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## GOOD MORNING

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# Teen's murder trial begins



Sarah Johnson

**By Rebecca Meany**  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — A criminal lay across a Winchester rifle in the master bedroom of the house on Glen Aspen Drive in Bellevue, while blood and skull fragments sullied the floor and walls.

Prosecutors, opening statements Monday in the double-murder trial of Sarah Johnson painted a gruesome scene at the defendant's parents' house

in Bellevue.

Johnson, now 18, faces two counts of first-degree murder in connection with the deaths of her parents, Alan and Diane Johnson, who were found in their bedroom Sept. 2, 2003.

Sarah Johnson appeared in court wearing plaid pants and a light blue sweater with a collared shirt underneath. Her hair was styled and she wore a pair of glasses.

The defense declined to make

opening statements, waiting instead for the state to present its case. Prosecutors filed with the court a list of 75 witnesses they will call to the stand in the coming weeks.

Defense attorneys, led by Bob Pangburn did, however, voice a motion to dismiss the case within the first two hours Monday. They objected to a photo prosecutors projected on a screen that showed a large white stripe across the defendant's face with the

word "GUILTY" written across it. Defense attorneys asked for a mistrial.

Fifth District Judge Barry Wood denied the request, instead allowing them to prepare "curative instructions" to jurors, telling them not to take the slide as evidence.

Before prosecutors' opening statements, the judge instructed the jury panel of the trial's rules: jurors were to decide each murder count on its own.

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## Insurgents step up their attacks

### Kurds gain in elections, troops rescue Egyptians

The Associated Press

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — A Kurdish ticket pulled into second place ahead of U.S.-backed Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's candidates in Iraq's national election after votes were released Monday from the Kurdish self-governing area of the north. Insurgents struck Iraq's security forces with suicide bombs and mortar fire, killing more than 30 people.

First election returns from the Sunni heartland confirmed on Monday that many Sunnis stayed away from ballot boxes, leaving the field to Shiite and Kurdish candidates. A Shiite-dominated ticket backed by the Shiite clergy leads among the 11 candidate lists, with a final tally of last week's election for a 275-member National Assembly expected by week's end.

Monday's attacks were the latest sign that insurgents are stepping up attacks against Iraq's security forces, which the United States hopes can assume a greater role once a newly elected government takes office. The bombings and kidnappings have shattered a brief downturn in violence after the Jan. 30 elections, the first nationwide balloting since the fall of Saddam Hussein in April 2003.

U.S. troops manning a checkpoint discovered four Egyptian technicians who had been kidnapped the day before in Baghdad, an Egyptian diplomat said. The four were freed and some arrests were made, he added.

Monday's deadliest attack occurred in Baquba, where a suicide car bomber exploded his vehicle outside the gates of a provincial police headquarters, killing 15 people and wounding 17, police Col. Muthihaar al-Jubouri said. Many victims were looking for jobs as policemen, al-Jubouri said.



An Iraqi woman and children watch U.S. Army soldiers on patrol in Mosul, Iraq, on Monday.

## Bush's budget cuts domestic spending

Chicago Tribune

**WASHINGTON** — Seeking spending restraint unused since the 1980s, President Bush on Monday proposed a \$2.57 trillion federal budget that cuts spending for education, farming, and numerous other domestic programs while boosting defense spending at home and abroad.

In his blueprint for 2006, Bush said he wants to cut spending by just under 1 percent for programs outside of defense and security outlays where Congress has discretion to set priorities.

At the same time, the president asked for increases of about 5 percent for both national defense and homeland security, a buildup in defense spending that would total 41 percent on his watch if Congress follows his lead.

The increased spending for defense and homeland security would be in addition to the costs of waging wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, with the White House planning to seek an additional \$81 billion later this month for those conflicts. Yet Bush said that his new budget would keep Washington on track toward his promise of cut-

Highlights of the proposed budget.  
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ting the annual federal budget deficit in half by the end of his term in 2009.

"Our priorities are winning the war on terror, protecting our homeland, growing our economy," Bush said in announcing his budget plan. "It's a budget that focuses on results. Taxpayers in America don't want us spending their money on something that's not achieving results."

The president's budget represents the start of a months-long struggle leading to congressional drafting of new spending plans by October, with the White House suggesting that the "political theater" already has begun.

While the president's strongest ally on Capitol Hill, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., hailed Bush's budget as "a good starting point" with "common-sense" spending restraint, Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., denounced it as "irresponsible" and "misleading."

## Prosecutor, advocates push for Arizona spousal rape law change

The Associated Press

**FLAGSTAFF, Ariz.** — The 49-year-old woman was awakened around midnight by an assailant who choked her, dragged her by the hair and raped her so many times before the sun came up that she lost count, police say. When she asked if he would live, her attacker allegedly told her: "We'll see."

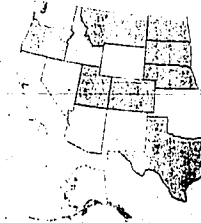
Usually, rapes like the one described by the woman in September would be punishable by up to 14 years in prison in Arizona. But the man accused in the attack was the woman's husband, meaning the crime allegedly is considered spousal rape. The punishment: no more than 1.5 years behind bars, and perhaps no prison time at all.

Prosecutors in Coconino County where the alleged attack occurred, said the disparity is unconstitutional. So in addition to bringing kidnapping and assault charges against the 45-year-old man, they have charged him under the standard rape law, setting the stage for a legal battle over whether Arizona's spousal rape statute violates the Constitution's equal protection guarantees.

"The current statutes are extremely unfair and unconstitutional, and they need to be changed," said David

### Changing spousal rape law

Prosecutors in a spousal rape case in Arizona are challenging that state's law, which distinguishes between spousal and non-spousal rape cases, on grounds that Arizona's sentencing guidelines violate the Constitution's equal protection guarantees.



SOURCE: American Prosecutors Research Institute

### Treatment of spousal rape

- Must be force/threat of force
- Same as rape of other victims
- Different crime, force not required

Rutemera, chief deputy in the Coconino County Attorney's Office.

Advocates for domestic violence victims say few states treat spousal rape as other forms of rape as disparately as Arizona does.

Arizona law sees spousal rape as the lowest possible felony. The burden of proof is higher

than it is in standard rape cases. And it makes no difference under the law whether the spouses are estranged or living apart.

"It treats victims differently solely because of their marital status," said Kelli Luther of the Crime Victims Legal Assistance Project in Arizona. "We think this is really archaic."

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Seasonal with patchy sunshine overhead. Highs from 33 to 39.
Tonight: Mostly dry, partly cloudy and cold. Lows from 14 to 20.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny with a light breeze developing. Highs from 33 to 39.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, Hi Lo. Lists weather for Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with a thin veil of light snow or ice developing. Highs from 32 to 38.
Tonight: Mostly dry, partly cloudy and cold. Lows from 9 to 15.
Tomorrow: Mostly dry with patchy sunshine overhead. Highs from 33 to 39.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes monthly and yearly data.

Sunrise and Sunset

Table with 2 columns: Sunrise, Sunset. Lists times for various days.

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Moistly dry and slowly warming through mid-week. Fair winds and light breezes will prevail.
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Northern Utah
Snow chances will decline through the day today.

Regional Forecast

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc.

National Forecast

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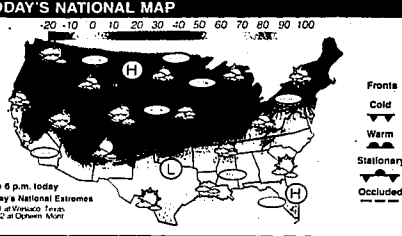
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Idahoans fail to file for tax credits

BOISE (AP) - An estimated 52,000 Idahoans who are eligible for a tax credit but failed to file for it may still be able to get some of the \$68 million in money they missed out on.
The Internal Revenue Service estimates a third of the Idaho individuals or families eligible for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit - designed to help the nation's working poor - didn't claim it.
The EITC is a refundable tax credit and can mean up to an extra \$4,300 for some families.

Medicaid

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A crisis is coming. We're a microcosm of what is happening nationwide, Bedke said.
The way Bedke sees it, lawmakers have three choices: They can manage Medicaid growth better; they can cut other budgets to pay for Medicaid; or they can raise taxes.
Here's a list of suggestions that he and others from the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee already came up with over the summer.

Budget features steep increases, cuts

WASHINGTON - President Bush's 2006 budget is a fiscal roller coaster, with steep raises for some federal programs and sharp drops for others.
Here's a look at some of the more dramatic elements:
Agriculture: Slash Agriculture Department spending \$3.6 billion to \$19.4 billion, cutting payments to farmers by 5 percent, largely by lowering the annual ceiling on payments to \$250,000 from \$360,000.
Defense: Increase Defense Department budget by 4.5 percent to \$419.3 billion.
Transportation: Cut the Transportation Department budget by 1 percent - to \$57.5 billion - partly by eliminating subsidies to Amtrak, the nation's passenger-rail carrier. Amtrak received \$1.2 billion this year.

Military support group meets Saturday

The Magic Valley Military Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome Library.
Anyone who has a friend or family member in the military is invited.
The group's purpose is to provide support by listening to and talking with those who have loved ones in the military and are concerned about them.

Trial

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uninformed by a decision on the other count; they were not notified unless something like this is done, how can I go to my constituents and tell them their taxes need to be raised? Bedke asked.
Auntanary committee member Rep. Pete Nielsen, R-Mountain Home, balked at the suggestions.
'What if the department accuses us of micromanaging?' he asked.
Unabashedly willing to take on controversial budgets, Bedke answered, 'We've lived with accusations before.'

hind yellow police tape as soon as he saw the garbage truck approaching.
Detectives also found a pregnancy kit in the trash - evidence, they say, that showed Sarah and her boyfriend, Bruno Santos, had a sexual relationship after her parents disapproved of it.
Prosecutors said Sarah was 'livid' that her parents wanted to turn him in to authorities for statutory rape.
'We don't have to prove motive,' Thomas said. 'Everybody wants to know. It's a human emotion. We know Sarah was dating 19-year-old Bruno Santos. She was 16. She was obsessed with him. It was a very heavy, sexual relationship. Alan and Diane did not approve of this relationship. They wanted it to stop.'
Prosecutors also claimed that the defendant tried to pin the deaths on a disgruntled cleaning lady, who is expected to take the stand at a later date.
Santos is also expected to take the stand. Prosecutors said that after he was deported to Mexico following the killings, he voluntarily came back to Idaho to testify at the grand jury investigation.
'I provided access to his home, his car, his DNA,' Thomas said.
Sarah Johnson burst into sobbing twice during Monday's proceedings; once when Thomas was describing the bedroom crime scene and

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again when prosecutors played the recording of a 911 call a neighbor made after Sarah came 'over the morning of her parents' death.
After opening statements, prosecutors called six witnesses to the stand.
Kim Richards, the Johnsons' neighbor, testified that Sarah had been running over to her family's house that morning.
'She was screaming,' Richards said. 'She said someone was in her house. Someone shot her parents.'
Richards told the court that Sarah told her she heard shots, but Sarah didn't say she saw someone shoot her parents, nor did she see their bodies.
'Rather, Sarah assumed they had been shot because they didn't answer when she called out their names a couple of times, Richards said.
'It did not appear to Richards that Sarah had just gotten out of bed because her sleeping attire was not wrinkled and her hair was not unkempt.'
Timothy Richards, Kim's husband, told the court what he discovered when he went over to the Johnsons' house.
'There was an odor,' he said. 'It was sour. There were pieces of hair, skin a soggy mess under my feet. From the visual that I saw, I knew that something terrible was going on.'

# FCC, Nextel agree on plan

### Proposal aims to end interference from cell phones

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nextel Communications Inc. agreed Monday to a plan by federal regulators aimed at ending interference from Nextel cell phones that disrupts public safety communication systems in hundreds of communities.

The Federal Communications Commission will give Reston, Va.-based Nextel a new piece of broadcast spectrum in return for the company vacating other spectrum and paying to reconfigure the airwaves it currently occupies.

The agreement, valued at \$4.8 billion, is the end of a

years-long process aimed at eliminating cell phone interference that in some cases leaves police, fire and other emergency personnel unable to communicate.

There have been no reports that the interference caused injuries or deaths, though public safety officials have said personnel are endangered whenever they respond to a call and cannot communicate.

"This has, indeed, been the most difficult, complex, and challenging issue I have faced in seven years at the commission," said outgoing FCC Chairman Michael Powell. "It is gratifying on so many levels to see the day coming to life."

Powell was joined at a news conference by Nextel President Tim Donahue, who called the agreement "simply the right thing to do for first responders,

homeland security and for Nextel."

Donahue said the transition would begin immediately and should be completed in three years. The company's planned merger with Sprint Corp. won't affect the agreement.

Nextel says its customers won't notice any changes or service disruptions.

Shares of Nextel declined nearly 2 percent, or 52 cents, to close Monday at \$29.28 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Radio users by police, firefighters and other first responders now broadcast on the same 800-megahertz spectrum as Nextel cell phones. In many cases, Nextel transmits cell phone calls on spectrum next to that used by emergency service personnel to dispatch calls.

"So, for example, if a radio dis-

patch is made at 850 MHz near a Nextel cell tower broadcasting at 851 MHz, it can be drowned out."

The agreement calls for Nextel to lose some spectrum in the 800 band and bundle together its remaining spectrum in the band and move it further away from emergency service frequencies. Those frequencies will be relocated next to each other, which should dramatically reduce the likelihood of interference, FCC officials said.

"Command and control rely on effective communication and interference was limiting our ability to do exactly that," said Bob DiPoli, president of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and also the fire chief in Needham, Mass. "The agreement allows for clear communications for first responders."

# Soldiers turn back crash victims' relatives

CHEENAI, Afghanistan (AP) — Security forces Monday turned back relatives trying to get to a freezing mountain where NATO soldiers found human remains but no survivors in the wreckage of an Afghan airliner four days after it struck a snowbound peak with 104 people on board.

NATO helicopters spotted parts of the wreckage some 11,000 feet up Chaperi Mountain on Saturday, but freezing fog, low clouds and up to 8 feet of snow had prevented teams from reaching the site.

Clear weather Monday allowed a Spanish Cougar helicopter to drop five Slovenian mountain troops onto the mountain top 20 miles east of Kabul, where they toiled through the deep snow to inspect several pieces of fuselage.

"They did find human remains," NATO spokeswoman Maj. Karen Tissot Van Tatot said. "It was impossible to say how many bodies the remains belonged to, she said. The troops were lifted out again as visibility deteriorated."

A team of 100 Afghan soldiers who got within 150 yards of the crash site were going to spend Monday night there, as part of medical teams that hope to reach it Tuesday to collect bodies.

# Jury convicts defrocked priest in sex abuse case

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Defrocked priest Paul Shanley, the most notorious figure in the sex scandal that rocked the Boston Archdiocese, was convicted Monday of raping and fondling a boy at his Roman Catholic church during the 1980s.

The conviction on all four charges gives prosecutors a high-profile victory in their effort to bring pedophile priests to justice for decades of abuse at parishes around the country.

Shanley, 74, could get life in prison for two counts each of child rape and indecent assault and battery on a child when he is sentenced Feb. 15. His bail was revoked and he was immediately led off to jail.

The victim, now 27, put his head down and sobbed as the verdicts were announced after a trial that turned on the reliability of whether he claimed he recovered memories of the long-ago abuse. Shanley showed no emotion as he stood next to his attorney, Frank Madano.

"It appears that the absence of a case is not an impediment to securing a conviction," said Madano, who promised to appeal.

The jury began deliberating Thursday afternoon.

During the trial, the accused broke down on the stand as he testified in graphic detail that Shanley pulled him out of Sunday morning catechism classes and raped and groped him in the church bathroom, the jurors heard in testimony and the news starting when he was 6 and continuing for six years.

"It felt awful," he testified. "He told me nobody would ever

believe me if I told anybody."

The accused, who repressed his memories of the abuse but that they came flooding back three years ago, triggered by news coverage of the sex scandal, fled Boston and soon engaged the church worldwide.

Shanley, once a long-haired, jeans-wearing "street priest" who courted Boston's troubled youth, sat stoically for most of the trial, listening to his accuser's testimony with the help of a hearing aid.

The defense called just one witness — a psychologist who said that so-called recovered memories can be false, even if the accuser ardently believes they are true. A lawyer for Shanley argued that the accuser was either mistaken or concocted the story with the help of personal injury lawyers to cash in on a multimillion-dollar settlement resulting from the sex scandal.

The accuser, now a firefighter in suburban Boston, was one of at least two dozen men who claimed they had been molested by Shanley.

The archdiocese's own personnel records showed that church officials knew Shanley publicly advocated sex between men and boys, yet continued to transfer him from parish to parish.

The defense said the accuser had no financial motivation in accusing Shanley of rape in the criminal case because he received his \$500,000 settlement with the archdiocese nearly a year ago. They also cited his three days on stand, during which he sobbed and begged the judge not to force him to continue testifying.

# Preacher is found guilty of stealing from churches

ATLANTA (AP) — A preacher was convicted Monday of stealing nearly \$9 million from hundreds of small, black churches across the country by promising them big returns on small investments.

Abraham Kennard was found guilty by a federal jury in Rome on 116 counts, including fraud and evasion.

Prosecutors said he ran a pyramid scheme that took advantage of the tight network of black preachers to which he belonged.

"I know you can see clearly it was a scheme all right. And for some 1,600 churches, it was a nightmare," prosecutor David McClernan said during closing arguments.

Kennard, 46, of Wildwood, Ga., countered he was not guilty of anything.

"It's not a law against riding in a Cadillac if you don't want to ride in a Volkswagen," Kennard, who represented himself, said in his opening remarks.

Michael Trost, who served as Kennard's standby counsel, said he believed Kennard intended to help the churches.

He is scheduled to be sentenced April 15.

Prosecutors said Kennard claimed his company was developing Christian resorts around the country. He told preachers that for a fee of a few thousand dollars, their churches could be members of his company. In return, he promised that in time the churches would get a grant or a forgivable loan of up to \$500,000.

The scheme spread as the trusting ministers told their

friends, relatives and fellow pastors.

"It wasn't about ignorance. It was about trust," said the Rev. James Cane of Victory Worship Center in Birmingham, Ala., one of several preachers who testified for the government.

Kennard's brother, Laboyce, was also found guilty Monday of conspiracy to commit money laundering.

Prosecutors said he accepted more than \$360,000 from his brother.

Laboyce Kennard's attorney said his client was only trying to start his own business and had no knowledge of his brother's church enterprise.

The Kennard's cousin, Janie Trammel, and stepbrother Alvin Jasper also were indicted but pleaded guilty and testified at the trial.

A lawyer was charged with money laundering and will be tried later.

Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammed Zahir Azimi said. "A hand might be here and a foot somewhere else, so it will vary difficult," Azimi said. "As well as the cold and the snow, there could be mines up there. It will take weeks to complete our job."

Down below, Afghan soldiers and police milled checkpoints to stop family members and media from approaching the area — to the fury of dozens of men eager to observe Muslim custom by quickly burying their dead.

Relatives fretted that wolves and vultures could feed on the victims and rumors spread of looters answering calls made to their mobile phones. One man brandished a tattered Kam Air ticket he said he found in a nearby village.

Some evaded the checkpoints but returned disheveled as even their sport utility vehicles proved no match for the deep snow.

"How can I look at this white mountain, where part of my heart lies?" said a man named Ajazi, whose uncle, Shafia, took the doomed plane on the way back from a business trip to Iran. "I have to move, I have to try."

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MORNING BREAK

Letter from 1964 still resonates with readers

DEAR ABBY: In 1964, I read a column of your mother's that hit home with me. It was about a man leaving his wife, a lady, for a tramp. I was enduring a similar situation at that time, and my mother cut the column out and gave it to me to comfort me. The clipping, now fragile and yellowed with age, was a contributing factor in my healing.



DEAR ABBY: Jeanne Phillips

out, goes to bed, then goes home.

"There's no difference. Kipling said, 'The Colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady are sisters under their skin.'"

"The difference between a lady and a tramp is men with big mouths."

"A lady draws a line. The tramp falls for it."

"A lady is chaste. A tramp is chased."

"There are no tramps. Only lonely ladies."

"A lady lies around and sleeps. A tramp sleeps around and lies."

"You pay a tramp in advance — but a lady costs more in the long run."

"A lady is the female you're living with right now. A tramp is the one you used to live with."

"A lady lives for a loving. A tramp loves for a living."

"A lady is the woman my father left. A tramp is the woman he left her for."

"The difference between a lady and a tramp is discretion. I should know. I've been both."

"There is no difference. Both are the children of God."

"The difference between a lady and tramp? About three drinks."

"A lady goes out, goes home and goes to bed. A tramp goes

taken off after being left running at a gas pump.

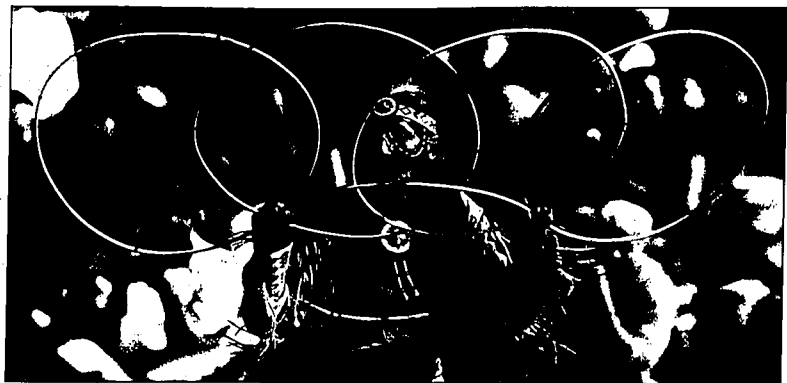
The car turned into the boy's apartment complex and struck two parked cars, then backed up and struck Osga's police car.

"He knew how to go from forward to reverse," Osga said Monday. "The mother said she taught him how to drive by letting him sit on her lap and steer him."

No charges will be filed against the boy or his mother, Heugel said.

"He's 4 years old. His mom didn't even know he was up," Heugel told The Grand Rapids Press. "I don't think he even realizes what he did."

HIGH HOOPS



Jones Benally of Flagstaff, Ariz., competes in the senior division of The Heard Museum's 15th Annual World Championship Hoop Dance Contest on Sunday in Phoenix, Ariz.

Spam contains mostly pork shoulder

The animal stuff that goes into Spam isn't really as bad as some people think. It's mostly just pork shoulder — a cut of meat too fatty to be sold as ham but not fatty enough to be sliced into bacon.

RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS Jack Mingo Erin Barrett

This day in history: Feb. 9, 1587, was a bad day for Mary, Queen of Scots, because it was the day of her beheading. It was a bad day for her executioner, too. The nervous ax man took five swings to cut through her neck, eliciting groans from the VIPs who attended, and finally had to finish the job grinding with the blade. Afterward, when he held her head up by the hair for all to see, Mary's wig slipped off in his hand and her head tumbled across the ground.

around on the ground. There are two species of tree kangaroos that crawl around high in the tree tops.

When occupied by the Germans during World War II, thousands of Danish citizens created a secret underground railroad, smuggling virtually all of the country's 7,000 Jews to safety in Sweden.

Those turtles in your local pond may once have been somebody's pet. Back in the

1950s, baby turtles were a fad item sold in pet, department and drug stores. Most of the red-eared terrapins died young from abuse, neglect and being flushed down toilets, but some were released into the wild. Those that survived can live as long as 75 years.

Unlike most wines, sake is best served fresh. Aged rice wine tends to lose its flavor over time.

When swimming, platypuses not only close their eyes but their nostrils and ears, too. So how do they find food underwater? That's where it gets interesting. In their soft, blue beaks, platypuses have 850,000 receptors that can sense the tiny jolts of electricity given off by the nerves and muscles of underwater prey.

What does amphibian literally mean? It comes from the Greek words for "double life."

After the French Revolution, the new government had the brilliant idea of changing the calendar.

They created weeks of 10 days, and twelve 30-day months starting at the autumn equinox, with the leftover five or six days celebrated at the end of the year. The months were given names like "Frimaire" (frost) and "Messidor" (harvest) by distinguished poet Fabre d'Églantine, but the people called it "Merde!" instead, and the government quickly went back to the old calendar.

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Pisces: Tune into body language and subtle signals

IF FEBRUARY 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... The new moon in your area of the zodiac means an important new phase is beginning as you ponder the things that are essential to your happiness. March and April may bring challenges that require hard work and a strict attention to responsibility. But rest assured that well-earned rewards will come your way by September, when prosperous circumstances will brighten your life.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be quite impressionable today and easily influenced by the opinions of others. By honoring the belief system and philosophy of someone else, you can succeed in winning trust.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A new moon today places emphasis on sharing your thoughts, your money or your feelings. Honesty is always the best policy — especially when dealing with loved ones at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The new moon in your opposing sign may signal a new awareness within close relationships.

Joint plans for the future could require that you buckle down to achieve your goals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your sympathies could be stirred. A more pronounced capacity for deep understanding aids communication with partners and co-workers. A whimsical approach to serious matters makes time fly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Doing what comes from the heart is the most important item on your agenda. Today's new moon begins a monthlong creative cycle in which you can please yourself by pursuing hobbies or artistry.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Those in your immediate circle seem more loving and kind-hearted, so it is easy to relax and enjoy domestic pleasures. A new cycle of activity is beginning at home; you may need to adjust your schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You're on the same mental

wavelength as significant others and can make important progress in partnerships through discussion. Planetary focus is on the importance of accuracy in what is said.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The new moon falls in the financial sector for Capricorns, so over the next few weeks you may become more conscious of the ebb and flow of your dollars. It takes money to make money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The new moon in your sign marks the beginning of a month in which you will become more aware of your appearance. Perhaps it is time to take a critical look at your wardrobe or try a new haircut.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus is on communicating with others and like-minded individuals will tend to come into focus. Act on your hunches: You will be tuned in to body language and subtle signals.

Michigan boy, 4, drives to video store and back

SAND LAKE, Mich. (AP) — A boy drove his mother's car to a video store in the middle of the night, police said — and he's all of 4 years old.

Even though he was unable to reach the accelerator, the boy managed to put the car in gear and the idling engine provided enough power to take him slowly to the store, a quarter-mile from his home, about 1:30 a.m. Friday, Police Chief Doug Heugel said.

Finding the store closed, the youngster began a slow trip home.

Weaving and with its headlights off, the car got the attention of police Sgt. Jay Osga, who initially thought he was following a driverless car that had

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## Army apologizes for bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army has identified 128 wounded soldiers who mistakenly received bills for expenses upon returning home from Iraq — in some cases instead of final paychecks — and it has forgiven their debts.

After learning of the first such cases, Army Gen. Richard A. Cody said, an audit team determined that other wounded soldiers "experienced pay issues" and the Army has made changes it hopes will prevent other instances.

"We are dedicated to the well being of our soldiers and strive to provide the absolute best for America's sons and daughters," Cody, said in a letter sent late Friday to Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The Democrat from New York intervened in the case of Spc. Robert Loria, who lost his arm in Iraq. In December, as Loria was about to be discharged from the Army, officials told the 27-year-old soldier from Middletown, N.Y. that he owed nearly \$1,800 in expenses.

Loria, who was wounded last February, had expected to get a check for nearly \$4,500.

But Army officials said he had been overpaid for his time as a patient at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and said he still owed money for travel between the Washington-area hospital, where he received treatment, and Fort Hood in Texas, where he was recovering. Officials also said he also owed money for items not found in his returned equipment and had to repay his family separation stipend.

Clinton and other members of the New York delegation claimed that the Army's estimate of expenses owed was too large and based in part on paperwork errors and bureaucratic complications.

They also faulted Army officials for failing to help wounded soldiers determine just how much money they are owed.

The Army ultimately forgave Loria's debt.

But after Clinton's office received other similar complaints, she sent a letter to the Army on Jan. 19 asking what procedures were in place to avoid similar cases. She said the complaints she heard "suggest serious systemic problems."

In his response, Cody said Army medical and financial officials now meet individually with wounded soldiers to ensure they are aware of any entitlements they are owed, and he said, the Army has established financial support teams at hospitals for wounded soldiers to swiftly take care of any such problems.

## Dean's last opponent bows out of race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tim Roemer, the only remaining opponent of Howard Dean in the race to be chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said Monday he's bowing out of the race — but he offered a warning to Democrats.

Dean, the former presidential candidate and governor of Vermont, is expected to win the DNC chairmanship at the election Feb. 12.

Roemer, a former congressman from Indiana and a member of the Sept. 11 commission, said Democrats must be more inclusive in their outreach to fast-growing parts of the country.

"I got into this race five weeks ago to talk about the devastating loss we experienced in November," Roemer said in an interview. "It was not about 60,000 votes in Ohio. It was

about losing 97 of the 100 fastest growing counties in the country. If that's a trend in business or politics you're in trouble."

Republicans are in the strongest position they've been in since the early 20th century, Roemer said.

Roemer, who said top Democrats in Congress encouraged him to enter the chairmanship race, said he wants to strengthen Democrats' position

on national security.

"If there's one reason Senator Kerry lost the presidential race, it was because he failed to make the American people feel safer," Roemer said, adding that he also wanted to encourage talk within the party about developing a stronger position on values.

Roemer said he hoped to make the party more inclusive, especially on the issue of abortion.

He opposes abortion except in cases of rape, incest and the health of the mother.

His opposition to abortion rights sparked early opposition in the race from abortion choice advocates.

Aides to Dean, the only candidate standing from the original seven-man field, said he continues to make calls to DNC members to assure his choice as chairman.

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## Commerce secretary begins job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Carlos Gutierrez, the former chief executive of cereal giant Kellogg, was sworn in Monday as the nation's 45th Commerce secretary.

On his first day on the job, Gutierrez spoke to employees at the department's headquarters, pledging to build on the record of Bush's first Commerce chief, Donald Evans, who resigned to return to Texas.

"Through our efforts to open markets, we can work together with other departments and Congress to strengthen America's economy," Gutierrez said in brief remarks.

Gutierrez, one of two Hispanics in Bush's second-term Cabinet, has the job of bolstering the fortunes of U.S. manufacturers, a sector that lost 2.7 million jobs over the past four years as the country's trade deficit soared to record levels.

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## EDITORIAL

### Senate sends the wrong message on meeting rule

The danger of a one-party system in Idaho raised its ugly head last Thursday, as Idaho's Senate widened its authority to close meetings. Under the new rule change, the Senate can close its committee meetings and hearings with a two-third vote of that committee.

Most Senate committees consist of seven to eight members. That means five or six members of a committee can close a meeting of state government without any valid explanation.

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Idaho's Constitution states, "The business of each house, and the committee of the whole shall be transacted openly and not in secret session." We can speak for every Idahoan, but that language seems rather straightforward on the matter.

#### Our view: The Idaho Senate embraces secrecy by expanding its power to close committee meetings.

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

Yet the sponsor of the new Senate rule, Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, argues that Senate rules of procedure trump the statutes of Idaho's Constitution. Concerning restrictions to the press, Davis says the Senate rule-change is no different than old statutes that required reporters gaining permission from legislative leaders in order to attend committee meetings.

If Davis and his colleagues have their grievances with the press, that's fine. But this issue goes beyond disagreements with the media. It involves the entire public, and they're the ones who pay for state government.

The argument that the Senate's rarely-closed meetings in the past, is an even weaker excuse for this rule. How does expanding the authority to close meetings reassure Idahoans that their government will be more open? As Senate Judiciary Chairman Denton Darrington, R-Declo, noted, "This is an expanded option which could serve me well at some time, (although) I don't expect that I'm going to need it."

If you don't need the rule, why is it necessary? How does it serve the public and not just the motives of a few legislators?

Fact is, the public is willing to accept a logical reason for closed meetings when it's made persuasively. But when legislators give themselves the ability to close meetings for no reason at all, it looks like secret government.

The purpose of closed meetings and executive sessions are usually explained in terms of protecting terms of legal confidentiality and personnel matters. Local government bodies state those reasons before they close sessions, but legislators seem to think their business

## Party boss not Dean's strong suit

A few weeks ago, when former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean declared his intention to run for chairman of the Democratic National Committee, news reports had the general tone of "Get this, that crazy scream guy is back and he wants to run the party." Now, days before the vote, his victory is a "fait accompli." How did this happen? Are Democrats suicidally crazy? Wait. That's not the rephrase the question. Why are Democrats suicidally crazy?

### JOHNATHAN CHAIT

The conventional rap against Dean as DNC chairman is essentially the same as the conventional rap against him as presidential candidate a year ago. Namely, he reinforces all the party's weaknesses. Democrats need to appeal to culturally traditional voters in the Midwest and border states who worry about the party's commitment to national security. Dean, with his intense secularism, arrogant style, throngs of high-profile counter-culture supporters and association with the peace movement, is the precise opposite of the image Democrats want to send out.

The conventional rap is completely right. But, in a way, Dean is even less suited to run the DNC than he is to run for president.

The DNC chairman has two main jobs. First, he transmits the party's message — an important role when the party lacks a president and majority leaders in Congress. The job requires one to master the dismal art of "message discipline," boiling down the party's ideas into a few simple phrases and repeating them over and over until they have sunk into the public consciousness.

It's a role for which Dean is particularly ill-suited. During his campaign, he self-fashioned himself a straight talker, delighting reporters by



repeatedly wandering "off message." On the plus side, he won friends in the media by appearing honest and human. On the negative side, he did himself enormous damage, when, for example, he suggested that he wouldn't prejudice Osama bin Laden until he had been convicted in a court of law.

For presidential candidates, the negatives of "straight talk" usually outweigh the positives. Paul Maslin, Dean's former pollster, wrote in the Atlantic Monthly after the campaign fell apart: "Our candidate's erratic judgment, loose tongue and overall stubbornness wore our spirits down." But at least for a presidential campaign, Dean is some positive in going off message. In a job like party chairman, a loose cannon is nothing but downside.

The second major task of the DNC chairman is to run the party organization. And here, if this is at all possible, Dean looks even worse. Garance Rutledge, who wrote sympathetically about Dean in the Prospect during the campaign, spoke with several former Dean

staffers. One called the candidate "a horrible manager" and added, "I wouldn't trust him to run a company." Another called his management style "just a disaster."

Dean, remember, raised about \$50 million by positioning himself as the most anti-Bush candidate, but blew through it so fast that he was nearly broke by January. This represents the sort of financial acumen you associate with deuded, fast-in-the-pan celebrities — cue the narrator for VH-1's "Behind the Music": "But the good times and lavish spending couldn't last for M.C. Hammer" — not with chairman of a major political parties.

So how did Dean manage to trounce all comers for this position? Dean's supporters see his triumph as the victory of the masses over a tiny Democratic elite desperately trying to cling to power. As one left-liberal blogger gloated: "The fact that Howard Dean will most likely be heading up the Democratic Party is our victory! It is the voice of the grass roots lifted up into the halls of power"

once owned by the "aristocracy of consultants." That actually has it backward. A recent Wall Street Journal poll found that only 27 percent of Democrats approve of Dean.

In the latest issue of the New Republic, Ryan Lizza described how Dean had prevailed in a process of third-rate intrigue. The choosing of the DNC chairman has been dominated by state parties, whose concerns revolve around expanding parks, including a demand for a \$200,000 hand-out for each state party from the national party. Nobody seemed to pay much attention to the road of the party as a whole. Meanwhile, Dean touched those leaders' ideological egos, promising to "feed our core constituencies" and not be "Republican-lite."

As the last election showed, the core constituencies are plenty well fed. There just aren't enough of them to wirt the White House.

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### All propositions and questions have answers

I confess that I cannot keep pace with the tortuous machinations of Mr. William Locker's writing — he writes like a card-shark plays. Also, in reference to Ms. Connie Windsor's letter, biasing the American Civil Liberties Union, all I want to say at this point is, "God Bless the ACLU."

This letter is directed to Mr. Larry Hughten's letter of Dec. 17, 2004; however, I am under no illusion that he, Locker, or Ms. Windsor will agree one whit with my thesis unless they get their heads out of the "truth" sand.

Mr. Hughten said, "This is and therefore cannot be tweaked around using semantics (big words or high-sounding phrases). Get the things as they are." Hughten's understanding of semantics is a one-of-his-own. I suggest he begin his education by carefully following the vocabulary exercises in the Reader's Digest.

I believe that all propositions and questions, including those concerned with theology and religion, have right answers. There are not only all unsettled theological and religious questions but all unsettled questions are settleable and therefore arguable.

Furthermore, my belief that every proposition and question has an answer involves little if anything more contentious than the commonly held knowledge that they are either true or false but not both.

To understand a proposition is to have some idea of what would have to be the case for

that proposition to be true, and therefore to have some idea of what steps must be taken to find a given answer to be true.

To understand a question is to have some idea of what would count as an answer to it, and some idea of the steps by which it can be established for any given answer whether that answer is or is not a correct answer to it. Every unsettled question is at least a settleable question, an arguable question, for each party to dispute it is required to offer grounds for his answer.

The difference between a certain answer's being true and its being false will always show itself in some other difference that makes that difference.

Also, there can be no contradictions between answers only if each answer is either true or false or both answers are false.

(My thanks to Mr. Phil Kneifel whose questions led me in this direction.)

JOHN WALSH  
 Burley

### 'Quagmire' critics ignore the successes of Iraq

"PBS" always-informative Wall Street Journal program (Sundays, 11:30 a.m.) noted three days before the Iraq elections — which, by any measure, were a glowing testament to its desire for both peace and dictatorship — the Senate's No. 1 nattering nabob of negativity, Ted Kennedy, made a speech in which he bombastically and arrogantly argued the United States "isn't winning the hearts and minds of the Iraqis." I can't think of a more radiant reason why self-parodying Democrats

such as Kennedy — and also Barbara Boxer and Nancy Pelosi, who made similarly cynical and timid overly timid caustic comments both before and after the election! — are losing their relevance than this.

The "quagmire"-minded, liberal-leaning at the DNC, The New York Times and The Washington Post should write Baghdad's Iraqthemodel.com and read the myriad of positive things that continue to be accomplished in that country, especially those listed under "Iraqi Blogs," "News" and "Soldiers' Blogs" (Blogs, of course, were the key reason why "60 Minutes" expose about Bush's National Guard service was exposed for being the yellow journalism it was!).

The Jan. 31 Wall Street Journal had some terrific op-ed analysis, also — one by Michael Rubin, editor of the Middle East Quarterly. Then they should read one of the many excellent pre-invasion Iraq books (e.g., Con Coughlin's "Saddam, King of Terror," Ken Pollack's "The Threatening Storm," Khalid Hamza's "Saddam's Bombmaker," Fareed Zakaria's "The Future of Freedom," Sam al-Khalil's "Republic of Fear") to remind themselves what Iraq's life used to be like — one of complete terror-filled hopelessness.

Easily for silver spoon-mised arachnid assessors like Kennedy, Pelosi, Boxer, etc. — the Wood River Valley has plenty, too! — to harp only on what has gone wrong, not right. In Iraq, "the only" the incredibly brave, defiant Iraqis who voted Sunday know better!

JOHN PLUNTYZ  
 Ketchum

### Local artist merits more patron support

Most of you know the local artist, Gary Stone, who paints more than just pictures and also on wood.

In a big quarter-page ad in "The Times-News," I was advertising his work, and for the first time his Ravlindale and Willows collection. We were excited about seeing this and went early but were disappointed that such a few people showed up. The display was awesome. He discussed how he did some of the paintings and the discovery of an ancient civilization in the Snake River canyon. It was all so interesting, and he had some good stories to tell.

He has received worldwide recognition with the woodcut painting, and has them in presidential libraries, museums and, of course, you are all aware of the large mural at our own Joslin Field airport. It is awesome. When we have out-of-town family and friends visit us, the first place we take them when we want to "show off our city" and places of interest is to the Joslin Field airport to see the mural which Gary Stone has done so well. Everyone who sees it is in awe at its beauty and perfection. This makes our little city very unique, and we are so lucky to have such a talented artist who is known worldwide here in Twin Falls. Every time we go, we see a new painting.

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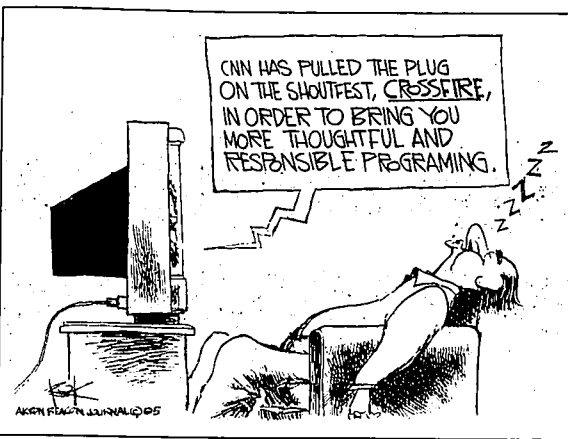
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OPINION

LETTER



Dirty Harry vs. the culture cops

A friend of mine e-mailed me Friday to see if I wanted to go to the Folger Theater production of "Romeo and Juliet."



MAUREEN DOWD

religiosity embraced by most of its mass audience. I guess Shakespeare is pretty much out from now on. Ophelia drowns herself; Cleopatra kills herself with an assist from two aspens; Lear's wretched daughter Goneril does herself in, as does Lady Macbeth. Brutus kills himself by running onto a sword held by his servant Strato (an over-assisted suicide), and his wife, Portia, dies by swallowing a burning coal. Othello stabs himself. And not even start with the lurid family-values in Greek drama and myth, with patricide, matricide, fratricide and incest.

It's funny that the moviemaker stirring up the fuss is an icon of the right, a man the president's father aped when he said, "Read my lips: No new taxes." When I interviewed Eastwood in 1995, he said he thought his pary was onto something with its nostalgia for the old values. But he also said he was more libertarian than conservative: "The less you mess around with people, the better off people are." That attitude is passe in the Republican Party. The Christian right thinks that the more you mess around with people, the better off people are. It is eager to dictate social, cultural and marital behavior, with an assist from the man whom it basins it put back in the White House.

The Virginia House of Delegates last week endorsed license plates reading "Traditional Marriage," featuring a red heart with interlocking gold

wedding bands. (A married pal of mine joked that for verisimilitude, the plates should also feature a man and a woman looking miserable.)

But the Bard was more interested in untraditional marriage — like that lurid family dinner in "Titus Andronicus," when Titus serves Tamora meat pies made from the bodies of her two sons, who have raped and mutilated Titus' daughter in revenge for Titus slaying Tamora's oldest son before her eyes. (Capped by him murdering Tamora and mercy-killing his daughter.)

— Just because it's not "Ozzie and Harriet," does it have to be bowdlerized, or Medvedized — Umbricked with anything that could raise a blush on the cheek of modesty, as Dr. Bowdler bragged about his eviscerated Shakespeares?

Michael Moore and Mel Gibson aside, the purpose of art is not always to send messages. More often, it's just to tell a story, move people and provoke ideas. Eastwood's critics don't even understand what art is. Politics — not art — is about finding consensus with the majority of the audience. Art is not about avoiding controversy or ensuring that everyone leaves feeling morally uplifted.

What I love about movies and plays is seeing fictional characters behaving in ends-justify-the-means ways on the WMD "crisis" in Iraq, the Social Security "crisis," and the spread of federal disinformation from paid "journalists." Now that's worth howling about.

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Bridge can fuel prosperity for Twin Falls

I can't believe that we have leaders in our community that are so short-sighted. We have a chance to build a new bridge across the canyon and all they can say is that it is not needed. Have they ever drove a semi

through the great corridor of Twin Falls? I bet they have not. Why do we need to put extra traffic in Twin Falls when we have a chance to reduce it? Why can't we put a toll on the bridge to help pay for it? I would be glad to pay the price to cross. Why couldn't we build another bridge? We have a chance to build a recreational vehicle parking and camping so the tourists could stop at the new bridge and check out all our great sites?

Who knows; maybe they will actually have a chance to see our great Magic Valley and even spend some money while they are driving it. There is so much to gain from opening your eyes and smelling the roses. Please don't be short-sighted and look down the road. We have a chance to build a new bridge, and I think we should go for it. JOHN RAMSEYER, Filser

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LETTERS

'Morality' is no reason for homeschooling

Regarding mixing religion with the alternative education movement in America, I feel it necessary to review some facts. First, it was not I who milked the two. I read any article on alternative education and count the number of code words like "Christian," "morality" or "family values" as being used to justify removing children from public schools. Second, education in America is not more than teaching the Three R's. It is about painting everyone the same shade of red, white and blue — hopefully developing a tolerant and accepting American citizen. Unfortunately, levels of tolerance and acceptance are not measured by the ISAT. But even this is misleading. Exposing children to religious beliefs usually does far more good than it does harm. And what competent adult can't take their own children, give them their undivided attention and produce a superior academic product? My objection to removing children from the arena of public education lies in the stated reasons for many of those doing so: "If God is missing from the classroom, so too will be my children."

problem with it. If you read between the lines of the alternative educational movement, this is exactly what is being said by many of its advocates. They feel public school teachers are morally inferior people and that the church (their church) should be writing curriculum, not the state. I adamantly reject the beliefs that because an alternative teacher can post the Ten Commandments and a public school teacher can't, students are being deprived of a "proper" education. Teaching and preaching are not synonyms. The former emphasizes how to think and the latter what to believe. Teachers encourage the now fundamentalist student and what, judging by the tone of my various responses, if just anyone were allowed to develop their own curriculum, what would be "taught" regarding Muslims, Catholics, homosexuals, sugar-loves, Darwinists, music and diversity itself? It was many consider to be an education is really a variant of tribalism. Most Americans passed that point a long time ago — thank God — and the "massed produced curriculum" of public education! GARY ELLER, Twin Falls

Value may not balance other losses from retailer

Like everyone else, we love to pay less for our stuff. If Wal-Mart opens around the corner from us, we will probably shop there instead of Winco, Shopko, Costco, Magic Valley Mall, Target, Fred Meyer, Home Depot,

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# Radio show host dies at 91

DETROIT (AP) — Karl Haas, who brought classical music to millions of listeners through his syndicated radio program, "Adventures in Good Music," has died. He was 91.

Haas died Sunday at a hospital in Royal Oak, according to WCAV-FM in Cleveland, which produced his program. "Adventures in Good Music," an hour-long program in which Haas blended music and talk

aimed at casual listeners, was syndicated to hundreds of stations in the United States, Australia, Mexico and Panama and was broadcast by Armed Forces Radio.

Haas delighted listeners with his vast musical knowledge and his penchant for punny program titles, such as "The Joy of Sax" and "Baroque and in Debt." A farmer once told Haas he listened to the show every day

on his tractor. WCAV President Robert Conrad said.

When he would give a lecture or concert, Haas would often pause after walking out on stage and say, "Well, I've often wondered what you look like, too," Conrad said.

Haas stopped doing new shows two years ago, but the program airs in reruns on about 100 stations in the United States and Australia, Conrad said.

Among the honors he received were two George Foster Peabody Awards for excellence in broadcasting and the National Endowment for the Humanities Charles Frankel Award in 1991. In 1997, he was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame and Museum in Chicago.

A pianist, conductor and musicologist, Haas settled in Detroit after fleeing Nazi Ger-

many in 1936. He taught piano and founded the Chamber Music Society of Detroit in 1944.

Haas began doing radio commentary in the 1950s, and "Adventures in Good Music" debuted in 1959 on WJLW-AM. In 1970, WCAV began producing it and distributing it more widely.

Haas also served as president of the Interlochen Academy of Arts in Interlochen, Mich., from 1967 to 1971.



## FIFTIES-LIKE PRICES THIS WEEK AT SWENMART

Certainly there are many things that have changed since the 1950's. Fifty years ago, the Swensen family was just trying its luck in the grocery business. Sherman Swensen, along with his wife Zella, sacrificed much to open a store on Main Avenue in Twin Falls. Today, nearly fifty years later and in its second and third generation of Swensen ownership, we felt it appropriate to offer "fifties-like" prices this week. Truly remarkable prices that may just take you back in time to — well — the good old days.

<b>BETTER BUY SLICED CHEESE SINGLES</b> 10.87 OZ. <b>50¢</b>	<b>WESTERN FAMILY CAKE MIX</b> ASSORTED <b>50¢</b> <b>WOW!</b>	<b>WESTERN FAMILY LARGE EGGS</b> DOZ. <b>50¢</b>	<b>WESTERN FAMILY PIZZA</b> ASST. 8.5 OZ. <b>50¢</b>	<b>WESTERN FAMILY FROZEN VEGGIES</b> • CORN • PEAS • BEANS • PEAS & CARROTS • MIX. VEG. 18 OZ. <b>50¢</b>	<b>WESTERN FAMILY CHILI</b> 15 OZ. <b>50¢</b>
<b>WESTERN FAMILY STRING CHEESE</b> 1 OZ. <b>3/50¢</b>	<b>MARUCHAN RAMEN NOODLES</b> ASSORTED 3 OZ. <b>5/50¢</b>	<b>JELLO GELATIN</b> • REG. OR SUGAR FREE 8 OZ. <b>50¢</b>	<b>WESTERN FAMILY SEASONING PACKETS</b> • CHILI • TACO • SPAGHETTI • ALFREDO • FAJITA <b>3/50¢</b>	<b>SHASTA</b> <b>50¢</b> <b>WOW!</b> 2 LITER	<b>COLGATE SHAVE CREAM</b> <b>50¢</b>

<b>LARGE NAVAL ORANGES</b> LBS. <b>3/\$1</b>	<b>POTATOES</b> 20 LB. BAG <b>\$1.99</b>	<b>BANANAS</b> LBS. <b>3/\$1</b>	<b>TOMATOES</b> LB. <b>79¢</b>	<b>LEAN GROUND BEEF</b> MORE THAN 5 LB. PKG. LESS THAN 5 LB. PKG. .... \$1.79 LB. <b>\$1.69</b> LB.	<b>RONELESS BEEF RIBEYE STEAK</b> LB. <b>\$5.99</b>
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<b>STRAWBERRIES</b> 1 LB. CLAMSHHELLS <b>2/\$5</b>	<b>BROCCOLI</b> BUNCH <b>99¢</b>	<b>RADISHES OR GREEN ONIONS</b> <b>3/\$1</b>	<b>GRAPES</b> LB. <b>\$1.59</b>	<b>BONELESS BEEF SIRLOIN-TIP ROAST OR STEAKS</b> LB. <b>\$2.69</b>	<b>BEEF CUBE STEAK</b> LB. <b>\$3.49</b>
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<b>RED POTATOES</b> LB. <b>39¢</b>	<b>DOLE CLASSIC ROMAINE OR "JUST" LETTUCE</b> <b>2/\$3</b>	<b>YELLOW ONIONS</b> LBS. <b>3/\$1</b>	<b>1 LB. MINI CARROTS</b> EA. <b>99¢</b>	<b>BEEF RIBS</b> GREAT FOR BAR-B-QUE LB. <b>99¢</b>	<b>BONELESS SKINLESS CHICKEN BREAST</b> LB. <b>\$1.89</b>
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<b>HOME PRIDE BREAD</b> ASST. WHEAT VARIETIES 24 OZ. <b>2/\$3</b>	<b>WESTERN FAMILY CHOCOLATE CHIPS</b> • SEMI-SWEET • MILK CHOCOLATE • PEANUT BUTTER 10-12 OZ. <b>99¢</b>	<b>WESTERN FAMILY FLOUR</b> 10 LB. BAG <b>\$1.99</b>	<b>SLICED PORK LOIN CHOPS</b> LB. <b>\$1.79</b>	<b>CENTER CUT PORK LOIN CHOPS</b> LB. <b>\$1.99</b>
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<b>PEPSI PRODUCTS</b> 12 PK. <b>3/\$10</b>	<b>WESTERN FAMILY DUDS COOKIES</b> COMPARE TO OREOS <b>3/\$5</b>	<b>WESTERN FAMILY HOT COCOA MIX</b> 10 ENV. PKG. <b>79¢</b>	<b>PORK CUBE STEAK</b> LB. <b>\$2.49</b>	<b>FALLS BRAND COUNTRY STYLE BREAKFAST SAUSAGE</b> 10 LB. BAG. .... \$16.80 LB. <b>\$1.69</b>
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<b>SOFT-N-GENTLE BATH TISSUE</b> 12 ROLL PKG. <b>2/\$5</b>	<b>DAWN DISH SOAP</b> 25 OZ. <b>2/\$5</b>	<b>GAIN DETERGENT</b> 100 OZ. LIQUID OR 78 OZ. POWDER <b>\$4.99</b>	<b>CHEER DETERGENT</b> 80 OZ. LIQUID OR 95 OZ. POWDER <b>\$4.99</b>	<b>DOWNY FABRIC SOFTENER</b> 40 OZ. <b>\$3.99</b>
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**PRICES EFFECTIVE TUESDAY THRU MONDAY**



## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Junior high choral director gets award

TWIN FALLS — Robert Student, Junior High School teacher Karen Goodrich has been honored as the Idaho Music Educators Association's Music Educator for the Year for 2005.

Goodrich, the choral director at Stuart, learned of the award at the District IV Junior High Honor Clinic last week from the 2004 recipient, Phil Hartman, the band director at Centennial High School in Boise.

### Voters OK new irrigation district

OAKLEY — Voters in the Oakley Reservoir fan have approved the formation of the Goose Creek Irrigation District with only a single dissenting vote.

Upon passage of the plan, three Oakley-area farmers were elected to serve as subdistrict board members.

David Fickett, Ryan Cranney and Nolan Critchfield will represent the three divisions in the district.

The final vote was 33-1 in favor of the district's formation. "With water issues being what they are in the state currently, farmers were concerned about the future of their water rights," said Bill Parsons, the group's legal counsel. "The district was formed to provide an organization to deal with water issues as they come up. We don't expect to see the issues move real quickly."

### Tsunami fundraiser will take place Friday

TWIN FALLS — The merchants of the Historic Warehouse District and Habitat for Humanity will hold a fundraising event for survivors of the tsunami in southeast Asia.

On Friday, Old Towne merchants will host "From the Heart" to help these families rebuild their homes and lives. Donations will be accepted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Tribes Interiors and at Woody's through the rest of the evening.

The Lamphouse Theatre will present a premier showing of the film, "Beyond the Sea," the Bobby Darin story starring Kevin Spacey, at 8 p.m.; \$6 of each \$10 admission price will go to the tsunami fund.

The College of Southern Idaho Jazz Band will perform live from 6 to 9 p.m. at Woody's, with \$1 from each drink sold going to the fund.

Phat Eddie's, a new Cajun restaurant and nightclub in Old Towne, will donate its \$5 cover charges for the evening.

"It will be a night of food, fun and entertainment all for a great cause," said Linda Fleming, event coordinator and administrator for Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley.

Habitat International's two-part response to the tsunami involves working with the local officials, relief agencies and other organizations to provide transitional housing with an immediate priority to get families out of temporary shelters. Transitional houses being built consist of a permanent one-room structure with a veranda and sanitary facilities. Over time, Habitat for Humanity will work to build more permanent structures with additional rooms.

Donations also may be mailed to HFH-MV, Box 3034, Twin Falls, ID 83303-3034. Note: "Tsunami Fund" on the check. For more information, call Fleming at 734-1057.

— compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Feb. 7
Salmon	82%	40%
Big Wood	71%	28%
Little Wood	82%	53%
Big Lost	78%	79%
Lititz Lost	77%	47%
Henry's Fork	72%	28%
Upper Snake-Basin	72%	47%
Oakley	79%	55%
Salmon Falls	83%	55%

\*A comparison of basin snowpack on this date, with a 30-year average.

# Council keeps mum on Wal-Mart

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Residents hoping to swap opinions with City Council members over Wal-Mart's intent to build a store in Twin Falls will have to wait, council members learned at their meeting Monday night.

"I know citizens will be anxious to talk to you," said Fritz Wonderlich, city attorney.

Last week, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. announced its plan to construct a store at the southwest

intersection of Pole Line Road and Washington Street North. Although permitting for the facility will first go to the city's Planning and Zoning Commission, on appeal, the matter could end up before the City Council, Wonderlich said.

"It's not fair for you to talk to them," he advised.

Instead, council members should encourage residents to attend any public hearings associated with Wal-Mart's permitting process, Wonderlich said.

Other business discussed at the Twin Falls City Council meeting included:

- The Twin Falls Tree Commission received a \$427 donation from the Magic Valley Arts Council to go toward planting trees on Arbor Day. The arts council raised the money from its "Our Tree" project held during last year's city centennial.
- "Our Tree" comes from the idea that each tree, like a person, has a story to tell," said Stacy Madsen, executive director of the art council.

Participants gave new life to chunks of a dead Kimberly blue ash by turning the pieces into works of art. The artwork was sold during an art show last fall.

• Council members heard an update from Jackie Zapf on her espresso/gift shop/information center at the Magic Valley Regional Airport. Zapf's business was contested by airport restaurant manager Mark Boring last August but was approved by the council 4-3. Zapf was pleased with the business's progress and thanked council members for

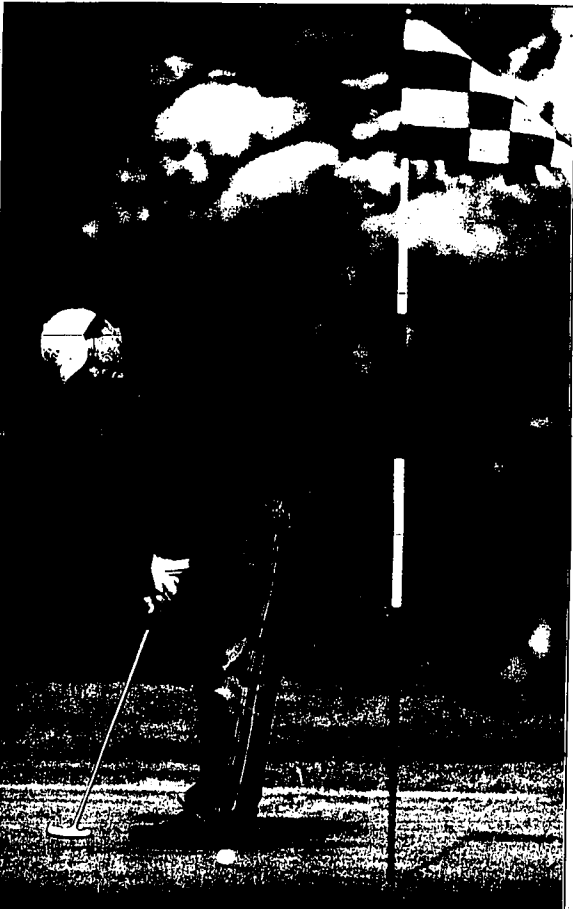
their previous approval.

"Since Nov. 1, we have handed out between 250 and 300 pieces of tourist information," Zapf said.

• A bid by Western Appraisal and Investment Co. Inc. for its appraisal services on the Washington Street North Project was approved by the council. The \$60,750 bid will cover 38 parcels.

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## PUTTERING AROUND



Jim Scott of Twin Falls puts on the ninth green at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on Monday afternoon. The course recently re-opened after being closed for part of the winter. The Magic Valley is forecast to have partly cloudy conditions today with a high in the mid-30's.

## School district lobbies for grant

### Application process 'not for faint of heart'

By Candace Baltz-Smylie  
Times-News correspondent

The Twin Falls School District is no closer to knowing if it has won a three-year, \$100,000 grant.

District administrators, teachers and parents met for 90 minutes Monday with a representative from the Idaho department of education to ask questions and lobby for a comprehensive reform grant. The meeting is part of the second phase of the selection process for the grant.

In the first phase, 16 schools applied, including O'Leary Junior High School, Robert Stuart Junior High School, Gooding Middle School, Wendell Middle School and a middle school in Bonneville. An analysis for the three-year grant. A final decision will be made within a month.

"The application process is

not for the faint of heart," said elementary teacher Ardinger, a state supervisor, student achievement and school accountability. "But we have always been very impressed with the quality of education in Twin Falls."

Ardinger, who is visiting the four remaining schools to help make the final selection, met with about 24 people at Robert Stuart.

If awarded, the Twin Falls School District plans to use the money on staff development. One of the concerns voiced by Ardinger was that whichever school gets the money, that it will be able to continue to use the programs implemented with the grant, even after the grant has run out.

"The reason we thought this would be best is that in our improvement plan, we focus on staff development — that would be best," Robert Stuart Junior High School Principal Craig Answorth told the group. "And I don't believe it would be a huge effort to continue these efforts after the grant runs out."

In the grant, the district budgeted for instructional coaches

in science, math, reading and language.

The district already has reading coaches at some of its schools as part of the Open Court reading program, and has seen impressive gains in proficiency.

The district also plans to use the money to streamline training efforts at the school and throughout the district. It's a "two-for-one-price-of-one" deal Superintendent Willey Dobbs told Ardinger.

Even though O'Leary Junior High School has been cut, the school could still benefit if Robert Stuart gets the money, because the district plans to hold training sessions that would be open to both schools. "As long as we're paying for the speaker, we might as well," Dobbs said.

Said Ardinger: "That's extremely wise."

Teacher Jen Taylor said she is pleased that her school may get some extra money to help teachers. "The money will provide us with the time we need to get the training," she said. "I am really excited to see the staff all get the same training. It will be worth it."

## Kimberly considers franchise agreement

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — The subject of franchise agreements with Idaho Power Co. has made its way from town to town around the Magic Valley. Tonight, it will surface once again in Kimberly.

The city of Kimberly could generate about \$10,000 annually in revenue if it agrees to give Idaho Power non-exclusive rights to locate and service electrical facilities within the streets of the town. In exchange for this, the utility will add a 1 percent franchise fee to the monthly bills of city ratepayers that Idaho Power will return to the city as part of the franchise agreement.

"They simply allow the utility-to-use-public-rights-of-way," said Dan Olmstead, spokesman for Idaho Power. "They lay out the terms and conditions for using public right of ways to serve customers."

Since the mid-1990s, several of the franchise agreements that Idaho Power had with cities in its coverage area have expired, Olmstead said. While the franchises served a purpose, most did not include franchise fees.

"They were very simple franchises," Olmstead said. "They protected both the city and the utility."

Today, the agreements are more complex as are the opinions surrounding the franchises.

While Idaho Power likes to establish agreements with all of the cities in its service area, not everyone supports the idea of passing along a franchise fee to ratepayers. In December, when the Jerome City Council agreed to enter into a new franchise agreement with Idaho Power, Councilman Rob Lundgren cast the lone dissenting vote.

Lundgren says he doesn't object to the idea of entering into an agreement with Idaho Power. However, Lundgren considers the fee an additional tax on residents.

"In effect, it's just a tax that's passed through Idaho Power to the ratepayer," Lundgren said.

Although Lundgren concedes the franchise fee is a "minimal amount," he objects

to the principle behind the fee. Residents already pay enough taxes, he said.

In the event that cities like Jerome agree to franchise fees, Lundgren advocates setting aside the funds for a specific purpose.

"Let's not put them into the general fund," Lundgren said. "I would like to see that money dedicated to something."

After the city of Jerome reached its agreement with Idaho Power, council members and the mayor officially decided to direct half of franchise fee funds toward general road improvements, said Travis Rothweiler, Jerome city administrator. The other half of the money collected from franchise fees will be used at the staff's discretion, he said.

However, "on an annual basis, it is our intent and goal to put the money toward road-way improvement," Rothweiler said.

For example, all of the funds derived from the franchise fees this year will be applied toward rebuilding Tiger Drive, Rothweiler said.

The state allows for franchise fees of up to 1 percent of a customer's bill to be collected unless the city and utility agree to a higher fee.

The utility and city can add a franchise fee of up to 3 percent but need voter approval for fees beyond that.

"Idaho Power does not receive the fee," Olmstead said. Cities that enter into a franchise agreement, he said, can use franchise fees "any way they would like."

The cities of Twin Falls, Buhl, Hailey, Ketchum, Richfield, Jerome and Gooding already have signed agreements with the utility company. Bellevue is reviewing its agreement, Olmstead said.

"Most of the cities have gone with this new agreement," he said.

The Kimberly City Council will hold a public hearing on the franchise agreement with Idaho Power at 7 p.m. tonight at the community center.

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Albion resident Tammy Lien watches as Benton McKenzie drives the Kodiak Northwest Inc. snow blower through the snow drifts that have kept her and her four children snowbound for the past 26 days.

## Company digs out soldier's wife

By Laurie Welch  
South Idaho Press

ALBION — Tammy Lien watched Monday as a Kodiak Northwest Inc. snow blower maneuvered through five-foot drifts, tossing snow 100 feet in the air.

Her husband, Sgt. Tony Lien, is stationed in Iraq, and is not expected to return home for a year. The drifts, which had filled the driveway leading to the Lien home at 1081 S. 1050 E. near Al-

bion, had kept his family snowbound for nearly a month.

"She's been up here 3 1/2 weeks trying to resolve this herself," said Bruce Burenshaw, owner of Kodiak Northwest Inc. Burenshaw volunteered the company equipment and resources and snow blower operator Benton McKenzie donated his time to help dig out the road after the Army National Guard, Operation Families contacted the company. (EN)

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Nan Carroll



HEYBURN — Nan Foster Carroll, a 92-year-old resident of the Emerald District in Heyburn, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at Park View Care & Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

She was the daughter of "W. Jack" and Grace Cooper Foster. Nan was born in Wamsutter, Wyo., on March 25, 1912, while her father worked as a telegrapher on the railroad, in approximately 1916, her family moved back to a farm in the Emerson area that they had homesteaded in 1903.

Nan attended the Emerson Grade School through the eighth grade and graduated from Heyburn High School in 1930. She was also a graduate of Albion State Normal School.

In 1933, she married John Carroll and from this union were born two children, Dick, who was born in 1934, and Joan, who was born in 1938.

Nan and John's early married years were spent working

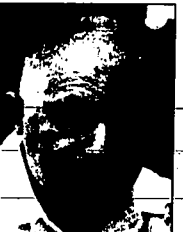
construction. In 1945, Nan's mother and stepfather, Dick Gale, were unable to continue running the farm due to ill health, so Nan and John moved back on the farm and ran it from 1945 until 1956. In 1957, John went to work for the City of Burley and later for the City of Pocatello. In 1977, they retired and moved back on the farm.

They spent their winters traveling in their motor home. She is survived by her son, Dick and his wife, Doris, of Burley; a son-in-law, Russell Vaughn of Burley; three grandsons, Mike Carroll of Victor and Chance Carroll and Albert Vaughn both of Burley; two granddaughters, Leslie Davis of Blackfoot and Carma Oldham of Burley; and one niece, Linda Stone of St. Johnsbury, Vt.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John; a daughter, Joan Vaughn; two sisters, Dorothy Jones and Nell Murphy; and a nephew, Dale Jones.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, with Bishop Ted Tutekoff officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home and again on Wednesday one hour prior to the funeral.

Eugene Duane Dutt



TWIN FALLS — Eugene Duane Dutt, 68, of Twin Falls, passed away Feb. 6, 2005, at the Heritage Retirement Center in Twin Falls.

He was the eldest of nine children born to Arthur and Christina Kapp Dutt on Jan. 5, 1937, in Filer, Idaho.

He was injured as a child in a logging accident. Although a jury disabled his body, it did not disable his spirit. Eugene enjoyed walking, the sparkle of Christmas lights, watching people and traffic. He was a food connoisseur who loved bananas and ice cream. He also enjoyed looking at catalogs and going shopping. Eugene expressed his feeling and emotions through his col-

oring and was a member of the Twin Falls Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Surviving are his brothers,

Reuben Dutt, Roger (Sherry) Dutt and sister, Iva Nickerson all of Filer, along with one niece and one nephew, one great-niece and one great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Irene and Alvina; and brothers, John, Donald Lee and Clinton. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home with burial following at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

Dwight E. Ross



BURLEY — Dwight E. Ross, a 73-year-old resident of Burley, returned to his Heavenly Father on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Attica, Kan., on May 8, 1931, the son of John Duncan and Mary Catherine Kiser Ross. He married Darlene Faye Hoppes in Hazelton, Kan., in 1950. Together, they had four children. Darlene died in 1985. He then married Sharon Lee Matthews Startin on May 15, 1988, in Jerome. A stepdaughter and stepson joined this union.

Dwight lived in Kiowa, Kan., until 1954, when he moved to Idaho. He engaged in farming where he worked for Shelby Williams, Joe Morgan and Bob Scott and for the past five years he was employed by Rocky Hagan and Randy Grant.

Dwight was a friendly person who never knew a stranger. His hobbies were fishing, bowling, water skiing, playing pinocle, motorcycle riding and hunting coyotes with family and friends. He played 14 years with two bands called Sinners and the

Valley Boys, where he played bass guitar.

Dwight really enjoyed hanging out at the Golden Heritage Senior Center in Burley. He truly loved giving Debbie a hard time. Jokes were his main pastime.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Lois Smalley; one brother, Loyd David Ross; a sister-in-law, Zelma Ross; a foster stepbrother, Jerry Reddick; a son-in-law, Richard Conner; and his mother and father-in-law, Edna and Frank Matthews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, where friends and family may call one hour prior to the funeral. Cremation will precede the service.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sharon of Burley; three sons, Craig (Joy) Ross of Burley, Jeff Ross of Twin Falls and Brian Ross of Salt Lake City, Utah; one daughter, Connie Conner of Oakley; one stepdaughter, Christal (Dennis) Bossert of Rupert; one step-

son, Duane E. Startin Jr., of Manassas, Va.; a brother, Alfred Dale Ross of Mineral Wells, Texas; three sisters-in-law, Marcella (Kay) Campbell of Pocatello, Dixie Matthews of Rupert and Frances Jones of Meridian; one brother-in-law, Wayne (Julie) Matthews of Eagle, Idaho; five grandchildren, Mary, Katie, Elizabeth, Richard and Dustin; three step grandchildren, William, Kenneth and Haleigh; and four great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Billy, Kamilla and Shelly Lynn.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and has served on the High Council and as a stepfather.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at the Caswell LDS Church building. A viewing will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," and one hour prior to service at the church. Interment will be in the Pine Valley Cemetery, Pine Valley, Utah.

The family suggests memorials be given to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Home Health and Hospice, 708 Shoshone St., E. Thayne, Idaho, or St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute, 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

He joined the Buhl Rotary Club and has been active in that club until recently, serving a term as president. He was preceded in death by his father and mother; one sister, Theda; two brothers;

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Kerry Kawamoto



TWIN FALLS — Kerry H. Kawamoto, age 57, of Twin Falls, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at home surrounded by his beloved family.

Kerry was born April 6, 1947, in Twin Falls. He was the son of Kay Kawamoto and Mary Kawamoto. Kerry was a lifelong resident of the Magic Valley, graduating from Twin Falls High in 1965. He attended the University of Idaho for one year, then served in the Army Reserves and later earned a degree in finance from Idaho State University. Kerry's professional career in the family restaurant business spanned four decades, starting with Kay's Supper Club in the 1960s. He later owned and operated George K's Restaurant, which remained a local favorite until 1998. After his retirement from the restaurant business, he continued to enjoy teaching culinary classes and cooking at local buffet dinners.

Kerry married his high school sweetheart, Mary Ruth

Lawrence, on Dec. 29, 1968. From their union came Kara in 1974 and Cade in 1978.

Kerry was a wonderful husband and father, who took great joy in his family, especially his children. He became a proud "papa" in 2002 with the birth of his granddaughter, Kinsey. He was adored by all of his family and was blessed to have spent this past Christmas with many of them during a vacation to

Hawaii. Kerry also enjoyed an active social life, which included golfing, listening to music and cooking with friends.

Kerry is survived by his wife, Ruth of Twin Falls; his mother, Mary of Twin Falls; his daughter, Kara (Steve) Martin of Vancouver, Wash.; his son, Cade of Huntington Beach, Calif.; his granddaughter, Kinsey Martin; his sister, Becky (Ron) Fox; his half-sister, Kaleen; his sister-in-law, Barbara Lawrence; his brother-in-law Rich Jones; his aunt, Mary (Kenji) Nishida; his uncle, George Kawamoto; and numerous other aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kay Kawamoto. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. Services and arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Lona Ann Rich Fowler

TWIN FALLS — Lona Ann Rich Fowler died on Feb. 6, 2005, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

She was born in Morgan, Utah, on March 3, 1905, to Emma Brough Rich and James Richard Rich. She married Rollin Charles Fowler on March 2, 1931. They resided in Salt Lake City, Utah, where Lona managed the OP Skaggs grocery store chain of bakeries.

In 1941, Lona and Rollin moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, and owned Sawyer's Barbeque in Twin Falls and Pocatello and the Red Rock Cafe in Twin Falls.

After Rollin died in 1964, Lona operated the Red Rock. She was an outstanding manager and businesswoman, admitted and respected by employees and customers.

Surviving Lona is her sister, Nelda Jane Rich O'Brien; sister-in-law, Ruth Porter Rich; six nieces and nephews; and her best friend, Wilma Henry.

Lona was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Rollin; two brothers James Lavon Rich and Franklin John Rich; and a nephew, Brent Rich.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at the Twin Falls Cemetery, in Twin Falls, where she will be laid to rest beside her husband.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Ann Devine Dixon

TWIN FALLS — Ann Devine Dixon, age 66, of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at her home.

She was born Sept. 21, 1938, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the daughter of Matthew L. and Maryann B. Devine. Ann attended schools in Winnetka, Ill., and graduated from New Trier High School in 1956. She attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., from 1956-1959 and 1965-1966.

Ann married Brad L. Snyder Jan. 19, 1959, and her son, Scott Bradford Snyder was born Dec. 2, 1959, this union later ended in divorce. Ann married David L. Deltant on July 10, 1965, and they were later divorced in 1988. On Sept. 4, 2004 she married Roy Dixon in Twin Falls, Idaho who survives.

Before moving to Idaho, Ann worked for the Dean of the Graduate School at Northwestern University; she worked for Borg-Warner Corp. in Chicago, Ill., and she also worked for Robert Curtis and several other doctors in Evanston, Ill.

In addition to her husband, Roy Dixon of Twin Falls, Idaho,



she is survived by her two stepsons, Jacob and Nicholas and one brother, Michael (Susan) Devine of Twin Falls, Idaho.

She is preceded by her parents and son, Scott. A memorial graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Hagerman Cemetery with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

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SERVICES

Lillie Ann Merrill of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Jason Leigh Sellers of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Della Munoz of Jerome, funeral Mass at 2 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory).

Mary Lena Orahood of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley; friends may call from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. before the funeral at Payne Mortuary.

Gayle C. Matthews Meher of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Declo Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 W. Main St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Melvin Johnny Coleman of

Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Amazing Grace Fellowship (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Patricia Ann Young Hol-

DEATH NOTICES

**Robert Gene Clayton**  
 FERGUSON - Robert Gene Clayton, 67, of Jerome, died Feb. 7, 2005, in Jerome. Arrangements will be made by Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

**Kurt Westendorf**  
 GOODING - Kurt Westendorf, 87, resident of Gooding, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding. Arrangements will be made by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

**Clair T. Robinson**  
 MALTA - Clair Taylor Robinson, a 75-year-old resident of Malta, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at the Malta First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop Max Jones

officiating. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church. A complete obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

**Donald Dean Hill**  
 GOODING - Donald Dean Hill, 72, of Gooding, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at his home, with his family at his side at his home in Gooding. Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl. A full obituary will appear in a later edition.

**Heleen Pritchard**  
 GOODING - Heleen Pritchard, 88, a resident of Wendell, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding. Arrangements will be made by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

OBITUARY

John 'Jack' Parish Smith



TWIN FALLS - John "Jack" Parish Smith, 87, of Twin Falls, passed away Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at his home with his loving family by his side.

Jack was born June 17, 1917, in Malta, Idaho, to John Obrey and Flossie Ellen Parish Smith. He married the love of his life, Thelma Perrett, on Feb. 21, 1940. In 1946, they moved to Twin Falls and have resided here ever since. As a young man, Jack received his education in Malta and the University of Idaho.

Throughout his life he was employed as a farmer, Twin Falls County Agent, Manager of Beck Growers, co-owner of Rocky Mountain Real Estate and Potatoes Growers of Idaho.

Jack was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and had served as bishop of the Twin Falls 2nd and 4th wards. He also served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, was active in the Rotary Club and Magic Valley Minghichords.

In his spare time, Jack enjoyed golfing, music and spending time with his family. Jack was a wonderful son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Surviving Jack is his loving

wife of 64 years, Thelma of Twin Falls; his children, Ronald Smith (Elaine) of Keller, Texas, Clyde Smith (Carolyn) of Hartman, Utah, Grant Smith (Leslie) of Portage, Utah, Roselynn Larsen (Lyle) of Morrison, Colo., Linda Cornaby (Barney) of Knoxville, Tenn., Jackie Sorenson (Richard) of Highland, Utah, Rock Smith (Pat) of Twin Falls, Idaho, Krista Loosli (Mike) of Caldwell, Idaho, Maria Polaris (Gordon) of Blackfoot, Idaho, and Jana Linday (Cal) of Boise, Idaho. Also surviving are 52 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and one brother, J. Dale Smith (Suzanne) of Burley, Idaho.

His parents, two brothers, two sisters; David Eric Larson (grandson); Jo Anna Smith (granddaughter); and John Daren Smith (grandson) preceded him in death.

A funeral for Jack will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at the Eastland L.D.S. Church in Twin Falls with Bishop Todd Clark officiating. Interment will follow service at the Malta Cemetery in Malta, Idaho. Friends may call from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, and for one hour prior to the service at the church.

M.V. residents, companies reach 'Brightest Star' finals

BOISE - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and First Lady Patricia Kempthorne have announced the finalists - including four from Magic Valley - for the Brightest Stars Grand Prize awards.

The Brightest Star awards recognize outstanding Idahoans who care enough to personally invest time and resources to make a positive difference in the lives of children.

Mike Journee, Kempthorne's press secretary, said a press release. Finalists are chosen from nominations sent in by mayors from around the state in Individual, Business, Organization and Corporation categories.

Finalists include Mike Mason

Magic Valley in brief

of Kimberly in the Individual Category; Doc's Pizza in Rupert in the Small Business Category; and Kraft Foods and Mindoka Memorial Hospital, both in Rupert, in the Corporate Category.

The grand prize winner will be announced at 5 p.m. on Thursday in a Statehouse ceremony. Each grand prize winner will receive an unrestricted prize of \$5,000 made possible by an anonymous donor. The winner in the corporate category receives a crystal award but not a monetary award.

Kempthorne, in partnership with the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and

Children and the Association of Idaho Cities, established the Brightest Star awards to encourage and affirm active civic participation by citizens of all ages.

Disabled American Veterans meets today

TWIN FALLS - Stradley Chapter No. 5 of the Disabled American Veterans will meet at 6:30 today at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. in Twin Falls.

The Disabled American Veterans group is open to all service-connected disabled veterans with membership from World War I through Operation Enduring Freedom. The veterans will be discussing

ways to assist the returning Iraq War-era disabled veterans.

The DAV Auxiliary meets at the same time and location. The auxiliary is open to spouses, daughters, mothers and others who have close relationships with disabled veterans.

For more information on Disabled American Veterans, contact Commander Evan Elliott at 734-9759. For information on the auxiliary, contact Commander Dorothy Warren at 734-5209.

- compiled from staff reports

Dig

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a snow blower. "We don't rent the snow blower, we own it," said Mike Journee.

Alaska they go for about \$6,000 to \$10,000 an hour. The snow blowers cost about \$500,000 new. They are big, pricey beasts," Burtshaw said.

Brek Pilling, Kodiak Northwest vice president of marketing and sales, said the Army National Guard found the company's Web site and inquired about digging the Liens out as a paying job.

"We decided to volunteer our services," Pilling said. "I thought about how I would feel if I were deployed. I would want to know that my family was taken care of."

Lien and her children, Ben, 12; Jon, 10; Josh, 5; and David, 2, had been walking three-quarters of a mile to a neighbor's home, where they had parked their car for nearly a month.

"When I told her we were coming she was screaming and was so happy," Pilling said.

The snow began to drift during the last bad snowstorm and she drove the car back and forth along the road to try and keep it open.

"It got stuck, of course," she said. "It's been a trial. Really frustrating."

Tammy Lien said the road that leads to their home is a county road and they were assured it would be maintained when they bought the home in 2003.

Last year the family was snowed in for 27 days. "We were not prepared last year. It was just horrifying," she said.

Pilling said it would have taken a month with a front-end loader to move the amount of snow that had packed into the driveway.

The snow blowers made by Kodiak are designed to remove

"high mountain ice pack, which is very hard on equipment. They are built to go and go in this kind of weather."

The snow blowers, which are manufactured in Paul, are sold world-wide, Burtshaw said.

The company employs 45 people and sells the snow blowers in South and North America, Asia, Europe and the South Pole.

Most of them go to the oil fields in Alaska, Burtshaw said.

The company was founded by Burtshaw's father-in-law, Bruce Neibaur.

"I took what he did and built on it. The newer models have computers and electronics, but basically the concept is the same. It grinds snow and throws it. It's the best job in the world. You're in nature, sitting on a lot of horsepower, just watching it happen," Burtshaw said.

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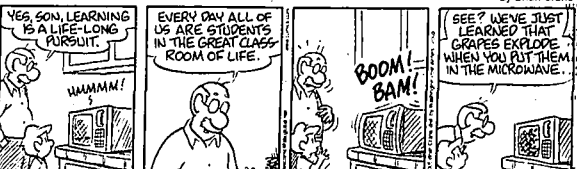


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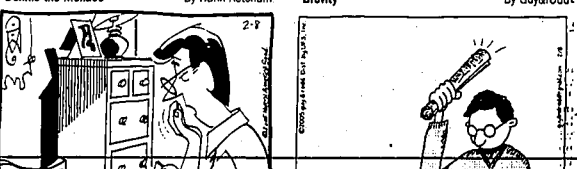
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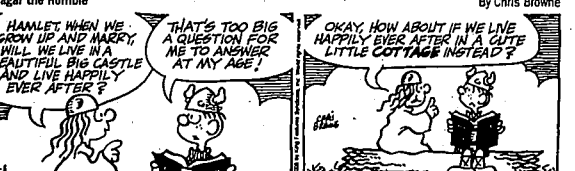
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# Firm faces charges in coverup

Officials: W.R. Grace intentionally exposed miners to asbestos for years

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — W.R. Grace and Co. and seven senior employees were charged in an indictment released Monday with conspiring for decades to hide the dangers posed by asbestos contamination in a Montana vermiculite mine. They were also charged with intentionally exposing miners and others in the small town of Libby to illness and death. Asbestos contamination in Libby came to light in 1999 after national news reports linked the vermiculite mine to the deaths of nearly 200 people and illness in hundreds more. The vermiculite was used in a number of household products, including home insulation. The Environmental Protection Agency has since declared the area a Superfund site and has spent more than \$55 million on cleanup so far. The company, based in Columbia, Md., did not

immediately comment on the charges. Grace disclosed last October that it was under investigation. The federal grand jury said top Grace executives and managers kept secret numerous studies spelling out the risk cancer-causing tremolite asbestos posed to its customers, employees and Libby residents. The indictment accused Grace and Alan Stringer, former manager of the now-closed mine, of trying to obstruct efforts by the EPA to investigate the extent of asbestos contamination in the Libby area beginning in 1999. Named in the indictment were Henry Eschenbach, former health official for a Grace subsidiary; Jack Wolter, a former executive for Grace's construction products division; William McGahey, former general manager of the Libby mine; Robert Bettauchi, a senior vice president

of Grace; O. Mario Favorito, chief legal counsel for Grace; and Robert Walsh, former Grace vice president. The company could face a fine of up to \$280 million, twice the amount of after-tax profits the government alleges. W.R. Grace made from the Libby mine, according to the Justice Department. Stringer could be sentenced to as many as 70 years in prison, while Wolter and Bettauchi face up to 55 years. The other defendants could get five years in prison. According to the indictment, the company knew of health problems among its employees as early as 1976. Grace executives also had access to reports or studies warning of the dangers of asbestos vermiculite exposure throughout the late 1970s and early '80s, the indictment alleged. At one point, it said, Eschenbach responded to one of the studies by writing in a memo: "Our major problem is death from respiratory cancer. This is no surprise."

Despite having the information, Grace officials told the EPA in 1983 that they knew of nothing to indicate their products posed a substantial threat to human health, according to the indictment. The company, knowing of the dangers from its product, provided vermiculite for a junior high school running track and as a base for an ice skating rink, the indictment said. It said Grace also sold or leased some of its contaminated properties for homes and businesses, baseball fields and city use. When the EPA began its investigation in 1999, company officials lied about providing the insulation to local residents and failed to reveal that vermiculite was used on the school's running track, the Justice Department said. As late as April 2002, in response to the EPA declaring a public health emergency in Libby, the company still insisted the vermiculite was not a risk to the environment and human health, the indictment said.

# Picturesque setting hides a nuclear past

Los Angeles Times  
GOLDEN, Colo. — These rolling grasslands and foothills would seem a hiker's dream. The valleys are deep, the deer docile and the snowy mountain backdrop dazzling. The wildlife is really abundant here," said Mark Sattlerberg, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist. "It's been pretty much undisturbed for 40 or 50 years." But critics say the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge site has been disturbed plenty. To them, the land is synonymous with government secrecy—widespread environmental crime and continued fallout from nuclear weapons production done here throughout the Cold War.

They say the ground and water on the 6,000-acre refuge, which was in two years, is mainly contaminated and that recent tests found plutonium and uranium in deer living there. Federal officials said the levels are acceptable. "Are you going to eat a deer from out there?" asked Wes McKinley, a Democratic state legislator and former foreman of a grand jury that investigated pollution violations at Rocky Flats. "What if you read a label on your hamburger that said it had an acceptable amount of 'E. coli bacterium'?" McKinley, who held a news conference last month to protest going ahead with the refuge, has proposed legislation requiring visitors to be warned of the risks of entering the sanctuary. "I wouldn't go there. What if you breathe in a particle of plutonium or are exposed to gamma radiation and get cancer later?" he said. "I think the whole thing is irresponsible." Congress has ordered a refuge be put at Rocky Flats when the cleanup is complete in 2006. Federal wildlife and Energy Department officials noted that the refuge was not on the actual site where weapons were made and that critics hadn't visited to learn about the testing being done to ensure the place was safe. "We are trying to separate fact from legend," said John Rampe, an Energy Department environmental scientist. "We have done a million environ-

# Death in lawyer's family delays jury selection in Jackson case

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Jury selection in the Michael Jackson molestation case will be delayed for a week because of a death in the family of his attorney, a judge said Monday. Monday's scheduled questioning of prospective jurors had been postponed last week because Thomas Meserere Jr.'s sister was gravely ill. Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville said jury selection will resume on Feb. 14. In another development, Melville also agreed to a request from various news organizations to see the questionnaires

filled out last week by prospective jurors. A pool of about 250 prospective jurors was formed after the first round of questioning by the judge to determine which people would be able to serve on the expected six-month trial. The next round of questioning will involve defense attorneys and prosecutors. Prosecutors had agreed to the release of the completed questionnaires, but defense attorneys argued that jurors might be less candid if they knew their answers would be made public.

# Injured Idaho officer goes to Colorado for rehabilitation

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A Coeur d'Alene police officer wounded in a Dec. 28 shooting was flown Monday to Colorado, where he will undergo rehabilitation, a family spokesman said. Don Irwin, a spokesman for Officer Michael Kralick's family, said the wounded officer was flown by medical air ambulance to Denver for transportation to an Englewood, Colo., rehabilitation hospital. Kralick, who was shot in the face during the exchange of gunfire that killed Michael An-

thony Madonna of Hayden, was accompanied by his wife, Carrie, and eldest daughter, Amanda. It was not immediately known how long Kralick's rehabilitation will take. Irwin said in a release issued by the Coeur d'Alene Police Department.

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mental samples on the refuge. Some have turned up problems. "We find occasional plutonium or other contaminants that don't meet state standards," he said. "When we find it, we remove it. We have removed dozens of layers and sent them to waste facilities." From 1952 to 1989, Rocky Flats made plutonium triggers for hydrogen bombs — leaving behind polluted water, land and air. The plant, 16 miles north-west of Denver—once housed 14.2 tons of plutonium and 7.3 tons of uranium. Much of the waste was buried in barrels that rusted out, allowing contaminants to leach into the soil. At least one building here was dubbed the most dangerous structure in the country by the Energy Department. Most of the plant was shut down in 1989, and the remaining metalworking operations closed in 1992, officials said. Rocky Flats was owned by the federal government and operated by Rockwell International Corp., which eventually was fined \$18.5 million for environmental violations. Jon Lipsky, the FBI agent who led a raid on the facility in 1989, said recently that the investigation ended prematurely, leaving questions about the extent of pollution at Rocky Flats. "How can they let children go to that site when they know they haven't cleaned it up?" he asked. "The less people know, the less they are required to clean up."

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# Runaway boats land on shores of Playa del Rey

Los Angeles Times

PLAYA DEL REY, Calif. — All ashore that's going ashore.

That's the hope of authorities in Playa del Rey who are trying to stem the tide of runaway sailboats washing up on Dockweiler State Beach.

Fourteen boats have landed on the beach in the last year. And new officials fear that half a dozen others that are anchored a few hundred yards offshore could be swept onto the sand in the next big storm.

The boats — mostly single-masted, 30-foot fiberglass pleasure craft — are moored in the ocean near the south entrance to Marina del Rey and the mouth of Ballona Creek.

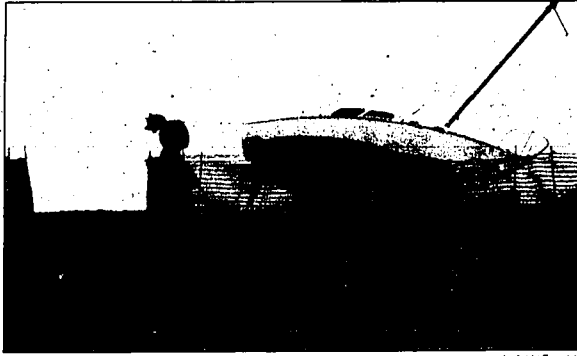
Boaters say their makeshift anchorage avoids escalating dock costs at the 5,000-slip marina. They claim dock operators are systematically weeding out small boats and "live-aboard" craft in favor of larger, more luxurious yachts.

The ocean anchorage is partially shielded from the open sea by a breakwater. But unattended boats left there are at risk of dragging their anchors and drifting toward the beach in windy weather or heavy surf, according to officials, who deny that the marina discriminates against small boats.

Six of the wayward sailboats have been retrieved from the beach and refloated by their owners. Five other heavily damaged craft have been removed and scrapped by Los Angeles County workers. But three sailboats have just sat there on the beach for months.

When beach operators levied a \$22.50-per-day beach "storage" fee, their owners abandoned them, ignoring deadlines issued for their removal, authorities said.

New officials plan to auction two of the boats at a Feb. 15 lien sale. If they go unclaimed, they will be demolished after Feb. 25. The status of the third boat — whose keel apparently was sheared off when it crashed ashore — is still being investigated by the county.



Los Angeles Times photo

Los Angeles County officials arranged to drag the beached boats away from the surf and built temporary fencing around them. The next step: An auction.

The planned sale raffles Frank Martini, owner of a 27-foot sailboat stuck on the beach. He said his vessel, the Terralee,

drifted ashore Nov. 11 after waterborne vandals tampered with its two anchor lines. "The county is holding it

hostage," said Martini, who said he arranged for a San Pedro company to refloat his boat before being told he would have to

pay the county as much as \$20,000 in fees and costs in order for it to be released. His boat is worth about \$15,000, he said.

Martini, a Playa del Rey businessman, said he docked his boat for 25 years in a small \$287-per-month Marina del Rey slip before being evicted last fall. "He said he was offered a 40-foot slip as a replacement but that its \$1,200 monthly fee was too expensive.

When he could find no small-boat slip to rent, he said, he dropped anchor off the beach after getting permission from sheriff's deputies.

After his boat washed ashore, thieves looted the boat, taking its motor and other furnishings. Someone painted graffiti on its fiberglass hull, Martini said.

For their part, officials say they have tried to protect the boats.

They used tractors to drag the beached vessels away from the pounding surf and erected temporary fencing around them to dissuade vandals.

Officials are scouring maritime laws in hopes of finding a way to force boat owners to

leave the impromptu breakwater anchorage. Because the boats are moored just outside the Marina del Rey boundary, marina dockage rules do not apply.

"We're looking into ways we may be able to amend an existing ordinance to prevent them from anchoring in that area. We've made inquiries with the Coast Guard as to what can be done," said Deputy Paul Carvalho, who does harbor patrol work from the Sheriff's Department's Marina Station.

"There are some ordinances that might pertain to them as a hazard to navigation, especially those not displaying an anchor light at night. We've left notices on vessels that if they're not brought into compliance, we have the option of towing it away."

Carvalho said most of the ocean-anchored boats are left unattended.

"We always caution them that you anchor that at your own risk. Many are probably not anchored properly. When they slip anchor or break loose, they'll wash up on shore if we don't get there in time."

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SPORTSQUOTE

Bode, we're crazy for you.

Banners draped on Italian homes for American skier Bode Miller

TRIVIA

QUESTION: What was the winner's share per player in Super Bowl IV?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School BOYS BASKETBALL
Filer at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
Magic Valley Christian at Castletown, 7:30 p.m.
Valley at Buhl, 6 p.m.
Camas Couly at Richfield, 6 p.m.
Hansen at Hogerman, 6 p.m.
Bliss at Shoshone, 6 p.m.
Glenns Ferry at Wendell, 6 p.m.
Murtaugh at Raft River, 6 p.m.
Lighthouse Christian at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Postseason
Region Four-Elec. Six
playoffs
Skylone at Twin Falls, 7 p.m.
WRESTLING
Wendell/Filer at Valley, 5:30 p.m.
Preston at Minico, 6 p.m.
Buhl at Wood River, 6 p.m.
Mountain Home at Jerome, 7 p.m.

Filer thumps Gooding for title

Win gives Wildcats state tourney berth

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

DECLO — The Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference district trophy the Filer Wildcats held aloft Monday night in Declo was blue.

It would have been more appropriate if the plate was black and blue, like Jonnicia Mecham's eyebrow surely is this morning. Filer won a slugfest of a girls basketball tournament championship game, downing Gooding 60-44 in the Hornets' gymnasium to clinch a 3A state tournament berth next week.

"We knew it was going to be a war," said Filer coach Joel Bate. "These were two really athletic teams that liked to get up and down the floor."

Many players spent their share of time sprawled on it. The physical contest featured 30 fouls and body or foot or hand fouls on the floor by each whistle.

Mecham left the game with a cut left eyebrow early in the fourth quarter, finishing with 17 points.

Not that her departure mattered by then. Filer put the clamps down on a struggling Gooding offense and put the game away with a 9-1 run to open the third.

"That inflated a 28-23 halftime lead to put the Wildcats up 38-24 with 3:59 left."

"We talked (at halftime) about setting down," Bate said. "Once we did we started moving our feet."

Normally, 14 points isn't a huge lead against a team like Gooding. (16-6). But offensive struggles, thanks in large part to a physical Filer defense, kept the Senators from mounting a rally.

Britanica Boone did her best to keep the Senators alive, managing 18 points including four 3-pointers, but Gooding was unable to string together a rally thanks to cold shooting.

"If you can't put in a 2-footer, you're in trouble," said Gooding coach Chris Comstock. "We missed a lot of easy shots and we couldn't keep them off the boards."

Filer dominated the boards, holding the Senators to three second-chance points on the night, a Boone 3-pointer off a long rebound.

In contrast, Wildcats senior Lindsay Heinkeks feasted on second-chance points, scoring all of her game-high 24 points after two early fouls.



ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Filer Wildcats guard Kendra Koyle, left, and Senators defender Kalynn Percira collide during the second quarter of their Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament title game in Declo Monday night.

"It was jittery," Heinkeks said. "I had to get it together."

Filer certainly did in the second half. Gooding will play at Declo at 7 p.m. Wednesday for second place.

Table with 2 columns: Game, Score, Time. Includes games like Filer vs Gooding 44-38, Declo vs Kimberly 39-39, etc.

Declo 53, Kimberly 39

DECLO — Host Declo eliminated Kimberly 53-39 earlier Monday to advance through the loser-out bracket of the SCIC tournament.

The host Hornets face Gooding at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the second-place game.

Declo's Emily Ramsey scored 11 of her 13 points in the decisive second quarter that saw the Hornets take a 27-11 halftime lead.

"We just started exciting," said Hornets coach Val Christensen. "If we're patient, we play fairly well."

Kimberly rallied with a strong third quarter, but Declo stood out. Holly Hurst scored 13 of her game-high 16 points in the second half to stave off the Bulldogs. Kayla Poulton added 12 points and 10 rebounds. Kimberly was paced by Whitney Funk with 15 points.

Table with 2 columns: Player, Points, Rebounds, Assists. Lists players like Emily Ramsey, Holly Hurst, etc.

IN BRIEF

CSI cheer-dance camp offered soon

TWIN FALLS — The CSI Mini-Golden Eagle cheer and dance clinic is \$20 per person and includes pom-poms and a game pass for the participant.

Registration is at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. The camp is open to girls and boys in grades kindergarten through 6th grade.

A routine will be taught from 9 a.m. until noon and then performed at halftime of the women's basketball game against North Idaho Saturday at 6 p.m. in the CSI Gymnasium.

Participants need to wear comfortable clothing and gym shoes. For more information, call BreAnn Clark at 732-2472.

Freestyle ski event set for Feb. 12

ALBION — Pomerele Mountain will hold an all-ages freestyle competition for skiers and boarders on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Contestants will be judged on the style of jumps, turns, twists, and grabs. Registration will be held in the lodge on the day of the competition from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., with the event to begin at noon.

Cost is a \$5 entry fee and a \$5 bib deposit. Trophies and medallions will be given to the top three in each division.

TFHs will host volleyball tournament

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School Volleyball is hosting a Bruin Bash Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament on Feb. 12. There will be an A, B, and C division. Entry fee is \$75.

To reserve a spot, please contact Nikl Walker at 733-2166 or at walkern@tfsd.k12.idaho.edu

T.F. Parks and Rec will hold open gym

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

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

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Minico Spartans earn trip to Class 4A state tournament

Balanced Spartans offense downs Jerome

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

RUPERT — The gameplan Jerome High School girls basketball coach Will Harrison drafted worked, but as had been the case all season long, the Minico Spartans were just too good.

MacArthur sails solo toward an around-the-world record

Not even whale encounters deter sailor

The Associated Press

LONDON — Ellen MacArthur has endured stormy seas, 55 mph winds, a broken sail, burns, bruises and exhaustion — even a close encounter with a whale. The payoff: a solo around-the-world sailing record.

The 28-year-old Englishwoman completed the 26,000-mile circumnavigation at 3:29 p.m. MST on Monday by crossing an imaginary finish line between Ushant, France, and the Lizard peninsula in Cornwall on the south coast of England.

Her final time was 71 days, 14 hours, 18 minutes and 33 seconds, her control team said.

Her 75-foot trimaran B&Q broke the record set by Francis Joyon, who set the mark of 72 days, 22 hours, 54 minutes and 22 seconds, in February 2004. MacArthur, who planned to come ashore in Falmouth later,

where a large media group was waiting, told supporters she was physically and mentally exhausted.

"I can't wait to get in. It's been a very, very long trip and an exceptionally hard one," she wrote on her Web site early Monday. "The glad to be crossing that finish line and finally feeling a little bit of relief."

MacArthur's journey began Nov. 28. Since then, she has slept an average of 30 minutes at a time and four hours in any day. She has reheated frozen dried meats on a single burner stove while living area measuring 5 feet by 6.5 feet. Her water supply is desalinated from the sea.

She spent Christmas Day in a storm, but after crossing the halfway mark at Cape Horn on New Year's Eve she built a four-day lead on the pace set by rival Francis Joyon. A week later, during the worst storms of MacArthur's career, she badly burned her arm on a generator. MacArthur twice had to climb the 98-foot mast to repair mainsail damage.

Minico overcame a slow pace early in the game with some hot shooting and strong inside play to down Jerome 37-25 Monday night in the Great Basin Conference West tournament championship game.

With the win, the Spartans earn a trip to the state tournament. Jerome's will decide its fate later this week.

The Tigers (11-13) frustrated Minico (14-3) throughout the first half.

Harrison knew his team would have to play a deliberate style of basketball in order to win, and Jerome did that early.

The Tigers' 2-3 zone limited the Spartans to six first-quarter points and trailed just 12-9 with 10:21 seconds remaining before halftime.

"Up to that point, I thought things were going exactly as we wanted them to go," Harrison said.

But any momentum Jerome may have had was quickly taken away in the final minute. Minico's Statie Severson hit two free throws to give the Spartans a five-point lead with 57.7 seconds remaining until the break.

On Minico's next possession, an offensive rebound led to Laura Berdenstein's 3-pointer from the left wing to give the Spartans a 17-9 advantage at halftime.

"Obviously, that was a big momentum boost for them," Harrison said.

Minico took control in the third quarter, especially in the rebounding battle. The Spar-

ans received four quick points from center Megan Whitlock late in the frame to boost Minico's lead to 26-14.

For the game, Minico collected more offensive rebounds (17) than Jerome did total (12). Minico grabbed 35 total rebounds.

"The second half, we really came out and took it to them," Minico coach Clint Stratman said. "We are really good at at-

least we set SPARTANS, Page C2



British sailor Ellen MacArthur is seen aboard her trimaran Castorama B & Q during her solo round-the-world record attempt Monday.

SPORTS

Miller owns skiing's showcase event

BORMIO, Italy (AP) — Bode Miller has turned the Alpine Skiing World Championships into his personal playground.

In the only event he failed to win, he lost a ski and then thrilled fans by sliding down the course on just one ski.

"Bode, we're crazy for you," proclaim banners draped on home here.

Miller came into the world championships, leading the World Cup standings, vying to become the first American since Phil Mahre in 1983 to win the overall title.

And his dominance in Alpine skiing has grown during the past 1.5 weeks in Bormio.

Miller shocked the powerful Austrian team by winning gold in the "C" slalom, which opened the world championships. And he won the downhill this weekend, with U.S. teammate Daron Rahulves second.

"I was really glad to have as many medals as events I'm skiing in," Miller said.

"I know myself. When it comes to the big day I don't mess it up. I do mess it up, it's because I was so excited."

Even when he messes up, Miller is still the story.

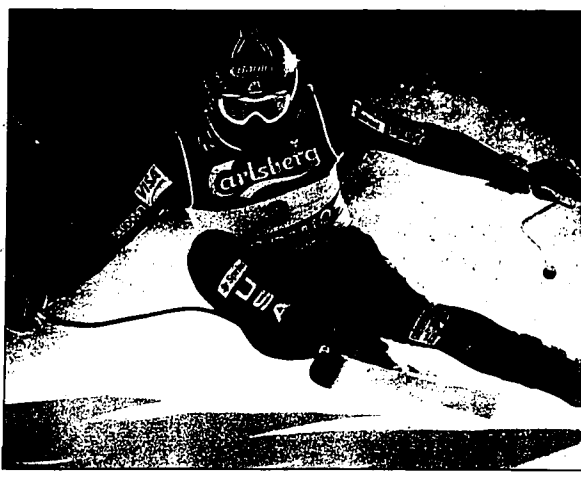
In Thursday's combined event, he lost a ski just 15 seconds into the morning's downhill leg, but turned catastrophe into comedy, stealing the spotlight with a rollicking one-legged descent.

The following day, European papers ran full-page photo spreads of his stunt.

"This is great for the sport. Bode is exciting, dominant, good-looking," said former World Cup downhill champion Ken Read, a Canadian.

"He's the best skier in the world and for all of us on that side of the ocean it's nice to see that."

Miller can add Saturday's slalom title, he would become the first skier to win a world title in each of skiing's five disciplines.



Bode Miller of the United States speeds down the course on his way to winning the Men's Downhill at the World Alpine Ski Championships, in Bormio, Italy, Saturday.

"I think in some ways Bode's in a lot of people's heads because he operates a little differently," said U.S. men's speed coach John McElride.

"He's not your standard person or athlete. He operates in his own way, and his view on things is a lot different. It's skewed a little differently."

Miller again was the center of attention when he and Rahulves played up their Super Bowl rivalry with the New Englander cheering on the Patriots and Californian Rahulves supporting the Eagles, and USA House was the place to be in Bormio early Monday morning.

With a red baseball cap perched on his head and a beer in his hand, Miller sat up front, oblivious to the hundreds of people crammed inside.

The game didn't start until after midnight.

"Yeah, I was there until the end, and then a little more. I was out pretty late," Miller said.

Miller likened his ability to perform under pressure to that of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady.

"You can see that he has good focus, good intensity. He's good at executing and he's one of the guys you'd like to take the pressure," Miller said.

"He wants the responsibility of deciding whether his team wins or loses, but at the end of the day he's really doing it for himself, too. He's trying to lead his team."

"That's sort of what I was talking about with Daron and myself," Miller said. "We're probably two guys you would pick to take that pressure and execute."

Nets best 76ers in OT

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Vince Carter scored a season-high 43 points to become the 41st NBA player to reach 10,000 points, and Jason Kidd had his 62nd triple-double in the New Jersey Nets' 107-97 overtime victory over Philadelphia on Monday night.

Kidd finished with 22 points, a season-high 16 assists and 11 rebounds in leading the Nets to their season-high fifth straight win at home and their eighth in 11 games. Ron Mercer added 14 points, all in the fourth quarter and the overtime.

The win against the 4-4 76ers' team that was without an ailing Allen Iverson came at a lot harder than expected, especially after Carter made things look so easy, scoring 27 first-half points.

New Jersey overcame an eight-point deficit with 5:46 to play, and survived a 28-point effort by Iverson's replacement, Willie Green, who also missed a last-second shot at the buzzer in regulation.

Kenny Thomas added 21 points for the 76ers.

Kyle Korver had 11 points, including three 3-pointers in the third quarter when Philadelphia rallied from a seven-point halftime deficit.

Wizards 108, Pacers 104

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas matched his career high with 43 points to help the Washington Wizards beat the Indiana Pacers 108-104 on Monday night.

Antawn Jamison added 20 points for the Wizards, combining with Arenas for all 19 of Washington's points in the final 8 minutes.

Arenas, 15-of-28 from the field, missed a shot in the lane with the Wizards up 106-104.

The win snaps the Hawks' three-game losing streak.

or win with less than 9 seconds to play. But Indiana's Fred Jones lost control of the ball, and Juan Dixon made two free throws with 3.6 seconds to seal the Wizards' second straight win.

Jermaine O'Neal scored 30 points for the Pacers.

Heat 105, Warriors 96

MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal scored 27 points and the Miami Heat overcame a rare ragged performance by Dwyane Wade to beat Golden State 105-96 on Monday night.

Wade failed to score in the first 18 minutes. He missed several layups and one dunk, committed eight turnovers, drew a technical foul, shot 5-for-14 and finished with 18 points, 5.6 below his average.

Still, the Heat won for the sixth time in seven games. They improved to 14-2 at home since Nov. 30.

The Heat took an 81-72 lead into the fourth quarter but missed 10 of their first 12 shots in the quarter.

The Heat's cold snap allowed Golden State to catch the margin to one at 86-85.

In the next 3 minutes O'Neal had three baskets, two rebounds and a block, helping Miami surge ahead 86-88.

Mike Dunleavy scored 26 points for the Warriors.

Hawks 114, Lakers 108

ATLANTA — Antoine Walker made two baskets in the last 2 minutes, and Tony Delk hit eight free throws in the final minute to help the Atlanta Hawks hold off the Los Angeles Lakers 114-108 on Monday night.

The Lakers, down by 29 points in the second quarter, cut the Hawks' lead to a point before Walker and Delk took control in the final minutes.

Walker led the Hawks with 26 points, and Delk added 25.

Walker hit two baskets in the final 2:14, including a shot after the Lakers pulled to within a point at 98-97, before Delk came through at the line.

The win snaps the Hawks' three-game losing streak.



Pilots push past Trojans

The Times-News — GLENNIS FERRY — The Glennis Ferry Pilots girls basketball team kept its season alive on Monday night by downing the Wendell Trojans in a Gateway Conference Tournament loser-up play. Leading 29-24 heading to the final quarter, the Pilots came out hot for 24 points in the final stanza on route to a 53-35 victory.

"We finally started making some shots," Pilots head coach Kelli McElrone said. "We shot 10-of-16 against them and they didn't get off to a great start tonight, but we started taking advantage of their turnovers and really took care of the boards."

Alisha Crane scored 16 points and yanked down 22 rebounds for the Pilots, while senior Kenzie King scored 16 points while helping hold Trojans gunner Hilite Kelsey to nine points on the night.

Wendell's Rylee Scott scored

Patriots return home to throng of cheering fans

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots were exhausted after winning their third Super Bowl title in four years, but they got a second wind Monday when they arrived at Gillette Stadium and saw a throng of about 2,000 screaming fans.

"We never get tired of this, and never get tired of seeing the fans and making them happy and giving them something to cheer about," said Troy Brown, who played receiver, defensive back and returned punts in New England's 21 win over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

Offensive lineman Matt Light, who made a fashion statement last year by getting off the team his wearing a bath robe, carried the Lombardi Trophy without a robe this year, but quickly donned one to keep up what he called a "tradition."

Receiver Deion Branch, who was named MVP after catching a record-tying 11 passes in the Super Bowl, captured the scene on a video camera.

"We started out shaky, scared

a couple of people, but we pulled it off," he said. "Just to go back-to-back, that's big, that's hard."

Fans, some of whom waited four hours for an unseasonably warm winter day, chanted "Dynasty," and held up signs that read "3 and countin'" and "Welcome to our three ring circus."

Defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel, who accepted the Cleveland Browns head coaching job, got off the bus wearing last year's Super Bowl ring.

"This is a great win for us, we were able to win back-to-back, which not many teams in the NFL have been able to do," he said.

"It's tough that we are going to break it up but that's the nature of the game."

Quarterback Tom Brady did not return with the team to Foxboro.

Instead, he headed for New York for an appearance on "The Late Show with David Letterman."

"I've heard people that have lost Super Bowls say that's the



An unidentified fan reaches out to touch the Vince Lombardi trophy held by New England Patriots' Tedy Bruschi after the team returned to Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass., on Monday.

toughest defeat they've ever had," he said. "Hopefully, we don't have to experience much of that."

The audience laughed, then Brady added, "We haven't yet. And the celebrations are not

over yet. The team will be welcomed back in Boston on Tuesday with a rolling rally through city streets fashioned after a similar parade last fall for the World Series champion Boston Red Sox.

Spartans

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tacking the boards. We knew that's part of our game and we were going to be winning."

Whitlock finished with eight points to tie for a game-high with teammate Meghan Hoettcher, who scored all of hers in the second half.

Cernan, an Lindsay Williams scored six points each for Jerome.

Mimico will face the Century Diamondbacks Thursday at 7:30 p.m. for seeding at the state tournament.

Jerome will face the Preston Indians in an important loser-

out game, also Thursday at 6 p.m. Both games will be played at Minico High School.

Blair called to congratulate her and she finished second in English soccer star David Beckham in a sports personality of the year award.

In 2003 MinicArthur failed in a bid to set the Guinness record for circumnavigation of the globe when her mast broke in the Indian Ocean. Last June, shortly before embarking on her latest venture, MacArthur fell 75 minutes short of a solo trans-Atlantic record.

Now a record of a different sort belongs to her.

Sailing

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contested by 60-foot monohulls.

MacArthur grew up in landlocked Derbyshire in northern England. Her love of the sea began when she went sailing with her aunt in a dinghy at age 4. She then spent years reading about sailing while saving money from her school lunches to buy her own dinghy at 13.

By 14, MacArthur had sailed solo around Britain, the steppingstone to competitive sailing.

In February 2001, MacArthur became the fastest woman at the youngest person to sail alone around the world. She finished second in the Vendee Globe

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Old Navy's Plus line comes to T.F.

**TWIN FALLS** — In time for spring shopping, Old Navy announced Monday that it is expanding its new Women's Plus line to its Twin Falls clothing store in Canyon Park. Old Navy offers women sizes 16-26 in what it dubs "all of the latest looks of the season." The collection — from bright-striped blazers to belted capris — is now available in more than 150 stores nationwide, including Canyon Park, as well as online at oldnavy.com.

Gap Inc. subsidiary Old Navy said its Women's Plus line was newly designed for flattering and comfortable fit. Each piece in the mix-and-match collection is constructed with details such as stretch fabrics or side paneling, and a few savings items of the new line: striped three-pocket blazer for \$39.50; polo shirt with a slimming side panel, \$16.50; oxford shirt dress, \$32.50; cuffed denim capris, \$29.50; and floral pleated skirt, \$32.50.

### TacoTime celebrates store's grand opening

**TWIN FALLS** — The new TacoTime inside Oasis Stop 'N Go — at 639 Addison Ave. W. — is celebrating its grand opening this month.

The restaurant replaced Taco Bell Express, which previously operated at the site for seven years, said Troy D. Willie, chief executive of Oasis Stop 'N Go LLC. Taco Bell Express has been ending the convenience store market, he said Monday.

TacoTime offers daily specials and family meal deals and accepts the KickBack rewards card, which gives customers 5 percent back. TacoTime will offer grand opening promotions through March 6.

"We're excited to open our doors here inside Oasis Stop 'N Go," said Pat Cornes, manager of the new location.

TacoTime offers freshly prepared ingredients in each of its made-to-order products and prepares several items including taco shells, taco chips, beans, salsa and saucés fresh in the restaurant every day. Menu offerings include crisp burritos, large crisp tacos, vegetable and cheese tacos, Mexican fries and salads, as well as children's meal options. TacoTime's salsa bar offers a variety of freshly prepared salsas and sauces. TacoTime, a quick service Mexican food chain which began in 1960 in Eugene, Ore., has more than 400 locations.

### Students raise money for Boise conference

**TWIN FALLS** — Students in the College of Southern Idaho's Drafting Technology class are raising money by selling flowers and plants at the fair. The plants to be delivered to CSI campus locations on Monday. Items for sale range from a single rose for \$3.25 to a dozen roses for \$43. Combinations in all price ranges include various numbers of roses or carnations, with and without vases; balloons; and toy bears. The selection of merchandise and prices are available at [www.csi.edu/stuact/clubs/educational/vta/cubpage.htm](http://www.csi.edu/stuact/clubs/educational/vta/cubpage.htm).

Proceeds will help send 13 CSI students to this spring's national leadership conference in Boise, where they will compete against other postsecondary students. For information, contact advisor Pat Ferrell at 732-6326 or at [pferrell@csi.edu](mailto:pferrell@csi.edu).

### Legacy Event Center holds open house

**BURLEY** — Legacy Event Center, at 89 W. 700 S., in Burley, will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday with refreshments and drawings for free gifts.

The business is in a historic home that has been newly remodeled and features a reception hall, family/dance area, bride's room, attendants' room, groom's room, two bathroom and a full-service catering kitchen. Legacy Event Center can be reached at 312-6058. — compiled from staff reports

# Closure hits Oregon town

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The Associated Press

**NYSSA, Ore.** — It used to be that Oct. 1 to Feb. 1 was high season in this out-of-the-way Snake River town. That's when the Amalgamated Sugar Co. sugar beet processing plant would fire up. 24 hours a day, seven days a week, no time off even for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Even the air in town smelled like sliced beets and drying beet pulp.

During an average campaign season, the plant refined an average of 1 million tons of sugar beets into three million 100-pound sacks of sugar. It meant much-needed seasonal work for about 600 local people, with good wages, ranging between \$12 and \$22 an hour.

But this year, Amalgamated announced plans to cut its permanent crew at the Nyssa plant

from about 190 to 30, most likely ending the processing campaigns. Another 30 or so workers will transfer to the company's plant in Nampa or elsewhere.

"During campaign, you were either there at the plant or you were sleeping," said Mike Haddock, a bartender at the Nyssa Tavern who was a welder at the Amalgamated plant for 29 years. "I hate to see it go down. It is like taking a piece of everybody's life."

Ralph Burton, president and CEO of Amalgamated, said the layoffs were due to free trade agreements and U.S. marketing policies that permit large sugar imports from overseas. Import price pressures resulted in a cut-back in this season's processing output to about 800,000 tons, he said.

In addition, Amalgamated's

contract growers in Oregon and Idaho reduced sugar beet acreage by 16 percent in the last year at the company's request, Burton said.

Other pressures on the industry include the increased efficiency of the U.S. sugar industry and dietary changes that have reduced consumption of white sugar, he said.

The company operates sugar processing plants in Twin Falls and Paul, in addition to Nampa and Nyssa. The company was the biggest employer in Nyssa, population 3,170.

"I've been there 32 years-plus, and now I have to find a job," said Dave Reynolds of Payette. He's filed one among a dozen grievances with Local 290G of the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers Union that claim Amalgamated failed to follow proper layoff procedures.

"They didn't take into account seniority, acquired skills or any of that," he said.

The layoffs are expected to affect towns within a 50-mile radius of Nyssa. Some of the workers might find jobs in nearby Ontario, Ore., or in Nampa, Caldwell and Boise in Idaho, said Jason Yohannan, a state-labor economist in La Grande, Ore.

Malheur County, with a 2004 unemployment rate of 3.7 percent, lost 550 jobs from 2001 through 2003, but the economy seemed to be stabilizing in 2004, Yohannan said. With this news, 2005 is up in the air again, he said.

"Anybody who says it isn't going to hurt them, they are dreaming," said Steve Hain, mayor of Sweet Harbort. "It's going to hurt everybody in this community."

# COLLABORATIVE EFFORT



Rancher Phil Ferda works on a wind break Jan. 26 at his ranch near Highwood, Mont. Once a month, Ferda takes time from his farm to meet with other producers in Great Falls to talk about the weather, work and ways to make more money for their grain and cattle.

# Farmers meet in clubs to plan marketing strategies

The Associated Press

**BILLINGS, Mont.** — Once a month, Phil Ferda goes away from his north-central Montana grain farm for an hour or two to meet in Great Falls with other farmers and ranchers and talk about the weather, work and ways to make more money on their cattle and grain.

For Ferda, it's time well spent. He figures the information swapped and strategies learned during his regular marketing club meetings — from how much a neighbor is paying for fertilizer to using hedging techniques to market wheat — have helped him earn thousands of dollars more a year than if he'd never started making the 30-mile trips into town.

"I hate to miss a meeting, because I always figure there's something I'm going to miss out on," he said. In Montana and other farm states, marketing clubs have gained a faithful following and new-found interest among farmers and ranchers seeking greater returns on the crops and cattle. While each group is different — some trade futures and options, others take field trips or bring in speakers — the bottom line is helping producers become smarter marketers,

minimizing their risk and ending their profits.

They seem to work in a survey of marketing clubs in Montana, wheat farmers reported receiving as much as 12 cents a bushel more after attending the clubs. "It's a risky environment," said Kevin McNew, an agricultural economist at Montana State University. "Over the years, everyone in agriculture has tried to educate producers about managing that risk. This is hopefully what marketing clubs are doing — showing them you can have control and can manage the risk."

That's been the case for Texas farmer Danny Krienke, who started attending a marketing club in 1995 after completing a long, intensive marketing education program that's since also been successfully run in Montana and Minnesota. "That year, he said, he was able to lock in some of the best

corn prices he'd seen. And Krienke said he's consistently seen better returns, by closely monitoring the markets and feeling more comfortable "pulling the trigger" to commit some wheat or corn at a set price.

One thing that's helped, he said, is talking over his problem with other producers in similar situations. "You learn to respect each other and ask 'Is this idea I have so wrong?'" said Krienke, who farms near Perryton, Texas, and still attends club meetings at a local restaurant. "You have a chance to talk about it, and maybe someone else is thinking the same thing you are."

The neat thing is, to see the trust that's been built, that they're literally sharing a lot of business with other members and getting advice," said Scott Strawn, an extension agent who helps facilitate club meetings and get the members back on track if they get carried away

socializing, talking about politics or production levels. "I think that's neat."

Interest in the group, one of about 35 with ties to Texas A&M, which has led the intensive Master Marketer programs, has been steady for the last three years after waning some. Strawn said factors such as market volatility — due to fear of mad-cow disease in foreign countries or bad weather in this one — have drawn in people. "Marketing can give you an edge if you're paying attention," Strawn said. "Marketing's become a little more critical, farmers are seeking more information and we're giving them an avenue to maybe gather that information."

Many clubs bring in speakers — grain traders, flour millers, economists — for insights into the marketplace and ways in which producers can take financial advantage of market fluctuations. They also monitor global weather, trade issues and commodity prices and discuss options for a more profitable business — often building off the basics such as having marketing plans for members' farms and ranches up in the use of tools such as contracting, hedging or options for selling their grain or cattle.

# Justice Department investigates individual NYSE specialists

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — As many as 20 individual specialists on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange are under investigation by the Justice Department for allegedly using illegal trading practices to cheat customers, a source close to the case confirmed Monday.

The probe, reported Monday by *The New York Times*, is an extension of a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission investigation into the trading practices of 81 specialists from 1999 through 2003, the source said on condition of anonymity.

The NYSE began investigating the specialists — the auctioneers who manage buying and selling of particular stocks — in 2002, and the SEC got involved after determining the Big Board was not being aggressive enough. In March 2004, five specialist firms agreed to a \$241-million settlement with regulators to resolve illegal trading allegations. The firms were Bear Stearns Cos. subsidiary Bear Wagner Specialists; Fleet Specialist Inc., now part of Bank of America Corp.; LaBranche & Co.; Van der Moolen Specialists; and Goldman Sachs subsidiary

Spear, Leeds & Kellogg. The settlement did not include any acknowledgment or denial of wrongdoing. The current investigations focus on about 10 to 20 individuals, the source told *The Associated Press*. The individuals were already known to NYSE and SEC regulators.

The exchange and the U.S. Attorney's office in Manhattan, which is handling the case, both declined comment. Since the civil actions against the specialists were settled last year, the NYSE has taken steps to bolster its regulatory arm, divorcing it from the usual

corporate chain of command. Chief Regulatory Officer Richard Ketchum now answers directly to the NYSE board of directors instead of Chief Executive Officer John Thain.

The NYSE has also installed a regulatory division has been particularly aggressive in going after those who violate NYSE regulations, levying record fines over the past year. The NYSE has also installed computer programs that flag questionable trades, like the ones allegedly used by individual specialists under investigation. The NYSE then investigates each trade for any wrongdoing.

## — FILINGS —

The Times-News

**BOISE** — Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

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

Steven B. Conger and Chastity L. Conger, also known as Chastity L. Conger, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 05-40148.

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

Ronald E. Romero Jr., 424 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 05-40146.

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

Benjamin Joseph Ratto, doing business as Ratto Landscaping and as Ratio Landscaping & Tree Service, 676 All. St., No. 1, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 05-40148.

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

Glen W. Pruitt, 300 E. 27th St., No. 2, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 05-40159.

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

Stephen Boyd Bell, doing business as S.L. Enterprises, 1615 E. Marie Blvd., 1147 C.E. #400, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 05-40163.

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

Juan Ricardo Iniguez, also known as Juan Ricardo Iniguez-Martinez and Monica Iniguez, also known as Monica Iniguez-Solorzano, 747 S. Bliss, No. 17, Wendell, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case No. 05-40147.

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

Joanne Hom, also known as Joanne Hom Finery, Joanne H. Finery, 8 S.L. Enterprises, 1615 E. Marie Blvd., 1147 C.E. #400, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 100-159 creditors, assets under \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 05-40130.

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

Earl M. Hollar, 408 W. 300 S., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 05-40141.

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

Brian Richard Lam and Anita Davis, 1219 E. 16th Ave., 1615 E. Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 05-40154.

### Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$1 million to \$10 million

William Michael Smith and Joni L. Smith, 327 S. 220 W., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets \$500,000 to \$1 million, liabilities \$1 million to \$10 million. Case No. 05-40152.

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

Jennifer Wheeler, 437 Wyoming St., Gooding, individual, business (Wheeler's Magic Valley Maid Service), Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 05-40133.

### Chapter 13, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Amber M. Arterburn, 241 E. North Ave., Hagerman, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 05-40157.

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

Jerome A. Thompson, also known as Jerome A. Thompson and Kathleen A. Thompson, 151 Seventh Ave. N., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 05-40031.

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

Priscilla Ann Smith, 703 E. 17th St., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 05-40134.

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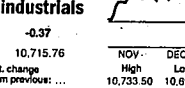
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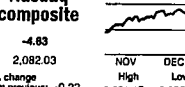
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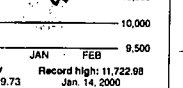
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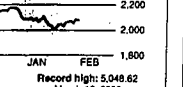
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Profit-taking, budget concerns pressure stocks

NISW YORK (AP) - Stocks dipped lower Monday despite a sharp drop in oil prices and new strength in the dollar as investors worried about the market's ability to hold its gains after last week's rally.

"It's a positive sign, certainly, and you're seeing the dollar rise because of that," said Peter Carullo, chief strategist and portfolio vice president at S.W. Bacon & Co. of the budget.

With most CDs, you can't touch your money until the bank's done with it. Nor so with our five-month Liquid CD. First, it lets you lock your money in at a good rate. After that, you can tap into it once a week without penalty as long as you maintain the \$5,000 minimum balance and haven't made deposits or withdrawals within the last seven days.

Washington Mutual advertisement for Liquid CD with 2.50% APY. Includes text: 'THE HIGH-INTEREST, HIGHLY ACCESSIBLE LIQUID CD', 'WE LOCK AWAY YOUR MONEY AND THROW YOU THE KEY.', 'Washington Mutual MORE HUMAN INTEREST'.



WORLD

Two U.N. officials get suspended

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Kofi Annan suspended the head of the U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq and a senior U.N. official who dealt with contracts following an independent investigation that accused them of misconduct, a U.N. spokesman said Monday.

Beroun Sevan, who was in charge of the \$6.4 billion humanitarian program, and Joseph Stephanides, who heads the U.N. Security Council Affairs Division, were fired Friday, though they had been suspended with pay, spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

Sevan and Stephanides were told they could receive their pay this week "laying out the charges against them," which will allow them to defend themselves before U.N. disciplinary bodies in what will likely be a lengthy appeals process, he said.

"Suspension is the beginning of a disciplinary process," Eckhard said. Sevan ran the oil-for-food program from 1996 until it ended in November 2003 and retired from the United Nations last year for \$1 a month in the pay-off for 51 years to help with this investigation. Stephanides is scheduled to retire in about five months.

An investigation led by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker accused Sevan in an interim report released Thursday of a "grave conflict of interest," saying his conduct in soliciting oil deals from Iraq was "ethically objectionable" and severely undermined the integrity of the United Nations.

Volcker did not say that Sevan received kickbacks, but expressed concern at \$1,000 in cash which he said he received from his aunt in his native Cyprus from 1989-2003. The report questioned this unexplained wealth, noting that his aunt, who recently died, was a retired Cyprus government-photographer living on a modest pension.

Volcker said he is still investigating "the scope and extent of benefits" that Sevan received from his request that a small Swiss-based oil company, African Middle East Petroleum Co. Ltd. Inc., known as AME, be given a chance to buy Iraq oil. Sevan's lawyer, Eric Lewis, accused Volcker's independent investigative committee of trying to "scapegoat" Sevan in the program and said, "My son never took a penny." He said Sevan was proud of his 40-year U.N. career and of the oil-for-food program, the largest humanitarian relief program in U.N. history, which saved tens of thousands of innocent Iraqis "from death by disease and starvation."

Under the program, Saddam Hussein's regime could sell oil, provided the proceeds went primarily to buy humanitarian goods and pay reparations to Iraq. The U.N. Security Council committee overseeing sanctions monitored the contracts.

Israeli, Palestinian leaders will declare cease-fire

SHARIM EL-SHEIK, Egypt — Israeli and Palestinian leaders said they will declare a formal end to more than four years of fighting during a summit Tuesday in this Egyptian resort — a breakthrough in the Middle East peace-making that comes after both sides also accepted invitations to meet separately with President George W. Bush's White House.

The cease-fire deal, finalized during last-minute preparations Monday on the eve of the summit, was the clearest indication yet of momentum following Yasser Arafat's death, the election of a new Palestinian leader and a signal from the White House that it plans a renewed push for peace.

"The most important thing at the summit will be a mutual declaration of cessation of violence against each other," said Saeb Erekat, a Palestinian negotiator. Erekat said the agreement also includes the establishment of joint committees — one to determine criteria for the release of Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails, and the other to oversee the gradual withdrawal of Israeli forces from Palestinian enclaves on the West Bank.

Detainees say they lied to stop abuse, torture

Eleven detainees say U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Pakistan abused them before they were sent to the prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, allegations that include beatings with chains, electric shock and sodomy, according to a lawyer's notes that were recently declassified and released Monday. Some of the men say they falsely confessed to being members of Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime or the al-Qaeda terror network to make the abuse stop, said Tom Wilner, a lawyer for the 11 Kuwaitis being

CELEBRATE!



Indian Hindu pilgrims dance as others take a holy dip on Sangam, the confluence of Rivers Ganges and Yamuna, during the annual traditional fair Monday of Magh Mela in Allahabad, India. Hundreds of thousands of Hindu pilgrims take dips during the Magh Mela, some hoping to wash away sins and others to secure a fine spouse, in a sun-worshipping tradition older than Hinduism itself.

held in the prison camp at the U.S. Navy base in eastern Cuba, most without charge. Human rights groups and defense lawyers have long charged that some of the information that led to incarcerations at Guantanamo Bay was obtained through abuse or torture. Many of the 5-45 prisoners have been held for more than three years, most without charge.

Maj. Michael Stavers, a Pentagon spokesman, said all "credible" abuse allegations are investigated but suggested the Kuwaitis' claims were consistent with al-Qaida tactics to falsely allege abuse or mistreatment.

Two journalists die in attack in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Gunmen fired into a small bus filled with journalists on their way back from covering the sur-

render of a suspected militant in a lawless tribal region Monday, killing two reporters and wounding two others, security officials said.

The journalists were on a road near Wana, the main town in South Waziristan, when their bus was overtaken by the assailants about 7:30 p.m., said Brig. Mahmood Shah, chief of security for Pakistan's tribal areas along the frontier with Afghanistan.

The gunmen sprayed the bus with AK-47 assault rifles, then fled, he said. Killed were Mir Nawab, a freelance journalist who worked as a cameraman for Associated Press Television News and as a reporter for a local newspaper, and Amir Noor, a reporter for The Nation, an English-language Pakistani newspaper. The wounded journalists

were identified as Anwar Shakir, who works for Agency France Presse, and Zardad Khan, a freelancer. Both were taken to a hospital in Wana, where Shakir was reported in stable condition with a back wound. Khan was less seriously injured.

Vatican says pope will remain hospitalized

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II will remain hospitalized a few more days as a precaution, the Vatican said Monday, and the Holy See's No. 2 official for the first time publicly addressed the issue of a possible papal resignation.

Papal spokesman Joaquín Navarro-Valls said the 84-year-old pope, who he said was continuing to improve, had no fever, was eating regularly and has been sitting in a chair every

day for several hours. "His doctors have advised him to stay a few more days," Navarro-Valls said, declining to set a date for the pope's release.

Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Angelo Sodano, asked by a reporter Monday whether the pope has thought about resigning, responded: "Let's leave this hypothesis up to the pope's conscience."

"If there is a man who loves the church more than anybody else, who is guided by the Holy Spirit, if there's a man who has marvelous wisdom, that's him. We must have great faith in the pope. He knows what to do," said Stanislo, the Vatican's No. 2 official.

British minister pledges action on immigration

LONDON — The government Monday proposed tighter immigration controls and said only skilled workers who speak English would be allowed to settle in Britain permanently.

Home Secretary Charles Clarke said the government also would fingerprint all foreigners applying for visas to stop them from remaining in Britain once their permits expire.

The measures, which would not affect citizens of the European Union, are part of a Europe-wide drive to tackle illegal immigration — an issue particularly sensitive for Prime Minister Tony Blair's government as it gears up for national elections expected in May.

"This country needs migration. Tourists, students and migrant workers make a vital contribution to the U.K. economy. But we need to ensure that we let in migrants with the skills and talents to benefit Britain, while stopping those trying to abuse our hospitality and place a burden on our society," Clarke said.

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Togo court swears in new president

LOME, Togo (AP) — The man the military picked to succeed his late father as Togo's president was sworn in Monday even as Western diplomats boycotted the ceremony and hundreds of protesting students tried to disrupt it.

Faure Gnassingbe pronounced "for the People, SINGBE" came to power in a tiny, impoverished country with little experience of rule of law, having spent nearly 40 years under the ruthless rule of his father, President Gnassingbe Eyadema, who died of a heart attack Saturday, was among the last of Africa's "Big Men" who held power through patronage, the loyalty of their ethnic and regional groups, and military force.

His son promised change, saying Togo is on the road to democracy. Gnassingbe, wearing a blue suit at his 15-minute inauguration, pledged to "devote all my force to the development of the well-being of all Togolese and respect for human liberties in the national interest."

But the international community has sharply questioned how he came to power, with some calling it a military coup.

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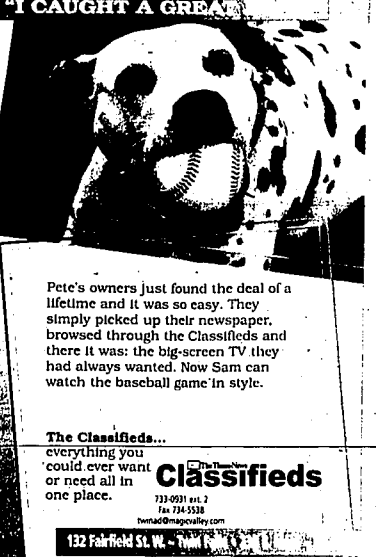
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