, Smith became The Times-News' managing editor in 1957, dividing some of the top newsroom duties with O.A. "Mac" Kelker.

During Smith's time in that position, The Times-News experienced big changes — a sale to Inland Publications Inc., transformation from a strictly local product to a regional newspaper.



O.J. Smith at age 87 in July 2004.

per, a move to the newspaper's current building on Fairfield Street and conversion from hot metal composition and letter press production to photo composition and offset newspaper production.

After 14 years with the Twin Falls newspaper, Smith resigned in mid-1970 to join the Oregon Journal in Portland, and Kelker became The Times-News' top editor, a position no longer shared.

In a 1970 news story announcing Smith's resignation, then-publisher Al Westgren praised Smith's "talent, hard work and sense of humor."

The Smith left Magic Valley, he maintained friendships with Twin Falls folks, meeting up

Twin Falls

- Russell Tucker
- Kenneth Turner
- Brian Lewis Uhl
- Theresa Vann
- Velet Corp.
- Lorraine H. Walton
- John Waymirt
- WSI Union
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- Kevin Alfies
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- Idaho
- Barron Farm
- Donner
- Scott Duncan
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- Jesse Gage
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- Vickie Higgins
- Chris Jordan
- Larry Chris
- Auto Body Inc.
- Robert C.
- Flower Shop
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- Cristal Smith
- Lawrence P.
- Spencer
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- Springsteal
- Karen L.
- Spencer
- Samuel Stone
- Carol E. Suits
- John Thomas
- Elizabeth
- Margas
- Billy Trevino
- Juvenito
- Paul Workman

Anheuser-Busch sees rise in profits

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — Among the bevy of corporate earnings reports released Wednesday were quarterly statements from the nation's biggest beer brewer, with barley growers in Magic Valley; the country's largest residential mortgage lender, with a home-loan subsidiary office in Twin Falls; and the nation's second-largest personal lines insurer, with Magic Valley agents.

Among the highlights,

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increase in international volume and a domestic price increase.

The maker of the top-selling Budweiser and Bud Light earned \$332 million, or 42 cents per share, for the period ending Dec. 31, compared with earnings of \$294 million, or 36 cents per share, a year ago.

Net fourth-quarter sales increased 4.7 percent to \$3.37 billion.

The St. Louis-based company reported that domestic beer sales of \$3 billion, up slightly from \$2.98 billion a year ago. And domestic beer volume, 22.9 million barrels, declined 1.5 percent from a year ago. However, higher

prices resulted in a 2.3 percent gain in revenue per barrel.

Earnings also increased for the full year, with Anheuser-Busch earning \$2.24 billion, or \$2.77 per share, up 7.9 percent from earnings of \$2.08 billion, or \$2.48 per share, in 2003. Net sales for the 12 months rose 5.6 percent to \$14.45 billion.

"We expect earnings per share growth in the 6 percent to 9 percent range for 2005 compared with 2004, excluding the one-time items in 2004 and including the impact of expiring stock options in 2005 and 2004," President and CEO Patrick Stokes said.

Allstate

Allstate Corp. said fourth-quarter earnings rose \$0.1

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State guards unclaimed property

The Times-News

BURLEY — 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 claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, worker's compensation benefits and the like.

The Idaho Legislature in 1997 changed state law governing unclaimed property. Now, any 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. Below is a list from Burley 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
Burley and Twin Falls

- Jason Albertson
- Andres Arceo
- Patricia A. Bennett
- Marcia C. Blaz
- Gregory D. Brigham
- Wayne Blauer
- Burley Auction Yard Inc.
- Paul Brismann
- Rae Cranford
- Crawford Auto Body
- Connie P. Danner
- Scott Duncan
- Ida Evans
- Jason Fox
- Jesse Gage
- Li Hernandez
- Vickie Higgins
- Chris Jordan
- Larry Chris
- Auto Body Inc.
- Robert C.
- Flower Shop
- Gary Day
- Geoff Marquze
- Ida Bowler
- Bob Esterbrook
- Francis
- Danna Martin
- Dan Olsen
- George Russell
- Baltazar
- Sanchez
- Francis
- Sanchez
- Jose D.
- Gonzalez
- Marcela
- Sanchez
- Oliver Schroeder
- Cristal Smith
- Lawrence P.
- Spencer
- Walt
- Springsteal
- Karen L.
- Spencer
- Samuel Stone
- Carol E. Suits
- John Thomas
- Elizabeth
- Margas
- Billy Trevino
- Juvenito
- Paul Workman

What to do

- See your name on Idaho's unclaimed property owners list?
- To claim your property, do one of these:
 - Call 800-972-7660, ext. 7623 or ext. 7627.
 - Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410.
 - Send e-mail to lostandfound@tax.state.id.us.
 - Log on to www.tax.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 link to other states' unclaimed property lists.

Consumer Protection Week will focus on preventing identity theft

NEW YORK — With so many Americans falling victim to identity theft and fraud, this year's National Consumer Protection Week is focusing on how consumers can better safeguard their personal information.



ON THE MONEY
Eileen Alt Powell

Government agencies, consumer advocacy groups and nonprofit organizations will spend the week of Feb. 8-12 engaging Americans in a number of ways to protect their Social Security numbers and other personal data, recognize fraudulent telemarketers and avoid computer scams.

"Identity theft is one of those problems that needs serious attention and effort on the part of both consumers and industry," said Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the Consumer Federation of America in Washington, D.C.

"There's an urgent need to raise awareness," said What fraudsters do is steal mailboxes, rummage through trash or send bogus e-mails to try to get Social Security numbers, credit card numbers and other personal information.

They then use the information to drain a victim's bank account or to open new accounts in the victim's name or to take out loans for cars and even homes.

The Federal Trade Commission, which coordinates the government's consumer fraud prevention efforts, recently reported that ID theft topped the list of complaints to the agency in 2004 for the fifth year in a row, accounting for about 40 percent of the 635,000 complaints that were filed.

FTC spokeswoman Claudia Bourne Farrell said that while thieves had become more resourceful, so have consumers.

In ten years ago, one person would complain about credit card fraud, another would say their bank account was at-

tricked, another would complain about someone using their Social Security number—but nobody put it together," she said.

"Focusing on it for National Consumer Protection Week helps consumers see that while their neighbors or their family have experienced it's part of a big picture—and it's all ID theft."

And while there's no way consumers can protect themselves completely from fraudsters, there are things they can do to minimize risk, she said.

By Foley, co-founder of the nonprofit Identity Theft Research Center in San Diego, recommends several steps that consumers can take to make it harder for thieves to prey on them:

- Get your Social Security card—and any cards carrying your Social Security number—out of your wallet.
- If you use the Internet, make sure all your security software is up to date.

• Be vigilant against Internet scams, never giving out personal information unless you initiated the contact or you're sure who you're dealing with.

The rule of thumb is that if a legitimate business is ever going to send you an e-mail asking you to confirm your personal identifying information—none, never," he said. "Also, don't answer with a lottery you didn't enter."

- Check your credit reports for a small fee

Consumers can buy their credit reports for a small fee

from the main credit agencies: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.

Under federal legislation implemented last year, Idahoans are eligible for free copies of their reports.

The new system is being phased in, with residents of Western states—including Idaho—eligible since last December.

People in the Midwest can begin ordering theirs on March 1, while those in the South start June 1. Residents of Eastern

states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories are eligible starting Sept. 1. Free reports are available at www.annualcreditreport.com.

"People are becoming more aware," Foley said. "It used to be that if you lost your wallet, you'd have to worry about replacing your driver's license. Now you have to worry about ID theft. That's motivating."

The center's site at www.idthefcenter.org, which helps victims of ID theft, was getting about 5,000 visitors a

month four years ago; now it attracts some 75,000 a month, Foley said.

The Federal Trade Commission has a booklet titled "ID Theft: When Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name" with tips to help consumers deal with ID theft on its Web site at www.ftc.gov. Federal Americans who fear they've been victimized by thieves can fill out a complaint form on the site or seek help from an FTC consumer at 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338).

As part of National Consumer Protection Week, the Federal Citizen Information Center is making a packet of pamphlets available to consumers, including the "2005 Consumer Action Handbook" of government agency contacts, "Online Security & Safety Tips" and "ID Theft: What's All About?"

Consumers should send their name, address, phone number or money order for \$1 to Consumer Week, Pueblo, CO 81009, or order by calling 888-8PUHLER (888-878-3256).

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE					NASDAQ				
Name	Div	Last	Chg	%	Name	Div	Last	Chg	%
ALCOA	5.25	19.00	+0.25	+1.3	GOOG	0.00	126.25	+1.00	+0.8
AMZN	0.00	175.00	+2.00	+1.1	IBM	3.50	170.00	+1.00	+0.6
AT&T	0.50	14.25	+0.01	+0.07	MSFT	0.56	27.75	+0.01	+0.04
BA	12.50	114.00	+0.50	+0.4	NVDA	0.00	45.00	+0.50	+1.1

NYSE			AMEX			NASDAQ		
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GAINERS (\$2 on week)					LOSERS (\$2 on week)				
Name	Div	Last	Chg	%	Name	Div	Last	Chg	%
Alcoa	5.25	19.00	+0.25	+1.3	Alcoa	5.25	19.00	-0.25	-1.3

DIARY					INDEXES				
Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Total Issues	High/Low	S&P 500	Dow Jones	NASDAQ	Russell 2000	NYSE
2,066	1,227	1,429	1,026	1,405	11,714.99	11,941.52	2,176.57	1,768.10	12,824.36

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST				
Name	Div	Last	Chg	%
Albion	0.00	23.50	+0.25	+1.1

How To Read The Market Report

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange.

Name: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation).

Market: Stocks are listed by market: NYSE, AMEX, or NASDAQ.

Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration, unless otherwise footnoted.

Last: Price of stock closed on Thursday, 4:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Chg: Loss or gain for the week, no change indicated by — mark.

%: Fund Name: Name of mutual fund and family designation.

Self: Net asset value, or price at which fund could be sold.

CHG: Daily net change in the NAV.

TRADING: Stocks of volume greater than 100,000 shares in last 30 days. New 52-week low during trading last day.

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AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE				
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ALCOA	5.25	19.00	+0.25	+1.3

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By Charles M. Schulz



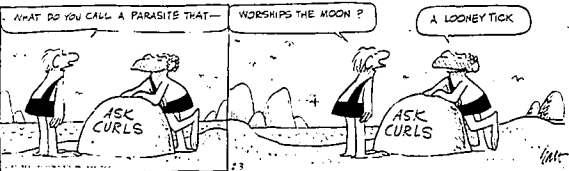
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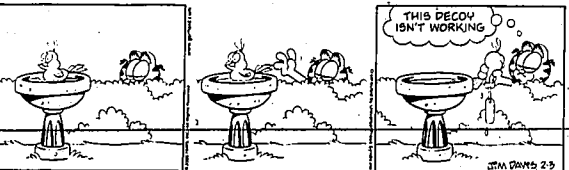
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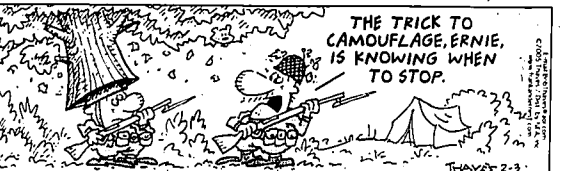
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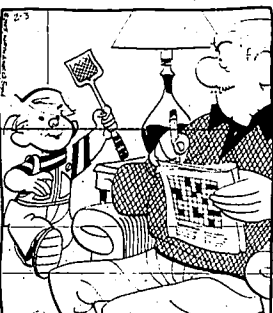
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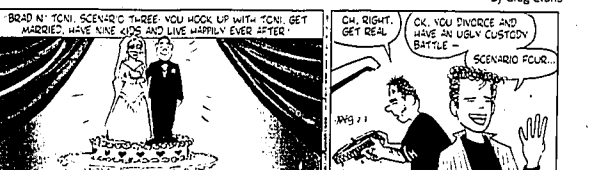
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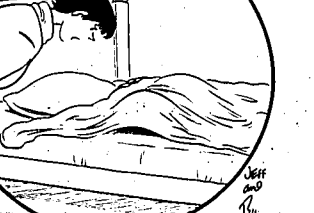
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Clarity is of no importance because nobody listens and nobody knows what you mean no matter what you mean, nor how clearly you mean what you mean"

Gertrude Stein

Some defensive strategies appear so unnatural that unless we encounter them in books... or in articles like this one... our chances of getting them right at the table are slim indeed.

West was guilty of muddled thinking here, since on the auction his partner surely had three spades. The sight of the potential discards on dummy's diamonds should have warned West that he would probably need to cash out three club winners at least.

Given the fact that the club queen was in dummy, West needed to find his partner with the king, coupled with the 10 or with both the nine and eight. To cover all his bases, he had to shift to the club jack at once to force the queen. When East won the king and returned the nine, the defense would have two further club winners with the 10 or not.

Note that shifting to either the club ace or the 10 at trick two does not do the trick. West has to lead the jack at once.

North and South hand diagrams with card suits and ranks (A, K, Q, J, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2).

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: North The bidding: South West North East 1 1 Pass 2 2 All pass Support double, showing three hearts

Opening lead: Spade king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ K Q 8 4 3 2 ♥ 5 ♦ 6 4 2 ♣ A J 4

South West North East Pass Pass Pass Pass

ANSWER: Open two spades, a classical weak two-bid in fourth rank. Do not worry about high-card requirements... the bid shows about 8-12 points here. You have a hand too good to pass out, but you would like to ensure that the opponents do not find it too easy to come into the auction.

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