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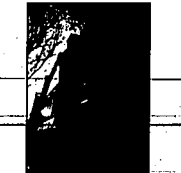


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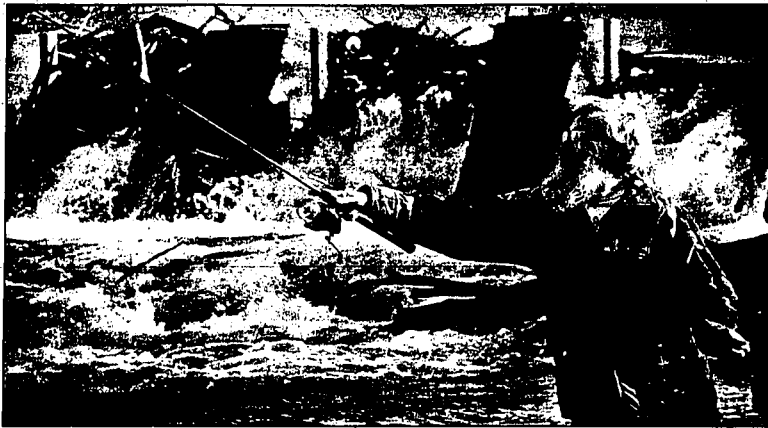
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Fish, hunt fees may rise

Electoral vote plan defeated



Alan Sheets, of Boise, casts his line into the Boise River near Ann Morrison Park in downtown Boise on Thursday. The Idaho legislature is considering a fee increase of approximately 14 percent for hunting and fishing licenses.

Proposal to increase license costs will see opposition

The Associated Press

BOISE — For the first time since 2000, hunters and anglers are likely to pay more for their licenses and tags this year. But many sportsmen don't even know it.

"We haven't heard a whole lot about it yet," said Tom McGlashen, co-owner of Tackle Tom's, a roadside tackle shop on Highway 55 near Lake Cascade. "We're still in the winter time of year, and word is just filtering out."

Indeed, Tom himself wasn't sure of the specifics, mainly because the legislation in the House Resources and Conservation committee raising fees and tag was only introduced Wednesday. A hearing for the bill is scheduled Thursday.

The legislation seeks to increase fees and tags about 14

percent across the board. For resident hunting and fishing licenses, that equates to \$1.75 and \$3.75 more, respectively, or \$4.25 for a combination license.

A hunting license currently costs \$11.50, a fishing license is \$23.50, and a combination license runs \$30.50.

Of the increase, an additional 25 cents per license will be distributed to commercial vendors, like Tackle Tom's. "Yahoo!" said McGlashen, who sells about 4,000 licenses a year. "We'll be happy guys. I hadn't heard that."

Certainly, there are sportsmen and lawmakers who will

oppose the fee and tag increases.

On the other end of the spectrum, Rep. JoAn Wood, R-Rigby, pointed to another bill supported by advocates for the poor, which would allow low-income people to hunt and fish for more sustenance.

"It's gotten too expensive for them," she said. "You get a guy and his whole family, and it's impossible" for the whole family to purchase licenses and tags for everyone.

Fish and Game managers are quick to point out that there hasn't been any fee increase since 2000, when the agency

said it would not ask for another increase for the next four years.

The fee increase would increase the agency's revenue about \$3.3 million, from \$29.7 million in 2005 to \$32.6 million in 2006.

Fish and Game Budget Director Steve Barton said the increase is needed to allow the department to continue operating as it has in past years, for what amounts to a nominal increase.

"For a hunting license, this will cost less than a gallon of gas," Barton said. "That's true if you are hunting most birds, rabbits or other small game. But big game tags will also increase a few dollars. Deer tags will rise \$2.50 to \$20.50; elk tags up \$4 to

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By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — For the time being, Idaho won't be joining Maine or Nebraska in using a "district plan" in the U.S. Electoral College for presidential elections. On Friday, the House State Affairs Committee shot down Ketchum Democrat Wendy Jaquet's proposed bill to do that by a vote of 16-1. The plan would have given two of Idaho's electoral votes to the statewide presidential winner and assigned the other two based on which candidates captured majorities in each of Idaho's two congressional districts.

Right now, Idaho uses the winner-take-all approach in sending delegates to Washington, D.C. to assign votes for the presidency.

"This does not reflect the will of the people," said Idaho State

Rep. Wendy Jaquet.

David Adler, who testified in favor of Jaquet's bill.

Jaquet said, "This is an issue for the minority party in this state."

Jaquet, the House minority leader, and Adler tried to convince the committee the proposal would make all voters feel like their votes count. Plus, it would involve more people in political discussions, they said.

But Rep. Janet Miller, R-Boise, said the legislation would have a significant difference in any Idaho elections going back until at least the mid-1960s when she first moved to the state. During the past 40 years both districts have swung toward the Republican presidential candidate.

Another Boise Republican, Rep. Steve Smylie, pointed out that in November's presidential election almost 80 percent of Idahoans voted. Adler admitted that turnout could be graded as an "A plus."

Nonetheless, having a congressional district that is deemed a swing district in an election would more than likely draw presidential candidates to Idaho, Adler said. President Bush visited a swing district in Maine 13 times during the last election cycle, Adler noted.

"When was the last time a presidential candidate came to Idaho?" he asked. "We're denied finding out what presidential candidates have to say about our issues."

But Jaquet and Adler failed to convince the lawmakers. Only Anne Pasley-Stout of Boise, one of the three Democrats on the committee, voted for the bill.

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Rep. Wendy Jaquet



David Adler

Idaho Legislature 2005

Jurors on Johnson case tour scene of crime

Members see where couple was killed

By Pedro Salom
The Wood River Journal

BELLEVUE — Twelve jurors and six alternates shuffled off a bus and into the Johnson family home Friday, exploring the scene where Alan and Diane Johnson were shot to death on Sept. 2, 2003.

Their daughter Sarah, 16 at the time of the shootings, is currently being tried on two counts of first-degree murder in connection with their deaths.

"The jury is getting an opportunity to see the layout of the home," said Blaine County Prosecutor Jim Thomas. "The judge wanted them to see it."

The tour of the home came at the end of the first week of testimony, during which jurors saw grisly photos of Alan and Diane's bodies and heard police describe the murder scene. The jurors slowly worked their way through the home and guesthouse carrying a small diagram



of the home labeling the rooms and pieces of evidence. The home itself was cleaned after the shootings, and none of the blood spatters the jury has heard so much about remain. Prosecutors had asked trial Judge Barry Wood to allow markers on the floor and walls to denote where evidence was found, but the defense attorneys successfully argued against it.

The jury remained on the scene for roughly 45 minutes, escorted by bailiffs in groups of six. They were not allowed to talk to each other or ask questions.

During the tour, Judge Wood and the attorneys stood outside the home, and did not come into contact with the jurors.

Next week prosecutors are

Blaine County Prosecutor Jim Thomas, left, and defense attorney Mark Rader walk away from Diane and Alan Johnson's guesthouse in Bellevue Friday. The Johnsons' daughter, Sarah, is on trial for murder in connection with their September 2003 deaths. Jury members toured the crime scene Friday.

DEY MORGAN/BLADE PHOTO BY JIM THOMAS

expecting the jurors will hear testimony from Johnson's former boyfriend, Bruno Santos; the family's former houseguest, Mel Spiegler; and a one-time cleaning woman, Janet Sylven. All three were initially investigated as "people of interest," along with Johnson herself. In his opening argument, Thomas said all three produced credible alibis.

Plan to cut subsidies shakes farmers

The Associated Press

LIVE OAK, Calif. — Rice grower Frank Reherrmann contemplates his 33rd spring planting while worrying about the lowest crop prices he has ever seen. And not only that, he is hearing troubling things from the federal government, his silent partner on 900 acres about 60 miles north of Sacramento.

President Bush, in his budget plan released Monday, is proposing to cut farm subsidy spending 5 percent this year and cap subsidies at \$250,000 per person.

"I expect when it's all said and done the rice industry will sustain cuts. The question is

“I'm not happy. I voted for George Bush.”

— John Rife, cotton grower

how much?" said Reherrmann, who along with 5,300 other rice growers in Northern California received \$260 million in federal crop subsidies in 2003.

From North Dakota wheat country through the Midwest Corn Belt to the South's cotton

fields, farmers who considered their government payments guaranteed are worried.

"What do they want from us? Do they really want us to succeed out here and support our local communities? Or do they want us to quietly go away and sell out to an investor?" asked Fannie Bled, a dairy farmer with 860 acres near Harmony, Minn. "In many farm states that helped re-elect Bush in November after never hearing any campaign talk about cutting their payments, there is a sense of betrayal."

"I'm not happy. I voted for George Bush," said cotton grower John Rife of Ferriday, La.

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California rice grower Frank Reherrmann contemplates the effects of President Bush's proposed farm subsidy cuts, along with record low rice prices, at his farm in Live Oak, Calif.



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

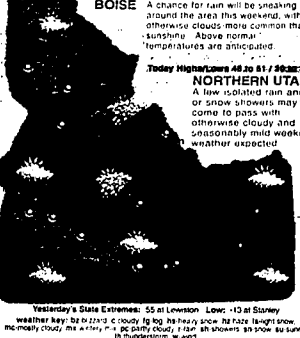
Today: Mid and cloudy with a small threat of precipitation. Highs from 41 to 49.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy with some partial late night clearing.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and cloudy with a small threat of precipitation developing. Highs from 41 to 47.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain developing. Highs from 41 to 50.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy and breezy with patchy clouds over night. Lows from 26 to 33.
Tomorrow: Clouding back up with another slim chance of showers passing through. Highs from 41 to 47.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Clouds will accompany a chance of valley rain and snow showers and mountain snow showers developing all weekend.
BOISE: A chance for rain will be spreading around the area this weekend, with afternoon clouds more common than showers. Above normal temperatures are anticipated.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 55 at Lewiston, Low: -19 at Stanley. Weather key: B=blizzard, C=cloudy, fog, H=heavy snow, HAZE=light fog, M=moderate fog, R=rain, S=snow, SH=snow showers, S.W.=snow to sunny, U=undercast, W=wind.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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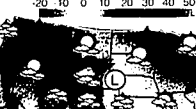
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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White House details proposed budget cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush challenged lawmakers Friday to eliminate or reduce spending for 151 federal programs, offering a long list of what the administration sees as duplications, failures and inefficiencies.
A document detailing the administration's rationale for each proposed cut, the White House fished out Bush's State of the Union promise to curb government spending and reduce budget deficits that have been forecast.

Convicted pedophile priest dies at 70

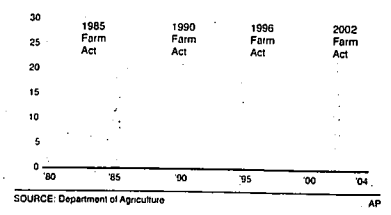
BOSTON (AP) — Former priest James Porter, whose widely reported molestation of dozens of children foreshadowed the clergy sex abuse scandal that swept the Roman Catholic church, died Friday.
Porter, 70, died at New England Medical Center in Boston, where he had been treated since being transferred from a Department of Correction medical facility last month, department spokesman Diane Williams said.

Subsidy

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Between 1995 and 2003, U.S. farmers received \$131 billion in federal subsidies, with the largest share — 28 percent — steered to Midwest corn growers, according to the Environmental Working Group, a non-partisan Washington advocacy group.
In 2003, the first year after Bush signed the most recent farm bill, about one-third of U.S. farms received \$16.4 billion in federal subsidies.

Bush budget aims to curb farm subsidies

The Bush administration's 2006 budget proposes to cut farm subsidy. While several major farm bills have passed Congress since the mid-80s, federal outlays to farmers have varied because payments are based on market and crop conditions.
Federal farm subsidies paid 1980-2004 fiscal years (October - September)
\$35 billion



CNN news chief resigns over remarks on Iraq

WASHINGTON — News anchor Katie Couric resigned Friday night as CNN's chief news executive in an effort to quell a bubbling controversy over his remarks about U.S. soldiers killing journalists in Iraq.
Even as she said he had mis-spoken at an international conference in suggesting that coalition troops had "targeted" a dozen journalists and insisted he never believed that, Jordan was being roundly lambasted by bloggers, liberals as well as conservatives, who provided the rocket fuel for a story that otherwise might have fizzled.

difference when the farms are doing good and farmers are more optimistic about things," said Cruger, Miss. cotton grower Rob Farmer. "Everybody does better. All the businesses do better."

Among farmers, who make up less than 2 percent of the U.S. population, many say such payments are critical to their businesses, where production costs often outstrip commodity prices and the profit margin is perilously small and can easily be wiped out by heat, by cold, by rain or by drought.
Jerry Wanzek, a fourth-generation wheat farmer in Harrodsport, N.D., said: "My payment goes right into the checkbook and back out to pay local taxes and farm equipment. It's not money that goes into my Swiss bank account or goes on vacation."

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U.S. rejects N. Korea request

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arguing it was burned before in one-on-one talks with North Korea, the United States said Friday it had no interest in resuming direct discussions on Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program.

The White House said it continued to support a six-nation process designed to negotiate the elimination of the communist country's nuclear armaments.

But with that process stalled, administration officials were beginning to discuss the possibility of referring the issue to the U.N. Security Council as an alternate approach.

The objective there would be to impose international sanctions to persuade North Korea leader Kim Jong Il to abandon his weapons program.

In Sapporo, Japan, Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi came down firmly against that idea Friday. He said economic sanctions against the North could have any possibility that Pyongyang might reject

Approximate known nuclear arsenals

Israel - 200*	Strategic
Pakistan - 30-50	Tactical
India - 45-95	(less powerful)
Britain - 200*	Estimate
China - 300, 120	
France - 350	
United States - 5,000	1,000
Russia - 5,000	3,500

Who has the power

North Korea said Thursday that it has nuclear weapons. If true, it becomes the ninth nation believed to possess them.

* Not confirmed by government

Note: Russia and the United States have 11,000 and 5,000 warheads in storage respectively

SOURCES: Arms Control Association; Nuclear Threat Initiative

the six-nation talks and end any chance of nuclear success.

"I understand the feelings behind growing calls for economic sanctions, but dialogue and pressure are important," Koizumi told reporters.

Han Sung Ryol, a senior North Korean diplomat at the United Nations, urged a direct dialogue with the United States in an interview with a South Korean newspaper.

But in a subsequent interview, he appeared to backtrack, telling Associated Press Televi-

sion News, "No, we do not ask for bilateral talks. We said the key issue for North Korea was whether the United States planned to attack North Korea."

The United States has said repeatedly in recent years that it has no such plans and is intent on seeking a diplomatic solution.

On Thursday, the North Korean Foreign Ministry declared that the country had produced nuclear weapons and said it was calling off participation in the six-nation talks.

Optimism about Iraq edges up after election

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are feeling a bit more optimistic about the future of Iraq, a bright spot for the administration in an Associated Press poll that indicates many are souring on President Bush's job performance.

Half in the AP-IPSS poll, 51 percent, said they think a stable, democratic Iraq is likely, up slightly from the 46 percent who felt that way before the Iraq elections.

"From what I hear in the news, it sounds like the Iraqis really want it," said Bill Harter, a nurse's aide in Mason City, Iowa, who considers himself a political independent. "But it's going to take a long time."

The uptick in sentiment about Iraq was not matched by increasing optimism about how things are going at home.

Public confidence in President Bush's job performance and the nation's direction slipped in the opening weeks of his second term, particularly among people 50 and older, the poll found.

Adults were evenly divided on Bush's job performance in January, but now 54 percent disapprove and 45 percent approve. The number who think the country is headed down the wrong track increased from 51 percent to 58 percent in the past month.

The poll, conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs, was taken after the president's State of the Union address and the elections in Iraq and at the start of a heated debate over creating personal Social Security accounts.

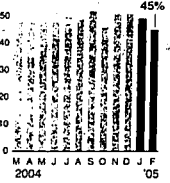
Older Americans, especially those 65 and above, were most responsible for the declining confidence and approval numbers. Middle-aged people between 30 and 50 were about evenly split on Bush's job performance.

"It looks like people are react-

AP-IPSS POLL

Presidential approval rating

President Bush's overall job approval rating from a survey of 1,000 adults.



MARGIN OF ERROR: ±3.1 percentage points, registered voters prior to 2005; poll taken between Feb. 7-9

SOURCE: Ipsos-Public Affairs for AP

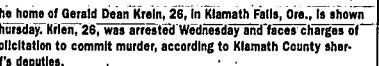
AP-IPSS POLL

ing to the State of the Union and plans to change Social Security," said Charles Franklin, a political scientist from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The AP poll did not ask about Social Security. Only four in 10 said they approved of Bush's handling of domestic policy in general, and a majority of people disapproved of his handling of the economy.

The AP-IPSS consumer confidence index found people were less optimistic about the economy generally, a dip that came after reports of sluggish job gains and increasing interest rates.

"I voted Republican, but it looks like things are going downhill," said Kenny Spruill of Lexington, Ga., who works in construction. "I'm a self-employed contractor and a lot of Mexicans are moving into the state. We can't compete with them price-wise."



The home of Gerald Dean Klein, 26, in Klamath Falls, Ore., is shown Thursday, Feb. 26, as arrested Wednesday and faces charges of solicitation to commit murder, according to Klamath County sheriff's deputies.

Police accuse man of organizing suicide pact

GRANT'S PASS, Ore. (AP) — A man used an Internet chat room to try to set up a mass suicide on Valentine's Day involving more than two dozen women across the United States and Canada, authorities said.

Gerald Klein, 26, was arrested Wednesday at his mother's mobile home in Klamath Falls and faces charges of solicitation to commit murder, sheriff's deputies said. Investigators are subpoenaing chat room records to try to contact people who may have planned to take part in the suicide.

Detectives learned of the plan from a woman in Canada who said she saw the message in a Yahoo chat room that had the words "Suicide Ideology" in the title.

The woman, who was not identified by authorities, told detectives she saw the message in a chat room that had been set up in the suicide but had second thoughts when another chat room participant said she would do it and talked about killing her two children before taking her own life, said Klamath County Sheriff Tim Evinger.

"Our primary goal is to try to locate these endangered children, might be," Evinger said. "We need to investigate where these other computers are. Hopefully we can intervene if anyone still has the notion to follow through with this."

The chat room participants planned to log in on Valentine's Day and commit suicide while keeping in touch over the Internet, Evinger said. The chat room is no longer active. Klein was looking for women and children to join in the suicide, said sheriff's Capt. Chris



Gerald Klein, arrested in suicide pact case

Montenaro. Investigators believe the total number, including Klein, was 32, Montenaro said.

Deputies seized Klein's computer and a Web cam, and the suspect was being held without bail. Klein had moved to Klamath Falls from the Sacramento, Calif., area about a year ago to take care of his father, Evinger said.

Neighbors told the Herald and News newspaper that Klein was a burly man who favored tie-dyed T-shirts and looked "like a mountain man." District Attorney Ed Caleb said he is taking the solicitations seriously.

"There is always a chance this is a joke, but our position is in this world, any time a person makes these kinds of overt actions, they need to be looked into," Caleb said.

A grand jury will convene on Monday to determine if Klein will face additional charges, Caleb said.

NYC health authorities find drug-resistant form of HIV

NEW YORK (AP) — Health officials said Friday a man has been diagnosed with a rare strain of highly drug-resistant HIV that quickly progressed to AIDS.

"We are not aware of another case like this in the United States, or elsewhere," said Dr. Robert Anderson, deputy director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention.

The case was found in a man in his mid-40s who had unprotected sex with other men, often while using crystal methamphetamine, an addictive stimulant.

Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Frieden said the rare HIV strain is "difficult or impos-

sible to treat." City health officials are working with the CDC to find other possible cases.

The man — who had not previously undergone antiviral drug treatment — was diagnosed with the rare strain in December 2004. He apparently had been infected recently, in years of having unprotected anal intercourse.

The onset of AIDS appears to have occurred within two to three months, and at most 20 months after infection.

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Police investigate if attack was attempt to steal fetus

FOIT MITCHELL, Ky. (AP) — A nine-months pregnant woman fought off and killed a knife-wielding woman who may have been trying to steal the baby, police said Friday.

Police said 26-year-old Sarah Brady acted in self-defense in killing Katherine Smith on Thursday. No charges were filed.

Smith, 22, had been falsely telling neighbors for weeks that she was pregnant and a search of her apartment after her death revealed a full baby nursery, investigators said.

"She had everything in place that you'd expect to have in place with a newborn coming," said Steve Hensley, police chief

in this Cincinnati suburb.

Brady, 26, was treated for cuts at a hospital.

On Tuesday, Smith called Brady, whom she didn't know, and asked her to come over and pick up a mistakenly delivered package, the police chief said.

The next day, Smith called Brady again to pick up another package. The pregnant woman went to Smith's apartment Thursday, and that was when the attack occurred.

In December, a Missouri woman was strangled and her baby was cut from her womb. The baby was later found alive, and a Kansas woman was charged with kidnapping resulting in death.

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Insurgent attacks fuel fears

Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents shot into a crowd of people in a Baghdad bakery with a burst of AK-47 gunfire, killing at least 10 Friday, and a car bomb outside a mosque to the north of the capital killed 12 and wounded at least 20.

Both attacks came in neighborhoods with large Shiite populations and stoked fears of widespread sectarian strife as violence continued to increase after national elections last month.

In western Baghdad, a roadside bomb killed an American soldier.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld visited Baghdad on Friday to observe the training of coalition security forces. "There's no question that progress has been made, and I feel good about

that progress," Rumsfeld said. He added that it was too early to say when American troops might return home.

Meanwhile, as more voting counts were made public from the Jan. 30 elections, evidence continued to grow showing that much of the nation's minority Sunni Muslim population, principally backers of the insurgency, stayed away from the polls.

Results for both local and national elections released so far show that parties led by Shiite Muslim clerics are winning one province after the next outside Kurdish areas. The lopsided results increase the risk that Sunnis, thought to make up some 20 percent of the country's population, will not accept the new government, which is certain to be dominated by Shiites.

In al-Anbar, a Sunni heartland

province, the numbers so far suggest that less than 10 percent of the registered voters cast a ballot, according to a U.S. official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

In final results released Friday for local elections in Baghdad, a city with large Sunni neighborhoods, Shiite cleric-led parties posted large numbers and Sunni tickets gathered relatively few votes.

The local ticket backed by the Shiite Dawa party got 694,800 votes; the ticket backed by the Shiite Supreme Council for Revolution in Iraq got 264,130 votes; and another Shiite group received 156,229 votes.

The slate headed by elder Sunni statesman Adnan Pachachi received just 22,170 votes; and the Iraqi Islamic Party, the main Sunni party in Iraq, got 17,558.

Those numbers mirror partial results for national elections, in which a ticket of Shiite groups — the United Iraqi Alliance — has more than 2.3 million votes out of about 4.5 million made public so far. Election officials have in the past said they guessed the national voter turnout was somewhere near 8 million, but they have not released actual figures. Election officials say they need a few more days to finish counting votes.

At the bakery Friday, three cars carrying gunmen wearing ski masks pulled up and stopped traffic. They ran inside and shot the bakery's workers, mostly men in their mid-20s, in the head and chest. In the aftermath, blood was splattered across the walls and floor. Men stood outside and wept and screamed.



Howard Dean addresses delegates during the Democratic National Committee winter meetings on Friday in Washington. Democrats are expected to elect Dean as their new chairman today.

Democrats look to gain momentum

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has his second term. Republicans are firmly in control of the House and the Senate. It's no wonder the oft-repeated adjective for Democrats is "defiant."

Sill, Democrat Lonnie Platt of Georgia managed to find a silver lining. "We only have one way to go, and that's up," Platt said.

The Democratic National Committee opened its two-day annual winter meeting Friday with rallying words from two potential 2008 presidential candidates — former vice presidential nominee John Edwards and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson — and the Democratic leaders in Congress.

Part of the pep talk focused on Bush's proposals to partially privatize Social Security and his fiscal 2006 budget blueprint and using Democratic counterattacks to energize the rank-and-file.

"We won't let President Bush turn this proud legacy of the New Deal into a raw deal for millions of Americans," House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., told the crowd.

In an echo of his unsuccessful presidential bid, Edwards rejected any suggestion that "Democrats don't stand for anything," and talked corporate Republicans and working Democrats.

"We believe in one America where we honor work, not just wealth," Edwards said. Democrats remain anxious, not only because of their out-of-power status but because of a change in party leadership.

Today, the 447-member Democratic National Committee is expected to choose former presidential candidate Howard Dean as their next chairman, replacing outgoing party chief Terry McAuliffe.

Dean is considered a skilled organizer and adept fund-raiser but is better known for his strong anti-war stand during the 2000 campaign.

The former Vermont governor spent the afternoon reaching out to various groups of Democrats, telling them he will put them to work and inviting their input.

"There's certainly anxiety at this meeting," said delegate Diane Wilkerson of Boston. "There is a resolve that we're going to have to take a few more lumps and watch more of the devastation we've taken in the last few years before we can turn this around."

Said Florida delegate Joyce Casper: "We have hit rock bottom, we have got to rebuild our party."

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Rumsfeld tours Iraq, sees security forces

Defense secretary says there's progress

BAGHDAD (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld hailed what he described as progress among Iraqi security forces after seeing some of them in action Friday, but said it was too soon to discuss when U.S. troops could begin coming home.

Rumsfeld shuttled around Iraq to observe Iraqi security and military units demonstrate their training.

"There's no question progress has been made," Rumsfeld said of Iraqi forces. "The professionalism of these units is advancing."

At Camp Victory outside Baghdad, Rumsfeld watched an Iraq counterterrorist team attack a compound in a demonstration that began with a sniper taking out a mock sentry from a thousand yards away.

Two helicopters swooped in, one disgorging a team of Iraqi commandos who ran over into the compound while the other circled above. More commandos arrived on Humvees, and together the team blasted into the compound.

In talks with soldiers, both Iraqi and American, Rumsfeld emphasized the importance of handling over security to Iraqi forces so U.S. troops can come home. But he acknowledged that it takes time to train and equip the Iraqis.

"Once they have that confidence, that capacity and capability, our forces, coalition forces, will be able to go home," Rumsfeld told U.S. troops in a Mosul in northern Iraq. "And go home with the honor you will have earned."

Ultimately, American forces can only help, he said. "It is the Iraqis who will have to eventually defeat the insurgency."

Later Friday, with Rumsfeld watching a few feet away, members of Iraq's Emergency Response team, a special police assault unit, fired AK-47s



An Iraqi tank driver watches an American Jof fighter roar overhead on Friday at a joint U.S.-Iraqi military base at Tallj, outside of Baghdad, as U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, center, speaks with senior Iraqi officers about 1st Mechanized Brigade, one of the country's new military forces.

and side arm at targets on a firing range outside of Baghdad.

After the demonstration, he told them, "If you all do your jobs well, you'll end up in a fine country with a bright future."

After a review of an Iraqi army unit, Lt. Gen. N. Abadi, Iraq's deputy chief of staff, told U.S. defense officials Iraq's military needed two things: more equipment, and time to get his forces trained.

U.S. Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, chief of the effort to create independent Iraqi security forces, said Thursday at a NATO conference in Nice, France, that Iraqi military and police amounted to about 136,000 trained and equipped personnel.

The goal is to reach 200,000 by Oct. 1, and ultimately create a force of 270,000 or more.

The forces run the gamut — from urban police officers and highway patrolmen to military special forces and counterterrorist operators.

About 40,000 of the troops are capable of deploying around Iraq and operating directly against the insurgency, Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said recently. Other analysis put the figure of effective counterinsurgency fighters much lower.

American, British and other coalition forces are serving as trainers and advisers to Iraq's security personnel. U.S. generals,

are planning to enhance the program with additional advisers to assist various Iraqi units.

In a negative note, a spokesman for the Iraq National Congress said Friday in Washington that Baathists placed in the Iraqi security force were helping terrorists.

"People in Washington thought they could buy them off, but were wrong," said Enfidath K. Qambar, spokesman for the anti-government group that is part of a coalition headed by Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

"The security apparatus turns a blind eye to terrorism," Qambar said at the Hudson Institute's Center for Middle East Policy.

Family remembers guard's heroism

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — They were guards who were killed as they worked to protect voters in their first democratic election in 50 years.

Abdulmir Kadim Hamad, who stopped a suicide bomber at a school in the capital's Mansour neighborhood, and Adil Bahadli, who was killed in the same at another polling station, have been hailed by the Iraqi government as heroes who defied insurgents seeking to thwart the U.S.-backed elections.

Increasingly, the battle for Iraq is the battle to overcome the fear that blankets much of the population. Guerrillas have pledged to punish those who cooperate with the United States or the government being set up under its auspices, and frequently have made good on their threats.

On Wednesday alone, a television reporter for a U.S.-funded Arabic station was slain; a convoy of Kurdish officials was attacked, killed and wounding four; and a senior member of the Interior Ministry was reported abducted on his way to work.

In such a climate, government officials are eager to make heroes of people like Hamad and Bahadli who stood up to the militants. The government has named a school after Bahadli and is proposing



A sister of Abdulmir Kadim Hamad shows photos of her dead brother in Baghdad, Iraq. Hamad was killed Jan. 30 when he tackled a suicide bomber outside a polling station.

naming streets after the two guards.

Hamad, 30, was a member of the Iraqi police who lived in the Dofra district of Baghdad, one of the neighborhoods supportive of the insurgency. On election day, he was assigned to guard a polling station at the Zehra School in Mansour.

According to his family and friends, Hamad observed a dark-complexioned man approaching a long line of voters. Hamad thought something was wrong because the man looked like a foreigner and appeared nervous.

Without waiting, he rushed the man, threw his arms around him, and pushed him

away from the voters, according to several accounts of the incident. The two fell to the ground. There was a struggle, and then an explosion.

"God chose him to be immortal. God the Almighty chose him to sacrifice his life in order to save innocent people," said Hamad's older brother Samir. "If the attacker was able to penetrate the line, then the losses would have been enormous."

Hamad was the suicide bomber's only victim; his bullet-proof vest deflected much of the explosion. Four other police officers were wounded, but no voters were hurt. The polling station remained open.

Poland says troops will stay in Iraq

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Arthur Miller dies at age 89

NEW YORK (AP) — Attention must be paid.

The most famous line in "Death of a Salesman" — one of the American theater's most famous plays — could be applied to its author, Arthur Miller, one of the greatest playwrights of the 20th century.

The 89-year-old Miller, who died Thursday night of congestive heart failure at his home in Roxbury, Conn., made audiences think about responsibility, both social and personal, and the price paid for those beliefs. His conscience darkened and deepened the American dream.

Miller was fascinated by success and failure, two components of that dream. And he where success and failure more profound and treated with more compassion than in "Salesman" and its iconic protagonist, Willy Loman. His name became a synonym with everything that went wrong with the dream.

Willy was a beaten-down true believer who fell victim to his own beliefs. For actors, it was a role that made new reputations and cemented old ones — from Lee J. Cobb, Willy in the 1949 original, to the two very different Broadway Lomans of the last 20 years — the diminutive Dustin Hoffman in the superb 1984 revival to a strapping Brian Dennehy 15 years later.

For decades, Miller, along with Eugene O'Neill and Tennessee Williams, was regarded as only American stages, but theaters throughout the world. Broadway-marquees — were to dim their lights Friday night at curtain time.

"It's the loss of a giant," said Robert Falls, director of the 1999 Broadway revival of "Death of a Salesman" that starred Dennehy. "He made tremendous art."

Playwright Edward Albee, recalling how Miller once paid him a compliment by saying that Albee's plays were "necessary," said "I was only one step further and said that Arthur's plays were 'essential.'"

It was Loman and "Death of a Salesman," which took Miller only six weeks to write, that cemented his reputation. It opened on Broadway in 1949, starring Cobb and directed by Ella Kazan.

"I couldn't have predicted that a play about a salesman would take on the proportions it has," Miller said in an interview in 1988. "Originally, it was a literal play about a literal salesman. It has become a bit of a metaphor, not only here but many other parts of the world."

Yet Miller had other powerful plays as well. "The Crucible," a 1953 drama inspired by the repression of McCarthyism, told the story of the mass hysteria during the Salem witch trials. And there was "All My Sons" (1947), his earliest Broadway



Newlyweds Marilyn Monroe and Arthur Miller are shown after their civil wedding ceremony in White Plains, N.Y., on June 29, 1956.

PROFILE Death of a playwright

The Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, Arthur Miller, died of congestive heart failure at his home in Roxbury, Conn. He was 89.

Miller



Born — New York City, Oct. 17, 1915
Education — Earned bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, 1938
Awards — 1947 New York Drama Critics Circle Award and Tony Award for "All My Sons"
1949 Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize for "Death of a Salesman"
1953 Tony Award for "The Crucible"
1984 John F. Kennedy award for lifetime achievement
1994 Oliver Award for "Broken Glass"
1999 Tony Award for revival of "Death of a Salesman" and the lifetime achievement award
Family — Married three times with three children

Wm. J. Casello/AP

success, about a corrupt businessman who commits suicide after it is revealed he sold defective airplane parts.
Miller's marriage to film star Marilyn Monroe in 1956, following his divorce from his first wife, Mary Sulzberg, gave the playwright a celebrity he tried to avoid.
In a 1992 interview with a French newspaper, he called her "highly self-destructive" and said that during their marriage, "all my energy and attention were devoted to trying to help

her solve her problems. Unfortunately, I didn't have much success."
The marriage, which ended in divorce, did provide material for two of his plays: "After the Fall" (1964), the story of a tempestuous singer not unlike Monroe; and his last major work, "Fishing in the Picture," produced last year at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago.
A ritual, yet generous play, it dealt with the misbehavior of a film star on a movie set, similar to "The Misfits," which Miller

wrote and which starred Monroe.

In 1962, he married his third wife, photographer Inge Morath. That same year, Monroe committed suicide.

Miller's success, so overwhelming in the 1940s and 1950s, seemed to wane during the next two decades, despite a well-received Broadway revival of "Death of a Salesman" starring Dustin Hoffman in 1984. But enthusiasm for Miller's work remained particularly strong in England, which marked his 75th birthday in 1990 with four major productions of his plays.

Nicholas Hytner, director of Britain's National Theatre, called Miller "the last of the great titans of the American stage" and said British audiences had embraced his work.

"We have felt more comfortable with the uncompromising morality of his world view than his contemporaries," said Hytner, who directed the 1996 film adaptation of "The Crucible." "America felt rebuked by him. Over here, we relish the ferocity of his arguments with the way things are."

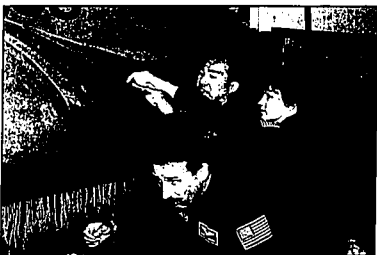
Undaunted, Miller continued to write, even as he became increasingly disillusioned with Broadway. In 1991, he premiered a new play, "The Ride Down Mt. Morgan," in London — the first time he had opened a play outside of the United States.

"It is what I do," he said in a 1996 interview with The Associated Press. "It is my art. I am better at it than I love to. And I will do it as long as I can. When you reach a certain age, you can stop doing what is unnecessary and concentrate on what is. And why not?"

Among his later plays were "Broken Glass" (1994), a drama about a dysfunctional family that won respectful reviews on Broadway and a Tony nomination, but no big audiences. In London, it won an Olivier award as best play. "Resurrection Blues" had its world premiere at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis in 2002. Set in an unnamed banana republic, the satire dealt with the possible televised execution of a revolutionary.

And Miller had a surprise hit with a New York revival of his first Broadway play, "The Man Who Had All the Luck." It lasted only four performances in 1994, but nearly six decades later, in a Roundabout Theatre Company production starring Chris O'Donnell, this family drama received positive notices.

David Ricalden, who produced the last Broadway revival of "Salesman," said recently that he and Miller were working on a London revival. It will go on as planned in May, directed by Falls and starring Dennehy and Clare Higgins.



In this photo released by NASA, space shuttle Discovery mission specialist Charles Camarda, left, looks under the wing of the leading edge of Discovery while mission specialist Soichi Noguchi, of Japan, and commander Eileen Collins, right, look at an area on the top in the orbiter processing facility at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Thursday.

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A baby is shown Friday at the Broward General Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., that, according to police, was dropped off by its mother, Patricia Pokriots, at a Broward sheriff's substation in North Lauderdale.

Sheriff: Woman was child's mother

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A woman who claimed to have witnessed a newborn being thrown from a moving car was the baby's mother and concocted the story as a way to abandon the child and conceal her pregnancy, from her family, officials said Friday.

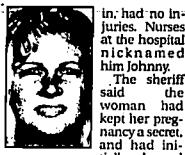
"It's not as horrible as we first thought," Sheriff Ken Jenne said. "The baby was never thrown out of a moving car. This is the case of a disturbed woman who gave birth and did not want to keep her child."

No charges were brought against the woman, 38-year-old Patricia Pokriots. She was committed for psychiatric evaluation under a law that allows for people — who are — a threat to themselves or others to be held for 72 hours.

On Thursday afternoon, Pokriots dropped an hour-old baby off at a sheriff's station, telling authorities that she had scooped the boy up after seeing him tossed out of a car onto the grass, Jenne said. Pokriots told investigators she saw a couple arguing in a car, then witnessed the woman throwing the child from the passenger side.

Eventually, investigators found inconsistencies in Pokriots' story, and on Friday she acknowledged that she had lied, the sheriff said.

"She was indicated that she does not want the child," Jenne said. "The 8-pound, 2-ounce boy, whose umbilical cord was still attached when he was brought



Patricia Pokriots

in, had no injuries. Nurses at the hospital didn't know her name, said Sheriff John Johnny.

The sheriff said the woman had kept her pregnancy a secret, and had initially planned to take the baby to authorities. State law allows a mother to abandon a baby at any medical facility or fire station within three days of birth.

But she came up with a cover story after seeing two people argue inside their car, the sheriff said. "A boy who was playing nearby did see a couple arguing, but never saw them doing anything out, Jenne said.

"I never saw her and has an arrest record including an aggravated battery charge. "She said she may be a threat to herself," Jenne said.

He said she has a 10-year-old child who will be taken from the home Pokriots shared with her mother.

No one answered the door at the home on Friday.

A neighbor, George Bonilla, said he never heard of trouble involving the family and was unaware of her pregnancy.

"I never saw her with a big belly or anything like that," said Bonilla, who lived near Pokriots for 23 years. "We'd say good-bye, hello. They're nice people. She's a sweet girl."

Officials brace for short supply of meningitis drug

ATLANTA (AP) — Health officials are bracing for the possibility of shortages of a new shot that prevents the type of meningitis that often spreads on college campuses.

A government panel recommended Thursday for the first time that all 10 million or so 11- and 12-year-olds in the United States get the shot, along with college freshmen who live in dormitories.

The problem is that the shot, called Menactra, is so new that the manufacturer will not be fully geared up for a few years, and only 5 million doses are expected to be available this year, said the maker, Sanofi Pasteur.

Menigoence meningitis affects about 3,000 a year in the United States and kills 300. College freshmen have the highest rate of the disease.

The shot, approved by the Food and Drug Administration last month, is expected to become available to doctors in March. Health officials with the panel, which advises the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Menactra's predecessor vaccine, Menomune, also created by Sanofi Pasteur, could be used as an alternative in the event of shortages. But Menomune does not provide nearly as much protection as Menactra.

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Man who shot former priest testifies against him in trial

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"in disbelief" and "disgusted." But the former priest, Maurice Blackwell, is charged with four counts of child sex abuse. His accuser, Dontee Stokes, served home detention for accosting him on a city street in 2002 and shooting him.

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Astronauts plan to test three repair techniques

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronauts on the first space shuttle flight since the Columbia tragedy will practice three methods for patching holes in orbit and have another two repair kits on hand in case their ship is actually damaged by launch debris this spring.

In announcing the decision Friday, NASA said some of the hole-plugging techniques would almost certainly be tested on the second post-Columbia mission as well, later in the year.

On Thursday, the seven astronauts who will take off aboard Discovery as early as mid-May said they still were waiting to hear which repair techniques they would try at the end of the day, shuttle managers decided to put all five options on board, but have the crew test only three.

Top NASA officials will make a

final ruling on the matter next Friday.

None of the five options could repair a hole as big as the one that crippled Columbia's left wing and led to the ship's destruction over Texas on Feb. 1, 2003, and the deaths of seven astronauts. A chunk of insulating foam from the external fuel tank caused that crevice.

In fact, none of the repair options is certified or even close to being perfected, and analysis continues even now. That is why it's taken so long for engineers to decide which techniques to test aboard Discovery.

Two of the repair kits will be demonstrated out in Discovery's open cargo bay by a pair of spacewalkers, said NASA spokesman Kyle Herring. One is geared toward fixing dings and other minor damage in thermal tiles, by applying what is essen-

Parents of brain-damaged woman suffer court setback

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — A Pinellas Circuit, Fla., judge dealt another legal blow to the parents of Terri Schiavo on Friday by refusing to set aside a prior ruling that called for the removal of the feeding tube that has sustained their daughter for 15 years.

Although the decision closes another door on the 31-year-old Schiavo's efforts to keep her daughter alive — nor the gut-wrenching right-to-die case that has pitted them against their own in-law for seven years. Attorneys for the Schindlers could not be reached for comment Friday, but they are

expected to appeal Judge George Greer's ruling, just as they plan to appeal a recent appellate court order to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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CHEERS & JEERS

TFHS students prove the future is now for foundation

CHEERS: To Guy Kim and Josh Malberg, for developing a Web site for donations to the Twin Falls School District Education Foundation.

Kim and Malberg are Twin Falls High seniors in the information technology academy working on the Web site that will encourage alumni to give something back to the district. The digital duo will use PayPal online credit card payment services to process those donations.

What better way to show former Twin Falls students that the district is raising the bar of student achievement, than to highlight the skills of two savvy seniors?

JEERS: To the Nampa school bus driver arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence and possession of methamphetamine.

Imagine your child coming home with stories of a bus ride that nearly sided-wiped a fence, and came to a stop in the middle of the road. Police say that's how witnesses and school children described Theresa A. Mahurin driving earlier this week as she delivered children to East Valley Middle School and Skyview High School.

Officials for the Brown Bus Co., received phone calls during the incident and decided to act quickly by intercepting the bus and replacing Mahurin. They took her to headquarters for a drug test, but she escaped in her own car. Police later stopped Mahurin and did field tests, and claimed to have found methamphetamine in her purse.

Talk about your bad field trips. But maybe the 30 injury-to-a-child charges that police intend to file against Mahurin will prove against any repeat cases.

CHEERS: To Fred Trenkle and Dr. Arthur Vandenberg for sparking more investigation into the high number of multiple sclerosis cases in Idaho.

Trenkle, the former CSI men's basketball coach and a Shoshone native, has tracked the high frequency of MS for years. A few months ago, he asked the National Academy of Sciences Board of Radiation Effects Research to study those cases as a possible link to nuclear fallout.

Vandenberg's interest also grew in the subject. He wrote to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, requesting help in obtaining disease rates in Idaho.

Those actions led the Cluster Working Analysis Group to begin closer evaluations of the disease in Idaho. That type of study into current and previous cases may take more years, but the dedicated research of Trenkle and Vandenberg has made a good start.

CHEERS: To "Mother-of-the-Year" Carol Conover of Twin Falls. The mother of eight was presented the award by The Idaho Association of American Mothers Inc. The nominations are made by the individuals themselves, although Conover turned down the honor twice in previous years.

Raising six boys and two girls is a grand achievement in itself. But Conover stands as an example of opening her doors to other children and friends throughout the community. Working with 40 to 50 kids in her home each day, Conover also teaches art with the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation and piano to other youngsters.

Learn to share the wealth, Mr. President

President Bush said he was open to other people's ideas on how to fix Social Security, so I hope he'll listen to mine.

My idea starts with a blunt political observation. Personal accounts — as they are currently envisioned — are going to be hard to pass. Every important Democrat opposes them. Jim McCrery, the Republican who is chairman of the House Social Security subcommittee, says the president's plan will have to fundamentally change if it is to have a chance.



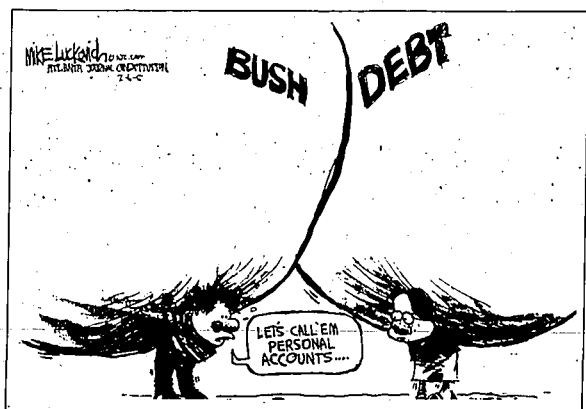
DAVID BROOKS

So my idea is this: If the president's current version of personal accounts stinks, he should consider another version — one that is more likely to win broad support, and that achieves all the goals of an "ownership society."

The personal accounts I'm thinking of would be inspired by a proposal called KidSave, which was floating around in the late 1990s. KidSave was championed by Bob Kerrey when he was a Democratic senator from Nebraska, but in its different iterations it attracted support from a range of Democrats (Hebermann, Moyihan and Brauch) and Republicans (Gregg, Grassley and Santorum).

Under one version of KidSave, the government would open tax-deferred savings accounts for each American child, making a \$1,000 deposit at birth, and \$500 deposits in each of the next five years. That money could be invested in a limited number of mutual funds, but it could be withdrawn until retirement.

Over decades, it would grow and grow, thanks to the wonders of compound interest, so that by the time workers retired, they would each have a



substantial nest egg, over \$100,000, waiting for them. The KidSave idea was an early venture in what has become a broad intellectual movement that goes by an infelicitous name: asset-based welfare.

The idea behind asset-based welfare is that we are living in the midst of a social revolution. It used to be that only the rich owned financial assets like stocks. But over the last 20 years the number of American households with money invested in the stock market has more than tripled. But people in the bottom half of the income scale don't get to join in to take advantage of compound interest. They don't get a share of the growing national economy. They don't get the psychological benefits of ownership.

All around the world, diverse writers are trying to spread the benefits of asset ownership. The Peruvian economist Hernando de Soto would like to help squatters get legal ownership of the homes they've built. In Britain, Tony Blair has created accounts like the ones pro-

posed in KidSave. In this country, there are proposals for education and training accounts.

The idea is that just as the Homestead Act turned people into pioneers, we would turn more people into capitalists if we distributed capital more broadly. We would encourage savings. We would increase social mobility, ameliorate the wealth gap between rich and poor and give people more control over their own lives.

The Social Security problem is a chance to enact this kind of thing on a decisive scale, with the KidSave proposal serving as a framework for a new vision of personal accounts.

We could start by indexing Social Security benefits to prices, not wages, so the system wouldn't go broke. Then we could give everybody under a certain age KidSave accounts. This money could either supplement the reduced Social Security benefits, or individuals could opt some of their payroll taxes into their KidSave accounts, trading guaranteed benefits for more ownership.

Today we take care of our

already too old to benefit from the new accounts, but this proposal would lead to less red ink than the president's current plan. And let me commit an act of heresy. It would be smart for Republicans to favor making the Bush tax cuts permanent in exchange for these kinds of accounts. The Bush cuts are going to be repealed by the next Democratic president anyway, but these accounts, once created, would be forever.

They would be the first step in a broader ownership agenda. They would pave the way for education accounts and expanded medical savings accounts. They might pave the way for other asset-based programs designed to give young people a better start in life, not just secure their retirement. They would cut across left-right polarities and prove an irresistible political force.

Even in this age of political deadlock, I can't believe that too many would be against a plan to give savings accounts to poor kids.

David Brooks is a columnist for The New York Times.

T.F. leaders need to embrace new bridge

I feel it's time for me to throw my hat into the ring for the issue of the proposed new bridge. I am amazed at the incredible shortsightedness of our community "leaders." This bridge has been talked about for decades. But we don't know it ignores the fact that Twin Falls is growing faster than ever. I haven't seen or heard any evidence that this is suddenly going to end.

The Perrine Bridge is a choke point for the majority of traffic entering or leaving Twin Falls. The next closest bridge is 10 miles from the city and handles all the traffic that Perrine. This not only affects Twin Falls. All the people and businesses that need to travel to the south side of the canyon from the north side or vice versa need more efficient access across the canyon.

I was born in Twin Falls (Twin Falls County) in 1952, raised there until 1975 when I married and moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where I have lived ever since. In 1983, at the age of 30, I had my entire thyroid removed to cure cancer. Both my physician and surgeon were stymied as to why I got the cancer. Now I know why — the nuclear testing in Nevada during the 1950s and 1960s. I would like to get in the act for pursuing the compensation due us Idahoans. An amendment of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act should be passed to make Idahoans eligible for compensation in the same way downwinders from the other states are. Please make my voice heard

thing now that we know we will need sooner than some think. When I first heard about building another bridge, the estimated cost was around \$74 million. The estimated cost now is \$184 million. If we wait for our community "leaders" to say "we're ready," the cost could be up to \$300 million. Don't look a gift horse in the mouth. Let's look to the future and do what is needed to keep our community strong.

"To our 'leaders': Please show the foresight to do what is needed to get out of the way so someone else can.
GARY BEESON
Twin Falls

Nuclear testing warrants compensation in Idaho

I want you to hear my story as a "downwinder" while stressing that I believe Idahoans deserve compensation. I was born in Twin Falls (Twin Falls County) in 1952, raised there until 1975 when I married and moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where I have lived ever since. In 1983, at the age of 30, I had my entire thyroid removed to cure cancer. Both my physician and surgeon were stymied as to why I got the cancer. Now I know why — the nuclear testing in Nevada during the 1950s and 1960s.

I would like to get in the act for pursuing the compensation due us Idahoans. An amendment of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act should be passed to make Idahoans eligible for compensation in the same way downwinders from the other states are. Please make my voice heard

as you take action in establishing this amendment for Idahoan compensation. If there is anything more I need to do on my part, let me know as soon as possible.
CONNIE PARKER
Phoenix, Ariz.

Developer doesn't need to do Wal-Mart's work

Regarding the recent news items on Wal-Mart's second attempt to build in Twin Falls, I am struck by the potential for bad politics as city officials make their decision. I am concerned that the city attorney would advise council members not to speak to individuals about this issue because it's "not fair." One wonders, to whom is this "not fair"?

Several days previous to the newspaper article wherein the city attorney issues his admonition was another revealing article about Wal-Mart. In that article by Megan Hinds, the public is apprised that representatives from Wal-Mart and Gerald Martens met with 10 city hall employees to discuss details of Wal-Mart's store in Twin Falls down to the color scheme. I trust that I am not the only one in our community troubled by such a disparity of access, real or perceived.

Additionally, I find Gerald Martens' doing Wal-Mart's bidding to be problematic at best and a conflict of interest at worst. If he is the owner or part owner of the land for Wal-Mart's site, he should do the appropriate thing by removing himself from the decision-making process. Wal-Mart has sufficient clout to fight its own battles without the landowner

or, worse yet, anyone remotely connect to city government, serving as some commercial fifth column for a company whose self-interest lies in Arkansas, not Twin Falls, Idaho.
BOB ALLRED
Twin Falls

Commander in chief deserves our respect

In response to Mr. Gib Anderson's letter on Feb. 3: Apparently, you don't have anyone or know anyone over in Iraq fighting to buy those arms or you would know that most of the people over there are glad that we are there helping them. Well, I do. I have three nephews over there and my daughter is supposed to go this summer!

That there are many servicemen and women who are willing to go back for a second tour of duty! And most of them stay behind our president! They are the ones who are in a dangerous country and they deserve our support and the support of all the people in our nation.

You might not be happy with who our president is, but again, he is your president and mine and although I don't always agree with him on many things, he is still the president of our great country.

May God bless him and guide him to do what is right for all of us. May God bless our sense people fighting everywhere to protect freedom, our freedom — yours, mine and the rest of the people in this great nation!

God bless the USA!
CORBEN BUHLER
Twin Falls

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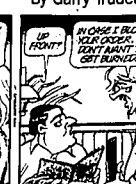
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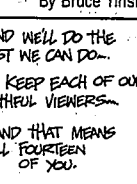
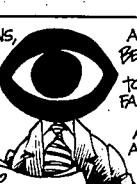
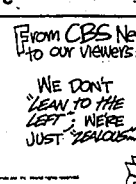
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By Gary Trudeau

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By Bruce Tinsley

Police subdue prisoner riot

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) Security forces regained control over a riot-ridden prison Friday, officials said, freeing the warden and two dozen guards held hostage during an inmate rampage that left eight people dead.

Police chief Jorge Rodriguez declared on television that hundreds of prisoners surrendered Friday afternoon at the San Martin penitentiary in Cordoba, a provincial city about 450 miles northwest of the capital, Buenos Aires.

Police were still sweeping the last corners of the prison and inspecting inmates, Rodriguez said, but there were no further holdouts after marathon negotiations led to the release of all hostages 24 hours after the inmate rebellion began.

Reports said the violence erupted over inmate demands for better visitation rights and living conditions, and it erupted while women and children were visiting inmates Thursday.

The rioting started with shirtless inmates climbing to the

roof of the prison holding a black-uniformed guard by the neck and threatening to throw the captive to the ground.

Live televised footage showed rampaging inmates wielding knives and clubs while gripping another dazed man in a blood-soaked T-shirt. Shots rang out Thursday as the rioters threw rocks down at police crouching beneath plastic shields. In the violent opening hours, five inmates, two prison guards and a police officer were killed, officials said.

Rodriguez said convicts serving some of the longest sentences, including life in prison, were among the to surrender Friday. It was unclear whether authorities made any concessions to end one of the worst episodes of prison rioting in Argentina in years.

Several women and children in the prison when the violence broke out were caught inside. But a government official, Gustavo Vidal Lascano, said they were among the first to be evacuated safely Friday.

Pakistan dam accident kills 54

MANO VILLAGE, Pakistan (AP) - Troops and rescue workers raced to a coastal town devastated when heavy rains burst a large dam, sending water surging through the streets and sweeping people into the Arabian Sea. At least 54 were dead and hundreds missing, officials said Friday.

Coast guard units combed the area with fishing nets, pulling bodies out of the flood waters in the worst of several disasters caused by extreme winter weather in Pakistan over the past week or so.



People look at a breach on a road, caused by torrential rains in Multafarabad, capital of Pakistani Kashmir on Friday. At least 54 people were dead and more than 400 missing after heavy rains caused a large dam to burst.

The 485-foot-long Shaklor Dam burst late Thursday near the remote Pasi village in Baluchistan province, about 1,100 miles southwest of the capital, Islamabad. The torrent of water from the ruined dam swept trucks out to sea and destroyed telephone lines, roads and eight bridges, according to officials and witnesses.

The exact human toll was unclear Friday.

Pakistan's army said 1,200 people had been rescued from the floodwaters, while another 500 were evacuated from the area. Some 400 remained missing, said army spokesman Mudasser Butt.

A provincial Cabinet minister, Sher Jan Baluch, said the number of missing ranged from 400 to 500 people, and that he feared the death toll might rise though some of the missing might be sheltering in homes or in the mountains above flooded areas.

About 3,000 troops backed by helicopters, coast guard cutters and C-130 transport planes had reached Pasi by Friday with food, medicine and tents.

Rescue workers had begun operations to try to save as many lives as possible, Baluch said.

Continued heavy rain has



Residents of a collapsed house look at a caved in roof after continued heavy rain killed four people in Peshawar, Pakistan on Friday, crops and damaging homes, but there were no casualties, said resident Ilyas Khan. The water damaged much of the Karachi-Pasi highway - a main road link in the area - and made travel difficult, said an army officer posted to guard a broken bridge on the highway out of Mano. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Abbas will demand militant leaders uphold truce

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) - Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas will meet today with militant leaders to push them to honor a days-old cease-fire marred by mortar and rocket attacks on Israeli targets, according to an aide.

Abbas said it would only stop attacks when it was satisfied Israel would release prisoners and stop pursuing militants.

Abbas has held meetings with Hamas and the Islamic Jihad faction were the latest sign of his commitment to keeping intact the cease-fire he and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel

Sharon declared Tuesday to end 4.5 years of bloodletting.

On Thursday he fired top security commanders after Hamas bombed Jewish settlements in Gaza with mortars and rockets. And the central committee of his Fatah movement announced a state of emergency in the Palestinian security forces in an effort to prevent new attacks.

Abbas aide Raed Abdel Raheem said the Palestinian militant factions would take place Saturday night. Asked if Abbas would ask the factions to commit to a cease-fire, Abdel

Raheem replied: "I think there is a responsibility, and all the factions should show their responsibility in this sensitive and crucial era."

Hamas is interested in a truce, but on condition Israel halt all raids against the militants and release prisoners, spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said.

"Hamas still wants a truce, but needs this truce to be with Israeli obligations," Abu Zuhri said.

Israel pledged Tuesday to cease all its military activity against all Palestinians everywhere. It has also promised to release 900 of the 8,000 Palestin-

ian prisoners it is holding, and signaled a willingness to release more.

Cabinet Secretary Hassan Abu Lihedi said Abbas would inform Hamas and Islamic Jihad leaders that "the Palestinian Authority will not tolerate any actions that will sabotage the agreement reached with Israelis on a mutual cease-fire."

Abbas has said all the Palestinian groups, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad, have signed on to the truce, but leaders of the two, responsible for dozens of suicide bombings that have killed hundreds of Israelis, deny that.

Controversies and investigations confront the United Nations

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan says he is tackling problems at the world body and promoting reforms.

- Inquiries and criticisms**
- Accused Bernon Sevan, head of the \$64 billion program of a "grave conflict of interest" for soliciting oil deals from Iraq
 - Accused a senior U.N. official of interfering in contract bidding
 - Second report will focus on involvement of Annan's son Kofi in work he did for a company with a contract in the program
 - Former Sudanese employee is under investigation for embezzling up to \$3 million of its funds
 - Passed 150 cases of sexual exploitation of females by peacekeepers in Congo reported
 - Passed a resolution expressing no confidence in some U.N. staff
 - Criticized Annan's decision to clear U.N. refugee chief Lud Lubbers of sexual harassment allegations
 - Criticized management for failing to investigate allegations of favoritism and misconduct by U.N. investigator Dilooq Nair

SOURCE: United Nations

U.N. chief fights scandals with PR

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Facing scandals over U.N. operations from Iraq to Congo, embattled Secretary-General Kofi Annan has launched a major public relations offensive with the message that he is tackling mismanagement and promoting major reforms of the United Nations.

While calls for Annan's resignation from U.S. lawmakers have died down, critics of the world body by members of Congress has intensified, especially following last week's report by former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker citing U.N. mismanagement and "political meddling in the oil-for-food program for Iraq."

Two key Republicans in the House of Representatives told Annan in a letter Wednesday that the United Nations "suffers from crippling questions about its effectiveness" and raised the possibility of withholding U.S. funds, a move that could spark a new financial crisis for the world body.

But after what Annan called a "horrible year" in 2004, he is starting to fight back. Annan, whose term expires Dec. 31, 2006, is revamping his top team - starting with new chief of staff Mark Malloch Brown, the respected head of the U.N. Development Program who formerly oversaw public relations for the World Bank.

Since Malloch Brown moved to the 38th floor of U.N. headquarters near Annan's office, he has been coordinating the fight, focusing on communication and accountability.

Immediately after Volcker released his interim report, it was Malloch Brown who gave a long news conference with the U.N. response. This week, he went to Washington to tell key U.N. supporters and opponents - in Congress - that the United Nations wants to get to the bottom of oil-for-food and is undertaking major management and administrative reforms.

Islamic candidates win landmark Saudi elections

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) - Candidates backed by Islamic clerics won municipal elections in Saudi Arabia's capital in the kingdom's first regular balloting, an election observer said Friday. But it was too early to say whether this represented a trend in the landmark polls, which are staggered across three months.

At least five of the winning candidates for the seven electable seats on the Riyadh City Council are believed to be Islamists. It was not known whether the seven winners sought the clerical endorsement indicated on the list or whether they received the support unsolicited.

Suleiman al-Oqaifi told a news conference to announce preliminary results that he saw the seven Riyadh winners' names on a list circulated via cell phones and the Internet. "It was promoted as a list that had a religious blessing," al-Oqaifi said.

At least two losing candidates objected to the results. One of them said the circulated list violated electoral law by claiming religious backing.

The municipal elections will be held in three stages. Thursday's first stage was for half the country's municipal councils, with voting in other regions scheduled for March and April. Only men were allowed to vote, and balloting was confined to the capital Riyadh and adjacent districts.

Many Saudis see the elections as a modest step toward democracy - voters will elect only half of the local councils, while the other half will be appointed.

U.N. downplays fears of possible polio outbreak

GENEVA (AP) - The U.N. health agency played down fears of a major polio outbreak in Saudi Arabia fueled by Islamic pilgrims from African nations still in the grip of the disease.

Saudi authorities have reported three cases of polio, including one this week in a boy from Nigeria, where a vaccine boycott by hard-line Muslim clerics in the country's north spawned a resurgence of the disease across Africa, infecting children in formerly polio-free nations.

"This isn't a major setback," said Bruce Aylward, who coordinates the World Health Organization's anti-polio initiative.

The WHO also said it was on track in its worldwide campaign to eradicate the crippling and sometimes fatal disease.

Saudi authorities regularly run vaccination programs ahead of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, or hajj, which draws faithful Muslims from around the world.

All able-bodied Muslims must perform hajj at least once in their lifetime if they can afford it. This year, the hajj began on Jan. 19 and drew a record 2.56 million people.

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Boston coach Doc Rivers, after the Celtics improved to .500, the same winning percentage as Minnesota

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who was the first NBA player to score at least 20,000 points in his career?
ANSWER: Wilt Chamberlain

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School BOYS BASKETBALL Kimberly at Marsh Valley 2 p.m. Postseason Magic Valley Northside Conference Tournament, Shoshone See related story. Magic Valley Southside Conference Tournament, Murtaugh See related story. 3A state play-in game Going vs. Shelley, 5:30 p.m. Highland HS, Pocatello College WOMEN'S BASKETBALL North Idaho College at CSI, 6 p.m. MEN'S BASKETBALL North Idaho College at CSI, 8 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Baseball coaches clinic offered

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County Youth Baseball will sponsor a free clinic for anyone wanting to learn more about coaching baseball from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 in the new gym at Twin Falls High School.

T.F. Legion parents meet Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls American Legion parents will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 in the Twin Falls High School small gym to discuss schedules and the annual auction.

Semi-pro baseball holds meeting

BURLY — The Northwest Triple B semi-pro baseball league will hold an important meeting from 7:30-9 p.m. Saturday at the Burley Best Western Inn and Idaho Convention Center. Anyone interested in the league is invited to attend.

Magic Mountain Snoyak Race planned

KIMBERLY — Magic Mountain Ski Patrol is holding a Snoyak (kayak on the snow) Race at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Magic Mountain Ski Resort.

The entry fee is \$30 and entry forms can be found at River Rat White Water Toyz, Claude's Sports, Elevation Sports, Mix 103 or at Magic Mountain. This will be a timed event, best two out of three runs. Helmets are required. Contestants under 18 must have parental permission and signature. There will be an auction and raffle following.

For more information, contact Cindy Spencer at 423-5140.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Bob Pettit, St. Louis Hawks (Pettit played in the NBA from 1954 to 1965).

Eagles fly by Cardinals

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Golden Eagles had been waiting for the chance to fly up and down the floor. For the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team, that chance came Friday night.

The Eagles ran the floor like they haven't in weeks, burying the North Idaho Cardinals 93-68 at CSI Gymnasium.

In recent games, teams have retreated on defense quickly against second-ranked CSI (22-1, 10-1 Scenic West Athletic Conference), not allowing the Eagles to score their patented easy baskets in transition. North Idaho (17-8, 8-5), however, was willing to go up and down with CSI.

Big mistake. CSI scored 14 points in transition in the first half on the way to a 55-32 halftime advantage.

"That's our game," CSI guard Danelia Jernigan said. "That's CSI basketball. We're at our best when we're out running."

The Eagles amassed 18 first-half assists, many of which were the product of easy transition baskets. For the game, CSI dished out 24 assists. Jernigan and freshman guard Nakeya Isabell each finished with eight assists. Denisa Svarova led the Eagles with 27 points. Sidney Orrford had 21 points while Isbell chipped in with 11.

Guard Jeni Boesel scored 18 points to pace NIC, which couldn't get on track from 3-point range. The Cardinals entered the game leading the SWAC in 3-point-percentage (6.8) and 3-point-percentage (35.0). The Cardinals made six 3s during the game, but shot just 27.3 percent (6-22).

"We talked about it all week," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "I thought we did a pretty good job on their outside shooters. They got a little frustrated and ended up taking some tough shots. Shooting the 3, that's how that team's going to win."

CSI men 74, North Idaho 61

No. 3 CSI (22-1, 10-1) held off a rally by NIC (11-4, 3-10) in the way through the game on the way to a 74-61 win.

CSI led by as many as 14 points in the first half, but the Cardinals cut the deficit to 36-29 at halftime and 36-32 with 18:21 remaining in the game after a Darin Nagle free throw. But the Eagles responded quickly with a 27-6 run to go ahead comfortably 63-38 with 8:34 left to play.

"We finally started getting



Golden Eagle guard Nakeya Isabell, 24, drives through the lane and delivers a layup pass to Denisa Svarova, left, during the first half of the College of Southern Idaho's 93-68 win over the North Idaho College Cardinals Friday night. The two teams square off again at 6 tonight at CSI gym.

Five Eagles scored in double figures, with Shaun Davis and Zarryon Pereti each dumping in 13 points. Dani Hazut added 12 points while Abdoulaye Ndiaye and Travis Gabbidon each chipped in with 10. Davis had a nice night distributing the ball as well, dishing out six assists. Darin Nagle paced NIC with 22 points and 13 rebounds. Teammate Harry Dwyer added 11 points. Notes: Former CSI and Boise State University player Malone played in 19 seasons with Utah to form one of the NBA's greatest duos, leading the Jazz to the finals twice but losing to Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls each time. Malone made it to the finals again with the Lakers, but came up empty. Detroit beat Los Angeles in five games. Malone teamed with guard John Stockton for 18 seasons with Utah to form one of the NBA's greatest duos, leading the Jazz to the finals twice but losing to Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls each time. Malone made it to the finals again with the Lakers, but came up empty. Detroit beat Los Angeles in five games. Malone teamed with guard John Stockton for 18 seasons with Utah to form one of the NBA's greatest duos, leading the Jazz to the finals twice but losing to Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls each time.

Arnold fuels CSI men from the sideline

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Passion, intensity, emotion. They are all a part of basketball. No one exemplifies these traits better than Gib Arnold.

It's not crazy, but the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball coach definitely wears his emotions on his jacket sleeve, when his jacket isn't being hurled 20 feet down the sideline to the end of the bench.

"I think basketball is a game of passion and emotion," Arnold said. "You can't play it or coach it without either two. You can't be involved in it unless you have those two things. That's how I played, that's how I coached and that's how I live. I think it just comes out on the court."

Every coach has his own style. Some are fiery, foot-stomping, chair-throwing tyrants while others are calm, unflappable and cool under pressure.

Consider Arnold somewhere in between. "I will admit that I've thrown my coat," Arnold said. "I've broken a few buttons off a few of my coats. That's about as crazy as it gets. Sometimes I'll take it off and hand it to an assistant. But usually, I'll take it off pretty quickly and throw it. For some reason, it just makes you feel a little bit better when you



College of Southern Idaho men's basketball head coach Gib Arnold, center, is known for his intensity and presence on the floor during games. Some joke that he is often the third man in a two-man sideline trap.

that. I don't know why." "It's the one thing I've got to throw. I can't kick a ball and I can't dive on the floor, so I throw my coat." Other times, Arnold's outbursts are Please see ARNOLD, Page B2

Conquerors upset at Southside Day 2, Raft River advances

By Nathaniel Garra-brant Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — The Hagerman team pulled off the tournament's first upset, defeating the top-seeded Magic Valley Christian Cardinals 51-48 to join Raft River in today's championship game.

Raft River pulled away in the fourth to drop Hansen in a closely contested second-round game at the Magic Valley South-

side Conference tournament in Murtaugh Friday night.

Oakley defeated Castleford in loser-out play 56-50 in other action.

Raft River 57, Hansen 48

With the game tied after both the second and third quarters, Braden Barrett and Shaun Harris sparked a 10-3 run to open the fourth and propel the Trojans (16-4, 11-4) into the

championship game.

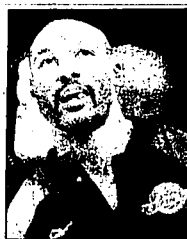
With the score tied at 41 after the third, Harris scored two consecutive buckets in the initial minute, followed by two free throws and a field goal from Barrett to go up 49-46 with three minutes remaining. Barrett, who posted a game high 21 points, was 5-5 from the line, 3-3 in the final quarter.

From there, the outcome was decided by cold shooting on the part of the Huskies and clock

management by Raft River.

"We just got more patient on offense in the second half," said Trojans' coach Jeff Greenwood. Kyle King paced Hansen (12-4, 8-7) with 11 points, which included a 3-pointer at the first buzzer to tie the game 28-28.

The Huskies face Murtaugh in a loser out contest, also today.



Mailman will stop delivering on Sunday

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — There will be no NBA career scoring record for Karl Malone. No championship ring, either. The Mailman is retiring, having come up short in his quest for both during his 19-year career.

Malone, 41, will announce his retirement Sunday, the Jazz said Friday.

Pacer's Miller will hold a news conference at the arena where his 1997 and 1999 league MVPs are celebrated with signs below the upper deck.

Soon, a giant No. 32 Malone jersey will assuredly hang above the court.

Even though he never won a championship, he had an outstanding career, said Jerry Sloan, Malone's coach for 15 of his seasons in Utah. "He played a lot of times when he shouldn't have. He did whatever he could to try to win, and I think that kind of thing is overlooked a lot these days in the game of basketball."

Malone's agent, Dwight Manley, said Malone was "very serious" about returning to action with the San Antonio Spurs before he decided to retire.

Malone has been given a tremendous amount of thought to this decision, but the specific details are best left to him to make on Sunday," Manley said.

Malone played in 1,197 games, just 1,453 points behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's record 38,387.

He spent all but one of his 19 seasons with the Jazz, signing with the Los Angeles Lakers as a free agent before last season. He made the move so he could make one more run at the ring that eluded him in trips to the NBA finals in 1987 and '90.

Malone made it to the finals again with the Lakers, but came up empty. Detroit beat Los Angeles in five games.

Malone teamed with guard John Stockton for 18 seasons with Utah to form one of the NBA's greatest duos, leading the Jazz to the finals twice but losing to Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls each time.

"He had a great career here and did a terrific job for the Jazz," Sloan said.

Stockton, the NBA's all-time leader in assists and steals, retired in 1995 after 19 seasons, all with the Jazz.

Malone gave it one more year, joining the Lakers at a greatly reduced salary before last season in an attempt to win a title by playing with Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant. He missed 39 games during the regular season after injuring his right knee, and was hurt again during the playoffs. He was limited in Games 3 and 4 against the Pistons and missed Game 5.

Oakley 56, Castleford 50

Oakley came out late for warmups, but it was Castleford that went into the game cold, as

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SPORTS

Tigers rally past Cutthroats Twin Falls boys go 20-0

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer
SHOSHONE — This wasn't supposed to happen. After beating the community school Cutthroats by 40 and 18 in the regular season, the Richfield Tigers found themselves in unfamiliar territory Friday night at Shoshone High School — trailing the Cutthroats.



Richfield senior point guard Victor Vazquez drives past Community School defender AJ Beasley on his way to two of his game-high 34 points in the Tigers' 58-47 Friday night victory over the Cutthroats in the Magic Valley Northside Conference Tournament in Shoshone.

Down 33-20 after a half of in-and-out shots and a barrage of Cutthroats baskets, head coach Garr Ward rallied the Tiger troops for the second half of Friday's Magic Valley Northside Conference tournament championship semifinal game.

"We talked about it at half-time," Ward said. "That we control everything, that it wasn't what ketchup was doing, but what we weren't. We made a couple adjustments there. I thought we were thinking too much instead of executing."

The Tigers' adjustments worked. Senior guard Victor Vazquez and the Tigers spent the second half in the Cutthroats' passing lanes picking off passes, throwing them easy transition buckets and a 58-47 win.

"We really aren't a good passing team and that was made obvious tonight," Cutthroats head coach Mike Holbeck said. "Getting in the passing lanes is Richfield's bread and butter and they made us pay."

Vazquez scored 15 points in the third quarter on his way to a game-high 34. The Tigers took their first lead of the game when senior post Steven Ward snagged an offensive rebound and scored on a putback with 22.9 seconds left in the third quarter. They wouldn't look back, outscoring the Cutthroats 38-14 after halftime.

"We worked hard and hustled, but in the first half, it seemed like we weren't doing it like we were always one second off," Vazquez said. "We played our game in the second, and if we play as a team, things take care of themselves."

Hardie Army scored eight for the Tigers while Tate Exon added seven. The Tigers will meet Carey in Monday's tournament championship game at 7:30 p.m.

Table for Northside Tournament at Shoshone High School. Friday's games: Richfield 58, Community School 47; Carey 47, Camas County 34; Shoshone 56, Bliss 54.

Saturday's games: Dietrich vs. Camas County, 6 p.m.; Community School vs. Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.; Carey 47, Camas County 34.

The Carey Panthers held the taller Camas County Musters team to under 10 points in each of the second through fourth quarters on their way to a 47-34 win in the tournament's other championship semifinal game.

Carey's Brad Hunt led all scorers with 14 while Todd Green added 12 and Allen Peck 7.

"We didn't start out real well," Panthers head coach Dick Simpson said. "We were kind of sluggish. We didn't shoot well at night, but we got one or two to fall when we needed them."

Senior post Mark Wilson scored 13 and was the only Musters player to reach double figures. Kyle Menck added eight.

If you can't play good defense even on your worst shooting nights, you can stay in ball games," Simpson said.

at 6 p.m. while the Panthers will face Richfield in Monday's championship game.

The Shoshone Indians kept their season alive, eliminating Bliss 56-54 in Friday's lone basket-out game. The Indians hit 26-of-36 free throws, including 14-of-16 in the fourth quarter to preserve the victory.

Shoshone faces the Community School Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The Twin Falls — The Twin Falls high defense made sure of a perfect 20-0 season, forcing 24 Burley turnovers in a 81-61 nonconference boys basketball win Friday night at Bawn Gymnasium.

Bobcats coach Jack Bagley knew his team was in for a long night. "We rely on him a lot," Bagley said. "We were hoping to keep the turnovers under 20. But you won't see a team put more pressure on you than Twin Falls. You have to move around to keep open or they'll force you into a turnover."

"But it's hardly mission accomplished. "Our first goal has always been winning state," said senior guard Mike Smith. "We haven't concentrated on a perfect season. It's only the first step toward our goal."

Mike Smith scored 15 points, pulled down eight rebounds and made nine assists. Smith added 15 points and five rebounds while Brett Wiseman led Twin Falls with 17 points. Tanner Hazebacher added 14 points.

The Bruins defense has been its strength all season. Add an injured Steven Elsensohn, Burley's starting point guard, and

Burbury's Anthony Curiel erupted for 29 points, 20 in the first half, to lead all scorers. Kyle Benham added 11 points and seven rebounds.

"They crapped and beat us to the boards," said Burley's coach Matt Harr. "We focused on shutting down Curiel and he still had a big game."

Twin Falls led 44-31 at half-time, thanks to hitting seven 3-pointers. Burley shot 60 percent in the first half behind

Twin Falls 81, Burley 61. Results: Twin Falls 81, Burley 61. Burley coach Matt Harr: 23 17 20-81.

Carlin's efforts. Curiel's falls slowly pulled away in the second half to win by 20. All that was left to do on Friday night was bask in the numerous congratulations.

Twin Falls opens Region Four-Five-Six tournament play Wednesday against the Grizzlies. Burley opens Great Basin West tournament play Tuesday against Minico.

Weights to down 2A Wendell 59-21 in a dual meet Friday. The Trojans next competes in the Oregon IV tournament at 3 p.m. in Wendell on Wednesday.

Kimberly 59, Wendell 21. Results: Kimberly 59, Wendell 21. Wendell coach Kim Kirby: 23 17 20-81.

No. 4 Stanford trounces California, 91-50. Berkeley, Calif. (AP) — Candice Wiggins scored 24 points to lead fourth-ranked Stanford to a 91-50 victory.

major Santa Clara to six conference titles and four NCAA tournament appearances in 12 years has yet to lead the Bears to a second season in her five years on the job.

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SPORTS

Lefty surges to four-shot lead, another record

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Phil Mickelson looked as if he was headed for a runaway. He had to settle for another record Friday in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

129, breaking by two shots the 36-hole tournament record. The previous mark was set by Matt Gogel in 2001 and Pat Perez in 2002, neither of whom went on to win.

at Pebble is the largest of his career. By the time he made the turn, he was 5 under for his round and had a six-shot lead. But he played the front nine at Poppy in even par with hardly any fireworks on a cool, damp afternoon with rain that made scoring on all three courses a little tougher.

along the cliffs, then finished with three straight birdies, all of them from about 10 feet, for a 67 at Pebble Beach. Kevin Sutherland had a 70 and Paul Goyer had a 68 at Pebble Beach to finish at 21 under 135, while Andrew Nguyen struck them with a 68 at Spyglass.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Tools for Fitness program held Saturday
TWIN FALLS — This month's "Tools for Fitness" program was held on Saturday, Feb. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

shirt of an Indians fan. Shields said a fan hit him in the eye with a water bottle and that he was attempting to grab it.

Big Sky suspends Sacramento St. coach
OGDEN, Utah — The Big Sky Conference on Friday suspended Sacramento State men's basketball coach Jerome Jenkins for one game for comments made about officials and for "failure to control" players and staff following Thursday's close loss to Weber State.

Jenkins was suspended for Saturday's game at Idaho State as he is ineligible to coach the conference said.

Boys and girls in grades 5-8 are eligible. Registration fees are \$1 per child. For this month's activities, children should be dropped off at the Twin Falls City Pool and pickup at the Boys and Girls Club. Trans IV bus lines will provide transportation between activity sites.

With just seconds left in the game, Weber State's Coric Riggs picked up a loose ball that had been dropped away from Sacramento State's Jason Harris. Riggs raced down the court and sunk a layup as the buzzer sounded.

Twin Falls High will host volleyball tournament
TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School Volleyball is hosting the Bruin Bash Coed Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 12. There will be a B and C divisions. The entry fee is \$75.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported that it took game officials about 15 minutes to rule the basket good. When they did, Jenkins charged toward the officials and had to be restrained by security, the Tribune reported.

Freestyle ski event set for Saturday
ALBION — Pomerelle Mountain will be holding an all-ages freestyle competition for participants listed above on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Williams pulls out, Maurems makes semis
PARIS — Top-seeded Serena Williams withdrew from the Open Gaz de France quarterfinals on Friday because of stomach flu while No. 2 Amelie Maurems advanced to the semifinals.

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Auto racing
• Nettel Cup, practice for Daytona 500, SPEED, 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.
• ARCA, Advance Discount Auto Parts 200, SPEED, 2 p.m.
• Nettel Cup, Budweiser Shootout, Fox, 8 p.m.
• NHRA, qualifying for Winter Nationals, ESPN2, 8:30 p.m.
Basketball
• Notre Dame at Pittsburgh, ESPN, 10 a.m.
• Ball St. at Buffalo, ESPN2, 10 a.m.
• Wisconsin at Illinois, CBS, 11 p.m.
Regional coverage, ABC, 11:30 a.m.
Rickmond at George Washington, ESPN, 10 p.m.
Austin Peay at Murray St., ESPN2, 10 p.m.
Oklahoma St. women at Baylor, ESPN, noon.
Regional coverage, ABC, 1:30 p.m.
Michigan St. at Michigan, ESPN, 2 p.m.

Area ski report

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Basketball

Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes games like Idaho State vs Weber State, and various conference games.

Track & Field

Table with columns for athlete names and event results. Includes names like Taylor, and events like 100m, 200m, 400m.

College Basketball

Table with columns for college names and scores. Includes games like Duke vs Wake Forest, and various conference games.

Football

Table with columns for football teams and scores. Includes games like Boise State vs Utah, and various conference games.

High School

Table with columns for high school names and scores. Includes games like Idaho State vs Weber State, and various conference games.

Baseball

Table with columns for baseball teams and scores. Includes games like Idaho State vs Weber State, and various conference games.

College Basketball Standings

Table showing college basketball conference standings. Columns include conference name, team, and record.

Football

Table showing football conference standings. Columns include conference name, team, and record.

Transactions

Table listing sports transactions, including player moves and trades. Columns include player name, team, and transaction type.

SPORTS

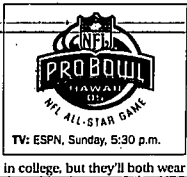


Carolina Panthers' Mualim Muhammad, left, and Tampa Bay Buccaneers cornerback Barber hug during practice for the Pro Bowl at the Iolani Resort, in Kapolei, Hawaii, Tuesday.

Barber brothers teammates again

KAPOLEI, Hawaii (AP) — When Tiki and Rondé Barber stand together, it's difficult to tell them apart. They crack the same wide smile, and finish each other's sentences with wisecracks upon other wisecracks.

The Barbers' striking similarity even confused a young autograph seeker who hit up Tiki twice, until his mother pointed out Rondé.



TV: ESPN, Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

The identical twins were friendly rivals and teammates for most of their youth in Virginia — and this week, for the first time since college, they'll be on the same sideline at the Pro Bowl.

The brothers brought 25 friends and family members to Hawaii for a working vacation that might never happen again. They usually get to spend only a couple of weeks together during any year, but they're taking advantage of their first joint selection to the all-star game.

"It's a family reunion, a vacation paid for by the NFL," Carter complains, said Tiki, a running back who capped his outstanding season with the Giants with his first Pro Bowl selection.

"It's been eight years since the Barbers wore the same uniform

good we're on the same side."

Tiki — names — The Barbers, squander in the 2003 season, but they'll only face each other in non-contact, low-key practices in Hawaii.

During practice this week, Tiki burst through the line of scrimmage and quickly found himself in Rondé's territory. Tiki playfully made some moves and smiled. He shared a couple of words and tossed the ball to Rondé while jogging back to the huddle.

Although Tiki had three previous 1,000-yard rushing seasons, he just finished his most impressive year in the NFL. He led the Giants with a team-record 1,518 yards rushing, was second in receptions behind Jeremy Shockey, and he also led the team with 15 touchdowns.

Rondé, making his second trip to Honolulu after recording a career-high 98 tackles, is the only Tampa Bay player in the Pro Bowl after linebacker Derrick Brooks pulled out because of knee tendinitis.

Rondé said Tiki's big year didn't surprise him.

"It's been in him," he said. "It's in his prime, you could say. It was just a matter of time the way he busted out."

Martin, Wallace begin long goodbye in Shootout

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Mark Martin and Rusty Wallace will begin saying a season-long goodbye to stock car racing Saturday night.

While both are preparing for their final full seasons of NASCAR Nextel Cup racing, each is determined it won't be a sad farewell.

"I think Rusty feels the same way I do," Martin said. "We both want to go out on a high note, as competitive race drivers."

Martin, 46, finished fourth in the points last year and goes into the 2005 season as one of at least a dozen drivers considered contenders for the Cup championship. The 48-year-old Wallace ended a 105-race winless string last season and expects to run near the front of



TV: Fox, 6 p.m.

the pack this year.

"I don't plan to go out quietly," Wallace said, grinning. "We have everything we need to win races."

A great start for either one of the veterans would be a victory in the Budweiser Shootout on Saturday, at Daytona International Speedway, a race each has won once. Martin stormed back from 13th to beat Kenny Schrader by a car length in 1999.

Wallace won the previous year, holding off younger brother Kenny as they raced to the checkered flag.

Wallace, who will be starting his 19th Shootout, echoed his

longtime rival, saying, "If you can win the Shootout, you get your season off on the right foot and give your whole team a big boost of confidence. And that race is usually a pretty good preview of the 500."

It would also be an enormous thrill for Martin or Wallace to finish at the front of the Daytona 500, NASCAR's most prestigious race and one neither has won.

"I haven't won the Daytona 500 and I doubt there's too many people out there who are not aware of that fact," said Wallace, the 1989 series champion and winner of 55 Cup races. "I got close many many times."

"I'd love to go into my final year knowing I've finally got a 500 victory under my belt when we leave Daytona. That would be a special feeling."

END OF AN ERA

Miller will retire after this season

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Patrick Ewing is able to laugh now about the day nearly a decade ago when Reggie Miller's shooting snatched a sure playoff victory away from his New York Knicks.

"He's a guy that when I played against him I wanted to smack him." Ewing said. "But I all I can do is take my hat off to him."

Ewing spoke Friday as the Indiana Pacers faced a future without their leader of 18 years, a day after Miller had his sister announce on national television that he would retire after this season.



Indiana Pacers guard Reggie Miller (31) reacts in the crowd after hitting a shot with 8.6 seconds left in the game against the Toronto Raptors in Indianapolis, Dec. 27. Miller finished with 12 points in the 99-86 win. Miller will retire after the season, ending a career with the Indiana Pacers in which he became one of the league's greatest shooters.

The Miller highlight-reel performance that Ewing recalled happened on a Sunday afternoon when he turned a six-point Knicks lead into a 107-103 victory by hitting two 3-pointers and scoring eight points during the final 8.9 seconds to stun the Madison Square Garden crowd.

It was just one of many high-pressure shots Miller hit on his way to setting the NBA record for 3-pointers made and moving up to 14th on the league scoring list with 24,685 points going into Friday night's game against Houston.

And it all came after Pacers CEO Donnie Walsh faced a cascade of boos when he selected Miller with the 11th pick in the 1994 draft.

Walsh wanted the Pacers to draft Steve Alford, who had just led Indiana University to the NCAA championship.

He turned out to be a great player, you never quite know that," Walsh said Friday. "I was pretty confident that we had done the right thing."

Miller, who turns 40 in Au-

gust, called Pacers coach Rick Carlisle on Thursday to tell him of his decision, which was announced by sister Cheryl Miller, a three-time player of the U.S. and now an NBA sideline reporter for TNT.

He did not discuss his decision with teammates or reporters at practice Friday morning.

Miller's retirement after 18 seasons with the Pacers would leave him behind only John Stockton who played 19 seasons with Utah, among NBA players who have played NBA with a single franchise.

Little optimism for NHL deal

NEW YORK (AP) — The weekend has arrived and the death watch on the NHL season has begun.

Commissioner Gary Bettman's deadline for reaching a deal with the players' association is rapidly approaching. If there's no agreement by Monday, he is expected to pull the plug on the season that never was.

When he would do that is anyone's guess, but it should come soon.

"I don't know what he's waiting for," Los Angeles center Sean Avery said.

far has wiped out 828 of the 1,230 regular-season games. That number won't officially grow before the NHL was supposed to be holding its All-Star weekend in Atlanta.

This weekend will be anything but a celebration. Barring a radical change in the philosophical positions of the sides regarding a salary cap, no deal will be reached and no hockey will be played.

The NHL then would gain the distinction of being the first major North American sports league to miss an entire season because of a labor dispute.

And if the atmosphere doesn't change, the stalemate could stretch well into next season's strike while the NHL tries to re-open with replacement players.

"Our position has been very consistent throughout that the

possibility of unilateral implementation and the use of replacement players, potentially next season, was not something that we were planning and not something that we were focused on," NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly said Thursday. "Our 100 percent focus was on negotiating a new agreement."

But Daly said many options would have to be considered if a negotiated deal can't be reached.

Players' association senior director Ted Sasaki declined to comment on potential legal issues.

More than half of the 700-plus NHL players have spent at least part of this season in European leagues, but they would have several options next season — go overseas or elect to cross the line to play in the new-look NHL that would have a link between league revenues and player costs.

With no season or playoffs to save, the next deadline would be in late when the NHL usually holds its entry draft. If there isn't a collective bargaining agreement in place, there can't be a draft.

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YOUR WEEKEND



Familiar voices

What: Impressionist Rich Little will perform in Jackpot.
Where: Cactus Petes Resort Casino.
When: 8 and 10 p.m. tonight.
How much: Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.



Family affair

What: Company of Fools will present Wendy Wasserstein's drama "Sisters Rosenzweig."
Where: Liberty Theater, Haliley.
When: 8 p.m. tonight and 3 p.m. Sunday (the production continues Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights).
How much: Tickets, which are \$18 and \$24, can be reserved by phoning 735-6520 or online at www.ticketweb.com.

Valentine dance

What: The Roseland Band will play for a Sweetheart Ball in Filer.
Where: Roseland Crystal Ballroom, 523 Main St.
When: 8 to 11 p.m. tonight.
How much: Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple.

Fat Saturday?

What: A Mardi Gras Party with a guest DJ will be held in Gooding. Prizes will be given for best masks and best hats.
Where: Toponis Restaurant, 413 Main St.
When: 9 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. tonight.
How much: No cover charge.

Duds & sounds

What: A fashion show and country-rock music are planned for Outlaws and Angels Bar and Grill in Bliss.
Where: 204 Highway 30.
When: Tonight. The fashion show starts at 7:30 p.m. and the music at 8.
How much: No cover charge.

Happy new year

What: A Chinese New Year's feast, hosted by the Council Circle Foundation, will be held in Ketchum. There will also be music by the Paul Tillison Trio.
Where: neStage Theater.
When: 6:30 p.m. tonight.
How much: For ticket information, call 721-0900.

Snowpack levels

Table with 3 columns: Watershed, % of Avg., % of 1999. Rows include Salmone, Big Wood, Little Wood, Big Lost, Little Lost, Henrys Fork/Teton, Upper Snake Basin, Oakley, Salmone Falls.

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

Castleford mayor lobbies in D.C.

By Sandra Wisecover Times-News correspondent
CASTLEFORD — Rita Ruffing is headed to D.C.
But Castleford's mayor isn't aspiring to attain a higher office, she's landing in the nation's capitol Tuesday to lobby federal lawmakers concerning policies that affect rural municipal water systems, including arsenic mandates.
Ruffing's trip will be financed by the Idaho Rural Water Association.

with legislators.
They have really worked with Ruffing said of the water association.
The city of Castleford has until June 23, 2006, to lower the arsenic in its drinking water to a level less than 10 parts per billion.
The current level has been measured as high as 22 ppb. Several options to pay for and remove the arsenic are being considered, but residents of this small city will probably have to pick up one of the costs through a bond issue.
Don Munkers, the Idaho Rural Water Association's chief executive officer, said one of the

biggest problems rural communities such as Castleford have is telling their story. The water association tries to lend assistance in that regard, and the trip to Washington, D.C. is one means to that end.
We worked closely with Castleford, Munkers said in a phone interview. They have been appreciative for our support and we want to do more. This gives us the opportunity to again present the dilemma Castleford found themselves in when they tried to comply with an accumulation of rules and regulations.
If we can provide them an avenue to speak directly with

their congressional delegation about that — then that's what we want to do.
Ruffing and the rest of the group will be lobbying for the continuation of funding for programs that the Idaho Rural Water Association offers to drinking water and wastewater systems in the state.
One congressional delegation member who has taken notice of Castleford's struggle to come into compliance with the new arsenic standard is U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho.
Last year he introduced legislation that included a \$450,000 allocation for Castleford to improve its water infrastructure.

That amount was, later, increased to \$616,800.
In an e-mail, Simpson told The Times-News he would welcome the visit from Ruffing and the rest of the water association group.
I want to commend Mayor Ruffing and everyone in Castleford for their hard work and perseverance on this difficult matter, the congressman said in the e-mail.
While I remain convinced that Castleford should not have to comply with the new arsenic standard, I am ready and willing to offer my continued assistance to the city in the coming months and years.

TIME FOR TEAMWORK



Morningside Elementary School fourth-grade teachers Cathy Maus, left, Diana Guess and Klele Whitney, a student intern, meet during a 40-minute planning time to discuss their lesson plans at the school Friday.

District looks to create more time for teacher teams

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School District wants to make sure its elementary teachers have ample opportunities to work together during the school day. Administrators are still discussing how that will take shape.
A schedule committee recommended last month that the school board institute a 40-minute, 6-hour-and-45-minute school day — including lunch and recess — with five blocks of time for planning each week. The proposal might come up for consideration in the March board meeting.
Operations Director John Miller said the district hopes to find a way to make the proposal work without adding any new staff, but that would be up to the School Board. Miller said, the extra planning time allows teachers of the same grade levels to sit down together. He said it's better for learning to happen during the school day because it doesn't lengthen teachers' work day, and it leaves other times open for meeting parents.
Before and after school are key contact points for parents, Miller said.
At the two junior high schools, teachers work together in teams,

At the high school, teachers have department meetings, but the conversion to small learning communities will have teachers working in cross-discipline teams, Miller said.
At the elementary level, teaming can happen while pupils are out of the classroom in approximately 40-minute periods of "specials." Those are subjects where pupils have a different teacher, hence, freeing up classroom teachers to do other things. The most common are music, physical education, computers and library time. For kindergarten, those subjects last 20 minutes.
Perrine Elementary School Principal Kent Anderson said the school has those four "specials," and if it were to have a fifth one, teachers could do a math and science enrichment class that would be beyond the regular curriculum.
Anderson said the proposed changes might require some additional staff — because the elementary school already shares music and physical education teachers with other buildings in the district.
Lincoln Elementary School has a different situation. It only offers three "specials": music, computers and physical education, said Principal Beth

Olmstead. Teachers can send pupils to the library whenever they like. If the proposal for five weekly time blocks proceeds, Olmstead would have two more special periods.
She has three candidates to fill them: literacy enrichment, math enrichment or time with the counselors and mentors.
Olmstead said teachers are concerned that time outside of the regular classroom be well spent.
They want to make sure that it's not fluff, Olmstead said.
Morningside Elementary School Principal Dennis Sonius said his school also has the four typical "specials."
Teachers are required to use those times to work together and plan lessons.
It just makes a strong team that way, Sonius said.
The school might use time with a counselor for a fifth "special."
Harrison Elementary School has the same typical set of four "specials," but Principal Christine Gillette said the school might alternate an extra period of music or physical education every other week for a fifth one. The school could also do math or science enrichment, depending on staffing.
The district shares physical

education and music teachers between buildings, so changes in those subjects require complicated schedule juggling, Miller said.
Oregon Trail Elementary School already has five "specials." Beyond the four usual ones, the school's counselor comes into classes and works with pupils on social skills, said Principal Ted Poppellewell.
Sawtooth Elementary School has four "specials," said Assistant Principal Jim Brown, but he's not sure what a fifth one would be.
Kelli Schroeder, Bickel Elementary School's principal, said her school has music, physical education and computers as regularly scheduled "specials."
Library time also happens each week, but teachers can choose how long it is and when. She's not sure what her school would choose for a fifth.
Bickel, Lincoln and Oregon Trail already have 6-hour-and-45-minute days. Sawtooth's day is 5 minutes shorter, while Morningside, Harrison and Perrine have 6-hour-and-35-minute days.
Times-News writer Karin Kowalski can be reached at 735-3231 or kkowalski@magicvalley.com.

Agency gets green light to reissue permits

By Renee Wells For The Times-News
BURLLEY — Recent legislation could mean a great deal to local ranchers who graze their cattle on public lands.
Mindyoka District Ranger Scott Nannenga, of the U.S. Forest Service, recently told the Cassia Public Lands Commission that the Forest Service has been given the authority to do 900 categorical exclusions nationwide to reissue grazing permits.

The legislation was passed, but Congress provided no funding to carry it out, Nannenga said.
But at least it gives us the authority to reissue those permits, and with categorical exclusions there is no appeal process.
The Forest Service was given three directives through the decision. It will continue current management practices, monitor grazing programs with plans to move toward the forest plan's objectives and use these categorical exclusions.
The extraordinary circumstances just as it has in the past.
We will be able to do categorical exclusions which will benefit ranchers without the environmental community being able to stop the process, Nannenga said. That is a really big ticket.
Nannenga also spoke about the fee demonstration project and the Forest Service travel planning program. He explained how the recreational fee demo project will put money back into local campgrounds and recreational facilities on the national forest.
Some people think the fee demonstration project affects only trails and trailheads, but it is going to include other areas as well which amenities are needed, such as restrooms, Nannenga said.
The Forest Service is asking public land users to identify those roads and trails they use often, or infrequently, they use them.
Nannenga said many people turned in maps with trails marked, but few added any comments with their submissions.

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Castleford native takes command of forces

TWIN FALLS — Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright, a fifth-generation Idaho native, on Thursday assumed command of U.S. Forces, Japan, and the Fifth Air Force, according to a news release from United States Forces, Japan. The change of command ceremony took place at Yokota Air Base, about 30 miles northwest of Tokyo.
Wright, the son of the late Ed and Jane Wright, grew up in Castleford. He graduated from Castleford High School in 1969 and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs in 1973.
Wright will be responsible for supporting U.S. forward presence in Japan and implementing defense cooperation with the government of

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Japan under the U.S.-Japan Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security, the news release said. He will also administer the Status-of-Forces Agreement that applies to all U.S. military, civilian employees and their families living in Japan. He will coordinate relationships among and between Department of Defense agencies, the American Embassy and the government of Japan, the news release said.
Paul gas line broken during demolition
PAUL — Traffic on East Idaho

Street was rerouted for about an hour while a broken gas line was repaired Friday morning.
Workers for Magic Valley Produce Company accidentally hit the gas line at about 8:30 a.m. when tearing down three old buildings directly south of the company facility on Idaho Street.
The company purchased the dilapidated buildings so they could tear them down to make way for a larger parking lot.
West End Fire and Rescue and the Mindokota County Sheriff's Department were called to the scene while the gas line was being fixed.
The leak was being monitored because Paul Elementary School was downwind from the

broken line, said Lt. Dan Kindig. But the line was repaired quickly. There were no injuries.
Governor appoints two locals to state boards
BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Friday appointed or reappointed 18 citizens to 10 statewide boards and commissions, including two local residents.
Mary Reis of Twin Falls was reappointed to the Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing while Esperanza Gerhardt of Burley was appointed to the Idaho Commission on Human Rights.
— compiled from staff reports

WANTED in the Magic Valley
Name: Lalaine Dawn Stary
Age: 32
Description: 5-foot-6, 140 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes.
Wanted for: Failure to appear for sentencing on a felony possession of a controlled substance charge; and probation violation on a felony possession of a controlled substance charge.
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Stary's whereabouts to call 735-2911 or Crime Stoppers at 735-5367, where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.

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Pliers, toenails found in torture suspects' RV

INVERNESS, Fla. (AP) — Pliers and what appeared to be pieces of toenails or fingernails were found by detectives searching a motor home belonging to a couple accused of torturing five of their adopted children, authorities said Friday.

The evidence found in the motor home in Polk County south of here corroborates what the children told detectives, said Carl Torney, a spokesman for the Citrus County Sheriff's Office — the lead investigative agency working the case.

Authorities planned to submit the nails to a lab analysis to see if they matched those of the children. The motor home was found Thursday night at Deer Creek Road IVF Resort near Davenport, which is 65 miles east of Tampa. Inverness is about the same distance north of Tampa.

School's president outlines course for University of Idaho's future

BOISE (AP) — University of Idaho President Tim White unveiled a plan Friday to cut \$4.5 million from the school's operating budget and focus remaining funding to support five goals.

White's plan was based in part on a report made last fall by the Vision and Resources Task Force, a group he charged with making broad suggestions about the long-term future of the land-grant university.

White said he hoped the plan would help solve financial struggles caused partly by the boomed University Place satellite campus project in Boise.

Man suspected in shooting of police officer arrested in Nevada

BOISE (AP) — Police in Reno, Nev., have arrested a man suspected of critically shooting Nampa Police Cpl. Allen Williamson.

Martino Perez Jr., 27, was arrested Friday outside a fast-food restaurant, officials said. No shots were fired as Perez was taken into custody.

Perez claim Perez had a gun and a small amount of methamphetamine when he was arrested. The gun will be tested to see if it was the same weapon used to shoot Williamson, officials said.

Otter's campaign director quits after third DUI arrest

BOISE (AP) — Jason Lehost, campaign manager for Republican Rep. Butch Otter's run for the governor's office in 2006, was arrested for drunken driving for a third time in five years late Wednesday night. He has resigned from the campaign.

Otter himself received a misdemeanor DUI conviction in 1997. Although it was a roadblock to his political career, Otter overcame the stigma, serving 16 years as lieutenant governor and the past five years as a U.S. Representative from Idaho's 1st District.

Organizers cancel annual dog derby

ASHFON (AP) — Organizers have canceled the annual American Dog Derby scheduled next week.

Otter, who is expected to face off against Lt. Gov. Jim Risch in the G-2 primary for the office being vacated by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, acknowledged the incident Friday before an appearance at the Idaho Legislature.

Lehost had worked for Otter's campaign since July 1, 2003. Before that, he managed Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's re-election campaign against Democrat Jerry Brady of Idaho Falls.

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White also pledged support for programs that promote entrepreneurship or aid in the design of Idaho communities.

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DEATH NOTICES

Dylan G. Overson
PAHOON, Utah — Dylan G. Overson, infant son of Evan and Lynn Overson, former residents of Declo, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Resident of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at the Colony House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Abingdon, Mass.

Funeral Home with High Priest Ray Griffin officiating. Cremation and private inurnment at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Ronnie Kunsman
NAMPA — Ronnie Kunsman, 51, of Nampa, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at Sunset Memorial Park with Pastor Lawrence Vedder of Immanuel Lutheran Church officiating. Friends may call from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

John Edward Pohlman
TWIN FALLS — John Edward Pohlman, 51, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at home following a battle with cancer.

John W. Guinn
—GOODING — John W. Guinn, 79, of Gooding, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 101 Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

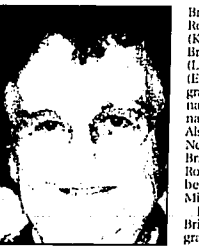
Grace G. Ambrose
JEROME — Ambrose G. Ambrose, 84, of Jerome, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit.

OBITUARIES

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Ollie L. Brinkman Gurnea

BUIH — Ollie L. Brinkman Gurnea, 86, of Buhl, Idaho, passed away Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho, with her loving family by her side.



Brinkman her grandchildren, Rob (Angie) Brinkman, Jim (Kathy) Lyon, Derrick (Amy) Brinkman, Julie Lyon, Kristen (Lincoln) Assendrup and Lori (Laddie) Wierman; her great-grandchildren, Amanda, Hannah, Emma, Madison, McKenna, Cheryl, Kimberly and Ryan. Also surviving are two sisters, New, Barbara, and Nettie Brinkman; her brother, Jackie, Russ; and other family members, Janice Brinkman and Mike Henson.

Surviving Ollie is her loving husband of 24 years, Loren Gurnea; children, Robert Brinkman and Doris Lyon

Pat A. Hollibaugh
FILER — Pat A. Hollibaugh, 65, died at the Yuma Medical Center on Feb. 8, 2005, of a sudden illness.



Alisa Ann Moon

JEROME — Alisa Ann Moon, 36, of Jerome, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at Park's Magic Valley

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome with the Rev. Baldwin Camin officiating.

Uvene Manwaring

TWIN FALLS — Uvene Manwaring, 61, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at Park's Magic Valley

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday evening, Feb. 13, 2005, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Billy A. Bohrn

TWIN FALLS — Billy A. Bohrn, 63, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at Mt. View Care Center in Kimberly.

A graveside service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005, at Sunset Memorial Park with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating.

Friends may call from 1 to 3 p.m. at White Mortuary. A complete obituary will appear in Sunday's paper.

Dan R. Pope

TWIN FALLS — Dan R. Pope, 54, of Twin Falls, died early Thursday morning, Feb. 10, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Pastor Jerry Seice of the Crossroads United Methodist Church officiating.

A private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Services and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Patricia Ann Young Holblough

FILER — Patricia Ann Young Holblough, of Filer, graveside funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Shoshone Cemetery. The service of life will follow the service at the Shoshone Methodist Church.

Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

A private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Services and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Rose M. Sperl Cook

ABINGDON, Mass. — Rose M. Sperl Cook, 91, of Abingdon, Mass., and former long-time

resident of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at the Colony House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Abingdon, Mass.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 101 Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Erwin John Bernthal of Lincoln, Neb.

Erwin John Bernthal of Lincoln, Neb., funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at Christ Lutheran Church, 4325 Sumner St. Graveside service at 3:30 p.m. today at Greenwood Cemetery, Wayne, Neb. Visitation one hour before the service at the church.

Erwin John Bernthal of Lincoln, Neb., funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at Christ Lutheran Church, 4325 Sumner St. Graveside service at 3:30 p.m. today at Greenwood Cemetery, Wayne, Neb. Visitation one hour before the service at the church.

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Police honor their own in ceremony

By Rebecca Meaney
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With nearly \$100,000 worth of damage caused by an arsonist in the southeast section of Twin Falls last year, detectives with the Twin Falls Police Department were eager to put an end to the perpetrator's acts.

Detective Sgt. Bill Hanchevy quickly developed a profile of a man who worked in the area, said Capt. Jim Mann.

Officers in November arrested a suspect on charges of first and second-degree arson in connection with the 13 suspicious fires that burned shops, outbuildings and businesses.

"Hanchevy gained a full con-

fession," Mann said. "He used determination and investigative skills."

Hugs, hollers and handshakes came amid the Twin Falls Police Department's ninth annual awards banquet Thursday night.

"His efforts, Hanchevy received the detective of the year award.

Staff Sgt. Matt Hicks thanked Hanchevy "for a positive and altruistic attitude and proven record of outstanding loyalty to the department."

Long-term investigations, technology implementation projects and life-saving actions earned department members awards and certificates.

"Training is money and time well spent in keeping our peo-

ple protected," Mann said.

Records clerk Barbara Handy was presented with the employee of the year award. Officer Gary Rinchart took home the police officer of the year award, while Chuck Miller received community service officer of the year honors.

Banquet attendees were briefed on accident and crime reduction plans and how those have fit into the city's long-term strategic goals.

"We talked to the bad guys at night, we made proactive contact, we talk to citizens and target repeat offenders," said Staff Sgt. Steve Ryan.

Last year, officers made an average of 33 traffic stops each day in Twin Falls, totaling approximately 12,000 contacts

with drivers.

"Everyone pulled together — records clerks, and personnel — and we saw some success there," he said.

Before the awards were given out, the gathering observed a moment of silence to acknowledge the danger of being an officer and the sacrifices they voluntarily make. Thoughts went to two police officers, one in Nampa and another in Coeur d'Alene, who were shot while on duty. The department also took a moment for Twin Falls officer Clint Doerr, who is currently serving in Iraq.

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Mentally ill man shot by police dies

MOSCOW (AP) — A mentally ill man who was shot five times by a Latah County sheriff's deputy 19 months ago has died of complications related to his injuries.

Said Yusuf, 31, also known as Luke Rapp, suffered severe damage to his abdomen when he was shot after a charging a deputy with a knife. He underwent 37 surgeries, his mother, Wilma Rapp said, and was scheduled to be flown to a Florida hospital to await transplants of his small intestine, stomach, pancreas and liver. But he had been fighting infection since the shooting and died after a sudden fever, Rapp said.

"It's out of pain," she said. "He fought a hard battle."

July 6, 2003, a shooting raised questions about the wel-

fare of the mentally ill in Idaho. It happened after Latah County Sheriff's Deputy Phil Gray found Yusuf standing in the middle of U.S. Highway 95 near Genesee, wearing a cape, brandishing a knife and impeding traffic, according to court documents.

"I am Zoltar! You're in my way, Zoltar!" Yusuf reportedly shouted to Gray.

An investigation by the Idaho State Police found that though Gray repeatedly ordered Yusuf to drop his knife, the mentally ill man charged and Gray fired his gun. Yusuf was hit three times in the abdomen and twice more in the right arm and wrist. An administrative review found that Gray followed proper department procedure when he fired at Yusuf.

Oregon adopts wolf management plan

TROUTDALE, Ore. (AP) — The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted a plan Friday for managing wolves migrating into the state, but a federal court ruling prevents the state from allowing ranchers to shoot gray wolves that attack livestock.

The plan would introduce breeding pairs gradually to the state.

Commission members said they would ask the Legislature to weigh in on the wolf issue, which could include development of a program to pay ranchers for animals lost to wolves.

The plan was adopted in response to changes in federal policy that are expected to cause wolves to migrate to Oregon from Idaho.

No wolves are known to be in Oregon now but three have been confirmed in recent years and more are expected to follow.

The commission also refused to go along with a plan to allow gill-nets to snare more wild steelhead this season. The idea was to make more room for the more commercially viable chinook salmon this spring, but commentators disagreed.



In this undated file photo provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a tagged gray wolf is shown prior to being reintroduced into the wild.

Oregon's wildlife managers began working on a wolf management plan in 2002 but a federal judge issued a ruling Feb. 1 changing the federal Endangered Species Act status for wolves migrating into the state.

U.S. Dist. Judge Robert E. Jones threw out a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rule that had reduced Endangered Species Act protection from endangered to threatened for wolves migrating into neighboring states from thriving experimental populations in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho.

The federal rule was part of an effort to turn over greater responsibility for wolves to states.

The threatened species status allowed ranchers to kill

wolves threatening their livestock.

Under the endangered listing only federal agents could do so.

Friday's plan is a slightly revamped version of their earlier wolf plan.

Commission members said it is important to have a plan in place to address other issues not pre-empted by the judge's ruling.

"It shows the federal government that we are ready to manage the wolves," said commission member Dan Edge.

The plan calls for dividing Oregon into two wolf regions: Eastern Oregon and Western Oregon. Each region has an initial goal of establishing four breeding pairs of wolves.

Once four pairs produce two

young each annually for three years in the eastern zone the commission can consider taking wolves off the state endangered species list.

A second phase would establish seven breeding pairs in each zone.

Once that level is met the plan moves to a third phase where populations could be controlled through public hunting and trapping.

Stepped from the Willamette and the lower Columbia rivers are protected by federal law, but federal fish managers in the past have allowed up to 2 percent of the steelhead return to die in nets.

Oregon and Washington state both received permission from the federal government

this year to increase the kill up to 5 percent.

Washington's commissioners raised the number to four percent last weekend but Oregon's panel drew the line at 2 percent, meaning no change from last year's rules.

"Federal wildlife officials say the more liberal gill-netting regulations could be justified given the rebound of the free winter steelhead runs listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

The proposal to increase the allowable kill of native steelhead drew opposition from sport anglers and conservation groups who said it would counter efforts to rebuild the wild steelhead population.

Official says meeting wasn't advertised properly

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — The lone member of the state wildlife commission who voted against cancelling Montana's bison hunt is accusing the commission of meeting illegally, saying it didn't give the public adequate notice of its plans to reconsider the hunt.

But another commission member, as well as an attorney for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, said they believe the board followed the letter of the law and gave adequate notice.

Commissioner John Brenden of Scooby accused the board on Thursday of meeting illegally when he held a telephone conference call on Jan. 6 and agreed to meet a few days later to reconsider the bison hunt, which was set to begin Jan. 15.

The Jan. 6 meeting came just hours after Democratic Gov. Brian Schweitzer appointed three new members to the five-member board.

The board set a Jan. 11 meeting and voted 4-1 to postpone the planned hunt until November. Brenden was the only commissioner who opposed the change.

The commission then held a second conference call the next day, at which members decided to go ahead with a lottery drawing for licenses for the November hunt.

Brenden, a former state Republican Party chairman, state senator who was appointed to the commission by former Gov. Judy Martz, said the commission acted too hastily and did not provide enough public no-

tice of its plans. That, he argued, violates Montana's open meetings law, which requires all government meetings to be open to the public and that the public must know when the meetings occur, he said.

Commission Chairman Steve Doherty of Great Falls, a former Democratic state senator appointed by Schweitzer, said he thought the meetings "went the letter and spirit of the open meetings law."

"I think the public had notice, they had the opportunity to participate and the opportunity to let their interests and feelings known," Doherty said.

Bob Lane, chief lawyer for the department, agreed, saying the

agency advertised the Jan. 11 meeting for days, a fact supported by all the members of the public who showed up. As for the Jan. 6 conference call, the board was merely reconsidering a decision that had been the subject of dozens of properly noticed public meetings before. Commissioners made no substantial decisions during that call "other than to meet again in five days and have another public meeting."

"It was just a procedural thing," he said.

During the Jan. 12 conference call, the group merely executed a decision that had been made the day before in a public meeting, he said.

Judge holds woman accused in drowning

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A judge Friday ordered the woman found not guilty by reason of insanity in the kidnapping of her 19-month-old granddaughter — and accused of drowning the girl in the Snake River — to be held indefinitely in federal custody.

Prosecutors had alleged that Kelley Lodmell's release constituted "a substantial risk of bodily injury to another person," and requested that she be ordered into a federal medical facility for treatment.

If Lodmell's mental state does not sufficiently improve, it's possible that she could spend forever in federal custody, said Melodie Bydatch, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office in Utah.

Lodmell was accused of taking young Acaela Bishop from her home in Layton, Utah, in May 2003, fleeing with the baby to Idaho Falls and jumping with the child into the Snake River so she could make the girl her

Lodmell still faces kidnapping and first-degree murder charges in Bonneville County, Idaho.

Prosecutor Dane Watkins, who was in Salt Lake City Friday for the hearing, said he wasn't yet sure how the decision to hold Lodmell would affect the charges she faced in Idaho.

He said he expected to make an announcement on the Bonnevill County charges sometime next week.

The U.S. Attorney's Office argued that Lodmell was a danger to the community because she had a lengthy history of criminal behavior, endangering others and severe mental illness.

According to court documents, Lodmell still believes her granddaughter is alive.

The U.S. Attorney's office also said in court papers that Lodmell has long resisted psychiatric treatment, and would abruptly discontinue treatment if her current being held in a facility.

Defense attorney G. Fred Metos said after the hearing his client could continue to resist treatment, but "she clearly never got out of the id."

Metos said Lodmell was able to comprehend that successfully completing treatment was her only hope of getting out of federal custody.

Frozen foods recalled because of broken glass

BOISE — Bits of broken glass found in frozen egg rolls, pizza twists and taco chulupus has prompted health officials to recall affected products that may have been sold in Idaho stores.

The products were sold under the brand names of Pagoda, Tony's, Minih, Jade Mountain, Herb Classic Collections, Lotus Garden and Coyote Grill. They may have been distributed in Idaho stores including Albers, Fred Meyer, IGA, Brouillette and other independent grocers. No reports of injuries from consumers have been reported.

The recall includes approximately 354,000 pounds of frozen food distributed nationwide by Schwann's Food Company. The

production dates of affected foods are Nov. 8-10, 2004. The products bearing the brand names of Pagoda, Tony's and Minih will have one of the following date codes on the package: 38413, 39414 or 39415. The Herb Classic products will have the "Use by" date of "02/02/05" printed on the package. Products that are delivered by Schwann's delivery trucks are not affected by this recall.

The distributor has notified stores that may have received the recalled products. Consumers who purchased affected products can return the frozen food to the store if they bought it from a refund.

For more information, contact Schwann's Food Company at 1-800-551-5961.

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"I think people didn't understand what we wanted when we handed them the maps," Nannenga said.

Nannenga said the travel plan project will continue through the spring of 2006.

Another issue of concern to forest planners is the plan to bury the Goose Creek pipeline.

Nannenga said the plan is of utmost importance because it provides an essential extra water source to the grazers in Cold Falls and cannot be deemed permanent as long as the pipe is laying on top of the ground.

"The 7-mile pipeline was ini-

tially a temporary project to alleviate severe drought conditions, but has been a viable source of water for the grazers of the Goose Creek allotment since it was constructed in 2001.

Nannenga explained that as a temporary project it is only to be in place for up to 365 days. The Forest Service has therefore reissued permits annually and hopes to eliminate the need for doing so. Burying the pipeline would give it a permanent status.

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Prison conditions worry official

Director thinks inmate lawsuits in Idaho are possible

BOISE, AP — Idaho's prison system could be vulnerable to lawsuits from inmates because of overcrowding and understaffing. Department of Correction Director John Beaulac warned lawmakers this week.

Beaulac has been pleading with lawmakers to fully fund his department as the budget committee nears its vote to balance next year's budget with an eye toward a money shortfall in 2006-2007.

"We have a system that is at a tipping point," he recently told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee. "Without proper support... we have the potential to come under a court monitor. We do not want to go there."

The department has asked for \$124 million for operations in 2005-2006, an increase of 12 percent. The increase is almost entirely due to skyrocketing prison population, which is expected to hit 6,481 inmates by the end of June.

The prison population has had an 11 percent increase in the past two years, with more than 450 added inmates. The department expects another

365 prisoners by June 30, 2006.

Idaho's prison system has a capacity of slightly more than 6,000 inmates. The excess have been double-bunked put up on cots in tents or sent to county jails, some are even living in barracks-style tents.

Budget cuts have also prevented the system from hiring more corrections officers, to keep pace with the population increase.

"This inmate staff trend leaves me very concerned about safety and security at our institutions," Beaulac said. Included in the department's

request is enough money to expand the women's prison near Boise by more than 130 beds at a cost of \$2 million and build a semi-permanent building called a "Sprung Structure" that would house 100 men at a cost of \$1.1 million.

Reidburg Sen. Brent Hill said Beaulac's analysis is "a pretty bleak picture" and urged him to offer suggestions for change.

"We can't just double (the inmate population) every ten years," Hill said. "It's going up more rapidly than our population growth."

The budget committee is expected to begin setting budgets Feb. 25 after hearing from all state departments.

Yucca nuke waste program chief resigns

WASHINGTON (AP) — The official in charge of building the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump in Nevada has resigned, the Energy Department announced Friday.

The departure of Margaret Chu as director of the department's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management comes at a time when the Yucca Mountain program has been delayed because of budget cuts and problems developing acceptable radiation safety standards.

The department said in a statement that Chu was leaving "due to personal circumstances" and that she plans to return to New Mexico. The resignation is effective Feb. 25, the statement said.

In Nevada, Bob Loux, head of the state office that has been fighting the proposed waste dump, said Chu's departure was not expected to change the Bush administration's determination, to pursue the Yucca waste repository 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

"Clearly, the important decisions were being made elsewhere by other people," Loux said. The Yucca Mountain project remains a top priority at the White House and the department. Samuel Bodman, the new energy secretary, told a congressional hearing this week.

Chu said in her resignation letter that she was "proud to have been a part... of making critical progress with Yucca Mountain."

A former director of nuclear waste management at the Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M., took over the department's civilian nuclear waste program in March 2002.

Her top priority was to advance the development of Yucca Mountain, a volcanic ridge 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas, as the country's first central deep geological repository for nuclear waste that will remain highly radioactive for tens of thousands of years.

She had hoped to submit a license application for Yucca to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by the end of last year, and to develop a transportation for future waste shipments to the Nevada site.

On both counts she fell short. An NRC application is not expected to be submitted until late this year and a transportation plan is behind schedule. The target for opening the Yucca site has been put off from 2010 to 2012, if the department gets an NRC license.

Nevada has continued to fight the project and won a victory last year when a federal appeals court ruled that proposed radiation safety standards for the dump would have to be reworked.

About 70,000 tons of used reactor fuel and high-level defense nuclear waste is supposed to be buried at the Yucca site. The material currently is building up at nuclear power plants and defense sites in 34 states.

Idaho students will see science test

BOISE, AP — Idaho students will try out a new science test this spring as the Idaho Standards Achievement Test in science is given to fifth, sixth and 10th graders.

Under the federal No Child Left Behind educational reform, the science test will be placed by the beginning of the 2007-08 school year.

Idaho is piloting the exam beginning this year, so it can be ready when the exam is required, said Carissa Miller, assessment program manager with the State Board of Education.

About half the exam will focus on how well students understand the scientific process. It will measure their ability to develop a hypothesis, perform experiments and ask questions about the world around them.

The other half of the exam will test knowledge in specific subjects such as biology and earth science.

State Board of Education staff say they don't know yet whether students must pass the 10th-grade science ISAT as a graduation requirement, as they must with the other three examinations.

Under No Child Left Behind, schools that don't show sufficient student achievement in reading and math can be forced to let their students attend class at a better-performing school. They may even face management takeovers.

The new science ISAT won't carry the same penalties. Even so, the exam "will put science on a higher priority level," said Kevin Collins, science coordinator for the state Department of Education.

GUARD DOG?



A little dog pokes his head out of the window of a truck at a stoplight Tuesday at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

Official defends grouse decision

SPARKS, Nev. (AP) — The decision to keep the sage grouse off the endangered species list signals a new era of wildlife conservation through cooperation instead of regulation.

Assistant Interior Secretary Craig Manson said Friday.

He also denounced the "shoddy methodology" of some critics like the Union of Concerned Scientists and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility who claim political and commercial interests are undermining scientific decisions at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Manson oversees the Fish and Wildlife Service, which decided last month that threats to the sage grouse — ranging from urban sprawl and wildfires to livestock grazing and oil drilling — have not reached a level to warrant federal protection under the Endangered Species Act.

The agency pointed to local efforts already under way to protect the bird in Nevada, Idaho and other Western states as part of the reason to reject environmentalists' petition for listing.

"This is a herald of the way things will be in the future of conservation in America," Manson said Friday to 200 people at a science forum conference sponsored by the Western Governors' Association.

"It harkens back to the time of Teddy Roosevelt when his vision of conservation was driven by inspired citizens. And that's what is happening here again," Manson said.

"Somewhere in between there... some felt it was necessary to go to a different model of conservation, one driven by the command of the government."

Conference participants include representatives of many of the 60 local working groups across the West that have adopted or are developing comprehensive strategies to



Male sage grouse are shown near Jordan, Mont. In this undated file photo, Assistant Interior Secretary Craig Manson said Friday that the decision to keep the sage grouse off the endangered species list signals a new era of wildlife conservation.

help protect sage grouse. Kathleen Clark, director of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, is scheduled to address the group Saturday.

"Never before has there been such a wide-spread, broad-based citizen-driven effort," Manson said Friday.

"We've got to get out and tell your story... that it can be done without the regulatory hand of government pushing it along and forcing solutions," he said.

"This is a nexus time. It's a time to look forward to a time where all conservation is done this way," he said.

Manson fielded questions from members of the Idaho-based Western Watersheds Project and the Nevada Wildlife Federation, who noted public concern that the scientific evidence of the bird's declining numbers has been compromised by political and commercial interests.

He responded by criticizing a survey issued this week by the Union for Concerned Sci-

entists and PEER that concluded "political intervention to alter scientific results has become pervasive" within the Fish and Wildlife Service.

"The scientific integrity of the decisions the Fish and Wildlife Service has made over the last four years is unassailable," Manson said.

Of the more than 400 agency biologists and other scientists who responded to the survey, 41 percent reported they had been "directed for nonscientific reasons to refrain from making jeopardy or other findings that are protective of species, the groups said.

More than half reported cases where "commercial interests have inappropriately induced the reversal or withdrawal of scientific conclusion or decisions through political intervention" and 42 percent said they could not openly express concerns about the biological needs of species and habitats without fear of retaliation," the report said.

Colorado girls get help to pay judgement over cookies

DENVER (AP) — Two Durango, Colo., teens said Thursday they will not sue a judge's order to pay \$930 in medical bills for a woman who complained that their act of kindness — leaving a batch of home-baked cookies on her porch — scared her so much she had to go to the hospital.

Taylor Ostergaard and Lindsey Jo Zellitti say they still want to dispense kindness anonymously.

"We aren't discouraged by this. We are going to keep giving," said Ostergaard, 18, after receiving a donation Thursday afternoon to pay the medical claims of their neighbor.

"We felt sorry for her and we still feel sorry," Zellitti said. "We didn't want to cause this lady any harm at all."

Their saga began in July when Ostergaard and Zellitti, also 18, decided to bake chocolate chip and sugar cookies as a surprise treat for their neighbors. They placed them outside with large red or pink construction-paper hearts that carried the message, "Have a great night" and were signed with their first initials: "Love, The T and L Club."

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settle the dispute, even enlisting the clergy. Ostergaard's mother said she is now offering to pay the medical claims if the Youngs would sign a liability release.

When word of the teens' trouble calls, tens of hate mail threats to her life sent Herb Young in a telephone interview Thursday.

"It's horrible, nobody has heard our side," said Herb Young, adding the couple has had to hire a lawyer. "I don't believe the girls meant for this to happen. But they could have prevented it from happening if they had just shut their mouths when they came out of (small claims) court. Now they are caught in something they can't control."

The parents of one of the teens filed for a restraining order against Herb Young, accusing him of making harassing phone calls. He admitted calling the Ostergaards once after hearing the teens were talking to a newspaper. Her son said the "glouss" were off, which apparently was taken as a threat.

S. Utah braces for more flooding

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — New flash-flood warnings were issued for Washington, Kane and San Juan counties on Friday, a month after the Santa Clara River jumped its banks and washed away dozens of homes in southern Utah.

The warnings are effective by 11 a.m. on Friday and may be extended through Saturday.

The eastern edges of a Pacific Ocean storm were bringing rain to the area and snow to nearby mountains, National Weather Service hydrologist Brian Melnerney said Friday.

Water levels in area rivers, creeks and slot canyons are expected to rise as early as Friday afternoon, flooding the larger streams and the Virgin and Santa Clara rivers is possible by late Saturday morning, Melnerney said.

There was a small bright spot: The new storm was expected to drop only one or two inches of rain — far from January's deluge of between 10 and 12 inches. Dozens of homes astride the Santa Clara were washed away by the rain, but only a part of an estimated \$180 million in damage across the region.

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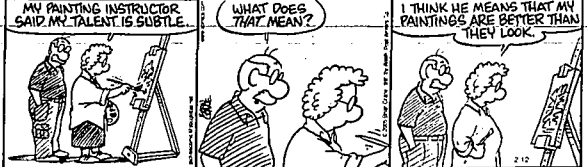
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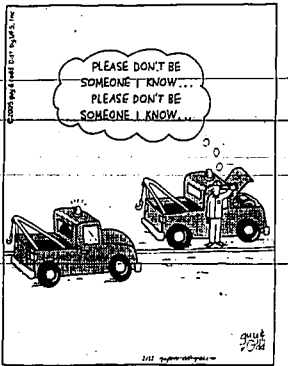
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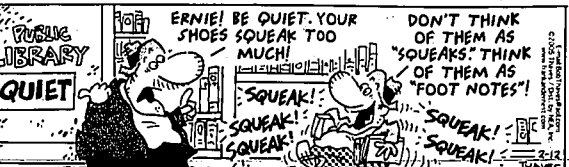
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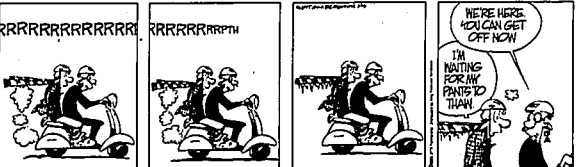
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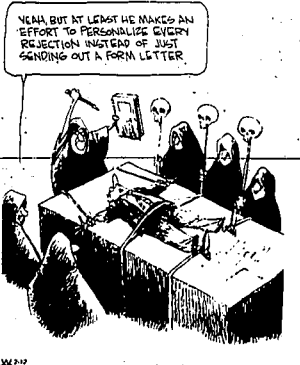
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Addiction drives friend to extremes

DEAR ABBY: I am 40 years old and have a close friend whom I have known since elementary school. She has been married for many years and has a beautiful home and family.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne
Phillips

her is to tell her husband what you have told me, so he can alert her doctor and find help for her.

DEAR ABBY: My 10-year-old son, "Fritz," is lying to me. He is given 25 cents every school day for milk at lunch. Lately, I have been finding this money in his pocket when I do laundry. When I asked my son about it, Fritz looked me straight in the eye and told me the price of milk went up to 35 cents last September. I know for a fact this is not true.

My husband, "Frank," thinks this is no big deal, but for me the fact that Fritz is looking me in the eye and lying to me is very serious. If he's lying about this small issue at 10, what will he be

doing in five years? How can I ever be sure he's telling the truth?

There are many other issues involving our children where Frank refuses to back me up. I'm ready to throw in the towel and leave him to deal with it all. I'm exhausted and can't fight it anymore. I'm afraid to even suggest family therapy. Frank would never be physically abusive, but I'm afraid that he would just shut down emotionally. The only thing we have going for us is that he's a great dad. Take that away, and I'm afraid we will fall apart completely.

-WORN OUT IN CALIFORNIA
DEAR WORN OUT: Under no circumstances must you tolerate your son lying to you. Tell him you are going to check on his story, and if it turns out to be untrue, you will be forced to punish him. Give him a chance to own up. If he comes clean — could it be he doesn't like milk? — do not punish him. If he continues to lie, then you must take away enough of his privileges

that he will forevermore remember the penalty for lying.

TS. Please wake up to the fact that "great dads" do not turn a blind eye when their children lie or misbehave. Nor do they fail to back their spouse when it comes to discipline, hoping to make themselves look good at the other's expense. If all that's holding your marriage together is the illusion that your husband is a great dad, you two are in serious trouble. However, until you are both willing to work on it, nothing will change. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: I am a Caucasian woman married to a Filipino man. We have a 9-month-old daughter. The problem is that strangers come up to me and ask if my daughter is adopted. I find this extremely offensive. What can I say to these people?

-TEACHING TOLERANCE IN TAMPALA
DEAR TEACHING TOLERANCE: Just say no — and keep walking.

BIRTHDAY TODAY?

Passion eggs you on in important ambition

IF FEBRUARY 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... Your popularity quotient is at an all-time high this month, so make the most of it by meeting important people who can aid your business success ... or satisfy romantic longings. A great passion could egg you on as you pursue an important ambition — but energies could lag in May when brief setbacks appear. Trust that useful doors leading to prosperity will open in October when you will receive the answer to your prayers.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If romance is progressing smoothly don't rock the boat. Others close have a great need to express affection, so be ready for exciting amorous interludes. Mr. or Ms. Right could come into view.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone may have one of Cupid's arrows aimed right at your heart, so this might be the best time to choose your Valentine. You have the charm and charisma to gain recognition from others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put business and formality away for this weekend and seek pleasurable pairings with a romantic partner. Your erotic charms shine brighter under these stars and feelings will be shared.

CANCER (June 21-July 21): Celebrate Valentine's Day early by finding a perfect target for your romantic yearnings. The answer will be "yes" if you're looking for someone special for a romantic hookup.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 22): A magical aspect in the sky promises that you will be thrown into contact with the right people at the right time. Swim with the tides, not against them. For a perfect evening, "love the one you're with."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Listen to the counsels of the heart, as it might be the perfect

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Jeraldine Saunders

time to propose closer intimacy with a special someone. If your heart is yearning for a soulmate, he or she could appear on the horizon.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Earn some celestial brownie points with your latest heart-throb by flaunting your desirability and being at your attractive best. It is a great night to explore romantic heights with a lover.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A special someone can make your heart sing the song of love. Go ahead and act on impulse where romance is concerned. Single might meet the soulmate of their dreams on a night like this.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have a magic touch with money today to buy items that satisfy your heart. Passionate thoughts are in the air, so spend quality time alone with your favorite playmate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Start Valentine's Day a little early, and do something special for an amorous partner. You possess extra magnetism that attracts adoration from others, so if you are single get out and meet new people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Solidify romantic attachments and seek commitments. New contacts may prove to be exceedingly helpful. Chance meetings can bring the love and romance you have been searching for.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't be shy. Take a chance on love tonight and you could win the whole pot. A friend or acquaintance could provide the magical helping ingredient to make your fondest dreams come true.

Suspect drops dollar filled with cocaine

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Police got the drop on a drug suspect when the man dropped his stash wrapped in cash.

Hugo Suso-Dominguez, 23, was in line at a convenience store in front of two plainclothes officers when he dropped a dollar bill filled into a pouch Tuesday night, police said. The officers, who had stopped at the store to get food while on a surveillance operation, recognized the pouch as a method of holding drugs.

One officer picked up the dollar, unfolded it and found white powder, which later tested positive for cocaine, according to a criminal complaint.

"Hugo looked back at us and the dollar bill, which was now open displaying the suspected cocaine," Hugo laughed and stated. "That is mine" (in Spanish). Detective Thomas Gutierrez said.

Suso-Dominguez was charged with possession with intent to distribute because there was about one-half ounce of cocaine in the pouch, police said. He was being held on a \$2,500 bail.

NEVER MISS THE ACTION

The Times-News

Egyptians used moldy bread to heal

This day in history: On Feb. 12, 1879, when you could probably find plenty of places in New York City to skate. Madison Square Garden opened the first indoor ice rink in North America.

Ancient Egyptian doctors were using penicillin before anyone knew what penicillin was. To treat infections, they placed moldy bread over a wound.

You may be familiar with goat and cow cheese, but other animals also gave the world cheese, including buffalo, camel, horse, llama, zebra, reindeer, ass and yak.

Frogs close their eyes when they swallow. It's not because they don't want to have to look at what they're eating. Closing their eyes pushes their big bulging eyes into the back of their mouths, helping to push wriggling bugs into their throats.

There've been a couple of U.S. presidents who have won the Nobel Peace Prize but only one



RANDOM KINDS OF FACINESS
Jack Mingó
Erin Barrett

who has won a Pulitzer: John F. Kennedy for his 1957 book, "Profiles in Courage."

If you're writing a political analysis and are looking for a fancy term for a shared delusion, try "folie à deux."

There are people with the job of standing on the roof of the United States Capitol, hoisting flags up and down all day. That's why you can contact a member of Congress and buy a reasonably priced American flag that's been flown over the Capitol building for a few seconds, anyway.

If you were a soldier in Ameri-

ca's Civil War, your chance of dying from injuries or disease was about 1 in 6.

The melody of the "Marine's Hymn" came from Jacques Offenbach's comic opera, "Genevieve de Brabant."

Beware of having author friends — they may just put you into a book. That was the case of Bob Fagin, who found that his friend Charles Dickens had borrowed his name for a lovable rogue in "Oliver Twist."

According to cartooning histories, Donald Duck's troublesome nephews, Huey, Dewey and Louie, got their names from Huey P. Long, a politician from Louisiana; Thomas Dewey, a New York Republican and candidate for president; and Louis Schmidt, a friend of Walt Disney's.

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Family uses tractor to help put dairy farmer's body to rest

VOLANT, Pa. — Archie Glenn's family made sure he was Deere-ly departed.

The 99-year-old dairy farmer had a passion for John Deere tractors. So at his funeral Feb. 4, his family had his casket pulled to the North Plain Grove Cemetery using a 1930s vintage John Deere tractor.

"He loved those machines," said Glenn's daughter, Ruth Wigton. "They never let him down."

Glenn bought his first John Deere tractor in 1935. When he retired in 1977 at age 72, he con-

tinued to use a tractor to mow 20 of his own acres and his neighbors' land.

Glenn's green casket had a liner embroidered with a yellow-and-green tractor image. Flower arrangements were yellow and green. The family downloaded music featuring the sounds of a running, idling and stalled tractor engine from the John Deere Web site to play at the funeral home.

"Dad's funeral was not a mournful occasion, but a celebration of his life and what he loved — from the people to the tractors," Wigton said.

Holly berries help lead dozens of birds to death

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Dozens of birds got drunk from eating holly berries, then crashed into the glass of an office building and died.

Warm weather and an ample supply of berries attracted hundreds of cedar waxwings into the enclosed courtyard of the three-story building Tuesday.

The birds began getting drunk on the fermented berries. They got so loopy that some were falling off branches and others were slamming into the glass walls that enclose the courtyard.

said Burgess Mills, the building's owner.

Groundskeepers have tried to help the birds by putting tape on windows or nets over the holly trees to keep them from eating the berries, Mills said.

Robbery suspect leaves wallet on store's counter

EULESS, Texas, AP — A robbery suspect was caught after leaving his wallet on the store counter — and then going to the police station to pick it up.

Joseph Fahnbullec, 22, was jailed on a robbery charge, the

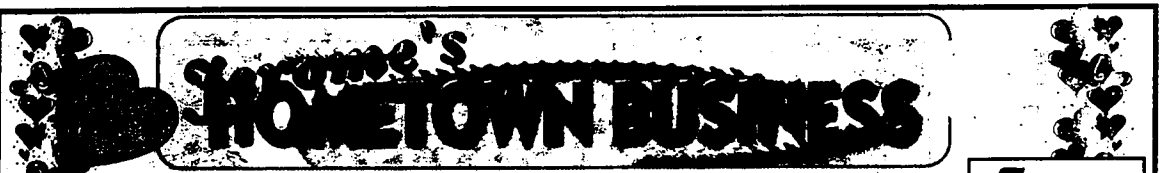
Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

A few days after the Jan. 29 robbery, he walked into the police station in Euleus, near Dallas, to pick up his wallet after a detective had told him someone had found it.

"Once we had the wallet, we called him to say it had been turned in to our lost and found," Detective Marco Valladares said. "We don't really have one."

The store clerk said the man took about \$200 from the cash drawer after attacking him with pepper spray.

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WORLD

Pope sends message of support to sick

Kuwait beefs up security

KUWAIT CITY, Kuwait (AP) — Police have set up checkpoints and are toting machine guns and wearing body armor for the first time. Hotels have installed metal detectors. And the U.S. Embassy has warned Americans to keep away from Western hangouts.

Security in this tiny desert emirate has been ratcheted up since a series of government raids in recent weeks against Islamic militants. The government also has begun blocking Web sites espousing jihad, and police have seized radical books from mosques and warned teachers not to preach intolerance.

Such a show of force against Muslim militants would have been newly politically impossible here until three weeks ago. Then for the first time, the militants' long thought present in this country spilled Kuwaiti blood, gunning down two policemen who tried to arrest them. In a string of subsequent raids, three more policemen were killed.

The clashes were dramatic, and some foreign observers described them as hum-hum. Then last week, residents of this elegant-seaside city awoke to even more: Television coverage of a full-fledged urban assault. Hundreds of masked policemen and paramilitaries swarmed the streets. Armored vehicles barreled across intersections — and government forces battled militants with grenade launchers and heavy machine guns.

Instead of recoiling in horror at the unprecedented shootout, however, many liberal Kuwaitis applauded.

They credited the government, while a crucial ally in the U.S.-led war in Iraq, had for too long ignored the aggressive Muslim militants in their country — some with Saudi ties — because they had mainly pursued their anti-American agenda outside Kuwait. There was almost a disastrous lull on behalf of the government, said Ahmed Bishara, a liberal who heads the National Democratic Movement. There is an underground movement of jihadists who is indoctrinating and recruiting people.

Now, after five raids, more than 40 militants are in custody and some are dead. Four security men have been killed and 10 wounded in the battles, which also killed two bystanders. And police say more is to come because the interrogations of captured militants have produced intelligence for more raids and arrests.

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Out of the hospital but still frail, Pope John Paul II sent his blessings Friday to fellow ailing Catholics, assuring them that suffering has a purpose in God's plan and asking for their prayers to keep him at the head of the church.



Pope John Paul II

The 84-year-old pontiff did not attend a Mass at St. Peter's Basilica for the World Day of the Sick, where patients — some in wheelchairs — prayed. Instead, he watched the service on television and dispatched a cardinal to read his personal message about the meaning of pain. "Your suffering is never use-

less, dear sick ones," said the message from the pope, who was spending his first full day at the Vatican after recovering from the flu and breathing problems that required a 10-day hospitalization. Human pain is precious, John Paul said, because it has a mysterious link to Christ's trial on the cross and his resurrection.

"For that reason the pope counts deeply on the importance of your prayers and your suffering," he said. "Offer them up to the church and to the world, offer them also for me and for my mission as universal shepherd of the Christian people."

That request for prayers seemed another indication that John Paul has no intention of stepping down amid questions over how he can continue in his grueling public job with the Parkinson's disease that has increasingly slurred his speech and left him trembling.

The Vatican's official news-

paper, L'Osservatore Romano, offered a similar response to the doubts. Under a photo of John Paul in his popemobile on his way home from the hospital Thursday, it ran a banner headline: "The ruler is still in his hands."

Since John Paul's appearance Sunday from his hospital room window, some have worried about his future. That day, his comments were very brief and almost impossible to understand.

A day later, Cardinal Angelo Sotano, the Vatican's No. 2 official, said the possibility of a

papal resignation should be left "up to the pope's conscience." The mere fact that he did not rule out a resignation surprised many observers and led some to wonder whether officials were preparing the terrain for an abdication.

No pope has resigned for centuries, and John Paul repeatedly has said he intends to carry out his mission until his death.

Though the pope stayed home Friday, it was nonetheless a busy day: The Vatican announced that he named new bishops in France, Angola, Mexico, Colombia and Canada.

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Researchers list names of communists, informants

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — A political consulting firm posted the names of 19 agents and informants of Hungary's communist secret police on a Web site Friday, and it threatened to list more.

Earlier this month in Poland, a leak of communist-era secret police files containing the names of 240,000 former agents, informers and secret service employees caused an uproar because the list included the names of victims without distinguishing them as such.

The names of the 19 Hungarians posted on the Web site of the Political Center Institute already had been identified by Hungary's media. The institute said it only held back on listing 97 other names after the state ombudsman for data protection questioned the legality of such a move.

"We are considering releasing the other names even if it means facing legal sanctions," the consultancy's director, Kriszian Szabados, told The Associated Press.

The 19 names included politicians, journalists, a former police commander, a theater critic, rock musicians, writers, economists and a current member of the European Parliament.

The ranks varied widely, from lowly informants to high-placed secret agents, as did their degree of involvement with the secret police.



Let's keep debate on same-sex marriage civil

Few social issues have stirred people's passions as has same-sex marriage. It started with a court decision in Massachusetts in 2003 that opened the door to gay marriages and is now rippling across the country with 17 states passing constitutional bans on the practice.



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Wherever the issue is raised, urgent and angry words invariably follow. Without the ban, proponents of it argue, an "activist judge" could reverse current law that states marriage is between only a man and a woman.

In response, opponents call the ban a hurtful example of discrimination and intolerance. How can two sides, deeply committed to what they think is right, be so far apart?

The answer may be as simple as how a person defines an issue and the language — religious or secular — used to understand it.

Let's break it down. Marriage, say those opposed to gay unions, is based on the principle that a one man-one woman relationship is normative. Their view is usually shaped by the Bible and by an understanding that a heterosexual union has been predominant in most cultures.

The other side contends that marriage is evolving. Constitutional principles that ensure everyone has equal rights and equal opportunity should apply to any consenting adult. Thus, to deny committed gay couples privileges given to heterosexual couples is unjust.

Admittedly, this is a broad description of the differences, but it gets at the heart of the division, namely, we no longer agree on what's right or wrong in human behavior.

Need an example of how language and behavior relate? Think about how you talk about gay marriage.

Do you refer to it mostly in terms of fairness and equality, or do you primarily use religious language? If the former, you probably favor same-sex marriage. If the latter, you more likely oppose it.

But the issue is more than about the words we use. Those who say they know what marriage is, or should be, often don't. Choose your side and consider:

If the relationship should be limited to only a man and a woman, then what are the limits? Should polygamy be allowed? How about siblings marrying one another? Where should the line be drawn — or does anything go?

To avoid these questions is to ignore the fact that marriage must somehow be defined. On the other hand, those who insist marriage should be only between a man and a woman must consider what makes their idea of marriage distinct from other committed relationships.

After all, no one insists that marriage can only be for those willing to bear children or that it has to be permanent — both of which were historically considered to be the main purposes of marriage. If they're not, then why is marriage only for heterosexuals?

"If you say that marriage need not be sexually exclusive, nor irrevocable, nor devoted to child rearing, nor a sacred sign of anything beyond the participants' mutual self-interest," says Julie Loesch Wiley, a Catholic writer on women's issues, "then you have taken away all its essential parts but, obscurely, retained the same label."

What we're learning from this debate is not only how deep the fissure runs through this nation, but that we can barely even discuss the issue — or other morally charged issues — with those whose beliefs differ from ours because we don't speak a common language.

Do we use religious language
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Faith of our fathers

T.F. Methodist church celebrates centennial this weekend

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In the early 1900's, circuit-riding preachers packed the Methodist message on horseback from Shoshone to Twin Falls.

Over time, the spiritual impact of their efforts was evidenced when the First United Methodist Church was chartered and took its place within the young community as an organized congregation.

The date was Feb. 16, 1905.

One hundred years later, during a year-long centennial tribute, that history has taken center stage in the city's "oldest church still utilizing its original building," according to church member and centennial committee co-chairman Duke Wiseman.

The quarter-of-a-block structure near City Park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Although the centennial celebration at the landmark site has unfolded with "a momentum that continues to build," it was no small endeavor, Wiseman said.

"The project began with "no funding," and only the offering of "seed money" one month into the planning stages, he said. But with fundraising ideas and the involvement of an 18-member committee, the financial aspect of the celebration soon changed.

"From that point, we've been self-supporting," Wiseman said.

"We're both outcome-driven," said Wiseman's wife, Ora Lee, a fifth-generation member of the church who claims her right-hand centennial appointment "just kind of fell into my lap."

Credit for the celebration's successful outcome goes to "a devoted focus of unity and fellowship," Ora Lee said.

And in a spirit of looking back, members of the church and the community alike have been involved in an ongoing celebration that

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Photos by ABBEY SMITH/The Times-News

Top, these stained glass windows on the first floor of the church were made in the Bavaria region of Germany, and installed in 1916.

Above, this part of the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls was built in 1916.



This is the original part of the church built in 1909.

ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News



The First United Methodist Church of Twin Falls as it appeared shortly after the completion of construction.

RELIGION

Ministry presents Children's Crusade MISSIONARIES

KIMBERLY — The Clous 'N' Ministry featuring "Dawn & Checkers" will present a Children's Crusade at 6:30 p.m. today through Monday at the Kimberly Church of the Nazarenes, 3550 E. 3700 N.

Gospel opry will hold 'Couples Night' today

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Gospel Opry will commemorate Valentine's Day with "Couples Night" at 7 p.m. today at the First Assembly of God Church, 189 Locust St. N.

The event will honor all couples in the audience that have been married more than 50 years, the youngest couple and the oldest couple. A dessert reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

T.F. church welcomes community to worship

TWIN FALLS — The United Reformed Church of the Magic Valley invites the community to worship Sundays in the First Room at 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. Morning service begins at 9 a.m.

Church news

9:30 a.m., followed by Sunday school class from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Evening worship service starts at 6 p.m.

The church's doctrine is based on the literal Protestant Reformation and teaches that the Bible is the inspired word of God that is the final authority on matters of doctrine and life.

St. Jerome's will hold annual Lenten lunches

JEROME — Annual Lenten lunches are being served at noon Fridays through March 18 at St. Jerome's Catholic parish hall, 215 Second Ave. E. Homemade sandwiches, soups, pies, coffee and juice are available for \$4.

Burley church sponsors Lenten luncheons

BURLEY — Lenten luncheon and meditation events will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 16 through March 16, at the First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave. Meditation leaders will be Richard Lusk speaking on "Jesus coming into Jerusalem" Wednesday, Jim Plummer speaking on "The Last Supper" on Feb. 23, Jim Kircher discussing "The Garden of Gethsemane" on March 2, Norm Rayburn discussing "The

Triad and Crucifixion" on March 9 and Teri Stabley talking about "The Resurrection" on March 16.

The events include soup and sandwich and special music. Free-will offerings will be taken for camp scholarships.

For more information, call 678-5131 from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday through Friday.

Women's conference will be held in Boise

BOISE — Cole Women's Ministries will present the 2005 Women's Conference, "Seeking the Face of God," this month at the Cole Community Church, 8775 Ustick Road.

Sandra Wilson will be the keynote speaker. Wilson is a seminary professor, counseling consultant, internationally known speaker and author of six books including "Release from Shame" and "Into Abba's Arms." Other speakers and workshop leaders include women in various ministry positions discussing a variety of topics.

The conference begins with check-in and refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 25, followed by a worship and devotional at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but registration is required.

The event continues with check-in and refreshments at 8 a.m. Feb. 26. The day includes opening and closing worship, workshops and general sessions, with dismissal at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$27. Registration is required.

Recommended books and tapes of the workshops and general sessions will be available for purchase.

Space is limited, and early registration is encouraged. Deadline to register is Feb. 22. Walk-ins will be accepted if space is available.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, call (208) 375-0754 or visit the Web site www.colecommunity.org.

LDS ward announces new bishopric

EMERSON LDS 2nd Ward announced a new bishopric this week.

The new bishop is Cody Morgan. First and second call bishops are Marty Van Tassel and Lorin Baumgartner; Azlen Woodward is the executive secretary and Ashyn Tanner is the ward clerk.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Treva Tegan, South Idaho Press office, 230 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

Four Magic Valley-area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve:

Elder Kyle Keith Richman has been called to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Argentine.



Kyle Richman

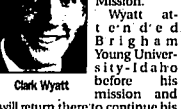
Elder Kory Mathew Krieger has been called to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Dominican Republic.



Kory Krieger

Returned from serving:

Elder Clark Wyatt served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Belgium area.



Clark Wyatt

Elder Chase Kidd served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Mexico City West Spanish-speaking Mission.



Chase Kidd

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Famed Melody Boys perform in T.F.

The Melody Boys Quartet of Little Rock, Ark., have been traveling for 56 years, making the oldest gospel quartet still performing. Bass Gerald Williams, 71, joined the group in 1949.



Quartet. This foursome featured Hershel Foshee singing bass and "Smilin'" Joe Roper at the piano.

After World War II, it reorganized in Carbondale, Ill., with Russell Guest on tenor, Florence Comstock singing lead, Melvin Red on baritone, Foshee on bass and Roper playing the piano.

at the age of 16. In addition to Williams, its current lineup including lead Jeremy Raines, 29; baritone and pianist Joshua Naor, 18, and tenor Gary Bullock, 35.

The Melody Boys Quartet is one of the few groups currently singing gospel music that remains true to their roots, never using stacked vocals to aid their recordings or live performances. The quartet still sings pure four-part harmony.

If you go... The Melody Boys will sing Sunday night at 7 at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Ave. N. The concert is free, but a free-will offering will be taken.

Methodist

Continued from D1 has included ice cream socials, picnics, quilting parties, free-will fundraising breakfasts, and a total of 19 special scheduled events in the mix of centennial special to a book about the 1905-2005 history of the church titled "Following the Light of Faith," written and compiled by members of the congregation.

The centennial celebration is coming to an end this weekend, with closing ceremonies that will coincide with the church's actual 100th birthday, according to the Rev. Greg Lindsay, its pastor.

A planned gala celebration will include a centennial program in the sanctuary this afternoon. Along with old favorite songs, the 3 p.m. event will feature some brief histories from former pastors and a presentation of special items to the church from the centennial committee. Copies of "The Light of Faith," a Towanda Inc. publication of the church's history, will be available for purchase.

Tonight, a gala centennial banquet will be held at the Ballroom in downtown Twin Falls. On Sunday, the congregation will be treated to a rare visit from the Oregon/Idaho Methodist bishop, Robert Hoshaba. In a sermon titled "Happy Anniversary During Lent," the Seattle-based Hoshaba will speak at about the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services, Lindsay said.

John Wesley, his brother Charles, and George Whitefield belonged to a group at Oxford University that in 1729 began meeting to talk about religion. They agreed to conduct their lives and religious study by "rule and method," earning the name Methodists.

The beginning of Methodism as a popular movement dates from 1738, when both of the Wesley brothers, influenced by contact with the Moravians, began evangelism. From the Moravians, too, they took the emphasis on conversion and holiness that are still central to Methodism.

The leaders of the movement were ordained ministers of the Church of England. Neither of the Wesleys ever broke with the church, but they were barred from speaking in most of its pulpits. Instead, they preached in barns, houses, fields — wherever an audience could be induced to assemble. Societies were formed, "class meetings" of converts were held, and lay preachers were trained.

Theologically, John Wesley was a follower of Jacobus Arminius. Whitefield, who objected to Arminianism, broke with the Wesleys in 1741, and became the leader of the Calvinistic Methodists. In 1744 the first annual conference was held and the Articles of Religion were drawn up, based to a considerable extent upon the

About the Methodists

Thirty-nine Articles of the Church of England, but with more emphasis on repentance, faith, sanctification and salvation for everyone. In 1784, John Wesley issued a Deed of Declaration giving legal status to the annual Methodist conference.

In 1791, after John Wesley's death, the English Methodists quit the Church of England and established the Wesleyan Methodist Church. In both England and America, various groups succeeded from the main branch to form independent Methodist churches.

Some of them reunited, but in 1857 three of the breakaway groups formed the United Methodist Free Churches; in 1907 these were incorporated with the Methodist New Connection and the Bible Christians as the United Methodist Church. Finally, in 1932, the Wesleyan Methodists, the Primitive Methodists and the United Methodists merged to become the Methodist Church in Great Britain.

The beginnings of Methodism in America came after 1766, when Philip Embury, a Wesleyan convert from Ireland, began to preach in New York, and Robert Strawbridge started a congregation in Maryland. In 1784, Thomas Coke, acting on authority from John Wesley, organized the Methodist Epis-

copal Church in America. The first General Conference of the new church was held in 1792. In 1830, after controversy over lay representation in conferences, the Methodist Protestant Church was formed, without bishops or presiding elders. The anti-bishop Wesleyan Methodist Connection was organized in 1843 in New York, while the Independent Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was established two years later. In 1938, the Methodist Episcopal Church (North), the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church united as the Methodist Church. In 1968, they joined with the Evangelical United Brethren Church to form the United Methodist Church, now the largest body of Methodists in the world with about 8 1/2 million members.

Among the 22 other branches of Methodism in the United States are the Primitive Methodist Church, the Congregational Methodist Church and the Free Methodist Church of North America. Black Methodist denominations include the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

There are more than 26 million Methodists worldwide. Source: Columbia Encyclopedia

be here in another 100 years, but it will also be thriving, he added.

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Congregations customize AA-style help programs

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Phil Southan, 45, started using drugs when he was 12 and went on to become a crack addict. He spent all the money he made at work on drugs, choosing to live on the streets of Dallas instead of paying rent.

One night in June 2003, Southan smoked \$900 worth of crack. The next morning, he was 30, he spent about 10 years in Alcoholics Anonymous. He stayed clean, but eventually he succumbed again to drugs.

"I didn't play the AA game well," he said. "I went to AA and they told me to pray to God or to this person you think might be God... But I needed more than that, because I didn't believe in God or see how he could help me. I needed someone to teach me about why I should pray to God and about who Jesus Christ is."

After that June night, he landed at Northwest Bible Church, which hosts a Christian Twelve Step program called Celebrate Recovery. Before long, he was attending meetings regularly.

Today, Southan is deeply involved in Celebrate Recovery and in services at the Dallas area church. A chef, he cooks for the church's homeless ministry, serving roughly 200 people daily.

The secret to his success at Celebrate Recovery? He says it's Jesus.

Celebrate Recovery is an openly evangelical program that fits into a larger movement by different religious traditions to interpret the original Twelve

Steps of AA through their own vocabulary and rituals.

Like all Twelve Step programs, Alcoholics Anonymous is, and has always been, spiritually generic. The Steps, first published in 1939, call for surrender to a higher power, but leave it up to participants to decide what, or who, that higher power might be.

This can leave those with strong roots in traditional religions feeling a void: They miss the familiar God and worship practices.

"When Christians in AA don't hear references to Christ, they get nervous and think maybe the group is trying to pull them away from Jesus," says Jerry Austin, Texas, resident who asked that his last name not be used because, like many in AA, he prefers to remain anonymous.

An Orthodox Jew he added: "When Jews hear vague spiritual ideas (in AA), they're suspicious that they're being pulled away from Judaism, from a Jewish viewpoint, AA looks like a Christian organization. To certain Christians, AA looks like a watering down of Christianity."

Christianity? Celebrate Recovery was the brainchild of John Baker, a pastor at Saddleback Church in Orange County, Calif. In 1991, he approached the church's senior pastor, Rick Warren (who later would become famous as the author of the best-selling book "The Purpose-Driven Life"), with the idea to create a recovery program centered on the teachings of Jesus. The two men later wrote their "Eight Recovery Principles" in "The Eight Beatitudes" (Matthew 5:3-10). These principles, together with the Twelve Steps, form the core of Celebrate Recovery.

Some-sex marriage is simply the latest issue in our struggle to find a common ground that respects differences without descending into bitterness and anger — or worse. It's crucial that we find such ground if we hope to avoid a complete breakdown in our national experiment with diversity. Tom Schaefer writes about religion and ethics for the Wichita (Kan.) Eagle-Review. Write him at the Wichita Eagle, P.O. Box 820, Wichita, Kan. 67201, or send e-mail to tschaefer@wichita2eagle.com

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RELIGION

Vatican moves to stem annulments granted in U.S.

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Alarmed by the rising number of annulments granted in the United States, the Vatican on Wednesday released new instructions for tribunals that encourage them to uphold existing church law and avoid falling into contemporary society's "divorce mentality."

The document "Dignitas Connubii" or "Dignity of Marriage" disappointed some progressive American bishops and canon lawyers who had hoped to make the annulment process easier and faster.

Instead, observers said, the instructions are the most recent example of Pope John Paul II's displeasure at the large number of American annulments and desire to protect the sacrament of marriage.

"The pope has always tried to strengthen society's approach to marriage," said the Rev. Patrick Lagges, the judicial vicar who heads the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago's marriage tribunal. He has spoken about the domestic church. That's

where he believes the church begins: in marriage and family. For him, that has to be protected as much as possible. In 1968, fewer than 400 annulments were granted by U.S. marriage tribunals, according to Vatican officials. By 2002, annulments in the United States had soared to approximately 33,000. A total of 55,000 annulment cases were processed that year worldwide.

The document does not change church law on annulments and is not likely to have any effect on annulment cases currently pending, experts said. According to the National Catholic Reporter, an earlier draft of the document would have streamlined the process and was supported by an Italian cardinal, Mario Poimpeida, But Spanish Cardinal Julian Hernandez, one of two cardinals that belong to the orthodox Catholic group Opus Dei and president of the council for legislative texts, prevailed.

An annulment is a declaration by a tribunal or Catholic church court that a marriage never existed in the eyes of the

Catholic Church because some essential element was missing. Reasons for annulment include refusal to have children, infidelity or psychological immaturity at the time marriage began. The average cost for an annulment in Chicago in \$900 and the process can take up to a year.

Many misperceptions accompany the rules for annulments and divorce in the Catholic Church. Divorced Catholics can participate fully in the church, but divorced Catholics who remarry without an annulment are forbidden from receiving Holy Communion.

Lagges argues that the U.S. annulment statistics are misleading and that annulments have actually been dropping in recent decades. During the 1970s, Lagges said about 60,000 annulment cases were being granted nationwide, nearly double the 2002 figure.

Still, Lagges said, there is room for change. "The process needs to be reformed," he said. "It needs to be looked at more closely."



John Jefferson Davis, professor of systematic theology and social ethics at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Mass., poses Feb. 4 in his office after a conference at the seminary. Davis, who spoke at the conference, said conservative Christians need to focus on broader social issues such as the environment and racism, instead of just gay marriage and abortion.

Many evangelicals seek to reassure a wary public

HAMILTON, Mass. (AP) — Recognizing that many Americans worry about their influence following President Bush's re-election, evangelicals are saying that they have been misunderstood and — in some ways — remain underground in a nation they consider hostile to public talk about faith.

The image of evangelicals is a key element in an ongoing series of conferences in Washington and other cities explaining the movement; the first meeting was held last week at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary outside Boston.

Speakers at the gathering, organized by the seminary, listed what they consider among the biggest myths about evangelicals: that they are anti-intellectual, that they seek to create a Christian government in the United States; and that their belief that salvation comes only through Christ is intolerant and aims to silence other religious expression.

Timothy Tennent, professor of world missions at Gordon-Conwell, said evangelicals have no desire to impose Christianity on unwilling Americans. He insisted conservative Christians can be respectful of other religions — without abandoning their own core teaching that all faiths are not equal. "We want an open discourse where we have the right and freedom to share our faith," Tennent said. "I want to protect the right for a Buddhist to be in America. I want to protect the right for a Muslim to be a Muslim in America. ... But I still want them to know Christ."

While people outside the evangelical movement often view it as monolithic, major di-

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visions exist, including disagreement over which moral and public policy issues should be paramount. Some speakers said evangelicals too closely align themselves with Republicans and focus too much on abortion and gay marriage, instead of broad social concerns. Estimates of the number of evangelicals in the United States vary dramatically — from 44 million up to 126 million — depending on how broad a definition is used, according to Todd Johnson, director of the Center for the Study of Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell. Robert Wenz, of the National Association of Evangelicals, whose member churches they represent, drew a sharp distinction between organizations like his

and the Moral Majority, which was started by the Rev. Jerry Falwell.

While Falwell deserves credit for re-energizing Christians politically, the Moral Majority was "fatally flawed," and its emergence as a representative of conservative Christianity was "regrettable," Wenz said.

"It was all about making America a nice place for Christians to live," he said. "This is not the kind of social involvement that we need or that evangelicals espouse."

University of Akron political scientist John Green has said that Wenz's NAEL, whose member churches claim 24 million congregants, represents the pragmatic center of evangelicalism compared to two other wings: progressive evangelicals and the Christian right, which includes much of the Southern Baptist Convention.

John Jefferson Davis, a professor of systematic theology and Christian ethics at Gordon-Conwell, said it was understandable that non-Christians now view evangelicals as at the peak of their influence, given that an outspoken Christian is in the White House and Republicans responsive to Christian concerns control Congress.

Still, conservative Christian values face wholesale rejection in other arenas, such as the entertainment industry, while evangelicals continue to lose major court battles over abortion and religion in public schools, Davis said.

"We acknowledge as evangelicals that we're in a culture war," Wenz said, "but the war is against a movement that seeks to impose a totally secular world view."

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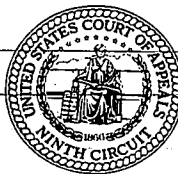
Appeals court sued over mosaic

"Ten Commandments" displayed on courthouse seal

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The federal appeals court that ruled the Pledge of Allegiance was an unconstitutional endorsement of religion is being sued for allegedly displaying the Ten Commandments on its seal and courthouses.

The case was brought by an attorney who was admitted to practice before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in June. In his lawsuit against the San Francisco-based court, Ryan Donlon said the certificate admitting him contains the court's seal which unlawfully contains what he believes is a tablet object representing the Ten Commandments.

Cathy Patterson, the court's clerk, said the seal highlights a



The official seal of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

woman, known as "the Majesty of the Law" who is reading a large book. At her feet is a tablet

with 10 unreadable lines on it — what Donlon believes is the Ten Commandments.

Patterson said the tablet has "the same shape" as the Ten Commandments but "you can't read the text of it."

She said the drawing became the court's seal decades ago, and is a depiction of a tile mosaic in one of the century-old courthouse's ornate courtyards.

In 2002, the appeals court sided with an atheist father who challenged the words "under God" in the pledge, ruling that the pledge that public school children recite each day was an unconstitutional endorsement of religion. The U.S. Supreme Court later dismissed the case.

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Christian right turns to environmentalism

The Washington Post

SEATTLE — Thanks to the Rev. Leroy Hedman, the parishioners at Georgetown Gospel Chapel take their "creation waters" cold. The preacher has unplugged the electricity-guzzling heater in the immersion baptism tank behind his pulpit. He has also installed energy-saving fluorescent light bulbs throughout the church and has placed water barrels beneath its gutter pipes — using runoff to irrigate the congregation's organic garden.

Such "creation care" should be at the heart of evangelical life, Hedman says, along with condemning abortion, protecting family and loving Jesus. He uses the term "creation care" because, he says, it does not annoy conservative Christians for whom the word "environmentalism" connotes liberals, socialists and Democrats.

"It's amazing to me that evangelicals haven't gone quicker for the green," Hedman said. "But as creation care spreads, evangelicals will demand different behavior from politicians. The Republicans should not take us for granted."

There is growing evidence — in polling and public statements of church leaders — that evangelicals are beginning to go for the green. Despite wariness toward mainstream environmental groups, a growing number of evangelicals view stewardship of the environment as a responsibility mandated by God in the Bible.



The Rev. Leroy Hedman, pastor of Georgetown Gospel Chapel in Seattle, says evangelicals have an obligation to conserve energy and care for Earth.

"The environment is a values issue," said the Rev. Ted Haggard, president of the 30-million-member National Association of Evangelicals. "There are significant and compelling theological reasons why it should be a banner issue for the Christian right."

In October, the association's leaders adopted an "Evangelical Call to Civic Responsibility" that, for the first time, emphasized every Christian's duty to care for the planet and the role of government in safeguarding a sustainable environment.

"We affirm that God-given dominion is a sacred responsibility to steward the earth and not a license to abuse the creation of which we are a part," said the statement, which has been dis-

tributed to 50,000 member churches. "Because clean air, pure water, and adequate resources are crucial to public health and civic order, government has an obligation to protect its citizens from the effects of environmental degradation."

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Chamber will ask for public input

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce directors want to take a more proactive role in discussing business issues with chamber members and the public.

At a roundtable discussion this week, the chamber's board members met with 15 topics that they say are "on the front burner," said chamber president and chief executive Shawn Barigar.

The topics include proposals for bond initiatives to build state transportation projects, the possibility of a third bridge over the Snake River Canyon, agricultural issues and new commercial construction projects, Barigar said.

"The board wants to get an idea of when issues are floating around that need to be discussed," he said.

The chamber's board will continue to discuss the issues in meetings of three "councils" made up of chamber board members. And within the next few months, the chamber plans to organize a series of community forums to discuss issues relative to business, Barigar said.

In other chamber news, the board voted this week to support the proposed Nez Perce water treatment and Sewer-Bike Kemphorn's plan to increase funding to rural initiatives.

"We feel this is one of the best tools the state has to recruit new businesses and support the expansion of existing businesses in rural areas," Barigar said.

Realty firm markets Energy Star house

TWIN FALLS — Irwin Realty is marketing a house that it calls the first Energy Star-certified new home in Magic Valley.

The house, at 516 Boxwood Drive in Twin Falls, is built out of PolySeal insulated concrete blocks, has energy-efficient lighting, high-efficiency appliances and high-efficiency gas furnace and air conditioning. The home passed stringent testing to obtain the Energy Star rating, Irwin said.

An open house will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited.

Boise Cascade files for public offering

BURLEY — Boise-based wood products company Boise Cascade Holdings LLC, which has a corrugated-container plant in Burley, on Friday announced it has filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a proposed initial public offering of its Class A common stock.

Boise intends to apply to have its shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol BCC. The initial public offering is expected to take place later this year.

Molson Coors will close Memphis plant

GOLDEN, Colo. — Molson Coors Brewing Co., created by the recent \$3.4 billion combination of Molson Coors Co. and Canada's Molson Inc., plans to close its Memphis, Tenn., plant in early 2007, the company announced Friday.

The closure of the plant, which has a brewing capacity of 3 million barrels a year, was expected to put approximately 410 employees out of work.

The shutdown of the Memphis facility was among the initiatives Molson Coors designed in an effort to achieve \$175 million in cost savings by combining the companies, the statement indicated.

Molson Coors, the fifth-largest brewer in the world, said it planned to invest \$70 million to \$90 million in capital expenditures throughout its North American brewery network to help offset the change.

The beer brewer has elevated and research operations in Magic Valley and buys barley from local growers.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Heyburn will see new truck stop

Project is expected to create at least 30 new jobs

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN — One of the nation's largest truck stop chains is expected to open a new location in Heyburn, creating more than 30 jobs and potentially bringing 600 trucks off Interstate 84 each day.

Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, a family-owned business headquartered in Oklahoma City, Okla., is poised to build a travel stop at the Centennial Industrial Park, at Exit 211 on the east side of U.S. Highway 30. While the deal on the prop-

To learn more

For more on Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, visit the company's Web site at www.lovess.com.

erty has not closed yet, Heyburn City Council members discussed it openly during their regular meeting this week. Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores was established in 1964 and has since grown to more than 161 Travel Stops & Country

Stores. The company is among the 500 largest corporations in the United States and this would be its first location in Idaho.

Plans call for the project to occupy 8 acres and include enough parking for 46 trucks and 57 cars, said Bryan Reiter, an engineer who has been hired to work on the road portion of the project.

A 75,000-square-foot building would contain a fast food restaurant and convenience

store along with amenities for truckers such as showers and pay phones. The fueling area could serve up to 12 cars and seven trucks at the same time.

The company plans to begin construction as soon as the paperwork is fully completed. Councilman Rocky Baker said.

"The council also heard a report from Jeff McCurdy, a consultant with Region IV Development, concerning the environmental review for the

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ON THE RISE



Stella Echave Burke, president of SchoolCraft in Phoenix, Ariz., poses in front of lockers her firm sells Oct. 7 in Phoenix. The number of businesses owned by Hispanic women grew by 39 percent nationwide, to an estimated 470,344, in the five-year period that ended in 2002.

Latinas share business success, lead trend in growth

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Latina businesses are on fire.

The number of businesses owned by Hispanic women grew by 39 percent nationwide, to an estimated 470,344, in the five-year period that ended in 2002. That compares with about 9 percent growth for other businesses, according to the Center for Women's Business Research, which draws its estimates from U.S. Census data.

In Arizona, the number of Latina-owned companies grew by 58.3 percent during that same time, to 14,538. And they generated nearly \$726.9 million in sales from 1997 to 2002, up 10.6 percent.

Business leaders in Arizona say more and more are breaking

the \$1 million mark.

"The non-Latinas are no smarter than Latina entrepreneurs. They've only been at it longer," said Loui Olivas, who researches Hispanic business trends at Arizona State University, yet where he is assistant vice president for academic affairs. He points out Hispanic women have always been entrepreneurial, even as they traditionally managed the household. Many also would keep small businesses on the side.

But now access to capital is opening up and Hispanic women are increasingly pursuing degrees in business, he said. That's giving them a greater chance at growing their companies.

"And the fact is that the Latino businesses and corporate lead-

ers are more accepting today of them than ever before," Olivas said.

For Stella Echave Burke, a willingness to take a risk led her into business ownership. Burke, whose parents were both from Sonora, Mexico, spent 20 years doing nonprofit work. While serving on a board, she got to know the previous owner of Phoenix-based SchoolCraft, a company that specializes in school library furnishings and lockers, and ended up becoming his general manager.

"I saw the company was in major trouble, but the product and client base was excellent," she said. "So I made a proposal, and six months later I owned the company."

She took the company from having debt in 1994 to sales of

\$4.5 million in 2002. Last year, business slowed to \$3 million.

"I was pretty fortunate. When I bought the company, the people working with the previous owner stayed. And they were instrumental to my success," she said.

Elizabeth Gonzalez-Gann of JanCo stumbled upon entrepreneurship by accident. While working at a clinic, she often would continue to tidy up after the cleaning crew left.

Compliments she received from doctors encouraged her to go into business for herself. But these kind words 17 years ago didn't make taking the plunge any less scary.

"I didn't stop working right away," she said. "I ran the business for five years working full time."

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Woman helps bargain-hunters find best deals

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

BURLINGAME, Calif. — When John Peters of Buhl gets a craving for his favorite soft drink, he makes a quick stop at the Corner Mart in Burlingame.

A stop at the convenience store on the southeast edge of town fits this bargain-hunter's self-imposed budget.

"Go get here to get soda refills," Peters said.

Peters, Buhl-based Rangen Inc.'s safety coordinator, is a self-defined "cheapskate." But that's OK with Betty Peregrina, Corner Mart's obliging manager and clerk.

For Peters, a penny saved is still a penny earned — and finding life's little pleasures at a bargain price gives him satisfaction while shopping locally. Nevertheless, the copper he saves is only a small portion of his overall savings.

"Betty is always very helpful, and helps me find the candy that's on sale," Peters said. "She points me to the bargains."

Peters said the store offered another dimension to the customer relationship scenario. When Peters turned 50, she remembered his birthday and surprised him with a treat.

"She bought my pop that day," Peters said.

Marketing experts think of customer satisfaction as meeting the customer's expectations.

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Betty Peregrina, manager and clerk at Corner Mart in Burlingame, recently showed great customer service skills by treating one of the store's regular customers to a free soft drink on his birthday. Peregrina's co-workers call her a 'great support quarter.'

Starbucks seeks extension to file quarterly report

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Starbucks Corp. requested a five-day extension for filing its first-quarter report with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Seattle-based coffee retailer with a Ketchum store said in a regulatory filing released Friday by the SEC that it filed a request for an extension to incorporate the views expressed by the chief accountant of the

next three to five years. The company's fiscal first quarter ended Jan. 2.

The company said its management has made a preliminary determination that its current method of accounting for leasehold improvements or allowances under operating leases and its current method of accounting for rent holidays aren't consistent with the views expressed by the SEC staff earlier

this week.

Starbucks said for tenant improvement allowances, it expects that cost of sales including occupancy costs will increase and depreciation and amortization expenses will increase by the same amount. The filing didn't provide further details on the amount changes.

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Ag Summit planned for next week

BOISE — Idaho's agricultural leaders will meet in Boise next week in an annual conference to discuss agricultural issues.

The Idaho Ag Summit will be held Tuesday and Wednesday at the DoubleTree Hotel Boise-Riverside. The conference sessions will highlight trade, water and professional development issues.

Featured speakers include Norm Semanko, executive director for the Idaho Water Users Association, and

Bobbie In Money — The National Water Resources Association's Frank Auer, executive director of the Idaho Potato Commission; and Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. Registrations may be made online at www.idahowater.org where more information is posted — and at the door.

Center will offer a free workshop on careers

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a free "Career Planning Workshop" next week for people who are considering training, trying to decide on a program or thinking about a career change.

The workshop will help participants learn about the labor market, training programs and wage potential. Identify their interests, investigate careers and make a plan for success.

The center will host the free workshop in two parts — 3-5 p.m. Monday and 3-5 p.m. Wednesday. Career tests are also free. To sign up, call 732-6880 or 1-800-688-0274. Free registration deadline is Sunday.

Mortgage company will hold open house

TWIN FALLS — Republic Mortgage will hold an open house for Realtors from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, at 715 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. All Realtors are invited to attend the Realtors' Realtors Appreciation Day. They may bring business cards for chances to win door prizes; prize drawings will be at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Early registration for conference ends Monday

BOISE — The "Sustainability in the Inland Northwest" conference, in Boise March 2-3, will showcase stories and the lessons learned from such people as architects, ranchers and business executives.

People with roots in the Inland Northwest are using innovative approaches to achieve a triple bottom line — reducing economic, community and environmental issues, conference organizers say.

Farmers, ranchers, business people, scientists, nonprofit organizations, professors, architects, energy professionals, community leaders and others will have the opportunity to hear success stories, network and take away tools that they can implement. The conference will feature sessions and workshops in five tracks: energy, natural resources, built environment, business and community.

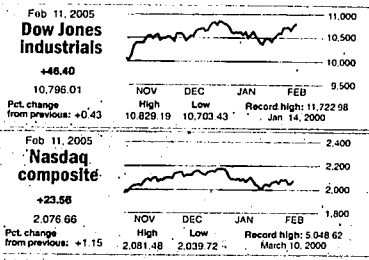
For information, visit www.SustainabilityIdaho.org. Registrations are being accepted for the two-day event that will be held at the Grove 1 hotel in downtown Boise. People who register by Monday can save \$30. The conference is planned by the Idaho Small Business Development Center at Boise State University and by Idaho GEM Stars, Idaho's environmental leadership program.

— compiled from staff reports

MONEY

Stocks surge; Dow up for the year Utah governor's family takes chemical company public, raises \$1.45 billion

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average moved into positive territory for the year on Friday as investors piled back into the market. Wall Street was helped by a rebound in tech stocks as tech stocks lagged the Dow components.



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The Dow Jones industrial average rose 36.40, or 0.43 percent, to 10,796.01, after gaining 85.50 on Monday. It was the Dow's best showing since Nov. 19.

Stocks experienced a volatile week as investors abandoned riskier technology stocks for small-cap steel, mining and blue chips. A relative dearth of economic data added to Wall Street's uncertainty.

Investor earnings have been generally positive — investors have been quick to sell off stocks that fail to meet Wall Street's

forecasts. That selling has overshadowed some of the market's fundamental strengths, according to Brian Belski, market strategist at Piper Jaffray.

The current fundamental conditions, and leading conditions going forward, are really forcing portfolio managers to put money to work," Belski said.

I think the market is set up to exceed expectations for while. But deal activity remains low, estimates by a penny per share, but its record quarterly sales were still lower than expected, and investors were further disappointed by a tepid outlook for the current quarter. Dell was down \$1.58 to \$39.99.

Pixar Animation Studios Inc. dropped \$2.42 to \$87.06 despite higher 2005 sales. Profit estimates by 14 cents per share. Earnings fell 34 percent from a year ago, when Pixar's "Finding Nemo" was first sold on DVD.

Apple Computer Inc.'s board approved a 1 penny per share for shareholders of record on Feb. 18, with the split going into effect on Feb. 28. The stock has soared 237 percent since its low of \$2.149 on Feb. 23, 2000, as the company's popular iPod music player spurred record sales.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Shares of Huntsman Corp., a chemical manufacturing giant owned by the family of Utah's governor, rose more than 6 percent Friday on the first day of trading after the company raised \$1.45 billion in an initial public offering.

Investment groups controlled by petrochemical entrepreneur and philanthropist Jon M. Huntsman, father of Gov. Jon R. Huntsman Jr., received an additional \$99.8 million from the 4.5 million shares of the company they sold as part of the IPO.

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favor of more environmentally friendly packaging, but the Huntsman companies continued to grow by producing materials such as ethylene propylene and polyurethanes used in a wide variety of products from automotive materials to adhesives and paints.

The markets for those products have improved in recent months, analysts said.

The move to go public has been expected since Huntsman Sr.'s son Peter Huntsman took over as chief executive officer in 2000.

Members of the elder Huntsman's large family had reportedly been pressuring the founder to take the company public.

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An Idaho Commerce Development Block Grant of \$320,000 would be used to extend Heyburn's sewer to the Centennial Industrial Park, paved the road to the truck stop and erected a double-lane highway lane on Highway 30, McCurdy said.

Work on the deceleration lane started at the end of 2001. "It will give the trucks a place to stack as they slow and make the turn," he said.

The deceleration lane was needed for an industrial park even without the project.

The conclusion of the environmental review is pending written responses from two key agencies, which have verbally agreed to the project, McCurdy said.

About 30 federal, state and local agencies are allowed 30 days to comment on the environmental review. Results of the study will then be published and a public comment period is allowed.

Idaho Commerce and Labor would also give a comment on the project.

The project hinges on grant approval, which McCurdy said could happen at any time.

Baker said the project would be good for the Mini-Cassia area.

"It's going to open 32 jobs right off the bat," he said. "It's a real positive step forward for us."

Building the truck stop would encourage more development along the interstate corridor, Baker said.

"Mini-Cassia is primed for an explosion of construction," he said. "The truck stop is a good fit for the area."

the location considering that incoming companies such as Gossner Foods will bring trucks to the area which will need a place to fuel up, Baker said.

"This is finally going to give people some hope," he said. "We don't want to let one get away."

He criticized Love's, which, according to the company's Web site, has appeared for three consecutive years on Forbes Magazine's annual list of the 500 largest private companies. The company is now ranked No. 188.

"Love's is a stand-up company. They are very forthcoming," Baker said.

"They run a really clean operation and have a good reputation."

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Table listing local stocks like Albertson's, Alliant Energy, and their prices and changes.

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BIRTHDAY PHOTOS
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113 CHILD CARE SERVICES

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<p>Nice corner lot!</p> <p>Brick duplex close to downtown Twin Falls. \$125,000 MLS#98185262 - Twin Falls</p> <p>Call Elvi Ross 519 0795 or Chris Barber 404 6122</p>	<p>Charming pond at Kanaka</p> <p>Mother-in-law apartment above garage w/ greenhouse entrance. Sq. Ft. & Rooms listed as upper on listing. 4 apartment. Main home one level. This home was a 2003 M.V. Caravan Tour home. \$349,500 MLS#113068</p> <p>Call Wanda 731 4152</p>	<p>Miracle mortgage</p> <p>• RATES FROM 2.99% • 30 MONTH BURNING OFF • CASH BACK UP TO \$1,000 • NO PREPAYMENT PENALTIES</p> <p>Call Bobbie Mays 311 1230 J11111 Century Home Loan Office 311 1230 519 5801 111 E Ave • Jerome Idaho</p>		

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TWIN FALLS 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,450 sq. ft. with oak floors. School Dist. New paint & carpet. Built-in patio and landscaping. \$159,000. 176 Buckingham Dr. Call 208-731-2812.

KIMBERLY Nice 3 bdrm., 1 1/2 bath, lg. kitchen, living area. \$130,000. 423-4575.

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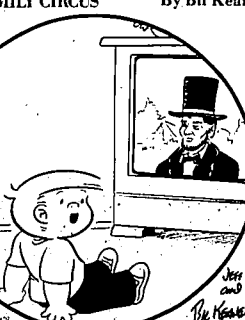
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2-12

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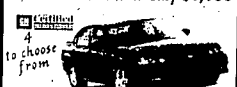
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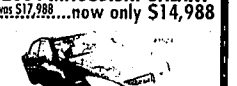
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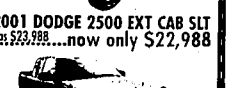
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