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Today: Breezy at times and mostly dry. Tonight, becoming, partly cloudy. High of 46, low of 26.

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# Panel backs downwinders

State Senate committee says yes to expanding compensation program

By John Miller  
The Associated Press

BOISE — A state Senate committee on Monday backed expanding a federal program that would pay \$50,000 to Idaho residents with diseases linked to fallout from Cold War-era nuclear testing in neighboring Nevada.

The Senate State Affairs Committee voted to back a measure that's already gotten House approval and is likely to pass the full Senate.

It would encourage Idaho's U.S. congressional delegation to support adding at least four counties — Blaine, Gem, Custer and Lemhi — to a list of 21 states in Arizona, Nevada and Utah al-



ready included in the 1990 Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

That program pays out money to victims and their beneficiaries.

Idaho residents who say their

health was compromised believe the money — and official recognition that they were injured by 1950s atmospheric nuclear weapons-testing fallout when it wafted over the state — would make it easier to stomach years of mysterious, often deadly diseases.

"We were innocent victims," said Sheri Garmon, who grew up in Emmett in Gem County, and has developed thyroid cancer and breast cancer that has spread to her liver.

"We were involuntarily sacri-

ficed for the national security of America," she told the committee.

Garmon was like other Idaho kids who drank milk from local dairies. Cows ingested radioactive fallout from Nevada that came north on the wind, sometimes covering the land with fine, white ash.

"My parents were unaware we used irradiated food, in a county that was radiated by our government," said Margaret Satterlee, a native of Bellevue.

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# ELDER STATESMAN

Tough-on-crime lawmaker has served for 23 years in the Legislature

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

DECLO — Legislators know they had better have a good excuse if they're late for a Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee meeting.

That's because Chairman Denton Darrington, R-Declo, who is now in his 23rd year in the Idaho Legislature expects things to run smoothly. And things run smoothly if everyone follows the rules.

"It's a no-nonsense committee," says his former vice chairwoman, Patti Anne Lodge, R-Caldwell.

But that doesn't mean members don't like serving on Darrington's committee. In fact, some say it's his respect for protocol that makes serving on the Judiciary and Rules Committee a pleasure. A chairman of the committee since 1986, his strict adherence to rules allows members to move through issues efficiently, Lodge said. The issues for that committee revolve around criminal justice and the Department of Correction.

Darrington's attention to proper procedure also gives people who come to testify on various issues a feeling of safety, said committee member Gerry Sweet, R-Meridian.

"He's firm but he's fair," Sweet said, describing how Darrington makes sure there's no hint of disrespect toward anyone during his meetings.

The retired Declo Junior High School history teacher ran his classroom for 33 years the same way.

"I think people would say I was in control of my own room," Darrington said.

Again, Darrington achieved that mostly through being organized, said Darrington's former teacher, principal and co-worker Lovell Turner of Declo.

"He didn't rule with an iron hand," Turner said. "He just had rules and regulations and enough things going on that kids liked to do that they en-



Republican Sen. Denton Darrington tends to his cows at his home in Declo on Saturday. When Darrington completes his 12th term next year, he'll be tied with two other legislators for the longest tenure served in the Senate.

joyed his class."

So, who is man for whom tradition has worked so well? He happens to be the most senior member of the Idaho Senate, or

the "elder statesman," who will tie with two other senators in the state's history when he completes his 12th term next year. Interestingly, he's also a lifelong

friend and classmate of the Legislature's House speaker of the longest duration, Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Butte.

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# Discontent grows in Lebanon

Arab League official suggests that Syria will withdraw troops

Knight Ridder News Service

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Mounting pressure on Syria's regime to ease its grip on neighboring Lebanon produced a promise of action Monday in a statement from Damascus that Syria "soon" will take unspecified steps to withdraw its troops.

The statement by visiting Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa came as President Bush told European leaders that Syria must end its three-decade "occupation" of Lebanon and more than 100,000 Lebanese demonstrators rallied in central Beirut, shouting, "Syria out."

"From the littlest baby to the oldest man, we want our country back," said Maurice Baz, 84, a retired lawyer. Baz said that the murder of former Lebanese

Prime Minister Rafik Hariri in a bombing last week produced an outpouring of Lebanese opposition to the presence of Syrian troops.

After meeting with Syrian President Bashar al Assad in Damascus, Moussa said that Syria would pull back its forces in accordance with the Taif Agreement, the 1989 treaty that ended Lebanon's 15-year civil war.

The treaty called for Syria — which entered Lebanon in 1975 as a stabilizing force — to shift its troops to the Bekaa Valley and eventually withdraw completely.

Syria has redeployed several times since 2000, leaving the capital and Lebanon's Mediterranean coast, but still maintains 14,000 troops in the country. Skeptical Lebanese say Syria will never leave without being forced out.

Moussa offered a different perspective.

"There will be talk and steps that we will see soon," he said, without elaborating.

Assad's office had no immediate comment. Syria's official news agency, SANA, said the

Moussa-Assad dialogue dealt with "ongoing developments in the Arab arena" but made no mention of a pullout.

Anti-Syrian sentiment reached an all-time high with the Feb. 14 assassination of Hariri in an explosion that also killed 15 others.

In October, Hariri resigned from the pro-Syrian Lebanese government and joined opposition calls for Lebanon's independence.

That made him a target, say opposition leaders, who accuse Syrian agents of being behind the attack that ripped through his motorcade.

Syria has strenuously denied involvement in the killing.

An investigation is continuing, with international pressure mounting for Lebanon to bring in foreign experts to assure credibility.

Lebanon has said it will accommodate a small team of United Nations investigators to report on the case, but it has rejected calls by the United States, France and the European Union for a broader, foreign-led investigation.

# Bush issues warning to Russia in policy speech

Los Angeles Times

BRUSSELS, Belgium — President Bush on Monday issued a blunt warning to Russia, saying that it "must renew a commitment to democracy and the rule of law" if it is to join the European and trans-Atlantic communities.

Bush's admonition to Moscow came during the keynote address of his four-day, fence-mending trip to Europe, in which he called for "a new era of trans-Atlantic unity." Although conciliatory, the president's half-hour speech used strong language to lay out his foreign policy priorities, including a plan to help resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and to promote democracy in the Middle East.

Bush chided Saudi Arabia and Egypt saying the United States and Europe "expect higher standards" from the two allies on democratic rule. He also renewed his calls for Syria to withdraw its troops from Lebanon and Iran to abandon an alleged

nuclear weapons program.

But the president's strong rhetoric to Russia came as a surprise because excerpts of his speech revealed by the press on Sunday night did not include criticism of Moscow.

Bush has come under rising pressure from U.S. lawmakers to adopt a tougher stance toward Moscow because of Russian President Vladimir V. Putin's increasingly authoritarian grip on the country's political and economic sectors.

Putin has moved to centralize power by imposing more control over the once-critical broadcast media, striking at the wealthy oligarchs who helped put him in power, and promoting a plan to replace elected regional governors with Kremlin appointees.



President Bush



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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Breezy at times and mostly dry with cloudy periods. Highs from 43 to 49. Tonight: Nighttime skies becoming partly cloudy. Lows from 23 to 29. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and mild. Highs from 45 to 51.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Pleasant and breezy with a blend of clouds and sun. Highs from 44 to 50. Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows from 21 to 27. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and warmer than normal. Highs from 48 to 54.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes icons for weather conditions and temperature ranges.

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Table with 2 columns: Temperature, Precipitation. Includes monthly and annual averages for Twin Falls.

Table with 2 columns: Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes monthly and annual averages.

Table with 2 columns: Sunrise and Sunset, Moonrise and Moonset. Includes times for today and monthly averages.

Table with 2 columns: U.V. INDEX, Pollen Count. Includes daily and monthly averages.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Breezy at times and mostly dry with cloudy periods and relatively dry weather will prevail this week.

Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for various regions including Boise, Northern Utah, and the Snake River Valley.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, and Kelso.

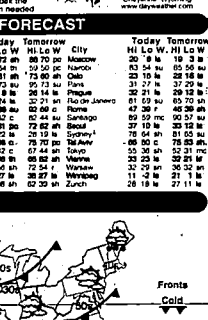
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for major US cities like New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

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Title insurance company will pay \$24M to consumers

NEWVEN (AP) - A title insurance company agreed Monday to refund about \$24 million to consumers after state regulators claimed the firm gave kickbacks to homebuilders, lenders and real estate agents.

N. Korea says it might return to talks

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - North Korean leader Kim Jong Il told a visiting Chinese envoy that his government will return to six-party nuclear disarmament talks if the United States shows "sincerity," the communist state's official news agency said Tuesday.

Downwinders

Continued from A1. Blaine County who is now infertile after three surgeries to remove ovarian tumors. Satterlee's sister died of ovarian cancer, she told the committee.

Downwinders

Continued from A1. The 1990 program has paid out \$434 million to about 8,700 downwinders in Arizona, Utah and Nevada, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Mink

Continued from A1. No one testified in support of the mink farm during a hearing last Thursday. Anna Perrella, one of the farm's past owners, handed out a letter to the audience at that hearing.

Darrington

Continued from A1. But Darrington's love of rules came first from his parents, Turner said. "He couldn't help but follow the rules. His father was the superintendent, and his mother was a teacher," Turner said.

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NATION

# CDC chief sees possible bird flu virus pandemic

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Earth may be on the brink of a worldwide epidemic from a bird flu virus that may mutate to become as deadly and infectious as viruses that killed millions during three influenza pandemics of the 20th century, a federal health official said Monday.

Dr. Julie L. Gerberding, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said scientists expect that a flu virus that has swept through chickens and other poultry in Asia will genetically change into a flu that can be transmitted from person to person.

"The genes of the avian flu change rapidly, she said, and experts believe it is highly likely that the virus will evolve into a pathogen deadly for humans."

She made the remarks in a plenary lecture at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

In Asia, there have already been a number of deaths among people who caught the flu from chickens or ducks. The mortality rate is very high — about 62 percent, Gerberding said. There also have been documented cases of this strain of flu being transferred from person-to-person, but the outbreak was not sustained, she said.

"We are expecting more human cases over the next few weeks because this is high season for avian influenza in that part of the world," said Gerberding. Although cases of human-to-human transmission have been rare, "our assessment is that this is a very high threat."

This assessment, she said, is based on the known history of the flu virus.

The avian flu now spreading in Asia is called H5N1, and is the H5 family of flu viruses. It is a pathogen that is notorious in human history.

"Each time we see a new H1N1 outbreak, we experience a pandemic of influenza," said Gerberding. In 1918, H1N1 appeared and millions died worldwide. In 1957, the Asian flu was an H2, and the Hong Kong flu in 1968 was an H3.

There had been small appearances of the H1N1-type of avian viruses in other years, but nothing like the H5 now spreading through the birds of Asia.

"We are seeing a highly pathogenic strain of influenza virus emerge to an extraordinary proportion across the entire western component of Asia," she said. "The reason this is so ominous is because of the evolution of flu... You must see the emergence of a new strain, which human population has no immunity."

Sturdy already has shown that the virus can infect cats who can then infect other cats, which Gerberding said was "another harbinger" of the possibility of a human pandemic.

"The science here is all alarming to us that we have a great deal to be concerned about," she said.

The CDC chief said her agency is getting ready for a possible pandemic next year.

A special flu team, organized last year, continues to monitor the spread of the avian flu and to analyze the strains as they appear.



Former U.S. presidents Bill Clinton, center left, and George H.W. Bush, center right, talk with children as they visit displaced residents from the December tsunami in Welligama, Sri Lanka on Monday.

# Ex-presidents wrap up tour of tsunami-hit areas

MALE, Maldives (AP) — Wrapping up a tour of tsunami-ravaged nations, former Presidents Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush sat with child survivors at a temporary shelter in southern Sri Lanka on Monday, and mingled with European tourists at a luxury beach resort in the Maldives.

The children danced, sang and drew pictures of their experiences.

"Some of them are still drawing about the tsunami, and some of them are drawing life as they remember it, and as they want it to be again," Clinton said in the fishing town of Welligama on Sri Lanka's battered southern coast. "There was a lot of emotional damage here that's not visible to the eye. We don't want them to be suffering from this five or 10 years from now."

The U.S.-funded temporary houses, built of cinderblocks and iron sheeting, were replacements for homes washed away in the tsunami, which killed more than 170,000 across the region.

The purpose of the three-day tour, which included stops in Thailand and the devastated Indonesian province of Aceh, was to encourage more donations for a reconstruction process across the Indian Ocean region that is expected to take years.

"We're going to have to stay at this for some time," Clinton said.

President Bush asked his former presidents, Clinton and Clinton, former political adversaries, to lead the American effort to raise private funds for tsunami relief. The former presidents said they planned to deliver a report to the younger Bush on March 1.

"I want to be able to tell that the money we saw was well spent and that we have done everything we could to fulfill the mandate he gave us to get a high level of American private contributions, to ease the burden on the government," Clinton said in the Maldives, a nation of islands that suffered severe damage to its tourism, agriculture and fishing industries.

Private U.S. donations have

amounted to \$700 million, Clinton said, and President Bush has asked Congress to provide another \$950 million to tsunami relief at a time when costs of U.S. involvement in Iraq are mounting.

Clinton said he supported the establishment of independent auditing operations to make sure there is no corruption or mismanagement.

The two former presidents traveled by speedboat from the island capital of the Maldives, Male, to the nearby Kurumba resort, where tourists in bathing suits lounged by the pool, shaded by palm trees. Bush said vacationers around the world could help the Maldives recover by returning to its resorts, repeating a similar call that he made in Sri Lanka.

"You ought to come here, you ought to try it," Bush said against a backdrop of deep blue water sparkling in the sunshine. "If it's as beautiful every day as it is today, you're missing something."

# Vehicle belonging to missing woman, son found in creek

DENTON, Texas (AP) — A sport utility vehicle belonging to a missing pregnant woman was found in a creek Monday as police searched for her and her 7-year-old son, two days after a pool of blood was found in their home.

Officers on horseback and using dogs concentrated the search in a rural area of Denton, about 30 miles northeast of Fort Worth, after a landowner found the SUV belonging to an Underwood and her son, Jayden. The vehicle was nose-down and partly submerged in a creek.

A statewide Amber Alert was issued after the woman failed to show up for her baby shower Saturday, and the alert was expanded to New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Police would not give details of what they found at Underwood's Fort Worth home, but a police report said relatives checking her house Saturday found a large pool of blood on the living room floor.

There were no signs of

forced entry. Lt. Gene Jones said.

Authorities had few new details Monday, saying they could not discuss specifics because of the ongoing investigation.

Sgt. Rene Kamper said the keys to Underwood's vehicle were found near the SUV but she declined to say what, if any, other evidence was found.

"There are a lot of questions we have. We haven't answered all those questions and that's why we're being very careful about what we tell the public," Jones said.

Underwood, 34, is not married, Jones said. He said her son's father was among those being contacted by police, but he added that investigators had not narrowed in on any particular suspect.

Underwood is a co-owner of Home's Bagel Deli with Holly Pils, who said she last spoke with Underwood on Friday night.

"There's no one I know of that might want to do her harm," Pils said.

# Gunman wounds two at shipyard

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP) — A veteran employee opened fire at a shipyard Monday, wounding two co-workers, police said.

Police charged Alexander L. Lett, 41, with two counts of aggravated assault, but were still trying to figure out what prompted the shooting in southern Mississippi.

"We have no reason... only speculation and I don't care to go there right now," police Lt. Paul Lemons said.

Lett was a quality inspector who had worked at Northrop Grumman Ships Systems more than 20 years, police said. The shipyard is Mississippi's largest private employer, with more than 12,000 workers, and builds ships for the Navy and Coast Guard.

About 30 people were in the vicinity Monday morning when Lett began shooting inside a warehouse with a 9 mm semi-automatic pistol, police said.

Two longtime employees were injured.

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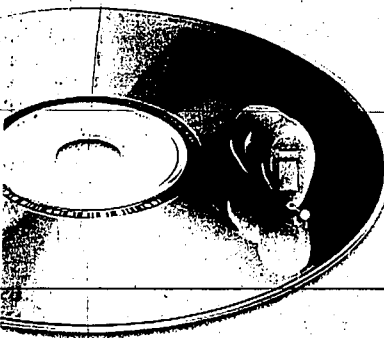
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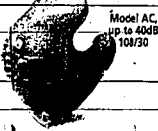
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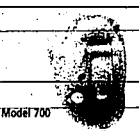
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## EDITORIAL

### County needs to zero in on downtown clinic

Give Twin Falls County commissioners credit for doing their homework this time.

In their search for additional county office space, the commissioners have put together a citizen advisory committee and hired architects to find the best real estate alternatives for growing county government.

Last week, the county held an open house to inform the community of the three top ideas for county office expansion — complete with price tags and square footage.

Compared to last year when commissioners were full speed for the Anderson building, this study gives county taxpayers a much more complete range of options.

And if they sound familiar, that's because they're. The main options are to:

- Buy and renovate the former Anderson Lumber building on Eastland, at 50,924-square feet, for \$6.8 million.
- Move into the former clinic building on Shoshone Street, with 86,836 square feet, for \$5.5 million.
- Build a new county building with approximately 52,000-square feet, for \$9.8 million.

Members of the public need to chime in on this process and say which option they prefer. You should be a key voice in determining the cost and accessibility of your county government.

But when examined up close, the decision should be a fairly easy one to make. The former hospital clinic offices on Shoshone Street, directly diagonal from the courthouse, offer more square footage, less capital expenditures, and an accessible downtown location. For those reasons alone Twin Falls County leaders would be wise to explore that option first.

Purchased by the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in 2002, the

clinic is already public-owned property. So if the county eventually moves into portions of the three-floor clinic, it will not require a financing plan.

But it would require a cooperative effort between county government and the hospital. Some hospital operations would remain in the downtown clinic until its own expansion plan is completed on Addison Avenue West.

The hospital's long-term plan, however, is to eventually withdraw from the clinic and pursue services in one central location.

And that location — smack in the middle of downtown Twin Falls — is a bright selling point for the county as well.

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### Our view: Twin Falls County's pursuit for more office space should start with the former downtown hospital clinic.

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

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## Budget decadence has short future

There's going to be another Ross Perot, and this time he's going to be younger. There's going to be a millionaire kid out of the country somewhere and he (or she) is going to lead a movement of people who are worried about federal deficits, who are offended by the horrendous burden that seniors are placing on the young and who are disgusted by a legislative process that sometimes suggests that the government has lost all capacity for self-control.



DAVID BROOKS

He's going to be set off by some event like what is happening right now with the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

He's going to look at an event like this one, and he's not only going to be worried about the country's economic future — he's also going to be morally offended. It's going to seem that something fundamentally decadent is going on.

And he's going to be right. In the past months we have learned that the prescription drug benefit passed last year is not going to cost \$400 billion over 10 years.

The projections now, over a slightly different period, are that it's going to cost over \$700 billion. And this is before the program even starts operating. These cost projections are only going to go up.

That means we're going to be spending the next few months bleating over budget restraints that might produce savings in the millions, while the new prescription drug benefit will produce spending in the billions.

That means that as we spend the next year trying to get a grip on one entitlement, Social Security, we'll be launching a new one that is also unsustainable.



Over the next few months we will be watching a government that may be millions-wise, but trillions-foolish.

We will be watching a government that sometimes seems to have lost all perspective, and resembles a lunatic trying to dry himself off with a hand towel while standing out in a torrential downpour.

And much of this new spending will go to people who have insurance to pay for their drugs.

In Congress, some are taking a look at these new cost projections and figuring that maybe it's time to readjust the program. In the House there are Republicans like Mike Pence and Jeff Flake (whose predictions of this program's actual cost have been entirely vindicated by events).

In the Senate there are people like Judd Gregg and Lindsey Graham. These fiscal conservatives want to make the program sustainable. Perhaps the benefits should be limited to those earning up to 200 percent of the level at the poverty line. Perhaps the costs should be

capped at \$400 billion through benefit adjustments.

These ideas are akin to what the candidate George W. Bush proposed in 2000.

But the White House is threatening to veto anything they do. Bush who hasn't vetoed a single thing during his presidency, now threatens to veto something — and it's something that might actually restrain the growth of government.

He threatens to use his first veto against an idea he himself originally proposed!

Have we entered another world, where up is down and rationality is irrational? Every family and business in America has to scale back when the cost of something skyrockets. Does this rule not apply to us as a nation? We may as well be blunt about the driving force behind all this. The living and well-organized are raking money from the weak and the unborn. Over the past decades we have seen a gigantic transfer of wealth from struggling young families and the next generation to members of the AARP! In 1990, 29

percent of federal spending went to seniors; by 2015 roughly half of all government spending will go to those over 65. This prescription drug measure is just part of that great redistribution.

But that can't wait won't last. Before too long, some new sort of leader is going to arise, especially if we fail to reform Social Security this year.

It's going to rail against a country that cannot control its appetites. It's going to rail against Republicans who promise to be virtuous — but not just yet.

It's going to shame Democrats who fraudulently pretend Republican deficits but whose own entitlement proposals would make the situation twice as bad. It's going to crusade against the interest groups who are so ferocious on behalf of their members that they sacrifice the future.

It won't be a green-eyed shade economic crusade this leader will be launching. It will be a moral crusade, and it'll be quite a show.

David Brooks is a columnist for The New York Times.

## Parties should make a deal on federal judges

### RONALD BROWNSTEIN

Democrats now don't control committees or the floor schedule, they have been compelled to use the more incendiary weapon of the filibuster to stop the Bush nominees they oppose.

But the result has been the same: frustration in the White House and rising bitterness in Congress.

Bush did nothing to lower the temperature last week when he resubmitted 20 nominations for judges the Senate had failed to confirm. Eight of those were district court nominations unlikely to provoke much controversy.

But the others included seven appellate court nominees that Democrats filibustered to stop over the past two years.

The rest were appellate court nominees whose nominations didn't reach the floor last year, but also are likely to face Democratic resistance.

Republicans gained four more Senate seats last November — giving them 55 — and that's raised hopes among some GOP strategists that the party might attract the 60 votes needed to overcome Democratic filibusters. But the odds remain long.

None of the seven resubmitted nominees who were filibustered last year drew more than 54 votes, or support from

more than two Democrats. So they would still appear short of the votes needed to end filibusters unless several Democrats renege, which seems unlikely in Capitol Hill's intensely partisan atmosphere.

Facing that prospect, Republicans are threatening Democrats with the "nuclear option" — a change in Senate rules that would effectively bar filibusters on judicial nominations.

That would undoubtedly allow Bush to confirm more of his judges — but in a burning-down-the-village-to-save-kind-of way.

Democrats warn they would retaliate with procedural steps to deny the Senate, a meaningful threat in an institution so dependent on unanimous consent to operate. And the rancor would further reduce Bush's odds of attracting Democrats for the rest of his agenda, like restructuring Social Security. "The consequences would be apocalyptic," says Rutgers University political scientist Ross Baker.

The root of the problem over judicial nominations is that neither side sees political gain in compromise. Each energizes their electoral base by standing firm.

That translates into money and activism for elections in 2006 and beyond. And the White House and Democratic leaders know their most ardent supporters would denounce any compromise as capitulation.

The solution may be no more complicated than reviving an idea that might seem quaint in this hyper-partisan era: Making a deal. Bush could quietly review his list of nominees with Senate Democratic leaders, drop a few they consider most objectionable and adopt a small number of choices they prefer (perhaps some of the blocked Clinton nominees).

In return, Democrats would accept the rest of his names. Then the two sides would agree to quietly construct slots for future vacancies that accept the president's predominance but acknowledge Democratic concerns.

Initially, Bush would surely resist that approach as an infringement on presidential prerogatives.

But suffering a defeat on every third appellate court nominee hardly invigorates presidential authority. Many Democrats might denounce such an arrangement as surrender.

They might remember that another Democrat will be elected president someday — and will almost certainly face a Senate with enough Republicans to sustain their own filibusters.

But that's both sides take a risk to break the cycle of conflict, Washington will be sentenced to unrelenting and unproductive warfare over the courts.

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NATION

# Supreme Court will consider eminent domain

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — It happens in city after city: Office buildings rise where once stood and new houses replace barns or a blighted neighborhood.

The aggressive use of eminent domain — the power of the government to condemn private property for public use — is what fuels this transforma-

tion of the American landscape. And for about 50 years, courts have agreed that eminent domain can be used not only to clear land for public buildings, but also to inspire affluent private development that's deemed to be for the public good.

But on Tuesday, the Supreme Court will consider whether the government's powers have gone too far.

At issue is a case from New London, Conn., where the city condemned a stable working-class neighborhood, which has waterfront views of the Thames River, to allow a private developer to build a swank, upper-class haven, with high-priced houses and affluent commercial properties.

The motive for New London was more taxes and more jobs. But the price for Susette Kelo

and the others in the neighborhood includes losing the homes they've inhabited for decades and, they say, their property rights.

Kelo says if the city condemns her property, it will violate the Constitution's protection against unjust property seizure. If the court agrees with her, it will stop New London's development, immediately — and cast doubt over similar

projects around the country.

Dana Berliner, a senior attorney at the Institute for Justice, which represents Kelo and several of her neighbors, sees it as a dispute that pits the affluent against those who aren't.

"All the city is saying is that the private developer will produce more tax dollars and create more jobs than these homeowners do," Berliner said.

"The neighborhood's not

blighted. It's just in their way because the city thinks this is a good place for private development. I don't see how that would make this public use."

Doug Kendall, executive director of the Community Rights Council, which supports New London in the case, said Kelo and the others are asking the court to intervene in what should be a legislative question.

## Bush wins time-travel election

WASHINGTON — Now this is party loyalty: Nearly two out of three Republicans say they would support President Bush even if his political opponent were the father of our country.

In a theoretical matchup between George W. Bush and the other George W., George Washington, 62 percent of Republicans said they would vote for Bush and only 28 percent said they would back Gen.

Washington. But because Democrats and independents went strongly for Washington, he held a healthy, 19-point advantage over Bush.

The "Presidents' Day poll" — done by the research firm Schulman, Ronca & Bucuvalas for Washington College — applied modern opinion research to historical figures. Washington's name recognition remains strong: 91 percent knew he was the first president. Only 12 percent rated the first president's performance in office as "below average" or "poor."

**Bush misidentifies new attorney general Gonzales**

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has been out of the White House for less than a month, and already it appears the president has forgotten who he looks like.

On Friday's White House bill signing, Bush beckoned to a Hispanic man in the front row and said, "I welcome our new attorney general." But the man in the front row was Hector Barreto of the Small Business Administration. Realizing something was amiss, Bush turned around and noticed the former White House counsel straggling behind him.

"Oh, right there," he said. "How quickly they forget in Washington. Al Gonzales. Proud you're up here, Al."

Bush turned to Barreto and introduced him. The recovery may spare Bush the embarrassment suffered by President Reagan when he greeted his housing secretary, Samuel R. Pierce Jr., as "Mr. Mayor."

**Group blasts, then praises Dean on Israel**

WASHINGTON — Long relationship, short memory? On Valentine's Day, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee sent a letter to the new Democratic National Committee chairman, Howard Dean. "AIPAC has a long-standing relationship with Governor Dean," the pro-Israel lobby wrote. "We are confident that as Chair of the Democratic Party, Governor Dean will carry on the party's deep and abiding commitment to a strong and unshakable relationship between the United States and Israel."

The relationship may be long-standing, but the confidence is more recent. Last year, AIPAC called Dean's position on Israel "unacceptable." After Dean said the United States should not take sides in the Middle East conflict, AIPAC said U.S. policy must "be based on unequivocal support for Israel's right to exist and to be free from terror."

**Bush loyalist moves up into administration**

WASHINGTON — President Bush's administration is to increase their presence in the bureaucracy. At the Council of Economic Advisers, chief of staff Phillip Swagler, a holdover from Clinton, is to be replaced by Gary Blank, deputy policy director in the Bush reelection campaign. And White House deputy press secretary Claire Buckman, who became known in the first term for her fiery relationship with the news media, becomes chief of staff to Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez. The White House had blocked Gutierrez from bringing a long-time aide with him from Kellogg Co.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

He (Alex Rodriguez) can't stand up to Jeter in my book or Bernie Williams or (Jorge) Posada.

— Boston Red Sox outfielder Trot Nixon

TRIVIA

**QUESTION:** What were the three teams that all-time hits leader Pete Rose played for?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
2A District IV Canyon Conference Tournament  
Glenns Ferry at Valley, 7 p.m.  
**BOWLING**  
State tournament, Snake River Bowl in Burley, 11:30 a.m.  
**COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
College of Southern Idaho vs. Glendale (Ariz.) Community College-Phoenix, Noon

IN BRIEF

BABA-plans-March-registration-dates

**BURLEY** — The Burley Amateur Baseball Association (BABA) will hold its registration boys ages 5-12 and girls ages 5-16 at Burley's Donnelly's Sports store on the following dates: Feb. 23, 5-7:30 p.m.; Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to noon; March 1, 5-7:30 p.m. and March 5, 9 a.m. to noon.

The birthday deadline is by Aug. 1.  
For more information, call Mike 808-2255 (808-BALL), or Kathy 878-7973.

St. Patrick's Day Run/Walk offered

**HIGHBRIMAN** — Register now for Malad George's St. Patrick's Day Run/Walk which will be held Saturday, March 12 at Malad George State Park. All races begin at 10 a.m.

This event is the premier fun run/walk of the spring.  
The fee is \$20 through March 8 and \$25 after.

Entrants have a choice of a 3.5 mile run, a 5.5 mile run or a 10K run.  
Each runner and walker will receive a race T-shirt at the finish.

Participants can pick up registration blanks in Twin Falls at the YMCA, Gold's Gym, and Donnelly Sports. In Burley, registration forms are available at Raquetters Fitness Center and Donnelly Sports.  
Registrations and fees can be mailed to Higerman Valley Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 589, Higerman, ID 83332.

Northside Baseball plans registrations

**JEROME** — Northside Baseball will register players ages 9-12 (as of July 31) for its Cal Ripken baseball league. Players from Gooding, Jerome and Lincoln counties are eligible.

All players must attend one of the following registration and skill assessment sessions at the Jerome Recreation District center: Ages 9-10, 9 a.m. to noon on March 12 at 5:25 p.m. on March 15, 9 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. on March 15, 9 a.m. to 5:25 p.m. on March 15.

If new to the league, players must provide a copy of their birth certificate, bring a parent or guardian and a \$50 registration fee to their session.  
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Compiled from staff reports.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Cincinnati Reds, Philadelphia Phillies and Montreal Expos.

## Hornets take bite out of Bulldogs

By Kevin Colbert, Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Decio's been there before. Pressure? What pressure? Monday night's matchup with the Kimberly Bulldogs may as well have been just an intense pickup game for the Hornets.

Decio witnessed the tension of the Class 3A District Four tournament championship game better than his less-experienced foes on the way to a 60-38 win over the Bulldogs at CSI Gymnasium on the College of Southern Idaho campus. With the win, the Hornets advance to the state tournament for the second straight season under head coach Dennis Smyer.

"These guys have been here before and our program's been here before," Smyer said. "They know what to do."

Defense was the name of the game for top-seeded Decio (12-8), which consistently outscored third-seeded Kimberly (10-10) with its full-court and three-quarters-court pressure. The Hornets not only forced the Bulldogs into several bad decisions, but converted those mistakes into points.

"We coughed the ball up," Kimberly coach Roger Keller said. "We turned the ball over, and I think they converted just about every turnover into a layup. We didn't handle the ball well."

Decio turned six Kimberly turnovers directly into 16 points. Six of those points came on one possession when the Hornets' Drew Jones was under-the-layup-attempt after a Decio steal. He sank two free throws after an intentional foul, and Tyson Johnson scored just seconds later on the ensuing in-bound play to give the Hornets a commanding 50-30 advantage with 5:20 remaining in the game.

"We came out kind of soft in the first half," said Jones, who led all scorers with 13 points. "At halftime, we regrouped and got really aggressive, and caused some turnovers. That was the key. When our offense isn't going right, it's really important to get turnovers. That's what we rely on."

However, Decio's pressure caused Kimberly's one individual defensive effort helped to take Kimberly out of its game. The Hornets' Bjorn Christiansen finished with just five points, but limited Bulldogs



Decio's Tyson Johnson, right, drives past Kimberly's Kahior Hield on his way to a basket during the fourth quarter of their Boys Basketball SCIC Tournament game at the College of Southern Idaho Monday night. Decio won the game 60-38.

guard Darin Musser to seven points, continually bounding him while he brought the ball up the floor.

"(Musser has) averaged 17 points against us in both games this season, so I thought that was important," Smyer said. "I thought Bjorn Christiansen did an outstanding job on him."

Kimberly stuck with Decio in the first half, trailing just 11-10 after one quarter and 27-22 at halftime. But the Bulldogs could have possibly been in even bet-

ter shape if not for the turnovers and dismal shooting from the free throw line. Kimberly made just 5-of-13 from the line in the first half and 6-of-17 for the game.

Jason Mumm led Kimberly with 11 points.

Kimberly will face Filer at 7 p.m. Wednesday at CSI Gymnasium in a state play-in game.

Filer 48, Buhl 45

A 3-pointer by Buhl's Austin Laing came up short as time expired, lifting Filer to a 48-45 win.

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## Knight's chair toss still leaves mark

By Michael Marot, The Associated Press

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** — Those closest to Steve Reid knew he was president of a trucking company, a former teammate, and a friend.

Some even remember him as a color commentator on Purdue basketball broadcasts.

However, most others know Reid as the answer to a trivia question.

For 20 years, his life has been defined by one enduring image: Bob Knight hurling a red, plastic chair across the basketball court as the 5-foot-9 Reid stood at the free throw line for Purdue.

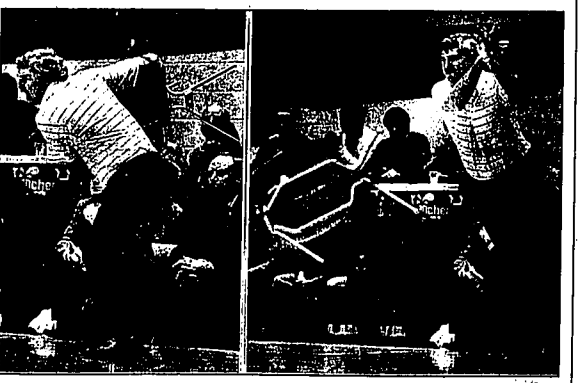
"There are times I walk into a meeting or a friend calls to say 'I saw you on TV last night,'" he said from his Georgia home. "I know what they're talking about."

Like other famous trivia answers, Wally Pfister, Markle Wilson and Al Downing-Reid's name will forever be linked to the question: "Who was the guy?"

The chair toss also remains a defining moment in the Indiana-Purdue rivalry. The teams will meet up again Tuesday, one day short of the 20th anniversary of Knight's throw.

Reid's most famous throw is the last remaining major link to the outburst and he will be coaching his final game at Assembly Hall.

"Two decades ago, Keady walked into the postgame news conference after a '72-63 win and insisted the important thing was that Purdue won. He was wrong."



Former Indiana coach Bobby Knight winds up and throws a chair across the floor during Indiana's 72-63 loss to Purdue in Bloomington, Ind., in this Feb. 23, 1985 photo.

Knight, fired by Indiana in 2000, didn't return phone messages left for him by The Associated Press at Texas Tech where he now coaches.

He's coped with it, though, by poking fun at himself over the years.

"During speeches, Knight sometimes recounts a story about an old woman behind the basket who needed a chair, so he tossed one to her."

"In 2002 at a news conference, Knight found another way to joke about it after tossing aside a broken metal chair."

"That's the funniest—I've thrown a chair in a long time," he said.

championship, far below the lofty expectations of a coach who by then had won two NCAA titles and the 1984 Olympic gold medal.

"It was not one of our better years, whether it was throwing a chair or not playing well as a team or whatever," Alford said.

"It was a technical foul and we moved out of there."

"For Purdue years, it wasn't that simple."

Assembly Hall quickly degenerated from a hostile environment into a dangerous one.

When play finally resumed, some Purdue players feared for their safety.

Troy Lewis, then a Bollemakers freshman, said the fans were so loud it was scary. Another freshman, Everett Stephens, said he was fearful of even playing.

"I was so nervous and so scared because it was so pleering loud," he said. "That was the loudest crowd I had ever been in."

What ignited the outburst was a scramble for a loose ball at midcourt. Indiana's Daryl Thomas drew his second foul five minutes into the game when Knight insisted it should have been a jump ball. Knight was called for a technical, but before Reid shot the free throw, Knight grabbed a chair with two

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## Signature moment for Giambi

By Ronald Blum, Associated Press writer

**TAMPA, Fla.** — Jason Giambi quickly had his first signature moment of 2005.

A little more than 2 hours after arriving at spring training Monday, he walked to the outfield end of the New York Yankees' dugout and stepped onto the field.

How was he welcomed after an offseason filled with steroid allegations? With cheers and outstretched paws.

There were several hundred people in the stands, and the line of fans waiting for his autograph snaked up through 16 rows of blue seats, then turned back toward home plate on the walkway dividing the lower and upper sections of Legends Field.

For 27 minutes, Giambi signed baseballs, pictures and jerseys. Then he went to the other end of the dugout and signed autographs for a line of children.

"We love you Jason!" yelled Nicole Kyle, 13, of Gloucester, Ill.

Dressed in a black T-shirt and blue jeans, Giambi smiled, posed for fan pictures, and seemed at ease. It starkly contrasted with the steroid allegations.

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## Olympic delegation tours NYC

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — The city, digging out from a snowstorm, rolled out a warm welcome Monday for the 13 delegates charged with evaluating the five cities vying for the 2012 Olympics.

"Nice to see you. Welcome," Mayor Michael Bloomberg told the International Olympic Committee evaluation commission delegates during a meet-and-greet ceremony at the Plaza Hotel. He later joked that the blanket of snow positioned the city to also make a bid for the Winter Games.

Bloomberg, accompanied by U.S. Olympic Committee chairman Peter Ueberroth, shook hands with the delegates in a conference room that bore an NYC2012 logo beneath its ceiling. A delegate carried a thick "2012" binder.

"They arrived at the Plaza on Sunday night, greeted by flag-waving supporters of New York's bid to host the 2012 Summer Games."

The evaluation commission is in town for a final round of scrutiny, assessing the five cities still in the running for the Olympics.

The group already toured Madrid and London, with Moscow and Paris left to visit. The IOC will weigh the evaluators' findings and announce its decision July 6.

Officials from New York's Olympic bid committee took over the second floor of the stock exchange on Monday, where chandeliers hung and signs highlighting the city's historic role as a host to people of all nations.

Across the street in Central Park, Tuesday's snow melted at least 5 inches of snow overnight, stood the bright orange "Gates" exhibit by artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude.

Monday's events also included a pep rally — with the IOC delegates — near the famed Rockefeller Center skating rink, which sported an NYC2012 logo beneath its ice. Tuesday's former Sen. Bill Bradley, a 1964 basketball gold medalist, will address the IOC group.

SPORTS

Kansas drops third straight Scott takes trophy at Nissan Open



Oklahoma guard Terrell Everett, right, celebrates an early lead over Kansas with teammate Johnnie Gilbert, left, in the first half in Norman, Okla., Monday.

**The Associated Press**
NORMAN, Okla. — Terrell Everett scored 19 points and freshman David Godbold added a career-high 15 to help No. 22 Oklahoma beat Kansas 71-63 on Monday night, handing the Jayhawks their first three-game losing streak in nearly 11 years.
Kansas (20-4, 10-3 Big 12) has lost three straight for the first time since falling to Oklahoma State, Missouri and Nebraska from Feb. 16-23, 1994.
The Sooners scored six straight points to stretch their lead to 60-52, with Godbold grabbing a rebound and hitting a jumper in the lane with 2:33 left in the game.
Wayne Simien finished with 17 points and six rebounds, Keith Langford scored 16 points and Aaron Miles added 12 for Kansas.

on the way to a 70-39 loss to Air Force on Monday night, an unmistakable low point to a season that has been full of them for the struggling Cougars.
Antoine-Hood scored 14 points to help the Falcons (16-20, 7-10 Mountain West) recover in a big way, two days after they had their 24-game home winning streak snapped by Utah.
Dan Nwaelele scored 11 points and Nick Welch had 10, as coach Chris Mooney cleared his entire bench, playing 17 players.
Sam Burgess had nine points to lead BYU, which uncharacteristically got blown out.

over Air Force on Saturday, shot just 37 percent. Utah entered the game ranked second in the nation in field goal percentage (52.8), and third in rebounding margin.
Utah center Andrew Bogut, averaging 20.6 points and 11.8 rebounds a game, finished with 15 points and 13 rebounds.
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**Air Force 70, BYU 39**
AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — For more than 10.5 strange and painful minutes, the string of foulity played out. Layups, 3-pointers, free throws, Brigham Young couldn't get anything to drop.
The result was a 19-0 deficit

**New Mexico 65, No. 13 Utah 54**
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Mark Walters scored a season-high 22 points and New Mexico beat No. 13 Utah 65-54 Monday night, snapping the Utes' 18-game winning streak.
The Lobos (20-6, 7-4 Mountain West Conference) used tenacious defense and strong rebounding to win for the sixth time in seven games.
The Utes (23-4, 11-1), who clinched the conference regular-season title with a victory

**Boise St 72, San Jose St 69**
SAN JOSE, Calif. — Jermaine Blackburn scored eight of his 16 points in the final six minutes to help Boise State beat San Jose State 72-69 on Monday night.
Jason Ellis added 18 points as the Broncos (12-16, 5-10 Western Athletic Conference) won their second road game in 11 tries. Eric Lane scored 12 points, including a free throw with 10 seconds left for the final margin of victory.
Marquin Chandler scored 18 points to lead the Spartans (6-18, 3-11), who lost their sixth straight. Eric Bloom added 14 points.

**SCIC**
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in a loser-out game.
David Ryan made just one of his two free throw attempts with 6.6 seconds remaining for fourth-seeded Filer (11-10) to make the score 48-45, leaving the door open for the second-seeded Indians (10-11). But without much time, the best

shot Buhl could get was Lainig's contested 3-pointer from the right corner.
The Wildcats led by as many as 11 points in the fourth quarter before Buhl's shot.
Paul Gerrish provided the scoring punch for Filer, finishing with 20 points. Will Chivers led Buhl with 16 points.

steroids, a charge McGwire has denied.
A big, burly guy, Giambi has been hurt by some of the things written and said about him.
" Yeah, yeah, yeah, they have. You try to put them in a different compartment," he said.
" I think at the same time, it's motivated me to work out the way I did this offseason, too, to also try to prove everybody wrong.
Yankees manager Joe Torre calls Giambi the "biggest question mark" of spring training. New York will support Giambi, but only to a point.
" It's not that you doubt that we have a deadline to this. We start spring training, we start playing games, the beginning of April, so we have to see where he is by the time we need for him to be there.
Last year with Giambi batting .208 with 12 homers and 40 RBIs, the Yankees made it to the AL championship series and were three outs from winning the pennant before their historic collapse against Boston.
" I know I could have helped. I don't know if that gets us over

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Adam Scott has his name on the Nissan Open trophy.
He earned \$684,000, which counts just the same if he had played 72 holes. Instead of only two rounds followed by a sudden-death playoff Monday morning in the rain against Chad Campbell.
He even was nervous standing over his tee shot in the playoff on the famous 18th hole at Riviera Country Club.
But there was no denying the strange sensation Scott felt after winning the first 36-hole event on the PGA Tour in nine years, a victory that comes with a trophy, a check and an asterisk.
Scott, who made a 20-foot birdie on a day earlier to finish his second round tied with Campbell 89-and-133, made short work of the long week by getting up-and-down for par on the first extra hole to win the Nissan Open.
After rolling in the 4-footer, Scott had to remind himself what winners do.
First came an awkward smile, then he gently raised his hand to acknowledge the 200 people watching the bizarre conclusion under gray skies and a colorful array of umbrellas.
" It doesn't feel like we played much golf this week," Scott said.



Australian Adam Scott hits his drive on the 18th hole during a sudden-death playoff with Chad Campbell at the Nissan Open with Chad Campbell, at Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles Monday.

Los Angeles PGA Tour victories. He does not earn a trip to the winners-only Mercedes Championships next year at Kapalua, or any of the other perks that come with winning.
Scott agrees with the polly, but he found plenty of positives.
" I wanted to win just as bad as any other player," he said. " But it was a different feeling, for sure."
Campbell also felt the sting of losing.
" You never want to get beat in a playoff," he said. " That's never a good feeling."

Conference West Tournament Championship Monday night in Burley, dyming the Jerome Bobcats 53-49.
" It was a tough, hard-fought game," Bobcats head coach Jack Bagley said. " We outscored them 15-9 in the fourth quarter. Kind of propelled us over the top."
Anthony Curriel and Kyle Benjamin both scored 10 points to lead all scorers, while Steve Elsensohn handled the Tiger defense and chipped in nine.
" Kyle Benjamin and Anthony Curriel both did an outstanding job," Bagley said.
The Tigers were led by Jared Harrison's 12-point night.

Eagle hurlers blank Phoenix College

**The Times-News**
PHOENIX — College of Southern Idaho pitchers Andrew Shrive and Shawn Logisic combined for a rare no-hitter against the Phoenix College Jays on Monday night in Phoenix.
Shrive threw four scoreless innings before Logisic came on in a tight relief situation.
Shrive came in with runners on first and third with one out and we were only up one at that time. Golden Eagles head coach Boomer Walker said, " He struck out two to get out of the inning and finished the other two throwing real strong."
Among sunny conditions and rain delays, the 3-6 Golden Eagles finally found the right combination of solid pitching and timely hitting.
" It's a big deal anytime you can go 9-0," Shrive said. " It's one of those baseball rarities and our pitching staff has been struggling.
" It was just a great outing by those two guys."
Jared Archard led CSI at the plate, going 2-3 and driving in Jordan Daley with an RBI single in the sixth inning.
Eric Cottrell doubled in the fifth to score Victor Martinez, while Cody Howerson scored Anthony Jones with a single in the seventh.
CSI is scheduled to play Glendale, Ariz. Community College today at noon.

Boys Basketball
Burley 53, Jerome 49
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meant more than doing a team meeting or addressing the team."
He apologized again to reporters for not being able to be more open. The San Francisco Chronicle reported in December he told a federal grand jury in 2003 that he had used steroids. Giambi's lawyers have told him not to publicly discuss his testimony.
Giambi said Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera and Jorge Posada were among the teammates who called him during the offseason.
" It's incredibly humbling," he said. " I understand totally the position they're in. For them to voice their support is pretty incredible."
New York's \$120 million man expressed empathy for the Yankees' \$252 million man, third baseman Alex Rodriguez, repeatedly ripped by the Boston Red Sox during spring training.
" He's definitely got it rough," Giambi said. " I'm definitely here for him as a teammate. I know what it's like to be on the rough side."
Former Oakland teammate Mark McGwire called Giambi " to see how I was doing, how I was handling everything." Like Giambi, McGwire was accused by Jose Canseco of using

the top," Giambi said.
He wants to look ahead, not behind, Yankees fans will let him. It's not only for his sake.
" I think the fans like to help somebody up," Torre said. " He's had some tough things to deal with in this offseason. Then he gets up and he doesn't produce, then maybe it's a different story.
But I think initially the fans want to see him get back on his feet and get himself the opportunity who he is, or who he used to be."
He'll be a designated hitter early on, will be told not to tire himself out taking too many grounders.
Will fans see a superstar? Or, has what he's done to himself made him flame out?
" Mentally I feel good that I can be that same player," he said. " It's going to take some time. I'm going to have to break a lot that rust off."
Soon there will be road games in front of hostile fans. Their signs and their shouts are sure to inject reminders of the past he hasn't quite admitted to.
" The fans and people that I've met on the street so far have been good," he said. " I know rough days are coming. But I'm not going to shy away from them."

Crabb can occasionally be heard scolding fans when he believes they are getting out of line, and even Knight was known to grab the microphone periodically.
But two decades later, Reid said he still has not spoken to Knight.
The only correspondence came through an e-mail that Reid sent after reading " Knight: My Story."
In the note, Reid said he enjoyed hearing the other side of the story and agreed the call should have been a jump ball, not a foul.

Toss

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hands and lung it toward the basket.
Knight apologized the next day and Big Ten officials gave him a one-game suspension.
Chuck Crabb, Indiana's longtime public address announcer, told the unenviable job of telling the raucous crowd that Knight had been ejected.
In the 20 years, since, Crabb said he has never seen a crowd at Assembly Hall react quite the same way.
" Our crowd, in the next few minutes after that, was a very ugly crowd," Crabb said. " Everything was a boo."

Bench seats are frequently chained together in basketball venues near At Indiana, the court-side trash cans are also locked down.

Reid said that Knight sent an appreciative reply.
Now, when Reid watches the tape with his four children, they don't talk about the chair but give their father and coach credit about his turnovers and missed free throws.
Everyone else wants to know about his scrape with infamy.
" A lot of times when I get introduced somewhere, that story comes up and people say ' Joe you serious, that was in basketball,'" he said.
" I didn't like it the first few years, but now I wear it with pride."

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

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Texas at Texas Tech, ESPN, 6 p.m.
Alabama at LSU, ESPN, 9 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Lakers, NBA TV, 8:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

College Baseball Top 25
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NFL Calendar

Feb. 23 - Houston vs. Cincinnati
Feb. 24 - Baltimore vs. Cleveland
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BASKETBALL

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Area ski report

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Reporters' notes

News reporter Eric Larsen may have been a good luck charm in the college basketball team's win over Idaho.

Forget candidly? State tournament sponsorship awards often go to privateers.

The Hogeman Pirates took consolation after going two and out in district play last year.

A historic Saturday: The Twin Falls Bruins and Snow College Spartans earned third-place finishes in their classifications.

The Filer Wildcats grabbed their own consolation after losing to Filer's first trophy since 1978.

The Shoshone Indians are bringing back the area's only championship, but area teams were combined 15-10 in the tournament.

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TF wrestling club meeting Monday

All area youth interested in freestyle wrestling are encouraged to attend the initial meeting of the Twin Falls Freestyle Wrestling Club Monday, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. in the Twin Falls High School wrestling room.

The program is open to all youth elementary through high school. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children. There will be a \$30 registration fee for the program which gives each membership to the USA Wrestling Association. Practices will be held Mondays and Wednesdays with Saturday travel tournaments scheduled through the summer for some age divisions.

For more information, call Brady Dickinson at 735-1890.

Jerome Rec offers youth soccer

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District will offer youth soccer spring soccer for the 2005 season.

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TFHS hosts state track relays clinic

TWIN FALLS — A state relays clinic for high school track and field coaches in the fourth district will be held at the Twin Falls High School on Monday, Feb. 28, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

New rules for high school track and field will be discussed. Attendance is mandatory for all coaches in the fourth district.

Nevada in men's top 25 for first time

NEVADA — For the second time in two weeks, a school entered The Associated Press' Top 25 for the first time ever.

Nevada, winners of six straight games and nine of 10, moved into the top 25 of the first time the Wolf Pack cracked the rankings. Two weeks ago, Pacific, No. 19, this week, moved into the poll for the first time.

Illinois was the lone unbeat team in Division I, was No. 1 for the 12th straight week. For the fourth consecutive poll, the Illini were a unanimous choice.

North Carolina (22-3) moved up from No. 2 after four straight wins over Virginia and Clemson last week.

Boston College (22-1), which beat Syracuse on Saturday in a matchup of Top Ten teams, slipped from No. 1 to No. 2, the highest ranking in school history.

Nevada (20-5) holds a two-game lead over UTIP in the Mountain West Conference. The Wolf Pack reached the 20-win mark for the second straight season with a 74-66 win over Vermont on Saturday in the marquee matchup of the Bracket Buster games.

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Soon after being released from jail, Ponson retreated to his Florida home to await his return to Aruba for a hearing on March 3 and still intends to visit his homeland during the offseason. But his misadventure on Christmas made him nervous about returning to Aruba, where he perceives him to be a hero.

"Now I know a couple people on the island don't like me," he said Monday. "But it's part of being a human being. You're going to have people in Baltimore don't like me."

In Aruba, almost everyone knows Sidney Ponson. In 1998, he became the third Aruban to play in the major leagues. In 2003, he was decorated in his homeland as a knight in the Order of the Dutch Royal House.

Source: Coles tells Gibbs he wants out.

WASHINGTON D.C. — First Rod Gardner, now Lavarious Coles, The Washington Redskins' wide receiver, says he wants out of the team after an unsatisfying season in coach Joe Gibbs' offense.

Gibbs has met with Coles twice to discuss his desire to leave the Redskins, including a lengthy conversation the day after the season ended, an official within the league told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. Monday, Gibbs called Coles to Redskins Park on Monday to address the Coles situation, but the coach offered few details.

"I've had talks with him," Gibbs said. "I'm sure that we've discussed it going to be between me and him."

Last month, the Redskins granted Gardner's request to seek a trade. Coles and Gardner are both top-tier catchers with 141 catches and 1,600 yards for the Redskins last season, but both were disenfranchised with a conservative offense that produced few big plays and limited yardage.

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# Blind man stays with his focus

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — It wasn't until he went blind that Michael Richard found his photographic vision.

That's how the Studio City photographer describes what happened after he lost virtually all his sight three years ago.

Surgery to remove a tumor behind one of his eyes left him able to see only gauzy, indistinct shapes. Richard, 57, felt that his days as a scenic and documentary photographer were over.

"I figured photography was out of the picture. I couldn't see to focus. So how could I shoot photos?" he reasoned.

But a visit to the Braille Institute in Los Angeles to learn to use his white cane led to his becoming an acclaimed abstract-art photographer.

Richard found that the agency offered a photography class. On a whim, he signed up. "I sure don't think of photography when you think of the Braille Institute," he said. "I was thinking that it would probably be a lecture course, something covering the history of photography."

Richard, whose primary occupation is as a musician, had specialized in nature photography before surgery in early 2002 to remove a malignant tumor left him sightless in his right eye. Born with a condition called acute amblyopia that made his left eye basically nonfunctional, he suddenly found himself unable to see anything distinctly.

Richard could make out shapes only with his left eye. Objects in front of him were either an "amorphous" or "diffused" as if viewed through glass smeared with petroleum jelly.

"It's like the world is a very Impressionistic painting," he said. "The lines, the lines-of-lines-are shown — it's like the most extreme soft-focus photo that you can imagine."

So he wasn't expecting much when he enrolled in the photo class taught by former Life magazine photographer Jack Birns. "I was anticipating that this was going to be a joke," Richard said. "How can the blind take pictures?"

Birns was quick to build confidence among his 10 students. They could use automatic-focus cameras and commercial film processing, he promised. They would find plenty of pleasure in pointing and shooting.

Richard remembers being pleased when he got his first roll of film back. There were lines and forms that even he could make out.

Sighted viewers of his pictures praised their composition. He'd not lost his feel for photography, they assured him.

Richard's wife, graphic artist Patrice Hughes, began driving him around Los Angeles to potential photo sites. From the start, he decided to leave his white cane at home when carrying his camera.

He had learned through a self-defense class at the Braille Institute that thieves often target blind people, Richard said.

"You can't run from anybody trying to rob you," he said. "You can't chase anybody either."

Richard carries a magnifying glass to help him adjust the settings on his Nikon 35-mm camera. A magnified monocular helps him find subjects to photograph. He moves off the distance to set the focus.

He develops black-and-white film himself and prints his own 20-by-24-inch enlargements at a public photo lab.

"I have to use both my monocular and my magnifier just to see if the negative is in the enlarger's carrier. I find a sharp edge in the picture and get in real close on the easel with my magnifier to focus the enlarger," he said.

His blow-up prints depicting shadows from a window falling across a tile floor, for example, and balconies marching in rows across the side of a skyscraper and rain puddles on pavement show Richard's skills at powerful abstract composition.

In the last two years, his photographs have been shown in nearly a dozen exhibitions in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Philadelphia.

"He's learned to adapt to his loss," said Christine Leahy, director of the Santa Monica-based "The View-From-Here" organization, which showcases "The Visually Impaired." She estimates that 100 such photographers are working in the state.

It was Richard and his photographs that motivated her to start the nonprofit group, Leahy said.

# NYC gets Olympic fever in 2012 bid

NEW YORK (AP) — The city, digging out from a snowstorm, rolled out a warm welcome Monday for the 13 delegates charged with helping select host city for the 2012 Olympics.

"Nice to see you. Welcome," Mayor Michael Bloomberg told the International Olympic Committee evaluation commission delegates during a meet-and-greet ceremony at the Plaza Hotel. He later joked that the blanket of snow positioned the city to also make a bid for the Winter Games.

Bloomberg, accompanied by U.S. Olympic Committee chairman Peter Ueberroth, shook hands with the delegates in a conference room that bore an NYC2012 logo on the floor. Each delegate carried a thick "2012" binder.

They arrived at the Plaza on Sunday night, greeted by flag-waving supporters of New York's bid to host the 2012 Summer Games.

The evaluation commission is in town for a final round of scrutiny, evaluating the five cities still in the running for the Olympics. The group already



Ukrainian Olympic gold medal figure skater Oksana Baiul skates over a graphic for New York's bid to host the 2012 Olympics during a rally at Rockefeller Center to mark the first full day of the visit by the International Olympic Committee's evaluation commission member to New York on Monday.

toured Madrid and London, with Moscow and Paris left to visit. The IOC will weigh the evaluators' findings and announce its decision July 6.

Officials from New York's Olympic bid committee took over the second floor of the storied hotel on Monday, where

chandeliers hung amid signs highlighting the city's historic role as a host to people of all nations. "People will speak your language. ... Families will welcome families," the messages said.

The committee showed the delegates a video featuring New

Yorkers from a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds, according to Jay Kruegel, executive director of NYC2012.

"They're looking at your capability to host the games and your ability to pull off a great games," Kruegel said. "We are confident we can do that."

Across the street in Central Park, which had received at least 5 inches of snow overnight, stood the bright orange "Gates" exhibit by artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude.

The city is already swathed in Olympic logos and signs promoting its bid. Billboards, bus shelters and street poles are decorated, along with subway cars, buses and taxis.

Monday's events also included a pep rally — without the IOC delegates — near the famed Rockefeller Center skating rink, which sported an NYC2012 logo beneath its ice.

Scores of people were handed pro-Olympic signs and flags to wave.

"Who's got Olympic fever?" asked Bloomberg. The crowd responded with a loud cheer.

On Tuesday, former Sen. Bill Bradley, a 1984 basketball gold medalist, will address the IOC delegates.

Still to be decided is the fate of the biggest of the city's proposed Olympic venues — a stadium on Manhattan's West Side that has attracted strong opposition from some New Yorkers.

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# Taurus, your goals move toward a peak

**IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** The year ahead gives you the breathing space to develop comfortable routines and settle into a secure pattern without fear of upsets. Avoid making important decisions in August when judgment is temporarily out of kilter. In October you may be torn two ways about an important matter. Trust and faith in the future will help you make a wise choice to act when you reach this crossroad and beneficial opportunities appear.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You are fast on your feet and these stars, so apply your skills to projects that require mental dexterity. Explore new options. Get plenty of rest as a lack of sleep wears out even the hardest man.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Things are moving towards a peak where your goals and aspirations are concerned. It is best to remain flexible if you want to remain on good terms with friends and succeed in the business world.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Actions "speak" louder than words where career and business are concerned. If you are in search of fame and fortune, important shifts can put the spotlight on you so be prepared to shine in public.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Go along for the ride if others seem to prefer company as more will get accomplished when there is an extra set of hands. Impressive opinions may change your perspective about many possessions.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Too much sympathy for others or concern for someone else might interfere with your ability to get things done. Concentrate on work and let logic, not emotions, rule decisions.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Walk the walk and talk the talk. That sensuous partner of yours

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wants to see actin to go along with your words. Creative ideas are blossoming — especially if you discuss your dreams with another.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** A budding romance or a new passion will move along just as hoped, but bring your head down out of the clouds and pay attention to work. Important changes and alterations are in the stars.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Your network of business associates could undergo a subtle change and provide the opening you need to show off your skills. Put your heart behind everything you do and promote dynamic change.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Wasting time worrying about the past is counterproductive. Take action where it counts and your year desires come true. You are on the same wavelength regarding funds as your closest friends.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You are filled with the extra energy and clear thinking to tackle important projects. Where money is concerned, however, vagueness can cause you to misplace your wallet or let dollars slip away.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Emotional issues can sap your strength, so avoid confrontations. Take the lead where money is concerned and make key decisions. Let your idealism shine when handling possessions.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Keeping the peace may be more important than having your way. Others may desire your ability to remain unruffled in the face of agitation and to get to the point without being offensive.

# Grandparents disapprove of girl's morals

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been married for 55 years — more than half a century. We come from a generation where living together and having children before marriage was unthinkable.

Our 21-year-old granddaughter "Stella" and her boyfriend moved in together two years ago, in what they called a "trial marriage." Last month, Stella gave birth to a baby girl and sent my husband and me a birth announcement.

We mailed it back with a note telling Stella we are ashamed of their conduct and lack of morals. We also told them there's nothing to celebrate about this birth of an out-of-wedlock child.

Four days later, my daughter (Stella's mother) phoned us in a rage. She said things are different nowadays and we have no right to impose our "outdated moral values" on their daughter and her boyfriend. My daughter insists we owe them an apology. She says we are out of line. Your opinion, please.



**DEAR ABBY:**  
Jeanne Phillips

**—STANDING BY OUR CONVICTIONS IN ARIZONA**  
**DEAR STANDING:** Although you come from a generation that believes it is best for a child to be born into an established family, with parents who are committed to each other enough to follow through with the legalities, it's time to face the fact that a sizable number of younger people feel differently today.

Your moral values are not outdated, but you do owe the couple an apology for lashing out at them in anger. It was cruel to have returned the birth announcement and told your granddaughter that the birth of her daughter was nothing to celebrate. Simply not respond-

ing at all would have signaled your disapproval and been much kinder.

**DEAR ABBY:** I know that good Christians are supposed to practice forgiveness, but it's not always easy to do. My husband, "Carl," has been having an off-and-on affair with my brother's wife, "Joanne."

I found out when I accidentally caught them together. Carl begged me to forgive him. He said it was all a terrible mistake. We started marriage counseling, but all that came out of it was his confession that the affair had been going on for 15 years. When I confided it to my sister, she told me that Joanne had tried to seduce her husband, too.

Over the years, I had felt uneasy about Joanne flirting with my husband. I talked to them about it at one point, but they said it was being hormonal and it was only my imagination. I feel like a fool for believing them.

I offered Carl a divorce, but he

insists that he loves me. He says he's sorry and he wants to stay with me. We've been married for 30 years, and have raised three boys and two girls together. We have seven grandchildren.

Carl and I are respected members of our community. We have been successful in our business and our church. Our neighbors would be scandalized if they knew about all this.

Carl is begging me to give him another chance, but how can I ever trust him again?

**—DISTILLIONED WIFE IN DELAWARE**

**DEAR DISTILLIONED:** You have everything to gain and nothing to lose if you give it a try. Although your hurt and distrust are understandable, it isn't too late to salvage your marriage if you are both willing to work at it. Take a fresh look at your lives, recommit yourselves to each other and promise to spend the rest of your days making each other happy. It may not be easy at first, but other couples have succeeded, and you can, too.

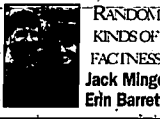
# Golf courses cover as much as Delaware and Rhode Island

Golf courses now cover as much of America as Delaware and Rhode Island combined.

This day in history Today would be a good day to be in Egypt's Abu Simbel Temple, built to honor Ramses II. The temple is situated so that the sun shines on Ramses' statue only two days a year: on Oct. 22 (commemorating his birthday) and Feb. 22 (his coronation day).

A study by the RAND Corp. found that obesity and being overweight adds an average of \$395 per patient per year to health-care costs, more than even smoking (\$230) or heavy drinking (\$150).

Kids, if you need a new excuse for missing school, tell the folks you suffer from a bad case of di-



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Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

daskaleinophobia. That's "the fear of attending school."  
Charles Manson was not just your average murderous cultist, he was a "musical" murderous genius. Before he was arrested, the Beach Boys recorded one of his songs, chillingly titled "Cease to Exist." (On their record, they renamed it "Never Learn Not to Love" and after the murders removed his name from the credits.)

It makes a certain sense that the bottom part of a stapler, where the ends of the staple get pressed under, is called the "anvil."

Norman Mailer coined the term "factoids" in 1973 in his book, "Marilyn." His word stuck, but his definition did not. He defined it as "facts that have no existence before appearing in a magazine or newspaper."

The "Cardinal Camerlengo" is a special officer who is charged with verifying the death of a pope. Traditionally, he does this by standing close and shouting the pope's name loudly three times. If he gets no response, he arranges a funeral, nine days of mourning and a

papal election. When lobsters hatch, they emerge from their eggs as microscopic larvae. After floating on the surface of the ocean for a month, they settle to the bottom of the ocean to grow into lobsters as we know them.

The larvae odds of survival are as tiny as their size — for every 100,000 baby lobsters, only five or six will typically "make it" to a 1-pound size.

"Cannibalistic" or "man-eating" are emotion-laden terms.

"Hominivorous" sounds much nicer.

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# 'CSI Effect' can frustrate real life detectives, officials

The Washington Post

The honeymoon is over between real-life crime scene investigators and the stars that play them in the immensely popular television show "CSI." Forensic scientists are now complaining about something they call the "CSI Effect," which is, according to Max Houck of West Virginia University, "the perception of near infallibility of forensic science after watching a few episodes of CSI."

The show has had its positive effects, Houck conceded, speaking at the annual meeting. Enrollment in forensic science programs has skyrocketed, for example. At his university, four students out of a student body of 25,000 graduated as majors in forensic science in 1999. Today, 400 students are in the program — the vast majority of them women making it the single-largest major on campus and a novel

nexus for women in science. On the downside, jurors and relatives of crime victims have developed unrealistic expectations of the field, expressing disappointment that their cases did not trigger fancy detective work that in many cases is not necessary and expecting test results within 30 minutes instead of the 30 days that is often needed, said Patricia McFeeley, a University of New Mexico forensic pathologist.

Finally, there is the little problem that criminals, too, apparently watch the show. Many try tricks they have seen on TV, such as not licking envelopes to avoid leaving a DNA trail, Houck said. Although law enforcement remains in the lead with a number of technical tricks the average criminal hasn't seen on the tube, he said, some experts have stopped cooperating with television shows depicting their craft.

# Man finds ticket from 1954

**FLINT, Mich.** — Jack Cramer was rummaging through piles of old stuff recently when he ran across a \$1 parking ticket he received while he was a college student in 1954.

"I got a good laugh when I saw it, but then I thought, 'What if they're still trying to collect this,'" Cramer said.

Cramer said he called the Flint Police Department's traffic division to inform it of his find.

The lady I talked to thought it was very funny and joked that she wanted to transfer my call to the court," he said. "I said, 'No, someone over there might not have a sense of humor. I'll mail the \$1 along with the ticket, no interest included.'

# Superintendent fills in as kindergarten substitute

**MARTINSBURG, W.Va.** — Jefferson County Schools Superintendent Steven Nichols says a return to teaching in a kindergarten classroom similar to one he began his education career in 35 years ago was educational — for him.

Nichols said he was reminded how hard teachers work and how much they accomplish.

A few things about their substitute did have to be explained: The children thought he owned all of the schools and that he was a medical doctor when he was introduced as "Dr. Nichols." Nichols served as a substitute teacher at Page Jackson Ele-

# Odds and ends

mentary School Friday as part of his plan to have county administrators fill in as substitutes.

The county has had trouble finding enough substitutes, particularly on Friday mornings, Mondays and the day before a school holiday.

— compiled from wire reports

**Movies**

**Orpheum** (R) 11:30-1:00  
Phantom of Opera (R) 8:45-9:20  
**Odyssey 6** (R) 11:30-1:00  
In Good Company (R) 7:15-9:45  
Coach Carter (R) 8:45-9:30  
Meal The Fockers (R) 7:15-9:45  
Hope and the Glory (R) 7:15-9:30  
Whisper Noise (R) 7:15-9:45  
Constantine (R) 7:00-9:30

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Because Winn Dixie (R) 7:00-9:10  
Boogeyman (R) 11:30-1:00  
Hitler (R) 8:45-9:30  
Son of Mask (R) 7:00-9:10  
Ponch: A Hallelump Movie (R) 11:30-1:00

**Twit 12** (R) 11:30-1:00  
Innocent (R) 7:00-9:30  
Are We There Yet? (R) 7:00-9:45  
National Treasure (R) 8:45-9:35  
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Son of Mask (R) 7:15-9:45  
Racing Stripes (R) 7:15-9:45  
Ponch: A Hallelump Movie (R) 7:15-9:45  
Million Dollar Baby (R) 8:45-9:35  
Hitler and Seek (R) 7:00-9:45  
Wedding Date (R) 7:00-9:45  
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Boogeyman (R) 7:15-9:30

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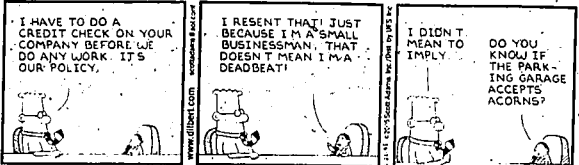
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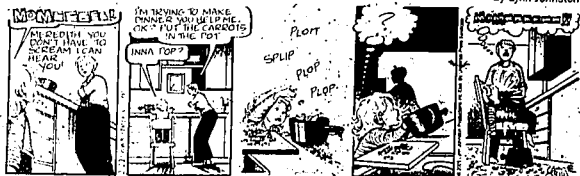
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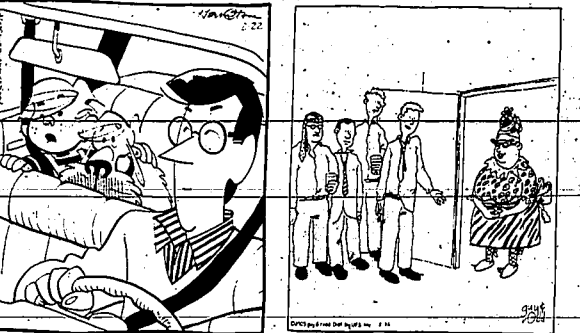


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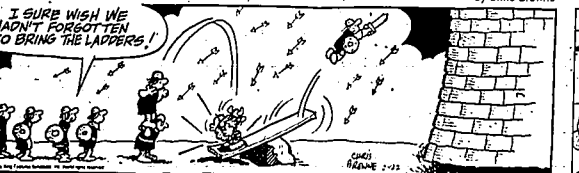
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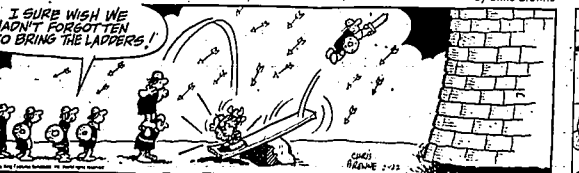
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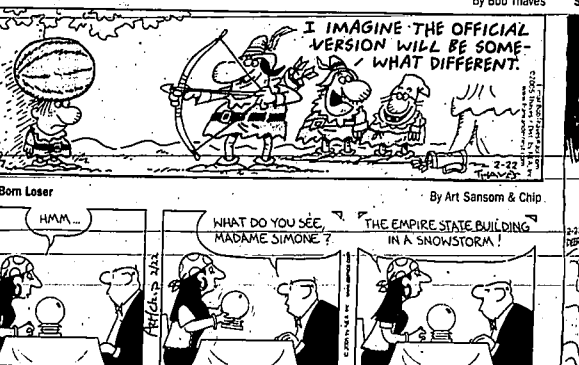
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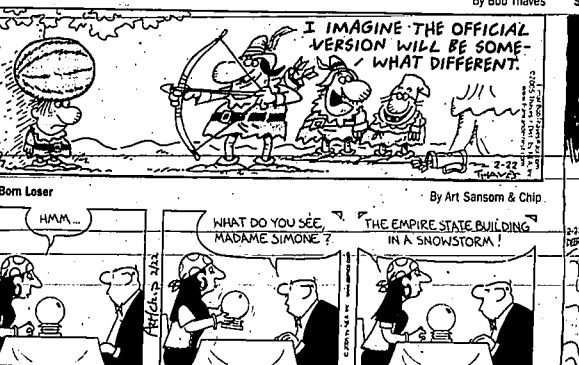
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Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Hospital board will hold meetings

TWIN FALLS — Members of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Administrative Committee want Hospital Board members to reconsider a joint statement they signed with county commissioners regarding the process used for looking into the future governance of the hospital.

"We need to step back and reassess the process," said Chief Executive Officer John Kee. "There's a lack of clarity in the current process."

The Hospital Board will hold a special meeting tonight to consider the committee's request that the board rescind the decision it made last week to sign off on the joint statement. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. inside the hospital's Suite Room located in the former Norco building just east of the hospital on Addison Avenue.

Also tonight, the board will hear a presentation by Larry Singer, an attorney specializing in the formation of health care delivery systems.

### Artist will do airport mural presentation

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls artist Gary Stone will do a presentation for English students from the College of Southern Idaho at 5:30 p.m. today in the lobby of the Twin Falls Airport. The public is invited; admission is free.

Students of Kim Skeen and two other English instructors are studying the English essays. "The Soul of the City," Skeen said Tuesday's presentation will help students parallel the concepts of the essay to the local community.

Stone began a large mural at the airport several years ago that he describes as a "work in progress." Applying his unique caricature art technique to local businesses, landmarks and individuals, Stone is creating an artistic landscape that takes on new personality with each passing year.

### T.F. council hears about city projects

TWIN FALLS — At tonight's meeting, Twin Falls City Council members will be updated on City Park's handball renovation project, as well as the Twin Falls Soccer Association's fund-raising efforts.

Two public hearings are scheduled, a request for formation of 376 acres of land north of the 100 through 700 blocks of Pole Line Road West, west of the 1650 through 2050 blocks of Bluff Street North, west of the 2050 through 2450 blocks of Canyon Rim Road North, south of the 300 through 900 blocks of Canyon Rim Road West and east of the 1650 through 2450 blocks of Grandview Drive North. The land is within the city's area of impact. Gerald Martens will request permit modifications of sign requirements.

The City Council will meet at 5 p.m. today in the new City Council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E.

### School is granted regional accreditation

GOODING — The Gooding Accelerated Learning Center has been granted regional accreditation by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools. The status was recently announced at the association's annual meeting in Las Vegas.

The Gooding Accelerated Learning Center is the first not credited with the association in 2003. The school is also approved by its State Accreditation Committee for the academic year 2004-05.

The Gooding Accelerated Learning Center is one of 1,715 in the region and one of more than 36,000 schools nationwide to maintain regional accreditation.

Accredited schools are members of one of the nation's six regional accrediting associations. In 2004, approximately 36,000 schools were accredited by these associations. Being accredited implies that the school subscribes to a process of voluntary self-regulation that is a continuous experience designed to improve the quality of the member school.

— compiled from staff reports

# Lawmakers could boost speed limits

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho lawmakers could adopt changes to allow the maximum speed limit on state highways to be raised to 75 mph from 65 mph and to eliminate a 65-mph limit for semi tractor-trailer drivers.

Transportation department officials estimate 400 miles of roads could have speed limits boosted, with parts of Idaho Highway 75 between Twin Falls and Sun Valley and U.S. High-



way 20 from Mountain Home to Fairfield qualifying. Sign changes would cost an estimated \$12,000.

Interstate highway speed limits can already be raised to 75,

such as the stretch of U.S. Interstate 84 between Caldwell and Brundage on the Idaho-Oregon border.

Senate Bill 1133 would let the Idaho Transportation Department raise the maximum speed on stretches of smaller state highways where drivers are already driving that fast and where there hasn't been an increase in accidents.

If it passes, this would be the latest move in Idaho to boost speed limits that started

after the mid-1970s when concerns over oil caused nationwide speed limits to be cut.

"We will be using the same processes that are used nationwide for setting speed limits," Transportation department safety engineer Carl Main said, adding that decisions would be made in part on how fast traffic typically moves.

Idaho increased many of its highway speed limits to 65 mph in 1987.

The bill also would eliminate language in the law that sets the maximum speed limit for semi-trucks — vehicles with five or more axles or weighing more than 26,000 pounds — at 65 mph.

If the bill passes, the Idaho Transportation Department would conduct a study of which roads could increase their speed limits.

The bill goes before the Senate Transportation Committee for a hearing on Thursday.

# Biotech business spurs hot debate

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — As Christine Davis scans the neighboring property full of jagged volcanic rock and brush, a look of anguish sweeps across her face.

Just a few years ago, Davis and husband, Rick, built their yellow ranch-style house in the Hagerman Valley — an area blessed not only with a mild climate but also the beauty of the Snake River and Hagerman Fossil Beds. This is where the couple had hoped to grow old.

That dream may change, Davis said. If Gooding County Planning and Zoning commissioners grant her neighbor a special-use permit for his proposed biotech facility — a facility that would include a laboratory, "bleeding barn" and catch corals.

"We don't want industry to come down to the bottom of Hagerman Valley," Davis said.

The couple joined with other residents in signing a petition asking the commissioners to deny Mark Nebeker a permit to construct his Idaho Bio Products company on the property next to the Davis residence. The area is zoned as a transitional district, or T2, which allows residential uses as well as nonresidential uses providing the applicant obtain a special-use permit from the county. On Monday, Feb. 28, the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public meeting on Nebeker's permit request.

However, the uniqueness of the Nebeker's proposed operation has caused quite an uproar. The dearth of information about the project has led only to increased anxiety.

"The reason the neighbors are all concerned is the paperwork is really vague," Davis said. "We don't really know what's going on."



Mark Nebeker

**About Idaho Bio Products**

- Owner Mark Nebeker has 25 years of experience in the biotech industry.
- Location: 2742 S. 850 E. in Hagerman.
- Business description: Idaho Bio Products will provide products and services to the research, diagnostic and pharmaceutical industries. The company will use raw materials such as blood serum, plasma, animal organs and tissues, and chemicals.
- The proposed facility includes a laboratory, parking area, a shop, storage shed, bleeding barn, catch corals for the bleeding barn, a pond and residential home.
- A wildlife habitat and nature preserve will take up 5 to 5 acres of the remaining property.

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Christine Davis of Hagerman stands near her home where a proposed biotech company wants to build a facility. Davis opposes the facility due to concerns over waste, water and traffic.

*Serving their country*

Profiles of servicemen and women with local ties deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. The information is supplied by their families.



**Lance Cpl. Ashley Marie Comly**

- Age: 18.
- Hometown: Bellevue.
- Local Family: Parents, Ray and Cathy Comly of Halley; grandparents, George and Ginger Day of Twin Falls; sisters, Emily and Alisha of Halley and Nicole of Boise.
- Service, date of enlistment: U.S. Marine Corps, Jan. 21, 2004.
- Rank, assignment: Lance corporal, 2nd Marine Division.
- Task: Radio communications specialist.
- Additional Information: Deployed to Al Fallujah, Iraq, Feb. 1, 2005. Stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C.



**Airman Mandy L. Deisher**

- Age: 19.
- Hometown: Andrews, N.C.
- Local Family: Parents, Scott and Janet Deisher and grandparents, Bob and Cori Deisher and WF Bars, all of Buld.
- Service, date of enlistment: Air Force, Aug. 5, 2003.
- Rank, assignment: Airman, task force.
- Task: Cryptic messages.
- Additional Information: Deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan. Serving with the combined joint task force unit 76. She is currently stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington D.C.

To send a message to those serving in the military go online to [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com) and click on "Military Messages" to submit information and photos about local servicemen and women involved in Iraq and Afghanistan, please call Times-News clerk Jani Whited at 735-3204. E-mail [jwhited@magicvalley.com](mailto:jwhited@magicvalley.com) Please include your own name and contact information.

# Remembering the internment

## Kempthorne acknowledges the sacrifice of Japanese-Americans

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Jim and Mary Oyama of Caldwell were just married when they had to move from Auburn, Wash., to California, and then to Idaho's then-desolate desert in eastern Jerome County.

They were part of a group of more than 13,000 Japanese-Americans who would pass through the Minidoka Internment Camp as a result of the bombing by Japan of Pearl Harbor in 1941. In all, there were 120,000 Japanese-Americans who were evacuated from the West Coast and forced to live in camps because the United States government feared they jeopardized the safety of other Americans.

At the time of their internment, Jim was 24 and Mary was only 15.

"I had just graduated from high school," Mary said. "Within six months, Jim left their one-room apartment and moved to Ogden to work in the hay fields while Mary remained behind to give birth to their first child. They were reunited a year and a half later. But they had lost everything and had to live in a labor camp near Caldwell for the next several years. Jim worked in the orchards during that time and later went to work for the U.S. Postal Service. He eventually



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— Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

served as a postmaster for seven years.

But the Oyamas were scarred by the experience.

"We were second-generation American citizens," Mary said. "But what can you do when the government tells you you have to go?"

Sixty-three years later the Oyamas traveled to Boise to ob-

serve a commemoration of their sacrifice. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne acknowledged in a ceremony Monday the official signing of an agreement between a group known as the Friends of Minidoka and the U.S. National Park Service to move forward with a monument of 73 acres in the Hunt Project east of Jerome. Kempthorne also proclaimed Feb. 19 as a day of remembrance for those who lived in the camp.

There will be hearings over the summer to get input on what should be placed at the monument, but it will be years before a visitors' center is completed.

Kempthorne noted that 33,000 Japanese-Americans fought in World War II. They were all in one military unit, known as the 442nd Central Postal Directory. From the Minidoka Camp, almost 1,000 men from the camp served and fought.

"The men from Minidoka had the highest enlistment rate and highest casualty rate of all 10 major internment camps in the United States."

In addition, taking into account their numbers and time of service, the men of 442nd were the most decorated unit in American military history.

Kempthorne also pointed to the irony that when Japanese-American men were breaking into a German concentration camp to free internees, their own wives and children were incarcerated back home in the United States.

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**Wilma Eslinger Kuykendall**

TWIN FALLS — Wilma Kuykendall passed away Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, in her home in Twin Falls. She was 87 years old. Her husband, Roy Kuykendall, was with her to the end. Wilma was born on Nov. 20, 1917, in Las Animas County, Colo., on the land homesteaded by her parents, John Oscar Eslinger and Edna Hild Eslinger. The family moved to Twin Falls on Feb. 15, 1919. Wilma married Roy Kuykendall on Oct. 10, 1940, and they celebrated 64 years of marriage and happiness. They had three children: three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Roy and Wilma farmed and ranched for many years and were members of the Twin Falls First Christian Church. Wilma was very active in the Iris Society and the Twin Falls Garden Club.



Wilma is survived by her husband, Roy Kuykendall of Twin Falls; her son, Jerry (Chinami) Kuykendall of West Linn, Ore.; her daughter, Peggy (Tom) Inford of Reno, Nev.; granddaughters, Toni Woodard, Jennifer Marin and

Ginger McHenry. She is also survived by five great-grandchildren; and her brother, Dr. Chester Eslinger of Rocklin, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Earl Eslinger; and her first child, Margaret Ann.

A celebration of Wilma's life will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, with Ralph Eslinger officiating. A private family interment will take place at Twin Falls Cemetery.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers memorials may be given in Wilma's name to the First Christian Church of Twin Falls or a charity of your choice. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

**Muriel Miller**

RUPERT — Muriel Strange Miller, an 88-year-old resident of Rupert, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly. She was born May 11, 1916, in Egin, Fremont County, Idaho, the youngest child of John James and Lucy Green Strange. She married Percy Chester Miller on March 21, 1936. Their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on Sept. 16, 1965.



you came to her home, she wanted to feed you. Many memories of roses, turkey and nut dinners waiting for your arrival, will forever be cherished. She enjoyed working in her yard and especially loved a life-long valiant visiting teacher. She and Percy served as workers in the Logan Temple and following Percy's death, she was called on a mission to the Bishop's Storehouse.

Muriel was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served as a Sunday School Secretary for more than 20 years, was a counselor in a Relief Society Presidency and was a life-long valiant visiting teacher. She and Percy served as workers in the Logan Temple and following Percy's death, she was called on a mission to the Bishop's Storehouse.

Muriel was a devoted mother and wife and loved her home. She was shy, quiet and determined and was loyal to family and friends. No matter when

of Rupert; her siblings, Edwin Green (Emmaline) Strain, Dr. S. Anthony, Idaho, and Hazel Sainsbury of Washington State; 10 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four brothers, one sister, an infant daughter and one great-grandson, Asher Critchfield.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, at the Rupert First and Seventh Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 806 S. 16th St., with Bishop Stacey Camp officiating. Burial will be in Rupert Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

The family suggests memorials be directed to Shriners Hospital for Children, or LDS Perpetual Education Fund in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

**Arica L. Black**

BURLEY — Arica L. Black, a 91-year-old resident of Burley, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center, with her family at her side.



This union were born three children, Jay, Kathy and Ken. They moved to Burley in 1939. While in Almo, Arica worked for the school lunch program and after moving to Burley, she worked for the Cassia County Auditor and Records office for many years. She made many friends, had an ability to solve problems, make decisions, was straightforward, fair and firm. Her name can be found on many legal documents in the Cassia County files.

She was born Jan. 27, 1914, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Asael M. and Cecil Durfee Love. She was raised on the family ranch in Almo and attended high school there. Due to lack of secondary educational facilities in Almo, she attended high school in Twin Falls, Burley and graduated from Rupert High School, where she met her future husband, J. Spencer Black. They both furthered their education and graduated from Stevens Henager Business College.

She worked at Utah Power in Salt Lake City, Utah, and planned on retiring there. She and Spencer were married on June 1, 1935, in Rupert. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple on May 29, 1990.

Arica, tired of ranch life, vowed she would never return home and grew up. When Arica's mother became ill, they came back to the ranch where they lived and started their family.

She was a member of Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Mini-Cassia Cowbelles, Toast Mistress Club and Easy Does It Home Demonstration Club. She was active in her church and served in many callings.

Arica suffered a debilitating stroke in 1994 and has resided at Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center since. She is survived by her husband, who devotedly aided in her care, J. Spencer Black; her children, Jay L. (Sharon) Black, Kathy (Tim) Payton and Ken S. (Nina) Black; seven grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, both brothers and her sister.

A private visitation will be from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley. A private family service will be held on Saturday, with burial to follow in Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn.

The family suggests memorials be directed to Parke View Beauty Shop Volunteers in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

BILLINGS, Mont. — Virge Joseph Dixon, 87, of Billings, passed away Feb. 18, 2005, at his home.

Virge was born April 14, 1917, in Manard, Idaho, of his parents, John Fredrick Dixon and Martha Laurennia Wells Dixon. Since Manard is no longer in existence, the vital records were moved to the nearby town of Fairfield. The family lived between the towns of Gooding and Wendell, Idaho, during Virge's youth. He had four brothers and two sisters. He attended the University of Idaho Southern Branch (now known as Idaho State University). Virge married Marjorie Mae Anderson of Hansen, Idaho, in the LDS Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah, prior to his senior year of college. He graduated in electrical engineering from the University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho, immediately after graduation he had a special assignment as Ensign in the Navy at the Boeing Air Field in Seattle, Wash. While there, he made a stabilizer for the airplane, which was later incorporated in the planes. After his duty in the Navy, he

**Virge Joseph Dixon**

moved his family to Sacramento, Calif., for a year, then he built a home 11 miles east of Sacramento in Carmichael. He was employed by the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Reclamation, working on the California Central Valley Project. He also worked for a year as an actuary for the Beneficial Life Insurance Company. He moved his family to Billings, Mont., in November 1960, where he continued employment with the Bureau of Reclamation working on the Missouri River Basin Project until his retirement in 1978. He was a man of many talents and interests. A few of them were gardening, making items, repairing equipment and appliances. He was a certified repairman for Crossman Air Rifles and Howard Miller Grandfather Clocks. In his work, he repaired many antique clocks from many parts of Montana.

His greatest achievements and joys were his family, service in his church and association with his friends. He is survived by his wife of nearly 63 years; seven children,

Rita (Cordell) Ringel, Gary (Marjorie) Dixon, Edlon (Rosmary, divorced) Dixon, Lynn (Joyce) Dixon, Donna (Brent) Adams, Dan (Margie) Dixon and Bonnie (Randy) Steck. He is also survived by his mother, Forest B. Dixon of Jerome, Idaho. Virge has 39 grandchildren and 33 living great-grandchildren; each was a great joy to him and he was expecting four more to arrive in the coming months.

He has served in many and various callings in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints including Bishop, High Council, Scouting and four Stake Missions. He also served two full-time missions with his wife, Marjorie, in the Florida Keys and Salt Lake City, Utah. We honor a great husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

A funeral will be 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at the Belvedere LDS Church, interment will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls, Idaho. Visitation will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday evening at Sunset Chapel, and again prior to the service.

OBITUARIES

**Edith Pavkov**

TWIN FALLS — Edith Pavkov, 89, a resident of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

Edith was born on Feb. 28, 1915, in Indianapolis, Ind., the daughter of Milan and Julia Marjory Pavkov.

She is survived by her brother, Joe (Junalia) Pavkov of Gooding; her sister, Mildred (Fifth of Wendell); and numerous nieces and nephews and grandnieces and nephews. A graveside memorial service will be conducted by the Pavkov family at 11 a.m. on

Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

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**Nancy C. Preston**

JEROME — Nancy C. Preston, 52, of Jerome, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, of injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Nancy was born March 16, 1952, at Spalding, Neb., the daughter of Lyle and Martha Dwinell Vansodall. She married Lee Preston on Nov. 23, 1983.

She is survived by her husband, Lee of Jerome; her mother, Martha Vansodall of Norfolk; one brother, Dale (Joyce) Vansodall; one niece, Audrey Vansodall; one nephew, Eric; all of Hoskins, Neb.

A service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Hope Robertson Funeral Chapel, in Jerome, Idaho, with the Rev. Baldwin Camm officiating. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Geneva Cemetery at Bear Lake. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday evening at the Hope Robertson Funeral Chapel.

**Jerry Lee Russell**

RUPERT — Jerry Lee Russell, a 53-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Feb. 16, 2005, at his home.

Jerry was born June 9, 1951, in Rupert to Curtis and Oleia Mae Russell. He received a degree in diesel mechanics and liked to work with pallens. He enjoyed motorcycles, especially Harley Davidsons, his solitude and also visiting with his family.

Jerry is survived by his children, Tiffany Vasquez, Ashlee Peak-Sharier, Nicole, Bobby and Suprena Russell and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Curtis Russell, Oleia Mae Baker, Mary Ann Staker, Ronnie Gene Russell and Nicole Gambino.

A special thanks to Ray Kyles. He appreciated you. The family of Jerry Russell.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Caldwell and Nampa officials will meet to settle a land dispute**

NAMPA (AP) — Nampa and Caldwell officials will meet this week to settle a dispute over a lucrative piece of land.

A developer has plans to build homes and some commercial development on 33 acres north of Lake Lowell — an area that includes Caldwell's area of impact, or land the city could annex.

"Historically each (city's) area of impact is off-limits unless you get the other city to say it's available to be annexed," Caldwell City Councilman Rick Wells said. "It was a little frustrating because that did not occur on this one."

Nampa City Councilman Stephen Kren said his city is not trying to grab land from Caldwell, rather a developer approached Nampa officials with the request to build. But when Caldwell raised flags about the annexation request, the Nampa City Council decided to delay the hearing.

Caldwell officials said they have invested thousands of dollars on the 33 acres of land by planning for water and sewer infrastructure.

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DEATH NOTICES

Daisy Vargas
BURLEY - Daisy Vargas, the 15-month-old daughter of Nelda Vargas of Burley, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Pocatello, Idaho. Arrangements will be made by Hassmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Alice Hammond
RUPEIT - Alice Hammond, an 87-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Sunday, February 20, 2005, in Boise. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

Myrtle L. Johnson
TWIN FALLS - Myrtle L. Johnson, 93, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at her home in Twin Falls, Idaho. Arrangements will be made by Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho. At her request no services will be held.

Nancy Margaret Brown
TWIN FALLS - Nancy Margaret Brown, 81, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly, Idaho. A funeral will be held at noon Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005, at Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, with interment following at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, at the funeral home.

Kaylene Angel Cabrito Wilder
BUIH - Kaylene Angel Cabrito Wilder, infant daughter of Orlando Cabrita & Timothy Wilder of Buhl, Idaho, was stillborn Feb. 16, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, at Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, and a graveside service will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Catherine Ann Gould
BOISE - Catherine Ann Gould, 67, of Boise, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, at her home. A viewing will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, at Summer Funeral Home, Boise, Idaho. A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, at White Mortuary.

Jo Ann Bennett
TWIN FALLS - Jo Ann Bennett, 63, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 21, 2005, at her home in Twin Falls, Idaho. Arrangements will be made by Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Marshall Howden of Wendell, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Wendell United Methodist Church. The funeral home may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Demary's Wendell Chapel.

Alex Bilbao of Shoshone, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel; family and friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

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

Katherine (Wirth) Graves Bright Hurd of Boise and formerly of Hiler, service at 11 a.m. today at Summers Funeral Home in Hiler, Idaho, 1205 W. Hancock, Boise.

Dorothy L. Parker
ELMER - Dorothy L. Parker, 74, of Eler, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

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Ralph F. Koener of Bartonville, Ill., and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Davison-Tulton Woodland Chapel in Peoria, Ill.

Leonore Marcella McKelvey of Hallett, memorial service at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Blaine Manor in Hallett (Wood River Chapel).

Donald K. Justus of Boise and formerly of Hallett, informal celebration of his life at 2 p.m. Saturday at 1167 McMillan Ave. Road, between Star and Can-Ada roads (Gibson Funeral Home).

Business questions
Rupert wastewater fees

By Rose Marie Parsons
For The Times-News

RUPERT - The owners of a popular fast food restaurant are questioning how the city classifies wastewater customers to determine fees.

Robert Gray, a co-owner of a popular fast food restaurant is questioning how the city classifies wastewater customers to determine fees.

said, Drive-in restaurants, like Burgers Etc., are in a class with bakeries, dairies, fish and poultry operations.

But Gray said the city has based its classification of his restaurant on wrong assumptions because little of the water, his business uses reaches the city's wastewater system.

"Fifty-five percent of our business goes through the window and doesn't touch the sewer. The majority of water we use doesn't go down the drain," Gray said.

Gray said his ice machine is a big user of water, and a lot of the ice goes into drinks, so he left in drinks consumed inside the restaurant does not go into the sewer either since they are placed in the trash.

rant salad bar, water is not needed to wash vegetables.

Gray said schools and hospitals, which are in a lower rate class, must use more water than his business.

But, Councilman Robert Christensen said schools are in a lower category because their volume of water dilutes the strength of the waste.

Joyce said the city could adjust the figure it uses to calculate water consumption for Burgers Etc. if Gray could provide data on how much water is used by the ice machine and how much is mixed with soap to prepare drinks.

The city has already agreed to take into account water Burgers Etc. uses for irrigation to help beautify the city, Joyce said.

The commercial sewer rate in Burley is \$1.20 per month or \$1.20 per 1,000 gallons of metered water, according to the city's rate schedule.

SERVICES

Louise Price of Rexburg and formerly of the Wood River Valley, funeral at 10 a.m. today at Hansen and 12th Ward building, interment at 3:30 p.m. today at the Carey Cemetery (Plamun Funeral Home in Rexburg).

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ANNIVERSARY

THE NEBEKERS

Mr. & Mrs. Jess J. Nebeker are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Nebeker and Viola Farr were married on Feb. 22, 1955, in the Logan, Utah, LDS Temple.

The couple met while Jess was an LDS missionary in Ventura, Calif. Several years later after he served in the Army, they met again in Ventura, Calif., right after their marriage and later to Oxnard, Calif., where they lived until 1977.



Jess and Viola Nebeker. Jess worked for the Union Ice Co. in Southern California for 15 years. They operated a dairy business when they moved to Idaho.

He now works for the United Corp. in Rupert. He has worked for them for 18 years. Viola worked for Simplor for 10 years at the Heyburn plant.

They have six children: Cheryl (Robert) Young of McCammon, Denise (David) Bennett of Idaho Falls, Alice (Greg) Stout of Burley, Eric (Joni) Nebeker of Burley, Todd (Kristine) Nebeker of Claydon, Calif., and Kelly (Todd) Williams of Utah.

They have 26 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. They were honored by their children at a family celebration in Pucelleto on Saturday, Feb. 19.

Motivational speaker raises money for tsunami victims

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - Motivational speaker and author Dr. Vincent Kituku will appear at the College of Southern Idaho to help CSI Ambassadors raise money for Asian tsunami victims.

Dr. Kituku, who lives in Boise, is renowned for having overcome numerous obstacles in his life. Born in Kenya amid poverty and disease, five of his siblings died. Fighting through his own illnesses and setbacks, he was intent on becoming "somebody" someday. Today, he draws from his cultural heritage and life experiences to

encourage and inspire regional and national clients in business. More information can be found at his Web site at www.kituku.com.

Kituku will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Fine Arts Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho. Voluntary donations will be accepted at the presentation or at a reception to be held after the speech, beginning at approximately 8 p.m. in the Eagle's Nest at the CSI Student Union Building.

Hors d'oeuvres, including salmon and shrimp, will be available for a \$20 donation per

person. Those who wish to attend the reception are asked to notify the CSI Ambassadors only at 732-6221 in order to help caterers prepare adequately.

No advance notice is necessary for those who wish to attend only the presentation in the Fine Arts Auditorium and donate there.

Blake (Tosiana) a student ambassador and event organizer, said those who wish to contribute but cannot attend the events on Wednesday are welcome to send checks for the tsunami fund to the CSI Student Activities office, P.O. Box 1230, Twin Falls, ID 83402.

Planning, zoning meeting canceled

TWIN FALLS - A planning and zoning meeting originally scheduled for today has been canceled.

The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission will first its next meeting, a work session, on March 1. A public hearing is scheduled for March 8.

Lincoln Day Banquet is set for Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Lincoln Day Banquet will be held Thursday at the Turf Club in Falls Ave.

Special guests invited to the event include Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, U.S. Sens. Larry

Magic Valley/Mini-Cassia in brief

Craig and Mike Grays and U.S. Reps. Mike Simpson and D. Bruce Otter.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m., and a prime rib dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person.

For more information or to buy tickets, call Mike Mathews, chairman of the Republican Central Committee, at 735-0712; Kristina Glasgow, co-chairman for the banquet, at 736-4078; or Jennifer Giese-Bells, event co-chairman, at 735-4400.

M-C Democrats will talk politics, have pizza

BURLEY - The Mini-Cassia Democrats are sponsoring Pizza and Politics at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26, at ALS Plaza, 2510 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Rep. Wendy Jackson, D-Ketchum, Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, and Rep. Donna Pence, D-Groeding, will be featured guests. They will cover current issues in the state Legislature.

The no-host lunch is open to the public. For more information, call Teri Anderson at 678-2191.

- compiled from staff reports

Biotech

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Idaho Bio Products

Nebeker readily concedes that the lack of information about his company or Idaho's biotech industry in general, has ruffled a few feathers. He is anxious to remedy the situation at a town meeting this Saturday in Hagerman.

"I think there's a lot of positive that can happen from having the business here," Nebeker said.

"The business is a little tough to grasp, he admits. People hear of bleeding brains, of blood collection and of animal organs and get all kinds of ideas," Nebeker said.

"There's a lot of fears because people just don't know," he said. "And that, I understand."

The company's products and services will be used in a variety of applications, Nebeker said. For example, pharmaceutical companies use the serum from blood that Nebeker collects in making diagnostic kits for lupus, AIDS and other diseases, he said. Similar products augment cell growth for cancer studies.

Nebeker is quick to dispel one rumor about his proposed facility.

"I will not bring any dead animals over to the property," he said. Instead, he said, most of the raw materials - blood and tissue - will be collected in slaughterhouses and brought to the facility for processing. At times, Nebeker said, the bleeding barn may be used for blood donation, similar to blood donations collected by Red Cross in humans, he said.

"My business is based on having a very clean environment," Nebeker said.

Nebeker was raised in Mtnaugh and has spent the last 25 years working in the bio products industry in California. He hopes to use his experience in

Tracker

Last We Know: Idaho Bio Products applied for a special-use permit with the Gooding County Planning and Zoning Commission. The company intends to locate a biotech manufacturing facility, including a laboratory, bleeding barn, point and residential home, in a residential area near Hagerman.

As zoned, the property allows commercial and industrial uses with a special-use permit.

The latest: Hagerman residents have started a petition against the company's request for a permit. The zoning commission is on Saturday, Feb. 26, at the senior center in Hagerman. Idaho Bio-Products' owner will be on hand.

What's next: Planning and zoning commissioners will hold a public hearing on the matter at 7 p.m. on Feb. 28 at the county planning and zoning meeting room, located at 145 Seventh Ave. E. in Gooding.

He'll start his own startup company in Hagerman, but until then he continues to work in California.

"I have family here," Nebeker said. "This is coming home for me."

As the business grows, Nebeker envisions hiring six to eight employees. Initially, Nebeker will run the operation on his own with help from a few part-time employees.

Neighbors' concerns
In letters to the Planning and

Zoning Commission, the Davises and others have raised specific concerns about the rezoning application. Several issues revolve around the security of information on Nebeker's special-use permit request.

They also have asked for a special-use permit with the information he has, he could do anything," Bill Davids said.

Waste handling and disposal particularly worry neighbors of Idaho Bio Products. With few biotech companies in Idaho, regulating this type of waste seems to leave everyone with questions, he said.

In a letter dated Jan. 13, a representative of the Department of Environmental Quality outlined concerns involving the company's proposed method of wastewater disposal. The DEQ determined that Idaho Bio Products' means of discarding its protein isolate wastewater "is not an acceptable method of disposal," wrote David Anderson, regional manager of engineering.

The DEQ gave Nebeker suggestions on how to dispose of his waste. While settling ponds are an option, Nebeker speculates that odor might pose a problem with this type of disposal.

"I don't want to affect my neighbors," he said.

Instead, Nebeker is working with Enviroquest in Jerome. Pending a permit modification, the waste disposal company should be able to treat Idaho Bio Products' waste, Nebeker said.

On Saturday, Nebeker likely will field additional questions from wastewater and traffic as well as meet with worried residents.

"We need to know more information," Davids said. "There's just a lot of concerns."

Qwest readies to try deregulation again

BOISE (AP) - Qwest Communications International Inc. will present a second deregulation bill to lawmakers on Thursday.

The bill would remove from the watchdog eye of the Public Utilities Commission after three to five years.

The newest draft of an idea that began in 2004 further restricts the company's billing and service practices, but the main purpose of the legislation remains the same - to un tether the company's prices from state control.

Company officials say they need price deregulation so Qwest can compete with wireless and internet-based communication services that are flooding the market with low-priced alternatives to traditional residential services.

But others see it as a way to give a virtual monopoly free rein to hike consumer prices whenever they please.

"They prettied up the bill, but it still removes critical protections," said Sam Blair of the Idaho Community Action Network, who helped organize dozens of people at a news conference against the proposal on Monday. "It's deregulation. We opposed it last year and we oppose it again."

In 2004, Qwest tried unsuccessfully to pass similar legislation, though it did not include the three-to-five year trial period outlined in a proposal circulated earlier this year.

The most recent incarnation also would cap increases during the phase-out period and new rules against third-party billing, sometimes called "slamming."

Last year the bill was narrowly defeated when some became concerned that the provision could raise its rates in rural areas, where there is little or no competition.

This year, Qwest officials hope the plan, price caps and third-party billing provisions will allow more lawmakers to support the overall concept.

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Qwest company spokesman Ed Lodge.

"I think we should give folks control with the fact that we'll have oversight for a period of three years," Lodge said.

The new price caps limit the company to a maximum 10 percent increase the first year. The current basic monthly rate is \$17.51, so the maximum increase for each year of the phase-out would be \$1.75, said Qwest lobbyist Bill Iodan.

Also this year, at the request of House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, a new section has been added that allows consumers to remove disputed third party charges.

"I wouldn't vote for this bill without that," Newcomb said Monday.

Third party charges may appear, for example, when an

Internet service provider makes a promotional offer for free months of service. If a consumer does not stop the promotion, they will be charged every month through the telephone company.

The bill would allow consumers to stop such actions.

"You look at the bill and say, 'I didn't order this product or this service,' you can call Qwest, and Qwest is required to remove that from the account," Lodge said.

The bill continues to be debated around the state. Former Public Utility Commissioner Perry Swisher, who was on the commission in the late 1980s and 1990s as AT&T was being deregulated nationwide, said he opposes the current legislation, but is "not passionately against it."

"Whatever they put on the books will be made obsolete by change. In three or four years, they'll have to be competing in basic service access in much the same way cell phones compete now," Swisher said. "Cell phones are the forerunner of something we can't even see right now."

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# Farmers struggle with drought

INKKOM (AP) — Longtime farmer John McNabb switched from growing spring wheat to alfalfa a few years ago because alfalfa's longer roots require less water.

Looking back to when he started farming in the mid-1950s, McNabb said there's just not as much snow as there used to be, but he isn't particularly worried.

"You've got to have strong faith to be a farmer," McNabb said. "You can listen to all the forecasts you want, but they don't mean much."

And while experts are divided about the causes of the ongoing five-year drought and the general warming trend, that has accompanied it, there is no question that farmers and wildlife are being forced to adjust to the changing climate.

McNabb, a dry farmer with about 7,500 acres on the east bench near Inman Canyon, relies on what falls from the sky rather than irrigation for his water supply.

In the past, the fences in his fields were buried with snow to the top of the fence posts for many consecutive winters.

"We used to have snowdrifts until June," he said. "Lately you can drive a four-wheel drive through the fields any time of year, and that's not good. At least with alfalfa, when the snow melts, it's already growing so you get some kind of harvest even in a dry year."

It's nothing people would notice looking out the window, but spring comes earlier than it used to, said Kelly Redmond, regional climatologist for the western United States.

His evidence: thermometers, snowfall and lines. "Temperature readings taken since the late 19th century at hundreds of monitoring stations show the West is heating up."

In fact, since the 1970s, the West, including Idaho, has warmed between 1-2 degrees with the most pronounced warming occurring in late winter and early spring.

Redmond said critics contend urbanization has skewed the data. "For example, a monitoring station built in a rural area out-



John McNabb, a farmer near Ink-kom, shows the lack of snowpack Sunday near Jackson Creek. This area normally would have a thick layer of snow covering the slopes.

side of Phoenix could now be located within the growing city, where the temperatures are warmer. Redmond said this could be a valid criticism for the average temperature at a single station, but not for the monitoring system as a whole.

"When biases like urban thermometers are removed from the equation, we still see the average temperature rising," Redmond said.

Natural indicators like the flowering dates of plants and the date spring runoff begins across the West also support a warming trend.

The streams are rising nearly two weeks earlier than they did as recently as the 1960s.

Sherri Hebert, a National Weather Service hydrologist, said this is particularly detrimental to snowpack. "The late winter and early spring months are typically our best snow producers in Idaho," Hebert said. "We're now well

more than halfway through the winter season and the water supply forecasts are quite bleak. We're looking at below average precipitation until at least October."

Hebert said the area snow-to-water equivalent, which is the amount of water contained in a given amount of snow when melted, was at 103 percent of normal following the largest storm this winter in early January.

But with little precipitation since that figure had fallen on to 79 percent by mid-February, Redmond said with winter getting shorter and less winter-like, it is doubtful some drought-stricken areas, including southeast Idaho, will ever be able to get enough precipitation to come out of the drought unless the seasons return to normal.

Blackfoot Reservoir is the lowest in the state at 10 percent of capacity, and with winter more than half over, it isn't like-

ly to fill. Other area lakes and reservoirs face the same problem.

"American Falls reservoir has a little more water than it did at this time last year, but unless our snowpack improves, we're unlikely to fill Palisades, Jackson, Ririe and Henry's Lake," said Lyle Swank, Water-District 1 engineer.

Bannock County Commissioner Jim Guthrie offers a philosophical perspective on the drought. "Lifestyle changes are taking place," Guthrie said. "Some farmers will have to sell their farms. Others will adapt."

But Guthrie said other generations have endured drought. He said the good thing about it is that it forces people to come together in a common cause.

"One of the comforting things about it, in a strange way, is you can't do anything about it. The water situation is going to be what it is. I've known a lot of farmers and I can tell you this; they are more optimistic than football coaches."

McNabb isn't losing any sleep over the situation. He will harvest what grows in his fields and make another go of it next year. "I think all the scientists would do better to just get down on their knees and pray," McNabb said.

# Montana dumps gay hate crime bill

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — The Montana House on Monday killed a bill that would have expanded Montana's hate crimes law to include people targeted because of sexual orientation and other selected characteristics.

Although the measure, rejected 54-46, applied to a broad range of people, the debate focused mostly on whether the law should be extended to cover crimes against gays and lesbians.

Republicans, who accounted for all but five of the opponents, warned the bill would stifle free speech and could even prevent clergy from speaking out against homosexuality in their sermons.

"What we're doing is, people who may disagree with people could have penalty enhancement," said Rep. John Sirrud, R-Bozeman.

"I don't think you want to squelch free speech. This is America. We have a right to disagree and we have a right to free speech."

But Rep. Christine Kaufmann, an openly gay Helena Democrat, said the bill is about

protecting human dignity.

"Sometimes people are singled out because of their membership in a single group and they are singled out and targeted for violence," she said, her voice choking with emotion. "These are acts of terrorism. They are designed to strike terror into groups of individuals, to strike terror in their hearts, to make them afraid to go out into the streets."

Sponsored by Rep. Tom Facey, D-Missoula, the measure would apply the existing hate crimes law and its tougher penalties to those who intimidate or harass based on their victims' age, economic condition, homelessness, pregnancy, disability, gender and sexual orientation.

The law already makes it a crime to commit such offenses based on race, religion, color, creed or national origin.

It carries a minimum punishment of two years in prison. This is the seventh consecutive legislative session in which such a bill has been proposed.

A similar bill in the state Senate has been stalled in committee for a month.

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# Fetus photo bill splits abortion foes

BOISE (AP) — A bill that would require doctors to describe to women the physical characteristics of a fetus before performing an abortion is threatening to cause a rift between anti-abortion groups.

The Women's Health Information Act, introduced by Rep. Ann Rydahl, R-Idaho Falls, requires the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to provide doctors with color photographs of a fetus at two-week gestational increments, along with a videotape showing an ultrasound of the fetus' heartbeat at various ages.

Any doctor that knowingly denies a woman that information could be fined up to \$5,000, and face the risk of a lawsuit that would "provide a basis for recovery for the woman for the wrongful death of her unborn child."

Pro-choice advocates say the bill is just a way to make it harder for women to get abortions in Idaho.

Abortion foes, meanwhile,



are at odds over Rydahl's proposal.

Julie Lynde, who represents the anti-abortion group Cornerstone Institute, said previous informed consent efforts have been hindered by wording such as the portion of Rydahl's bill that requires doctors to tell women they may be at greater risk for breast cancer after an abortion.

"We had a number of legislators say that's a lightning rod, that it takes the focus off informing women," Lynde said.

The National Institutes of Health denies any link between abortion and breast cancer.

"This is not medically accurate," said Mary Durand, legislative liaison for the Idaho

chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. "It's medically inaccurate."

Idaho Chooses Life Executive Director David Ripley has pledged his support of Rydahl's bill, but Lynde isn't so sure. She said her group may come back with its own informed consent bill.

Rydahl's measure does not shy away from controversy.

"Many abortion facilities or providers hire untrained and unprofessional 'counselors' whose primary goal is to sell abortion services," she wrote; and the bill is meant to "protect unborn children from a woman's uninformed decision to have an abortion."

Liz Flinn, lobbyist for the Idaho Women's Network, said the bill would replace a short, simple section of Idaho law with a long, complicated one — and that is just another way to muddy the process, she said.

Rydahl acknowledges her intent is to dissuade women from abortions. Her proposal

requires that women be told about alternatives to abortion, such as adoption, and that the baby's father may have to pay child support and provide health insurance.

"I'd lots rather have someone adopt than abort," she said. "I can't imagine someone thinking it's wrong to give that information to a person."

Once the abortion is completed, the fetus' tissue would be subjected to a microscopic examination, to determine whether the child would have been able to survive outside of the womb if it had been delivered prematurely.

"What is the medical necessity of that?" Durand asked. "What good does that do?"

Though the bill has been printed by a House committee, it has yet to receive a public hearing. Rydahl said she would seek input from all the anti-abortion groups and ask Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden to review her bill's most controversial sections.

# Utah Senate OKs hunting permits

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Senate on Monday advanced a bill that allows for a limited number of big-game hunting permits on Antelope Island.

The bill, which passed on a 15-11 vote with three senators absent, would let Utah issue six big-game permits annually. Two each for mule deer, bighorn sheep and bison. Six bison permits are already issued for an annual four-hour hunt.

A final vote on the bill is expected Tuesday.

Sen. Bill Hickman, R-St. George, told a Senate committee last week the hunt would

help cull older animals from the Antelope Island herds, and proponents say the permits could bring as much as \$200,000 to the state if they were auctioned to big-game hunters.

But the idea has plenty of critics.

The state park's department and the Division of Wildlife Resources oppose the bill, as does the Davis County Commission and wildlife-watching organizations. A series of 13 public hearings held by the state parks board showed the public overwhelmingly opposes hunting on the island.

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# The Sensible Environmentalist

**WAPS—DEAR DR. MOORE:**  
What does it take to be a "sensible" environmentalist?

I began calling myself a sensible environmentalist because I saw the environmental movement becoming an extreme — falling prey to misguided priorities and refusing to evolve beyond confrontation.

When I helped co-found Greenpeace, our goal was to raise alarm. People were causing harm to this planet and giving little thought to the environment. As the first activists, we used confrontation to make people notice.

Although there are still important issues, environmental protection is now fully entrenched in North American law. Environmentalists are called and asked to help shape policy — and that's good. But one mark of a sensible environmentalist is a willingness to stop shouting at the gates and come inside; so we can work on solutions together.

To me, sensible environmentalists are guided by:

- 1) Sustainable development — which, simply put, means balancing environmental protection with the social and economic needs of humans. Six billion people live on this planet. Any agenda that doesn't account for this reality is impractical.
- 2) Renewability. Sensible environmentalists use renewable mate-

rials and energy wherever possible. This is important and not always obvious. Unlike many extremists, I'm a strong proponent of wood use, providing it comes from sustainably managed forests.

United Nations data supports this: forested land is expanding on most wood, and shrinking where people use less. This also supports my belief that demand for wood in the market provides incentive to plant more trees and leads to greater forest abundance.

- 3) Sound scientific evidence. Sensible environmentalists are sticklers for facts. For example, I don't believe in blanket opposition to genetically modified foods. World populations are growing and GM foods help us produce more food on less land — while reducing the use of chemical pesticides. This will save us from having to convert additional forests to farmland.

The larger environmental groups do have members that I consider sensible. They rely on scientific evidence and work hard to find constructive solutions to real issues. I hope these individuals will reclaim the movement from those whose priorities are political and have little to do with the environment. Someday we can all be sensible environmentalists.

Dr. Patrick Moore has been a leader of the environmental movement for more than 30 years. A co-founder of Greenpeace, he holds a PhD in ecology and a BS in forest biology. Questions can be sent to [Patrick@SensibleEnvironmentalist.com](mailto:Patrick@SensibleEnvironmentalist.com).



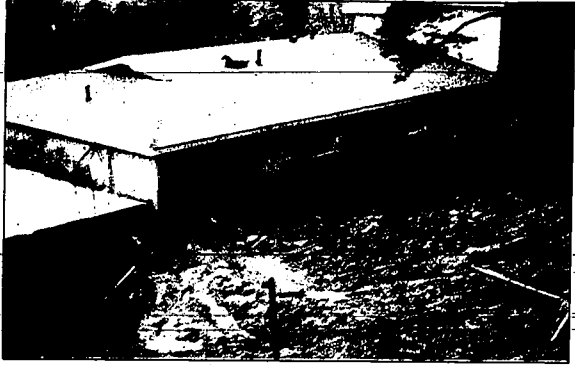
# Utah wants it wet in north, dry in south

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The ideal weather for the next month or so would be a series of storms that would avoid southern Utah but keep building the snowpack in the northern mountains.

Utah's chief snow surveyor, Ruddy Julander, said the opposite scenario could mean floods in the south and continued drought in the north.

If March turns out extremely warm and dry in northern Utah, the current decent snow pack could evaporate, doing little to break the six-year drought. That's what happened in 2004.

Julander, snow survey supervisor for the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service in Salt Lake City, said parts of Utah will definitely "get a lot of water this year." The drought may be effectively over in those regions.



A mudslide went into a home in Woodland Hills, Calif., on Monday.

# Crews rescue residents trapped by mudslides; storms kill five

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Mudslides trapped residents in their homes and forced others to flee Monday as lethal and destructive storms pounded southern California for the fifth consecutive day in what could prove to be the wettest rainfall season on record in Los Angeles.

By nightfall Monday, at least five had died.

They included a 63-year-old man buried by four feet of mud in the bedroom of his Woodland Hills home, a civil engineer who fell into a massive sinkhole in San Valley and a 16-year-old girl who died when a falling rock crushed her family's apartment in rural Orange County. Two men died in apparently storm-related traffic accidents when their cars skidded on wet pavement in the Inland Empire.

Rising floodwaters and sliding mud invaded dozens of homes, toppled others, interrupted commuter rail service and snarled highway traffic.

Power outages were reported throughout southern California. Hail pelted several areas, and thunder rumbled across the foothills.

At least 20 homes have been red-tagged — rendered uninhabitable — since the storms began Thursday.

The National Weather Service said the storms, which began Thursday, could continue through Tuesday and into Wednesday with a possibility of severe thunderstorms and hail storms in the coastal valleys and blizzard conditions in the mountains.

"If it keeps raining like this, and it will, it'll break the record set more than 120 years ago," said Bill Bazert, a meteorologist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in La Canada/Flintridge.

By 4 p.m., 32.03 inches of rain had fallen in downtown Los Angeles since the season began July 1. That's more than three times the normal total for the date, and almost eight times the amount we had by this time last year.

The record total for the season, which ends June 30, is about 38.18 inches, set in 1883-84. So less than 7 inches need to fall downtown over the next four months to set a new mark.

# Boy gets back to grandparents after father fails to return him

PROVO, Utah (AP) — A 7-year-old Utah County boy was safely returned to his grandparents after his father allegedly failed to return him following a supervised visit to the movies and was arrested.

Utah County sheriff's officers said Corey Leyden Childo, 27, his son and the boy's custodial grandparents went to a movie Saturday afternoon. While traveling to the grandparents' home, they lost sight of Childo's vehicle.

After several hours and no sight of the boy or the father, the grandparents contacted police.

At 3 a.m. Sunday sheriff's investigators learned Childo had contacted his own father by phone.

"During that conversation, (Childo) requested that his father meet him and bring some money," they reportedly said. He didn't have (the boy) with him and that he might not be able to see him again if he didn't get the money," said sheriff's Sgt. Rico. "This caused investigators to fear (Childo's son) might be in imminent danger."

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# English hunters chase 'Mock Fox'

The Washington Post

FIRLE. Sussax — Don Mockford doesn't look like a fox or bark like a fox, but he can think like a fox, and wherever he goes today he'll leave a smell like a fox. That's to entice a pack of 31 slavering scent hounds — bred for generations to chase and kill foxes — into believing Mockford is a fox. The Southdown and Ridge Hunt's pack is being released just minutes before him to follow the trail he leaves over fields and through copses, urged on by scarlet-coated huntsmen on horseback.

Two days after the 2004 hunting trial came in effect in England and Wales, banning hunting wild mammals with dogs with the aim of preventing cruelty to foxes, the hunt is defiantly on here in the rolling chalk hills of Sussex, as well as 250 other historic venues, to protest the legislation and to try to reinvent the tradition.

So Mockford is Mock Fox for the day — and also a guinea pig in an experiment intended to show that the new law's an ass.

"It's not what I ever expected to do," Mockford says. But the hunt depends for its support on the people who ride. "We either continue legally or shoot the hounds. We've got no choice."

Which would be a strange fall-out from a law advanced largely in the name of animal rights.

At first glance, it looks as if nothing has changed here in the 40 years since princess consort-to-be Camilla Parker Bowles (whose father served as master of this hunt) used to lead the chase. There is the splendid backdrop of Firle Place, owned by the eighth Viscount Gage, who provides a traditional stirrup cup of sloe gin for riders. There are breathtaking views toward Charleston Farmhouse, where members of the Bloomsbury group painted frescoes on the walls, and over a checkerboard of fields in the cover of Lovers with its 11th-century castle. There are members of the hunt staff, resplendent in scarlet, and about 175 riders in black jackets and velvet caps quaffing

the gin and exchanging pleasantries with some 500 supporters on foot.

Then there's Mockford, preparing to retrace centuries of British tradition and revive generations of selective breeding. He doesn't know if the hounds will follow his trail. "It's a bit like getting a hound to chase a ball. Most dogs will. But a proper hound knows it's only a very poor limitation."

The hunt staff has tried various can de roused scents, but the hounds turned up their noses. So Mockford is changing about the closest thing he can find to their usual quarry: a frozen fox carcass in a sack.

Also, he ensures the huntsmen chase only the Mock Fox, are a half-dozen police officers and reportedly monitors from the League Against Cruel Sports.

This new breed of hunt has presented the hobbies with their own quandaries. Mountain bikes won't make it through the mud; helicopters may frighten the hunt's horses; and police horses, trained for crowd control rather than jumping, would have a hard time keeping up. One local constable who rides regularly with the hunt has decided to avoid the whole question by spending the weekend away — he's fox-hunting in Ireland.

And what if they were to catch the fox hunt hunting a fox? Making an arrest, a police document observes, "is likely to present considerable difficulties — changing our duties to prisoners' properties." Which this day would include 31 hounds and 175 horses to be looked after.

As the Mock Fox heads up into the hills to lay the trail with the help of a friend on an all-terrain vehicle, he knows he won't

meet the traditional fate of a fox, but there's an art, and even a little danger, to being the quarry. At least one hunt master has been bitten on the bottom by over-zealous hounds.

Up on one hill, spectators — their ranks swelled by the curious and by people who want to show support for the huntsmen — chatter about what might happen. There's always the possibility that a person will talk through the Mock Fox trail, pick up the scent in his or her shoes and inadvertently become the quarry.

One woman, who opened her eyes to the world of fox hunting, tells the story of two hapless lovers, out for a day in the country, who unknowingly walked through the urine and tracked it to a tree where they settled down. Their intimacy was interrupted by the abrupt arrival of a pack of baying hounds and dozens of people on horseback.

But the greatest concern here is that a real fox may cross the

Mock Fox's path, and the hounds will set off after it. "If you could chase a smelly old dead fox or a nice fresh one, which would you choose?" asks Jenny Warboys, who has followed the hunt for a lifetime.

As the Mock Fox runs, the day becomes proof that it's easier to follow a tradition than to reinvent one. Momy Python could have written the script that played out Saturday. The hounds knew a Mock Fox when they smelled one, and simply rolled on the ground in its wake.

"One cocked his leg on it," Mockford said afterward. "That's about it."

Huntsmen led the 175 riders on an aimless gallop, while the police looked on from the secure warmth of their SUVs. The ultimate irony may be Mockford's. He also owns a pack of 17 milk hounds. In 1998, members of the Animal Liberation Front released thousands of North American mink from a farm in southern England, and the weaselly, nonnative species has since been making a meal of fish, chickens, ground-nesting birds and, most distressingly, Britain's beloved water vole. (That's Ratty from "The Wind in the Willows.") The government, says Mockford, has spent millions to "cull the insatiable predators."

"Now," he says, "they'll make me a criminal for doing it."

“ We either continue legally or shoot the hounds. We've got no choice. ”

— Don Mockford, "Mock Fox"

# ANC veteran, apartheid opponent dies at age 85

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Raymond Mhlaba, an African National Congress veteran who was sentenced with Nelson Mandela to life imprisonment in 1964 for trying to overthrow South Africa's apartheid regime, has died at age 85, the government said Monday.

"Om Bay" as he was widely known, died of cancer Sunday at a hospital in the coastal city of Port Elizabeth.

"His death rolls us up yet another hero — a member of a splendid, unforgettable generation," said South African President Thabo Mbeki, who ordered all flags to fly at half-staff.

Mhlaba would be given an official state funeral, Mbeki said, although no date was announced.

"His passing away removes from us one of the real stalwarts of our movement, a person who in his life and work embodied the highest values our struggle stood for and strove towards," Mandela said in a statement.

Born in an Eastern Cape village, Mhlaba dropped out of school because of lack of money. He worked in a dry-cleaning factory in Port Elizabeth, an experience that turned him into a committed trade unionist and political activist.

In 1943, he joined the Communist Party, which was banned in 1950. He joined the ANC in 1947.

After the ANC was banned in 1960, Mhlaba fled to China for military training. He returned to South Africa in 1962 and became co-commander of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the military wing of the ANC.

Mhlaba was arrested in a sweep by security forces on the ANC's underground headquarters at a farm in Rivonia in northern Johannesburg in 1963. Mandela, Mhlaba and six others, including Govan Mbeki, the father of the current president — stood trial for sabotage and conspiracy to overthrow the government. In June 1964 they were sentenced to life in prison and sent to Robben Island, the notorious prison on a remote island near Cape Town. Together with other Rivonia defendants, Mhlaba was released in 1989.

When the ANC swept to power in the first democratic multiracial elections in 1994, Mhlaba became premier of the newly created province of the Eastern Cape. He resigned in 1997 for health reasons and subsequently acted as ambassador to Rwanda and Burundi. He is survived by his wife and three children.

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# Council orders betrothal of 2-year-old

MULTAN, Pakistan (AP) — A tribal council in Pakistan has ordered the betrothal of a 2-year-old girl to a man 40 years older to punish her uncle for an alleged affair with the man's wife, police said Monday. The council decreed the girl will marry Mohammed Alaf, her uncle's cousin, when she turns 18, police said. Alaf, a farmer, divorced his 32-year-old wife over her alleged

affair with his 20-year-old cousin, Mohammed Akmal, Akmal, a bachelor and also a farmer, has no children. Alaf asked tribal elders in the village of Kacha Chohan, about 215 miles west of the city of Multan in Punjab province, to convene a panchayat, or council, on Feb. 15 to arbitrate and propose a punishment. As punishment, the elders ordered the girl's betrothal and ruled Akmal

should also pay a \$3,800 fine to the husband. Village councils in conservative rural regions of Pakistan traditionally rule on local disputes including those involving a family's "honor" purportedly being besmirched by allegations of improper sexual behavior. The councils can dictate harsh — and illegal — punishments. In 2002, another village council near Multan ordered a

woman gang-raped as punishment for her brother's sexual relations with another woman. A court later convicted six men who perpetrated the rape and sentenced them to death. They are appealing the sentences. Police chief Masoodul Hassan said an investigation has been started into the case involving the 2-year-old girl, but they have made no arrests as no one had filed a complaint.

None of the parties to the dispute could be reached Monday. Rashid Bateman, a lawyer and Multan-based coordinator with the independent Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, condemned the council's decision. "These types of panchayats are illegal and nobody has the right to take a decision about a child's life," he said. "This country has its legal system and all decisions should be taken under it."

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**U.N. warns Afghanistan might fail**

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In a report examining Afghans' security, welfare and ability to control their own lives, the world body ranked the country 173rd out of 178 surveyed, with only five states in Africa faring worse. While landmark October elections showed Afghanistan's political progress, the report urged President Hamid Karzai and his international backers to redouble their efforts to tackle miserable health and education standards; as well as inequality which could fuel fresh conflict.

"Sustained peace in Afghanistan is not guaranteed unless the capital successes in state-building," it said.

**Putin orders crackdown against Islamic militants**

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin ordered security forces Monday to deal "more severely" with suspected Islamic militants in Russia's restive south, and praised a siege that left three insurgents dead.

Russia's southern provinces have been plagued by violence — including the September school hostage-taking in the city of Beslan in which 320 people were killed — some of it spilling over from war-shattered Chechnya. In recent weeks, special military operations have increasingly targeted alleged extremists outside Chechnya.

Police killed a suspected militant trying to flee capture in the southern-city-of-Karachayeysk on Monday, a day after security forces stormed an apartment building, killing three people inside in Nalchik, capital of Kabardino-Balkariya, to end a day-old standoff.

**Irish detectives look for IRA money overseas**

HILLSBOROUGH, Northern Ireland — Detectives will travel overseas in search of Irish Republican Army money, Ireland's police chief said Monday as his force pursued its biggest crackdown ever on the finances of the underground group suspected in a massive Feb. 17 robbery.

Commissioner Noel Conroy, commander of the Republic of Ireland's national police force, also said he expects forensic analysis of the \$5.7 million seized in raids over the past week to confirm at least some is linked to the Dec. 20 robbery of Northern Bank in Belfast, the world's biggest cash heist.

Conroy told a news conference at Hillsborough Castle near Belfast his detectives had spent months tracking the flow of suspected IRA money overseas, and expected his officers will be following up in relation to matters overseas.

But one detective, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they have evidence the IRA was working with a Bulgarian crime gang to acquire a bank in Sofia, Bulgaria's capital, that would process IRA funds.

**Togo's parliament allows elections in 60 days**

LOME, Togo — Under growing pressure, Togo's lawmakers opened the way Monday for national elections within 60 days but did nothing to remove the African nation's military-appointed ruler despite demands he step down immediately.

African nations joined their united front against Faure Gnassingbe's rise to power in violation of the constitution, with the 52-nation African Union banning Togo's leaders from all its activities.

Gnassingbe's army-backed appointment, within hours of his father's fatal heart attack Feb. 5 following 38 years of oppressive rule, has become a test of African leaders' resolve against lingering holdouts against democracy on the continent.

Goaded by African sanctions, lawmakers undid Feb. 6 constitutional amendments that would have let Gnassingbe serve to the end of his father's term in 2008.

The charges did nothing to roll back Gnassingbe's accession to power — leaving him in office at least through elections, in which Gnassingbe already has said he will run —

**Palestinians greet 500 freed prisoners but demand more**

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinians gave a jubilant welcome to 500 prisoners freed Monday by Israel as part of a truce, but many complained that uprising leaders were not among those released. Hamas militants appeared unmasked in a West Bank city, their leader shouting that there can be no peace "as long as there is a single prisoner in Israeli jails."

Suhail Abu Madala, 35, spent four years in prison and had three more years to serve when he was set free Monday.

"I cannot believe that I'm smelling the air of freedom, that I will see my family," he said, choking back tears after being reunited with brothers and sisters and his 12-year-old son, Mohammed, in the West Bank city of Nablus. "Nothing can describe my joy and my feelings."

The decision to release the prisoners led to criticism by some Israelis that the move could re-ignite the bloodshed that has beset the region for more than four years.

"It's true that many of them don't have blood on their hands, but it's not because they didn't try — it's because they didn't succeed," Menachem Landau, a former commander in Israel's Shin Bet security service, told Army Radio.



A newly released Palestinian prisoner is greeted Monday after being transported into the West Bank town of Jenin.

Relatives of terror victims appealed unsuccessfully to Israel's Supreme Court to block the release, leading Israelis who have been killed over the years by freed Palestinian prisoners. The prisoners released Monday were not directly involved in violence, officials said.

Palestinians also faced internal political turmoil. Leaders suspended a session of parliament when it became clear that a new Cabinet, presented by Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, would not win a vote of confidence.

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## From dollars to donations: Library keeps going with community support

By Karen Bossick  
The Wood River Journal

**KETCHUM** — Seventeen dollars.

That's all it took to start what has become one of the most enviable libraries in the Pacific Northwest.

Now, 50 years later, Ketchum's Community Library will celebrate its Golden Anniversary with a host of activities, including a Literary Moveable Feast mixing-and-matching foods, decorations and book titles.

All to celebrate a milestone and to initiate a much-needed fund drive for this special library, the only one in the nation to survive totally on donations," said Crystal Thurston, who heads up the library's lecture program.

The library, with its rustic mountain look, high-beam ceilings and cozy stone fireplace, was hatched over a golf green in 1955 when Clara Spiegel, Elmore Scoble and Jean Lane Moritz decided what Ketchum needed more than anything at the time

was a library.

They and 14 of their friends chipped in a dollar each. Then Spiegel trudged through the hip-deep snow until she found a tiny log runner's shack where the Toy Story is now. She stashed out \$5 for a month's rent and the Community Library Association was in business.

"Clara was like a general in charge of an Army," recalled the library's director, Ollie Cossman, of the woman who had married into a family fortune made from sewing machines, clothing, jewelry and housewares.

"She came out here to get a divorce, all the ladies did in the 1940s because it was the only place in the country where they could stay six weeks and then head down to Jerome to get their divorce," Cossman said. She was formidable, capable, highly intelligent, funny, and very bossy.

Inspired by Spiegel's efforts, one resident talked Yale University into donating the Harvard Classics featuring the great literature of the world. And the

town's residents began "donating books from their private collections."

"It wasn't until the second year that we had a budget to buy books," Cossman said. "The women made the budget with tea parties at the Sun Valley Lodge, quilt raffles and by going door-to-door asking for donations. They also began rummaging through their closets to gather cast-offs for a thrift store, which they called the Gold Mine. Actress Norma Shearer made the first donation."

Within a couple of years, the woman had raised enough money to move the library to where the Gold Mine is now, operating the library in the front half of the building and the thrift store in the back.

In 1977, they began construction on the present library on Spruce Avenue on a piece of ground donated by Union Pacific Railroad.

"We were so organized we moved all 20,000 books in four

hours," Cossman recalled. "The whole town helped out from the Rotary Club to the fire department. It was the year Bill Innes sold Sun Valley and there was no snow... so everyone helped."

Since, the library has gone through three expansions. It doubled in size, then added lecture and audiovisual rooms; its children's wing brought it to 30,000 square feet. The library boasts more than 90,000 books, for which it charges no late fees or out-of-city fees. It possesses an additional 30,000 music, videotapes, newspapers and magazines. It boasts 50-plus computers; a dozen with direct Internet access.

As the library embarks on its next 50 years, its board of directors are crafting a fund-raising strategy to help library meet its \$1 and one-half million annual operating budget. Most of the budget goes to pay salaries and health benefits for the library's 17 staff members, as well as heating and air conditioning and building maintenance.



Some of the 17 women involved in building the Community Library gather for a ground breaking in 1956 on the land that now houses The Gold Mine thrift store.

### BY THE BOOK

From left, Vickie Owings, Kim Lentz, Becky Hatfield and Londa Stout were the chairmen of the recent Kimberly Elementary School Scholastic Book Fair. Not pictured is Dusty Preece. After the book fair, the chairmen compiled and entered a scrapbook of the event in a competition. They were one of several second place winners and won \$100 in books and videos for the elementary library.



Photo courtesy of STEPHANIE SEEVERS

### STORK REPORT

**Cassia Regional Medical Center**  
Kendly Nicole McCaffrey, daughter of Paul and Emily McCaffrey of Burley, was born Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005.

**Magie Valley Regional Medical Center**  
Olyssa Grace Lafferty, daughter of Brenda Kaye Fleerwood of Wendell, was born Friday, Feb. 4, 2005.  
Tia Marie Cserepes, daughter of Nikki Ann Friel of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Feb. 7, 2005.  
Emily Noel Rachel Ialbert, daughter of Tina Richeal Butterworth of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Feb. 7, 2005.  
Elizabeth Rose Wisniewski, daughter of Karen Christine and Eugeniusz Wojciech Wisniewski of Wendell, was born Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005.  
Jordan John-Riley Michaud, son of Bucky Jo Jasper-

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Kayla Lin Kindred, daughter of Llandin Lin and Kelly Ray Kindred of Kimberly, was born Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005.

**St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center**  
Hazel Emery Bay, daughter of Janice Kerner Bay and Jeffrey Bay of Gooding, was born Friday, Feb. 4, 2005.  
Gonzalo Garcia Carrillo Jr., son of Mayra Carrillo Sanchez and Juan Garcia Hernandez of Hailley, was born Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005.

Susanna Lillian Davis, daughter of Stephanie and Anthony Davis of Gooding, was born Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005.  
McCall Esther Clegg, daughter of Audra and Jeffrey Clegg of Jerome, was born Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005.  
Keller Massimo Sbertoli, son of Cynthia and Tomas Sbertoli of Ketchum, was born Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005.

Michaud and John Guy Michaud of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005.  
Lauren Danielle Morgan, daughter of Ann and Sean Michaud Morgan of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005.  
Avery Nicholas Ford, son of Ashley Nicole Ford of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005.

### CAUGHT BEING GOOD

Seventh-grade students at Robert Stuart Junior High in Lentz receive tickets when they are 'Caught Being Good' following the agreements of 'Mutual Respect, Attentive Listening, Appreciations and Responsibility.' Winners of the weekly drawings in January are, from left, back: Johnathan Wagstaff, Stanley Earl, Austin McRoberts and Jon Putsipher; middle: Karlie Boren, Brandon Deakin and Brianna Hanson; kneeling: Mihra Kadie and Brooke Nowlan; sitting in front: Jerry Hernandez and Tony Zavala. Ashley Jackson is not pictured.



Photo courtesy of Robert Stuart Junior High

### Burley woman celebrates a century this weekend

**BURLEY** — Rosa Holmes, of Burley will be honored at an open house for her 100th birthday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Warren House, 1301 Bennett Ave. Rosa Culley Holmes was born in 1905 in Hamilton, Ill. When she was young her family moved to Idaho. After graduating from high school, she attended Albion State Normal School and taught second grade in Paul for two years.

In 1930, she married Alvin Holmes. The couple lived in New York City, N.Y.; St. Paul, Minn.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Portland, Ore.; Seattle, Wash. and Washington, D.C. After 34 years working for the government, Alvin retired in 1962 and the couple moved back to Burley. Alvin died three years ago. The open house is being hosted by her niece, Doris Bruns, and cousin, Juliene Kerns, both of Rupert.

### Burley man is honored for 92nd birthday

**BURLEY** — Verdas H. Reed of Burley will be honored at an open house for his 92nd birthday from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Reed home, 1642 Hansen Ave. Reed is a long-time Burley resident and will move to Montana in March.

The event is being hosted by Jim and Velma Reed of Burley.

### Rupert Scout receives Eagle award ceremony

**RUPERT** — Garth Crane, son of Sam and Dawn Crane of Rupert, will receive his Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Aqueduct Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 20403 Fifth St. Garth has completed 22 merit badges. For his Eagle project, he spent 10 hours collecting and organizing books that will be sent to the Humanitarian Cen-

### Blanket Bingo benefits cancer research

ter in Salt Lake City, Utah, for distribution for needy families around the world. Three other members of his Troop helped collect, sort and box the books.

Garth is a member of Troop 153. His leaders are Joe Keari and Kent Hansen.

He is in the seventh grade at First Middle School; enjoys school, football, wrestling and skiing and is active in the Young Men's program in his church.

**'Blanket Bingo' benefits cancer research**

**RUPERT** — The Minidoka Bus Drivers and Friends' Help For Life team will hold its annual "Blanket Bingo for Cancer" from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the McGaughey Center, 85 E. Baseline Rd. There will be 10 games of Bingo. The cost is \$1 per game with three on a card or \$2 per

### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Minidoka Memorial Hospital volunteers Barbara Rodgers and Mae Babel present scholarship checks to Trish Fetzer and Tiffany Knopp. Fetzer is studying physical therapy at the Idaho State University in Pocatello, and Knopp is in the radiographic science program at ISU. Both received \$500 awards.

### Historical Society holds Mardi Gras celebration

**GOODING** — The Gooding County Historical Society is holding a Mardi Gras celebration and gala from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Basque Cultural Center, located at the intersection of Highways 46 and 26 in Gooding. The cost is \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. A table of eight is \$180.

### Boy Scouts seek donations for jamboree

**TWIN FALLS** — Boy Scout Troop 103 of Twin Falls is seek-

### Program focuses on Lewis and Clark plants

**LAGHERMAN** — A free presentation on the plants collected by Lewis and Clark will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Lagerman Fossil Beds National Monument Visitor Center, 221 N. State St. The program will feature photographs of plants found in the Lewis and Clark Expedition. For more information, call 837-4793, ext. 5227.

### ing donations to attend the National Scout jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia.

Troops Cory Cook, Luke Chandler, Wyatt, Dewleen, Cameron King, Brett Maughan and Matthew Ashley will help with spring cleaning, windows, yard work and other work for a donation.

For more information or to donate, call 737-9100.

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The celebration includes a New Orleans style dinner, auction, balloon lottery and music. One dinner ticket will win an overnight stay for two in Salt Lake City, Utah, and a Utah Jazz game on April 1. Winners must be present. Proceeds will go towards building a new Gooding County Museum near the Basque Cultural Center.

### Dinner and auction benefits grieving family

**BURLEY** — A benefit dinner and auction for the Atkins family will be held Saturday at Burley Junior High School, 700 W. 16th St. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. and the auction at 6 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Dinner will be a chili and potato bar.

Bill and Valerie Atkins' daughter Erin was fighting cancer and waiting for a bone marrow transplant. She died in December and the family is faced with large medical bills, organizers said.

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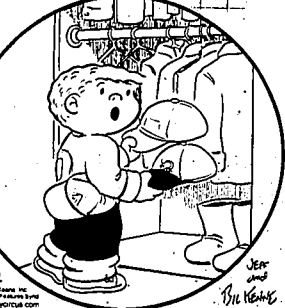
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