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# Immigrant health bill dies

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

BOISE — For the time being, counties throughout the state will continue to pick up the medical bills of illegal immigrants who can't come up with the money on their own.

On Wednesday, the Senate Health and Welfare Committee unanimously agreed to hold in committee a plan proposed by the Idaho Association of Counties. The proposal would have reduced the counties' responsibility for medical care for illegal aliens. The only people who testified in favor of the proposal were county commissioners, while medical and business associations, the American Civil



Liberties Union, the Idaho Community Action Network and the Catholic Church opposed it.

According to state law, counties now pay the bills for indigent up to \$10,000. At that point, the state's catastrophic health care fund kicks in. Last year between the counties and the state, almost \$28 million was paid out for indigent health care, according to information from the Idaho Association of Counties.

The association figures at least \$2 million of that went to pay for illegal indigents.

Dan Chadwick, who represents the Idaho Association of Counties, asked, "Who pays for indigent health care in this state? Should it fall on property taxpayers? Should it fall on the general taxpayer of the state? Or should it fall somewhere else?"

It appears about 7 percent of the amount paid last year for indigent health care covered illegal immigrants. But a 2003 Boise State University study shows that only 2.6 percent of indigents cases in 2001 could be attributed to illegal immigrants. Twin Falls County commissioners have said they supported the legislation.

Committee Chairman, Sen. Dick Compton, R-Coeur d'Alene, said during his research on the subject he had learned that most indigent medical bills go for small things, such as prescriptions, rather than expensive medical procedures. Under Idaho Medicaid rules, the children of illegal aliens qualify for medical care though the adults do not.

The proposed plan wouldn't have left adult illegal immigrants completely out in the cold.

They would have been able to get emergency medical care until the point of stabilization. Then the county would have helped them find a ride home to

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# Tomato venture still lacks funding

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Lewis Ellers wants to get a project going so bad he can almost taste it.

And, that project tastes of grade No. 1 tomatoes. The tomatoes would be grown in greenhouses fueled by the cow manure generated from local dairies using anaerobic digester technology. Not only would the project help dairies eliminate odors, but it would also provide the area with an ample supply of locally grown produce, Ellers said.

While the project has been described as a "win-win," one thing stands in its way: funding. "Somehow we've got to get over this hurdle," Ellers said. "It's so frustrating."

On Wednesday, Ellers, who serves as director of development for NPI Development Company Inc., asked county officials for help securing the \$2.5 million to \$3 million bridge loan-the-company-needs-to-get started.

However, the project is neither new to the Magic Valley nor is it without controversy.

In 2002, Stanley Siegel, the entrepreneur who owns the rights to the greenhouses and investors, hoped to find funding in Idaho to get the project rolling. A political debate erupted over the project. In the end, Siegel looked elsewhere to locate the operation.

Mark Brunelle, the county's research and development director, outlined the operation's benefits and needs. The greenhouses would be located on 200 acres next to Hank Huffiger's dairy near Filer. The business would create approximately 150 jobs, generate nearly \$39 million annually.

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# HULA-HOOPIN'

## Fitness buffs find joy in rediscovering the Hula-Hoop

By Sandra Wisecaver  
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — At a small arts center in Buhl, a number of residents are rediscovering a classic.

And it all started with a \$1 Hula-Hoop.

"My son brought one home from the dollar store," said Paul Olsen of Buhl. "A small one — too small, in fact."

So Olsen family members made their own Hula-Hoops using black PVC pipe. The hoops come in a variety of different diameters.

"We've been trying to think of things to do to keep our bodies moving," Olsen said. "So we're throwing this out to have fun."

Olsen teaches a five-week "Hula-Hoopin'" class at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl, where about 10 brave residents showed up for the first meeting. The sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday through March 16.

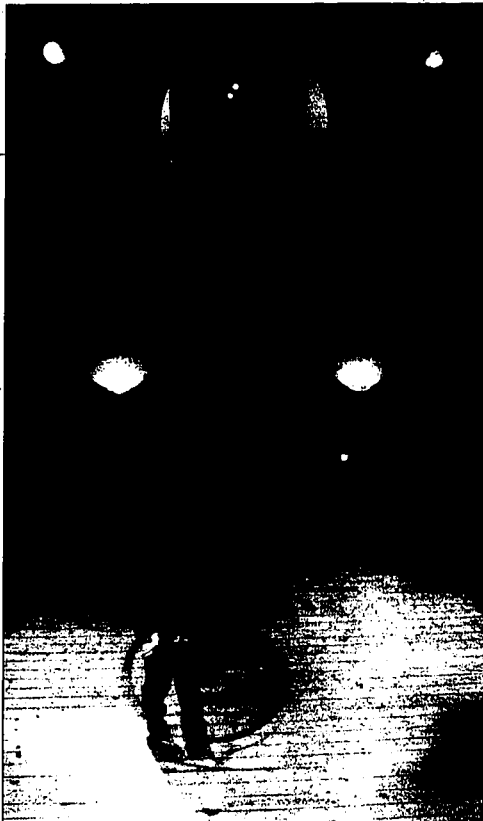
The size, age and shape of participants at Wednesday night's class were as varied as the Hula-Hoops.

If you once could use a Hula-Hoop, Olsen said you just need a little practice and a hula — it all comes back. And it's a lot easier with the right Hula-Hoop.

One size does not fit all. One of Wednesday's participants, Kathy Berts of Buhl, said she had a Hula-Hoop as a child and recalls playing hoops with her children when they were younger.

She said it's much easier to

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Sue Bousquet Hula-Hoops at the Eighth Street Center Wednesday night. A Hula-Hoop course is being offered in Buhl each Wednesday through March 16.

ADULT SMITH: The Times-News

## Study: Epidurals don't raise C-section risk

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Pregnant women can be given a low-dose epidural early in labor without raising their chances of a C-section, according to a study that could change the way obstetricians practice and make childbirth a lot less painful for many mothers-to-be.

The findings could lead doctors to consider offering early epidurals to hundreds of thousands more American women in first-time labor each year.

Though medical authorities recently dropped their reservations about giving women epidurals early in labor, some doctors and patients still prefer to wait until labor is further along. They worry that the painkiller's numbing effect will interfere with a woman's ability to push, prolonging labor and prompting a C-section.

This study appears to debunk the notion about C-sections and calls into question the one about prolonging labor. "Women often feel guilty or wince when they receive an epidural early in labor. I hope this study will help women see that there is no shame in asking for an epidural," said lead author Dr. Cynthia Wong of Northwestern University in Chicago.

tic tube that is threaded into the back, close to spinal nerves, mostly bypassing the mother's bloodstream.

Doctors welcome epidurals as an alternative to "systemic" pain medicine through the bloodstream, which can leave a woman feeling nauseated and even alter the baby's body.

The Northwestern University study tested a type of low-dose spinal relief known as a "combined spinal epidural." A small dose of pain reliever is first injected into the spinal fluid, and the epidural is later fed through the same hole into a space a bit further from the spine.

In this study, 728 women in first-time labor were divided into two groups. One group received the spinal shot and then got epidurals when the cervix was dilated to about 2 centimeters.

The other group initially received pain-relieving medicine directly into their bloodstreams, and put off epidurals until 4 centimeters.

## Expert says Johnson home lacked fingerprints

By Patti Murphy  
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — A fingerprint analyst testified Wednesday in the Sarah Johnson double-murder trial that she had not been able to recover any identifiable fingerprints from the Johnson home or on the gun used to kill Alan and Diane Johnson.

In spite of having performed "in excess of 1,500 comparisons of fingerprints," none of the prints she recovered from the house matched the fingerprint records of several "people of interest" in the case, including Sarah Johnson, said Tim McCall, Idaho state's chief of the Idaho State Crime Lab.

Sarah Johnson, who was 16 at the time of the murders, is accused of using a .264 Magnum rifle to shoot her mother while she slept and her father as he took a shower in the early morning hours of Sept. 2, 2003. Johnson, who is now 18, is being charged as an adult.

Wallhall testified that the crime lab had received known fingerprint cards for nine people, including Sarah Johnson, Alan and Diane Johnson and Sarah's brother Matthew Johnson. Bruno Santos, Sarah's boyfriend, was also fingerprinted along with Mel Sprengle, who rented the Johnsons' guest house; Janet Sytten, who had cleaned the Johnsons' home and was accused by Sarah as being involved in the murders; Russell Nixoll, Sytten's boyfriend; and Robin Lehat, the owner of the cleaning service that employed Sytten.

The lab was only able to identify two prints of Alan Johnson taken from a sliding door in his bedroom and another from his shower door. Wallhall said no prints were found on the murder weapons, the boxes of ammunition, a gun scope or the two large kitchen knives that were used in the foot of Alan and Diane's bed.

The lack of matching prints was brought out first by the prosecutors in a preemptive

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Sarah Johnson

### Options for pain relief

Methods to relieve pain during labor include:

- ▶ An epidural anesthesia uses a catheter to deliver the anesthetic
- ▶ A systemic anesthesia is given intravenously, orally or intramuscularly

The study was reported in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies and light winds. Highs in the middle 30s.
Tonight: Mostly clear, calm and cold. Lows in the middle teens.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny skies. Highs in the upper 30s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

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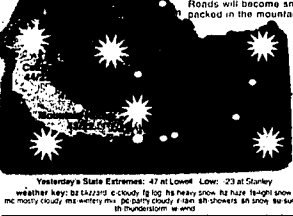
Today: Sunny and dry. Highs in the middle 30s.
Tonight: Calm and cold. Lows in the middle teens.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny skies. Highs in the upper 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Sunny skies and dry conditions are expected today and Friday.
Overnight temperatures will be very cold in the valleys.

BOISE
Mostly sunny skies and light winds are expected through Friday.
Overnight temperatures will be very cold in the valleys.

NORTHERN UTAH
Dry conditions are expected through Friday.
Snow showers are possible and will develop this weekend.



Yesterday's State Extremes: -41 low, record: -23 at Stanley.
Weather key: S: Sunny; B: B; C: Partly cloudy; D: Drizzle; H: Heavy snow; L: Light snow; M: Mostly cloudy; N: Mostly sunny; O: Overcast; W: Windy.

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MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

REGIONAL FORECAST

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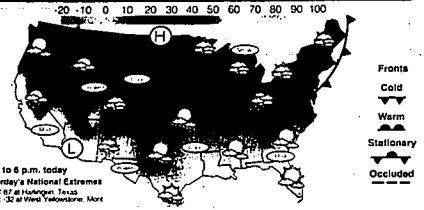
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: City, Today Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various cities across the United States.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: City, Today Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various cities around the world.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: City, Today Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various cities in Canada.

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CBS employees refuse to quit over Bush story

NEW YORK — Five weeks after CBS blamed them for watching an expose into President Bush's service in the Texas Air National Guard, three staffers who were asked to resign are refusing to quit.

Johnson

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move to establish that Santos and Sytlen could not have been connected to the murders.

Bill

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their country of origin.
The counties were also asking that they pay only the first \$5,000 of that care, while they would have continued to pay \$10,000 for legal judgments.

how the report got on the air, the New York Observer reported Wednesday.
And Marphy and West are said to be in deep discussions with top brass at the Tiffany Network and refusing to budge until their names are cleared.

American government.

Former-Twin-Falls-Sen. Russ Newcomb, who is a physician representing the Idaho Medical Association, said the term "stabilization" is nebulous.
Hollibaugh is an inch-thick manual that defines what "stable" means in myriad medical situations.

and CBS News President Andrew Heyward escaped the ax but not the fallout.
And the controversy is believed to have hastened Rayley's decision to give up the anchor's chair on March 9.

warned of legal problems if local-government-and-hospital personnel were put in the position of interpreting federal immigration policy.

Chadwick said he didn't see problems in trying to enforce the federal policies, but freshman Sen. Chuck Collier, R-Twin Falls, said, "Well, Mr. Chadwick, I might be just a poor, dumb farmer but to me..."

Investigators: Ag Department allowed some questionable meat

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department allowed Canada to ship 42,000 pounds of questionable meat into the United States despite restrictions in place since the discovery of mad cow disease in Canada, department investigators said Wednesday.

Hula-Hoop

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ing the hoop from the tip of his out-stretched fingers down over his head and body to his toes in a continuous action — Jonah does a neat job of the hip keep his hands aloft.

Tomatoes

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million in annual revenue and provide roughly \$1.5 million in federal, state and county taxes.

report said.
"There was reduced assurance that Canadian beef entering the United States was low-risk," the inspector general found.
"Some products with questionable eligibility as described above, entered U.S. commerce."

Agriculture officials are planning to allow imports of live cattle under 30 months of age beginning March 7, despite the discovery of two new cases of mad cow disease last month.

Mad cow disease, the common name for bovine spongiform encephalopathy, is thought to pose less of a risk to younger animals. A form of BSE, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, can infect humans who eat contaminated meat.

Such "permit creep" let in products that were at greater risk for the disease, the report said.

"It's challenging, but good exercise," she said.

Jonah does a neat job of the hip keep his hands aloft.

"You know how it is with three girls," she said.

The Hula-Hoop classes are free and if a participant gets attached to a certain hoop, he or she can take it home for \$10.

Commissioner Bill Brockman pointed out that the project offered many community and economic advantages, but understood Miklesell's concern.

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# Greenspan urges caution

## Bush's new Social Security plan could still need revision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan urged Congress on Wednesday to take a go-slow approach in setting up the private Social Security accounts favored by President Bush. The president said he wasn't ruling out raising high-income workers more to help the retirement program.

Bush, who has been stumping across the country for the personal accounts, kept up that effort in New Hampshire. But his comments about levying Social Security taxes on more of big wage-earners' income got the attention.

He was asked in an interview

whether he would oppose raising the current \$90,000 cap on income subject to the Social Security payroll tax. Bush said he remained opposed to boosting the tax rate but left the door open to a possible increase in the amount covered.

"The only thing I'm not opened-minded about is raising the payroll tax rate. And all other issues are on the table," Bush said in an interview published in the New Haven (Conn.) Register.

In Washington, Greenspan laid a respected economic voice to the political debate, saying Congress would be wise to take a cautious approach to setting



Alan Greenspan

up personal accounts. He said increased government borrowing would be needed to cover Social Security obligations to current retirees because a portion of the payroll tax would be diverted to the private accounts.

"If you're going to move to private accounts, which I approve of, I think you have to do it in a cautious, gradual way," Greenspan, 78, told the Senate Banking Committee, where he was delivering the Fed's semi-annual monetary report to Congress.

Bush is proposing allowing workers born after 1949 to

cover up to 4 percentage points of their Social Security taxes to personal stock and bond investments.

The administration has estimated that the transition costs for the next 10 years would be \$75.4 billion.

But critics of the plan have said that vastly understates the true costs, which some estimate in the trillions of dollars.

Greenspan said the problem was determining whether the government's increased borrowing needs would push up interest rates, and for that reason he said any changes should proceed "slowly and test the waters."

The two sides in the Social Security debate saw different aspects of Greenspan's testimony before the Senate Banking Committee as supporting their approach.

# House endorses hike in fines for indecency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charging over a "wardrobe malfunction" and radio shock-jock programs, the House overwhelmingly passed a bill Wednesday authorizing unprecedented fines for indecency.

Lawmakers sought to hit broadcasters where it hurts — the pocketbook — in approving the measure 389-38, rejecting criticism that the penalties would stifle free speech and expression and further homogenize programming.

The bill would increase the maximum fine from \$32,500 to \$500,000 for a company and from \$11,000 to \$500,000 for an individual entertainer.

"With passage of this legislation, I am confident that broadcasters will think twice about pushing the envelope," said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., chairman of the House telecommunications panel and author of the bill. "Our kids will

be better off for it."

The White House said in a statement that it strongly supports the legislation that will make broadcast television and radio more suitable for family viewing.

A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate, where it has broad bipartisan support. Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, chairman of the Commerce Committee, has said he wants to act on the bill quickly, but he hasn't given a timetable.

Any differences in the two bills would have to be resolved before it can go to President Bush for his signature. Last year the two chambers were unable to reach a compromise.

Opponents said they worried that stiffer fines by the Federal Communications Commission would lead to more self-censorship by broadcasters and entertainers unclear about the definition of "indecent."

# Bush administration officials warn of future terror

WASHINGTON (AP) — Speaking with one voice, President Bush's top intelligence and military officials said Wednesday that terrorists are regrouping for possible new strikes against the United States.

They said the best defense was for Congress to approve the president's military and anti-terror budget. But some in Congress, including prominent Republicans, were questioning some of that spending.

Offering few specifics on terror threats, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told a House hearing that the government could reasonably predict attacks would come from terrorism, weapons of mass destruction and other means.

Meanwhile, new CIA Director Porter Goss told the Senate Intelligence Committee the Iraq war was giving terrorists experience and contacts for future attacks, and FBI Director Robert Mueller expressed worry that a terrorist offensive in the U.S. may be well in place for years, awaiting orders for an attack.

"I remain very concerned about what we are not seeing. Mueller said in remarks he submitted to the senators.

Rumsfeld told the House Armed Services Committee that the proposed \$419 billion defense package for 2006 would



U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld testifies on Capitol Hill, Feb. 16 before the House Armed Services Committee hearing on the Defense Department's fiscal 2006 budget.

continue prosecuting the war and to attack its ideological underpinnings.

Yet the Republican-controlled Congress may exercise its considerable authority over federal spending and reject White House requests to simply sign the checks.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., the new chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said lawmakers were questioning billions in foreign aid and State Department spending that Bush requested in an emergency bill this week.

DeLay, R-Texas, said some of Bush's foreign aid proposals

are "probably do not qualify" for the expedited treatment they seek.

The current congressional debate over how to allocate billions of dollars on initiatives aimed at spreading peace and ensuring security follows three years of massive spending in response to the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Senior administration officials appearing at a series of congressional hearings Wednesday described a Muslim extremist threat that's become more diffuse, encompassing al-Qaida and like-minded associates.

Goss said al-Qaida remains intent on circumventing U.S. security measures and attacking

the United States.

It is only a matter of time before al-Qaida or other groups attempt to use chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear weapons," Goss said at the Senate Intelligence Committee's annual hearing on threats.

In his first testimony as CIA chief, Goss said the Iraq conflict has become a cause for extremists.

"Those jihadists who survive will leave Iraq experienced in and focused on acts of urban terrorism. They represent a potential pool of contacts to build transnational terrorist cells, groups and networks," Goss said.

Even as terrorism remained at the forefront, senior diplomatic and intelligence officials outlined a number of countries that pose conventional diplomatic, military and intelligence problems to the United States.

Goss said North Korea continues to "develop, produce, deploy and sell ballistic missiles of increasing range and sophistication." He said the secretive regime could "at any time" resume flight testing of a long-range missile capable of reaching the United States with a nuclear payload.

# Teacher taught bomb-making to chemistry class, police say

ORLANDO, Fla. — A Florida high school chemistry teacher was arrested Monday after students told authorities he taught his class how to make explosives, the Orange County Sheriff's Office said.

David Pieski, 42, a teacher at Freedom High School for two years, used an overhead projector in class to give students detailed instructions in bomb-making, including advising them to use an electric detonator to stay clear from the blast,

according to an arrest report.

Authorities said in Pieski's classroom, they found information, including the chemical breakdown, for an explosive predominantly used by Middle East suicide bombers.

One student said he set off an explosive device at Hunter's Creek Golf Club on Jan. 6 and checked out according to Pieski's arrest warrant. The tape shows a fiery explosion.

"(The student) said Pieski approved of the explosion and stated 'cool' when he observed it," the arrest warrant said.

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# PBS chief will step down after cartoon showed lesbian couple

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pat Mitchell, the Public Broadcasting Service chief under fire for spending public money on a cartoon show that also featured a real-life lesbian couple, will step down when her contract expires in June 2006.

Mitchell, the nonprofit network's fifth president and chief executive officer, also faced significant fund-raising challenges.

"Recent criticism for 'Postcards from Buster,' in which the title character, an animated bunny named Buster, traveled to Vermont — a state known for recognizing same-sex civil unions. Though the focus was on farm life and maple sugaring, the episode, entitled 'Sugartime,' featured an attraction lesbian couple."

Newly appointed Education Secretary Margaret Spellings contended that the episode did not fulfill the intent Congress had in mind for programming aimed at many parents would not want children: exposed to such lifestyles.

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# Treatment boosts survival

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Doctors are reporting their first success at improving survival in men with advanced prostate cancer by using a treatment that trains the immune system to fight tumors.

The approach is called a cancer vaccine although unlike traditional vaccines, it treats disease rather than prevents it. In a study of 42 men with advanced prostate cancer, those who got the vaccine lived an average of 4.5 months longer than those who were given fake treatments. After three years, survival was 24 percent in the vaccine group and only 11 percent in the other.

"That's a huge difference. These are people who have rela-

tively few options, with limited survival," said Dr. Eric Small of the University of California in San Francisco, who led the study and will give results at a first-of-its-kind prostate cancer research meeting that opens Thursday in Orlando.

The meeting is intended to bring more muscle to fighting the disease, which is the most common non-skin cancer in American men. About 230,000 new cases and 30,000 deaths from it are expected this year.

The vaccine, called Provenge, doesn't work like chemotherapy, and its side effects typically are only a couple days of fevers and chills, like what people feel when they are fighting off a cold. The vaccine combines a pro-

tein found in most prostate cancers with a substance that helps the immune system recognize cancer as a threat, just as they recognize and confront germs that enter the body.

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In the study, men treated with Provenge survived an average of 26 months compared with 21.4 months for those who received dummy vaccine. After three years, 28 of the 82 men who got vaccine were alive but only five of the 45 in the placebo group were.

# Police: Teen made bogus 911 calls

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A teenager has been accused of using a stolen cell phone to swamp dispatchers with hundreds of bogus 911 calls over a matter of weeks, at times talking of killing some of the responding officers he called.

The 15-year-old boy sometimes was such a nuisance he called in new emergencies at the same address where officers already were standing. St. Louis County police spokesman Mason Keller said Wednesday.

within 75 minutes to the same area where the officer already had arrived, Keller said. The boy has been referred to Family Court, where information on possible charges was not immediately available Wednesday. He was not identified because he is charged as a juvenile. Despite all the bogus reports, emergency officials responded only three times. In other cases, dispatchers recognized the voice of the prankster or the calls came quickly in succession, involving the same address or neighborhood, Keller said. Still, authorities say such abuses could slow dispatches to

real emergencies and put responders — and other drivers — at risk when emergency crews needlessly rush to what turn out to be bogus calls, Keller said. "Any time the 911 system is abused, it takes valuable time away from actual emergencies," Keller said.

The reported "emergencies" ran the gamut, from assaults to domestic fights to home attacks. Keller said the teen used a stolen cell phone that was deactivated but could still call 911. Dispatchers can track the location of 911 calls from landline phones but not from wireless ones.

# Dog fire prompts charges

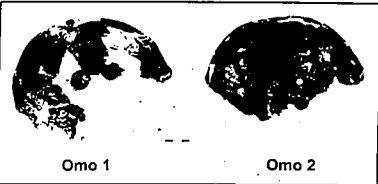
PITTSBURGH (AP) — A mother was charged with criminal homicide Wednesday in a house fire that killed her two toddlers 15 years ago. Investigators said she and another woman had set fire to a dog, and the flames spread to her home.

Tequilla Fields, 34, was charged along with her friend, Lachan Russell, 29, and they were jailed without bail. Investigators knew from the start that the 1990 blaze began when a dog was set on fire, and they suspected the two women, but they could not connect them to the fire. More recently, cold-case detectives re-interviewed about 20 witnesses and came up with new details.

Some of those questioned had "settled down into a more conservative lifestyle and things, like this affect them more now," police Commander Maurita Bryant said. "They wanted to get things off their chest."

Police said Fields wanted to go free of the dog because one of her children was allergic to it.

In police reports, Fields and Russell accused each other of dousing the dog with kerosene or charcoal lighter fluid and setting the animal on fire while she was still tied to the home's porch.



Two partial skulls unearthed in Ethiopia in 1967 are seen in this undated photo.

# Experts call Ethiopian fossils oldest remains

NEW YORK (AP) — Bones discovered nearly 40 years ago in Ethiopia now appear to be the oldest known fossils of modern-looking humans, says an analysis that suggests they come from around the dawn of the species.

Researchers determined that the specimens are around 195,000 years old. Previously, the oldest known fossils of Homo sapiens were Ethiopian skulls dated to about 160,000 years ago.

Genetic studies estimate that Homo sapiens arose about 200,000 years ago, so the new research brings the fossil record more in line with that, said John Fleagle of Stony Brook University in New York, an author of the study.

The fossils were found in 1967

near the Omo River in southwestern Ethiopia. One location yielded Omo I, which includes part of a skull, plus skeletal bones. Another site produced Omo II, which has more of a skull but no skeletal bones. Neither specimen has a complete face.

Although Omo I shows more primitive characteristics than Omo II, scientists called both specimens Homo sapiens and assigned a tentative age of 130,000 years.

Now after visiting the discovery sites, analyzing their geology and testing rock samples with more modern dating techniques, Fleagle and colleagues report in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature that both specimens are 195,000 years old, give or take 5,000 years.

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# Iran explosion sets off fears

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — An explosion in a southern city prompted Iranian fears Wednesday of a missile attack in an area where Iran has a nuclear facility, and Iranian authorities gave conflicting explanations for the blast — including Iranian friendly fire in a military area and construction work.

If the explosion came hours after the country's intelligence chief confirmed U.S. drones have been flying over Iran for months to spy on nuclear and military facilities, U.S. and Israeli officials denied involvement with the blast, but it sparked oil prices and showed how jittery the world is that growing international pressure would lead to an attack on Iran.

The explosion near the south-

western port city of Deylam, about 110 miles from the Bushehr nuclear facility, was reported by Iranian state television, which said it may have been caused by a fuel tank dropping from an Iranian plane. A government spokesman said the blast may have been caused by friendly fire.

Later, a top security official said the blast was part of construction work on a dam. The official, Ali Akbar Mohammadi of the Supreme National Security Council, said Iran's enemies were not in a position to attack Iran.

"Such reports are mostly a psychological war," he said.

The United States accuses Iran of having a secret program to

make nuclear weapons. Iran insists its nuclear activities are for peaceful energy purposes.

The report of the explosion spread quickly, with some Iranians calling friends to tell them there had been an attack.

Reza Moghaddam, an engineer in the central city of Isfahan, called a friend in Tehran about rumors that the United States and Israel were attacking the Bushehr nuclear power plant.

Iran has been on the defensive recently about the possibility of military action by either the United States or Israel. Israel has warned that it may consider pre-emptive strike against Iranian nuclear installations along the lines of its 1981 bombing of

an unfinished Iraqi nuclear reactor near Baghdad.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has said a military strike against Iran was "not on the agenda at this point," but President Bush has said his administration wouldn't take any option off the table.

However, Interior Ministry spokesman Jahanbakhsh Khajuri dismissed rumors of a hostile attack and noted that Iranian military aircraft routinely fly in the area.

"There is a big possibility that it was a friendly fire by mistake," he told The Associated Press. "Several such mistaken friendly fire incidents have been reported there in recent days."

# Israeli parliament finalizes Gaza withdrawal plan

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's parliament gave the final approval Wednesday to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip, and four West Bank settlements.

By a 59-40 vote, the Knesset approved a bill compensating the 9,000 settlers who will be affected by the withdrawal. Passage of the bill, which had been expected, marked the final legislative approval required before the plan can be implemented this summer.

The Cabinet was expected to approve the \$871 million compensation plan at its weekly meeting Tuesday. The compensation for settlers depends on the size of a family, what it owns

and how long it has lived in the settlement.

For example, a couple with two children who rented a home for 15 years would receive about \$230,000. If that same family owned the home, they would receive about 30 percent more, or about \$300,000.

However, the plan still faces another hurdle. Sharon must pass a budget by March 31 or his government will collapse, possibly taking the withdrawal plan down with it, and new elections will be held.

Security officials expected protests and demonstrations to increase following the vote, as opponents try to scuttle the plan.

# Leaders fail to agree on a prime minister

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Top Shiite politicians failed to reach a consensus Wednesday on their nominee for prime minister, shifting the two-man race to a secret ballot and exposing divisions in the winning alliance. In a chilling reminder of challenges facing the winner, a videotape showed a sobbing Italian hostage pleading for his life.

After hours of closed-door meetings, members of the United Iraq Alliance agreed to hold a secret ballot to choose between Ibrahim al-Jaafari and Ahmad Chalabi, most likely on Friday, said al-Hashim al-Youshaa, one of the alliance's leaders.

of Iraq's Shiite Muslims, said the alliance's leaders will visit the grand ayatollah in Najaf to get his blessing for their choice for prime minister. In the event they can't agree, al-Sistani will make the final decision, said the aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

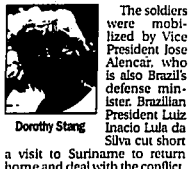
The alliance took 48 percent of the vote in the Jan. 30 national elections, but a two-thirds majority, the assembly is required for the most important decisions, including selection of a prime minister. Kurdish parties, who won 26 percent, have apparently agreed to support the alliance's candidate for prime minister in return for the largely ceremonial presidency.

# Violence escalates in Amazon

ANAPU, Brazil (AP) — About 2,000 soldiers headed Wednesday to a lawless Amazon rainforest region where an American nun was shot to death last weekend amid escalating violence between peasants and loggers vying for the area's vast natural resource riches.

The troops were sent to restore order hours after thousands of people converged on this remote Amazon town to bury the bullet-riddled body of Dorothy Stang, the 73-year-old nun who was killed trying to defend the jungle where she had lived for decades.

As mourners paid their last respects to Stang, a peasant and a former union president were found shot to death in the rural state of Para, where Anapu is located.



Dorothy Stang

The soldiers were mobilized by Vice President Jose Alencar, who is also Brazil's defense minister. Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva cut short a visit to Suriname to return home and deal with the conflict.

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The contrast between the two candidates is stark and reveals a division within the clergy-endorsed alliance, made up of 10 major political parties and various allied smaller groups.

Al-Jaafari, 58, is the leader of the religious Dawa Party, one of Iraq's oldest parties, known for its popularity and close ties to Iran. Although al-Jaafari is a moderate, his party's platform is conservative.

Chalabi, 58, who left Iraq as a teen, leads the Iraqi National Congress and had close ties to the Pentagon before falling out of favor last year after claims he passed intelligence information to Iraq.

A secular Shiite, Chalabi's Iraqi National Congress is an umbrella for groups that include Iraqi exiles, Kurds and Shiites. Much of the intelligence his group supplied on Iraq's alleged weapons of mass destruction programs failed to pan out.

Al-Jaafari was considered the leading contender Wednesday, though Chalabi's aides said their man had enough votes to win.

Both candidates were expected to present their political agendas to alliance members before the secret vote, al-Youshaa said. The 140 lawmakers who will represent the alliance in the National Assembly, plus eight allied lawmakers, will decide who will be prime minister, al-Youshaa said.

A close aide to Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the spiritual leader

of Sunni Arabs, who were favored under Saddam Hussein's rule, largely stayed away from the polls. But the Shiites must move cautiously if they want to reach out to the Sunnis to form an inclusive government and help quell a violent insurgency.

A U.S. soldier assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force was killed in action Tuesday in western Iraq, a soldier died of a non-combat injury Wednesday at a base near Tikrit, and four soldiers died in vehicle accidents, the military announced.

In addition, the bodies of eight Iraqis described as collaborators with U.S. forces were found in a desert area north of Baghdad.

The case of the captive Italian journalist took an alarming turn Wednesday, as a videotape delivered anonymously to Associated Press Television News showed Giuliana Sgrena speaking in both French and Italian as she pleaded for the Italian government to withdraw its troops.

"You must end the occupation, it's the only way we can get out of this situation," the 56-year-old journalist for the communist daily Il Manifesto pleaded. There was no indication when the tape was made, and the words "Mufalaheden Without Borders" appeared in digital red Arabic script on the video. The group was previously unknown.

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## EDITORIAL

### Middle-ground voters find refuge from partisan wars

**N**ot sure if you're a rabid red-state Republican, or a vehement blue-state Democrat? Don't worry, you're not alone. In fact, many voters avoid affiliation with a certain party. Independence isn't just an election day state-of-mind for a vast chunk of Idahoans.

So if that's your credo, maybe the efforts of a new nonpartisan watchdog group in Idaho is worth your attention.

The Common Interest, a newly launched organization that wants to empower the people's voice in state government, has already made a tremor in Boise.

The group had a goal of attracting 400 members by early March. The organization has already surpassed that goal with 459.

You can read more by going to its Web site at [www.thecommoninterest.com](http://www.thecommoninterest.com).

Funded by Boise State University professor and Twin Falls native Keith Allred, the Common Interest wants Idahoans who feel left

out of the political process to start claiming their initiative in shaping public policy. The partisan sparring in national politics has filtered to the state level, and the best way to purge it out is to encourage participation by the people, not special interests.

The group has already identified three key issues on which to gather input and participation: Closed meetings in the Legislature, public school funding and telephone deregulation.

Joining Allred as members of the board for the group are Laid Noh of Kimberly and Bruce Sweeney of Lewiston — two politicians who survived the Idaho Legislature with middle-road platforms.

To that end, the organization plugs two simple goals for its members:

- Contribute one hour a year to sharing views with the organization.
- Vote in both the primary and general election.

That's not asking a lot. But when that effort is pooled together with the views of other moderates, it could make a huge difference in Idaho politics.

## Free speech takes another dive

**W**ith the recent toppling of CBS's Dan Rather and now CNN's top news executive, Faison Jordan, I think we can declare without fear of contradiction that rigor mortis is settling over the carcass of the Fourth Estate.



KATHLEEN PARKER

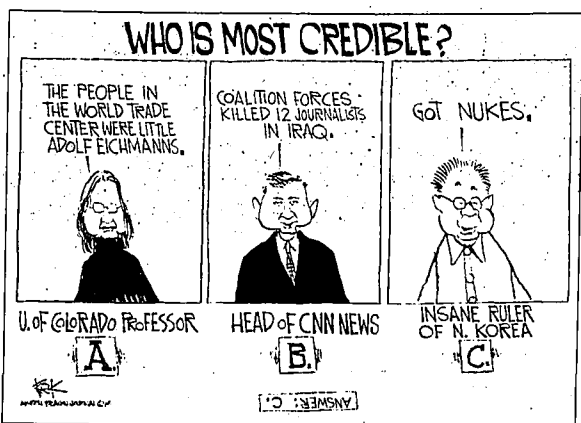
At least as we once knew it. I make this pronouncement without pleasure, and in fact, suggest that we're really witnessing a double funeral. One is for traditional journalism as the omnipotent gatekeeper of information. As bloggers — authors of Web logs — have gleefully pointed out the past several days, everyone with access to the Internet is now a journalist.

Given the "instantaneity" of the bloggers' electronic encampment, known as the "blogosphere" — enabling real-time posting of news and commentary — newspapers and even broadcast media have become the news cycle's Sunday drivers.

As a longtime observer of the blog phenomenon — awed by the volcanic energy and talent that erupts by the nanosecond — and flows without pause — I'm a fan. But I'm also wary of such unbridled power. For all their attractive swashbuckling and leavening, bloggers also can become a cyber-trash that acts, as mobs do, without conscience or restraint.

Thus, the other funeral is, I fear, for our freedom of speech. Not the kind we once worried would be quashed by government jackboots, but the sort that restricts the very thing bloggers represent — the free-wheeling, unfettered expression of opinions and ideas without fear of censure. Or without the life-altering, career-busting personal demotions we've witnessed recently.

Except for the fact that they are both larger than life, professionally and symbolically — and except that bloggers initiated



the heat that eventually brought them down — Rather and Jordan are dissimilar cases. Rather knowingly used unsubstantiated "evidence," known to be faked if not faked, to try to bring down the president of the United States during an election year. After entering a blog sphere hitherto unseen or experienced by anyone of his standing, Rather announced that he would step down as the "CBS Evening News" anchor.

By contrast, Jordan said something stupid, even indefensible, but his comments were in much different circumstances — during an off-the-record panel discussion at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. A couple of weeks later, following intense criticism, he resigned his post.

What Jordan essentially said, for those who were in orbit the past two weeks — or who rely strictly on mainstream media for information — was that the U.S. military had targeted journalists in Iraq, where some 36 journalists have been killed since 2003.

When challenged on the spot by members of the audience and other panelists, including U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, Jordan backed off. Although a transcript of the discussion has not

been made available, Jordan's subsequent explanation was that he was trying to make the point that some journalists had died not as "collateral damage," but because of U.S. military carelessness, recklessness or some derivative thereof.

It's still unclear what he said, precisely, but obviously, if the U.S. military were targeting journalists — or if Jordan really believed they were — then that story wouldn't be broken at an off-the-record forum. CNN would waste such a headline on a panel chat.

Even so, it was careless, which Jordan apparently realized the moment he was caught. Whatever he meant, the response from bloggers was immediate and ferocious. A news tidbit of this vintage, wherein an executive of what's arguably the world's most powerful media outlet impugns the U.S. military, is the kindling of arsonists' dreams.

Not to mention manna to Islamist recruiters who are delighted when one of our own confirms their belief that all Americans are evil. For his contribution to our enemies, Jordan should be deeply ashamed. But should he have lost his job?

Maybe there's more to the story; maybe his star was al-

ready in descent and this was the excuse CNN had been looking for. Nevertheless, it's worth noting that most of us say dim things, especially in relaxed settings that are understood to be off the record, that aren't meant for global parsing.

The fact that the mainstream media didn't report Jordan's remarks probably has more to do with its recognition than with any attempt to protect fellow journalists, as was charged by a blogger broke the story. "Off the record" means you're allowed to say what you think with impunity and live to see your next paycheck.

Jeff Jarvis, who blogs at buzzmachine.com, told media critic Howard Kurtz of the Washington Post that "off the record" is dead. Jarvis, who also said he was after the truth, not Jordan's head, may be right. But as we expand the boundaries of speech — inviting all comers to the virtual newsroom and reporting every utterance without contextual distinction — we may find that we no longer feel free to speak freely.

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

### Closure for Kid Works

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The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare closed the facility again this week — after a 2-year-old boy wandered from the center's backyard on Feb. 8. This is the second closure for Kid Works in a month. In January, the state revoked owner Cristy Shirley's license after an infant was left behind in a crib after

hours. The same thing happened at the center with another child in February 2004.

Given that track record, the state had to close the center on a more permanent basis. It can't open again, but only with new owners.

That doesn't help the many families who must now find a new daycare provider.

But three investigations in a year should convince them that change is absolutely necessary.

As for the Kid Works' owners and operators, they should consider themselves incredibly lucky that no one was hurt.

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**Sen. Larry Craig**  
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### Demand answer from Craig on gases

In her book, former Environmental Protection Agency director Christine Todd Whitman writes that President Bush had her embark on a very aggressive campaign to reduce greenhouse gases early in his first term.

In fact, the president made campaign promises to turn his back on pro-pollution forces and list carbon dioxide as a pollutant.

This is a big deal because global warming is accelerated by carbon dioxide. If it were listed as a pollutant, the energy industry would have to invest heavily in new technology at who knows what expense to mitigate the problem. This move by the president would have been good for the environment, our health, our future and our standing in the world.

Whitman writes that the president received letters from four Republican senators — Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, Jesse Helms of North Carolina, Larry Craig of Idaho and Pat Roberts of Kansas — expressing their strong opposition to his campaign promise to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Everyone knows that so-called money has a corrupt influence on our government and, unfortunately, there is evidence of it everywhere. Let us think about the connection between the two now

coal-fired power generation facilities (without carbon dioxide controls) studies now being done for Jerome and Elmore counties, and the aforementioned letter written by Sen. Craig to President Bush. I urge all persons in the state of Idaho to call and/or write to our representative, Sen. Craig, asking him why he opposes control of greenhouse gases and to urge him to help the president keep his campaign promise to do so.

Energy independence and pollution control shouldn't just be given lip service. It is imperative that we proactively address these issues today. KENNETH H. ASHCOM Ketchum

### Claims that dairies pollute water run thin

This letter is in response to the person who wrote the letter to the editor, "Dairies can do more to improve Magic Valley." Since space is limited, I will address the water issue only, on the following charges that were made: Charge 1 — Dairies use more water than their share; Charge 2 — Dairies are polluting the groundwater.

Charge 1: When our permit was issued we were required to dry up 66 acres of farm land so we could use that water for a dairy. Because we need a lot more area to stack feed and straw, we dried up 100 acres of farm land.

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Charge 2: As for polluting groundwater, our dairy uses the groundwater that is pumped at the dairy site. We are the ones who lose all of our water. Our milk is tested every day for any kind of pollution. If we polluted the groundwater, we would be the first ones to be put out of business. We cannot operate a day with polluted water. So it is not only our health but also the entire dairy that is at stake. We pollute our groundwater? I don't think so. WILLIAM VANDER POL Castleton

### Celebration notice a shame for T-N

Celebration notices in *The Times-News* are a shame. It is a shame to see *The Times-News* sink to yet a new level. What exactly are we trying to get across to this community and our children? I know that there are certain lifestyles in the Magic Valley that are 17

many more do not agree with. But yet it seems that we are celebrating to become accustomed to these lifestyles. I do not nor ever will agree with such lifestyles, nor do I or many others wish to see it in our local paper.

We know you're out there and that is the way it should remain. I am not sure what you think you're celebrating except for maybe the fact of showing off that our society is sinking into the deepest depths of moral decay.

The lifestyle you wish to lead is not acceptable no matter how much it keeps getting pushed into our everyday lives. I do not think that it is OK for our children to be exposed to such filth or read about it in the local paper as though it is a normal way of life. As the old saying goes: God did not make Adam and Steve to be a couple. He made Adam and Eve. RON AND SUSAN ICAZURRAGA Twin Falls

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### Doonesbury



### By Garry Trudeau



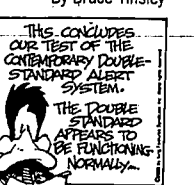
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### By Bruce Tinsley



### Write to us



# LETTERS

## Analysis for new bridge predicated governor's plan

From the mall I have been getting, there appears to be some confusion about local political support for and the possibility of getting a new bridge over the Snake River Canyon. Please be assured that I am not a local politician and I have Valley politician has provided support for a new bridge. This is not a new idea. We have been working on it diligently for five years and in planning for several years more than that. Your Greater Twin Falls Area Transportation Committee, together with District 4 Idaho Transportation Department have accomplished several things over the last few years.

- Run opinion polls for a crossing site.
- Done diver surveys.
- After examining three sites, selected the best one.
- Received and reviewed engineer proposals for style of bridge.
- Selected the best connecting route north and south.
- Gone to Congress for funds for environmental impact study.

Collected money for environmental impact study match from local governments on both sides of the canyon. Presented the concept two times to the Idaho Transportation Department.

Secured additional funds from the Idaho Transportation Board to contract the environmental impact study.

Jerome County commissioners have agreed to corridor protection when the transportation department officially recognizes the route. Idaho Transportation Department has done traffic studies on Blue Lakes and the Fernie Bridge, indicating that we have 15 to 20 years before serious problems occur.

From this abbreviated recap, you can see that your local city, county and highway district have been serious about a new bridge and have put some of their covered dollars toward the project. The Greater Twin Falls Area Transportation Committee is a group of volunteers interested in transportation issues that have met once a month at 6:45 a.m. for more than a decade.

The hubbub in Boise about GARVEE (Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle) bonds and borrowing money to build special projects is still unfolding. I will be happy to share more information with you after the governor has filed his proposed legislation and it has a hearing in the Senate.

REP. LEON SMITH, Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, serves District 241—Twin Falls County—and is vice chairman of the Commerce and Human Resources Committee.)

## Harsh Democrats fall short on patriotism

A dozen leading Democrats in our Congress, who are well known by their constant display of chronic diarrhea of the mouth, would probably be happy to see Iraq, Syria or Iran with the terrorists that are being encouraged by their un-called-for, unpatriotic diatribes. We surely do not need them in our government. In one of the most unbecoming, unbecoming, unbecoming type of "patriotism" during the 31 months I was in the war zones in World War II. The terrorists are promiscuously slaughtering many of their own people, so we in this nation had better pray that the wonderful people in our military can soon destroy all of those maniacs over there...

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## Shelter falls to perform for local animals

Congratulations to Dr. Patricia Saras for her courage in stating publicly what many are expressing privately—our desperate concern for the unlucky animals caught in the apparent continuing ineffective, inefficient management of the new animal shelter. Many people in our county...

dug deep into their pockets to make the beautiful new shelter a reality. Yet if the buzz around town is accurate, the adoption rate remains abysmal and the kill rate (and I use that harsh term intentionally for animals are being killed) is medieval. It appears that an animal entering the shelter has two chances out of 10 to emerge alive. Why would anyone put an adoptable animal in that kind of jeopardy in the 21st century when animal shelters, public and private, all over the country are demonstrating that these odds are not necessary?

Nothing seems to have changed but the new facility. The shelter is being run by contractors. It is my understanding that when a government entity lets a contract, a "trained" contractor manager in the oversight agency with the necessary authority is tasked with setting standards and measurable goals, keeping statistics, auditing books, conducting and documenting periodic evaluations, and insisting on performance. Failure to perform has penalties attached—including financial penalties up to and including revocation...

of the contract. And, in a public agency, the taxpayers and donors footing the bill have the right to know what is going on and to use every appropriate means to force change based upon failure to perform. If that is what is required, it appears that a good many people, elected and otherwise, are not doing their jobs. A society is ultimately judged by how it treats "the least of these." At the moment, Twin Falls City and County don't measure up very well. People must be taught that there is a better way—and the public...

education requirement of that contract is as critical as improving the adoption rate, lowering the euthanasia rate or operating a no-kill shelter. Surely, the animals whose fates are sealed when they are brought to the shelter are entitled to better than they are getting. It is time for people who care—and who have a better solution—to make their voices heard and to insist on an animal control policy and program that reflects the best of our values, not the worst. **F. JOSEPH TAYLOR**  
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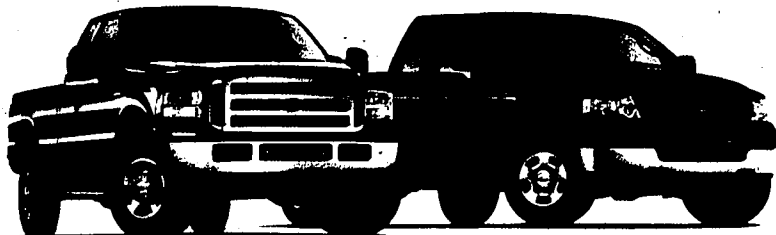
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A look at the CSI baseball team.

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Sports Editor: Joe Paisley, 735-3239 (Hours: 2-11 p.m.)

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

I hear Jose Canseco claims the dogs in the Westminster Kennel Club dog show have been injecting steroids.

Fred Willard, who starred as the goofy sportscaster in the comedy classic 'Best in Show'

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Current Pepperdine basketball coach Pat Westfall is considered one of the greatest basketball players in University of Southern California history. He, along with Joe Mackey, Ron Riley and Dennis "Mo" Layman, led the Trojans to a 24-2 record in 1970-71. (The two losses were to UCLA). Who was the fifth starter on that team?
ANSWER: below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High School
BOYS BASKETBALL
Great Basin Conference West Tournament
Burlington vs. Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
Wood River at Minico, 7:30 p.m.
SCIC Tournament
Gooding at Bulli, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Class 5A at the Idaho Center
Twin Falls vs. Coeur d'Alene, 1:15 p.m.
Class 4A at Mountain View HS, Hayden
Minico vs. Bishop Kelly, 1:15 p.m.
Class 3A at Kuna High School
Piler vs. Fruitland, 6:15 p.m.
Class 2A at Middleton High School
Shalvey vs. Nampa Christian, 1:15 p.m.
Class 1A
at Nampa High School
Richfield vs. Kootenai, 1:15 p.m.
Oakley vs. Rimrock, 8 p.m.
at Skyview High School, Nampa
Hagerman vs. Garden Valley, 3 p.m.
Shoshone vs. Cambridge, 6:15 p.m.
WRESTLING
Region Four-Five-Six Conference meet, Twin Falls, Nov. 19
Great Basin Conference Meet, Pocatello

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 gym at Twin Falls High School.

Kids ski competition takes place Saturday

ALBION — The Call of the Wild Kids ski competition will be held Saturday, Feb. 19 at Pomerelle Mountain Resort. Registration is from 9-11 a.m. and the competition will begin at noon.

The event is for skiers and boarders 14 years of age and under. The first competition will be Magic Carpet Mania for all beginners and the second competition will be the Giant Slalom for those more advanced.

There is a \$5 entry fee and a \$5 bib deposit. Waivers must be signed by parents.

Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition will be at Pomerelle with helmet demonstrations, helmet inspections and more.

For more information, call (208) 673-5599.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Chris Schrolligen, a 6-foot-8 forward and defensive specialist.

Stellar Shoshone defense leads to 56-25 blowout

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

NAMPA — Apparently, there is a big difference between No. 2 and No. 16 in the Idaho Class 1A girls basketball rankings.

The Shoshone Indians demonstrated just how big that gap is Wednesday afternoon at Skyview High School in Nampa, demolishing the Greenleaf Friends Academy Grizzlies 56-25 in the first round of the Idaho Class 1A State Girls Basketball Tournament.

A Katie Strunk layup with 6:22 minutes left in the first half broke the ice, but an 11-0 Indians run to end the first quarter proved to be the iceberg to the Grizzlies' Titanic. The Grizzlies never recovered, trailing 33-11 at halftime and not able to gain ground against the Indians' bench in the second half.

"I told the girls before the game to be focused and ready to go," Indians head coach Tim Chapman said. "The last couple years, we've come out and won this game by seven, eight, or nine, but we wanted to go out and make a statement today that our goal is to win state."

The Indians made that statement with typically stellar defense. Shoshone forced 27 Grizzlies turnovers — stealing 22 possessions. Sophomore



Shoshone Indians guard Meghan Sorensen, 10, records one of her six steals as she swipes the ball from Greenleaf Friends' Whitney Caldwell during the third quarter of Shoshone's 56-25 win over the Lady Grizzlies during the first round of the Class 1A Idaho State basketball tournament Wednesday in Nampa. Shoshone tallied 22 steals in the game.

Junior varsity call-up Kori Bingham led the way with nine points and six steals, while Meghan Sorensen added four

points and six steals of her own. Katie Strunk worked hard in the post for a game-high 16 points to go along with eight rebounds while Hailey Harris tallied 11 points and four assists. "We expect that kind of play to go along with eight rebounds



Oakley players Jenna Peterson, center, Tiffany Bell, left, and Valerie Badke celebrate after their 49-43 win over Cascade in the Class 1A State basketball tournament, Wednesday, in Nampa.

Hornets sting Cascade

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

NAMPA — Simply put, the Oakley Hornets made Wednesday night at Nampa High School their night.

Locked in a tight first-half battle with the Cascade Ramblers and leading only 8-15 after the halftime break, the Hornets came out firing in the third quarter, outscoring the Ramblers 22-8 in the period en route to a 49-43 win in Round 1 of the Class 1A Girls Basketball State Tournament. "They came out and just put the game away in the third quarter," Hornets head coach Brett Graham said. "That was it. We want to come

out strong in the first and third, and they did exactly what they needed to do to win."

The Hornets opened the third with a 10-0 run thanks to hard work rebounding and finally finding the passing lanes in transition. Junior forward Jenna Peterson sparked the run with the Hornets' first second-half basket and added another on her way to a game-high 18 points to go with six rebounds.

While Peterson put in her usual quality work on the boards and in the scorebook, it was a balanced Oakley attack that was the real key. Kacie Arnesa came off the bench to score nine points for the Hornets, while starters Brooke

Critchfield added six and Val Bedke and Tiffany Bell added five each.

"Our biggest fear was that teams would try and take our two top scorers away," Graham said. "But when we're getting everybody to chip in, that's huge. It doesn't have to be much, but if four or five girls can chip in five or six points each, that really adds up."

Cascade standout guard Gracie Sartori led her team with 17 points and four 3-pointers, while forward Tara Snapp added 11 points. Kimberly Brown scored eight and snatched 12 rebounds.

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Hagerman falls with final shot

By Dustin Lapray For The Times-News

NAMPA — Beaten at the buzzer.

Lisa Carver hit a 3-pointer as time expired to break a 43-all tie and give Wallace a 46-43 win over the Hagerman Lady Pirates in the first round of the 1A Idaho State Girls Basketball Tournament Wednesday at Skyview High School in Nampa.

"We didn't know how well we'd do up here," Wallace head coach Art Krullitz said. "We just thought that if we came out here and played hard we could be in the ball game, but she made that last shot. Things went well for us that last 30 seconds."

Wallace got the ball with less than 15 seconds to play, drove the length of the court and made three passes before finding Carver open at the top of the key.

"We have to know where the shooters are," Hagerman head coach Luanne Axelson said. "We had three girls following the ball and she got an open look."

Hagerman took its final lead with under a minute to play when Sara Jackson followed her own miss to make it 43-41. Jackson scored 11 points and brought down a game-high 15 rebounds.

Seconds later, Shannell Knight, one of seven seniors on the Hagerman roster, fouled out with a team-high 15 points.

"(Knight's) our rock," Axelson said. "She didn't have a great

Class 1A State Tournament

- Wednesday's results
Kendrick 51, Richfield 39
Mackay 52, Kootenai 47
Rimrock 48, Genesee 28
Oakley 48, Cascade 43
Shalvey 56, Greenleaf-Friends 25
Cambridge 51, North Gem 44
Wallace 46, Hagerman 43
Lapwai 57, Garden Valley 55
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Loss-out
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Skyview HS
Greenleaf-Friends vs. North Gem, 1:15
Hagerman vs. Garden Valley, 3 p.m.

night shooting, but we look for her for comfort. When she went out you could see the girls looking around like uh-oh."

Knight went 3-for-10 from the field and shot 8-for-10 from the free throw line. Cara Hayman hit a pair of free throws for Wallace to tie the game at 43. Hagerman-missed three consecutive free throws in the final minute.

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Game Off! NHL cancels remainder of 2005 season

By Irv Podell Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A hockey season on the brink is now a season gone bust.

The NHL canceled what was left of its decimated schedule Wednesday after a round of last-gasp negotiations failed to resolve differences over a salary cap — the flash-point issue that led to a lockout 10 days ago.

It's the first time a major pro sports league in North America lost an entire season to a labor dispute. The resulting damage could be incalculable to hockey, which already has limited appeal in the United States.

"This is a sad, regrettable day that all of us wish could have been avoided," NHL executive commissioner Gary Bettman said.

"Every day that this thing continues we don't think it's good for the game," NHLPA executive director Bob



Goodenow said in Toronto. To begin with, all momentum gained in the final days of negotiations has been lost — late offers that appeared to bring the sides close to a deal are now off the table, and there's no telling when the NHL will get back on the ice.

No Stanley Cup champion will be crowned, the first time that happened since 1919, when the 2-year-old league called off the finals because of a flu epidemic.

Without an agreement, there can be no June draft. The sport's heralded next big thing, Canadian phenom Sidney Crosby, won't pull on his first NHL sweater anytime soon.

Then there is the parade of aging stars — Mario Lemieux (39), Mark Messier (44), Steve Yzerman (39), Brett Hull (40), Ron Francis (41), Dave Andre



A reporter walks past a tribute painted on the wall to past Vancouver Canucks at GM Place Wednesday, in Vancouver, British Columbia. Canucks general manager Dave Nilsson and CEO Stan McCammon held a news conference to express their disappointment in the cancellation of the 2004-05 NHL season.

chuk (41) and Chris Chelios (43) — whose playing days could be ending on someone else's terms.

"This is a tragedy for the players," Bettman said. "Their careers are short and this is money and opportunity they'll

never get back," Bettman said. Despite being the NHL's best-known star, there was never a chance that Pittsburgh's Lemieux, the first owner-player in modern American pro sports history, would side with the players.

"A few years ago, I thought the owners were making a lot of money and were hiding some under the table, but then I got on this side and saw the losses this league was accumulating," he said Wednesday.

The league and players' union traded a flurry of proposals and letters Tuesday night, but could never agree on a cap. The players proposed \$49 million per team; the owners said \$425 million. But a series of conditions and fine print in both proposals made either further than just \$6.5 million per team. "We weren't as close as people were speculating," Bettman said.







AROUND THE VALLEY

Man charged in drug incident

TWIN FALLS — A man who police say tried to hide drugs by swallowing them is facing a detention of evidence charge. Jeremie Easter, 27, of Jerome is charged with one count each of possession of a controlled substance and destruction of evidence, both felonies.

On Feb. 13, an Idaho State Police trooper made a traffic stop on Easter while he was driving on North Washington in Twin Falls.

The trooper, Joseph Lake, said the vehicle's occupants were visibly nervous, according to an affidavit he signed Sunday.

After police transported Easter to the Twin Falls County Jail, he began to show signs that he had overdosed, the affidavit says.

The ISP trooper asked Easter if he had swallowed his "dope," to which he replied that he did, and it needed help.

Easter was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, where he admitted to swallowing two grams of methamphetamine so he wouldn't go to jail.

Prosecutors also charged him with driving without privileges.

Easter's preliminary hearing on the felonies was set for Feb. 25. He was released from the Twin Falls County Jail Monday.

Jerome offers reward for bombs threat info

JEROME — Mayor Charles Correll has announced that the city is offering a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the rash of recent bomb threats.

"We want our city to be safe and can't allow our citizens to be threatened in this manner," Correll told the city council Tuesday evening.

The city of Jerome has been plagued with bomb threats recently. On Saturday the city received a bomb threat at Waldman and another threat at Central Elementary School. On Tuesday morning the children at Central Elementary School and the Jerome Middle School were evacuated and sent home due to a bomb threat. No bombs have been found in any of these locations.

Anyone with information about the identity of the perpetrator should call the Jerome Police Department at 324-4328. Correll said.

Rupert approves bid on theatre project

RUPERT — The bid for installation of an elevator and construction of restrooms in the Wilson Theatre was awarded Tuesday.

The Rupert City Council has approved a \$142,000 bid submitted by Rivers West Construction of Idaho Falls to install an elevator and construct restrooms in the Wilson Theatre. The bid comes with an option to delete \$10,000 designated for ceramic tile.

The original cost estimate two years ago to make the elevator and restrooms comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act was \$100,000, said Renaissance Arts Center board member Earl Corless.

A start date has not been set for the elevator and restroom project, but a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Friday.

The contractor has indicated the work will take 90 days to complete, Corless said.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

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

\*A compilation of local snowpack on the city, with a 30-year average. \*\*An indicator of local snowpack for the season. \*\*\*A comparison of local snowpack to the state average.

Jerome puts bond issue on the ballot

Passage in November would raise funds to upgrade city's wastewater treatment plant

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The city of Jerome is sending a revenue bond issue to voters in November that would finance the wastewater treatment plant's estimated \$8 million to \$8.5 million expansion.

The upgrade would bring the treatment plant into compliance with stricter Department of Environmental Quality and Environmental Protection Agency requirements and meet the city's future capacity needs, proponents say.

City Council members signed off on the bond issue election

when it was presented to them Tuesday as a recommendation by an ad hoc committee appointed by Mayor Charles Correll in December. The committee's job was to study treatment plant expansion options, permit requirements and funding.

Gerald Ostler, a former mayor who sat on the committee, told the council the group had met on three separate occasions to hear testimony and discuss the current state of the treatment plant. The committee ultimately decided upgrades were badly needed.

"To neglect to do so would be devastating," Ostler said.

The committee further recommended the city increase residential sewer rates in the near future to build cash reserves for the expansion project.

Upgrading the facility could allow more businesses and industry to locate in Jerome. Aqua Engineers of Bountiful, Utah, recently completed a study of the plant's needs, and found that the best new technology that could be installed is a membrane filtering system. It comes in modules, or units, that can be added much the same way one adds memory to a computer. The clean water stream produced through the filtering system is crystal clear, free of

bacteria and viruses and is technically drinkable quality. New businesses that move to Jerome could hook up with the wastewater treatment plant once the needed modules are installed. The module technology gives the city the ability to instantly expand capacity at the plant. New businesses could be assessed the cost of additional modules to handle their own wastewater, City Administrator Travis Rothwell said.

In a letter presented to the City Council ad hoc committee members said: "We feel the voters need to have input on this decision. As a committee we feel the citizens will look favor-

ably on the project, especially if the proper steps to educate the public are taken prior to the election.

Before the election, Rothwell said a public education campaign will be organized and informational sessions on the treatment plant will be held. If the bond is approved in November construction could start in early 2006. The project probably could be completed in a year, Rothwell said.

If the revenue bond issue fails and "push comes to shove," Ostler said the ad hoc committee recommends the city seek judicial confirmation for financing the project.

TAKING CHARGE



Brig. Gen. Alan Gayhart, commander of the 116th Brigade Combat Team, and Command Sgt. Maj. Leroy Lewis unveil the brigade colors at the transfer of authority ceremony held Feb. 22 in Iraq.

116th assumes full control of operations area in Iraq

The Times-News KIRKUK, Iraq — The Idaho-based 116th Brigade Combat Team recently assumed full authority for operations in its assigned north-central Iraq sector, a news release from Capt. Monte Hlibbert, public affairs officer for the 2nd Infantry Division, announced.



The move was marked by a special transfer of authority ceremony conducted Feb. 12 on Warrior, a forward operating base that is the temporary home to most of the 116th. It is the first time the unit has been fully responsible for a combat zone since it acquired its current configuration in 1990.

task in continuing the high standards set by the warrior brigade combat team. Brig. Gen. Alan Gayhart, commander of the 116th, told the ceremony audience, "We extend to Iraqis our right hand of friendship. It is an honor and a privilege to be your partner and we will be here to help you secure a better life for all of the citizens of Iraq."

Attendees seated at the event included more than 50 Iraqi dignitaries, press and religious leaders, as well as the commanders of both the 42nd and 1st Infantry Divisions and numerous other U.S. Army and Air Force representatives. Those standing in formation at the event included units of the Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police Services, as well as soldiers from both the 116th and 2nd brigade combat teams.

By fully assuming U.S. Army operations in the Kirkuk and the Sulaymaniyah provinces, the 116th is taking on a multifaceted mission that includes continuing coalition forces' efforts to bolster and train Iraqi security forces, sustaining Iraqi infrastructure and economic growth, and the fledgling Iraqi government

and continuing open communications with Iraqi citizens. "Each of you will look back upon this brief moment in time where you were a part of history — where each of you were instrumental in the establishment of a new democratic and free Iraq," Gayhart told his soldiers.

The 116th, as part of Task Force Liberty, continues to provide security training, project support and assistance to local government leaders in the north-central region of Iraq in the weeks following the country's first free elections in more than 50 years. Besides its headquarters and staff sections, the 116th is comprised of several task-organized battalions and separate companies, including the 2nd and 3rd Armor Battalions, the 1-14th Field Artillery Battalion, the 1-163rd Mechanized Infantry Battalion, the 15th Support Battalion, the 116th Engineer Battalion and various intelligence, signal, and specialized units.

In the past two weeks, brigade headquarters and staff sections have actively

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Man faces charges in deputies' assault

Buhl resident charged with two felonies

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Prosecutors have filed charges against a man who police say attacked detention deputies while being booked into jail.

Casey D. Watts, 27, of Buhl, made an initial appearance in 5th District Magistrate Court this week on two counts of battery on a correctional officer, a felony.

On Saturday, deputies at the Twin Falls County Jail were attempting to book Watts on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery when he became combative, according to an affidavit written by Chris Bratt, a deputy with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

Officers put Watts into a holding cell, allowing him "to sleep things off," the affidavit says.

When deputies later retrieved him to finish the booking process, he again became combative, according to an affidavit written by Sgt. Wade Watts, a deputy with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

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He remained in the Twin Falls County Jail Wednesday afternoon.

Shoshone works on tightening alcohol license policies

Council members want officers to randomly check IDs at bars

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — City Attorney E. Scott Paul is working on the final wording for rules that will govern the review of alcohol licenses.

The rules are being rewritten in the wake of the City Council's confrontation with Big D's Club Bowler owner Dennis Vincent. The council threatened recently not to renew his alcohol license, pointing to the number of noise complaints and fights on the premises.

"I think I have learned a lot about Mr. Vincent, his operation and the community," Paul said. But Paul said the new rules will be written so the council can review any alcohol licenses that come up for renewal. "These are good rules for anybody running a bar," he said.

Alcohol licenses for the Columbia Lounge, the bowling alley and any other establishments that serve alcohol would be scrutinized, too, he said.

Vincent had said during a recent hearing that he felt his club was being singled out. He said the council was not scrutinizing incidents that had happened at other establishments.

In addition to new alcohol license rules, City Council members say they want police officers to monitor underage drinking by visiting local bars and checking identifications.

"I would expect this year Mr. Vincent would be tested. I'm sure the chief can find somebody," Paul said as he patted Shoshone Police Chief Robert Quinago on the back. Quinago noted that his officers in the past have not purposely gone to bars to

check identifications. But Councilwoman Lee Ross urged Quinago to monitor bars.

"They don't get fined and caught if you don't catch them," she said. Paul, who also serves as the Lincoln County prosecutor, said underage drinkers have not been a problem.

"I have not had anybody who was ejected from a bar that was underage," he said. "The problem people are, the adults."

Other rules linked to the stricter alcohol license policy include adding more security for events. The council also stipulated that Vincent must decide if his establishment is a bar or a restaurant. "It's got to be one or the other," said Councilman Ken Haught, who proposed statewide rules, which pro-

Other business

Sewer study — Pharmed Engineering presented a proposal to the council regarding a sewer system study. The firm's bid for the study was \$24,650, but Brad Bjork, principal for Pharmed, told the council it was negotiable.

Pharmed would be able to evaluate the city's system and present some alternatives to improve the situation, Bjork said. After the council reviews the contract then the hiring process would begin, Councilman Ken Haught said.

Algae eaters — The council approved paying a fee to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to renew a license for the city to keep several algae-eating fish in the sewer lagoons.

Watering — The council discussed requiring residents that live on odd-numbered streets to irrigate lawns on odd days and residents that live on even-numbered streets to water on even-numbered days. An ordinance regarding irrigation will be discussed at the next council meeting.

But a determination would have to be made about what the Bonzi would be classified, Paul said. Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at (208) 438-8446 or cavener@mtm.org.

OBITUARIES

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**Brenda Lynn Stuart Rowsell**

HENDERSON, Nev. — Brenda Lynn Stuart Rowsell, 28, of Henderson, Nev., and formerly of Jerome and Twin Falls, passed away in her sleep on Feb. 7, 2005, of a brief illness. She was born April 23rd, 1976, in Murray, Utah, to Jim and Karen Stuart. In 1987, she moved to Jerome with her mother and siblings. Brenda married Shane Casey in August of 1992. They later divorced. She then moved back to Sandy, Utah, with her two children where she met the love of her life, Eric Rowsell. They were wed July 7, 1998. They lived in the Salt Lake City valley until September 2001. They then moved to Henderson, Nev. Brenda is survived by her husband, Eric; son, Eric Stuart, 12; daughters, Ashley Casey, 9,



Kearns, Utah, and Bryan Stuart of Henderson; a sister, Rachel Stuart of Twin Falls; grandparents, Al and Genevieve Taylor of Jerome and Don Cole of Sandy, Utah; aunt, Janice (Ioni) McCullough of Sandy, Utah; uncles, Roger Taylor of Jerome and Ray (Sherrin) Cole of Sandy, Utah; numerous nieces, nephews, great-aunt and uncles, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, JoAnn Cole. A service was held on Feb. 12 in Las Vegas at the Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed at the Davis Memorial Park.

There will be a memorial open house from 10 to 6 p.m. on Friday, the 18th of February, at the First Baptist Church of Jerome, 308 First Ave. E. to celebrate Brenda's life.

**Moises Olmos**



Alicia and Rosario of Mexico; 40 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren with three on the way and sisters, Eufemia, Isabel, Abigail and Celia Olmos.

RUPERT — Moises Olmos, 70, of Rupert, passed away Feb. 15, 2005, in Boise, Idaho. Moises was born June 21, 1934, in Tanguitiro, Michoacan, Mexico, to Felipe and Maria Deluz Yanez Olmos. He attended school in Mexico. He married Agripina Medrano. In 1965, Moises came to Idaho to work for various farms, working the last years at Sun Valley Potatoes. He enjoyed working. The phrase he was always saying to his family was, "No matter how you feel, you have to show up to work." He was a member of the St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Moises is survived by his wife, Agripina of Rupert; children, Ruben and Roberto of Acapulco, Luis and Adan of Jerome, Javier and Gustavo of Parma, Ana of Heyburn and

He was preceded in death by his parents; his only two brothers, Abel and Wilfredo; one sister, Nieves Olmos; and one grandchild, Gabriela Paz. Derecho hisista para hechar sucesos especialmente en las rondas. Fue una persona que no distinguia con todo mundo se llebo bien. A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. A recitation of the rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, at the church with a visitation one hour before the rosary and one hour prior to the service on Friday. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Jon Stanley Rigby**

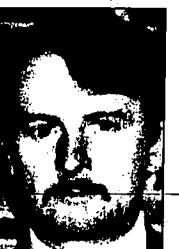


woodworking and computers. He was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in several capacities including stake bee-keeper, financial

WILLARD, Utah — Jon Stanley Rigby, surrounded by his family, returned to his heavenly Father on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005. Jon was born Sept. 1, 1938, in Burley, Idaho, to Bela and Josephine. After graduation from Burley High School, he served his country in the U.S. Army for two and one-half years. Upon returning, he married his sweetheart and the love of his life, Sharon Bennett. Their eternal family was blessed with five children. Shortly after marriage, they moved to Pocatello, Idaho, where Jon received his degree from Idaho State University. He made his career with the Union Pacific Railroad as a train dispatcher. Jon enjoyed fishing, camping, electronics, tennis,

clerk and bishop. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Willard, Utah; his children, Brenda and Don Pollard, Pocatello, Idaho; Rodney and Cathy Rigby, Riverton, Utah; Michael and Teresa Rigby, Kaysville, Utah; Michelle and Shaine Jones, Eagle Mountain, Utah; and Shauna and Brent Lee, Mesquite, Texas. A service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at the White Mountain Chapel, 655 W. 7615 S., Willard. Friends may call from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at the church. Interment will be in the Willard Cemetery. Funeral service is under the direction of Myers Mortuary, 205 S. 100 E. Brigham City. Send condolences to the family at [www.myers-mortuary.com](http://www.myers-mortuary.com).

**Peter John Brandon**



He moved to Boise in 2001 and worked for C.S.D.I. contractors in the accounting dept. and, at the time of his death, he was working for Washington Group International. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed farming. He was a member of the Twin Falls Kiwanis.

BOISE — Peter John Brandon, 59, of Boise, former Buhl resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at Twin Falls Care Center of cancer. He was born Nov. 28, 1945, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He attended schools in Buhl and Nevada, graduating from White Pine High School in 1964. He attended the University of Utah where he received his degree in accounting. He served in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1971, serving in Vietnam. Upon his discharge he received a Master's Degree in accounting from Utah State. He married Linda Noet at Elk, Nev., Feb. 15, 1975. They lived in Buhl for 18 years where they farmed and he worked days at Twin Falls Bank and Trust. He then moved to Nevada where he lived in McGill and Winnemucca, working for Magna Mining and BHP Mining, later moving to Michigan with BHP

He is survived by his two sons, Travis Jason Brandon and Matthew Chase Brandon both of Buhl; his mother, Loreita Glenn of Chino, Calif.; his father, Harold Brandon of Crystal, Minn.; sister, Patricia (Bill) Willis of Chino, Calif.; aunt and uncle, Doris (Lefly) Jenkins of Buhl; nephews, Andy Palko of Chino Hills, Calif.; stepbrothers, Ted Glenn of Gunn and Gary Glenn and Bill Glenn both of Reno, Nev. He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Delbert Glenn and his grandparents. A service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, at White Mortuary, with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Interment will follow in West End Cemetery in Buhl, with military rites by the Magic Valley Area Veterans and Auxiliaries. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary.

Officials expect no power shortages

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Northwest will not suffer a power shortage later this year even if the hydropower supply is below normal, according to an analysis by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council. Show pack and runoff forecasts for the Columbia River Basin are far below normal for this time of year, but the supply of electricity from other sources, primarily natural gas-fired power plants, is adequate, the study found. "The worst we would face is slightly higher prices this summer, but the good news is that we do not face a power shortage," Council Chair Melinda Eden said in a press release issued after Wednesday's

meeting. The snow pack in British Columbia, where the Columbia River begins, is 90-to-100 percent of normal. But the snow pack is well below normal in the Northwest states. In northeastern Washington and northern Idaho, for example, it is just 25-to-50 percent of normal. The spring runoff at The Dalles Dam is expected to be 82.4 million acre-feet, or about 77 percent of normal. While low, it is not as dry as the drought years of 2001, when runoff was 58 million acre-feet, and 1977, when runoff was 54 million acre-feet. Moreover, the Northwest has a power surplus of roughly 1,500 megawatts, enough to

power a city the size of Seattle. The 2001 drought worsened an existing West Coast power shortage. The council, created by Congress to balance energy needs with fish and wildlife protection in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, also announced Wednesday it will study a Bush Administration proposal that would raise electricity rates charged by the Bonneville Power Administration. "We'd like to have a better idea of the likely impacts on residential ratepayers, businesses, industries, and the regional economy, as well as potential impacts on the reliability of the Northwest energy system," Eden said.

FEDERAL COURTS

BOISE — Recent activity in U.S. District Court included the following south-central Idaho cases:



Joseph Lemoine vs. Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center: Seeking judgment against the defendant for back pay, lost fringe benefits, reinstatement to supervisor for front pay in lieu of reinstatement; compensatory damages; amounts to be proven at trial; a permanent injunction restraining defendant from actively engaging in further unlawful employment practices as the kind alleged in complaint.

and cost over interest; attorney's fees and costs other relief as the court deems just. Plaintiff alleges that during his employment, the defendant engaged in a pattern and practice of discrimination against him based on his gender and they discriminated against him from supervisor to demotion jury trial. Case no. CV-05-11.

Brent M. Hyatt vs. United States Security and Exchange Commission. Seeking the court declare that the defendant's refusal to disclose the information and documents requested by plaintiff is unlawful under defendant to disclose documents and make copies available to plaintiff provided for prompt proceedings in this action and retain jurisdiction until defendant has complied in full; attorney's fees and costs; exhibit discovery; other relief as the court deems just. Plaintiff alleges that he requested "full" to deliver information for Michael Mingling and seeking the production of information Act and Defendants have failed to provide the information to him. Case no. CV-05-22.

SERVICES

Cecil Leighton Van Vansant of Murtaugh celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

John Wayland Guinn of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at Demaray's Chapel in Gooding. Visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Anna Lou Schwarz-Klempok of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4th Ward, Harrison Stake Center with Bishop Mark Plaut officiating; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, and for one hour before service at the church.

Mary Olive Ward Smith of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Malta Ward Chapel; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral at the church.

Amber Fern (Cordle) Ash of Silver Street, Middletown, Conn., friends may call from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E.

Maud Annie Blaylock Stark of Wendell, viewing from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Family Home Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave. in Buhl; funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Buhl First Ward LDS Chapel, Main Street. There will be a brief prayer meeting for family members immediately before the service.

Margaret A. Henderson of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church, Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

W. Raymond 'Ray' Hatcher of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Patsy Amanda 'Pat' Wheeler Smith of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2628 Whispering Pine Lane, Twin Falls (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Lloyd Lee Askins Jr. of Twin Falls, celebration of life at noon Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Gerald (Jerry) G. Teter of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

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DEATH NOTICES

**Wilson Democrat Rhodes** RUPERT — Wilson Democrat Rhodes, 81, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital. A memorial service will be held at a future date in Illinois. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Clergy Clifton Haston** FILER — Clergy Clifton Haston, 87, of Filer, died Feb. 15,

2005, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. At his request no services will be held. Arrangements under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

**Lenore Marcella McKelvey** HALEY — Lenore Marcella McKelvey, 94, of Halley, Idaho, died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005, at the Blaine Manor in Halley. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, at the Blaine Manor

in Halley, with the Rev. Jim Watkinson conducting. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Halley, Idaho.

**Ronnie Kunsman** NAMPÁ — Ronnie Kunsman, 51, of Nampa, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. A memorial graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, at Sunset Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary.



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# Budget plan recommends ag research cuts at UI

MOSCOW (AP) — The University of Idaho and Washington State University stand to lose millions in federal dollars, according to budget recommendations of President Bush that opt to replace guaranteed funding with competitive grants.

The appropriations, commonly known as "formula funds," are targeted by Bush for a 50 percent reduction in 2006 and full elimination by 2007.

WSU could lose about \$11.5 million in federal funding, more than a tenth of its agricultural research budget, Idaho officials were still compiling numbers, but said losses could exceed more than \$2.5 million.

Authorities from both schools said Bush's budget proposal represents a shift toward requiring universities to compete for agricultural money, just like they compete for research money in other branches of science.

But they also say this new attitude could hamper the mission of land-grant universities, which often use guaranteed money to work on local problems such as providing extension services to farmers and ranchers. By contrast, research funded by competitive grants is usually required to have a national scope.

"If you get a reduction you lose people and your researchers," UI College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dean John Hammel said, "and you can't maintain or even keep the strong infrastructure you need to do research to be competitive."

The research programs paid for by formula funds help assure food security, sustainability and environmental friendliness, said James Cook, the interim dean of WSU's College of Agricultural, Human and Natural Resource Sciences.

He said the threatened funding now helps farmers keep food prices low and keeps them supplied with the latest technology. Some of the funding programs have been around for more than a century.

"University officials worry that the cuts could mean slashing jobs of professors and lab technicians."

UI College of Natural Resources Dean Steven Daley Laursen said his scientists stand to lose \$428,000 if formula funds are phased out. He said funding salaries and facilities with competitive grant money — which can come and go with the years — can't be done.

"The land grant system will cease to exist," Laursen said. "It's a new and interesting twist that the philosophy of the administration is that competitive grant money is the only way to fund natural resources and forestry research, or agricultural research. It's not the way to go."

# Medical bills hit county

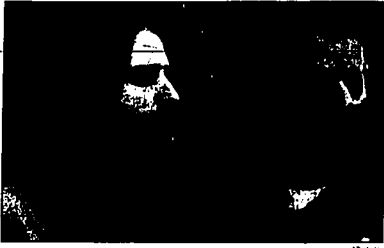
COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Kootenai County is responsible for more than \$10,000 in medical bills for a man suspected of killing his 15-month-old son.

Bry Lane McAdoo is charged with first-degree murder in the Jan. 16 death of Brandon McAdoo. The toddler was taken to a Spokane, Wash., hospital on Jan. 14, the same day police say the father disappeared.

The sheriff's department said the father ate a box of rat poison and passed out in the snow sometime after Jan. 14. He survived, but his hospital bills have been piling up since.

As of Sunday, the amount was \$25,636 and growing, said Kootenai County sheriff's Capt. Ben Woffinger. The state will reimburse the county \$15,000.

When the 30-year-old McAdoo passed out in the snow he suffered a heart attack that resulted in the amputation of both of his legs below the knees.



Kidnap suspect Brian David Mitchell, left, sings a hymn in court during his competency hearing Wednesday in Salt Lake City. Mitchell was removed from the courtroom for his outburst.

# Judge removes kidnap suspect for singing

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The drifter and self-proclaimed prophet accused of kidnapping Elizabeth Smart was removed from his competency hearing Tuesday for singing a religious song — the third time he has done that in court in recent months.

Brian David Mitchell, 51, and his wife, Wanda Barzee, 59, are charged with kidnapping, sexual assault and burglary in the 2002 abduction of the teenager.

Mitchell was removed from the courtroom when he sang "Who's on the Lord's side? Who? Now is the time to show."

When Judge Judith Atherton later allowed him to return, he sang "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven's at hand," and was removed again.

Atherton allowed the competency hearing to continue without Mitchell.

A mental health expert testified that Mitchell once was a functioning member of society who "fell off a cliff" and convinced himself he's a living prophet destined to take young girls as plural wives.

The defense witness, University of California-Irvine assistant professor Jennifer Skeem, has twice examined Mitchell to determine mental competency. She said he had become "recently delusional and more distressed" and was no longer fit for trial.

Mitchell has become convinced that Satan is directing the prosecutors, and decided he will no longer speak with them, Skeem said. He also was distressed by Barzee's recent filing for divorce, she said.

# Shooting suspect faces more charges

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A man accused of shooting a Nampa police officer made a brief court appearance Wednesday on two felony charges related to his capture last week.

Mariano Perez Jr., 27, made an initial appearance on charges of being an ex-felon in possession of a firearm and drug trafficking.

Reno Justice of the Peace Ed-

ward Dannan continued the hearing until Friday because the criminal complaint had not yet been filed.

Afterward, Tom Barb, Washoe County chief criminal deputy district attorney, said he expected Perez would be prosecuted in Reno before being extradited to Idaho to face charges in the officer's shooting.

"We're going to prosecute

him," Barb said. "Here's where we have him."

Perez is accused of firing four shots at Cpl. Allen Williamson after a traffic stop turned into a pursuit on Feb. 9.

One bullet struck Williamson in the chest. He remains hospitalized but his condition has been upgraded to serious and he's been moved out of intensive care, authorities said.

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# Counselor gets tests before sentencing

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — Former Northridge High School guidance counselor Curtis Scott Ward must undergo a 90-day diagnostic test at the Utah State Prison before he is sentenced, a judge has ordered.

Ward, 34, of Layton, appeared before Judge Rodney S. Page in 2nd District Court on Tuesday. Page issued the order after reviewing a letter sent by Ward's doctor that referenced Ward's mental health and a psychosexual evaluation.

The former counselor pleaded guilty in December to two counts of unlawful sexual activity with a minor.

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## Immigration officer calls U.S. border out of control

By Pat Marcantonio  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A veteran immigration officer calls the borders out of control.

Blaine Dahlstrom, who is the resident agent in charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement based in Boise, spoke at a meeting on Monday of the Hispanic Business and Professionals Network in Twin Falls. The 20-year veteran talked about the many changes to immigration and the massive challenges to policing the borders of the United States.

But Dahlstrom also talked candidly about his views of immigration, views that he emphasized didn't represent the agency for which he worked.

He recalled that the Border Patrol rounded up 1,000 illegal aliens each day in the late 1970s while he worked in Chula Vista, Calif. — On one shift, he was among 11 agents who rounded up 700 people, he said.

Problems with people crossing illegally hasn't improved over the years, he believes.

"But it is absolutely out of control on the border and it has gotten progressively worse," said Dahlstrom, who reiterated that this was his opinion.

Now the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service is gone, replaced by three organizations after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. One agency deals with naturalization services, another with protection of the borders and customs and then the organization for which he works that investigates criminal aliens, among other duties.

While a majority of people illegally crossing the southern border are Mexicans, people of

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— Blaine Dahlstrom, who is the resident agent in charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Boise

almost every nationality enter the country without authorization, Dahlstrom said. Currently, there is a big influx of Chinese.

"That border is so porous," he said.

Medians have found easy escape from poor conditions in their country by illegally entering the U.S., the veteran agent observed. But if the southern border was really clamped down and the flow of illegals stopped, he predicts there would be a revolution in Mexico because then people would be forced to deal with the problems of their country.

In 1986, the face of immigration changed with an amnesty measure that allowed illegal aliens who had resided in the United States for a certain number of years to become legal residents.

"That program is what broke immigration's back," Dahlstrom commented. Immigration officials are still dealing with applications from that program

to this day. "We still have not cleaned up the mess in 1986."

From that measure, all employers are required to fill out I-9 forms to assure they have a legal workforce. While immigration officers have fined many businesses for employing undocumented workers, there are just too many businesses to investigate, he said.

More than 20 years ago, it was true that employers would turn in their illegal workers right before paying them, Dahlstrom said. Now, immigration officers must assure that the workers get their pay.

Mostly, his investigators' time is spent on checking into foreign drug traffickers, smugglers, pornography and, of course, homeland security, which is at the top of the list and demands immediate attention, he said.

"I have more criminal aliens than we can process," he said. However, finding and deporting undocumented workers is still the job of the Border Patrol.

But he assured the Hispanic networking group that immigration officers don't conduct large roundups of undocumented workers in store parking lots.

"They've [Border Patrol] only got two guys here. They pick and choose," he said.

Meanwhile, there are an estimated 14 million illegal aliens in the America, he said.

"Immigration issues will get hot again with a proposed guest worker program that provides legal residency if a person from another country has worked so many days in the United States," he said.

Dahlstrom doesn't blame people from wanting to come to America. They bring a "spark" with them as they pursue the American dream, he added.

## Hispanic diabetes education exercise program takes place

JEROME — A bilingual "Salsa Aerobic" class for Hispanics and low-income women who have diabetes or have a family history of diabetes has started. It is offered by St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, in conjunction with Just for Women, and as part of the La Comunidad Sana program.

Classes will be held from 7 to 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Just for Women, 308 W. Ave. B.

The cost is \$10 a month. Scholarships are available. Registration is limited. Child care is provided for a fee.

For more information, or to make child care arrangements, call Celia Villacana at 324-1254, or Ann Bybe at 324-1122, ext. 3311.

### Leadership Summit takes place in April

NAMPAL — The Latino Leadership Summit, Organizing Committee is hosting the 2005 Latino Leadership Summit on April 8-9 at the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho, 315 Stampede Drive.



## Noticias

The summit provides opportunities for organizations to showcase services and for the Latino and other communities to reach out to organizations that work with the Hispanic community.

The cost to participate is \$25 before March 11 and \$35 after March 11.

Send organization name, contact person, address, city, state, zip, phone number or e-mail address and payment to P.O. Box 8252, Boise, ID 83707. Or fax information to (208) 363-9010.

For more information, call Juan Saldana at (208) 334-3776.

### University unveils diversity Web page

MOSCOW — A Web site is available highlighting the initiatives, programs and collective resources associated with diversity on the University of Idaho campus.

The Web site is available at <http://www.uhhome.uidaho.edu/diversity>. A link also is available from the UI home page, <http://www.uhhome.uidaho.edu/u/home/>. Click on "Diversity."

The Web site is the product of a collaborative effort among a number of diversity related offices at UI. It features links to student groups, university committees, programs and campus training opportunities. It also features a message from President Tim White, links to frequently-asked-questions, UI facts and a glossary of terms.

"This Web page is meant to be a starting point to direct any visitor to relevant information about a number of available diversity-related resources on the UI campus," said Francisco Salinas, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

## LATIN LOVERS



Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony perform "Ecuadorianos" at the 47th Annual Grammy Awards on Sunday at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

## DANCING TO THE BEAT



Dancers walk in front of the Angel of Independence before the start of the African drum festival parade Sunday in Mexico City. Music and dance groups representing Latin America and Africa perform in this annual parade.

## What does it mean to be Latina?

By Camilla A. Herrera  
The Stamford Advocate

Say "Latina" and people think J.Lo and Salma. Years ago it was Charo and Sonia Braga. Some may even remember Carmen Miranda, the one with the fruit on her head. All of them represent a hip-swinging spiviness with cute accents, ample curves and oozing sex appeal.

Consider the confusion of growing up Latina in the United States with that as an example.

Admittedly not easy, but it could be argued that such blatant, sometimes laughable stereotypes help raise questions among us about what it means to be a young Latina today.

The challenge lies in finding the answers to such questions, say Michelle Herrera Mulligan and Robyn Moreno, co-editors of "Border Line Personalities: A New Generation of Latinas Dist on Sex, Sass and Cultural Shifting" (HarperCollins, \$12.95), essays by Latina writers in their 20s and 30s who share "cultural confusion" about their Latinas today.

There are, "thousands of us who can't speak Spanish or dance well to salsa music, who have never related to their parents' cultures yet still feel disconnected to the mainstream, who still hadn't decided what culture we wanted to create, what we wanted to belong

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— Herrera Mulligan

to," writes Herrera Mulligan.

"I know this very thing bound us together." The thing that binds us, they argue, is a cultural by-product of the growing numbers of Hispanics in the United States and their increasing economic and educational relevance. Confusion comes with assimilation.

"A lot of our experience is not given legitimacy," says Herrera Mulligan, a Chicago native. "Once we become American-

ized, professional, independent women, the Latina aspect fades in importance from that experience. But it's still a vibrant part of our identity. Either you are still struggling or you are already assimilated. Few people understand that you can be an English-speaker Latina." Such questions began to weigh on Herrera Mulligan and Moreno in 1999, when they were editors at Latina magazine in New York City.

"It seemed like we were writing stories that weren't honest," says Moreno, a native of San Antonio. "It's like the stories we had to do were always punched up in some way to show that we were Latina." What they discovered after much thought was that such personal and emotional journeys, though admittedly in retrospect, are crucial. Their identities as women, daughters, Americans, lovers, Latinas and writers depend on it.

So they put it in writing, a collection that concludes that there are as many personal stories as there are Latinas to tell them.

"These are organic, approachable, coming-of-age stories about finding ourselves and making sense of the cultural expectations that are placed on us from both sides," says Moreno, who admits it was difficult to write her essay.

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## Jerome holds centennial logo contest

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — The Jerome Centennial Task Force is looking for local artists to design a logo symbolizing Jerome's identity and history. To be used for the city's year-long 100th-birthday celebration — Oct. 1, 2006, to Sept. 30, 2007.

The winning logo will be used on coffee cups, T-shirts, stationery and other fund-raising souvenirs and mementos and on the Jerome centennial Web site ([www.jerome-centennial.org](http://www.jerome-centennial.org)).

For details on the logo contest, call Blair Crouch at Crossroads Point at 324-6644. Submit logo designs to the Jerome Centennial Task Force, P.O. Box 113, Jerome, ID 83438, by April 1.

Here's a roundup of other news related to the Jerome centennial:

• **Seeking good ideas** — The task force is looking for ideas for a community project that will reflect the character of Jerome and be enjoyed by city residents during the city's second century. The task force wants ideas and suggestions from all interested residents. Submit them to the above address by April 1.

• **Cooking up a fund-raiser** — Linda Hadam of Washington Federal Savings has been researching publishers for Jerome's antique cookbook project. The task force plans to reproduce a cookbook originally published in 1923 by the Jerome Civic Club as a fund-raiser. Hadam located a printer in West Virginia that specializes in reproducing antique cookbooks; the company quoted a price of \$4.05 per book on a 500-book order. The company could issue an ISBN number so the task force could sell the cookbook through bookstores.

Leann Levitt of the Progressive Dairyman magazine volunteered to scan and digitize the cookbook and put it on a compact disc for the centennial task force. Hadam said the West Virginia cookbook company prefers to do its own digitizing, but the centennial commission would have the CD for whatever other use it may have.

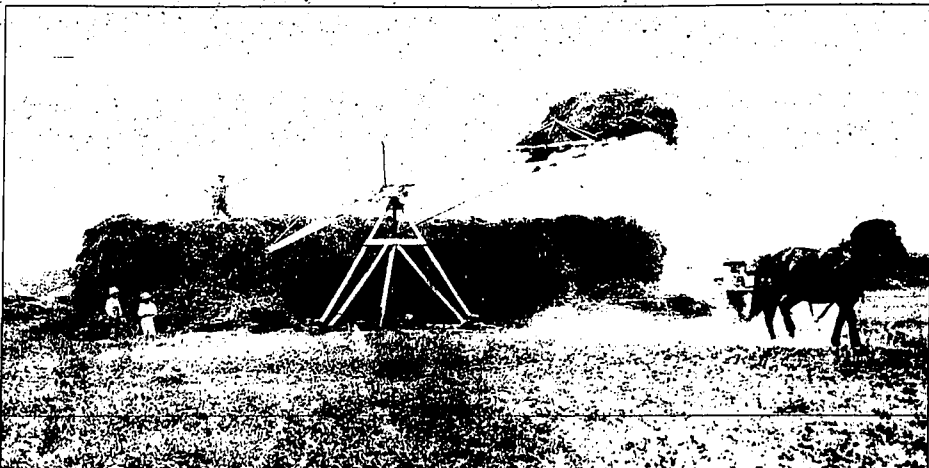
• **Building a leadership team** — Keith Farnsworth has stepped down as task force chairman because of a busy work schedule. Kellie Traubner of Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs, task force vice chairwoman, said anyone who would like to co-chair the task force should contact Jerome Mayor Charles Correll at 324-8189.

• **Remembering a pioneer** — Pat Roberson of the Jerome County Historical Society said Jeroma Krivanek Baker, the first child to be born in the town of Jerome, died Jan. 2 from complications following a hip fracture in December.

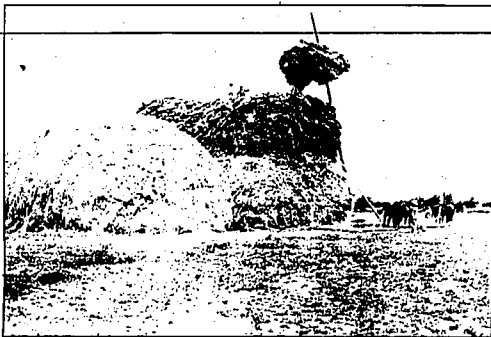
Roberson said early settlers presented Jeroma with a silver cup and \$100 upon her birth. Bob Richards of Land Title and Escrow Inc. suggested the centennial task force consider donating a silver cup and \$100 to the first New Year's Day baby born in the centennial year.

• **Getting involved** — The Jerome Centennial Task Force meets next at 10 a.m. March 17 in the Jerome Chamber of Commerce conference room, 1731 Lincoln St. S. Anyone is invited.

## Magic Valley scrapbooks



Relatives stack hay with a Jenkins stacker south of Filer in about 1920. On the stack is John Theener. Alfred Theener drives the horse attached to the stacker cable. The children are Raymond, Leroy and Ralph Kehntopp.



Hugo Jones, at right, and others stack hay south of Kimberly around 1915.



Workers stack hay with a Jenkins automatic stacker in about the 1910s, on Stricker Ranch at Rock Creek.

**O**n the farm near Rupert where David A. Asson grew up, alfalfa was a major crop. Though most farmers used tractors and balers at the time, Asson had opportunities to work with horse-drawn equipment. He loved the experience and — after an accounting career off the farm — found an outlet for those memories in a retirement writing project.

In July 2003 he released his self-published volume, "Bringing In The Hay: A nostalgic history of agriculture's most romantic crop." The result of seven years of research and writing, the book is dedicated to Asson's father, Albert, whom he calls "the best high boom hay stacker on the Minkidoka Project."

Available for \$24 in bookstores and directly from Asson, (503-913-7342 or [David'sDoubletreeAdvantage.com](http://David'sDoubletreeAdvantage.com)), the book is filled with hay-stacking photos in the same vein as those on this page. The pictures here, however, are selections from our readers' scrapbooks, not from Asson's book.

Asson, a 1955 Rupert High School graduate who lives in Beaverton, Ore., said he drove over 20,000 miles through 12 Western states collecting data, seeking out derrick relics and shooting photographs of 17 ways to stack hay. He grouped stacking methods into four categories (slide stackers, tooth stackers,

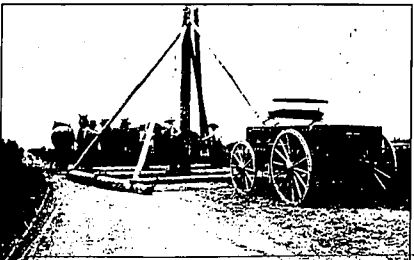
boom derricks and rope-cable-trolley systems) and mapped the distribution of various stacker types across the West, including southern Idaho.

If our readers' old photographs here spark your interest in the haying of the past, you might try Asson's book for more of Magic Valley's hay history.

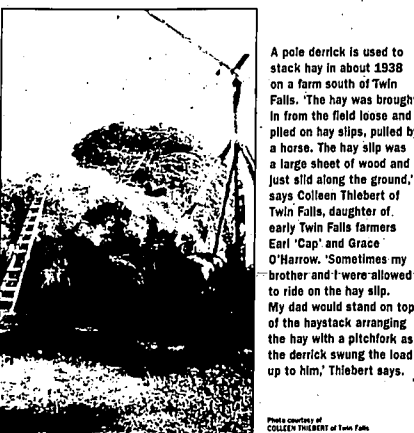
Asson's book is peppered with anecdotes and photographs from Mini-Cassia, where Asson still owns and rents out his parents' farm. For example, you'll find a picture of the Rupert rock barn his grandfather built, with a roof shaped to accommodate unloading hay, and another of his dad's enormous haystack.

The latter, Asson said, was something his dad just had to do. The stack had 25 layers of bales, the top layers carried above boom level to top off the stack. The sheepman who bought the monument had a struggle to haul it off.

— Virginia S. Hutchins



Hugo Jones, at left, and others move a derrick for stacking hay, south of Kimberly around 1915. "You don't see this anymore," says Ina Hadam of Eden, daughter of Jones.



A pole derrick is used to stack hay in about 1938 on a farm south of Twin Falls. "The hay was brought in from the field loose and piled on hay slips, pulled by a horse. The hay slip was a large sheet of wood and just slid along the ground," says Colleen Thiebert of Twin Falls, daughter of early Twin Falls farmers Earl "Cap" and Grace O'Harrow. "Sometimes my brother and I were allowed to ride on the hay slip. My dad would stand on top of the haystack arranging the hay with a pitchfork as the derrick swung the load up to him," Thiebert says.

Photo courtesy of COLLEEN THIEBERT of Twin Falls.

## Hansen plans centennial for July 4th party

The Times-News

**HANSEN** — Plans are taking shape for the city of Hansen's centennial observation, which will be celebrated along with the city's annual Fourth of July festivities.

A small group of residents has met to exchange ideas; however, the committee is encouraging other Hansen residents to attend its meetings and give suggestions for the town's birthday.

The next meeting will be 4 p.m. March 3 in the City Hall meeting room. For information, call City Clerk Linda Merrill at 423-5158. Merrill is a member of the centennial planning group.



## Life with livestock

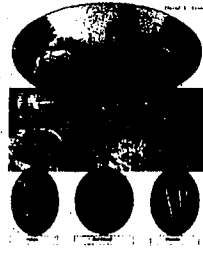
Cattle, horses, sheep and pigs show up in pictures from the past.

SUNDAY IN CENTENNIAL

### Excerpts from the prologue to David A. Asson's 'Bringing In The Hay':

#### Bringing In The Hay

A nostalgic history of agriculture's most romantic crop



"**A** Hay — hay in the generic sense — is more than fodder. So much more. Plain, ordinary-as-rain-at-the-wrong-time, hay is in my world the romantic icon of all agricultural plantings. ...

"The sweet scent of freshly mown hay, wafting in summer air, has no equal. Even in its ultimate captured state, hay put up by the skilled hands of crafty stackers graces rural country-sides in monumental style. What other harvest ever stirred such passion?"

"To be sure, harvest atmosphere was sometimes stifling. Dust and chaff itched and irritated beneath sweaty shirts and loose trousers. But the satisfaction gained in walking a spottily mown and cleared field or watching the delicately balanced rise of a new stack saved spiritual ointment over each laborer's worn physique. ...

"Sadly much of the romance of old fashion harvesting has been lost to advancement. ...

"Pardon the dust, the sweat, the ragweed and endless rows of stacks. Sink into memory. Follow the scent. Mentally loop a soythe. Heft a three-lined spike one more time. Ride longingly atop the last load over the canal, past the old swimming hole to the feed yard. Soar untamed on a hanging derrick cable tire swing. Chew one more drying stem. Glimpse back to that wonderful, simple world."

— Rupert native David A. Asson

## Waiting for warm seasons

With winter losing its grip, I'm feeling a stronger pull from the outdoors again. My body, less tempted by comfortable furniture, feels the need for increased doses of fresh air.

I'm really not much of a cold weather recreation person, from neither the standpoint of participant nor observer. I do enjoy a late-season elk hunt in the snow



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or an occasional pursuit of winged prey. And if the weather isn't too disagreeable, I'll grab my camera and go for that. I also spent 20 years maintaining a farm, feeding cattle, and calving out cows in the sometimes bitter cold. So it's not like I have a total aversion to winter.

I consider the best use of the season's free time, however, to be spent reading good books and not straying too far from the house. But I do wonder how one who has a definite thirst for the great outdoors can sometimes be so unmotivated during the winter.

So I've been doing a little cheap self-analysis lately, looking for a hypothesis to explain my condition. (Of course, it couldn't be that I'm simply getting lazy, or that my new job that keeps me mostly in an office is turning me into a wimp). No, I've concluded that past traumas have possibly injured my ability to fully enjoy winter pursuits.

I believe that my first scarring occurred long ago as a child. I vividly remember tubing down a hill, landing face-down into the snow, and having my brother Pat slam into me from behind with our sled, ice-runners and all. And while the resulting knot on his head was bigger than the bruise on my leg, I really wouldn't want to speak for him about his concussion for the moment. I'm just trying to feel my own pain.

Another remembrance is that of a teenager duck hunting in a cornfield. I can recall waiting for what seemed like hours, unwarmed in sub-zero temperatures, until a flock flew within range. I don't have much memory of the ducks we shot compared to how well the cold had been played in my fingers and hands. Today I look at my unsightly toes and blame frostbite, although I'm told that the culprit is simply genetics. But I still wonder.

And I have to admit to having a couple of problem outings in my adult life. There was that December afternoon several years ago when Pat (again) and I mysteriously swapped the canoe in Salmon Falls Creek. We got wet only up to our waists, but the frigid water and air temperatures sort of ruined the excursion.

This next event happened with my son while trying to access some unsuspecting ducks at the bottom of our local canyon. A thin layer of snow covered the frozen ground on the steep slope, demanding a careful descent. I reminded Keegan, in case of a slip, to keep his uphill hand free to catch his fall.

Of course, I was the one that slipped and fell, showing in the vein of a fisher, catching my thumb between my weapon and a hidden rock. The result made me vow to never again laugh at any cartoon character, victim of a mishap, whose thumb immediately turns purple and twice its normal size.

I remember other instances of winter fun misfortune that resulted in surprisingly awkward, but possibly other events occurred, too distressing to handle, that I have totally blocked out.

I don't know if I'll ever recover from "these" physical and psychological traumas. Today, I'm just happy to hear the dialogue of the returning meadowlarks and robins. The significance of their songs depends on the person, but I hear this message: It's once again safe to go out and play.

Mike Cothran is an outdoors writer who lives near Castleford.



Tyler Petersen, one of the organizers for the Wood River ski-joring event, gallops away on a horse with a skier on his tail.

Photos by BOB KASPER/News

# Hoofing it on skis



Mark Fisher pulls a skier who can't quite hold on after a bumpy ride.



Bodie Bennett holds steady at the Wood River competition in Bellevue.

## Ski-joring blends rough riders and Alpine skiers

By Jennifer Liebrum  
Times-News correspondent

**BELLEVUE** — Standing among the spectators of the obscure extreme sport of ski-joring — where a horse and rider pull a skier at breakneck speeds over jumps while frantically grabbing at rings as they pass — reaction tends to be the same no matter where you are, or how many times you have seen it done.

Purists tend to choose words of the three letter variety like, "wow, how, who, and why?" While the rest of the crowd — ranging from the champagne sipping polo set to some of the heaviest of beer drinking extreme sports enthusiasts — go straight to the four letter kind.

And it wasn't any different last weekend as diehards and new recruits, fans and the curious turned out in Bellevue to watch this year's Idaho race, held by the Wood River Extreme Ski-joring Association (WRESJA).

Will and Glory Fruishling, of Halley brought their toddler Ry to the race for the first time.

"We came to see the horses and to have a family day," Will said. "But it's turned out to be more exciting than that actually. There is a lot of talent on both sides."

"We've been trying to figure out who's got the harder end of the deal," Glory added amid the whoops being offered as another team passed.

So it's not hard to understand why one might want to watch the sport, but, who does the dirty work?

— On the competitor side you have those like Bodie Bennett.

— He spent his childhood on the sidelines of prior races in Fairfield and Halley where he watched his mother Cheryl serve as both rider and as skier. He even saw her crash and burn, blowing out her shoulder going over a ski jump.

And still, at the tender age of 5, he couldn't wait to be old enough to join the pee-wee league teaming up with pal Timmi Hutchings, 6, and her horse,



Even the kids get in on the action with ski-joring ring races.

Rumbo. Asked about pre-race strategy, Bodie said, "I don't remember. I was just excited."

Cheryl, "was just as nervous as when I ran the first time."

With good reason, she could see as he pegged the timing board at the end, and strode triumphantly to her, he was hooked on the sport. The same sport she gave up when she became a mother of two and the reality of injury became more daunting.

She's safe for a while. Though pee wees are required to cover the same amount of ground as the bigger racers — 850 feet here — they don't have to go over jumps ranging from 3 to 6 feet

high, or grasp at rings, at speeds reaching up to 40 mph. Some ski-joring events in other western states also have skiers navigating an oval track.

So entertaining are the national finals in Red Lodge, Mont., coming up next month, USA Today recently listed it in its top 10 must-do winter events this year.

Ski-joring is born from a centuries old custom revived from Scandinavia and first seen in North America in the 1950s.

Like many of today's rodeo sports, it grew from challenges among ranch hands on their every day work. Lappers used animal and skis as a way of travel during the winters.

**Want to learn more?**  
Go to the Wood River Extreme Ski-Joring Association Web site at [www.WRESJA.com](http://www.WRESJA.com).

Ski Joring Association (NASJA), the skier used Nordic skis and held onto reins attached to reindeer. Later, North American ranchers attached a long rope to the saddle horn of a horse that was ridden at high speeds down a long straightaway for sport.

In some parts of the world, skiers are "pulled" behind dogs, mules and snowmobiles.

It became a sanctioned sport after a rendezvous of ski-joring fanatics in Jackson Hole, Wyo., on April 24, 1999. A circuit was established with competitors earning points towards a National Champion Award.

The Idaho race — which invites men and women of all ages and abilities — drew teams from Colorado like Dana Silles and Chris Lutcher.

Enthusiasts like the WRESJA won't stop until they see ski-joring competitors in the X-Games. A boost in that direction came at the Whitefish race last year, when two-time world champion freestyle skier Glen Plake stopped by the festivities and jumped into the race.

Thanks to generous and numerous spectators, this year's WRESJA race garnered the biggest turnout ever. This was a boon for the seniors of Blaine County for whom around \$2,000 were raised.

Mark Fisher, who skied three years before blowing out his knee and assuming the role of rider, said it's a natural pairing of sporting activities.

"It's never boring," he said. "They just don't make them like this every day."

Among the top female racers is Bellevue's Kelly Cole, who still can't believe she and horse Oils excel at the sport she once thought was nuts.

"The first time I saw it I thought it was crazy," she said. "Now I am doing it, and I am loving it and I know I am crazy."

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ASK THE OFFICER Gary Hompland

Modified sturgeon tackle will save fish. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has little data to indicate how many fish are killed or injured annually due to the use of light line or stainless steel hooks...

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'Sioux who robbed them'

The expedition did not make it a habit to shoot horses. However, the animals expected to carry meat back to Fort Mandan for the hunting party would have had to travel on the ice, and without metal shoes the animals would be unable to get any traction to pull a load or could slip and fall...

February 14, 1805 - Sent 4 men... with the Horses Shoe & 2 Slays down for the meat I had left, 22 miles below those men were rushed on by 106 Sioux who robbed them of 2 of their horses... February 15, 1805 - Capt. Lewis with a party of men & 4 Indians went in pursuit of the Sioux...

February 16, 1805 - we found they [Sioux] had tore down the meat pen which our men had built & left 2 Elk in it... they took the meat all away, except a few small pieces of buffalo meat...

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

F&G hosts big game planning meetings

JEROME — The Department of Fish and Game will host three big game season planning meetings and sportspersons big game annual meeting on February 23, 24 and 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Meetings are scheduled at the Boy Scout Center in Twin Falls on the 23rd, at the Burley City Hall on the 24th, and at the Community Campus (old Wood River High School) in Hood River on the 25th...

Residents can ski North Valley Trails for free

The Blaine County Recreation District is partnering with local retailers to offer a free day of skiing on the North Valley Trails on Friday, February 18 and Saturday, March 4. Joining in to promote the joys of snow sports are the Blaine County, the Backwoods Mountain Sports, the Elephants' Perch and Sturtevant's in Halley. They will offer half-price on cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals on both of these Fridays. In addition, there will be no charge to ride the North Valley/Galena Express bus service up north on those days.

Interior secretary visits Yellowstone National Park

Official tries out winter-use plan. YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Once she got up to the top of the mountain, right hand, brakes with the left, maybe a few bumpty spots along the way — Interior Secretary Gale Norton said she found snowmobiles a comfortable, fun way to visit Yellowstone in winter. The toasty, heated handlebars were an added bonus when riding in the cold, she said. It's a great way to be able to see the landscape, said Norton, who took time to stop during a guided trip to Old Faithful geyser on Tuesday to take photos of the park in the beauty of steaming thermal features and Firehole River. Norton, who has been visiting Yellowstone this week to explore the park for making room for both snowmobiles and snowcoaches for at least the next two winters, said both options are fine for sightseeing. But after a snowcoach ride near Old Faithful, Norton said she found the snowmobile more fun. Norton, whose private tour group included her husband,

Interior secretary visits Yellowstone National Park

met Wednesday with community and business leaders in the heart of the town and back to West Yellowstone, where some business owners say confusion last winter from legal challenges and court orders affecting winter use of the town's ski lifts and huts at the bottom of the mountain. Some, like Jerry Johnson, said they find comfort in the current plan, which allows up to 720 guided snowmobiles a day into Yellowstone, as well as snowcoaches, through the winter of 2006-7. An additional 140 snowmobiles a day, with no guide requirements, are being allowed in nearby Grand Teton National Park and on the parkway connecting the parks. "Honestly, the snowmobile is the bread and butter. Snowmobiles are the better, more environmentally friendly option. They make for a quieter, cleaner park, with less effect on wildlife," said Amy McNamara,

Interior Secretary Gale Norton rides a snowmobile during the second day of her tour in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming on Wednesday.



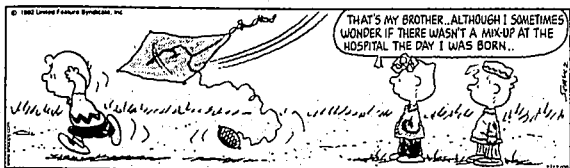
Interior Secretary Gale Norton rides a snowmobile during the second day of her tour in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming on Wednesday. Norton said Tuesday that she believes snowmobiles can play a role in the park. The cleaner, quieter machines now required in Yellowstone are less polluting than two-stroke snowmobiles. Previously allowed, she said. She also said she was pleased to see that wildlife, particularly bison, appeared unbothered by snowmobile riders. Norton said guides, required for trips into the park, seem to be ensuring riders use reasonable speed. Snowmobilers rode in single file on one side of the road, and avoided bins in areas where they were near or on the road.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Club news. The Times-News welcomes announcements and other news from outdoor clubs. Address your story to 'Outdoors Editor.' Then mail it to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301; or e-mail it to twines@mindsping.com; or bring it to our Burley or Twin Falls office. Your best shot. Did you bag a big buck this season? Do you have a neat find in a whopper? If you have an snapshot, The Times-News would like to publish it as part of our new 'Trophies' feature. We welcome readers' photos of hunting, fishing or other outdoor scenes. Address your photo to 'Outdoors Editor.' Then mail it to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301; or e-mail it to twines@mindsping.com; or bring it to our Burley or Twin Falls office. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number. Share your adventure. Do you have a personal story of an outdoor adventure? If so, The Times-News would like to print it as part of our new 'Call from the Wild' series. We welcome readers' stories about hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Please write your story in the first person, keeping it under 500 words. Photos are a plus. Be sure to include your phone number.

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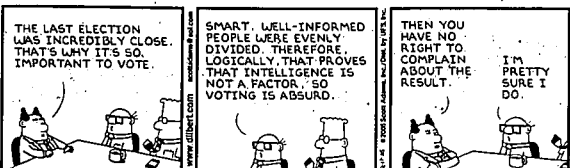
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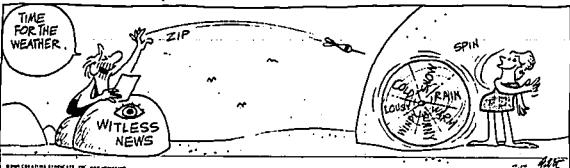
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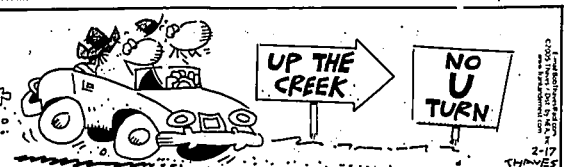
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OUTDOORS

# WINTER ON THE MOON



The sun rises over Craters of the Moon National Monument near Arco, Jan. 22.

## Snow transforms Craters into a frosty wonder

CRATERS OF THE MOON NATIONAL MONUMENT (AP) — In the summer, it's a black, barren place, and the sweltering temperatures on the lava flows remind visitors that its more than 700,000 acres were once an active volcanic area.

Covered in a blanket of snow, however, the broken rocks and crevasses at Craters of the Moon National Monument disappear, leaving a clean and fresh look.

Pocatello Roger Bore has skied on the groomed track at Craters of the Moon dozens of times. Recently, he took a snowshoeing tour to photograph the monument in the winter.

"It's a very different terrain," he says. "Where else can you snowshoe or ski to the summit of a volcano?"

Skiers and snowshoers can find plenty of places to explore at the monument. It's easy to see for miles from the top of the Inferno Cone just off the main ski track.

Owens cautions visitors not to stray from designated routes onto the lava flows, however. Snow can cover up crevasses that can swallow up unknowing skiers and snowshoers.

The cave area is also off-limits in the winter.

"Rescue would be an utter nightmare," Owens says.

It's normally hard to spot animals at Craters of the Moon, and winter is no exception. Owens says. In the winter, however, animals leave behind tracks, making it easy to see evidence that they are there.

During the winter months, Owen takes visitors on a winter ecology snowshoe tour of the monument. Registration for the tour is filled as soon as it is announced in the fall, and people come from across the West to learn more about winter ecology.

During the tour, participants learn how to identify different

tracks and droppings. They also learn how to identify the plants that are dormant, but still alive, in the cold, harsh climate.

The tour also comes with a bit of information on avalanche safety. Although it looks relatively flat, avalanches have occurred at the monument on the cones, and it's best to be careful, Owens says.

Motor vehicles aren't allowed in the park in the winter, and the seven-mile loop road is groomed every week for skiers and snowshoers. It takes between two and four hours to ski the loop.

Travis Unruh, of Moors, and his family come to the monument often during the winter. A few weeks ago, he brought his daughter, Sage, 5, to learn to cross country ski. In just a few minutes, she seemed to have it under control, and was gliding down the road.

Unruh said he loved coming to Craters in the winter, when there were few people, but plenty of things to see.

"It's beautiful," he said.

# Sierra monoskier spreads the word on adaptive skiing

TAHOE CITY, Calif. (AP) — In nearly every way, Truckee resident Bill Bowness is a remarkable skier.

Injured in a car accident at age 18, Bowness learned how to downhill again on a monoski at the Tahoe Adaptive Ski School at Alpine Meadows in 1989. Over the past 16 years, Bowness, 46, has held nearly every position at the school, from student to volunteer to instructor to trainer and supervisor.

In that time the only thing to outpace his skills on a monoski is his commitment to sharing his passion for the sport.

A member of the U.S. Disabled Ski Team from 1992 to 1997, Bowness went on to win Paralympic medals in the downhill, super G and slalom. The same competitive instinct that drove him to success on the race course also pushed him to take his teaching to another level.

As an instructor, Bowness has helped many skiers — disabled and able-bodied alike — learn to share his view that the mountains are a playground.

"My hobby turned into a job, which turned into a lifestyle," Bowness said of his progression from student to instructor.

Last year Bowness reached the pinnacle in an instructor's career with an appointment to the 24-member Professional Ski Instructors of America National Demonstration Team — an elite group of Alpine, Nordic and snowboard instructors who travel the country giving clinics to other professionals and help set the philosophy for ski and snowboard instruction nationwide.

"It's a dream job," Bowness said of the four-year demonstration team appointment. "Not only for the work I do, but also for the potential of opening it up to disabled and adaptive members."

"It starts off with one person," he said. "So my job is just to get out and hustle and really work myself to the bone so that in four years time there might be three or four adaptive members."

Jim Smith, chair of the Professional Ski Instructors West adaptive committee, said having an adaptive skier on the demonstration team has been a long-term goal of the group.

"It's been something that we've been working toward," Smith said. "As PSIA is evolving so that we have skiers, snowboarders, tele and adaptive folks all sliding together on the mountain, we're just hoping to bring them all together. And this was a huge step toward making that happen."

For or less, (Bowness) is paving the way for this to be a permanent position," he said. Philosophically, what adap-



Bill Bowness takes a turn at Alpine Meadows Ski Resort, near Tahoe City, Calif., Jan. 28. Bowness, injured in a car accident at the age of 18, returned to downhill on a monoski at the Tahoe Adaptive Ski School at Alpine Meadows in 1989.

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tive skiers do on the hill is not very different from able-bodied skiers, according to Smith and Bowness.

With a Level II Alpine certification, Bowness likely will teach as many able-bodied clinics during the next four years as adaptive ones.

"Everything I do is going to have its roots in the standard world. What you're doing when you ski isn't much different than what I do," Bowness said. "There are little idiosyncrasies about it, there are little subtleties that may be different, but for me to have a good enough knowledge of what a two-planker does out there is really the basis for what I do."

For Haakon Lang-Ree, program director at the adaptive ski school, Bowness' versatility has been an asset for students.

"He's been pretty instrumen-

tal on the adaptive side in our region for years and years," Lang-Ree said. Bowness "can teach or train anything. He's not limited to monoski," he said.

As an instructor, supervisor and trainer, Bowness has been helping to match students with instructors, observe lessons and give clinics on all topics related to alpine skiing. Now that he has been selected to the demonstration team, Lang-Ree said he hopes Bowness will continue to be an ambassador for the program at Alpine and for adaptive skiing in general.

"It's a pretty big honor," Lang-Ree said. "That group of people is the top of the top nationally. So to have him on there is a huge honor. I think it's kind of bringing the whole adaptive discipline into the spotlight for folks who have never been exposed to it."

## ON THE LOOSE



Two flamingoes search for food in Xi'an, in China's Shaanxi Province, Tuesday. The two birds fed from a local zoo two months ago, and zoo staff could not catch them without harming them. The pair, which originate from tropical areas and normally spend the Chinese winter in a heated cage, have survived sub-zero temperatures during the winter.

# TIMING IS EVERYTHING

Time and place proves crucial for winter anglers

ROCKPOINT STATE PARK, Utah (AP) — It could have been the wind or a fish. A soft hit is sometimes hard to detect.

So, the rule is: If in doubt, give a little tug on the rod. And, if there's a fish on the decision, then it was the right decision. And if not, then simply lower the lure and replace the rod and start over again.

That's the way winter fishing goes sometimes, especially if the fish happens to be one of those 10-inch yellow perch at Rockpoint. The previous week there were definite taps on the lure. Last Saturday, the touch was softer.

Still, the fishing was good. Enough fish have been caught in recent weeks to draw upwards of 200 fishermen, clustered in small communities around the reservoir, dropping smaller lures through the ice.

The previous week, there were reports of upwards of 100 fish being caught by a group in a matter of hours. Saturday, fishing was slower. Two of the more experienced anglers left with 40 fish between them after a couple of hours of fishing.

Perch fishing at Rockpoint has, indeed, been good.

Some of the best success has been using small silver lures tipped with wax worm, fished in water that is about 45 feet deep.

Drop the lure to the bottom, then raise it about a foot and clamp a bubble over the two strands of a looped line. When the rod is jerked, the line slips away from the bubble for a smooth retrieve.

If the fish aren't aggressive, lift and jig the line a little to entice a hit. The fish aren't large, somewhere in the range of 10 inches, but on good days it's possible to catch a limit of 20 that when filleted can make for a good meal. This past Saturday, there were clusters of people staking out spots all around the reservoir. Some of the better fishing has been near the ramp on the eastern shoreline.

Because of the cold water and the size of the fish, the strikes are typically light, so light equipment — small, thin rods about 2 feet long — and lightweight line is recommended.

Elsewhere around the state, the Bonneville also have begun their annual run at Bear Lake. Local biologists from the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources report fairly thick schools were showing up last week along the

shores of Cisco Beach. Bear Lake is currently ice free, which requires anglers to wear chest waders and warm socks in order to get within dipping range of the fish. The wading boots have also been able to find schools and snag the fish using a silver spoon. The daily limit of Cisco is 30.

Cisco are a popular bait for summer fishermen after trout at Bear Lake.

Those with boats who have been fishing around the Rockpile, toward the southern tip of the lake, have also been having excellent success with cutthroat and whitefish, fishing in about 35 feet of water.

Fishing for rainbow at East Canyon has been good.

Trout fishing at Hyrum Reservoir has been good, but perch fishing has been slow. Lost Creek has been giving up a fair number of 12-inch rainbow.

Strawberry has a firm covering of ice, well over a foot thick in some places. Fishing has been good for those using a light jigging action in water that is around 30 feet deep.

The perch limit at Jordanelle was raised to 50 this year. The ice, however, has been too thin to walk on.

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MONEY

Lawmakers seek information on Wal-Mart violations

The Hartford Courant
Lawmakers from Connecticut and California turned up the heat on a federal Department of Labor this week demanding release of details about Wal-Mart's apparent violations of child labor laws.

One was injured using a chain saw, the department said Tuesday, but further information has been withheld. The Labor Department for two days promised, then failed to deliver.

On Monday, officials said they would release details later that day, then said the information could not be disclosed. Several days later, a department spokesman revealed that position and said details could be disclosed, but were not readily available.

justly delaying full disclosure of the public, let alone the state of Connecticut. All they're doing is raising suspicion that something more sinister is at work," he said.

Meanwhile, Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., wrote a letter to Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, demanding additional information.

Labor officials Monday said the violations involved teenagers operating chain saws, paper balers and forklifts. One was injured using a chain saw, the department said Tuesday, but further information has been withheld. The Labor Department for two days promised, then failed to deliver.

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The department's changing stance has been part of the bizarre circumstances surrounding the settlement. The department and the allegations with Wal-Mart in early January, but did not acknowledge the agreement until a week-end after a New York Times reporter pressed the issue.

A provision in the settlement allows Wal-Mart 15 days' notice before any additional investigation or audits are undertaken, plus an additional 10-day grace period for Wal-Mart to correct any violations found.

"I think it is ludicrous that the Department of Labor would give a possible violation 15 days' notice before instigating a full and thorough investigation," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn.

"Just as the police wouldn't phone a thief to give him time to leave a crime scene, the federal government shouldn't slow-

walk these types of investigations."

Despite the public storm surrounding the provision, federal labor officials have insisted that advance notification of audits was customary.

They cited "partnership agreements" with Foot Locker in 2000 and Sears, Roebuck & Co. in 1999 that required 10 calendar days' notice of a pending child labor investigation.

That requirement, however, was limited to stores at which the companies had scheduled, but not completed a self-audit. Moreover, unlike the arrangement with Wal-Mart, no additional grace period was provided.

"Under the agreement, Wal-Mart paid a penalty of \$135,540, but did not concede any wrongdoing."

Stocks end mixed on Greenspan testimony

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks staggered in a mixed finish Wednesday after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told a congressional committee the Fed is strong, a sign that the central bank is likely to continue raising interest rates.

Greenspan also told the Senate Banking Committee that while inflation is not immediately a threat, it remains something policymakers must guard against.

His remarks seemed to support the views of many economists that the Fed will likely stick with its policy of raising interest rates at a gradual pace.

The dollar finished against other currencies, gain against the British pound and the yen, but stocks stalled as investors tried to discern how far the rate tightening would go.

Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank in Chicago, "Greenspan still thinks rates are too low, and he has no intention of raising rates. And history has shown the Fed doesn't just raise rates, we don't know something happens. We don't know what it will be, but I know that's the thing that keeps us up at night."

The Dow Jones industrial average shed 2.44, or 0.02 percent, to 10,834.88.

The broader gauges were narrowly mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 0.22, or 0.02 percent, to 1,210.34. The Nasdaq composite index was down 1.79, or 0.09 percent, to 2,087.43.

Greenspan said Fed officials have been "confounded" by the bond market's reaction to his monetary policy. Bonds have rallied as the Fed raised short-term rates, sending the yield on the 10-year Treasury note below 1 percent last week.

Taxes

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For example, teachers, instructors and teachers' aides can reduce their taxable income by up to \$250 for books, computer equipment and other supplies they buy for their classrooms, Wilson pointed out.

Members of the National Guard and military reserve, meanwhile, can deduct some of the costs of travel to more than 100 miles from their homes for required activities, she said.

Still, there are many tax-saving options that just about any individual can take advantage of.

One of the best is the deduction for setting up an Individual Retirement Account, or IRA.

Workers who don't have an employer-provided retirement plan can take a deduction for setting aside up to \$3,000 a year in an IRA — or \$5,000 if they're 50 or older.

These accounts can be set up until the April 15 tax filing deadline, Wilson pointed out. And in 2005, workers will be able to set aside \$4,000 in their IRAs, or \$5,000 if they're 50 and older, she said.

A similar deduction is allowed for contributions to the new Health Savings Accounts, which have been called the IRAs of health insurance.

Effective since Jan. 1, 2004, HSAs allow families to set aside money to pay for future medical expenses in connection with a high-deductible insurance policy.

"The maximum annual deductible is \$2,600 for an individual or \$5,150 for a family, plus the HSA said.

Any of the most widely claimed deductions and credits are those for education, according to Mark Luscombe, an analyst at CCH Inc. in Riverdale, Ill., which provides tax information and software.

"People are aware that these tax breaks are out there, but there are so many of them that it's hard for people to figure out which is best for them," he said.

Here are the main education-

al tax breaks:
• Student loan interest deduction

Homeowners can reduce their taxable income by up to \$2,500 for interest paid on student loans for post-secondary education, including tuition and room and board.

The deduction phases out at incomes above \$50,000 for single filers and \$100,000 for joint filers.

• Tuition-and-fees deduction

This deduction can total up to \$4,000 for post-secondary education expenses for a qualified student activity fees and course-related fees. That's up to \$1,000 from last year. It phases

out above incomes of \$65,000 for single filers and \$130,000 for joint filers, and it can't be taken if a taxpayer is claiming Lifetime Learning credit (explained in a few paragraphs) taken for the same student.

• Hope credit

This credit can be claimed for up to \$1,500 per student for expenses in the first two years of college.

It phases out for single filers with income above \$42,000, and joint filers with income above \$85,000 — much lower income limits than for the deduction.

Life-time Learning credit

A credit of up to \$2,000 per family for post-secondary education or courses to improve job skills. The same income phase-out applies as for the Hope credit. It can't be taken if a Hope credit or the tuition-and-fees deduction is taken for the same student.

Luscombe of CCH noted that the credit is a better tax deal for families with lower incomes. The credit also has lower income limits.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Event

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According to Bldohaind President Matt Pyrdal, the goal of the dinner is to present Idaho legislators with a picture of the state's bioeconomy potential.

FOSSIL FUELS

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Wednesday... Crude oil prices fell as investors bet on a weaker dollar.

Tourism

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I refuse to believe that our declining trade or travel... "Because the system was not enforced rigorously in the past, any change to enforcement would be a double-edged sword."

"Tourism officials are phrased that they aren't opposed to the Bush administration's homeland security... "I don't know if its naive or arrogance that we feel people know the U.S. so well that we don't need to invite them."

GRAINS

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CHEESE

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METALS/MONEY

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POTATOES

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Image Is Everything... Update your image. Look around and see the successful prominent business people who live in the community and notice that they have an updated professional portrait. Remember, your image is everything.

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THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS... IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

INVITATION TO BID... THE TWIN FALLS HOUSING AUTHORITY will receive bids for a portion of their 2004 Capital Fund Program No. 101 16P00150101-03 and 04 Modern-

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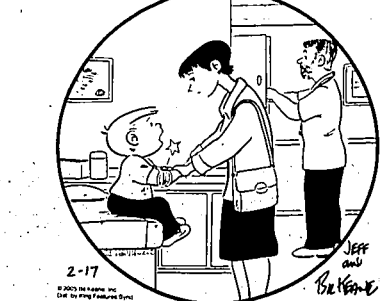
502 HOMES FOR SALE
BURLY 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2655 sq. ft. home w/ large fireplace.
Newly remodeled, private neighborhood, 3 car garage.
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TWIN FALLS MONEY MAKER DUPLEX Updated, new windows & cabinets.
TWIN FALLS The perfect home for you! Newer, manufactured homes for sale with financing for qualified buyers.



"Gee, you hafta use a deck of cards? Grandma plays solitaire on the computer."



"Why do I have to get stitches? Grandma said, 'Time heals all wounds.'"

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HAGERMAN 2 bdrm, cottage style, 1.5 bath, 220 S Street West. 208-229-6029.
HALLIE 2 houses to be moved by May 1, 2005. Approx. 1,000 sq. ft. each. \$5,000.00 each or best offer. Phone Bryan 208-788-6344 or 208-720-0702.

TWIN FALLS Brokenridge Manor Gated Community. For sale, owner's townhouse, 2 bdrm, 2 large tiled baths, 2 car garage, hardwood floors in dining room, kitchen & hallways. Custom paint with built-in barbeque. \$245,000. Call 208-732-6159.
TWIN FALLS I will buy or lease your home. Any price. www.MagicValleyHomeValues.com or 208-733-0033.
TWIN FALLS New construction! 1734 N. 3rd, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 3 car garage. Deluxe master suite with built-in Custom trim. N.E. location. \$174,900. Call 208-731-2406.

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Call our offices in Twin Falls 733-0931 ext. 2 or Burley 677-4042.

CAREY Building lot in N. Carey city limits. 2.34 acres. \$79,000. \$200 down. 208-823-4141 or 208-431-9494.
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BISON (2) pair of 3-yr. cows, \$1,400 each. Call 208-423-9041.
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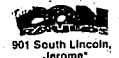
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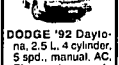


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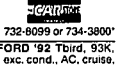


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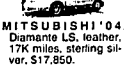
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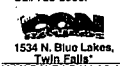
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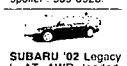
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