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## Calf dumping sparks probe

### Man finds 19 dead animals on rural roads

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Authorities have launched an investigation into the illegal disposal of 19 dead calves that were dumped along rural Jerome County roads.

Most of the carcasses were found on 400 South Road between 300 and 500 West by a man traveling to Twin Falls. They were in various stages of

decomposition. "Mary Patten, the dairy-bureau chief of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, said he received a complaint about the carcasses Tuesday and the agriculture department is trying to determine who they belonged to."

"It is our belief that many of the animals were fresh deaths but it is too early to determine if the animals were killed or died

of disease or natural causes," Patten said. "All the animals were males."

Male animals are not as valuable to dairy farmers as females. Newborn heifers can bring up to \$400 apiece whereas bulls bring only about \$50 each. Often small operators buy newborn bull calves from dairies and raise them as beef cattle, Patten said.

The calves have since been

removed by workers with the Jerome Highway District. "All that remains now is the smell of decomposition, mashed down weeds and patches of disturbed soil where the bodies were dumped."

Patten speculated the animals may have been dead for a while and hauled to the location all at once. Investigators might analyze the grass for decomposing tissue to help them make that determination.

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## Officials support a third bridge

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Though plans for a third bridge over the Snake River Canyon in Magic Valley had been 20 years away, the Twin Falls City Council is now on board with the governor's plan to speed up construction by 10 years.

City Councilman Dennis Maughan made those comments Friday on the heels of a directive from Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to the Idaho Transportation Department to find out if Twin Falls and Jerome counties even want a new bridge.

"The governor is very interested in hearing the community's opinion about the project that's been proposed," Kempthorne spokesman Mike Journe said.

Kempthorne first outlined his bold plans for a third bridge over the canyon in his "State of the State" speech in early January. It involves bonding for \$1.6 billion over 26 years based upon anticipated federal highway dollars. It's anticipated a third bridge between Twin Falls and Burley would take about \$184 million of that sum. The rest would be used to construct projects all over Idaho. By the time the bonds are paid off, the price tag would be \$3 billion.

Rep. Leon Smith, a Twin Falls, who is a former Idaho Transportation Board chairman, questions paying out one half of the state's highway dollars for more than 20 years on a small official Falls and questioned third bridge.

But Maughan, a council liaison Twin Falls District, said the governor is the bridge hosts pay millions of dollars into years later. In addition, though the Perrine Bridge probably won't reach its full capacity of 50,000 cars per day until the year 2020, that doesn't mean the traffic it funnels onto the Blue Lakes Boulevard isn't already too heavy, he said.

"There are some retailers who say it's already having a negative impact on business," Maughan said. "A lot of people say, 'I won't go on Blue Lakes because I don't feel safe.'"

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## WASHING AWAY



Bill Morrison kneels next to a retaining wall at his home along the Snake River near Hayburn. Morrison says the wall is breaking due to the pressure from ice, and he and several neighbors would like Idaho Power Co. to lower the river's water levels temporarily to give them time to make repairs.

## Residents: Demand for power deteriorates riverfront property

By Candace Baltz-Smylie  
Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN — Bill Morrison always wanted riverfront property. He'd lived in Heyburn or Burley his entire life and looked at the Snake River that winds through both towns every day — but never from his own home.

So when the opportunity to build on the river banks finally presented itself three decades ago, Morrison wasted no time. "I half-jokingly told my friend he could have my house," he said. "And when my friend said, 'OK,' I thought, well, we've al-

ways wanted to live on the water. I guess we'd better start looking for a new home."

Morrison found that home on River Road. His perfect piece of property was the only one with a house on it in the 1970s, but today he has eight neighbors and all of them are having a problem in paradise. A big problem. Pieces of their paradise are floating downstream.

Morrison put in a retaining wall in 1974 to prevent erosion. But in the mid 1990s, when Idaho Power began producing power at Milner Dam, the 4-foot retaining wall was doing its job anymore.

In order to produce power

the water flow had to be restricted, so more water is now in the river around Morrison's home, and the additional water is destroying the retaining wall, he said.

With each winter freeze and spring thaw, Morrison literally watches his dreams wash away.

"Part of my property is going to go downstream this summer unless there is some time to repair the barrier," he said.

Morrison's next door neighbor, Maureen Newton, shares the same retaining wall and is trying to get Idaho Power to stop using Milner Dam for a few weeks this spring or fall so she and her neighbors can re-

pair their walls.

A few times each year Idaho Power stops production so company workers can inspect the dam, but only for a few days. Newton said the stoppage is not long enough for her or her neighbors to get any work done on the retaining walls.

"It's just enough time to see the damage, but not to do anything about it," Newton said. "The ice has eaten up our property and it's deep water where we're at. Ice will chew up cement."

Dennis Lopez, a spokesman for Idaho Power, has said the

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## Aunt questions Johnson's actions after murders



Sarah Johnson

By Patti Murphy  
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — The sister of murdered Bellevue resident Diane Johnson testified in court on Thursday that her niece, Sarah Johnson, had asked for the keys to a gun safe two days before she allegedly shot her mother and father to death.

Linda Vavdek, the owner of a Christian bookstore in Caldwell, said she was canning pickles with her

younger sister Diane when Sarah came into the kitchen and asked her mother for the keys.

"I thought it was strange and I wasn't sure why she'd need a key to the gun safe," Vavdek said. "Diane didn't seem concerned and told Sarah she'd have to get the key from her dad."

Sarah Johnson, 18, is accused of using a .264 Magnum rifle to murder her parents by shooting her mother in the head while she slept and her

father in the chest as he showered in the early morning hours of Sept. 2, 2003. Johnson, who was 16 at the time of the crimes, is being charged as an adult.

Under cross examination by defense attorney Bob Fungbourn, Vavdek acknowledged that there were three gun safes on the premises and she wasn't sure what Sarah was looking for in the safe.

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### Upcoming meeting

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will host an informational forum on Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's "Connecting Idaho" proposal at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The meeting will be held in rooms 117 and 118 in the Shields Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus. Idaho Transportation Department Director Doug Fleen and Transportation board chairman Chuck Winder will outline the plan and be available to answer questions.

## Dozens of Iraqis die as explosions rip through Baghdad

### Shiites blame radical Sunni Muslims

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Many kneeling in prayer, Shiite Muslims were attacked in their mosques and on the streets Friday on the eve of their holiest day, with five bombings killing 36 people in the deadliest day in Iraq since the Jan. 30 national elections.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility for the blasts — three of them suicide attacks — in Baghdad and Iskandariyah, south of the capital. But Shiites blamed radical Sunni Muslim insurgents, who have staged car bombs, shoot-

ings and kidnappings to try to destabilize Iraq's reconstruction.

"Those infidel Wahhabis, those Osama bin Laden followers, they did this because they hate Shiites," said Sari Abdullah, a worshippers at Baghdad's al-Khadimain mosque who was injured by shrapnel from the explosion. "They are afraid of us. They are not Muslims. They are infidels."

The imam at the al-Khadimain mosque used the minare's loudspeakers to appeal for blood donations.

At the al-Bayaa mosque in the capital, quick action from

a security guard may have prevented more bloodshed. Amer Mayah said he opened fire on a man — apparently a second suicide attacker at the mosque — who was trying to pull two grenades from his pocket, and immediately he exploded.

The attacks happened on the eve of Ashura, which marks the 10th day of the Islamic holy month of Muharram — and the death of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the prophet Muhammad, in a 7th century battle for leadership of the Islamic world.

Similar attacks last year during Ashura killed 181 people in Baghdad and Karbala, a city that is holy to Shiites.



An Iraqi man cries on the lid of his brother's coffin at the al-Yarmouk hospital following a suicide bombing at the al-Khadimain mosque in Baghdad on Friday.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy skies and scattered rain and snow showers... Tonight: Light snow showers or flurries with small accumulations possible...

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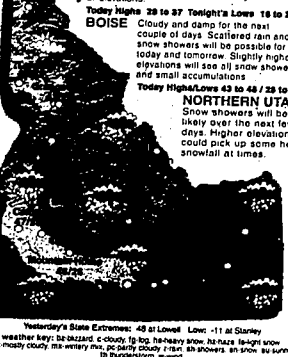
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Yesterday's Snow Extraneous: 4.00 at Lowell, Low: 1.1 at Starline...

Temperature

Yesterday's High 35, Yesterday's Low 18, Normal High to Date 44.27, Normal Low to Date 28.62...

Precipitation

Record High 59 in 1977, Year to Date 0.87, Normal Year Total from 10/1 Sept. 30 4.12

Moon Phases

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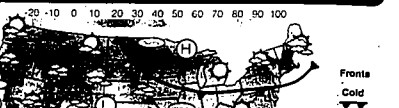
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Former Guantanamo translator gets sentenced to 20 months

BOSTON (AP) — An American translator who admitted taking classified documents from the U.S. prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was sentenced to 20 months in prison.

Court orders dog off death row

—LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The state Supreme Court granted a writ of habeas corpus Friday to a dog sentenced to death for fighting with a neighbor's pet.

Johnson

Continued from A1 "Could it be possible that Sarah just wanted to get jewelry from the gun safe?" Pangburn asked.

Bridge

Continued from A1 Plus, Maughan said it makes more sense to channel sentiments away from Twin Falls instead of through town.

Dumping

Continued from A1 Doug Young, who lives on Niagara Springs Road and found the dead animals, said some of them looked like they'd only been dead for a day or so.

Johnson

Continued from A1 "We conclude that the order for the destruction of the dog was not reasonable," wrote high court judge John Wright.

Bridge

Continued from A1 Compellman Shawn Barjar, who is also the president and CEO for the Chamber of Commerce, arranged for the chairmen of the state transportation board and the director of the Idaho Transportation Department to visit Twin Falls on Tuesday evening.

Bridge

Continued from A1 "With all the growth we have in the county and in Jerome County, we've got to get this on the planning board and get started on it," Brockman said.

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Having the same issue?

If you have a retaining wall, live upstream from Millers Dam and need a chance to repair your wall, contact Naureen Newton in Heyburn at 436-9014.

River

Continued from A1 company wants to work with neighbors, Newton and their neighbors. But the duration of time the dam could be shut down would depend on a number of things, not the least of which is the need for power.

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# Panel urges FDA to keep painkillers on the market

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of people who depend on the popular painkillers Celebrex, Bextra and Vioxx should be allowed to keep using them despite risks of heart problems, said Friday government advisers.

The advisers concluded that Vioxx, which its maker Merck & Co. pulled off the market last fall, poses the greatest risk and that Celebrex has the fewest side effects.

They suggested that the pre-

scription products carry strong warnings and recommended a long-term study to gain more understanding about the drugs.

While the Food and Drug Administration isn't required to follow the recommendations of the its advisory groups, it generally does.

Celebrex and Bextra, made by Pfizer Inc., are widely sold and are likely to remain so following the recommendations.

Questions remain for Vioxx, once a blockbuster seller, which Merck yanked from the market Sept. 30.

Merck suggested Thursday that a positive ruling by the advisers might lead it to consider putting the drug back on sale. But the vote recommending that it be made available to consumers was close, 17-15.

Since it was removed from the market voluntarily, it remains an approved drug, Merck issued a statement following the vote saying only that it was looking forward to talks with the FDA.

The panel voted 31-1 to keep Celebrex on sale and 17-13 with two abstaining for Bextra.

# Bush: No plans for Iran attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Friday the United States does not intend to attack Iran to crush its suspected nuclear weapons project, and he expressed hopes that a European diplomatic initiative would persuade Tehran to abandon any such program.

In an interview with European journalists at the White House, Bush was asked about an opinion poll showing that 70 percent of Germans believe the United States is planning military action against Iran.

"I hear all these rumors about



President Bush

military attacks, and it's just not the truth," said Bush, who leaves Sunday for Europe to meet fences with allies. "We want diplomacy to work."

Bush said he supports European nations' efforts to persuade Iran to scrap its uranium enrichment program in exchange for technological, financial and political support. But he did not address U.S. reservations about Europe's approach.

"I believe diplomacy can work so long as the Iranians don't divide Europe and the United States," Bush said. "There's a lot more diplomacy to be done."

Bush said he applauds efforts by German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder and other leaders for sending a clear message to Iran. "They know what they need to do," Bush said of Iran. "And so what they are trying to do is kind of wiggie out."

# Rehnquist will miss arguments

WASHINGTON — Ailing Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist will be absent from the bench when the Supreme Court returns for the second half of its term next week, the court announced Friday.

The 80-year-old Rehnquist, battling thyroid cancer, plans to skip the two-week cycle of oral arguments that starts Tuesday.



Marvin Schroeder, left, gives instruction to Ed Allis, center, and Shuyichi Saitoh as they prepare for today's re-enactment of the battle of Iwo Jima on a Hill Country ranch, marking the 60th anniversary, in Doss, Texas, Thursday.

# Iwo Jima re-enactment advances on Texas town

DOSS, Texas (AP) — The nation's largest 60th-anniversary re-enactment of the Battle of Iwo Jima will not occur on an island or for that matter, anywhere close to salt water.

Some 30 acres on a Hill Country ranch will stand in for the rugged peak of Japanese land in the Pacific Ocean where about 28,000 died during a grueling month of fighting in early 1945 — a battle immortalized in an Associated Press photo of a group of U.S. fighting men raising the American flag over Mount Suribachi.

Jeff Hunt, chief organizer of today's event, said Marines will re-create that historic scene atop a steep hill, but not before spectators get a taste of what both sides in the battle had to endure.

"We wanted to show how vicious the fight was beforehand," said Hunt, curator at the National Museum of the Pacific War in nearby Fredericksburg. "It wasn't troops going forward gloriously to victory. There were a lot of casualties."

The 90-minute mock battle, to be narrated by retired Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North, will begin with the U.S. invasion force landing on a "beach" and then fighting its way up the rising ter-

rain against the entrenched Japanese. Explosive charges have been planted around the field.

The re-enactment was put together by staffers at the museum, which has held a series of 60th-anniversary commemorations beginning with that of Pearl Harbor in 2001.

The action today will involve about 320 people, roughly 70 of whom will portray Japanese troops defending the hill. Half of the defenders are veteran re-enactors from Japan who have traveled to Texas for the event.

"We were all born after World War II, and we are very interested in the history," said Takashi Fukuda, a writer from Tokyo who will serve as the Japanese commander.

Almost 7,000 Americans were killed and about twice that many were wounded in the 36-day assault that began Feb. 19, 1945. The battle on the eight-square-mile volcanic island was the bloodiest ever for the Marine Corps. Fewer than 1,000 of the island's Japanese 22,000 defenders survived. The Americans wanted Iwo Jima's airstrips for use in conducting long-range bombing raids against Tokyo.

# Nation in brief

will continue reading transcripts of the arguments and voting on decisions, she said.

Rehnquist has been working mainly from home since Oct. 22, when he was hospitalized and then underwent a tracheotomy to help him breathe. He made his first public appearance last month at the presidential inauguration, appearing fragile as he delivered the oath of office.

# Bush signs law sending suits to federal court

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Friday signed a bill that he says will curtail multimillion-dollar class action lawsuits against companies and "marks a critical step toward ending" the lawsuit culture in our country.

The legislation aims to discourage multimillion-dollar class action lawsuits by having federal judges take the suits from state courts, a victory for conservatives who hope it will lead to other lawsuit limits. The president has described class-action suits as costly, frivolous, and businesses complain that state judges and juries have been too generous to plaintiffs.

"This bill helps fix the system," Bush said in the East Room of the White House, his first bill signing ceremony this year. "Congress has done its duty."

# Ex-Boeing executive gets four months in prison

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A former top executive at Boeing Co. was sentenced to four months in prison Friday for lying up a \$250,000-a-year job for an Air Force official who was helping decide whether to award the company a multibillion-dollar contract.

Michael Sears, 57, pleaded guilty in November to aiding and abetting illegal employment negotiations when he contacted Air Force procurement officer Darren Drayton about a job in 2002 while she was reviewing Boeing's bid to supply the Pentagon with refueling tankers.

Drayton admitted she gave Boeing an inflated price for the tanker contract as a "parting gift" to Boeing before she retired from the military and took a job with the aerospace company.

# Soldier says she was treated 'like a criminal'

MAYS LANDING, N.J. — A former National Guard lieutenant said in a TV interview that the Army treated her "like a criminal" after she accused a fellow soldier of rape.

Lieutenant Evelyn Dyer, 26, said in the interview to be broadcast Sunday on "60 Minutes" that Army investigators sequestered her in a hotel after the incident and threatened her with arrest when she didn't return to the base following a two-week convalescent leave.

"The Army has done nothing but lie to me and treat me like a criminal," said Dyer, who is from Mays Landing and has agreed to be identified by name.

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## YOUR WEEKEND



### Love by the letter

• What: Blaine County Royal Larkspur Theater will present A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters," with Helen Hudson and Janey Reynolds.

• Where: noStage Theater, Ketchum.

• When: 7:30 p.m. tonight and Sunday.

• How much: Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$25 for reserved seats.

### Strike up the band

• What: The Magic Valley Youth Orchestra will present its winter concert, featuring viola soloist Laura Drake.

• Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.

• When: 3 p.m. today.

• How much: Admission is free.

### Superstar strings

• What: Cellist Maya Belser will perform in Ketchum, the second concert in the Sun Valley Center for the Arts Winter Music Series.

• Where: Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood.

• When: 7:30 p.m. tonight.

• How much: Tickets, which are \$25, are available at the Sun Valley Center office in Ketchum or by phoning 726-9491.

### Sister act

• What: Hailey's Company of Fools will present Wendy Wasserstein's play "The Sisters Rosensweig."

• Where: Liberty Theater.

• When: 8 p.m. tonight and 3 p.m. and Sunday.

• How much: Tickets, which are \$18 and \$24, can be reserved by phoning 785-6520 or online at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com).

### Ag-cetera

• What: KMYT's Agri-Action farm and ranch show continues.

• Where: Expo Center, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls.

• When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

# Burley councilman hit with DUI

## Ringle said he had taken cold medicine, pain reliever

For The Times-News

BURLEY — A Burley City Councilman has been charged with driving under the influence following an incident in which he hit a stop sign and fence and was later found asleep in his

running vehicle, according to a Cassia County Sheriff's Department report.

Dave M. Ringle, 54, of Burley, was charged with the misdemeanor and a second charge of leaving the scene of an accident. The incident occurred at about

10:30 p.m. Tuesday and was reported by Ringle's neighbor.

The intoxicated was a prescription muscle relaxant combined with cold medicine.

Ringle said the experience was both embarrassing and humbling.

"They handcuffed me and took me to the hospital for a blood test after I told them I had taken nighttime cold medicine earlier in the evening and a prescription pain reliever just a few

minutes before they found me," Ringle said.

Ringle said the situation was foolish on his part.

"At any rate, I am so grateful (my neighbors) saw what happened and did what a good citizen should do and called a citizens' report," he said.

Officers responded and found Ringle in his Ford Explorer in his driveway.

When an officer woke him, Ringle told the officer he had

taken his muscle relaxant just before leaving his office at the Burley Cemetery. He said he was sitting in his car waiting for his children to return home, the report said.

Ringle, an instructor at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' theological seminary at Burley High School, said he had gone out to mail scholarship applications for his students before the Tuesday deadline.

# SCHEDULING EDUCATION



ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Twin Falls High School history teacher Jeremiah Johnston says he likes the block scheduling the district implemented more than a year ago. 'I have more time to expand on the subject matter,' he says.

## Despite critics, officials top blended block teaching

By Candace Baltz-Smylie  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Jeremiah Johnston has taught teens at Twin Falls High School for three years.

He's worked with the classic six-period schedule, as well as the newer blended block. And he says his students learn more and do better with the latter.

"I'm very much in favor of the block schedule, we get more in-class time with the kids, and are able to go more in depth," he said. "And the data shows improvement in their scores."

Students are in a single class for 90 minutes at a time. That's an increase of 30 minutes compared with the old schedule. But, some of the classes are every other day on an A-B schedule while others are every day, but for only part of the schedule is called a 4-by-4. Together, they make up the blended block schedule.

Twin Falls High School implemented a year and a half ago as an answer to increasing federal requirements for test scores and graduation rates.

Johnston says students had more homework in his 4-by-4 classes than the A-B classes. "Because if a student knows it's due the next day, they are going

to do it," he said. "But on the A-B schedule, they know they still have a day so they will put it off."

But a survey of student perception of the blended block found the opposite. Twin Falls High School students said they felt they were more likely to do their homework on the A-B schedule than the 4-by-4. But either way, their test scores are higher on the new schedule than they were on the six-period day.

According to an institutional survey of the school's teachers, students are performing better on end-of-the-term tests, getting higher grades, and doing better in their studies overall.

"Students have adapted and are on their way," Twin Falls High School Principal Ben Allen told a group of teachers, administrators and community members at a meeting about the schedule earlier this week. "They like the blended block."

"I never thought I'd say it, I said teacher Connie Jones. "But I like it. I really like it."

The purpose of the scheduling committee meeting Wednesday was to discuss the pros and cons of the new blended block schedule, and come up with a list of areas that need improvement, as well as possible solutions. But many

## Principal: Seminary classes make scheduling harder

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — After more than two and a half hours of emotional statements by community and board members at a meeting this week concerning the blended block schedule, Twin Falls High School Principal Ben Allen finally said most of the problems associated with the new schedule come down to seminary.

The room got quiet. Twin Falls High School has more than 200 students enrolled in latter-day Saints seminary classes, which meet on a daily basis. So each of those students must have a release period so they can attend their classes, but they also want to graduate on time. For years,

this has meant those students took summer school classes to make up for the credits they lost by going to a religious class across the street.

"We could make it if seminary wasn't part of the school day," Allen said.

Connie Jones, who is both a teacher and parent of children who went to seminary, agreed.

"I never understood why it was part of the school day," she told the group.

But according to state law, schools are required to allow students a release period to use as they wish. And many students who do not take part in seminary use that period to go to a job or do an internship. As the schedule is now, it allows for a release period every day.

parents spent the time arguing for a return to the six-period day.

"It seems to me what we left behind fits much better to what we want than what we have now," parent Gwen Jones told the group.

The district has no plans of going back to the old schedule.

only tweaking the new one. That's because the old schedule will not meet the new graduation requirements, school officials say.

"We wasted two hours looking at how to change when we should have been looking for ways to make it better," said

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# Forest Service kicks off centennial with film

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A black and white photo of two legendary men hangs in the conference room of the Sawtooth National Forest headquarters in Twin Falls.

The photo captures a moment nearly a century ago between President Theodore Roosevelt and visionary forester Gifford Pinchot — a pair the U.S. Forest Service and the national forests owe a lot, said Ruth Monahan, forest supervisor of the Sawtooth National Forest.

For 100 years, the Forest Service has stood by a motto penned by Pinchot, the original chief of the agency.

"Where conflicting interests must be reconciled, the question shall always be answered from the standpoint of the

## 'The Greatest Good'

The U.S. Forest Service is offering two upcoming opportunities to see "The Greatest Good," a film celebrating the agency's centennial. The showings are open to the public and are presented free of charge. The screenings include:

- Twin Falls: 7 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Rick Allen Room of the Herrert Center at CSI.
- Sun Valley: 3 p.m. March 10 in the Sun Valley Opera House at the Sun Valley Lodge.

invite the public to reflect on the agency's past accomplishments and mistakes as well take part in shaping its future, Monahan said.

To kick off the agency's centennial celebration, the Forest Service will host two screenings around the Magic Valley of a special documentary film, "The Greatest Good." Charles Osgood of CBS News narrates the film that was three years in the making.

The public is invited to view this film capturing the Forest

Service's journey over the last century as it ponders its next 100 years.

"It was really born during a time of great controversy and debate," Monahan said.

Monahan was selected as one of 400 delegates to participate in the Centennial Congress this January, said Ed Waldapfel, public affairs specialist for Forest Service National Forests. Foresters, politicians and members of interest groups convened just as those interested in the nation's lands did in 1905.

When the parties gathered in Washington, D.C. in 1905, the conversation revolved around grazing issues in western forests and timber harvesting in eastern forests.

"A hundred years later, we are continuing to struggle with some of the same issues," Monahan said.

# Rape case goes to District Court

## Alleged-victim is mentally handicapped

By Rebecca Meany  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A woman with moderate mental retardation was abused by a man who was charged with her care, prosecutors argued during a preliminary hearing in 5th District Magistrate Court Friday.

Paul Mike Gouker, 48, of Twin Falls, faces one count of rape, a felony.

Gouker was employed by SL Start, an agency that helps developmentally disabled people, when he was accused of sexual contact with the woman.

Magistrate Judge Mark Ingrum bound the case over to District Court after hearing from several witnesses.

Branch manager and developmental specialist Cairni Burton testified that the woman to whom Gouker was providing residential rehabilitation is not capable of understanding the physical, moral or emotional consequences of sexual intercourse.

It is The Times-News policy not to name victims or alleged victims of sex crimes.

Detective Curtis Gambrel of the Twin Falls Police Department investigated the incident.

He told the court that Gouker admitted having sexual contact with the alleged victim on several occasions.

Gouker told him she was "a little slow" but that she understood what was going on and that it was a consensual relationship, Gambrel said.

Gouker made his initial appearance in Magistrate Court in December. His arraignment in District Court will likely be held later this month.

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# Ketchum hit with power outage

KETCHUM (AP) — About 9,000 Idaho Power customers in the Ketchum area were left temporarily without power Friday night after a small fire broke out in an electrical substation.

Ketchum, a town of about 2,500 that swells during ski season, and the tourist area Elkhorn Village were almost completely dark following the outage, which began about 7 p.m. The fire in the utility's Elkhorn substation tripped protective mechanisms that shut down the power before major damage could occur, said Idaho Power spokesman Dennis Lopez.

By 8:30 p.m., Lopez said power had been restored to all but about 2,500 customers in the Elkhorn Village area. He said the utility expected to restore power to those customers by 9:30 p.m.

Nearby Hailey did not lose power.

## WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Dean Benson  
Anderson Jr.  
Age: 47  
Description: 5-foot, 145 pounds, brown hair, green eyes.

Wanted for: Probation violation.

Original charge: Felony possession of a controlled substance.

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Anderson's whereabouts to call 735-3211 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5377, where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.

## Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Peak
Salmon	60%	43%
Big Wood	58%	31%
Little Wood	78%	67%
Big Lost	75%	52%
Little Lost	75%	51%
Henry's Fork/Teton	78%	58%
Upper Snake Basin	74%	64%
Oakley	77%	69%
Salmon Falls	80%	60%

As of Feb. 10.

\*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average.  
\*\*An indicator of basin snowpack for the season.





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# Man charged in gun incident

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man is facing a charge of aggravated assault after police say he pulled a shotgun on his neighbor while he was pumping gas.  
Thomas L. Leos, 49, made an initial appearance in 5th District Magistrate Court Friday on one count of aggravated assault. Prosecutors seek an enhanced penalty because a gun was allegedly used in the commission of the crime.

An affidavit written by Officer Justin Dimond of the Twin Falls Police Department describes the events leading up to Leos' arrest.  
On Thursday, police were called to the Stinker Station at 1777 Kimberly Road for a report of a man with a firearm.  
The alleged victim, Anthony Melendez, told police he had been pumping gas when a man approached him with a shotgun in hand.  
The man, later identified as

Leos, allegedly told Melendez to come out from behind the car so he could shoot him.  
Leos persuaded the alleged victim around his car for a brief period, then put the gun back into his car. Melendez then ran into the store.  
Melendez told police he was not personally acquainted with the suspect, but he knew his first name and said he lived near him.  
Later that day, police contacted Leos at his home. Parked out

front was a car matching the description of the one Melendez saw at the gas station. Inside the vehicle were 15 shotgun shells.  
After searching the residence, police found a loaded 16-gauge shotgun matching the description Melendez said had been pulled on him.  
Leos admitted to owning a gun but denied assaulting anyone.  
Leos' preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 25. Bond was set at \$7,000.

# Prosecutors add fourth charge in rape case

By Rebecca Meyer, Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Bull Horn man facing three counts of rape in connection with the sexual abuse of a woman has been charged with a fourth count.  
Clay Curtis, 47, appeared in 5th District Magistrate Court Friday for a preliminary hearing in front of Judge Mark Ingram, who bound the case over to District Court.  
Prosecutors filed an amended complaint, alleging that Curtis had two incidents of sexual contact with a woman on Feb. 1 and again on Feb. 4.  
It is *The Times-News'* policy not to name victims or alleged victims of crimes.  
The woman took the stand during the hearing, carefully describing the details of the alleged rape.  
"I told me if I told anyone about me," she said.  
Twin Falls County Public Defender Jonathan Brody asked

her if Curtis hit her or used a weapon, to which she replied in the negative.  
She testified, however, that she was persuaded to comply because of fear.  
"I was scared of him," she said. "I didn't want to get hurt. He told me that he would hurt me. He told me he would hurt my family."  
Brody asked the judge not to send the case to higher court due to insufficient evidence.  
Suzanne Craig, Twin Falls County senior deputy prosecutor, argued that both force and fear caused the woman to give in.  
"You are so beaten down ... he's able to overcome her resistance both by force ... and she felt if she didn't submit she would be hurt," Craig said.  
The judge bound the case over on all counts.

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# Fish and Game opens new wolf Web site

LEWISTON — The Department of Fish and Game has a new wolf Web site it hopes will reduce conflicts with people and domesticated animals among rising numbers of predators in the state.  
The Web site, with maps of Idaho wolf country, details the new rules of engagement between people and wolves.  
The online pamphlet, also available at Fish and Game offices, explains each new rule and clarifies what they will mean to the public. In some cases, wolves may legally be

home as well: a 6-year-old daughter, 3-year-old son and a 1-year-old son.  
Durrell said a neighbor called police in December when the 6-year-old was not picked up from a bus stop.  
"There was a concern that the 6-year-old girl wasn't being cared for," Durrell said. "When we went into the home, it was in such a condition we felt that it posed additional health and safety issues."  
The children were removed from the home in December, but arrest warrants were only issued recently, Durrell said.

by Sen. Brent Hill, a Rexburg Republican, passed the Legislature.  
The ordinance was introduced by the Madison County Health Coalition in January.  
City Council members said they didn't hear much opposition to their new law.  
"We've gotten lots of pros, but not a lot of cons," City Councilwoman Donna Benfield said. "I think it's a very positive step."

Collision kills three northwest of Boise  
BOISE — At least three people were killed Friday when a farm truck collided with a sedan at a rural intersection northwest of Boise.  
Three people inside the sedan were killed. Their names were not released, and the cause of the crash was under investigation.  
A fourth injured victim in the sedan, a child, was airlifted to a Boise hospital. An injured person in the truck also was taken to a hospital.  
The nature of their injuries was not immediately released. — compiled from wire reports

## Idaho in half

Police arrest Eagle residents for neglect  
EAGLE — Ada County Sheriff's deputies arrested three Eagle residents who are suspected of neglecting four children and allowing them to live in a filthy mobile home.  
Robert Cox, 29, Barbara Bergman, 25, and Corine Cox, 28, were in the Ada County Jail Thursday on charges of felony injury to a child connected with an investigation of a Dec. 3 incident.  
The three were arraigned on Thursday.  
The charges include two counts of neglecting four children, and allowing them to live in a filthy mobile home.  
Robert Cox's sister, Corine Cox, had three children in the

## Law will forbid smoking in Rexburg bowling alleys

REXBURG — After Saturday, the only lucky strikes in Rexburg bowling alleys will be in the lanes, not in the ash trays.  
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The children were removed from the home in December, but arrest warrants were only issued recently, Durrell said.

## Ada County approves transfer of race track

BOISE (AP) — Ada County commissioners approved transferring the lease agreement for the county's horse racing track to a Sacramento-based company in a move that would end a standoff between commissioners and Les Bois Park's current operator.  
The approval is contingent on a final agreement between Ladis Productions, which runs the track now, and Capitol Racing, which operates harness racing at the Cal Expo racetrack in California's capital city and wants to expand in Boise.  
The Idaho State Racing Commission must also sign off on a revised Ada County spokeswoman Melinda Nothman said.  
Officials from Ada County, which owns the track and the surrounding Western Idaho Fairgrounds, have been warring with Ladis Productions for months, claiming the company

## Washington department calls for depot shutdown

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The Washington Department of Ecology on Friday joined its Idaho counterpart in calling for the closure of a northern Idaho train refueling depot after two recent leaks.  
Idaho Director Linda Hoffman issued a release saying her agency supports the Idaho Department of Environment Quality in calling for a halt to refueling operations at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe facility at Hauser, Idaho.  
Fuel-tainted wastewater was

let Les Bois Park fall into disrepair. The state law by selling alcohol to a minor and not locking up unsealed liquor bottles. Two months ago, the county asked a judge to let them evict Ladis.  
"The county said it has spent six weeks scrutinizing whether Capitol Racing would be a fit for Les Bois, conducting criminal background checks, reviewing credit reports and auditing financial documents from the company and its owner, Steve Beitl."  
"We did an exhaustive investigation and all of the findings were very negative," said Commissioner Chairman Rick Yzaguirre in a statement. "Since Capitol took over the horse race track in Sacramento, they turned the operation into a succession of lawsuits."  
The existing Les Bois lease agreement ends in 2009.

# Filer sets money aside for Spanish training

By John E. Swazy Times-News correspondent

FILER — The Filer School Board has approved setting aside \$1,500 to help pay the tuition for teachers to receive college-level Spanish courses and then using that skill to help elementary students who are having a hard time making the transition to English.  
Filer Elementary School already has at least 10 staff

members who speak Spanish or work in the English as a Second Language program.  
"It's something that Principal Matt Mahannah sees all opportunity for Hollister Elementary School.  
"We have five students with severe language problems," he said.  
Also this week, the board approved a plan to reimburse individuals who apply as substitute teachers for the 540 fingerprinting fee during background checks.

This will be done with the stipulation that substitutes work in one of the district's schools at least seven times.  
"It's my understanding that once a person has been fingerprinted, they're free to substitute in any district," said Business Manager Kermit Leor.  
"We've paid the fingerprinting cost for subs who just turn around and start working someplace else."  
In other business, the board is preparing preparations for upcoming elections.

An election date of May 17 has been set for School Board representatives in Zones 3 and 5.  
Shirley Gallely is the current representative for Zone 3, and Bill Bitzenberg represents Zone 5.  
The district will begin advertising for applicants to fill these three-year terms on March 30. And candidates must have an application, with the signatures of five zone residents, submitted to the district office by April 15.

# Officers seize 115 grams of meth in Jackpot

By Marlanna Kobak Elko Daily Free Press

JACKPOT — A Jackpot couple was arrested and 115 grams of methamphetamine was seized Thursday after narcotics officers say they received inside information on drug activities.  
Amador Gonzalez Romero, 46, was arrested in Jackpot by an Elko and Nevada State Park Force officer on charges of conspiracy to violate the Uniform Controlled Substance Act, possession of methamphetamine,

found Monday leaking from the refueling platform. A similar wastewater leak was discovered nearly two months ago in another area of the facility.  
The depot is built over an underground aquifer that provides drinking water for 400,000 residents between Coeur d'Alene and the Spokane area.  
Although the facility is not in Washington, the state's residents could be affected by fuel spills that make their way to the regional aquifer, Hoffman said in her statement.

# Canadian company wants to extend power line

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — A Canadian energy company says it is interested in running a 2,200-mile power line from Canada to Las Vegas, via Montana and Idaho, and has discussed the possibility with Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer.

Feick in Calgary, Alberta.  
— The line carrying 3,000 to 4,000 megawatts of power would be part of TransCanada's NorthernLights project, which also includes a proposed power line from Canada to Los Angeles by way of northern Idaho and eastern Washington, Feick told the Bozeman Daily Chronicle.  
That line has approval of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The company said operation could begin as early as 2010.  
NorthWestern Energy, which supplies power in Montana, takes a positive view of TransCanada's proposal, NorthWestern spokesman Roger Schrum said.

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A project such as TransCanada's would require state approval.  
Feick said the plan involves generating electricity at steam plants that use the Canadian oil sands, and perhaps also using the power line to carry energy originating in Montana.  
NorthWestern's chief executive officer, Gary Drook, has said Montana's relative shortage of line capacity to send electricity elsewhere has stymied development of power projects in the state.

used for sales of methamphetamine.  
These stakeholders, along with valuable inside information, assisted ECNU in Romero's and his wife Maria Romero's apprehension," Powell said.  
Officers also seized additional weapons and large quantities of cash along with the methamphetamine.  
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# Schedule

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Twin Falls High School Assistant Principal Golden.  
"The schools are not the same. They are not the same as when we were in school, or five years ago. We need to prepare them for the world we are in today."  
"We had students come to our school because they couldn't meet the graduation requirements at other schools in the Magic Valley," Allen told the committee and crowd. "We had the lowest graduation requirements. We don't want to be the last school in the valley."  
Finally, after more than three hours of discussion, the committee decided on three areas to improve: to decrease the po-

tential for sequential gaps in classes, to adjust individual course requirements so they can be taken back to back, and further evaluate which courses are better suited for the A-B schedule, and which for the 4-year.  
"This schedule isn't going to change in three months and be the master schedule," Johnston said. "It needs to be evaluated, like I am evaluated as a teacher, if someone came in and evaluated me after six months like I was a master teacher, that wouldn't have worked. I am better three years after I started, and I will be better after four years."  
A plan must be decided on by Feb. 25.

# Series of storms help raise Lake Mead water level

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Wet winter storms have helped raise Lake Mead almost 7.5 feet in January, and the water level could rise another 2.5 feet by the end of February, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation says.  
But with Friday's water level at 14 feet above normal, the Colorado River reservoir behind Hoover Dam remained well below normal, at about 58 percent capacity.  
The water's up, but it's not high," Bob Walsh, Bureau of Reclamation spokesman, said Friday.

"We're still in a drought. That's key."  
Water officials expect the lake will drop 12.5 feet by the end of the year due to water deliveries and an expected sixth year of drought in the region. It would still be more than half full.  
Flooding last month set records on rivers and washes feeding Lake Mead from southern Nevada, southern Utah and northwestern Arizona.

"We always are encouraged by these kinds of initiatives and projects" to move electricity from sources to markets, he said.  
Schrum said NorthWestern will evaluate engineering and regulatory studies to determine whether it would make sense for the company to participate in the TransCanada project.  
The Canadian company is one of several "transmission project" groups that have met with Schweitzer since the first of the year, said Evan Barrett, the governor's chief business development officer. Schweitzer is "interested in appropriate energy development in Montana" but is "concerned about devel-

opment of transmission without inherent protection for Montana consumers," Barrett said.  
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# Ethics panel will investigate conduct

## Lawmaker faces review over liquor law proposal

BOISE (AP) — The state Senate has formed an ethics committee to investigate whether legislation sponsored by Sen. Jack Noble could have been used to directly benefit his convenience store business.

Senate President Pro-Tom Bob Geddes decided to form the panel after Noble handed him a handwritten note on Thursday requesting that a commission look into his actions and "the perception that I received monetary benefit from the passage of the bill."

The conflict came to light after a front-page article in The Idaho Statesman on Friday by columnist Dan Popkey.

The column suggests that Noble would personally benefit from the legislation and that Noble did not disclose his con-

lict of interest — real or apparent — when his colleagues asked him about the origin of the legislation.

On Feb. 4, the Kuna senator presented a bill that would have revised the way distances are calculated between schools and contracted retail liquor stores.

On Friday, just before the first meeting of the ethics panel, Noble told reporters that the bill, which was killed 7-6 in the State Affairs Committee, would have had no effect on his business whatsoever, even if he did decide to request a state liquor contract.

"This statute is not needed if I should decide to get a license," he said.

In Idaho, liquor sales are sold either directly from state-operated liquor stores or in rural

areas, through private retail shops that contract with the state.

Current state law says no liquor store "shall be located within three hundred (300) feet of a school." However, the law does not specify how the distance is to be measured — whether it is from property line to property line or from door to door, or any other method.

Noble's legislation, which he authored himself, adds that the distance would be "measured in a straight line from the nearest entrance of a liquor store or distribution station to the nearest entrance of the nearest structure of the school in which students are instructed."

Noble told reporters Thursday that he had not measured the distance from the school to

his store, but said it was "somewhere around 500 feet."

In an interview with The Associated Press, Popkey said he measured the distance with a 50-foot tape and the help of some neighborhood 7th graders, whom he paid \$5.

The distance between the property lines was 40 feet, which would not qualify under current law. The distance between the store's nearest entrance and the playground is 190 feet, also not long enough. But the distance between the nearest entrance of the store and the nearest entrance of the school is 540 feet.

"I would say it's an approximation, because we went over a fence," Popkey said.

## Deputy takes leave of absence after fatal accident

REXBURG (AP) — A Madison County Sheriff's deputy has been asked to take a paid leave of absence amid an investigation into an accident involving him that killed two people.

Deputy Curtis Wood is "under a lot of pressure," said Sheriff Roy Klingler. "We are giving him a little bit of time off."

Just how long Wood's leave lasts will depend on how the case develops, Klingler said.

The investigation is being conducted by the Idaho State Police. Capt. Danny Bunderson of the Idaho State Police said it's uncertain when it will be completed.

In addition, Klingler has asked the Rexburg Police Department to conduct a parallel probe with help from the sheriff's office accident reconstructionist.

## Group says wildfire plan needs focus

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service and Department of the Interior need to develop a long-term wildfire strategy that gives Congress a better idea how much money is really needed to thin forests and where the work is needed most, the Government Accountability Office said.

"While the agencies have adopted various strategy documents to address the nation's wildfire fire problems, none of these documents constitutes a cohesive strategy that explicitly identifies the long-term options and related funding needed to reduce fuels in national forests and rangelands and to respond

to wildland fire threats," said a GAO report made public Friday.

The report, the latest in a series from the investigative arm of Congress on the continuing threat of wildfire, noted that a Forest Service team concluded in 2002 that reducing the wildfire risks to communities and ecosystems would require \$1.4 billion a year for a few years, triple the current spending level.

With 40 percent of federal land — 190 million acres — at risk of wildfire and the size and intensity of wildfires growing in recent years, GAO urged the Forest Service and Interior to come up with the strategy and

cost estimates in time for planning the fiscal year 2006 budget.

Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth and Assistant Interior Secretary P. Lynn Scarlett both said in letters responding to a draft of the report that two essential elements needed to develop such a strategy are not finished yet.

They said a \$40 million program known as LANDFIRE, a system of maps and computer models that more accurately identifies wildfire risk areas and wildfire behavior, and an analysis of fire programs would likely be ready in time for the fiscal 2007 budget analysis.

## District asks for more money

REXBURG (AP) — Residents of the Madison School District will be asked on May 5 to approve a \$1.09 million increase to the district's plant facility levy.

Trustees voted unanimously Thursday to approve the election, which would provide for significant remodels and new additions to six schools, including Madison High School.

The district's plan also calls for a new elementary school to be built on property the district bought last fall.

The district has planned the levy amid rapid population growth that taxed local services including schools. The district has attracted an average of 75 new students a year in each of the last four years, and 132 new students came at the start of this year, district officials said.

## Indian students protest fence

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Barbed wire turned out to be the wrong way to mark the 125th anniversary of the Chemawa Indian School, which serves tribes across the nation.

Construction crews began setting up an 8-foot-high fence, topped with barbed wire, around the 200-acre campus in Salem as the boarding school was preparing to celebrate its anniversary this weekend. The barbed wire was being removed Friday following protests.

The construction caught students and school advisory board members by surprise, resulting in a student demonstration and letters from parents to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which ordered the \$63,000 project.

"Chemawa means 'happy home,'" student Jeremy Cummings told the Statesman Journal newspaper in Salem. "It doesn't mean a happy home

with a fence around it."

Nedra Darling, a BIA spokeswoman in Washington, D.C., said the barbed wire atop the fence is temporary and was installed by the contractor during construction.

"It will be taken off," Darling said Friday. "I don't know how it got on the work order, but they'll put up the fence as fast as they can and then remove it."

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## Three more colleges may get own license plates

BOISE (AP) — A state senator wants three private colleges to have their own specialized Idaho license plates.

Sen. John McGee, R-Caldwell, has introduced a bill that would extend a state law that already allows specialized license plates for public colleges.

It would give Albion College of Idaho, Northwest Nazarene University and Brigham Young University-Idaho their own specialty plates — with school logos.

Alumni of Boise State University, Idaho State University, the University of Idaho can already purchase specialty plates in honor of their schools.

Some of the revenues from fees for the new license plates would go to the colleges.

"Between those three

schools, there's over 50,000 alumni, so there should be a lot of people interested in purchasing a license plate," McGee said.

"This just allows them to show a little school spirit and get some money back to the college at the same time."

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## CHEERS & JEERS

### Albertson football still belongs on the bench

**JEERS:** To Albertson College of Idaho and its pursuit of a college football team. A task force at the Caldwell private college presented a rough draft of a study to reinstate football, which was halted in 1977. A vote to bring the sport back is expected by March 18.

How convenient that the liberal arts school is looking to restore its gridiron program, just after it receives a \$17 million grant from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation to pay off some lingering debt. Now the 800-student college is throwing deep for a chance to score in the Division III Northwest Conference. School officials, especially President Bob Hoover, need to sack this proposal. Besides, isn't Idaho already rebuilding football programs in Moscow and Pocatello?

**CHEERS:** To Rupert Mayor Audrey Newirth for the simple act of memorializing Pfc. Cleston Roney, a Magic Valley serviceman killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Newirth purchased a flag from "Let Them Be Forgotten," a non-profit corporation founded by a New York state father after his son was killed in Iraq. It will be displayed in the lobby of the Minidoka County Courthouse.

Roney was killed by a roadside bomb in Habersham, Ga., on March 31. He was in the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade of the 1st Infantry Division. To many in the Magic Valley, Roney represents what this war is about. He was a young man who emerged from a broken family and a difficult youth, and grew to a man yearning to defend his country and keep it safe. A flag memorial in his hometown may seem simple, but it solidifies his image with the meaning of sacrifice.

**CHEERS:** To rescue efforts for last weekend's lost snowmobilers in Cassia County. A host of organizations and agencies worked overtime last week to help locate four snowmobilers who spent two full days in the South Hills of Cassia County. Thanks to their help, disaster was averted and four snowmobilers came home. Three members were located by a two-man crew in an AH-64 Apache helicopter on Monday afternoon. The fourth was found Monday at 8 p.m. They had been miss-

ing since Saturday at 2 p.m. Braving the cold weather and snow for two days were numerous members of Twin Falls County Search and Rescue, Cassia County Sheriff's Department, Cassia County Search and Rescue, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Murtaugh Quick Response Unit and the Magic Valley Snowmobile Club.

Thumbs up to a job well done for sticking out a difficult job in the grueling elements.



**CHEERS AND JEERS** is a light-hearted weekly potluck of commitments and quibbles from the weekly headlines. Do you see an individual, group or organization worthy of some praise? Is a job of healthy criticism warranted elsewhere? Send your suggestion for a cheer or a jeer to The Times-News at [cheers@magvalley.com](mailto:cheers@magvalley.com) or write me at the mix for our weekly feature.

**JEERS:** To the clown making bomb threats around Jerome. Apparently, someone in Jerome thinks Saturday night high jinks means calling up police with bomb threats for Wal-Mart and Central Elementary School. The same man called 911 several times last Saturday—leading to an evacuation of the retailer on Saturday night. Police found nothing on the roof of Central Elementary.

The thrill must have been addictive, because police received similar bomb threats three days later for Central and Jerome Middle School. No bombs were found, but students were still sent home. Still, with the caller moving his threats from shopping customers to small kids, police are dealing with a frightening case.

Soon enough, however, the joke will be on the caller. Jerome Mayor Charles Correll announced a \$2,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and prosecution in the case.

**CHEERS:** To the Orchard Park Plaza development in southwest Twin Falls, Swensen Development Co., which is associated with Swensen grocery markets in Twin Falls. The work with Don H. Detert's White Pine Development to develop 17 farm acres for new commercial and retail in the area.

We applaud these partners for seeing and following through on the commercial potential in the south of Twin Falls. Any development that goes outside the flood of Old Lakes Boulevard development is welcome direction for the growing community.

Developers know that the blossoming neighborhoods and homes in the area need retail and shopping services. But they're pursuing that goal in the right way, by using informal open house meetings and discussions to see what residents want and need before they go through the zoning process.

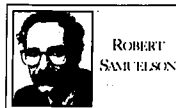


## Truth hurts too much to face reality of Social Security issue

**Y**ou've probably never heard of Flemming v. Nestor, but it's a 1960 Supreme Court decision that demolishes the Bush administration's case for borrowing vast amounts to pay for the proposed "personal" Social Security accounts. The White House has crafted a clever bit of intellectual camouflage to do what's politically convenient: create a new government benefit at no obvious cost.

True, borrowing is a cost, but it's largely hidden from the public. It's not as conspicuous as a tax. What we have here is an exercise in mass deception that, in a weird way, is encouraged by a public that prefers to be deceived rather than face the difficult choices posed by Social Security or the government's budget.

If personal accounts are worth having (my view—they're not), then they're worth paying for through taxes or spending. Perish the thought. The administration created a massive Medicare drug benefit (estimated 2006-2015 cost by the Congressional Budget Office: \$745 billion) without new taxes, and why shouldn't it do the same for personal accounts? The White House estimates the needed borrowing at \$74 billion in the next decade. Democrats on the House budget committee put the first full decade of borrowing (which would start in 2009) at \$1.4 trillion. Regardless of amount, the administration's justification is the same: The borrowing simply replaces one debt (future Social Security payments) with another (borrowing now for personal accounts). As Joshua Benin, head of the Office of Management and Budget, testified last week: "The transition financing (of personal accounts) does not represent new debt. These are obligations that the government already owes in the form of future (Social Security) bene-



ROBERT SAMUELSON

fits." Sounds reasonable. It isn't. A bond is a legal debt. Social Security is not. When the government sells a bond—that is, borrows—it assumes a legal obligation to pay the lender interest and to repay the principal. If the government defers on either, it would go to court to demand repayment. Social Security does not involve this kind of debt; Congress can raise or lower benefits at any time. This is both common sense and the law—Flemming v. Nestor.

Ephraim Nestor came to the United States from Bulgaria in 1913. In 1956 he was deported because he'd been a Communist Party member for six years (1933-1939) and was also stripped of his Social Security benefits—both acts following congressional law passed in the preceding anti-communist climate. Nestor had paid payroll taxes for 19 years; he sued to get his Social Security. The court rejected his claim. The court said that, generally, Congress could alter Social Security as it pleased. It needed to have "flexibility" to adjust Social Security to "ever-changing conditions."

It may shock most Americans to know that Congress could legally cut or eliminate their Social Security benefits tomorrow. But that's also the White House position. Dig deep into its budget documents, and here's what you'll find: "Future Social Security... benefits may be considered as promises or responsibilities of the Federal Government, but these benefits are not a liability (which is a legal or accounting sense). There is no bright line dividing Social Security... from other

programs that promise benefits to people." Well, this flatly contradicts the administration's logic that Social Security is a future debt that must be paid. If it can borrow tons of money for personal accounts, it can borrow tons for future food stamps or Medicaid.

In a sense, this has been happening, because the federal budget has run deficits in all but five years since 1960. The new Bush budget envisions deficits seemingly forever. Yet there is little public appetite for anything else. Bush's budget proposes cutting or eliminating 150 programs with savings of \$20 billion in 2006. The response: the sky is falling. "President Offers Budget Proposal With Broad Cuts," headlined *The New York Times*. Not really. The proposed cuts amount to eight-tenths of 1 percent of proposed spending of \$2.57 trillion. The press criticizes deficits—and also spending cuts that might trim deficits.

In an expanding economy, Bush should have proposed a balanced budget, and his projected deficits are understated because they exclude some Iraq War costs and borrowing for Social Security. Still, closing even the unrealistic deficits would require unpopular measures. The projected deficit for 2009 is \$233 billion. In that year a 10 percent income-tax surcharge, raising about \$125 billion, and repeal of the Medicare drug benefit, saving \$66 billion, would cover most of the deficit.

Americans dislike deficits but dislike them less than the alternatives—higher taxes or lower spending. There's a quiet clamor for hypocrisy and deception; and pragmatic politicians reelected with massive borrowing schemes that seem to promise something for nothing. Please, spare us the truth.

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## LETTER

### Stock market no place for Social Security

The government appears to believe that the casino we call the "stock market" is a sure bet for so-called investors. Does government also believe the Vegas shills who say we can all be winners? State government actually promotes such corrupt casinos. The gamble among us actually rests on "beating the house." In these euphemistically called "gaming" establishments, P.T. Barnum used to call these arithmetically impaired and easily duped fools "suckers." The proposal of this meddling federal government proposes now to allow Social Security contributors to keep part of their contribution if they'll gamble on stock market shares. The government has not revealed specific details of its proposal but has broadcast the notion that this privatization will prevent a possible failure of Social Security in the future. When pressed, however, the government admits that this is not true—but won't call it a "lie." And in spite of this admission, it continues to promote the lie.

Privatization is a trick to destroy Social Security as we know it. It's a trick to provide more loans for those who supported the failure of this government. It's a trick to delude workers into thinking that privatization will produce larger benefits at retirement. It's a trick to make government insurance for our higher dividends, pay expenses for professional account management, etc., and thereby allegedly trump the guaranteed dividend that otherwise accrue under the present system. It's a trick to make us think we can make significantly more money at the glittering Wall Street casino than we can with the guaranteed insurance of Social Security provides. It's a trick to make us think we can escape being devoured by stock market sharks while swimming with the herd in a pool so familiar to the sharks.

The government's aim is to destroy Social Security, not mend it. The class of people now leaving government have always had contempt for ordinary folks. They hated FDR's "socialist" programs. With complete control of government, now is their chance to turn back the pages of history to an upper-class, parasitic aristocracy engorged with the blood of a slave class. An almost non-existent middle class abetted the rule of Benjamin Franklin warned us about monarchies, their nepotism, their claim that their sons had biblical, God-bestowed power to rule common folks. That particular founding father is groaning in his grave!

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### Trade pact spells doom for domestic farms

The United States is committing national suicide because we now import more food than we export. Imported food sources are unreliable and likely unsafe as less than 2 percent is checked for contamination. How can we have national security when food supplies could be stopped or contaminated? The European people starved during World War II when their imported food supply was cut off.

Our sugar industry is dying due to excess imported sugar. Yet, the Bush administration is pushing for passage of the

Central American Free Trade Agreement that will allow even more sugar (100,000 metric tons) and destroy our domestic sugar producers. Already the Nyssa, Ore., Amalgamated Sugar Co. plant has closed, and acreage has been cut 21 percent the past two years or 43,000 acres. Prices paid for growers has fallen from \$1 per ton in 2002 to about \$32 per ton this year. Idaho cannot afford to lose our 5843 million sugarbeet industry employing about 1,000 people. We cannot remain a free nation without adequate food production! CAFTA and the Free Trade Area of the Americas will

super-size the North American Free Trade Agreement that has been a huge failure. Before NAFTA, our trade deficit with Canada and Mexico was only \$9.1 billion. In 2002, it was \$87 billion. Our overall trade deficit has exploded from \$103 billion in 1996, when we had a U.S. agriculture trade surplus of \$27.9 billion, to more than \$600 billion in 2004 with millions of lost jobs. Between 1989 and 2003, imports from China alone displaced 1,650,000 jobs. The U.S. International Trade Commission estimates that CAFTA will increase the trade deficit by another \$100 million. We mostly export our capital, food

production, factories, jobs and our children's future as we become a Third World country. All these trade agreements are a power grab that will create a huge bureaucracy and result in creating a regional government like the European Union. The regional governments will be combined into a world government under United Nations control. Get more information at [www.stophetia.org](http://www.stophetia.org). Please contact our senators and congressman to oppose CAFTA and the Free Trade Area of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization. ADRIAN L. ARP  
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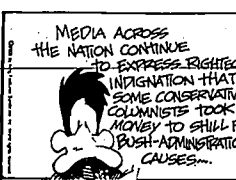
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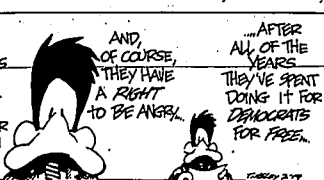
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MORNING BREAK

# Girl makes it clear about who pays when a couple travels

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm going with a girl from Denver who tells me that when a couple travels together on trips, cruises, etc., they share the expenses. But when they get engaged, the fellow should pay all expenses on all trips, etc. Is this what they do in Denver, or will he be taken advantage of?



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

**— NEEDS TO KNOW IN CALIFORNIA**  
**DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW:** The attitude you describe is not specific to one geographical area. You are being put on notice that the moment you put a ring on this young woman's finger, you will be expected to support her financially. If that's your definition of being taken advantage of, find a girl from a lower altitude with less lofty expectations.

**DEAR ABBY:** I hope you'll print this. Many women will face what happened to me. They should be prepared. After 36 years of marriage, I finally confronted my husband about his cheating. I had remained silent for decades, hoping he'd change as he grew older. His response? He left me and filed for divorce. He said I had been a good wife, but he wanted to start a new life.

Thank the Lord that before I confronted him, I had already gotten my affairs in order. I had been saving from my house-

hold allowance (I was a stay-at-home mother of four), knowing I'd need money to defend myself should he ever leave me. I gathered all the information I could about our finances and photographed all of our possessions. (We had numerous vehicles and RV equipment.)

Had I acted differently, I would have lost my share of our assets, as he tried to hide them. Because I had prepared carefully, my attorney was able to uncover the hidden items and property. I also got my GED certificate, took nurse's training and began looking for a job. I had already established credit in my own name, using my husband's salary because I had none. (I did it at department stores, and used the credit wisely, never overextending it.) I did not confront my husband until I was prepared to take care of myself. Nor did I rave or make a fool of myself. A year later, my children still loved their father, even if they no longer respected him. I did-

n't try to destroy him. I remained a lady through it all, so that if he came to his senses and realized our marriage was worth saving, I'd have no regrets about my actions.

I also shopped around for a good lawyer. I confided only in trusted individuals, not mutual friends. I knew, above all, how important it was to be discreet.

While I wouldn't wish what I went through on my worst enemy, I'm glad I handled it the way I did. It took more than five years for me to recover. My life will never be the same. I lost my husband, my church, my last child left home, and I went through menopause — all in one year. But if I can survive, anyone can.

**— STANDING TALL IN TEXAS**

**DEAR STANDING TALL:** I wish you success and happiness in your new life. As difficult as your recovery period may have been, it couldn't have been more painful than pretending you didn't know your husband was a serial cheater.

I never fails to amaze me how many strong women do not realize how resilient they are. And by that I mean, they marshal their inner resources to take one foot in front of the other, and keep marching even when the odds are against them, until they see daylight.

# Holland ceded colony this day in 1647

This day in history: When British warships appeared at the mouth of the Hudson River on Feb. 19, 1647, Holland ceded its colony of New Amsterdam to England without firing a shot. Faster than a New Amsterdam minute, England renamed it New York.

Not all of the city was renamed. For example, Dutch farms were called bouweries, and their agriculture area is still called the Bowery. And Harlem was named by homesick settlers after Haarlem, their city back in Holland.

Got hairy ears? Don't be shy. In India, it's a measure of a



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

man's virility, just as plumpness is the measure of wealth. Who are Judith, Rachael, Argine and Palas? They're the queens of hearts, diamonds, clubs and spades, respectively. Their husbands are Charlemagne, Caesar, Alexander and David, and their knaves are La Hire, Hector, Lancelot and Ogier (of which La Hire and Ogier are one-eyed).

The early missionaries to Polynesia puritanically frocked the naked natives. If they had to wear clothes, the Polynesians decided they didn't want just drab cotton whites so they decorated the fabrics with bright designs. And thus, the Hawaiian shirt was born.

The earliest silent films weren't shot in Hollywood, which was then just a sleepy farm community best known for its figs. Back then, the film capital of the world was Fort Lee, N.J., home of Thomas Edison's studio.

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# Working too quickly may disappoint Pisces

**IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** A quiet start to 2005 gives you time for reflection. Expect a new phase to begin in May when career or home matters shift and minor adjustments are necessary. July could bring a brief testing period that you can ease with living colors by avoiding important starts and dealing diligently with whatever pops up. August brings increased popularity in a new direction in your life. By late October you are ready to launch new plans and accept the bounty of a grateful universe that amply rewards your efforts.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** The mood to get physical work accomplished can take hold and lead you to finish your checklist early in the day. You may need to prove your love to someone else by being helpful.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Laid-out pictures on the wall and dust under the bed may ink your sense of harmony. Neatness counts, so get organized and put personal possessions in order. Where love is at stake, prudence makes perfect.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You may be in the mood to display eccentricities in public or shock the world with progressive ideas.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't let minor squabbles early in the day erode your tranquility. Busting around may only put you more behind. Thoroughness and tactfulness will make relationships flow more smoothly.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Those little things left undone could catch up with you today, so knuckle down and take care of priorities. A little agitation over shared items or a breakdown in communication will be settled quickly.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** New

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

friends or companions could brighten your day and break you out of a mental rut. Inventive ideas are flowing that may help you in your work or merely fascinate and delight you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** There are never any losers at love when both parties live up to their duties and take turns in a democratic way. Rather than competing with others and chiding over trivial things, try cooperation.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You might be thrown into contact with those who think "Cleanliness is next to godliness" and be prepared to endure those with a critical eye.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Your casual nature might resent being hemmed in by rules and formality today. You may hit a brick wall in a conversation when someone is not as generous and giving as expected.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Less may be more where fashion and appearance are concerned. You may wish to streamline your surroundings and do away with clutter that is bogging you down. Sexy reserve attracts romance.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Your free-wheeling style might be reined in by necessity as social matters hit a snag.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Although you might want to put a creative touch of individuality on everything you do, working too quickly can leave you dissatisfied. Be devoted to your passions. Anything worth doing is worth doing well.

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- Tilt/Cruise
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 RETAIL \$28380  
 SMART BUY  
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- Tilt/Cruise
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- Slider
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# SPORTS

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Section B

## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

I just drive by the seat of the pants, and some guys don't like that. It doesn't bother me. I'll go out and stand on the gas tomorrow.

— NASCAR driver Kevin Harvick

### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:**  
Name the three brothers who played in the same outfield at the same time for the same team in the same game in 1963.  
.....answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**High School**  
Postseason  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Great Basin Conference West Tournament  
Minico at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
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See related stories .....  
**College**  
**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
CSI at Sall Lake CC, 5:30 p.m.  
**Men's Basketball**  
CSI at Sall Lake CC, 7:30 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### NHL labor talks will resume

**NEW YORK** — There might be an NHL season, after all. The NHL and players' association will meet in New York on Saturday after the league released their get-together again. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman canceled the season, saying it was too late to play any semblance of a season. That appeared to make the NHL the first major North American sports league to lose a full season to a labor dispute. Or did it? In a statement released Friday night, the players' association said the NHL made the offer late Thursday night to get back together. There was no immediate word on who would take part in the meeting.

#### Boxing clubs merge in southern Idaho

**TWIN FALLS** — Three separate boxing clubs with ties to the College of Southern Idaho, the Boys and Girls Club, and the Jerome area have merged recently into one boxing club. Organizers are inviting new male and female members to join. The CSI's South Central Boxing has joined with the Southern Idaho Club from the Boys and Girls Club and Jerome's Brittan club. The new group will be known as the Southern Idaho Boxing Club. Organizers say it is now as large as any boxing club in the state, rivaling the size of those found in Pocatello and Boise.

Members of the Southern Idaho Boxing Club range in age from 12-29. Instruction and matches are held under the supervision of licensed and certified boxing coaches. Practices are weekday evenings at the Boys and Girls Club on Front Street, Field Road in Twin Falls. For more information about the club, contact coaches Jason Estillo at 308-1812 or Ron Carnell at 324-9496.

#### Call of the Wild Kids ski competition nears

**ALBION** — The Call of the Wild Kids ski competition will be held Saturday at Pomerelle Mountain Resort. Registration is from 9-11 a.m. The competition begins at noon. The event is for skiers and boarders 14 years of age and under. The first competition will be Moggy Carpet Mania for all beginners and the second competition will be the Giant Slalom for those more advanced. There is a cash prize for the top finisher. Post and waivers must be signed by parents. For more information, call 673-5599.

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Matty, Felipe and Jesus Alou, with the San Francisco Giants.

# That familiar feeling



Shoshone junior Katie Strunk, 21, grabs the rebound from Wildcats freshman Lucy Samuels during the third quarter of the Indians' 57-40 win over Lapwai in the Class 1A Idaho state girls basketball tournament semifinals Friday night at Nampa High School. Shoshone will play Kendrick in the championship game at 11:30 a.m. at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

## Indians head back to 1A championship game

**By Eric Larsen**  
Times-News writer

**NAMPA** — The old adage that offense wins games, but defense wins championships is one step away from holding true in the Class 1A Girls Basketball State Tournament. As they have all year, the Shoshone Indians used their suffocating defensive pressure to pester the usually sharp-shooting Lapwai Wildcats into 27.8 percent shooting en route to a 57-40 win Friday night at Nampa High School. The win puts the Indians into the championship game for the second straight year, this time against the Kendrick Tigers, who defeated two-time champs Brimrock earlier Friday.

The "defense was the key," Indians head coach Tim Chapman said. "You really have to give credit to Kallie Axelson and Meghan Sorenson. They take pride in their defense and did a great job tonight." Axelson and Sorenson had the unenviable task of defending Wildcats sharpshooter Aldrea Walker. But held the senior guard to only six points on two 3-pointers. "She's such a great player that we talked before the game about knowing where she is at all times," Chapman said. "That we couldn't give up those 21-foot 3s she likes to take or let her get in the lane and sink the one-handed floaters she likes." While the Wildcats found room to hoist up 19 3-pointers, they only connected on six. On the other end, the Indians found open holes in the Wildcats defense, hitting Katie Strunk inside, who scored a game-high 16 points. Senior Amanda Gulliford finished with 11 while Sorenson scored 10. "Amanda got hot and gave us a bit of a spark with six points in a row," Chapman said. "She got open underneath. Our senior leadership really showed tonight."

not suited for the game with a large brace adorning her left knee from Thursday's injury in the tournament's opening round, sophomore Kori Bingham came in to give the Indians some quality minutes, scoring three points and grabbing seven rebounds. "Kori has stepped up so much for us," Gulliford said. "She's now our first girl off the bench and she's doing great." For most of the Indians team, Saturday's game at The Idaho Center will have a familiar feel. While expectations are high, Gulliford says the team's experience and closeness will help pull them through. "We're so close on this team," Gulliford said. "Everybody on the team is so close and I think we'll have an advantage from being there last year." Saturday's game time is 11:30 a.m.

### 1A State Tournament

Friday's results  
Consolation bracket  
Genesee 40, Richfield 34  
Hagerman 48, North Gem 37  
Championship bracket  
Oakley 53, Mackay 52  
Kendrick 41, Rimrock 33  
Shoshone 57, Lapwai 40  
Saturday's games  
at Nampa High School  
Genesee vs. Hagerman, 9 a.m., consolation  
Wallace vs. Oakley, 10:45 a.m., fourth  
Rimrock vs. Lapwai, 12:30 p.m., third  
at Idaho Center, Nampa  
Shoshone vs. Kendrick, 11:30 a.m., championship

## Bruin boys survive first-quarter scare

**By Joe Paisley**  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Twin Falls was too cool under pressure to let Highland pull off a big upset. The Rams did everything they needed to turn Friday night's Region Four Boys' Semifinal game into a hotly competitive boys basketball contest at Baun Gymnasium, falling 66-52. Twin Falls will host the region championship at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The Bruins (13-8) roared to a 14-7 lead after the first quarter, running and gunning and hitting four 3-pointers in transition to stun the top seed Bruins. But they did not panic them. An experienced Twin Falls (22-0) squad steadied itself, taking advantage of senior guard/forward Mitch Smith's hot hand to tie the game at halftime and pull away in the fourth quarter.

"Highland played a heckuva first half," said Bruins coach Matt Lars. "We kept our composure the whole game. It took awhile for us to get into a groove." Smith's 26 points tied a career high and sparked the Bruins' offense, cashing in transition opportunities to find that groove. "We took a few shots we shouldn't have and that got them going," said Highland

coach Chris Frost. "Twin's a helluva team. If we can stay with them maybe we're one of the better teams in the state right now. But we'll find out Tuesday." Highland plays Idaho Falls on Tuesday for a title game berth on Thursday. The Tigers won on a buzzer-beating tipin earlier Friday over Skyline, 47-45. Mitch Smith went 5-for-9 from long range and corralled 10 rebounds for a double-double. Please see BRUINS, Page 2

## Borah bests TFHS, 61-40

**By Eric Larsen**  
Times-News writer

**NAMPA** — Deflated but not yet beaten. "That was the tone outside of the Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball locker room after Friday night's 61-40 loss to the top ranked Borah Eagles in the semifinal round of the Class 5A Girls Basketball State Tournament. Standing in the long, stark white tunnel under the Idaho Center's bleachers, Bruins coach Joe D. Shepard replayed what he told the dejected Bruins after the game. "I told them that they're still playing for the highest finish a Twin Falls girls basketball team has ever had," Shepard said. "Last year's consolation game was the first trophy ever. Now they need to play with pride. This team has 21 wins and can still take home a trophy. I think they'll respond." As for Friday night, the Bruins simply run up against a better Borah team. The Lions executed every facet of the game well despite a cold shooting night. Borah gave away only two turnovers in the first half and 10 for the game as compared to 21 Bruins giveaways. Although standout senior Breanne



Wiping tears from her eyes, Twin Falls senior Shikira Bandolin, left, walks off the court after the Bruins' 61-40 semifinal loss to Borah in the Class 5A Idaho state girls basketball tournament in Nampa Friday.

Law was saddled with early foul trouble, the Lions found the holes in the box-and-one defense the Bruins threw at sophomore standout Nicole Gall.

"We practiced for 10 days on our junk of

defense because we knew someone was going to throw something like that at us," Borah coach Jim Pankratz said. "I told the kids (Shepard) was going to do something like

## Minico girls fall in 4A state semifinals

**By John Derr**  
Times-News writer

**MERIDIAN** — To win the close games, you have to get a few breaks at key moments. Unfortunately for the Minico Spartans, that didn't happen Friday night. Three chances late in the game failed to produce any points as Minico fell to the Blackfoot Broncos 30-27 in semifinal action at the Class 4A Girls State Basketball Tournament at Mountain View High School. "We knew that they were going to shut down inside," Minico head coach Clint Stratman said. "That was OK. We got our looks, but we really didn't get any breaks." Another huge factor was free throws or the lack of them. The Spartans didn't attempt a free throw all night as the Broncos had only five fouls whistled against them. Blackfoot shot 6-of-11 from the charity stripe. The Spartans will play Lakeland today at 11 am for third place.

Concerned with the Spartans' inside game, the Broncos packed their key forcing Minico to shoot from the outside. Minico did and looked to its youngest player, Sarah Schenk, a sophomore guard, hit her second 3-point shot the game to put the Spartans up 23-21 heading into the final period. Schenk led Minico with 10 points, the only player in double figures. Blackfoot's Ramirez took 10 3-pointers but shot a one-point edge that increased to four when Nicki Callister (11 points) chipped in her second try of the game.

Minico's Meghan Boettcher cut the deficit in half, but the Spartans would get no closer. Neither team scored over the next three minutes. Minico was forced to foul as the Broncos tried to run out the clock.

Instead, the Spartans' defense Please see MINICO, Page B2

## CSI baseball gets off snide

**By Kevin Colbert**  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — No matter the opponent, it always feels good to get the first wins of the season. The College of Southern Idaho baseball team may have dropped its first four games of the 2005 campaign, but the Golden Eagles got at least some good vibes from the clubhouse after sweeping struggling Eastern Utah, 6-3 and 8-4 Friday at Walker Field. Both the Scenic West Athletic Conference rivals came into non-conference doubleheader struggling, but it was CSI (2-4) that made enough improvements to grab the two victories. CEU, meanwhile, dropped to 1-5.

Clutch hitting, for that matter any hitting, had been an issue for CSI on its four-game trip to Henderson. Two weekends ago, when the Eagles tallied just seven hits total, the bats came alive Friday. CSI pounded out a total of 18 hits against CEU, many of which came in RBI situations. "It was better today," CSI head coach Bommer Walker said. "... But it's still going to have to continue to improve, just because of the quality of pitching we're going to face. The guys we saw today aren't going to be the guys we see on the upper-echelon teams in our conference."

CEU jumped out to leads in both games, going ahead 1-0 and 3-2 early in Game 1 before holding a 3-1 advantage through three innings in Game 2. But for as young as CSI is, it's making some noise. And according to CEU head coach Scott Madsen, his squad still doesn't know how to put a team away when it has the edge. "We have a freshman team," he said. "That's what happens. They get a lead and lose it. It's Please see EAGLES, Page B2

SPORTS

CSI women seize control in SWAC

The Times-News

SALT LAKE CITY — A quick start when the top-ranked College of Southern Idaho women...



CSI's Joanna Hixon hit two free throws with five seconds left for the Eagles...

The win gives the CSI women a two-game lead in the SWAC standings. The Golden Eagles...

CSI men

What was a promising beginning to the season for the Eagles...

CSI head coach Bob Arnold was suspended for both games this weekend. Arnold collided with North Idaho College player...

Sophomore guard Sidney Omdorf seemed to hit a big shot whenever the Golden Eagles...

Oakley wins 53-52 thriller over Mackay

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

NAMPA — Oakley was wise to keep their motel reservations, because the Hornets stayed one night more in Nampa.

dropped through the net to hit the game at 52-50. Bell's second was spot-on, hitting nothing but net.

else from her," Graham said. "She kept us in the game in the first half."

Hagerman advances to 1A consolation game

By Nathaniel Garrabrant Times-News writer

NAMPA — The Hagerman Pirates' season will continue for one more game after a 48-37 loser-out victory over North Gem Friday morning at the 1A girls state tournament in Nampa.

at 11:45 and put together a game," said Hagerman coach Lurano Axelson.

Genesee 40, Richfield 34. The Genesee Bulldogs pulled away from Richfield in the second half to end a solid Tigers' season at 15-6.

Eagles

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happened about three times in the pre-season. They get a lead and go into cruise-control."

walks and one hit. The combination of Sean Edwards and Arin Formanek came to give us just two earned runs, five hits and three walks in six innings. Edwards picked up the win.

Genesee 40, Richfield 34. The Genesee Bulldogs pulled away from Richfield in the second half to end a solid Tigers' season at 15-6.

Bruins

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"We have a team with a lot of good shooters," Smith said. "We look for whoever's hot to get the ball to them."

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Slow start stops Flier girls

By John Derr Times-News writer

KUNA — The Wildcats gave delighted Marsh Valley all they could handle, but just came up short in the end.

3A State Tournament

Friday's results. Consolation bracket. Shelley vs. Bonners Ferry...

throws, trimming the deficit to 10 points.

The weakness for the Eagles turned out to be their free throw shooting. Marsh Valley went the free throw line 28 times, but could connect on just 13.

Flier battled throughout the game, but was unable to knock off the Eagles, falling in the semifinals 57-42 in the 3A Idaho state girls basketball tournament Friday night in Kuna.

Things didn't start well as Flier could only manage three points in the first quarter and trailed by seven.

Marsh Valley responded with a 7-0 start in the second half at the break. The lead grew to 14 points by the end of the third quarter before Flier charged back into the game.

Viking girls' season comes to end

By John Derr Times-News writer

MIDDLETON — Two quarters brought the season to an end for the Valley Vikings.

2A State Tournament

Friday's results. Consolation bracket. West Side 52, Valley 37...

the next 12 points for West Side to put the game out of reach.

A small lead most of the game couldn't overcome a rash of turnovers and coach shooting. In the fourth as Valley was eliminated from the 2A Girls State basketball tournament Friday with 51-37 loss to the West Side Pirates.

Nampa Chr. vs. New Plymouth, 11 a.m., and Idaho Center, Nampa Grangeville vs. Butte Co., 1:30 p.m., championship

"I never felt like we got into the game in the second half with all the whistles. The girls played hard and I am awfully proud of them.

Borah

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that because he's a good coach. It really makes you coach."

5A State Tournament

Friday's results. Consolation bracket. Coeur d'Alene 68, Min. View 57...

speed and that hurt them," Pankratz said. "He's a big force inside. Hayden's reach and Bratvold are both tough. Those are the two best players in Idaho without a question."

Minico

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fense stepped up and got the ball back. Going for the tie, the shot failed and the Broncos went to the free throw line.

4A State Tournament

Friday's results. Consolation bracket. Skyview 39, Bishop Kelly 25...

After a quiet start, the teams slowed down in the second quarter. A long jumper by Schenk was the only basket for the Spartans. Blackfoot, with the benefit of a nine to one foul count, hit four free throws and led 17-13.

Genesee 40, Richfield 34

Table with columns for Genesee and Richfield scores, players, and statistics.

Oakley 53, Mackay 52

Table with columns for Oakley and Mackay scores, players, and statistics.

West Side 52, Valley 37

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Anthony makes the most of his chance

DENVER (AP) — Carmelo Anthony took advantage of his only on-court appearance of this All-Star weekend...



Anthony's...

Recuperating from an injured ankle and the flu, James had 20 points. Dwyane Wade finished with 12 points and eight assists.

A struggle during the first half of the season left him off the All-Star roster and made Friday his only appearance this weekend on the court.

Let by a handful of dunks by Tony Allen of the Celtics, the rookies took a nine-point lead into the second.

From there, the lead widened and play loosened up, although it never reached the silliness of last year's game.

Allen, Laol Deng and Al Jefferson led the rookies with 17 points each.

Chris Bosh had 26 points and 14 boards for the sophomores and Kyle Korver had 21.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Youth baseball coaches clinic offered at FTHS
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 in the new gym at Twin Falls High School.

Williams reaches diamond semifinal
ANTWERP, Belgium — Venus Williams ended the comeback run of former No. 1 Kim Clijsters, beating the local favorite 6-2, 6-3 Friday in the quarterfinals of the Diamond Games.

Earnhart going for fourth straight win
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhart Jr. has his work cut out for him if he is going to win a fourth straight NASCAR Nextel Series race at Daytona International Speedway.

Insinbaya breaks world pole vault record again
BIRMINGHAM, England — Yelena Insinbaya set her second pole vault world record in a week and became the first woman to clear 16 feet indoors Friday at the Norwich Union Grand Prix meet.

At 40, Hopkins goes after 20th title defense
LOS ANGELES — Bernard Hopkins has a thing for numbers. He'll talk to anyone who will listen about being a middleweight champion at the age of 40, and will gladly tell you that his purse for his last fight with Oscar De La Hoya was an eye-opening \$10 million.

Lysacek rallies to win men's skating event
GANGNEUNG, South Korea — It was an all-American day at the Four Continents figure skating championships.

Walchofer edges Maier, Miller in downhill
G A B I U S C H I I - PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany — Michael Walchofer finally tamed a troublesome turn on the Kandahar course Friday to edge Nikolay Davydchenko.

Federer defeats Dayvdenko at ABN AMRO
ROTTERDAM, Netherlands — Top-seeded Roger Federer advanced to the semifinals of the ABN AMRO, defeating sixth-seeded Nikolay Davydchenko 7-5, 7-5 Friday.

Top seeds advance to semifinals in Bogota
BOGOTA, Colombia — Fabián Yangua and Thelma Pennetta advanced to the semifinals Friday at the Copa Colombia tournament.

Lenard in, James out on All-Star Saturday
DENVER — Count Denver Nuggets guard Voshon Lenard among the very few players who might actually give a hint about NBA All-Star Saturday.

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Basketball

- Regional coverage, ESPN, 10 a.m.
Wichita St. in Miami (Ohio), ESPN2, 10 a.m.
Regional coverage, ABC, 11 a.m.
Xavier at Dayton, ESPN, noon

Boxing

- Midweights, Jermain Taylor (22-0-0) vs. Daniel Edwards (16-0-2); champion Bernard Hopkins (45-2-1) vs. Howard Eastman (40-1-0) for undisputed middleweight championship, HBO, 7:45 p.m.

Golf

- European PGA Tour, Malaysia Open, third round, TG5, 7 a.m.
Nationwide Tour, Jacob's Creek Open, third round, TG5, 9 p.m.
Champions Tour, The Ace Group Classic, second round, TGO, 11:30 a.m.

Area ski report

Table with columns for Area, Slopes, Conditions, and other details for various ski resorts.

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Table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, Pct, GB, and other statistics.

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Table listing top performers in various categories like Points, Rebounds, Assists, etc.

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Table listing 3-point shootout competitors and their stats.

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Table listing NBA All-Star rosters for Eastern and Western conferences.

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Table listing Friday's college basketball scores.

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Table listing WTA tournament results and participants.

ATP ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament

Table listing ATP tournament results and participants.

WTA Tour Copa Colossitas Seguros Bolívar

Table listing WTA tournament results and participants.

NASCAR Busch-Henrich's Take 5 300 Lineup

Table listing NASCAR race lineup and driver information.



SPORTS



New England Patriots' Tedy Bruschi, left, and his wife, Heidi, leave Massachusetts General Hospital, Friday, in Boston. Bruschi was released from the hospital after spending two days recovering from a mild stroke that caused numbness, blurred vision and severe headaches.

# Bruschi released from hospital after suffering a mild stroke

BOSTON — New England Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi was released from the hospital Friday, after spending two days recovering from a mild stroke that caused numbness, blurred vision and severe headaches.

Wearing a gray sweat suit, Bruschi smiled and waved to reporters and fans as he walked with his wife, Heidi, to a waiting sports utility vehicle outside Massachusetts General Hospital. He did not comment.

Bruschi was reportedly walking and talking normally a day after the stroke. Doctors said positive reports so soon after the stroke were good indicators that he could continue his football career, but his prognosis remains uncertain.

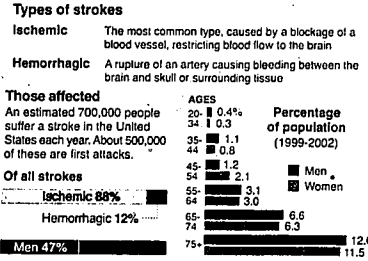
Bruschi, a nine-year veteran, is one of the team's most popular players and a key member of the defense that helped New England win three of the last four Super Bowls.

Heidi Bruschi called 911 on Wednesday, saying her husband was experiencing "blurred vision, numbness on the right side of his body." The Patriots later confirmed that he had suffered a mild stroke.

Team spokesman Stacey James visited Bruschi at the hospital Friday to deliver hundreds

## Bruschi tackles effects of a stroke

New England Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi, 31, who played in his first Pro Bowl on Sunday, suffered a mild stroke experiencing temporary numbness, blurred vision and headaches.



SOURCE: American Stroke Association Ed DeGassero/AP

of printed e-mails from well-wishers around the country. "The outpouring of support has been overwhelming and the Bruschi family is very appreciative," James said.

An estimated 700,000 people per year in the United States suffer strokes, with the majority resulting from clots that block the brain's arteries.

Brian Mullen of the NHL's New York Islanders attempted a comeback two years after suffering a stroke, but he had to undergo surgery to correct the heart problem that caused it in 1993. He had a seizure while training for his comeback and

retired when no team would take a chance on him.

Houston Astros pitcher J.R. Richard, one of the most dominant right-handers of the late 1970s, had his career cut short when he suffered a blockage-caused stroke in 1980 at age 30. His comeback attempt was also unsuccessful.

Unlike heart attacks, strokes usually cause no pain, so the warning signs often are missed by victims and people around them. Symptoms include sudden weakness or numbness, dimness or loss of vision, difficulty or inability to speak and severe headaches.

# FROM THE BENCH TO THE BARSTOOL

## Hockey's suicide season already taking its toll

By Alan Robinson  
Associated Press writer

Imagine the teeth-grashing if a labor dispute deprived Yankee Stadium of baseball for at least 17 months, or the waiting over no football for Green Bay's historic Lambeau Field.

In puckstruck cities like Detroit, which proudly dubs itself Hockeytown, such is the level of despair. Among fans whose loyalty looks less like sports obsession and more like family ties.

The Red Wings are to many what Motown once was to popular music — the heart, the soul, the raison d'être. Team captain Steve Yzerman's multi-story image hovers over the city square where three Stanley Cups have been celebrated.

But for Louis Arena is dark now, all because of the first full-season shutdown of a major North American pro sports league. NHL commissioner Gary Bettman on Wednesday canceled what was left of a season that never started, plunging the league into an entirely new and unpredictable ice age.

"I'm ashamed by what we've salvaged by this by today," said Tim Leivecke said, invoking unusually blunt criticism of owners and players alike. "Smart people should have salvaged this by today."

Rumors exist that a deal could still be made that would reverse the cancellation, but those appear to be nothing more than false hopes.

Yzerman has been playing willing to deal with the reality that the season is over. There's no way to get it back," New York Rangers player representative Tom McClellan says. "I don't see there's zero chance of anything happening."

The emotional damage from the NHL's suicide season ranges beyond hockey faithful, and touches more than millionaires such as the Rangers' Jaromir Jagr, the NHL's highest-paid player last season at \$11 million, and Washington Capitals owner Ted Leonsis.

"Thousands of NHL club employees' pay and work weeks to be cut," says Kevin O'Leary, Washington Capitals owner Ted Leonsis.

"I think I'll go to a lot of (Wolves) tickets five rows behind the Chicago Blackhawks' bench. Rich Steineke got to see all the hockey he wanted."

Now that the NHL has canceled its season, though, he's looking for something to do. "I'm looking for something to do. I'm looking for something to do."

And the minor league Chicago Wolves are the next best thing.

"I think I'll go to a lot of (Wolves) tickets five rows behind the Chicago Blackhawks' bench. Rich Steineke got to see all the hockey he wanted."

He's not the only one. Now that the NHL has canceled its season, minor league teams such as the Wolves are offering an opportunity to grow their business. "It's an obligation to keep the sport alive."

"We're the best league playing in North America, and we have a great fan base," said Kevin Chechvaldyoff, the Wolves' general manager. "I just can't stress enough the importance upon us to keep the fans burning, so to speak, for hockey in the United States and Canada."

Minor league rosters are filled with NHL refugees this season. Chris Chelios and his Detroit Red Wings teammates Brian Hatcher and Kris Draper signed with the Motor City Mechanics of the United Hockey League earlier this month, and more are expected to follow now that the NHL season has ended. Officially has called off the season.

On Friday, Red Wings defenseman John Woolley signed with the UHLS Flint Generals while Toronto Canadiens forward Steve Begin joined the American Hockey League's



Surrounded by New Jersey Nets and New York Yankees jerseys, Leslie May, apparel manager at the Modell's Sporting Goods store in Secaucus, N.J., looks through the rack of New Jersey Devils jerseys the store has on clearance Wednesday. With an NHL lockout this season and the cancellation of the rest of the 2005 games Wednesday, the store has not been selling many New Jersey Devils jerseys, even at 25 percent off.

to 41 game paychecks, not counting the playoffs.

And the minimum-wage-plus-the-cost-of-living hockey-dependent restaurants such as Pittsburgh's Ruddy Duck, Boston's Halfmoe Pizza — and yes, Detroit's Hockeytown Cafe — have their very livelihoods blindsided.

"I'm sick when we go around to the restaurants," Columbus Blue Jackets president Doug MacLean said. "Some of the managers get mad at me. When are you playing? When are you playing? I don't blame them. It's devastating for them."

In St. Paul, Minn., where the city's hockey history is the exception, Minnesota Wild is going strong after four years, officials estimate a loss of \$369,000 in sales tax income during the months the team would have been playing.

Joe Kasel, who owns the Eagle Street Grille across the street from St. Paul's Xcel Energy Center, said he has laid off 28 employees. "I don't know when it began," he said. "We do what we can to get through it. It's all we can do."

Kasel said between waiting and bussing tables, serving drinks and handling checks — all part of his new 10-hour work week. At 242, a bar down the street, no amount of effort could keep the business going. The owners have taped a note on the entrance. "We're sorry we can't indefinitely do 'cost uncertainty' and high player salaries."

Hockey's labor mess dates to the last player-owner negotiation in 2005, when the league agreed to a deal that put little restraint on player salaries. By last season, the average salary was \$1.8 million — about \$500,000

more than the average salary in the flourishing NFL.

"It's crazy," Islanders general manager Mike Milbury said. "Twenty years ago when I played, we didn't have in the dressing room catalogs of the Christies Great Estates of the World. I mean, these (players) are wealthy people, millionaires."

The only surprise of the five-month lockout came in its final days, when each side made a major concession.

The league backed off its demand for "cost certainty," or tying players' salaries to revenue. The union, in turn, accepted the idea of a salary cap, a concession chief Bob Goodenow vowed never to do.

But the two sides never closed the gap between the \$12.5 million per team cap offered by the league and the union's \$49 million proposal.

Now, both sides are wondering if a sport whose U.S. TV ratings more closely resembled those of the NBA and professional poker than the NFL or NBA will ever regain its casual fans.

"The game's just suffered an absolute blow if it never recovers from this," Carolina Hurricanes center Rod Brind'Amour said. "They're totally underestimating the damage that's been done. I'm just really disappointed. I'm not being honest with you. I'm embarrassed to be a player in the NHL."

At Detroit's Hockeytown Cafe, the small lunch crowd grew quiet for the NHL's season-ending announcement. Waiters in Red Wings jerseys watched with somber faces. A manager shook her head.

## Minor leagues offer options for hockey fans

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, Ill. (AP) — When season tickets five rows behind the Chicago Blackhawks' bench, Rich Steineke got to see all the hockey he wanted.

Now that the NHL has canceled its season, though, he's looking for something to do. "I'm looking for something to do."

And the minor league Chicago Wolves are the next best thing.

"I think I'll go to a lot of (Wolves) tickets five rows behind the Chicago Blackhawks' bench. Rich Steineke got to see all the hockey he wanted."

He's not the only one. Now that the NHL has canceled its season, minor league teams such as the Wolves are offering an opportunity to grow their business. "It's an obligation to keep the sport alive."

"We're the best league playing in North America, and we have a great fan base," said Kevin Chechvaldyoff, the Wolves' general manager. "I just can't stress enough the importance upon us to keep the fans burning, so to speak, for hockey in the United States and Canada."

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increase in interest," said Adam Fox, the Wolves' executive vice president for business operations. "You can make the case that that's the result of no NHL games being played this year. Only time will tell if that's the case."

The Wolves already have shown that minor league teams can be a viable alternative to the NHL. Playing at the Allstate Arena near O'Hare Airport, the Wolves drew a crowd of 12,177 fans on a Saturday afternoon last year.

The Blackhawk fans had 12,177 fans at the United Center for that late-February game against Florida. That same afternoon, the Wolves drew a crowd of 12,133.

The priciest ticket for a Wolves game is \$40, but the majority of seats are just \$16. Compare that to Blackhawks tickets, which start from \$15 all the way up to \$256.

"We are a good alternative," Anderson said. "People can bring their kids and not have to take out a second mortgage."

And right now, teams such as the Wolves are the only game in town.

"Am I worried about the future of hockey? I'm concerned about the fact you have this type of stoppage at the highest level," Fox said. "But I also believe we can do a job in bridging the gap while it's away from us. Our ambassadors who can help grow the sport."

## Campbell happy to finish where he finished

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Considering the amount of rain that soaked Riviera, Chad Campbell didn't expect to complete his second round Friday in the Nissan Open. The bigger surprise was where he finished.

Equipped with a vastly improved short game, Campbell nearly holed out two shots and only came close to a bogey once in a round of 6-bunder 65 that ended with a three-shot lead over Robert Allenby.

Whether he keeps that lead won't be determined until Saturday.

A four-hour rain delay in the morning made it certain that first-round leader Brian Davis, Tiger Woods and the rest of the late starters would have to return Saturday and face a long day — weather permitting.

Davis, who opened with a 65, had the last tee time. He was about to hit his opening tee shot on No. 10 when the siren sounded to suspend the second round because of darkness. None of the late starters finished even nine holes.

## Golf

The short game, especially his putting, is what has held Campbell back.

Two-time defending champion Mike Weir was among the best until the wind looked him on the par-4 13th. He had 100 yards into the green for his third shot, but went long, then three-putted from 5 feet and wound up with a 73, leaving him a shot behind in his quest to become the first player to win three straight titles at the Nissan Open.

Luke Donald of England closed with 12 straight pars for a 71 and was at 5-under 137, along with Stephen Leary (67) and Rocco Mediate (67).

Woods, whose 67 was his best start over at Riviera, missed a 4-foot eagle putt on his opening hole and let another one get away by missing a 10-foot birdie on the third hole. He was at 5-under, and faced 31 holes on Saturday.

round leaders R.W. Eaks and Mike McCullough in the ACE Group Classic.

Strange had four birdies, four bogeys and a double bogey. The two-time U.S. Open champion, a television analyst for most of the past eight seasons, won 17 PGA Tour titles, highlighted by his 1988 and 1989 U.S. Open victories.

Tim Irwin, coming off a victory in Florida, opened with a 67, and then struck Wayne Levi, Jim Thorpe, Jerry Pate and Leonard Thompson had 68s. Defending champion Craig Stadler shot a 73.

## Defending champ Jai Lee leads at Malaysian Open

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Defending champion Thongchai Jai Lee of Thailand shot a 6-under 66 to take a two-stroke lead in the Malaysian Open.

Thongchai, the first Thai winner on the European tour, had a 10-under 130 total on the Saunja course. Denmark's Thomas Bjorn (64) was second at 12 under, a stroke ahead of Sweden's Henrik Stenson (64) and Thailand's Prom Mesasart (65). Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez (67) was 9 under, and Ireland's Padraig Harrington (66) was 7 under.

PROVO, Utah (AP) — A former Brigham Young defensive back charged with a lesser offense related to an investigation that led to rape charges against four teammates, pleaded no contest to reduced charges Friday.

Billy Skinner, 19, was charged with third-degree felony dealing in harmful materials to a minor. That charge was reduced to an attempted

## BYU player pleads no contest to dealing harmful material

dealing harmful material to a minor charge, a class A misdemeanor.

The charges will be taken off his record if Skinner doesn't plead guilty to the same offense any laws in the next six months, according to his attorney Randall Spencer.

He must also be willing to testify at the June 27 trial of his ex-teammates.

Karlend Bennett, 19,

Ilcham Rashada, 18, B.J. Mathis, 18, and William Turner Jr., who is 18 but lives 17 at the time, were indicted on charges of aggravated sexual assault by dealing harmful material to a minor, furnishing alcohol to a minor and obstructing justice. Turner provided information to prosecutors in exchange for an agreement that he would be tried as a minor.

# Champion role sits well with Busch

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Kurt Busch strolled through the airport, just another guy trying to catch a plane. Few autographs. Few stares. Hardly even a glance.

Not exactly the typical reception for a NASCAR champion. But Busch knows he'll never rival Dale Earnhardt Jr. in popularity or match Jeff Gordon's sophistication.

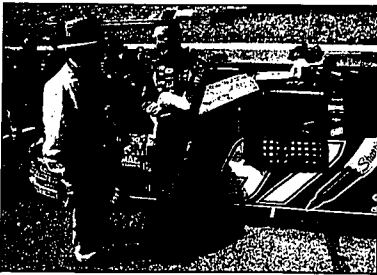
That's OK with him.

After four years of mishaps both on and off the track, Busch has finally found his niche in NASCAR.

"I was taking a commercial flight out of Los Angeles and got just one autograph request. Dale Jr. would be mobbed trying to take a commercial flight," Busch said. "But Dale Jr. has an icon of a sponsor on his car. The role he inherited from his late father. And Jeff Gordon has been in this sport for 15 years."

"It takes time to build a fan base. But just my fifth season. You don't just come in and expect success and popularity. You build it."

Maybe, but few have strug-



NASCAR driver Kurt Busch talks with car owner Jack Roush as they await the start of the first of two GoToroade Duel 150 races at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Thursday. The races help determine the starting grid for the Sunday's Daytona 500.

gled to find their footing the way Busch has.

He jumped straight into NASCAR's flagship series after just one season in the Truck Series, and the brash 22-year-old wasn't given the warmest of welcomes from his fellow competitors.

A Las Vegas native, he was an

instant outsider. Tall and thin, Busch looks more like the captain of the chess team than a famous athlete. And his use of 50-cent words and constant sarcasm bewildered the garage regulars and prevented fans from connecting with him.

He feuded with Jimmy Spencer and Kevin Harvick, complained about mistakes his Roush Racing team made, and insulted NASCAR officials over the radio. Before he knew it, his rivals had a cache of derogatory nicknames for him, ranging from "Rubberhead" to "Dumbo" and the fans had tuned him out because he constantly seemed to be whining.

Just how bad was it? When Spencer punched Busch in the face following a race, it was Busch who ended up as the bad guy.

"I was racing my heart out, didn't know if I was going to be here the next day, and when something went wrong it was like it couldn't be me. It couldn't be my fault," Busch said. "It had to be something else and I pointed to a different driver, the

engines, anything but me.

"I was like the freshman in high school, trying to fit in. But I thought everyone was a wolf or a shark and I had to fight to survive. I just had too much on my plate and I said the wrong things. It wasn't that I thought I could lash out at everything. I was just unaware of the repercussions."

Rough Racing hired a counselor who specializes in coaching high achievers in the corporate world to work with Busch. By the time the 2004 season started, the public saw a watered down version of the swarthy little punk reputation he had built.

He watched what he said to the media. He didn't complain very loudly when the No. 97 crew made a mistake. He kept his nose clean.

"Kurt is a guy who when he came into this sport, he wanted to win every single race and when he didn't win, he couldn't handle it," said veteran crew chief Jimmy Fenning. "Well, someone had to be blamed for Kurt not winning and he found

someone most times.

"Eventually he realized that if he was ever going to be a champion, he had to harness that."

Quiet all season, Busch flew under the radar and into NASCAR's 10-race playoff system. Then he won Round One to take the points lead, and nine races later he wrapped up his first championship. At 26 years old, he tied Jeff Gordon as the third-youngest champion in NASCAR history.

With the title came a trip to the White House, a visit to NASA, a stop on the "David Letterman Show" and a vacation in Tahiti. Best of all, the sudden celebrity status he has in his hometown.

"NASCAR spoils you and being champion has opened up so many other doors for me," Busch said. "It was a lifelong dream for me to win a title and now I have it and it's almost like 'Now What?'"

What's next for Busch is a bid to repeat his championship and continue to build his fan base in NASCAR.

## Change gives way to familiar feel in NASCAR's top series

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — After a year filled with change, the 2005 season in NASCAR's top stock car series will have a familiar feel.

There was plenty of skepticism and even some outrage from fans — when new chairman Brian France changed the points structure last year and ushered in a playoff-style system. But it worked nearly perfectly, meaning there will be less upheaval this year.

The first 26 races kept fan interest at an all-time high and put drivers and teams on edge like never before in midseason. Then the 10-race Chase for the championship went down to the final lap of the season, with Kurt Busch hanging on to beat Jamie McMurray by eight points and Jeff Gordon by 16 in the closest finish in the sport's history.

Other than the anger of traditionalists, who don't like any change, the biggest gripe from fans and teams was that only 10 drivers made it into the playoff. The rules allow any driver within 400 points of the leader to be included, but 11th-place Jamie McMurray missed that mark by 15 points, prompting critics to say it should be changed to 450 or 500 points.

"If it isn't broke, I don't think we have to fix it," France said. "We're always looking at everything we do to see if it can be made better somehow, but there's no need to change anything in the Chase right now."

The new system is not the only thing firmly established as this season opens.

By now, everyone is used to calling it the Nextel Cup series, and France has sealed in after his first full season as chairman and CEO.

"I don't think there are going to be a lot more surprises this year," said four-time Cup champion Jeff Gordon. "Hardly anybody lifts and calls it Winston Cup any more, and we all know now what the Chase is all about."

But France is not one to stand completely still. There will be a few changes in 2005.

Rear spoilers have been lowered and softer tires will be used at intermediate tracks such as Las Vegas, California, Atlanta and Charlotte this year. The rule changes are intended to put more control back into the hands of drivers by taking away downforce and making the cars harder to drive.

There was near panic by some teams about the changes and how they would affect racing. Most of that subsided after pre-season tests two weeks ago at Las Vegas and California.

NASCAR also has changed the qualifying procedure to assure well-sponsored teams that run at each of the 36 Cup races make the lineup.

Under the old system, with car owner points — so-called provisionals — determining only the last seven positions in the lineup, NASCAR and several top sponsors were embarrassed to have guests show up at races where their car had not made the field.

Beginning with the season-opening Daytona 500 on Feb. 20, the top 35 teams in car owner points will be guaranteed starting spots in the lineup, with the rest of the 43-car field filled from qualifying speeds.

In another change, at tracks where Friday qualifying is not considered a big draw, time trials will be moved to Saturday

### Nextel Cup Daytona 500

TV: Fox, 11 a.m., Sunday

and the cars will be impounded by NASCAR immediately after making their qualifying run. They will have to start the race on the same tires and with the same fuel load with which they qualified.

It means some top teams may put less emphasis on qualifying and more on putting the cars into racing trim in pre-qualifying practice.

Starting position will still be important for getting good pit positions and trying to stay out of trouble early in the race, but I think everybody is going to spend more time getting ready for the race and not putting so much time and effort into qualifying," Busch said.

The favorites this season look very similar to those of last season. In fact, it wouldn't surprise anybody if the same 10 drivers who made it into the 2004 Chase are the guys to beat again.

Gordon is considered a serious favorite as he tries once more for a fifth season title, while his Hendrick Motorsports teammate, Johnson, has proven to be a perennial contender but needs a championship to validate his role as a superstar.

Johnson finished fifth as a rookie in 2002 and has been the runner-up each of the last two seasons. He was dominant most of 2004, winning a series-high eight races, but came up just short in the Chase.

"We just have to keep doing what we're doing," Johnson said. "I think our team has shown it has what it needs to win a championship, we just have to put it all together and not make the kind of mistakes we've made in the past."

Rough Racing has come up with the championship the past two years, with Matt Kenseth and Busch, and those two, as well as teammate Mark Martin, are expected to contend in 2005, along with Dale Earnhardt Jr., former champion Tony Stewart, Jeremy Mayfield, Elliott Siedler and Ryan Newman.

Kasey Kahne, last year's top rookie, could jump into the contender class this season, along with McMurray, veterans Dale Jarrett, Bobby Labonte, Kevin Harvick and Joe Nemechek.

Fan favorite Earnhardt finished fifth in the Chase after being a contender all season. DEI, the team started by his late father, went through an off-season shake-up, with Junior and non-contending teammate Michael Waltrip swapping cars and crews.

The sentimental favorite for the title in 2005 will be Martin, a four-time series runner-up and last year's fourth-place finisher, along with former champion Wallace, who will be driving their final full Cup seasons.

"As much as I'd love to win another championship, I would be thrilled just like everybody else — to see Mark win the championship he has deserved all these years," Busch said. "And I think he's got a real shot at it."

Two-time champion Terry Labonte will begin phasing out his career, cutting his schedule to 10 races this year and in 2006. Much-heralded 19-year-old rookie Kyle Busch, Kurt's younger brother, will step into Labonte's full-time ride.

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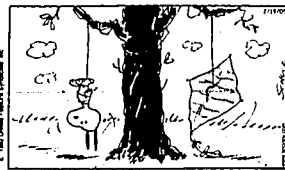
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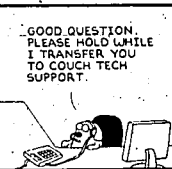
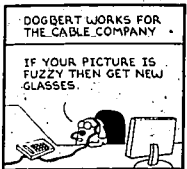
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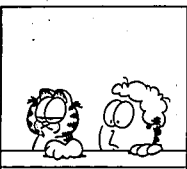
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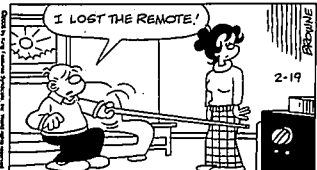
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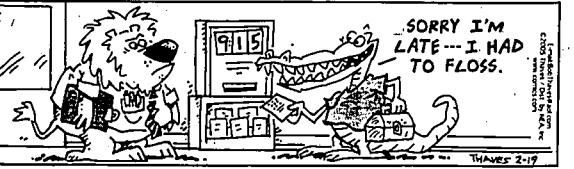
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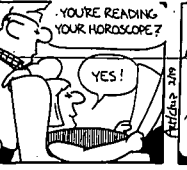
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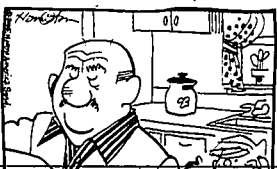
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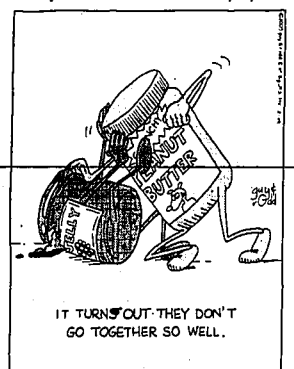
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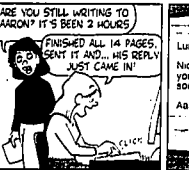
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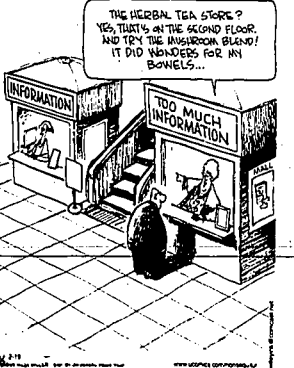
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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### CSI hosts financial planning course

**TWIN FALLS** — A financial planning class, "Successful Retirement Planning" will be held from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 10 through 24, in Shields 104 at the College of Southern Idaho.

Students will be taught to define their financial goals and chart a course to reach them through easy-to-follow instructional and non-technical language. They will learn to maximize their income, get more from their investments and protect their money from income taxes and inflation, organizers said. Instructors are G. Clay Esplin and Brett Robison.

Esplin understands tax sheltering, retirement planning, investments, insurance, estate planning and employee benefits, class organizers said. He educates the public regarding options for retirement and the impact current decisions will have on retirement.

Robison has more than 10 years of experience in financial services and has taught and counseled people in all areas of financial planning. He has worked with individuals, corporations and government entities teaching seminars on money management and retirement planning.

The fee is \$55; each student may bring a guest at no additional charge.

For information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

### Education center offers class for retirees

**TWIN FALLS** — The Community Education Center will offer an enrichment class, "Better Investment Strategies for Retirees," from 6 to 7:30 p.m. March 10 in Shields 103 at the College of Southern Idaho.

Participants will learn how investment portfolios may be able to work harder for them during their retirement years, organizers said. Instructor Matt Schuster will address concerns that the portfolios might not meet standards of living or keep up with the rising cost of living during retirement.

The class will discuss strategies to enhance income during retirement.

Cost is \$15. Each student may bring one guest at no additional charge.

For information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

### Attorney will teach patent workshop

**TWIN FALLS** — Inventors and others who want to learn how to protect their ideas or products will sign up for the "Patent, Copyright and Trademark" workshop to be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. March 8 in Taylor 276 at the College of Southern Idaho.

Patent attorney Ken J. Pederson, from Pederson and Company PLLC of Boise will conduct the workshop for the Idaho Small Business Development Center. Participants will learn the process of applying for a patent, protection of their rights, trademark and copyright protection.

Cost is \$29 per person. Pre-registration and prepayment are required. Contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or srust@csledu.

### ISBDC plans class on marketing foods

**TWIN FALLS** — The Idaho Small Business Development Center will hold "From Recipe to Market," a workshop for anyone who dreams of marketing a favorite recipe, from 6 to 9 p.m. March 1 in Evergreen C36 at the College of Southern Idaho.

Rick Vycital and Bryan Matsumoto, directors of the Small Business Development Centers in Boise and Twin Falls, will discuss the process. Students will learn they shouldn't underestimate the business and marketing planning that will be required to start a specialty food business, organizers said. The class will go from helping students come up with product concepts to managing a nationally recognized product.

The fee is \$35 per person. Pre-registration and prepayment are required. Contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or srust@csledu.

— compiled from staff reports

# Beet growers lobby Congress

By Scott Kraus  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — A proposed new federal tax on sugar that would cost Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Boise \$4.5 million a year is a top concern for company officials and Idaho sugar beet farmers who plan to lobby Congress this month in Washington, D.C.

President Bush proposed the new marketing assessment on sugar in his 2006 budget, said Mark Duffin, executive director of the Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association in Boise.

Sugar beet growers don't receive crop subsidies, so apparently the tax is requested for the industry to "share the pain" of planned subsidy cuts for other crops, he said in a story in today's edition of *Ag Weekly*. The tax would also raise money for the federal budget.

The proposed Central America Free Trade Agreement, which would open part of the

American sugar market to six Central American countries, is another top issue, said Duffin, who is coordinating the visit from Feb. 27 to March 3.

Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and Costa Rica stand to get about 100,000 metric tons a year of the U.S. sugar market under the pact. But the U.S. market is already saturated, Duffin said.

Currently, it appears there may not be enough votes to approve the proposal, but it's difficult to know for sure. That's why it's important to lobby, Duffin said. It makes a difference for producers and company officials to personally contact federal lawmakers.

"It really does help to have the family farmers telling their stories," Duffin said. Amalgamated Sugar President Ralph Burton said the grower-owned cooperative — which has Magic Valley processing plants in Paul and Twin

Falls — has to take advantage of every opportunity to provide information to lawmakers.

"They may not agree with you, but they take the time to listen to you and they ask good questions," Burton said. Also on the agenda for the trip is talking about management of the sugar program, which has the government match supplies to demand to ensure adequate prices for farmers, Duffin said. The government has been allowing sales of too much sugar, which depresses prices.

Sugar prices fell 11 percent in 2004 from 2003, and they are 20 percent lower than in 1996, according to the American Sugar Alliance in Arlington, Va. The price hovers around 23.5 cents a pound, though about 26 cents a pound is needed to turn a profit.

Amalgamated Sugar recently decided to close its sugar factory in Nyssa, Ore., except for the brown sugar line, because of

market conditions. In addition to low prices and the proposed new federal tax, the company must pay to store any sugar it produces above its allowable sales.

"We're kind of getting hit from all sides," Duffin said. "We're carrying blocked stocks, and we're getting hit by a new tax on what we're allowed to sell."

"Already the year isn't shaping up well for producers, said Perry Meuleman, president of the Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association, who plans to join the trip.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture set allowable sales at 8.1 million tons, which is about 400,000 tons more than sugar producers believe the market needs.

But it doesn't appear the government will change that figure, despite encouragement from sugar producers.

"It looks like another tough year," Meuleman said.

# Developer pleads for positive attitude

By Renee Wells  
For The Times-News

**BURLEY** — Low morale and negative attitudes can frustrate the efforts of area economic development leaders to bring new business to the community and bolster the economy, one leader said.

Mini-Cassia Economic Development Director Bob Shepard said business people looking to locate in Mini-Cassia often ask local residents and business owners questions about the community. He said the answers to which could sway their decisions.

"When someone comes to look our community over, I usually put them up at the Best Western," Shepard said. "But I cannot control who they ask with or what questions they ask people who live in our community."

Shepard said they often visit businesses, especially restaurants, where they will ask owners or other customers questions about the community.

"Several I have talked with have received negative comments which have prompted concern on their part," Shepard said. "We have to instill a more positive response effort in our community if we are to attract new businesses to this area."

Shepard said a portion of the negativity comes from business owners experiencing difficulties.

"When someone is struggling with their own business, it is difficult for them to be positive about anything. Their morale goes down when they are struggling," Shepard said.

But Shepard said those businesses should take advantage of available help rather than perpetuating negative attitudes about the local economy.

"We want local businesses who are looking for help to get a hold of the economic development commission," he said. "Call me and we will do whatever we can to help them survive and thrive in our community. We cannot afford to keep losing business."

Shepard met this week with officials from the Idaho National Laboratory to discuss the startup of a small business incubator that would provide assistance to new businesses and those struggling to stay in business.

There is also grant money available to help businesses expand and improve services, Shepard said.

Numerous prospective employers are pursuing the state and even the nation are looking at Mini-Cassia area for relocation.

"We currently are working with 27 inquires, of which 10 we can't do because of the information about our area and have made some type of commitment to relocating here," he said. "A positive attitude from the locals is essential."

— Renee Wells is a reporter for the South Idaho Press.

# Rangen buys bean warehouses

By Cindy Snyder  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — A local bean processor is expanding its presence in Magic Valley.

Rangen Inc. has acquired all of the bean processing and bean storage facilities in southern Idaho previously owned by ConAgra Foods. The facilities — in Twin Falls, Hazelton and Filer — had been operated under the name KBC Trading and Processing Co., and before that as Hancey Seed Co.

The acquisition more than doubles the Rangen Commodities Division's bean storage and processing capabilities. The purchase also allows Rangen to consolidate its bean operations. The Buhl location had become

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# ORGANIC DELIVERY



Pioneer Organics owner Ronny Bell poses at his business in Seattle, Wednesday. Despite the failure of mainstream grocery-delivery services, more and more companies like Pioneer Organics are successfully operating around the country, including in San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and Brooklyn, N.Y.

## Companies tap desire for convenient, healthy living

The Times-News and  
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### Demand increases for Idaho organics

By Loraine Caveren  
Times-News correspondent

**PAUL** — A Wisconsin cheese company is seeking 5,000 pounds of weekly Idaho potatoes for a new organic line of chips.

Specialty Cheese Company Inc. is poised to produce the new line, said Bob Green, director of sales and marketing. The new line of baked chips would use no fat.

"Organic commands a premium price and gives us a better position in the market," Green said. "We have found that Idaho potatoes work best."

Specialty has two ovens ready to go. "We could go from zero to 60 in a week or two," he said in a story in today's edition of *Ag Weekly*.

The company is getting ready to attend spring food shows and will be finding customers for the new product at the shows, Green said.

Specialty is one example of the growing demand for organic food.

The organic food market in the United States is valued at \$10.4 billion, and it shows no signs of slowing — it grew by 20.4 percent in 2003, and sales are expected to reach \$16.1 billion in 2008, according to a recent report published by EuroMonitor.

"Sales of organic food have outpaced those of traditional

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• **Idaho Organic Alliance:** [www.idahoorganicalliance.com](http://www.idahoorganicalliance.com), or call Rebecca Minsky at 440-7161.

grocery products due to consumer perceptions that organic food is better for them," the report said. According to a 2002 study by the Food Marketing Institute, 61 percent of consumers felt that organic foods were more beneficial to their health, and 57 percent said that they had purchased organic foods in the past six months or had used them to help maintain their health.

That figure was up from 50 percent in 2001.

Diane and Marvin Hollen, who own an organic meat company based in Nyssa, Ore., that distributes throughout southern Idaho, have found they are having a hard time keeping up with demand for their product.

Recently the Hollens applied for a small business loan in order to expand their company, Daily Blessing Foods, which gets its beef from organic meat producers in Carey and Soda Springs.

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ings from the Twin Falls Winter Market includes several items specifically identified as organic — including Castleford farmer Mike Heath's acorn and spaghetti squash, Fairfield grower Carol Rust's sweet winter carrots and Gooding gardener Mick Grant's specialty breads, made with organic flours.

Some big-city consumers get a taste of organic goods delivered to their doors.

When John Zechiel and his wife, Lisa, started Washington, D.C., 11 years

ago, incorporating a full box of organic groceries in their delivery service was almost impossible, partly due to lack of product.

Now Zechiel works with about 32 local farmers, and since adding organic produce to his selections, he said about 60 percent of his customers have opted for the natural choice.

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MONEY

Feds will review Wal-Mart child labor settlement Idaho

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal investigators will review a \$1.85 million settlement with Wal-Mart Stores Inc., one of the nation's biggest retailers, over accusations that the company violated child labor laws.

Wal-Mart a chance to sweep violations under the rug. We plan to review the circumstances surrounding this agreement," Labor Department inspector General Gordon S. Heddel wrote in a letter to Miller. The congressman's office released the letter Friday.

The letter didn't offer details on the scope or timing of the review. David Pine, a spokesman for the inspector general's office, said the investigation was already under way but declined further comment.

Involved a youth who is alleged to have been using a chain saw to trim Christmas trees. A number of the cases in Connecticut involve allegations of children laboring paper balers.

Most notorious violators of labor laws and minimum labor standards. Miller also complained that the Labor Dept. kept the settlement secret for a month, and he said the payment was too small - amounting to 15 seconds worth of Wal-Mart's profits in 2004.

That's what you get for a settlement. You've got to be able to buy it and contract it from producers," she said. The Hollens are pursuing the loan to buy the calves that will be raised by the producer.

Rangen

Continued from B7 overworked, company officials said. Although beans have been facing stiff competition in Magic Valley crop rotations from corn silage and malt barley, Rangen officials continue to believe beans will continue to be an important cash crop.

Wayne Jagels joined the Rangen field staff and will be based out of Twin Falls. Jagels has grown both commercial and seed beans for 40 years and has been a field representative for companies for the past 23 years, including Rangen. He produced the company's 16-11 Improvement Association's board of directors for eight years.

Organic

At Pioneer Organics, Bell said sales of organic farms throughout the Northwest, California and Mexico to offer a variety of fruits and vegetables, like Gala apples, blood oranges, Hass avocados, grapefruit, and blueberries. Customers choose from a selection of eight produce boxes, and use the company's Web site to modify orders or suit their tastes.

Both Zechel and Bell credit increasing demand to spreading awareness of health hazards and environmental risks associated with pesticides and other chemicals. Customers like with Zechel agree. She said she's always "hated everything and bought her own bread," but her personal interest in organic produce didn't peak until three years ago when she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

company's support for the local economy. "Part of making it a better planet is coming back to your community," Addis said, later adding, "I don't have the time or the desire to garden. I certainly appreciate those who do."

Occasionally the group receives calls from potential customers, like Specialty Cheese, seeking organic products. "We're full as far as our acres," he said. "We couldn't handle more production." Demand for organic products such as dry beans and wheat has especially grown, Heath said.

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Federal prosecutors indict former Qwest executive

DENVER - Federal prosecutors accused a former Qwest Communications International Inc. executive of fraud in a \$2.9 million bribery scheme.

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Regulators called the company's disclosures of the incentive "inadequate, obscure and misleading."

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Law firm plans breakfast briefing for Friday morning

TWIN FALLS - A breakfast briefing sponsored by the Moffatt Group will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Friday at the AmeriLife Inn.

Wholesale price jumps spark inflation fears

NEW YORK - Rising wholesale prices and a jump in oil futures intensified inflation fears that could lead to higher interest rates.

Regulators seek penalties against American Express

CONCORD, N.I. - New Hampshire regulators are seeking at least \$175 million in penalties from American Express for allegedly rewarding financial advisers who steered clients toward underperforming in-house mutual funds.

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NATION

# Star emits huge burst of energy

GREENBELT, Md. (AP) — A massive burst of energy exploded from a far-off neutron star last December, the brightest flash of light ever detected from beyond the solar system that packed more energy than the sun emits every 150,000 years, scientists said Friday.

The Dec. 27 flare was by far the largest of three such giant outbursts of gamma rays detected in the last 35 years from neutron stars, the densely packed and supercharged remnants of a collapsed star.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime event," David Palmer, a scientist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico and lead author of a paper on the flare.

The energy burst was invisible to humans and the gamma rays were blocked by the Earth's atmosphere as they rushed by. Scientists said some operators of low-frequency transmitters were able to detect it.

NASA's new observatory — named Swift for its speedy pivoting and pointing — is among the instruments that detected the flare. It was launched last November to probe the workings of black holes. The satellite, controlled by scientists at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, is designed to detect gamma ray outbursts and quickly pivot to record them. It also recorded the afterglow of the blast.

# Catholics face more abuse reports

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's Roman Catholic bishops said Friday that over the last year they received 1,092 new allegations of sexual abuse against at least 756 Catholic priests and deacons.

Half of the accused priests over the past year had been previously accused of abuse, said Kathleen McChesney, executive director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection.

Most of the alleged incidents occurred decades ago; 72 percent of the priests were either dead, defrocked or removed from public ministry because of the newest allegations were received, McChesney said.

The information came as the bishops released a new national audit of U.S. dioceses to determine how well they've complied with the child protection policy American prelates instituted more than three years ago at the height of the clergy molestation crisis. Teams of auditors, comprised mainly of former FBI agents, compiled data in visits to dioceses across the country.

The auditors found that more than 95 percent of dioceses have taken the required steps to keep children safe.

But the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests said the audits were "minimal and misleading," contending bishops had too much control over who participated in the review.

# Prosecutors file reduced charges against England

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Prosecutors have filed a new and reduced set of charges against Army Pfc. Lyndie England in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, cutting by more than half the sentence she could face if convicted of mistreating Iraqi detainees.

The 22-year-old Army reservist who was photographed grinning in pictures of Iraqis in sexually humiliating positions was initially charged with 18 counts of abuse and indecent acts. Those charges could have put her behind bars for 38 years.

But prosecutors at Fort Hood, Texas, where England's case has been sent for trial, submitted nine counts to the military court last week that together carry up to 16.5 years in prison, her legal team said Friday.

Prosecutors would not explain why so many counts were dropped.

# Calls for regulation grow as identity theft scandal widens

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — When word first emerged this week that scammers had illegally obtained detailed dossiers on 35,000 people by posing as legitimate customers of ChoicePoint Inc., the data-brokerage company portrayed it as a relatively minor criminal case, limited to California.

But by week's end, it was shaping up to be a full-blown scandal with as many as a half million people nationwide potentially vulnerable to identity theft.

Outraged, attorneys general from 19 states, consumer advocates and security experts were all demanding federal oversight

of a lightly regulated industry that gathers and sells personal data about nearly every adult American.

On Friday, the Los Angeles task force in charge of the criminal investigation confirmed that at least 700 people had their identities stolen during the year-long scam by still unknown con-artists who had signed up as clients of ChoicePoint.

The task force leader, sheriff's lieutenant Robert Costa, said the number of people vulnerable to identity theft in the case could reach 500,000.

That's a much higher number than the latest estimate ac-

knowledgeed by ChoicePoint, which belatedly sent warning letters to a total of 145,000 people in various states after politicians across the country joined a growing demand for tighter federal regulations.

The volume of data compromised was so huge that officials are almost certain that a 41-year-old Nigerian man sentenced Thursday to 16 months in jail in the scam did not act alone.

The man, Oluwatunji Oluwatolun, was arrested when ChoicePoint fixed him some paperwork at a Kinko's store in a sting operation. He pleaded no contest and did not agree to

help authorities in the probe.

"We were victimized by some extremely well organized criminals," ChoicePoint spokesman Chuck Jones said.

An Alpharetta, Ga.-based spinoff from the credit-reporting giant Equifax, ChoicePoint maintains databases that hold 19 billion Social Security numbers, credit and medical histories, motor vehicle registrations, job applications, lawsuits, criminal files, professional licenses and other pieces of sensitive information. ChoicePoint also owns a DNA-analysis lab., facilities drug testing for employers and sells background-checking software

at Sam's Club.

But, ChoicePoint and other privately owned aggregators of personal information operate with virtually no federal oversight, and critics say the companies haven't done enough to safeguard their information-rich databases.

"There's a serious problem that we as a nation don't seem to grasp — that the public is at risk whenever organizations collect massive amounts of information about us and they don't take extraordinary precautions to ensure that that information is protected," said Dr. Larry Ponemon, who runs a research firm in Tucson, Ariz.

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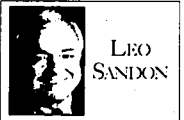
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## War between religion, science not inevitable

Word is that the battle between the Religious Right and those who accept Darwinian evolution is heating up. Recent, newsworthy events have provided the more visible signs of renewed engagement. For example:

- Anti-evolution conservatives have recaptured majority membership of the Kansas state board of education.



LEO SANDON

• Some biology textbooks in Georgia contain disclaimers that evolution is just one theory among others.

- And petitions are circulating that call for teaching not just evolution but also creationism or "intelligent design," the newest proposed alternative, in the classroom.

Less visible, but perhaps more significant, is anecdotal and some survey evidence suggesting that many science courses in public schools simply avoid the topic of evolution. Just because it's in the curriculum doesn't mean it's in the classroom. Some principals and superintendents discourage instructors from dealing with the E-word. Some teachers give it a wide berth on their own.

The reasons are political, not pedagogical. A number of science educators think the tendency to avoid the topic is widespread, particularly in school districts with a significant population of Christian fundamentalists. And there is evidence that a revived offense against teaching evolution is the next big fight for these religious and social conservatives.

These days the apparent theory of choice as an alternative to Darwinian evolution is intelligent design. The heart of this theory is the conviction that life is too complex to have occurred by chance and, therefore, intelligence is guiding the process. There are, furthermore, "physical marks of design ... visible in aspects of biology."

Please note that this is not a faith-based theory. Proponents of intelligent design say nothing about a creator. They do not doubt that evolution has occurred and, presumably, is still occurring. Still, devout believers use intelligent design in their arguments against evolution and for creationism.

The theory falls short of scientific methodology because it does not explain how this design is supposed to have happened and does not produce statements that can be falsified or corroborated. The theory currently exists outside the scope of science, though scientists and nonscientists are free to believe or reject it.

So it's possible to be Darwinian in scientific position and still believe in design (a philosophical and sometimes theological one). Asa Gray, the Harvard biologist who introduced Darwin's "origin of species" to the American scientific community and was an enthusiastic Darwinian scientifically, was a theist theologically. The contemporary Harvard astronomer Owen Gingerich notes that possible to entertain ideas of design within an evolutionary framework.

Let's keep two facts in mind:

- The scientific consensus is that all life has evolved from common ancestors and that the process has continued for billions of years. This theory has been and continues to be tested, corroborated, expanded and corrected as part of scientific methodology. It is the premise for work in the life sciences.

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## Wednesday's the deadline for church news

There's a new deadline for submitting church news to the Religion section of *The Times-News*.

For inclusion in Saturday Religion sections, items must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesdays.

For more information, call Ellen Thomason at 735-3266.



The Rev. Dan Rieke, left, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, stands with Dorothy and Willard Ihler, charter members of Valley Christian Church. In the building that the two congregations have shared for 30 years. The Lutherans are moving into their own building on May 1.

# SAME God, SAME Building

### Sharing a church can be unexpected boon for both congregations

By Loretta Burkhardt  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Three decades ago, the combined choirs of Valley Christian and Our Savior Lutheran churches sang, "Glory Be to God on High" during a dedication service to mark the beginning of a shared church facility.

Now that "unique" partnership at 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. is coming to an end.

A planned move to a new facility is "inherescent," said the Rev. Dan Rieke, pastor of Our Savior.

"We wanted to move so we could grow," said Rieke, but following 31 years of rubbing ecclesiastical elbows "along an invisible line" the change is anything but easy.

"It's hard to say goodbye to old friends," said Rieke, who along with his congregation will be relocating to their soon-to-be-completed building at 464 Carriage Lane N.

Two different denominations sharing a church isn't unusual in south-central Idaho.

The Rock Creek Community Church of Twin Falls, for example, moved in with the Seventh-Day Adventists in 1999, and the local Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship

worshipped in the Episcopal Church of the Ascension before the Episcopalians moved on to a new building two years ago.

In Blaine County, the Wood River Jewish Community has met at Ketchum's St. Thomas Episcopal Church for several years.

Still, the longevity of the shared arrangement between Our Savior and Valley Christian is remarkable.

While the Lutherans' May 1 departure promises to be "painful," Rieke takes comfort in the positive and looks to the spiritual unity that's developed over the years.

"We are brothers and sisters of the same Lord," he said. "And I feel we're still sharing the ministry — whether together or apart."

The idea of sharing a facility came

through an example set by the Treasure Valley Christian Church and Faith Lutheran Church of Caldwell in the early 1970s, according to Dorothy Ihler, Valley Christian historian and a charter member of the congregation.

The notion of splitting equally all of the overhead for eight classrooms, a kitchen and a fellowship hall used as a sanctuary seemed to make sense.

After the adoption of a Joint Facilities Agreement Committee in 1972, leaders from both congregations began the groundwork for extending the facility, including building a new sanctuary on adjacent property purchased by Our Savior.

The early changes were put into place under the direction of Herbert Van Slyke representing Valley Christian and Jack Rasmussen from Our Savior, Ihler says.

Two years later, the facility's expansion was facilitated by both congregations at a dedication service held on Nov. 10, 1974.

"Overall, it's been a wonderful relationship," Rieke said.

"I'm sorry to see them go, but happy (that) they will realize a dream of their own," Ihler said.

The tie that binds has been an ongoing respect for the needs of one another, Ihler says.

One example was the construction of a baptistry built to satisfy both the sprinkling and immersion

requirement of differing doctrines.

"We've all had to give and take — and been forced to learn about the other's viewpoints," Ihler said.

Dorothy's husband Willard not only agrees, but he compares the longstanding union to a marriage.

"We've learned to work things out," he said.

Over the years the congregations have shared special services, eaten meals together, worshipped side by side, and sometimes even preached from each other's pulpit.

"Those things opened doors to greater appreciation for people of a different faith."

"The sharing agreement is a laboratory for Christian communication," said the Rev. John Bohls, pastor of the Valley Christian Church since 2001.

And while negotiations are under way to fill the vacancy on the corner of Heyburn and Maurice, the United Reformed Church of the Magic Valley has moved from Jerome to hold its services in Valley Christian's Freese Room.

"We're grateful (for the use of the building)," said William Nowogier, chairman of the steering committee already in place.

"I think it's a really good use of God's resources," he added.

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# One church with three styles of worship

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — In the main church, the organ booms as the 160-voice choir sings "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation."

In the smaller chapel, worshippers receive Communion to the solemn strains of "Agnus Te, Christe."

In the auditorium, the congregation is on its feet clapping to a jazzy version of "Blessed Assurance."

And it's all happening during the same worship hour and in the same church — Dallas' Highland Park United Methodist Church.

Many churches have added contemporary services to their Sunday morning menu. Highland Park, however, is setting out a worship buffet. In addition to the traditional service in the sanctuary, worshippers can opt for an Anglican-style "high church" or a contem-

porary worship called "Cornerstones."

"It's not unlike a Cineplex. You have all these choices in one place, and you can pick the one you want," said Paul Rasmussen, an associate minister who heads up the Cornerstone service.

Necessity was the mother of this three-part invention. With a membership of 12,000 and a sanctuary that holds about 900 — and that's with folding chairs in the aisles — Highland Park was bursting at the seams. Overflow services with video screens quickly filled each week at 9:40 a.m. and 11 a.m.

And the problem was only likely to worsen. The church is growing at a rate of about 700 members a year, despite being in an older neighborhood with a relatively stable population. (The church is at the corner of Mockingbird and Hillcrest, next to Southern Methodist University.)

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It's a problem that a building campaign couldn't solve — even with this church's well-heeled congregation.

Expanding the sanctuary wasn't an option, said the Rev. Mark Craig, Highland Park's senior minister. Completed in

1927, the church was designated as Texas historic landmark in 1995, and it can't be altered. (Architects Roscoe DeWitt and Mark Lemmon designed the building, considered an exquisite example of the 12th-century French Gothic style.)

So staff members decided to try offering alternative worship services — not just to accommodate more bodies, but also to meet the needs of people who wanted different worship styles. Highland Park added Cornerstone about four years ago and the Anglican service last September.

Said Craig: "Our goal is to have as many people outside of the sanctuary in these services as we have in the sanctuary."

Step into the 800-seat Wesley Auditorium on a Sunday morning, and it's hard to believe you're at Highland Park United Methodist Church. The room, with its theater-style seats and giant video

screens, looks like a scaled-down version of a Fellowship Church or a Prestonwood Baptist. There's a state-of-the-art audio board, stage lights on the ceiling and a sound system worthy of a rock concert hall. A professional jazz band plays from the stage.

"We've got all the latest and greatest," said Rasmussen. "Worshippers won't find 'religious fluff' here."

But for all the modern equipment, Rasmussen said, worshippers won't find "religious fluff" here.

"Most mainline churches that have tried to adopt a contemporary service have used it as a secker service," he said. "It's the exact opposite at our place. I think that most people would tell you that Cornerstone is the 'going deeper' service. Mark's sermons run 15 to 18 minutes, whereas I might preach for 25 minutes."

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RELIGION

# Ladies will grace opry stage

# MISSIONARIES

TWIN FALLS — "Ladies of the Opry" will be the theme for the Magic Valley Gospel Opry at 7 p.m. today at the First Assembly of God, 189 Lexington.

Hosted by Dave Bolster, the opry will feature local female vocalists and musicians Lawnie Kay Bolster, Bev Bennett, Rhonda Steen, Rachel Williams, Sarah Steen, Alex Bennett, Michelle Williams, Maria Garrett, Nancy Duncan and Lorraine Gibson. Admission is free, and the public is invited. For more information, call 733-5349.

## Young ladies earn womanhood awards

TWIN FALLS — Two young women from the Twin Falls LDS 15th Ward recently received their Young Womanhood Recognition Awards.

Christine Pettigall, 16, is the daughter of Julie and Kerry Pettigall and a junior at Twin Falls High School. The family lived on a farm in Jerome

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Debra Edmunds

for 12 years, but returned to Twin Falls three years ago. Her projects included making hats for children at a children's hospital in Utah, and visiting with and reading to the residents at the Twin Falls Care Center. She has played the piano for more than four years.

Debra Edmunds, 16, is the daughter of Ken and Jane Edmunds at Twin Falls High School. She is sophomore class vice president, a member of the student council, a member of the Stargazers dance team at Nielsen's School of Dance. She has been involved in basketball, volleyball, Chantare and student council and O'Leary Junior High School, and her hobbies include reading, dancing, singing, playing the piano, and spending time with family and friends. Her projects included helping the

cheerleaders at O'Leary Junior High School and the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind by teaching them "cheers and dances, doing a solo for her dance school, competing at dance competitions, being editor of the yearbook at O'Leary, learning homemaking skills, making blankets for the needy and performing in video recitals.

## Church holds Presidents Day spaghetti dinner

HAGERMAN — A Presidents Day spaghetti dinner will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the United Methodist Church on the corner of South Fourth Avenue and East Salmon Street.

The menu includes spaghetti, garlic bread, tossed salad, beverage and dessert. Admission is a freewill offering. All proceeds will go to the general fund.

"The public is invited."

## Retired lawyer will discuss proposed bridge

KIMBERLY — Fred Decker, a retired lawyer who has been active in politics, will speak at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 712 Center St.

Decker will be discussing the proposed bridge to be built across the Snake River near Filer.

For more information, call George Anthony at 326-4785.

## Upton will speak on 'Good News' Sunday

TWIN FALLS — Chuck Upton will speak on "Good News" at 10 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. The Chancel Choir, directed by Jerry Green, will sing "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," and Rene Horner will do a handbell solo with piano accompaniment by Barbara Mix to perform "It Is Well With My Soul."

Refreshments will be served after worship in the fellowship hall.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 733-7023.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomason. The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Trena Tegen, South Idaho Press office, 230 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

## Called to serve:



Stegen Phillips

• Elder Stegen Phillips has been called to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Texas Lubbock Mission.

Phillips is the son of David and Lorna Phillips of Paul and is in the Paul 2nd Ward.



Bryce Gates

• Elder Bryce V. Gates has been called to serve a mission for the LDS Church in the Taiwan Taichung Mission.

Gates graduated from Burley High School in 2003 and has been working at Dell Inc. in Twin Falls. He was Idaho State High School president, a member of Skills USA-VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America). He is the son of Lamar and Teresa Dilworth of Pocatello and formerly of Burley and David and Janine Gates of McLean, Va.



Jared Tolman

• Elder Jared Tolman returned from serving a mission for LDS Church in the New Hampshire area to a position in Manchester Mission.

Tolman is the son of Karla Tolman and Lawrence Tolman, both of Twin Falls, and an Eagle Scout.

He graduated in 2001 from Twin Falls High School, where he was active in Chamber Singers and Jive. He will work at Grocery Outlet in Boise.

• Elder Shawn C. Williams returned from serving an LDS mission in the Australian Melbourne Mission.



Shawn Williams

Williams is formerly of Paul and an Eagle Scout. He is a graduate of Provo High School and is in the Lakeside 5th Ward in Provo, Utah. He is the son of Kim Williams of Burley and Cynthia Wilcox-Williams of Provo, Utah, and the grandson of Carl and Dona Williams of Logansport, Ind. Wilcox of Rupert and the late Wally Wilcox.

• Elder Trevor Petersen returned from serving an LDS mission in the Argentina Cordoba Mission.



Trevor Petersen

Petersen is the son of Dr. Joe and Linda Petersen of Burley and is in the Unity 1st Ward.

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# BEING UNUSUALLY QUIET

## Many Christians remain silent as court mulls Ten Commandments displays

The Association Press

Should the nation's 4,000-odd Ten Commandments displays be removed from the courthouses, civic buildings and parks where they're installed? Beyond that, must public property be stripped of all references to religion?

On March 2, the U.S. Supreme Court, whose own building features four artworks showing the sacred tablets — minus the biblical text — hears arguments on this emotional matter. The cases include a monument on the Texas Capitol grounds and a wall posting alongside secular documents in a Kentucky courthouse.

Religion's cultural and legal status in America could be affected by the results, yet the nation's major Christian denominations are surprisingly absent from the legal fray. That leaves activists and followers of Asian religion working against displays — claiming the commandments create favoritism for the Judeo-Christian tradition — while Christian activists left an airtight line up on opposite sides.

Jewish organizations also are divided.

The leaders of Orthodox Judaism have petitioned the high court to uphold the display, arguing that the celebrated biblical text is religious but also conveys secular "principles of humanity and morality that have universal value." Decalogic displays don't compel passers-by to worship, the Orthodox say, and anyone who is offended can simply look away.

But Judaism's liberal Reform branch and Jewish communal organizations consider the commandments "intensely sectarian statements, amounting to a binding dogmatic statement of faith and morals." They believe the government is endorsing the text and thus violating the Constitution's ban



This 5-foot-tall stone slab bearing the Ten Commandments stands near the Texas Capitol in Austin. On March 2, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments in a federal lawsuit seeking to remove this monument and one at a Kentucky courthouse on the grounds that they violate constitutional separation of church and state.

on establishment of religion. The Anti-Defamation League adds that the commandments are a Basophilic because few Jews are bound by all 613 scriptural rules, while Christians emphasize just the 10. It also sees a conflict with Islam, which deems the Bible a "corrupted textual tradition."

"The Quran actually contains the commandments, but not as one list — and it differs by forbidding work only during Friday worship, not all day Saturday. Major U.S. Muslim organizations have not taken stands on the cases.

Nor have many prominent Christian spokesmen. A spokesman says the Southern Baptist Convention figured activist groups could handle the pro-displays cause and the SBC wasn't asked to endorse their briefs. Attorneys for the Roman Catholic bishops' conference saw no direct church interest at stake.

The National Council of Churches took no stand because the commandments are a Basophilic because few Jews are bound by all 613 scriptural rules, while Christians emphasize just the 10. It also sees a conflict with Islam, which deems the Bible a "corrupted textual tradition."

Though polls show the public favors the commandment displays, a view expressed by the U.S. Justice Department and all 26 state attorneys general who filed briefs, some Christian leaders are opposed. Charles J. Haynes, religion scholar at the Virginia-based First Amendment Center, thinks many church officials are silent because they can't afford to appear anti-bible.

"A lot of religious groups would like these cases to just go away," he says.

Under Supreme Court doctrine, government actions must have a "secular purpose." Using that test, the court outlawed Ten Commandments postings in public schools in 1980.

Defenders of the displays in non-school contexts say the

purpose is conveying of the nation's moral and legal tradition. Some Christian conservatives argue that even the overtly religious tenets among the Ten Commandments are legally important, because they put morality beyond the power of autocrats.

Noted legal historian Harold Berman of Emory University, for one, calls the Decalogue "a historical source of universal legal obligations" and "an integral part of the legal heritage of Western civilization."

But David Friedman, who will present the case against Kentucky's display for the American Civil Liberties Union, maintains that the Ten Commandments had virtually no effect or influence on the foundation of our country, "despite 'wildly exaggerated assertions' from advocates. A brief by 14 university professors backs his view.

# Women find strength through spirituality

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Catherine McFarland, a 52-year-old database manager in its 13th year, was founded by Seattle's Kris Steinness, 55, who wanted to create a safe, empowering environment that nurtures the voices and spirits of women and encourages them to do the things they've always dreamed of. The conference is one of several programs in the area put on by the Women of Wisdom Foundation, a nonprofit also founded by Steinness.

"The conference is not affiliated with any organized religion; workshops bring in elements from diverse perspectives, such as Hindu, Wiccan, Celtic and other."

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# War

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"The metaphor of 'The Warfare of Science and Religion,' particularly when Darwinism is used as the case study, describes the encounter too narrowly. When Gray introduced Darwin to America, there was more than one religious response to evolution. Just as there is today, I know a distinguished evolutionary biologist who is an active member of a mainline Christian congregation. Warfare is not inevitable,

covering things about themselves, and gaining support from the women they meet.

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though it may seem so to Protestant biblical literalists. Others of the Protestant persuasion choose to stand with John Paul II, who has stated that evolution and religion can co-exist. We also should stand up to those who insist that it must be either/or.

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# Worship

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25 minutes or longer."

The service attracts about 600 people combined at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Many come for Rasmussen's sermons, which relate the Gospel to current concerns. Tomorrow's, for example, will be "Is There Room for Scott Peterson and O.J. in Heaven?"

"It's so gifted, so right on," said Steve Manchester, a committed Cornerstone. "You come out better than when you went in."

From the outside, Highland Park can seem intimidating, said Ken Reiser, who joined the church a year ago. "But Cornerstone feels like a small community. It's a great atmosphere."

Dallas' Cox Chapel is 200 yards and three centuries away from Cornerstone. Each Sunday at 11 a.m., about 70 worshippers come to the hushed, intimate space for an Anglican-style "Service of Word and Table."

There's no keyboard or hand-

clapping here. Liturgists in white, classic vestments (called albs) process solemnly, with almost a military bearing. Associate Minister Jeff Hill even speaks with a slight hint of an English accent (he's from San Antonio, but studied abroad and wears a cassock and surplice.

Hill believes the service attracts people who want "a weekly experience of the sacrament (read in powerfully with the preaching of the word." Many of the regulars are converts from more liturgical traditions, like Catholicism or Lutheranism.

Andrew John Fox, a former altar boy who grew up in the Greek Orthodox Church, feels right at home. "It's in keeping with what I grew up with, the formal Mass and Communion, every week," he said. "It's not unusual to see a worshipper genuflect in the aisle or cross himself at the Communion rail."

Hill acknowledges that "an old-school Methodist would probably raise an eyebrow" at the Anglican service — while

Methodist doctrine doesn't prohibit the "high church" conventions, they aren't common practice. But, he points out, Methodism's founder, John Wesley, likely presided over many services much like John's. (Wesley never became a Methodist — he was an Anglican priest until his death.)

When Maria Dixon moved to Dallas a few months ago, she was looking for a predominantly African-American church. An assistant professor at Southern Methodist University's Meadows School of the Arts, she didn't think Highland Park would be where she'd wind up. But after one visit to the Anglican service, she was sold.

"I don't want the crowds, and I don't want the hoopla," she said. "I want the silence and the intimacy of the setting."

While the music varies — a single service might incorporate a black spiritual, a 13th century plainchant, and hymns by Samuel Wesley — "we're not doing de-Van-Halen," Hill said.

"You probably won't hear 'Stairway to Heaven' here. There's a conscious attempt to recover the European tradition of great sacred music."

The Anglican-style service and Cornerstone may each have a growing core of enthusiasts, but the sanctuary service is still the main event at Highland Park. It's the big service where you can hear Craig, the preacher who counts President Bush among his parishioners. He's the draw who brings overflow crowds every Sunday.

It's not as "high church" as the Cox Chapel service, but it's still a formal service, said Susie Adams, who always goes to the sanctuary. "I feel I'd be missing the traditional stuff if I went to any other service."

The three services don't seem to divide along demographic lines. All three report a mix of ages, singles and families. Rasmussen thought Cornerstone, for example, would bring in Gen-Xers; instead, he gets more families and older folks.

fewer laughs, but what he says resonates and it's deep." Reiser says Rasmussen's "down to earth and meaningful sermons" are why he chose Highland Park.

When the three-way plan was launched, Craig urged church leaders not to let the worshippers drift into separate congregations. There's no separate Cornerstone Sunday school or Anglican Bible study, for example.

"That would have tripled our expense structure, but more importantly, we wanted to keep all three groups within the identity of H/PUMC," the senior minister said.

Some churches have failed to preserve that unity when adding alternative worship services, Rasmussen said. It gets calls every week from churches considering a contemporary worship. His advice: "Don't try it unless the worship minister is behind the idea. He thinks Cornerstone has flourished in part because Craig regularly pitches the contemporary option in the sanctuary like it's the best thing going."

# PROLIFERATION

## Grassroots men's ministries continue to grow

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In the 1990s, Marty Granger was swept up in the fast-growing Christian evangelical men's movement called Promise Keepers. He helped organize its 1995 event at Robert E. Kennedy Memorial Stadium and two years later joined 600,000 men on the Mall for a six-hour revival meeting that was one of the country's largest-ever religious rallies.

Today, Promise Keepers' national profile has waned, and Granger has become more deeply involved in grassroots efforts by churches to aid men's spiritual development. As a founder of the Washington Area Coalition of Men's Ministries, he provides books, speakers, training and encouragement to congregations that want to offer activities designed for men, whether it's a 6 a.m. weekday Bible study or a Saturday morning sports-and-prayer outing.

Granger illustrates a trend that scholars and sociologists say accelerated after the Mall rally: Spurred by the example of Promise Keepers, men's ministries based in churches are proliferating.

"Where did all the men go that were on the Mall that day in 1997?" asked Granger. "They essentially went back to their local churches and began to ask the right question: 'What do we do?'"

As a result, he said, "we're seeing much more attention being paid to the needs of men in the local church."

The Mall event, called "Stand in the Gap: A Sacred Assembly of Men," marked the height of Promise Keepers' national prominence. Since then, the Denver-based group has weakened serious financial problems and an identity crisis, emerging as a leaner, lower-profile organization. But the model it provided for men's ministry has endured, experts say.

"It's like when you first light a grill and there's an explosion, but then the fire dies down, the coals burn hot," said Robert Anderson, editor of *Newman*, an Orlando, Fla.-based evangelical Christian magazine. "That's what is happening in the Christian men's movement these days. You don't see the flame so much anymore, but the coals are still burning hot."

This is evident at area churches, especially evangelical ones, where the staff often includes a



Joe Hoth, left, Lowell Minninger and Golden Ruffner take notes during a men's Bible study group at Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield, Va. Spurred by the example of Promise Keepers, men's ministries based in churches are proliferating.

"men's pastor," and "men's ministries" encompass a range of activities.

At Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield, Va., for example, which sent about 500 men to "Stand in the Gap," men's activities are a priority. Every Thursday at 6 a.m., "Beville" draws about 100 men for an hour of biblically infused discussion. There's also "the MOB," or "the Men of the Bible," a Tuesday night Bible study. And once a month, "God's Weekend Warriors" gather for breakfast, prayer and two hours of good works, be it volunteering at a homeless shelter or rebuilding a charity's warehouse.

Promise Keepers also was a catalyst for the National Coalition of Men's Ministries, an association of nearly 100 groups devoted to making churches "relevant to men," according to coalition-spokesman Brett Clemmer. But although men's ministries have multiplied, more are needed, some pastors say.

"Men are very confused today about what it means to be a man," said Burke (Va.) Community Church senior pastor Jack Elwood. "While women are encouraged to be all you can be, men don't know what they want to be. ... Are they supposed to be a helper or a leader?"

Men's ministries "help men come up with a vision ... that's bigger than just get a paycheck, go through life, get married, have kids and die," Elwood said. "A lot of men ... wake up in their forties and say, 'Is this all there is? I've been ministering to men for 30 years ... This is more and more evident to me as a pastor.'"

Men's attendance at church has been dropping in recent years, a trend that worries church leaders because "studies show that children come to church in higher numbers when their fathers are involved," said the Rev. Henry Brinton, senior pastor at Fairfax (Va.) Presbyterian Church.

# Royal wedding strays into battles over direction of church

The Associated Press



Britain's Prince Charles and Camilla Parker-Bowles arrive at a gala dinner in London. Nearly five centuries after King Henry VIII's break with the Vatican, questions over another wedding are pulling at Anglican unity — the planned marriage of Bowles and Prince Charles, the first in line to inherit the throne and become the next titular head of the church.

The Church of England owes its creation to a royal spat over divorce and remarriage: Henry VIII's break with the Vatican after the pope refused to grant the monarch dispensation to wed his lover.

Now, nearly five centuries later, questions over another wedding are pulling at Anglican unity — the planned marriage of Camilla Parker-Bowles and Prince Charles, the first in line to inherit the throne and become the next titular head of the church.

Conservative groups complain the scheduled April 8 civil ceremony and post-wedding service by the Archbishop of Canterbury — although fully legal — run counter to Church of England traditions against remarriage and will deepen rifts at a delicate time for the world's 77 million-strong Anglican Communion, which includes Episcopalians in the United States.

Anglicans are struggling with serious quandaries over doctrine and structure. Chief among them: whether to sanction the ordination of gay clergy, give blessings to same-sex unions and allow women priests to become bishops. Fresh debates are expected at a global gathering of Anglican leaders beginning Monday in Northern Ireland, where the Episcopal Church also could be sanctioned for consecrating a gay bishop.

The wedding plans add another point of friction, conservative leaders say. "We know there's a head of steam to liberalize the church already," said George Curry, chairman of the Church Society, comprising tradition-minded Anglican clergy and lay members in Britain. "There are theological questions at stake. Charles is now one of them."

Actually, it's the bride-to-be who appears to be deeper in the religious quagmire. Her ex-husband, Andrew Parker-Bowles, is alive. For conservatives, this is an affront to Anglican tenets: whereas Charles, as a widower, is free to remarry.

"It has grave consequences for the future of the church," delegate Allan Jones told the Church of England's governing General Synod, which met this

week in London. A statement from another conservative group, the Evangelical Alliance, applauded plans to give the relationship "a more moral footing." But it noted broad reservations persist.

The couple's previous divorces, their documented adultery and the nature of their extramarital relationship up to this point do present difficulties for many of our Anglican members and others with respect to Charles's suitability to govern the Church of England," said a statement from the London-based alliance, which claims 1 million members from various denominations.

The Church of England disapproves of the remarriage of divorced people in church except under special circumstances. There are no amendments — as possible with Roman Catholics — that open the way for a new, church-sanctioned wedding. But there are sidesteps available for Anglicans: The royal

weddings is taking the most popular route: having a civil service and a later blessing by a priest.

"What the Archbishop of Canterbury is doing is perfect legal, so you could say it's not pushing the envelope," said the Rev. Gerald Bray, an Anglican theologian at the Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Ala. "But there's something more subjective: It may be legal, but it's a case."

Bray predicted it "won't be encouraging for people who want to encourage traditional moral standards."

Some already feel on the defensive. "In 2002, the General Synod loosened rules on remarriage in the church. British priests were given discretion to deem whether the couple met the new guidelines. Among the caveats: The new relationship shouldn't be the cause of breaking up the previous marriage, which is precisely what the step-mother of the late Princess Diana claim.

# Vatican officials decry 'religion of health' in affluent societies

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Vatican officials Thursday decried what they called a "religion of health" in affluent societies and held out Pope John Paul II's stoic suffering as an antidote to the mentality that modern medicine must cure all.

"While millions of people in the world struggle to survive hunger and disease, lacking even minimal health care, in rich countries the concept of health as well-being figures in creating unrealistic expectations about the possibility of medicine to respond to all needs and desires," said the Rev. Maurizio Faggioni, a theologian and morality expert on the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life.

"The medicine of desires, egged on by the health-care market, increases the request for pharmaceutical and medical-surgical services, soaks up public resources beyond all reasonableness," Faggioni said at a news conference.

The theologian spoke in advance of a debate in the academy next week on politically hot issues such as the right to life and medical care.

Manfred Lutz, a psychiatrist and Vatican academic, said John Paul, who for years has struggled with Parkinson's disease, was "the living alternative to the prevailing health-fiend madness."

The pope's emergency hospitalization earlier this month for breathing problems — his seventh hospitalization since becoming pontiff in 1978 — fueled more discussion, including among leading cardinals, over whether he should step down because of frail health.



Monsignor Elio Sgreccia, the Vatican's chief bioethicist, speaks to journalists on Thursday.

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his speech often unintelligible. "He's mostly in the handicap in the disease, in-the-pain-in-old age, in dying and death one can, instead, perceive the truth of life in a clearer way," Lutz said.

"The pope's message is suffering is part of life and has meaning," the doctor said.

Monsignor Elio Sgreccia, the Vatican's chief bioethicist, said people need to ponder the question: "Does a right to health at all costs exist? Or is it rather a right to treatment?"

"Medicine has become impossible to manage because it can't fulfill the desires" of consumers for perfect health, said Sgreccia, who heads the academy, a Vatican advisory body.

Vatican officials stressed that all people should have access to basic health care.

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# COMMUNITY

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## Buhl resident expresses gratitude to blood donors

By Sandra Wisecaver  
For The Times-News

BUHL — Tom Tverdy is extremely grateful to blood donors. After a weekend of not feeling well, Tverdy went to the doctor the morning of Jan. 10. "It took Dr. Dan (Noftziger) about three seconds to say, 'You're bleeding inside,'" said Tverdy of Buhl.

Tverdy's wife, Robin, transported him immediately to the hospital.

"When I would stand up, I would get really fuzzy headed," Tverdy added.

One large and four smaller ulcers were found in Tverdy's stomach.

He was totally unaware he was losing blood. The digestive tract, where all the absorption of nutrients takes place, can hide a lot of things, Tverdy said.

"The ulcers were not actively bleeding when I arrived at the hospital — so they elected not to surgically fix them. As long as bleeding, they would have cauterized it," he said.

He will undergo additional tests this month.

"I'll decide if it's something they can just manage as opposed to some type of surgical intervention," Tverdy said.

"I'm hoping they can do that instead of surgery."

Tverdy had lost about half his volume of blood and required six units of blood. He has a long history of migraines and aspirin consumption.

"I get a regular headache and then you get these migraines," he said. "They all start out the same in the initial stages. You get to the point you're gun shy about letting them build. You just kill the thing with a couple of aspirin. They told me, 'You aspirin days



Tom Tverdy lost blood because of stomach ulcers. He is grateful to those who donated the blood given to him.

### Want to donate?

**Rupert** — Noon to 6 p.m. Monday at the Civic Building, Call Ann Dewald at 436-1344.  
**Buhl** — Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Buhl Moose Hall. Call Sandra Wisecaver at 543-2737.  
**Burley** — Wednesday at Burley High School. Call Mr. Mills at 878-6806.  
**Jerome** — 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Jerome's are through."

His medication is being carefully monitored and he is learning how to manage headaches and dizziness. "So far so good," Tverdy said.

*Sandra Wisecaver is a blood drive volunteer with the American Red Cross.*

## GIVING A HELPING HAND



Jamie Eckley and Angie Doyle of the Barbarian Wives Club and Sharon Hardy-Mills, manager of the Golden Heritage Senior Center in Burley, sort community donations that were brought into the center for soldiers serving in Iraq. The Mindkoda County Senior Center also donated a case of instant coffee and a case of sugar substitute. Other items ranged from razors to lip balm to sunscreen. One young man, who wished to remain anonymous, spent an entire day's wages to purchase items. The donations will be collected until the war is over and the soldiers come home, Hardy-Mills said.

## SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

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**Tutors** — The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education Center is in need of volunteer tutors for adult students in reading, English, math and English as a second language. The ESL program needs volunteers for day and evening classes at the Adult Basic Education Center in Twin Falls and other towns. Call Ruth Scott at 632-6536 or (800) 680-0274, ext. 6336.

**Public service column** is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call the Burley Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 320. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Please submit your request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Call weekly to retain request.

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## UF announces dean's list for fall

MOSCOW — The University of Idaho announced students who made the dean's list for fall semester.

**Undergraduate students** may earn a term grade point average of 3.5 or better on 12 or more graded credits, and law students at least 3.0 GPA on a minimum of 10 graded credits.

**Bellevue**  
College of Agricultural and Life Sciences: Jesse Giesel

**Burley**  
College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences: Sarah Bevan

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College of Agricultural and Life Sciences: Matthew Busby, Jesse Lassen; College of Business and Economics: Michael Barker, John Poppelwell, Joseph Poppelwell and Nicholas Poppelwell; College of Engineering: Hattie Hatt and Erik Van Patten; College of Law: Jessica Kippner; College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences: Jonathan Bobango and Ellen Van Wazer; College of Natural Resources: Joseph Wetters and College of Science: Joseph Poppelwell

**Burley**  
College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences: Kristen Cummings and Teresa Moorman

**Camden**  
College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences: Eric Graybeal, Noelle Graybeal and Janet Hurler

**Filer**  
College of Law: Tyson Nelson; and College of Science: Dani Theate

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College of Business and Economics: Janette Gooding

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College of Agricultural and Life Sciences: Donnie Breeding and College of Business and Economics: Sara Prange

**Hayden**  
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**Shoshone**  
College of Law: Patrick Gallaway

**Twin Falls**  
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**Wendell**  
College of Science: Brett Bingham, Sarah Dossy and Scott Spritzer

**College of Business and Economics:** Megan Landers, Philip Matos and Solomon Meyer

## Two Twin Falls students earn regional orchestra, choir honors in Washington

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Andrew Toft, a sophomore at Twin Falls High School, has earned a place in the National Association for Music Education All-Northwest Honor Orchestra and Hannah McCombs of Burley has been selected to perform in the All-Northwest Honor Choir Feb. 17-20 in Bellevue, Wash.

Andrew has played the violin for 12 years and studies with Dan Perry of Boise. In 2004, he performed in the Idaho Honor Orchestra. He is co-conductor of the Twin Falls High School Orchestra; performs at Twin Falls and Ketchum Farmers' Markets; plays the mandolin and guitar; and sings in the Concert Choir. He is the son of Peter and Amy Toft.

Music educators associations in each state in the Northwest Division (Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming) oversee the selection process in their state. Students send a taped audition to a screening committee. After passing the state committee, the winners are sent to northwest screeners, who make the final selections to be included in the All-Northwest Honor Groups.

Hannah is the daughter of Dee B. and Kathryn McCombs of Rupert and the granddaughter of Rex West and Gwendolyn McCombs. She is a senior at Burley High School where she is concert mistress and plays the violin in the orchestra. She participates in varsity soccer and tennis, speech and drama; is a member of Business Professionals of America and Bel Cantos choir; and teaches piano in music at the College of Southern Idaho.

Hannah was encouraged to audition by her choral teacher, Cindy Hansen.

## Live History Day planning meeting is rescheduled

JEROME — Because Monday is a holiday, the planning meeting for Live History Day was changed to 4 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Howe-Robinson Funeral Chapel Office, 300 N. Hillmore St.

Anyone interested in helping with Live History Day 2005 is welcome.

For more information, call 324-5641.

## Twin Falls Writers League meets today

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Writers League will meet from noon to 2 p.m. today at Idaho Joe's Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Critiques will be offered. Anyone interested in writing may bring copies of a work to be critiqued.

## Marine Corps League holds officer nominations

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Detachment of the Marine Corps League will have its nominations for officers for the coming year at 7 p.m. Monday at the Sheraton on Shoup Ave.

For more information, call Skip Howard at 736-8299

## Quilt guild will hear about quilt designs

TWIN FALLS — The Desert Sage Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the KMVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Ann Thibault, Bev Hoek and Dixie McClain will present ideas for choosing designs for quilts.

## BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

RUPERT — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced the results of its American Contract Bridge League-sanctioned open pairs play for Feb. 15.

North/south: first, Lila Buman and Marian Snow; second, Marlene Tene and Pat Adams; third, Ella Anstett and Lola Moorman; and fourth, Barbara Carney and Janice Merrigan. East/west: first, Dee Ketcher and Leo Moore; second, Fawn McIntire and Warren McIntire; third, Peggie Payne and Donna Kinnair; and fourth, Jane Keicher and Donna Moore.

## Burley Music Club hosts annual White Breakfast

BURLEY — The Burley Music Club will host its annual White Breakfast at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley Inn Conference Center, 800 N. Overland Ave.

The Religious Patriotic Ladies Club which includes Debra Barlow, Debra Jones and Cindy Luckett will entertain. Sue Barker will be their auctioneer. All members and guests are invited to attend. The cost is \$10 and wearing white is encouraged. President Charmaine Rathps will preside and a candlelight ceremony will follow the program.

## CSI offers introduction to zen meditation course

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is offering "Introduction to Zen Meditation" from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 28 and/or March 3 in the Taylor Building, Room 256, on the CSI Campus, 515 Falls Ave. E.

The cost is \$25 for one session or \$40 for both sessions. The Feb. 28 class includes an introduction to zen Buddhist teaching and sitting meditation. Students are instructed to wear loose clothing and bring a blanket or cushion if they would like to try a traditional meditation posture. Sitting in a chair is also possible. The March 3 session will be more experiential with two sitting meditation periods, walking meditation and a short lecture. For more information or to register, call 732-6230 or 732-6288.

## Bureau collects items for Ronald McDonald House

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Farm Bureau is collecting canned food and kitchen, cleaning and household items, including facial tissue, paper towels and toilet paper.

Donations will be given to the Ronald McDonald House in Boise in conjunction with the high school speech contest this week at the capitol building. Donations can be left at the Twin Falls County Farm Bureau office on Kimberly Road or at the BuHil office. For more information, call 543-5017.

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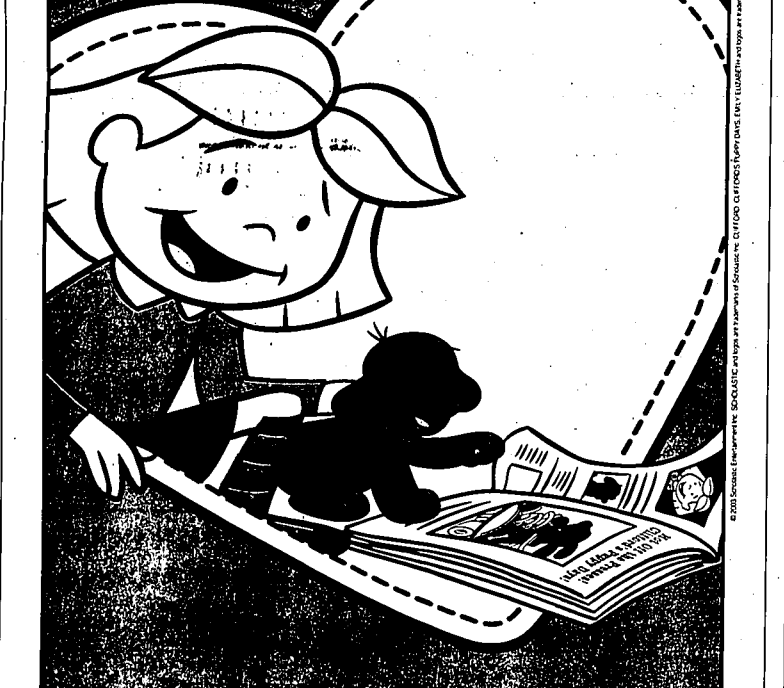
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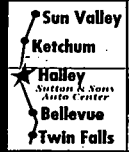
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