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Sunny and spring-like.  
High 51, low 27.

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# THE HEART OF THE MATTER



CORY HETTER/The Times-News

Millner Dam sits in the background as geese fly over the reservoir Friday afternoon. Tuesday will mark the 100-year anniversary of the Twin Falls Canal Company's initial diverting of water.

## T.F. Canal Co. marks 100 years since water flowed

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

### A look at Twin Falls Canal Company history

- **March 1, 1905:** Initial diversion of water at Millner Dam into the canal system provides irrigation water to the valley.
- **1905 - 1910:** Crews work to finish the canal system.
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- **1990s:** The conversion to sprinklers and continuing improvements in water quality shape the decade.



In this March 1, 1905, photo, observers watch as the gate is raised and water officially begins flowing down the newly christened canal.

**March 2, 2005:** The canal company and community celebrate the centennial of the canal company's first diversion of water.

irrigated 32,000 acres. Today, the Twin Falls Canal Co. provides water to over 202,000 acres of land.

#### Big changes

A number of significant changes have shaped the

canal company over the years. Finishing the canals and then finding a solution to drainage issues marked the first few decades of canal company history, Alberdi said.

However, once those problems were resolved the canals saw a number of years in

which minimal repairs were required. This low-maintenance period surfaced at an optimal time, when staff were off fighting World War I and World War II.

In 1946, Glen Cox returned to Twin Falls after a stint in the

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## Johnson case becomes national news story

By Patti Murphy  
Times-News correspondent

**BOISE** — When The Times-News caught up with Court TV anchor and correspondent Beth Karas, she was on her cell phone giving instructions to her housesitter in Manhattan.

"All I need is my plants watered. No — no, just the plants," she said loudly into her phone.

For the past three weeks, Karas has been in Boise covering the Sarah Johnson

double-murder trial. She and her co-anchor, Amanda Grove, are sharing reporting duties on the case.

"My apartment in New York is basically an expensive storage unit," Karas said, laughing as she ended her other phone call. She is, of course, referring to her continuous travel from one end of the country to the other to cover the nation's most high-profile court cases. She admits that "life on the road is not a

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Sarah Johnson during her double-murder trial in the Ada County Courthouse in Boise.

Photo courtesy of court-tv.com

## Wichita police say they're confident they've nabbed BTK killer



Dennis Rader

#### The Associated Press

**WICHITA, Kan.** — A 31-year manhunt for a serial killer who taunted police with letters about his crimes ended Saturday when authorities said they finally caught up with the man who called himself BTK and linked him to at least 10 murders.

"The bottom line: BTK is arrested," Wichita Police Chief Norman Williams said Saturday, setting off

Neighbor says suspect was 'two-sided.'

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applause from a crowd that included family members of some of the victims.

"The suspect was identified as Dennis L. Rader, a 59-year-old city worker in nearby Park City, who was arrested Friday. Police did not

say how they identified Rader as a suspect or whether he has said anything since his arrest.

BTK — a self-coined nickname that stands for "Bind, Torture, Kill" — stoked fears throughout the 1970s in Wichita, a manufacturing center with 350,000 residents, about 180 miles southwest of Kansas City, Mo.

"Then the killer resurfaced about a year ago after 25 years of silence. He had been linked to eight slay-

ings between 1974 and 1986, but police said Saturday they had identified two more, from 1985 and 1991.

Rader, a Cub Scout leader who was active at his Lutheran church, lived with his wife, neighbors said. Public records indicate they have two grown children. Messages left for family members were not returned on Saturday, and no one

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## Teacher group pushes for pay raises

By Karin Kowalski  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Idaho public school teachers need and deserve to be better paid, said Kathy Phelan, the Idaho Education Association's president, in press conferences around the state on Saturday.

Phelan wants to see support for a state Senate resolution to increase the beginning teacher salary to \$35,000 and the average salary to \$35,000 by the 2008-09 school year.

"There was a time when it literally paid to be a teacher," Phelan told a crowd of about 50 people, including many teachers, their families, and community members. "Unfortunately, that was 65 years ago."

Increasing teacher salaries from \$27,500 to \$35,000 was part of 51 finalized recommendations from the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force in the fall of 2003, Phelan said during her stop in Twin Falls. The resolution is estimated to cost about \$180 million to bring up the salaries of first-year teachers and to increase the average salary for all teachers from \$41,080 to \$55,000.

Phelan said the Legislature has already made progress when it increased beginning teacher salaries last year. At \$27,500 a year, Idaho starting pay is now in the bottom 20 percent of states.

Citing statistics on teachers who use multiple jobs, free and reduced lunch programs and Medicaid to make ends meet, Phelan said teachers deserve the same respect given to other professions.

Higher pay also helps attract bright and talented people, she said. With other fields paying significantly more, it's no surprise that some college graduates choose other careers, or start teaching and leave it, she said.

Mentoring for new teachers is also a factor in keeping them. Phelan urged supporters to tell their legislators to vote against a House bill that would eliminate state-required support and mentoring during a teacher's first three years.

Phelan said one way the Legislature could pay for increased spending for education would be to renew the one-cent sales tax that is scheduled to sunset in June.

Phelan said polls around the state indicate people believe teachers are underpaid, but lawmakers might still need some convincing.

Susan Anderson, a teacher at Declo Elementary, said Phelan had some good things to say. Anderson and her husband, Jay, also a teacher, both instruct summer school and he gives piano lessons to help make ends meet, but their children still qualify for free lunches.

Jay Anderson said more is required of teachers these days, but they are willing to put in the extra effort and their own money to see children succeed. He said he'd be willing to pay a higher tax to support his colleagues.

"I think it's something we need to invest in," Anderson said.

**7 days, 7 reasons to read**

### Save your voice



It's the high season for laryngitis.

Monday



**A different drummer**  
Bang up lessons.

Tuesday

### Arbor arbor

It's prime time for tree-planting; learn to do it right.

Wednesday

### Not so gamey

Hunters can spice up their game food in many styles.

Thursday

### West End drama

A Buhl theater troupe presents Henrik Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler."

Friday

### Believe it, or not

Explore faith and reason.

Saturday

### Got a dream

A Bosnian immigrant builds herself a new life.

Sunday



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny and feeling a little like spring. Highs from 48 to 54. Tonight: Partly cloudy and calm. Lows from 24 to 30. Tomorrow: Pleasant despite increasing afternoon clouds. Highs from 45 to 51.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny, dry and mild. Highs from 47 to 53. Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows from 21 to 27. Tomorrow: Increasingly cloudy skies will hold temperatures down a touch. Highs 44 to 50.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 51, Low 27, 48/25, 45/25).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, etc., with their respective high and low temperatures.

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes monthly and yearly averages for Twin Falls.

Barometric Pressure

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Shows barometric pressure readings and trends.

Sunrise and Sunset

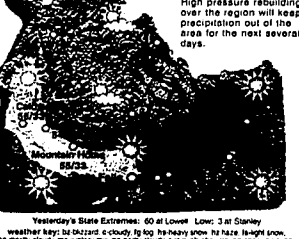
Table with 2 columns: Sunrise, Sunset. Lists times for Twin Falls and other nearby locations.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Mostly dry and mild conditions will finish out the weekend. Clouds will be on the increase Monday with a slight chance of rain...

BOISE. Mild, mostly sunny and dry today. Clouds will begin moving into the area tomorrow resulting in slightly cooler temperatures. A chance of rain will emerge on Tuesday and continue through Thursday.

TODAY HIGHS/LOWS 83 TO 87 / 23 TO 33. SOUTHERN UTAH. High pressure rebuilding militant group has eased there for a precipitation out of the area for the next several days.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 60 at Lower. Low: 31 at Stanley. Weather key: B=blended cloudy, F=fog, H=heavy snow, HZ=haze, I=light snow, M=mostly cloudy with scattered showers, S=sunny, SH=showers, SN=snow, SU=sunny.

Moon Phases

Table showing moon phases for March: Last O, New M, First O, Full M.

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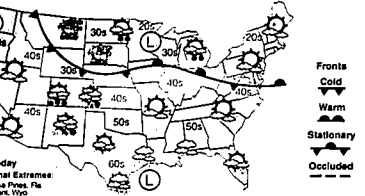
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Table showing UV index levels: Low, Moderate, High.

WORLD FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Israel holds Syria, militant group responsible for suicide bombing

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's defense minister on Saturday blamed Syria and a Palestinian militant group based there for a suicide bombing that killed four Israelis outside a Tel Aviv nightclub and shattered an informal truce, prompting him to freeze plans to hand over security responsibilities in the West Bank. Syria denied the charges.

security officials said the Lebanese guerrilla group Hezbollah, which is backed by Syria, was involved. In Beirut, Hezbollah, denied the accusations, and Islamic Jihad, a Palestinian militant group with members in Lebanon and Syria, claimed responsibility, reversing initial denials by its members in the Palestinian territories.

Hezbollah. If the bombing had been planned by militants in the Palestinian territory, Abbas would be under tremendous pressure to crack down. But since it looked as if the bombing was linked to Islamic Jihad in Syria, and perhaps inspired by Hezbollah, Israel was likely to give him more leeway.

Canal

Continued from A1. Navx, Cox's neighbor served as a canal company supervisor. "I asked him for a job, and he gave me the job," Cox said. "And, I've been there ever since."

The big dry

What hurts the canal company and its customers right now is the scarcity of water — a slight Cox hasn't seen at this level since 1977. "It seems like when there's a lot of water, it keeps you up on your toes," Cox said. "There's always a lot to do."

A different future

Perhaps that change in attitude mirrors the canal company's vision for the future. "The resource is absolutely becoming more valuable," Alberdi said. "Protecting the resource means looking at new technologies and practices in the coming years."

Governors aim to improve education

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's governors offered an alarming account of the American high school Saturday, saying only drastic change will keep millions of students from falling short.

The governors say they want to emerge Sunday with specific plans for enacting policy, weary of statistics showing that too many students are coasting, dropping out or failing in college.

Johnson

Continued from A1. lifestyle for anyone." Court TV, ABC's "20/20" and NBC's "Dateline" are three national broadcast news outlets that have descended on the City of Trees to cover this grisly, but fascinating murder trial of a now-18-year-old Bellevue, Idaho, woman accused of murdering her parents in 2003 because they didn't approve of her boyfriend. The national reporters covering the trial all know each other from chronicling high-profile cases, including the recent Blackout Petitioner and Michael Jackson trials.

personality, Karas has been stopped by Boiseans who ask her for an oxygen, but she said she said also happens in large, jaded cities such as New York and Los Angeles. "I appreciate people wanting to say hi," she said.

"This case is haunting me. The images go through my mind every time I see the graphic photos of murder-scene evidence. I find myself thinking about it, although I can't allow myself to get emotionally involved," she said. "A former New York City assistant district attorney, Karas joined Court TV in 1994 and has reported on most of the recent murder cases that are discussed around workplace watercooler: David Westfield, (the San Diego man convicted of kidnapping and murdering his 15-year-old, Jenny Jones (the talk-show host sued for wrongful death), Michigan vs. Schmitz (one guest shot another after appearing on "The Jenny Jones Show"), and others.

"Karas and Grove are joined by this case's Web site reporter, several cameramen, audio technicians and a satellite truck. Reporters don't provide comments for this article because of NBC and ABC policies. This case of a young woman accused of murdering her parents has captured our viewers' attention, which has been reflected in our ratings," Grove said. "Karas agrees, saying, "The fact that this case has attracted not only Court TV but also '20/20' and 'Dateline' makes it a big deal. I think people have begun to take a keen interest in the justice system."

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# PBS chief: Broadcasters are on edge

Indecency standards aren't clear, she says



Pat Mitchell Sees more scrutiny

"They're not as clear as all of us like them to be. We have to make assumptions, second-guess what is liable." That's exactly what PBS did

recently with "A Company of Soldiers," a documentary on Iraq that contained foul language. Besides offering a version of the film that had questionable parts blipped out, the network sent out the raw version to stations that were willing to sign a waiver that acknowledged they were not being protected by the producer from FCC penalties. "We were trying to protect stations from any liability," Mitchell said, adding that some stations could go bankrupt. If a hefty fine was placed on them, "We agreed some stations would want to take the chance anyway."

Next week, another documentary on Iraq which has some strong language will be offered to stations. They've been told that if they air "The Soldier's Heart," they must do so after 10 p.m. A toned-down version will be offered as well. In a wide-ranging interview,

Mitchell, 62, discussed her decision to step down as PBS chief in June 2006, the network's financial challenges, her feelings about the "Buster" controversy and her goals during her final year in the job.

Securing sustainable funding on a national and local level, broadening public television's reach and resources in education and strengthening children's and news and public affairs programs top her agenda.

But achieving these and other goals hinges on the need for more money, Mitchell said.

"How do you continue in today's media environment, with everything being transformed by technology and new expectations?" she asked. "How do you continue to raise 80 percent of revenues just to keep doing what you're doing now?"

Finding new support is critical, and Mitchell's resolve is firm.

# TIME FOR EXIT STRATEGY?

Some lawmakers predict Bush will fail on Social security plan

WASHINGTON — President Bush is still in the opening phase of his campaign to sell the public and Congress on his ambitious plans for Social Security, but some Republicans on Capitol Hill have decided it's not too early to begin pondering an exit strategy.

With polls showing widespread skepticism of Bush's proposed individual investment accounts and nearly uniform opposition among Democratic lawmakers, some allies of the president are focused on possible split-the-difference deals.

As described in interviews, most of these compromises would involve Bush significantly scaling back his proposals for restructuring the popular retirement program. In exchange, he could still claim an incremental victory on what he has described as his core principle: enhancing the long-term solvency of Social Security and giving younger Americans options to invest more of their retirement money.

In one example Rep. E. Clay Shaw Jr., R-Fla., said a compromise might involve merging

Bush's proposal with various plans, some backed by Democrats, that create government-subsidized savings plans outside Social Security. Under this scenario, Bush's proposal to divert 4 percent of an individual's Social Security payroll tax would become 2 percent or less.

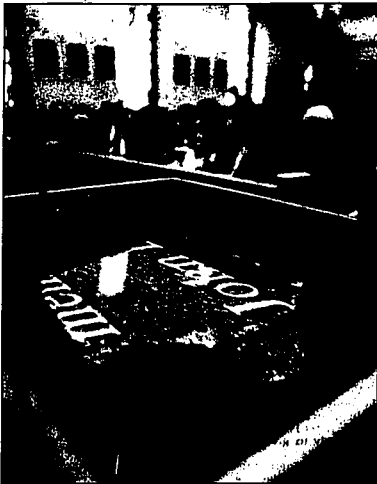
"The president could claim a real victory just by getting personal accounts," said Shaw, who has shared his ideas with Vice President Dick Cheney and White House senior adviser Karl Rove. "It may be that a hybrid" is the key to compromise.

Meanwhile, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said that he is discussing with Democratic colleagues a compromise plan that would guarantee that low-income beneficiaries will do better under a new program than the existing system, even if this increases the program's cost. "That's my new focus," he said.

White House officials said Bush is open to such a compromise, and will continue to signal this publicly in the days ahead.

# WTC memorial takes shape

Surviving fragment serves as centerpiece to new one



NEW YORK (AP) — A fragment of granite bearing the name "John" — all that remains of a memorial to the six people killed in the first terror attack on the World Trade Center in 1993 — was installed Saturday as the central piece of a new memorial.

In a ceremony above the gaping pit remaining from the Sept. 11, 2001, attack that destroyed the complex and the original memorial, an honor guard of Port Authority officers placed the fragment in a 9.5-foot-tall steel pylon shaped like one of the twin towers.

The rose-colored granite was part of a memorial fountain constructed in 1995 to honor those killed on Feb. 26, 1993, when 1,200 pounds of explosives were detonated in a rented van in a parking garage under the towers.

"We have to remember that 9/11 began in 1993," said Michael Macko of New York City, son of victim William Macko. "My father and these other five people were the first World Trade Center victims, and it's our duty to make sure they're not forgotten."

A fragment of the original granite fountain 1993 World Trade Center bombing memorial rests in a case as friends and family of the victims of the bombing gather for a memorial service at St. Peter's Church in New York on the 12th anniversary of the terrorist attack on Saturday.

# Tobacco treaty takes effect

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The world's first tobacco control treaty will go into effect today, requiring ratified nations to impose a ban on tobacco advertising to place graphic health warnings on cigarette packs, to take measures to protect nonsmokers from secondhand smoke and to increase in the cost of tobacco products.

The World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control was negotiated in Geneva over three years, and often pitted tobacco control advocates against international tobacco companies. Both sides got some of what they wanted — an initiative against cigarette smuggling for the tobacco companies and the control efforts for the public health advocates.

While the United States signed the treaty last May, indicating its general acceptance, the Bush administration has not sent it to the Senate for ratification. It is undergoing a legal review.

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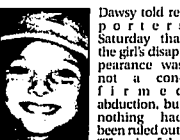
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# Search resumes for girl who disappeared in Florida

HOMOSASSA, Fla. (AP) — Whenever Jessica Marie Lunsford went out to play, her father and grandparents trusted her to come home when she was supposed to. But now she's missing, vanished from her bedroom during the night, and her father fears she has been kidnapped.



Jessica Lunsford

Dawsey told reporters Saturday that the girl's disappearance was not a confirmed abduction, but nothing had been ruled out.

"Time is of the essence, and it's now become my enemy so I need to make sure I keep everybody in the picture," Dawsey said Saturday.

More than 250 people gathered at Faith Baptist Church on Saturday morning to join the search in the woods and marshes of western Citrus County, about 60 miles north of Tampa.

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NATION

# Neighbors disliked BTK suspect

PARK CITY, Kan. (AP) — He lived among them for nearly 30 years, having arrived in the community before graduating from college. But Dennis Rader, the man police believe is the BTK serial killer, wasn't well liked by some of his neighbors.

Most residents who lived near Rader described him as a bureaucratic bully, an ordinance enforcement officer for this Wichita suburb who often went out of his way to find reasons to issue citations.

One neighbor said Rader was once seen measuring grass in a front yard with a tape measure to see if it was too long. Another recalled catching Rader filming his house, documenting possible violations.

And yet, there were hints at a pleasant side. He helped elderly neighbors with yard work, was active in his church and served as a Cub Scout leader.

Believers say BTK — the killer's self-coined nickname stands for "Bind, Torture, Kill" — may have killed as many as 10 people between 1974 and 1991. Police arrested Rader on Friday and said Saturday they were confident he was the killer.

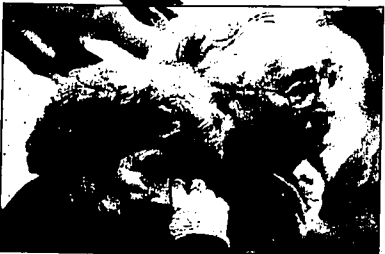
"He was definitely two-sided," said Jim Reno, who lived across the street from Rader and his wife for 16 years and experienced several confrontations with him over what he called Rader's "harassment."

Rader, 59, moved into the neighborhood almost 30 years ago after graduating from Wichita State University in 1979. Although he studied criminal justice, Rader never became a police officer. Instead going into code enforcement, or what Reno called "a glorified dog catcher."

Park City Mayor Emil Bergquist, citing a request of investigators, declined to comment about Rader's employment record or any part of the case.

Rader lived with his wife, whose parents lived around the corner. No one answered the door at the residence Saturday afternoon. Public records indicate he has two adult children.

Bill Lindsay, 38, lived behind Rader and said something about the man unnerved him. Lindsay said his wife caught Rader in their adjoining back-



Ruth Fox wipes a tear from her eye as she and husband Dale Fox, listen at a press conference called to announce an arrest in the decades-old BTK serial killer case, in Wichita, Kansas, Saturday. Dale Fox's daughter, Nancy Fox, was one of the victims.

yards filming the back of their house.

"He really acted really funny," said Lindsay, a truck driver. "I'd be on the road and my wife would tell me, 'Dennis has been out again, taking his pictures.'"

And yet most neighbors never suspected Rader of any connection to the serial killings.

"I didn't start thinking about (BTK) until I started seeing increased law enforcement in the neighborhood" in the last few

weeks, Lindsay said. Jason Day, 28, described the working-class neighborhood 7 miles north of Wichita as "very quiet. You'd never consider something like this happening here."

Day said his brother was in Rader's Cub Scout pack at the nearby Park City Baptist Church, but their mother pulled him out because of Rader. "It was his demeanor," he said. "He was so strange."

# Jurors find professor's ex-wife guilty in slaying

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Jurors deliberated less than one hour Saturday before convicting the former wife of a University of Richmond professor of murdering him in an "ambush" slaying.

Piper Rountree, 45, was convicted of first-degree murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony for the Oct. 30 murder of Freddie Jablin, who was shot outside his home in a Richmond suburb.

Jurors recommended she be

sentenced to life in prison — the maximum sentence. Formal sentencing was scheduled for May 6.

Prosecutors said Rountree killed Jablin, 52, because she was intent on regaining custody of the couple's three children and cashing in Jablin's \$200,000 insurance policy.

Jablin died after suffering a gunshot wound to the torso from what prosecutors believe was a .38-caliber revolver, the same type of gun they allege

Rountree practiced with at ranges in Houston.

Defense attorney Murray Janus afterward repeated that the prosecution's case was circumstantial. Janus had told jurors that none of the prosecution's nearly 60 witnesses put Rountree at the scene of the killing.

"You've got a lot of circumstantial evidence... but you don't have any evidence at all that Piper Rountree shot and killed Freddie Jablin," Janus had said.

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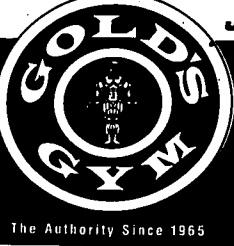
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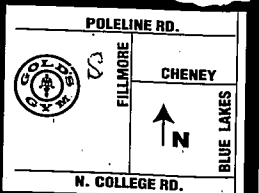
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# LAST MOMENTS

## Discovery of camera comforts a family

SEATTLE (AP) — In the aftermath of the devastating tsunami in Asia, a missionary sent from Washington state thought little could be salvaged from the remaining debris and rubble. But the chance discovery of a Canadian couple's shattered camera offered a glimpse into the days and minutes before their deaths and helped bring comfort to their grieving family.

"There was just so much destruction, and it went on for so long," Christian Pilet said Thursday during a telephone interview from his home in North Bend.

Pilet arrived in Thailand on Jan. 27. As members of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism based in Harrisburg, Penn., he and his colleagues visited several trampled villages surveying damage and determining what could be rebuilt. Pilet was responsible for talking to survivors.

On day three of the visit, he and friend Cameron Craig, a youth pastor from Mansfield, Ohio, took a break from the group. They walked for hours along beaches once dotted with restaurants, bungalows and shops that were littered with crumbling buildings, passports and children's toys.

As they walked, the first thing they found were the mangled remains of a child's swimming vest. "You could tell it had been ripped off," Pilet recalled sadly. "As a father of five, that was especially difficult."

Pilet was most struck by the thousands of shoes he found scattered.

"The slipper wasn't about who had survived, but all the people who died," Pilet said. Pilet, later adding, "There's just no end to the shoes that were lying all over this beach and will never be needed again."

Near the site of a devastated beach resort, Craig spotted a digital camera about 100 yards from the water's edge.

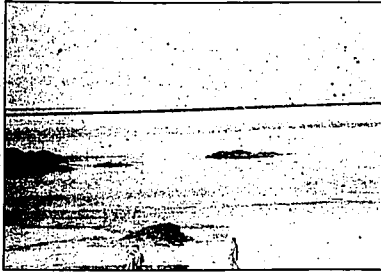
It was so badly damaged that Pilet couldn't tell what brand it was, and suggested they just leave it. Instead Craig pulled out the camera's memory stick, thinking its contents could be salvaged.

At his hotel that evening, Pilet used his Palm Pilot to download the photos from the memory card to his laptop. There were 18 pictures, the last a sequence of six ominous shots taken Dec. 26 as the gigantic wave crashed onto the beach.

The first photo of the wave shows a handful of tourists casually strolling along the waterfront and frolicking in the sea. In the background a dark line is seen on the water's horizon as the tsunami rolls toward land.

A subsequent photograph shows the gigantic wave building as it approaches the shore and thousands of unsuspecting tourists. A person in the foreground is breaking into a run.

In the final image the wave crashes ashore, churning sand and obliterating the beachfront. Nearly the entire frame is filled with the image of a misty blue



Second of six photos in a sequence showing the beach at Khao Lak, Thailand, on Dec. 26. The photos, which show the water first receding, then forming into the first wave that crashed ashore, were found on the digital camera card of a North Vancouver couple, when their bodies were identified recently.



Sixth of six photos in a sequence showing the beach at Khao Lak, Thailand, on Dec. 26.

sky and the quaking waters. "I just could not believe it. It was eerie, the feeling that you were seeing somebody standing there recording their last minutes," Pilet said.

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— Christian Pilet, who, along with a companion, found the camera and photos

Pilet didn't yet know the photos were taken by John and Jackie Knill and Jackie Knill, one of the areas hit hardest when the tsunami struck. Pilet assumed the couple in the photos were from Germany or Sweden, as were many of the tourists in the area. He visited the German and Swedish embassies without luck.

Determined to return the pictures to the family, Pilet used a few searches on the Internet but came up empty.

He returned home Feb. 10 and showed the pictures to his wife, Nicole. While Pilet slept that evening, Nicole searched the Internet, using key words like "tsunami, missing persons, German and Swiss."

"The first Web site she opened, almost at random, showed some pictures and she found who she believed looked like the man in the photos," Pilet said. The site had been posted by Patrick Knill, one of the couples

three sons. The next day, after e-mailing Patrick Knill, Pilet drove to Vancouver, B.C., to personally deliver the disk to the family and learn more about the couple.

John Knill had retired in 1991 from an alarm system company his family started. He continued a career as a musician, and owned a recording studio called Dream Maker Studio, according to a biography from the family. Jackie Knill was a painter who specialized in watercolors.

The couple had been on a four-month vacation, Pilet said, and they'd decided to spend Christmas in Thailand because they'd been there on four previous occasions.

"In all the places that they had visited, none captured their hearts and imaginations as much as Khao Lak, and the Thai people of that lovely community," the family said in a release.

Messages left for the family Thursday were not returned. "They seemed like an amazing couple. Very gifted, very talented," said Pilet, who received one of Jackie's watercolors — a small painting of flowers — from the family.



John and Jackie Knill pose at their Thailand resort in Khao Lak on Dec. 12, taken by the couple's digital camera, in this family handout photo. The bodies of the two tsunami victims have been found in Thailand, along with their final photos.

## Michael Jackson's lawyer previews defense strategy

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — A judge has ruled that Michael Jackson's lawyers can present evidence at his child molestation trial that his accuser's mother has made abuse charges in the past.

The allegations relate to the credibility of the accuser's family. The defense is expected to portray them as going after Jackson's money.

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting a 13-year-old at his Neverland ranch in Santa Barbara County, plying the boy with alcohol and conspiring to hold him and his family captive.

The prosecution alleges the

boy was molested after the airing of a TV documentary that showed the boy with Jackson, who said he allowed children to sleep in his bed.

Lead defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. laid out much of his case Friday during motions on whether evidence could be admitted about the family of accuser's lawsuit against J.C. Penney.

The lawsuit claimed J.C. Penney security guards beat them, held them against their will and groped the mother after the boy left a store without paying for clothes.

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BTK

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answered the door at the home of his in-laws.

A few neighbors recalled recalling small favors from Rader, but most interviewed Saturday said the municipal codes enforcement supervisor was an unpleasant man who often went looking for reasons to cite his neighbors for violations of city codes.

Rader has yet to be charged, but a jubilant collection of law enforcers and community leaders told the crowd in City Council chambers they were confident the long-running case could now be closed.

"Fetters whose voices were brutally silenced by the evil of one man will now have their voices heard again," Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline said. Rader was being held at an undisclosed location, and it was not immediately clear if he had a lawyer. In Kansas, suspects generally appear before a judge for a status hearing within 48 hours of their arrest.

Prosecutor Nola Foulston said the death penalty would not apply to any crime committed between 1972 and 1994, when Kansas did not have the death penalty.

The BTK slayings began in 1974 with the strangulations of Joseph Otero, 38, his wife, Julie, 34, and their two children. The six victims that followed were all women, and most were strangled.

Along with his grisly crimes, the killer terrorized Wichita by sending rambling letters to the media, including one in which he named himself BTK for "Bind them, Torture them, Kill them." In another he complained, "How many do I have to kill before I get my name in the paper or some national attention?"

But he stopped communicating in 1979 and remained silent for more than two decades before re-establishing contact last March with a letter to The Wichita Eagle about an unsolved 1996 killing.

The letter included a copy of the victim's driver's license and photos of her slain body. The return address on the letter said it was from Bill Thomas Killman — initials BTK. Since then, the killer had sent at least eight letters to the media or police, including three packages containing jewelry that police believed may have been taken from BTK's victims. One letter contained the driver's license of victim Nancy Fox.

The new letters sent chills through Wichita but also rekindled hope that modern forensic science could find some clue that would finally lead police to the killer.

Thousands of tips poured in, and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation gathered thousands of DNA swabs in connection with the BTK investigation. In the end, DNA evidence was the key to cracking the case, said Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

"The way they made the link was some DNA evidence, that they had some DNA connection to the guy who they arrested," Sebelius said in an interview with The Associated Press. She did not elaborate.

The two newly identified cases were similar to the early ones with one exception, Sedgwick County Sheriff Gary Stead said: The bodies had been removed from the crime scenes. One of the victims lived on the same street as Rader.

"We as investigators keep an open mind. But only now are we able to bring them together as BTK cases," he said.

On Friday, investigators searched Rader's house and seized computer equipment.

Authorities, who generally declined to answer questions in detail after announcing the arrest, had little to say about why BTK resurfaced after years without contact.

"It is possible something in his life has changed. I think he felt the need to get his story out," said Richard LaMunyon, Wichita's police chief from 1963 to 1989.

BTK timeline

A timeline from 1974 to present surrounding the BTK case:

- Jan. 15, 1974: Joseph Otero, 38, and his wife, Julie, 34, are strangled in their home along with two of their children, Josephine, 11, and Joseph II, 9.
- April 4, 1974: Kathryn Bright, 21, is stabbed to death in her home. Police later conclude she was a BTK victim.
- October 1974: The Wichita Eagle-Beacon gets a letter from someone taking responsibility for the Otero family killing and including crime scene details.
- March 17, 1977: Shirley Vian, 24, is found tied up and strangled at her home.



Vicki Wegerle

Chief Richard LaMunyon announces a serial killer is at large and has threatened to strike again.

- Dec. 8, 1977: Nancy Fox, 25, is found tied up and strangled in her home. The killer's voice is captured on tape when he calls a dispatcher to report the crime.
- Jan. 31, 1978: A poem referring to the Vian killing is sent to The Wichita Eagle-Beacon.
- Feb. 10, 1978: A letter from BTK is sent to KAKE-TV claiming responsibility for the deaths of Vian and Fox, as well as another unnamed victim. Police

- April 28, 1978: BTK waits inside a home, but leaves before the 63-year-old woman who lives there returns. He later sends her a letter letting her know he was there.
- Aug. 15, 1979: Police get more than 100 tips in the first day of radio and TV broadcasts that repeat the voice of the BTK strangler from the 1977 recording.
- Sept. 16, 1996: Vicki Wegerle, 28, is strangled in her home.
- March 19, 2004: A letter arrives at The Wichita-Eagle containing a photocopy of Wegerle's driver's license and photos of her body. Police link it to BTK.
- Feb. 26, 2005: After receiving several more letters, authorities announce the arrest of BTK.



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## Legal battle over patient's right to die

A judge gave a three week stay keeping brain-damaged Terri Schiavo's feeding tube in until he decides whether her husband is fit to be her guardian.

**November 1992:** Husband, Michael, won major victory suit accusing doctors of misdiagnosing his wife.

**April 24, 2001:** Feeding tube was removed; circuit judge ordered reinstatement.

**July 29, 1993:** Terri's parents filed petition to have Michael removed as Terri's guardian; case later dismissed.

**Feb. 25, 1990:** Terri collapsed in her home; doctors thought a potassium imbalance caused her heart to temporarily stop, cutting off oxygen to her brain.



Terri Schiavo, right, gets a kiss from her mother

**Oct. 17, 2002:** 2nd District Court of Appeal ordered new trial.

**Nov. 22:** Judge Greer ruled there was no evidence that Terri had any hope of recovery and ordered tube to be removed.

Jan. 24, 2005: U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal.

**Feb. 22:** The 2nd District Court of Appeal cleared the way for Michael to remove Terri's tube.

**Feb. 23:** Circuit Court judge issued an emergency stay blocking removal.

**Feb. 25:** Judge extended the stay three weeks, keeping Terri's tube in place.

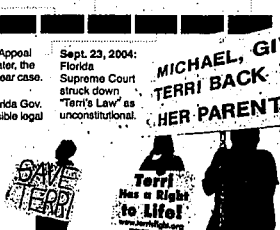
**May 1998:** Michael filed petition to remove feeding tube.

**June 6, 2003:** 2nd District Court of Appeal upheld Greer's ruling; two months later, the Florida Supreme Court declined to hear case.

**Oct. 15:** Doctors removed tube for Florida Gov. Jeb Bush pledged to search for possible legal options to resume feedings.

**Oct. 21:** Bush signed bill, called "Terri's Law," that issued an order to reinstate the tube. Hospital began rehydrating Terri; a judge rejected a request by her husband's attorney to temporarily restrain the order.

**Sept. 23, 2004:** Florida Supreme Court struck down "Terri's Law" as unconstitutional.



Wm. J. Castello, J. O'Connell - AP

# Is end near for Terri Schiavo?

'Right to die' case of brain-damaged woman may be close to conclusion

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — It's been 15 years since Terri Schiavo's heart stopped beating for several minutes, causing severe brain damage that put her into what doctors call a persistent vegetative state. For almost seven of those years, her husband Michael has been fighting to stop her feedings, arguing that she didn't want to be kept alive artificially.

Terri Schiavo is now 41 and still in a hospice after myriad twists and turns in a dramatic legal and ideological battle that has pitted her parents against their son-in-law.

Whether there's an end in sight is anyone's guess. "It seems like the same news over and over," acknowledged Pat Anderson, a former lawyer for Terri Schiavo's parents. "It must be the state's responsibility (to the public) that she is still alive."

There have been countless lawsuits, court hearings, ap-

peals, news conferences and tears shed by her parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, who promise to keep fighting. The case file at the Pinellas County Court-house now fills 45 volumes.

"I don't regret a second of what we've been through," said Terri's brother, Bobby Schindler, 40. "I'll make up for it when we save my sister."

Twice, Terri Schiavo's feeding tube was removed by court order, and both times it was reinserted. The last time, in 2003, Gov. Jeb Bush pushed through a state law — later ruled unconstitutional — that authorized him to resume the feedings six days after they were stopped.

On Friday state Circuit Judge George Greer set a new date for removal of the feeding tube for March 18, prompting the Schindlers' attorney to promise yet another flurry of legal filings.

Greer's ruling came on the 15th anniversary of Terri Schiavo's collapse on Feb. 25, 1990, when a chemical imbalance believed to have been brought on by an eating disorder stopped her heart, cutting off oxygen to her brain for five minutes.

Michael Schiavo said his wife never wanted to be kept alive artificially, but she left no written directive. He has said his fulfill-

ing a promise he made to her. And he has spent most of a \$700,000 medical malpractice award given to his wife for her care by his attorney.

Her parents, with financial backing from the California-based Life Legal Defense Foundation, have vowed to keep litigating the case to keep Terri alive. They dismiss arguments that she is in a vegetative state, believing she could get better with therapy, that she laughs, responds to them and tries to talk.

Michael Schiavo's attorney, George Felos, is critical of the courts for allowing the Schindlers to keep delaying her death and of Bush and lawmakers for trying to get involved.

"If Terri Schiavo could for one hour get up and see what's going on, I think she would be absolutely horrified that she has been maintained in this condition against her will for so long, and that she has become the political pawn that she has," Felos said.

He said the Schindlers can keep delaying the case indefinitely unless the court puts an end to it.

"No judge wants to be the last judge whose name is on the order resulting in a patient's death," Felos said. "Sooner or

later, some court is going to have to surmount the courage and fortitude to say no more delays."

However, Greer seems inclined to do that, saying in Friday's ruling he "is no longer comfortable" ordering stays to entertain more new motions and allowing the Schindlers time to keep filing appeals.

Schindler attorney David Gibbs III said the legal system is operating as it should, ordering appropriate delays to consider each new issue. "I'm thrilled we're not rushing like a barbaric culture to starve people to death," Gibbs said.

Terri Schiavo already has lived in her brain-damaged state longer than two other young women whose high-profile cases brought right-to-die issues to the forefront of public attention.

Karen Quinlan lived for more than a decade in a vegetative state — brought on by alcohol and drugs in 1975 when she was 21 — until New Jersey courts finally let her parents take her off a respirator, Nancy Cruzan, who was 25 when a 1983 car crash placed her in a vegetative state, lived nearly eight years before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that her parents could withdraw her feeding tube.

## Record numbers visit New York art event

### 'The Gates' closes today



NEW YORK (AP) — On a typical warm Sunday afternoon in springtime, Central Park draws hordes of people. In stone cold February: Not so much — until this year.

For the past two weeks, in spite of temperatures in the 20s and 30s and occasional biting wind, visitors chatting in several languages and firing thousands of cameras have crowded the park to see "The Gates," the 16-day public art event that closes today.

Artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude adorned 23 miles of Central Park's footpaths with 7,500 "gates," like columns of closely spaced door frames hung with drapes of saffron-colored fabric that waves and flaps in the cold breeze.

"What they've done here is just incredible," Martin Mick of Lake Hopatcong, N.J., said Saturday of the display brightening the winter-brown park. "It adds a dimension, it enriches and enlivens the spirit. And it's a wonderful way to

A man walks under 'The Gates' art installation by Christo and Jeanne-Claude, after a winter storm left four inches of snow in Central Park in New York Monday. spend the dreary days of winter.

But was it art? "Yes, it's art. I'm so thrilled," said his ex-wife, Danielle, who joined him on a tour of the park. "I embrace the color and the shapes and the fluidity of 'The Gates' along the paths — there's a slight breeze today. Plus, strangers are stopping and chatting."

## Kansas governor blasts effort to seek abortion records

Knight Ridder News Service

TOPEKA, Kan. — Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius and a group of female Democratic lawmakers criticized Attorney General Phill Kline on Friday for seeking medical records of women and girls who have had abortions.

In separate news conferences, Sebelius and the lawmakers said Kline's actions were an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

"I find the potential to reveal very personal health histories of women and girls extremely troubling," Sebelius said.

Kline attempted to subpoena the unedited records of 90 women and girls who sought abortions at least 22 weeks into their pregnancies.

He said this week that those records could contain evidence of crimes committed against underage girls. In Kansas, no

one under the age of 16 can legally consent to sex.

Records on file with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, compiled from reports required of abortion clinics, show 78 girls under the age of 15 had abortions in 2003, the latest year available.

Fourteen female state representatives, all Democrats, said Kline's actions were a "fishing expedition," the same term

used by lawyers for two abortion clinics fighting Kline's subpoena.

The group included state Reps. Judith Loganbill, Melody McCray-Miller, Geraldine Flaherty, Della Garcia and Olotha Faust-Goudeau, all of Wichita.

A brief that Kline will file next week should answer most of the concerns the groups raised, said Whitney Watson, spokesman for Kline.

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# Day in the life of homeless in America

By Sharon Cohen  
Associated Press writer

The family sleeps in a single room, its walls bare and windowless. Its cracked concrete floor crowded with plastic storage bins and three mattresses: one for dad, one for mom and daughter, one for the three young sons.

Fluorescent lights will flicker on at 6 a.m., to start their new day. This room in an old red-brick factory-turned-shelter in Chicago is home for the Torres family. They consider themselves lucky to be here. They have a warm place to stay, three meals a day — and each other.

The family is among an estimated 500,000 to 700,000 people who, on any given night in America, lack a real home. According to some estimates, the homeless population has doubled in the last 20 years. But some experts say more people now fall into that category only because billions of dollars have been spent to build shelters.

Americans are troubled by this issue: An Associated Press poll taken Feb. 11-13 found 53 percent consider homelessness a very serious problem.

For a snapshot of the nation's homeless, AP reporters and photographers spent 24 hours earlier this month meeting with "people who live on the streets and in shelters, following them to jobs or court appearances, talking with those who try to help them.

Here are their stories:

## After midnight: Portland, Maine.

Scotty Partridge is pacing outside a blue tent pitched among the barren spruce trees on the outskirts of Portland. "Hobo Jungle" has been his home for nearly a year. Partridge's clothes are frayed, his face windburned and gaunt.

On this 35-degree night, most of Portland's homeless are in a shelter, but Partridge prefers a tent furnished with plywood, a television and a discarded propane heater.

Partridge, 36, once had a good job at a printing company in Chicago, a nice apartment, a woman he was going to marry. But when the economy soured, he returned to Maine and got hooked on heroin.

On methadone for five years, Partridge survives day to day. "Every day is so hard," he says. "You think about, OK how am I going to eat today and how are my boots going to unthaw ... Being homeless is a full-time job."

## Almost dawn: New York City

John Mitchell rises for work with a siren blaring inside a homeless shelter in Harlem — a signal for residents to line up for twice-a-week drug tests.

A 47-year-old former crack addict, Mitchell says he was in and out of prison and homeless for more than 20 years, robbing people for drug money, digging through trash cans for food.

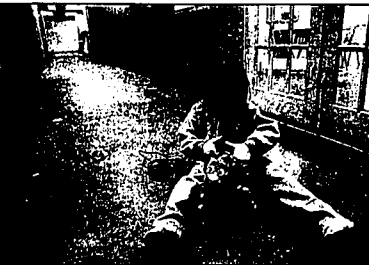
"I came to the conclusion this time around I learned what that word 'surrender' means," Mitchell says.

Seven months ago, the father of two teens became sober and entered the city's "Ready Willing & Able" program that provides shelter (10 men to a room), hot meals and a job cleaning the streets that pays up to \$7 an hour.

"I gotta keep saying, this is not going to last forever, there's a bigger picture," he says. "It's like



Scotty Partridge, 36, who has been homeless for a year, stands with a group of men at a homeless encampment known as Hobo Jungle, Feb. 10, in Portland, Maine. Partridge was invited to spend the night in the ramshackle tent because his own tent was leaking in the rain.



With the hallway finally quiet as bedtime approaches, Angelina Torres, 6, plays with an electronic dog at the Cornerstone Community Outreach's Sylvia Center homeless shelter on Feb. 10, in Chicago. Angelina has spent half her life living with her family in various shelters around Chicago.

riding a bike ... right now I'm using training wheels. Before I know it, I'll be popping a wheelie."

## 8:30 a.m.: Chicago

A 10-degree wind chill whips through the North Side streets of Chicago as 6-year-old Angelina Torres. In her striped wool hat, and her twin, Angel, in his

Spiderman gloves, head to kindergarten.

Their mom, Elleen Rivera, loads the way. Her two older sons, Omar, 9, and JJ, 10, have already left for another school — a bus picked them up at 8 a.m. at the Sylvia Center, the shelter where the family has lived for eight months.

cardboard box. "Wolf has been homeless for 10 years.

"Trying to do what other people do — it's a losing battle," he says, sipping a beer.

Chasteen doesn't judge the homeless.

"I know that we may seem to be in separate worlds on the surface," he says. "But many of them share the same kinds of problems that affect me and everybody else."

## 3:15 p.m.: West Virginia

A light snow falls in the mining town of Monongah, W.Va., as nurse's aide Iarlaigh Marsh heads home from his job at St. Barbara's Memorial Nursing Home.

Marsh lives at Scott Place, a shelter in nearby Fairmont.

A former sailor, Marsh lives in a dirty lit 14-by-14 room. After leaving the military in 1979, Marsh tried college, but soon began traveling again, working as a drywall hanger and painter, renting rooms by the week, living from a suitcase.

In Milwaukee, he met a woman and fell in love. They had a son. But she found someone else, leaving him heartbroken. Almost overnight, he was homeless.

He ended up in Scott Place last year; the Veterans Administration provided help for his depression.

Marsh loves his job but after \$300 monthly child support payments, he's left with just \$140 a week — not enough to visit his 13-year-old boy, William Ray.

"It tears both of us apart," he says.

## Sundown: Hollywood

Nicole Hudson has a roof over her head — for now.

Sitting in Covenant House, a shelter for homeless and runaway teens, she ticks off the places she has lived in her 20 years: eight foster homes, two group homes, two shelters, one transitional apartment. She's also stayed with her mother three times and her grandparents twice.

She has been on the streets three times in the past year, living on and-off with 25 other teens in a narrow alley off Holly-

wood Boulevard. "What happened to the blue skies you know, and the sun-shining days when you were little?" she asks in her husky Southern drawl. "It's like the world just crashes when you get older and your mind comes to reality."

## Late evening: Las Vegas

A few blocks from downtown Las Vegas, Clarence Woods is on his way to buy a pack of cigarettes.

A week ago, he lived on the streets. But work as a day laborer has allowed him to move into a \$370-a-month hotel. He doesn't know how long his luck will hold.

The 53-year-old Woods is a father of five but says he's too embarrassed to tell his children where he's living. He says he ended up homeless because he was irresponsible.

Woods says he once owned his own upholstery shop. But he went bankrupt and ended up without a home.

## 9 p.m.: Seattle midnight EST

The lights are about to go out at Seattle University where about 100 people live in a homeless "tent city" on asphalt tennis courts.

Among them are Russell Mace and Angela Cope. He says he once ran his own catering and house-painting business in Texas, where he fell in love with Cope. But she returned to Seattle to try to reconcile with her two kids and their father.

Mace, 45, says he turned to the bottle for a time. Then he and Cope, 49, reunited. They lived in cheap hotels until their money ran out.

After the camp goes dark, Mace and Cope walk to their tent, his arm around her back.

On the other coast of America, midnight has just passed and another day for the homeless has just begun.

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# Idaho reservists return home

Soldiers come back with tales of palaces and poverty

BOISE (AP) — Blast-furnace heat? They lived in it for months wearing full body armor in 140-degree temperatures. Mortar attacks and monotony? Part of the daily routine. Opulent palaces and crippling poverty? They saw both.

Three Treasure Valley Army reservists returned this month from a yearlong tour in Iraq, experiencing firsthand what most of us only read about in newspapers or see on television.

Sgt. Stephen Howard, Spc. Nicholas Bostwick and Spc. Zach McComber served with the 971st Transportation Detachment at FOBs forward operating bases, in military parishes in Tikrit and other Iraqi cities.

Their primary job was acting as traffic-control officers at FOB gates, monitoring the flow of trucks that supplied the U.S. military in central Iraq with everything from food to fuel.

The soldiers saw a country torn by war and the effort to start rebuilding it. They occasionally accompanied civil-affairs units on humanitarian missions such as handing out school supplies to Iraqi children.

"The people always question what we're doing over there. Once you see what's going on and how the military is helping those people, you understand why we're there," Howard said. "I think we all went away with a better understanding of how the military works and a better understanding of global politics."

The three soldiers, along with Sgt. Charles Bostwick of Nampa, were called to active duty in the fall of 2003. After training, they went together to Kuwait before heading to Iraq.

After two months, the soldiers returned home. He expects to deploy again this year; the others could redeploy to Iraq in the next few years.



In this undated photo provided by U.S. Army Spc. Nicholas Bostwick, while on a visit to the village of Al-Shukur, Iraq, U.S. soldiers play a game of ring around the rosy with Iraqi children.

for their obligations end.

In February 2004, the four soldiers drove in a convoy from Kuwait to Tikrit and spent most of their year near Tikrit at FOB Speicher, named after a Navy pilot shot down in 1991 during the Gulf War.

The soldiers drove with civilian traffic and smelled the stench of cities strewn with Iraqi tanks, aircraft and artillery destroyed in combat.

"They're everywhere," Bostwick said. "Outside the palaces, people lived in miserable poverty. Some scavenged garbage

dumps for food. Children walked barefoot through filthy, littered streets.

"The difference between the inside of the walls of Saddam's palaces and the outside was crazy," Howard said. "His people were getting the shaft."

At FOB Speicher, the soldiers' jobs included receiving goods brought in by civilian trucks, monitoring military convoys and arranging security for convoys.

"The job itself was somewhat monotonous and mundane," Howard said. "But life on the base was punctuated by moments of intensity. Insurgents frequently launched mortar attacks, which rarely caused any damage."

"They're really bad aims because they're doing it on the go," Bostwick said.

U.S. soldiers, he said, have learned to quickly spot where mortars are being fired and target the insurgents for counterattacks. So insurgents

hurriedly launch their mortars, then flee.

The soldiers also endured summer months when temperatures soared to 140 degrees during the days, dropping into the 90s at night. They were pounded by sandstorms so dense they reminded the soldiers of fog.

"It was like standing in front of a blow-dryer on maximum heat with sand blowing through it," Bostwick said.

"The living conditions were pretty good, they said. Soldiers got generous, mostly hot meals. They could buy Chips Ahoy and occasionally Oreos cookies on base. By the time they left Tikrit, U.S. soldiers could eat at Burger King, Pizza Hut or Subway restaurants on base.

They missed the little things from home. Bostwick had his mother ship of his favorite Cattle Drive chili two cases which he shared with the others.

# Northwest vulnerable to energy disruption

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Northwest is especially vulnerable to disruption of its energy supply because so much of its electric transmission grid and oil and natural gas pipelines are concentrated in areas nearby.

The federal agency that defended against attack, according to a new report. "All of North America has the same kind of vulnerabilities, but the Northwest is a little worse," said Alan Durning, executive director of Northwest Environment Watch, a research center based in Seattle.

In its annual report, the center notes the region's hydroelectric dams generate an abundant supply of cheap energy, but that power is transmitted across mountains and deserts on power lines that are impossible to defend against attacks with backpacks of explosives.

Oil and gas run through a handful of pipelines that are just as difficult to defend, said the report, released Thursday.

"The larger reason for fewer pipelines is that most of the population of the Northwest is concentrated in a straight line running from Eugene to Vancouver, British Columbia," Durning said, "so it's relatively easy to serve it with a single natural gas or oil pipeline."

Government and utility officials were reluctant to discuss details of potential vulnerabilities, citing security concerns. But they said many steps have been taken since September 2001 to prevent or prepare for possible attacks.

"The FBI has great relationships with the private and public managers of the regional power supply, and we work with those industry leaders daily to protect what is here," said Beth Anne Seale, spokeswoman for the FBI office in Portland.

The Bonneville Power Administration, based in Portland, has always planned for emergencies caused by disruption of the power grid, including vandalism, mechanical failures or natural events, such as earthquakes, said Mike Hansen, a spokesman at the federal power marketing

agency's headquarters.

"As with any vandalism or natural event, we have the ability to respond very quickly," Hansen said.

He noted that a massive outage that stretched from the Northwest to Los Angeles in 1996 triggered by power lines sagging into a hazelnut orchard in suburban Portland has been studied extensively and many changes have been made.

"Over the past 10 years in particular, we've been making improvements in the system," Hansen said.

"Security is a serious concern but remains only part of overall disaster planning in the Northwest," added John Harrison, spokesman for the Northwest Power Planning and Conservation Council, the federal agency established in 1980 to balance regional energy needs with environmental protection in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

"We deal with a lot of issues beside security," Harrison said. "The good news in terms of the vulnerability of the power supply is that it's made and operated with the understanding there will be occasional failures, so it's built to adapt and meet those failures," he said.

The Northwest Environment Watch report, called "Cascadia Scorecard 2005," graded the Northwest on seven indicators of environmental health, including the ways terrorists could exploit the weaknesses in the region's energy system.

But Durning, the lead author, emphasized the study is not trying to peddle fear. "They want people and policymakers to make energy conservation a higher priority to reduce dependence on oil and natural gas and boost the economy."

The report noted that, despite emerging energy-saving technology and rising fuel prices, overall energy consumption in the Northwest rose slightly last year. It also noted that residents of the Northwest states used 45 percent more energy per capita than their Canadian neighbors to the north in British Columbia.

# Utah Legislature: Year of spending — 'beef,' not pork, some assert

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah legislators are wrapping up a session featuring a slew of last year's volatile election "message" bills and no single dominating issue.

A potentially big issue, an effort to break up or tax Utah's dominant health care provider, Intermountain Health Care, fuzed for a two-year task force study instead.

Several bills targeted immigrants, but only one — taking driver's licenses away from people who can't prove they are legal U.S. residents for a driving "privilege" card instead — appears headed for passage. That Senate measure is awaiting action in the House, which approved another driver's license bill. The House bill limits non-citizens to a license timed to expire with their visa.

Instead, 2005 is shaping up as the Year of Spending, with a windfall in tax revenue releasing pent-up demands after four years of budget cuts or holding the line on spending.

Economists told lawmakers they could count on collecting \$662.2 million above projections for the balance of this fiscal year and the next, and little of it will be left unspent by the close of the session on Wednesday. Legislators are devoting

much of the cash surplus to infrastructure: \$120 million for a mix of new road projects and paying down debt for highway projects already in the works, House Speaker Greg Curtis said.

Another \$143 million is going for building projects, including \$50 million toward the Capitol renovation and \$48 million for the University of Utah's Marriott Library. Both will be rebuilt to stand up to an earthquake.

"There's been so much (money) taken off the table for roads and buildings," said Richard Ellis, Gov. Jon Huntsman's budget director.

Legislators say they made a point of it to keep the new money pouring down to fund programs and growth in government.

That still left plenty of money for legislators' pet projects: \$5 million to move agricultural and science operations and their odors off campus near research park at Utah State University.

\$2 million for new digs for Salt Lake's Children's Museum at The Gateway shopping plaza. \$400,000 for Ogden's Freshhouse museum anchoring Ogden's downtown redevelopment.

\$50,000 for a Moab music festival.

"What's pork to someone is critical and essential to some-

one else," said House budget leader Ron Bigelow.

Senate Budget Leader Lyle Hillery-Logan, championed the \$5 million to give Utah's farm and science departments their own space off-campus — that's "beef instead of pork," he said.

Legislators also agreed to build a \$14.6 million prison wing at Gunnison — with cash-generating there is an insatiable demand for further funding. It wouldn't matter where we're at.

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# Bombs destroy oil pipeline

## Attacks kill two near Iraqi capital

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A major oil fire raged Saturday as insurgents blew up a pipeline in the north of the country. The family of an air chowman for a U.S.-funded state television station — a mother of four who was repeatedly shot in the head — found her body dumped on a street in the northern city of Mosul.

Insurgents, meanwhile, killed two civilians in a roadside bombing west of Baghdad, a suicide bomber killed an Iraqi national guardman and injured seven people southwest of the capital and the U.S. military announced the death Friday of an American soldier killed in a massive security sweep in the Sunni Triangle.



A firefighter shields his face from the heat of a blazing oil pipeline in Dibs in the northern Kurdish area of Iraq Saturday after saboteurs blew it up in the latest attack against the insurgent-wracked country's vital oil industry. The pipeline connects oil fields in Dibs with the northern city of Kirkuk, about 20 miles to the southeast.

Saad-Allah, the husband. The mother of three boys and a girl had been threatened with death several times by insurgents who demanded she quit her job, Saad-Allah said. The U.S. military confirmed that insurgents had threatened station employees.

It was unclear what prompted the kidnapping, but Nineveh TV was attacked last week with mortar rounds that wounded three technicians. An Arabic-language internet bulletin board recently carried a statement from al-Qaida in Iraq claiming responsibility for the mortar strike.

Attacks hit the oil pipeline late Friday, setting fire to the line running about 20 miles from fields in Dibs to Kirkuk, which is 150 miles north of Baghdad. As the line continued to blaze Saturday night, an official with the state-run North Oil Co. said it would take at least four days to repair.

Insurgents have regularly targeted Iraq's oil infrastructure, cutting exports and denying the

country funds badly needed for reconstruction. Three pipelines were being blown up last week. Acts of sabotage have blocked exports to Turkey's Mediterranean port of Ceyhan, a major outlet for Iraqi crude, for nearly two weeks.

Political activity moved apace Saturday as Shiite political dissenters switched course and rallied behind the prime minister candidacy of conservative Islamic Dawa party leader Ibrahim al-Jaafari. The change of heart apparently was linked to Friday's endorsement of al-Jaafari by Iranian-born Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the country's most powerful Shiite cleric.

The Shiite Political Council, which has about 30 seats in the newly elected National Assembly, had threatened to withdraw from the United Iraqi Alliance after it nominated al-Jaafari on Tuesday for the powerful post.

The council complained that the clergy-backed alliance, which won 140 seats in Iraq's landmark Jan. 30 elections, had forced the withdrawal of the man they were backing for premier in the coalition, Shiite Ahmad Chalabi, the Pentagon favorite to run a post-Saddam Iraq before he fell out with the Bush administration.

Iraqi authorities, meanwhile, continued to voice optimism they were close to capturing the country's most-wanted terrorists, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the al-Qaida in Iraq mastermind believed to be behind most of the insurgent violence in Iraq.

"Al-Zarqawi is very close to falling into the hands of justice and there will be good news in the coming days," Qasim Davoud, Iraq's Minister of State in charge of national security, said on Saturday.

The two civilians killed Saturday were victims of a roadside bomb in the Baghdad area. Bodies could be seen slumped in a car that was punctured by shrapnel, its windshield smashed.

# Iraqis confused about first full weekend off

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — In a country with no shortage of divisive issues, even an extra day off is fodder for debate.

Saturday marked the first time since 1972 that Iraqi workers had two weekend days off, thanks to Order No. 18 from the country's interim government that extended the official work week end Friday, the Islamic holy day. While many workday Iraqis cherished the extra time with families and marveled at the lack of traffic, others scoffed.

Infuriated at finding banks and schools closed, some Iraqis complained there wasn't enough notice of the change. Haneen Muslim clerics bristled at shahing a holiday with the Jewish Sabbath. Others pointed to the rampant violence and lack of basic services to ask: Is there really time to rest when an entire country needs rebuilding?

"We have more important things to worry about than a holiday," lamented Saad Jabar, a 35-year-old traffic cop. "The government should focus on solving the main problems, like security and getting rid of terrorists."

Interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi's administration announced the two-day weekend with ads in local newspapers and spots on Iraqi television. But the news was slow to trickle down to ordinary Iraqis. Smartly dressed students showed up for class at Baghdad University only to find the campus closed Saturday. The Bank of Baghdad was shuttered to the dismay of

residents trying to withdraw cash, the only thing that shopkeepers accept in a land with no ATMs or credit cards.

The closure of some private companies found the change too confusing, gave up and worked anyway. Others joked that unemployment is so high in Iraq that no one would notice the extra day off.

Judge Waf Abdal Latif, a member of Allawi's cabinet, said he voted against the order because he believed Iraqis should determine their workweek in a national referendum. He said he lost, even after arguing that "every Iraqi is looking forward to rebuilding his country as soon as possible and wants to benefit from every single minute."

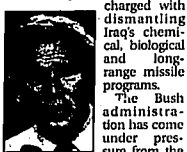
The allowed administration cited the global trend toward shorter workweeks as one reason for the change. Most Muslim nations take Friday off, but vary in whether Thursday or Saturday is the second day of the weekend.

Sermons at communal Friday prayers typically focus on calls for peace or political analysis, but this week some clerics used the forum to blast the decision to make Saturday a state holiday.

"Thursday is a blessed day for us because Friday comes next," Sheik Ahmed al-Samarraie told worshippers at Um al-Qura mosque in Mosul for its staunchly conservative Sunni Islamic views. "If it's Friday and Saturday now, we're scared that in the future it could become Saturday and Sunday, just like European countries."

# U.S. talks about ending work of U.N. inspectors in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — After blocking discussions for nearly two years, the United States has quietly started low-key talks on ending the work of U.N. inspectors who are charged with dismantling Iraq's chemical, biological and long-range missile programs.



President Bush has been waging a public campaign to stop sending Iraqi oil inspectors to finance the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission and wrap up its operations.

"This is a very important issue and one that we have been discussing for quite some time with the Iraqis and now with key members of the Security Council," Richard Grenell, spokesman for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, said Friday. "These discussions continue."

American officials had said repeatedly that the United States wouldn't formally discuss the future of the commission, known as UNMOVIC, until after the U.S. weapons search in Iraq was complete. In an Oct. 6 report, chief U.S. arms hunter Charles Duelfer discredited Bush's stated rationale for evacuating Iraq, saying his Iraq Survey Group found no weapons of mass destruction in the country.

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister said Thursday that after the Iraq Survey Group's report and the recent Iraq elections it was time for the Security Council to discuss the future of U.N. inspectors.

Fedotov, a member of UNMOVIC's board of commissioners, said that one issue the board discussed at a meeting this week was how new developments "could have an impact on the process of what we call the final certification of disarmament in Iraq."

# Revenge killings of members of Saddam's former regime rise

Knigh Rider News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Shiite Muslim assassins are killing former members of Saddam Hussein's mostly Sunni Muslim regime in a parallel conflict that some observers fear could snowball into civil war.

The war between Shiite vigilantes and former Baath Party members is seldom investigated and largely overshadowed by the mostly Sunni insurgency. The U.S. military is preoccupied with hunting down suicide bombers and foreign terrorists, and Iraq's Shiite leaders have little interest in prosecuting those who kill their former oppressors or their enemies in the insurgency.

"It's the beginning, and we could go down this slippery slope very quickly," said Sabah Kadhim, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry. "We've been so concerned with removing terrorists and Islamists that our current situation has reared its ugly head. Both sides are sharpening their knives."

Since the Jan. 30 elections, Shiite militants have stepped up their campaign to exact street justice from men who were part of the regime that oppressed and massacred members of their sect for decades. While Shiite politicians turn a blind eye, assassins are working their way through a hit list of Saddam's former security and intelligence personnel, according to a week ago and the deaths of three Shiite militiamen who were in police custody.

In a tactic borrowed from Sunni insurgents, Shiite militiamen have begun distributing printed death threats. One leaflet that lists several former Baathists targeted for assassina-

tion says: "We have given you the chance to repent for your crimes against the people of this country, but we have noticed during surveillance that you are instead trying to restore the glory of the atheist, corrupt Baath Party."

Among those killed in recent weeks:

- Taha Hussein Amiri, a prominent judge who handed down death sentences during Saddam's regime. Two gunmen on motorcycles shot and killed him Feb. 12 as he was being driven to work in the southern Shiite port city of Basra.
- Haidar Kadhim, a former intelligence worker. He was shot in the back of the head Feb. 17 after six gunmen disguised as Iraqi security forces talked their way into his home in the Baghdad district of Sadiyah. The attack occurred at 7 a.m. — Kadhim was still in his pajamas, and his mother, wife and daughter were home.

At least two other former Baathists were killed in Sadiyah in the past month, including Abdulrazzak Karim al-Douri, who was a major in Saddam's intelligence service and most recently worked at the Interior Ministry. He and a co-worker were killed when gunmen surrounded their car and pumped more than 50 bullets into their bodies, according to death certificates and one newspaper report.

Especially besieged are Shiite Baathists who live in predominantly Shiite or mixed Sunni-Shiite neighborhoods, where targets are more accessible than in homogeneous Sunni strongholds. Militiamen have demanded that former Baathists fly white flags to stone for their party membership and let their neighbors know they've renounced their pasts. Those who refuse often end up dead.

"They're doing it in Shiite neighborhoods because it's easier," said Mishan Jubouri, a prominent former Baathist who was one of the few Sunni Arabs elected to the new Parliament.

"I know a lot of Shiite Baath Party members who have had to escape to Ramadi or Mosul or Tikrit," mostly Sunni territories.

"There's been little or no investigation into any of the assassinations, the slain men's relatives said. Not that they need an investigation to place blame: The families staunchly believe that Shiite militias are behind the killings.

The assassination squads are widely believed to be from the Badr Brigade, the armed wing of the Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq, the country's most influential Shiite political party and the biggest winner in the elections.

Hadi al-Amiri, the leader of the Badr Organization, was among the powerful Shiites elected to Parliament last month and is said to be a top contender for defense or interior minister. In an interview Friday at his heavily guarded home, al-Amiri denied that Badr fighters are behind the assassinations and said his men abided by the calls for restraint from Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's highest-ranking Shiite cleric.

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# Satellite puts Japan back into space race

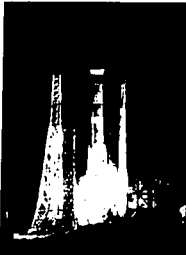
TANEGASHIMA, Japan (AP) — Fifteen months after a liftoff ended in a spectacular fireball, a Japanese rocket roared off its launchpad and placed a satellite in orbit Saturday, putting Japan back in the race with rival China to become Asia's leading space power.

Domestically designed and built, the 174-foot-tall H-2A rocket is the centerpiece of Japan's space program, and Saturday's liftoff into a cloudy sunset from this remote southern island was a major breakthrough for the relatively low-budget program.

Japan was the fourth country to launch a satellite, in 1972, and along with a major lunar exploration mission, the works now has a probe on its way to collect and retrieve samples from an asteroid — a mission that, if successful, would be historic.

But the midair explosion of an H-2A launched in November 2003 put Japan's space plans on hold. Controllers had to detonate that rocket and its payload of two spy satellites after a booster failed to detach.

That setback came just one



Japan's H-2A rocket with a multi-purpose satellite payload spews smoke as it lifts off at a launch pad in Tanegashima Space Center in Tanegashima, southern Japan, Saturday.

month after China successfully launched its first astronaut into orbit. Beijing has since announced it is aiming for the moon.

"We could not afford another

failure," Science Minister Naruki Nakayama said after watching Saturday's launch of the orange and white rocket. "My heart leapt when I saw the liftoff."

Japanese officials say they are not in a space race with China. But in a major policy switch, a government panel last year recommended that Japan begin studying the possibility of establishing its own manned space program.

North Korea, meanwhile, has perhaps had an even deeper impact on Japan's space program in recent years.

The perceived nuclear threat from the enigmatic communist nation, which launched a Taepodong 1 missile over Japan's main island in 1998, has provided a strong impetus for Tokyo to beef up its space capabilities.

In a departure from its peaceful space policy, Japan launched its first spy satellites months before the 2003 failure as part of a \$2 billion surveillance program.

Another set of spy satellites is now awaiting launch, though a date has not been set.

The program, while contro-

versial in Japan and strongly condemned by Pyongyang, is not technically a military one. It is not paid for with military funds, and officials say it poses no threat to North Korea or any other nation.

Despite the influx of funds for spy satellites, officials at JAXA, Japan's space agency, stress that Japan's space program can only afford one or two launches a year with its \$2.5 billion budget.

They say that is the main reason why Japan — despite being Asia's richest and most technologically advanced nation — is falling behind China.

Still, officials have stressed that the H-2A has a relatively good — if not perfect — record. The 2003 failure came after five straight successes, giving the rocket an 83 percent success rate. Europe's Ariane 5 and China's Long March 3 both have about an 85 percent success rate.

But Japanese hopes that the H-2A would become an attractive competitor in the commercial launching business have yet to pan out because of the rocket's high cost and infrequent liftoffs.

# Pope will skip prayer for first time in 26 years

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Breaking a tradition he kept even after being shot two decades ago, Pope John Paul II will not lead Sunday prayers for the first time in his 26-year papacy as he recovers from a throat operation to help him breathe.

With the 84-year-old pontiff advised by attending physicians not to speak after surgery to insert a breathing tube and too delicate to appear at his hospital window, a top Vatican official will bless the faithful assembled at St. Peter's Square, the Vatican said Saturday.

The pope's incapacity may create a tradition. The Vatican has not said when John Paul will leave the hospital and another medical bulletin is not scheduled until Monday.



Pope John Paul II tests himself for signs of possible infection.

The Holy See confirmed there were no plans for the pontiff to make a brief public appearance at Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic hospital during Sunday's Angelus blessing, a weekly tradition dear to the pope.

Instead, he will "join" the prayers in what the Vatican newspaper called an "Angelus of hope."

While there was no indication the decision signaled any change in the pope's condition, it was a sign of the uncertainty

being shot by a Turkish gunman, he found the strength to address the faithful from his hospital room. After he had surgery to remove an intestinal tumor in 1992, the Vatican taped a message and prayer by John Paul and played the recording for the faithful.

# Diplomats: Iran had know-how on nukes by late 1980s

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran, through the black market network, had accumulated all the knowledge it needed by the late 1980s to set up technology that can be used to make atomic weapons, diplomats familiar with the work of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency said Saturday.

The diplomats, who are familiar with the work of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, spoke to The Associated Press two days before the IAEA board meets on Iran and other potential world nuclear concerns.

An agency investigation during the past two years previously established that Iran ran a clandestine nuclear program for nearly two decades, including working on uranium enrichment — which can be used to make weapons.

The diplomats, who requested anonymity, suggested that the new revelations were significant because they indicated Iran had full possession of enrichment know-how from the black market network run by Pakistan's Abdul Qadeer Khan earlier than previously believed.

The revelations came as last-minute disputes forced Iran and Russia to postpone the signing of an agreement Saturday to supply Iran with fuel for its first nuclear reactor, a deal strongly opposed by the United States.

Under the agreement, Russia will provide Iran with fuel and take back the spent fuel, a safeguard meant to banish fears Iran would misuse it to build nuclear weapons. U.N. nuclear experts also would monitor the facility.

Mohammad Saeedi, deputy head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, attributed the sudden delay to differences over the delivery time of the first shipment of fuel and the launch of the Bushehr nuclear power plant.

Saeedi said the deal may be signed Sunday in Bushehr, the southern town where Iran's first reactor was built using Russian help.

Nuclear concerns about Iran focus on its enrichment program because it can be used to process uranium for two purposes — as fuel for power generation or as the core of warheads. Iran insists its nuclear aims are peaceful, while the United States and its key allies say Tehran is interested in making weapons.

Britain, France and Germany are trying to secure an Iranian commitment to scrap enrichment plans in exchange for economic aid, technical support and backing for Tehran's efforts to join mainstream international organizations. Iran has suspended enrichment-related activities during talks with the Europeans but insists the freeze will be brief.

Both sides have described the talks as difficult — most recently, Hassan Rowhani, Iran's chief nuclear negotiator, accused the Europeans in a French newspaper interview published Friday of being "incapable of keeping their promises."



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# Reign of monarchs wanes

Logging destroys butterfly habitats

The Washington Post

CERRO PELON, Mexico — High on a remote mountaintop, Alfredo Cruz Collin gazed at a panorama of giant pines and firs where millions of orange and black monarch butterflies spend the winter after flying as far as 2,000 miles from Canada and the United States. He saw two things: one of North America's most spectacular natural wonders and trees that could be saved down and sold for \$300 each.

"We can contemplate the butterflies," said Cruz, a lawyer. "Or we can send our children to school and feed our families" with the cash from the cut trees. "It's a tough choice."

The winter migration of monarch butterflies to Mexico, a stunning sight that draws vast numbers of tourists to mountain forests 100 miles west of Mexico City, has been devastated this year. One of the chief causes is logging that destroys butterfly sanctuaries, according to Mexican and U.S. environmentalists.

The butterfly population this winter is the lowest since researchers began detailed surveys 12 years ago and perhaps the smallest since the 1970s, when international scientists first discovered the colonies in central Mexico, according to Lincoln P. Brower, a biology professor at Sweet Briar College in central Virginia and an authority on monarch butterflies. He estimated that the population was at least 75 percent smaller than last year's.

In the last two years the butterflies carpeted an area spanning more than 20 acres, but this winter they cover a little more than five acres, said Ernesto Enkerlin, chief of protected areas for the Environmental Ministry. "We are not happy about having fewer monarch butterflies," he said.

The reason for the dramatic drop appears to be a combination of particularly cold, stormy weather in North America in recent years, herbicide use in the United States and Canada that is killing milkweed plants where butterflies lay their eggs, and persistent illegal logging in Mexico, according to a report issued last week by a panel of monarch researchers chaired by Brower.

Experts and officials agree that all three factors have contributed to the decline in the butterfly population, but there are differing views on whether the greater blame lies with nature or man.

Brower said that without further study, it was impossible to determine what portion of the damage was caused by each factor.

But it is clear that the northeast face of this mountain has "been stripped of forest and burned," destroying long-established butterfly sanctuaries and leaving only one small butterfly area this year, said Brower, who has visited the site almost every year since the mid-1970s.



Nathalie Ramirez and her mother, Edith Lagunes Carranza, visit the butterflies of Cerro Pelon, Mexico, a site that draws huge numbers of tourists every year.

Conservationists are also concerned about threats from herbicides, which they say are killing thousands of acres of wild milkweed plants in the midwestern United States and Canada. While genetically engineered crops such as soybeans and corn are resistant to the chemicals, the weedkillers are causing massive destruction of butterfly eggs on milkweed leaves, they said.

"Why should we care?" said Brower. "For the same reasons we should care about the Mona Lisa or the beauty of Mozart's music."

On this chilly mountaintop, reachable by a long, steep horseback ride up to 10,000 feet above sea level, butterfly colonies hang like enormous orange-and-black beards of Spanish moss. As they stirred to life this past weekend, warmed by the afternoon sun, and took flight by the thousands, Eldido Renya Corona, a park ranger, lamented that the size of the colony had shrunk this year and that loggers were "wiping out" the butterflies' winter home.

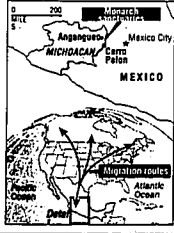
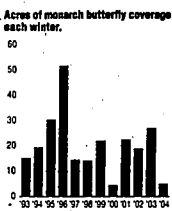
Officials at U.S. and international conservation organizations, which have donated millions of dollars to protect the migrating butterfly, said they were also alarmed at the shrinking population. They noted that in Chincoteague, Va., and Cape May, N.J., two important wintering sites along the monarch route to Mexico, researchers also reported a record low number of migrating butterflies as they passed through last fall.

Scientists agree that the monarch has a great capacity to recover from dramatic die-offs. In the winter of 2001-02, as many as 80 percent of the butterflies in Mexico perished in an unusual winter storm, and the following year their numbers rose again. But scientists said they were more disturbed by the steady deterioration of the butterflies' North American habitat.

"All of us firmly believe that the butterfly is capable of rebounding, but there is a limit," Brower said. "How many bales of hay can you put on a camel's back before the last straw breaks it?"

## What's Killing the Monarchs?

Fewer monarch butterflies are wintering in Mexican sanctuaries this year than previously. Conservationists blame herbicides, logging and other man-made problems, as well as cold, stormy weather in North America.



SOURCE: World Wildlife Fund

# Egypt's president changes elections

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — In a surprise and dramatic reversal, President Hosni Mubarak took a first significant step Saturday toward democratic reform in the world's most populous Arab country, ordering the constitution changed to allow presidential challengers on the ballot this fall.

An open election has long been a demand of the opposition but was repeatedly rejected by the ruling party, with Mubarak only last month dismissing calls for reform as "futile."

The sudden shift was the first sign from the key U.S. ally that it was ready to participate in the democratic evolution in the Middle East, particularly historic elections in Iraq and the Palestinian territories. Mubarak's government has faced increasingly vocal opposition at home and growing friction with the United States over the lack of reform.

"We have moved a mountain," said Rifquat el-Said, leader of the opposition Tagammu party. "This should open the gate for other democratic reforms."

But Mubarak's order to parliament declared the amendment must state that



Hosni Mubarak

any potential candidate be a member of an official political party and win the endorsement of parliament, which is dominated by the president's ruling party.

Most opposition parties and reform activists, therefore, said the initiative, though welcome, did not go far enough and that they feared it was only cosmetic. All acknowledged that Mubarak was likely to stay in power after the September vote.

One party has held a lock on power for more than half a century and every president has been unopposed in elections since the 1952 revolution overthrew the monarchy.

Egypt currently holds presidential referendums every six years in which people vote "yes" or "no" for a single candidate approved by parliament. Mubarak, who came to power in 1981 after the assassination of Anwar Sadat, has stood in four ballots, winning more than 90 percent each time.

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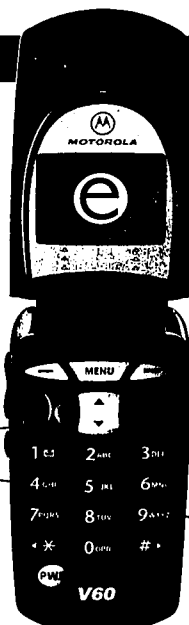
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EDITORIAL

Noble's deceit in Senate requires stern response

The Idaho Senate ethics inquiry into Sen. Jack Noble...

Ever since he introduced legislation that would have benefited his own private business...

Our view: The Idaho Senate needs to take some sort of disciplinary action against Kuna Sen. Jack Noble.

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

Yet Noble said nothing about this law before the ethics panel convened.

On Thursday, the full story came spilling out in all its Clintonian glory.

Now the debate has exploded on two key questions. Did Noble intend to pass legislation that would benefit...

him? And did Noble lie to fellow senators in covering it up? It appears that the answer to both questions is yes.

The defense offered by Noble's attorney, former Idaho Lt. Gov. David Leroy, is that Noble couldn't have broken the state's ethics law because of the law prohibiting liquor licenses for state officials.

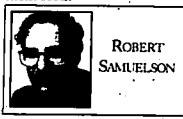
That's brilliant legalese, but common-sense malarky. Noble deceived Senate State Affairs Committee members when he said "retailers" wanted the law change.

By the time Senate Ethics Committee Chairman Brent Hill, R-Rexburg, and other members got to the bottom of it all on Thursday, Noble knew his story was in shambles.

That may not be enough to save Noble. Two members of the ethics committee will write their conclusions by Tuesday.

The first option is out of the question - some disciplinary action is necessary for Sen. Jack Noble.

It's always necessary to do the math. By this, I mean that journalists need to measure politicians' promises against underlying realities...



ROBERT SAMUELSON

Our central budget problem, as I've noted in earlier columns, is the coming spending explosion in Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid...

Once you've done this math, you recognize that benefit cuts in Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid are virtually inevitable.

Media fail to do the math



Security plan improve the budget outlook? From all indications, the answer is "no." Bush hasn't yet offered a detailed proposal, but he is expected to build on "Plan 2" of the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security...

offend older voters (including baby boomers) by cutting their benefits. This may be smart politics, but it's lousy policy.

The public is understandably confused, and the media feed the confusion. Tackling Social Security's long-run sustainability sounds like dealing with the baby boom - but it isn't.

because more retirees would use it. I wrote some columns reporting that the huge costs were underestimated.

Call this journalistic malpractice. Recently, the media reported - in tones of shock - that the costs of Medicare drug benefit were rising rapidly.

The malpractice continues. The disagreeable reality is that the baby boom's size will ultimately force cuts in Social Security and Medicare.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

LETTERS

Critics of 'celebration' should cleanse attitude

Bravo to The Times-News for publishing the celebration announcement. Congratulations to the two men who brought it together, and great job to Lisa Douda for a wonderful and well-written letter.

I lived in California and Connecticut before recently moving here. While living in those states, I had the honor of knowing several gay people, male and female. It upsets me and angers me that these fine people and countless others are so easily opposed to hatred and ostracism.

To those of you who think that the gay lifestyle is "filthy" or that children shouldn't be exposed to it: The only thing I see filthy here is your attitude.

CAROL HOWELLS Twin Falls

State highways already dangerous at 65 mph

It seems once again politicians and others put the cart before the horse. Raising speed limits to 75 mph is asking for more accidents on our current highways, mainly those from Twin to Sun Valley and Fairfield to Mountain Home.

come first. For example, if you want 75 mph speed limits between Twin and Sun Valley, then build a divided four or six lane, straight-line highway between these two points.

Please give "everyone" a break on this issue and do the necessary homework before adopting a law that places others in harm's way.

Suggest that when one is caught speeding on Idaho's highways, a severe fine be issued: First time, \$500 per mile over speed limit and must attend a driver's education class; second time, \$1,000 per mile over and 10 days community service plus driver's education class; and for three or more times, make it even more severe - remove their driving privileges one year or more.

Gooding (Editor's note: Donald Larson is a retired agricultural economist.)

Same critics keep railing at animal shelter

I knew as soon as the new animal shelter was built the same factions that tried to derail it in the beginning would be back in the game. And I was right. It seems a few are intent on blaming all the ills of society on the Twin Falls Animal Shelter and its management.

animals, yet they never complain and are happy to be of service to the animals in their care.

The problem with such a high "kill rate" at the shelter is because shelter staff has no control over how many animals are brought in, and it's important to note that not all the animals brought in are adoptable.

The animal shelter has expanded its hours to accommodate as many people as it can, but be aware the new facility has only been in operation since November. It does take a while to formulate a system so it runs smoothly and efficiently.

If the same people who are such opponents of the shelter and staff would try to become a part of the solution rather than standing back and pointing fingers, perhaps some progress could be made.

KEVIN KLAAS Twin Falls (Editor's note: Kelly Klaas served on the animal shelter's board of directors from mid 2001 to January 2003.)

Newspaper violates our trust with celebrations

Lisa Douda wrote her opinion on the two men to her announcement in The Times-News. The public outcry in the letters against such an announcement is proof that the majority does not agree with your bad decision to print

such filth. Ms. Douda states that "we see it in everything now." Exactly. Publicly flaunting immorality. Sexual preferences are a private matter and are not for public discussion or display.

Ms. Douda stated that she believed in God. So does the devil, Ms. Douda. The devil's lies make it all sound so noble and right when just the opposite is true.

So no matter how many people look the other way on an issue, it is the issue. Homosexuality is not for children, and I will not stand for it. I will do everything in my power to move forward legislation that bars sexual predators from attempting to persuade precious children to engage in deadly behaviors.

To the editor of this newspaper: Show in your site, for permitting such filth into our homes. You have violated our trust. I am cancelling my subscription and urge all who agree to do the same. One cancellation won't hold me back, but several hundred might. This paper does not reflect our community or our state position on immorality. You, Mr. Steinbach, owe us all a Page 1 public apology. Nothing else will suffice. JERRY HUGHEN DeLo

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# LETTER

## Take heed at retailer's impact on Burley

I really get a kick out of some of the people here in Idaho. They vote G.W. Bush back into office and then complain about what he's doing. They didn't think they were going to get four more years like the last four years?

If this man gets his way, we will be in a global war before we know it. He's subsidizing the farmers with our tax money for all the (free trade) imports of sugar, all grains, potatoes and any other products that we normally grow in the United States, and I believe he is in the process of doing away with the subsidizing. Think it will hurt the farmers?

I can't believe that we have politicians who think we can have free trade with Third World countries. Aren't they supposed to be smarter than us? I would like some one to explain to me how we can trade with countries that use slave labor, work adults and children for pennies a day, not dollars an hour like we are paid. That's unfair trade and

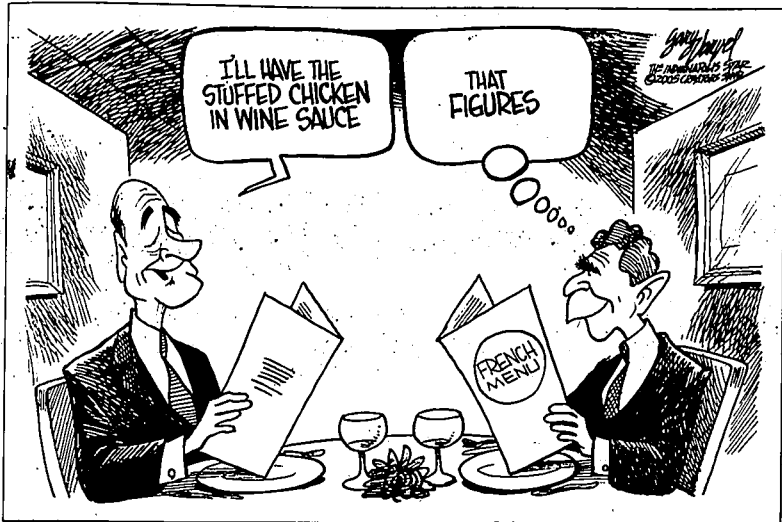
the American farmer and manufacturer can't compete with this kind of trade.

And then we have companies like Wal-Mart that, in a news conference, says they won't buy U.S.-made products because they can buy it cheaper in China, but they don't offer it to us for anywhere near what they pay. Right now Wal-Mart is the backbone of China, and the downfall of the American worker.

Why are we letting a very few people in Twin Falls change the zoning and decide if we need another a Wal-Mart? I'm wondering how many of you have seen what happened in Burley when Wal-Mart came here? How many stores closed? How many people did they put out of work? I know you all remember Simpson. Where did it go? How about Canada? How about for cheaper labor and, of course, free trade.

It's all about the dollar, and if we don't do something about it soon, we won't have any more dollars.

That's my opinion.  
JOHN O'DELL  
Rupert



# Honey, I shrunk the dollar

I have just one question about President Bush's trip to Europe: Did he and Laura go shopping? If they did, I would love to have been a fly on the wall when Laura must have said to George: "George, do you remember how much these Belgian chocolates cost when we were here four years ago? This box of mints was \$10. Now it's \$15? What happened to the dollar, George? Why is the euro worth so much more now, honey? Didn't Rumny say Europe was old? If we didn't have Air Force One, we never could have afforded this trip on your salary."

The dollar is falling. The dollar is falling. But the Bush team has basically told the world that unless the markets make the falling dollar into a full-blown New York Stock Exchange crisis and trade war, it is not going to raise rates, cut spending or reduce oil consumption in ways that could really shrink our budget and trade deficits and reverse the policy slide.

This administration is content to let the dollar fall and bet that the global markets will glide the greenback lower in an "orderly" manner. Right. Ever told to someone who trades currencies? "Orderly" is not always in the playbook. I make no predictions, but this could start to get very "disorderly." As the former Clinton Commerce Department official David Rothkopf notes, despite all the talk about Social Security many Americans are really depending on it alone for their retirement. What many Americans are counting on is having their homes retain and increase their value. And what's been fueling the home-building boom and bubble has been low interest



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

rates for a long time. If you see a continuing slide of the dollar—some analysts believe it needs to fall another 20 percent before it stabilizes—you could see a substantial, and painful, rise in interest rates.

"Given the number of people who have refinanced their homes with floating-rate mortgages, the falling dollar is a kind of sword of Damocles, getting closer and closer to their heads," Rothkopf said. "And with any kind of sudden market disruption—caused by anything from a terror attack to signs that a big country has gotten queasy about buying dollars—the bubble could burst in a very unpleasant way."

Why lies that sword getting closer? Because global markets are realizing that we have two major vulnerabilities that this administration doesn't want to address: We are importing too much oil, so the dollar's strength is being sapped as all prices continue to rise, and we are importing too much capital, because we are saving too little and spending too much, as both a society and a government.

"When people ask what we are doing about these twin vulnerabilities, they have a hard time coming up with an answer," noted Robert Hormats, the vice chairman of Goldman Sachs International. "There is no energy policy and no real effort to reduce our voracious demand for foreign capital. The

U.S. pulled in 80 percent of total world savings last year largely to finance our consumption." That's a big reason, why some "43 percent of all U.S. Treasury bills, notes and bonds are now held by foreigners," Hormats said.

And the foreign holders of all those bonds are listening to our debate. They are listening to a country that is refusing to raise taxes, and an administration talking about borrowing an additional \$2 trillion so Americans can invest more of their Social Security in stocks. If that happened, it would almost certainly weaken the dollar, further depreciating the U.S. Treasury bonds held by all those foreigners.

On Monday, the Bank of Korea said it planned to diversify some of its reserves into non-dollar assets, after years of holding too many low-yielding and depreciating U.S. government securities. The fear that this could become a trend sparked a major sell-off in U.S. equity markets on Tuesday. To

calm the markets, the Koreans said the next day that they had no intention of selling their dollars.

"Oh, good. Now I'm relieved. These countries don't have to dump dollars—they just have to reduce their purchases of them for the dollar to be severely affected," Hormats noted. "Korea is the fourth-largest holder of dollar reserves. You don't want others to see them diversifying and say, 'Well better do that, too, so that we're not the last ones out.' Remember the October 1987 stock market crash began with a currency crisis."

When a country lives on borrowed time, borrowed money and borrowed energy, it is just begging the markets to discipline it in their own way at their own time. As I said, usually the markets do it in an orderly way—except when they don't.

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# The fading hunt: Fearing loss of tradition, groups work to keep youth in the hunt

SMITHFIELD, Utah (AP) — It's hard to miss the romance in Bruce Schoniger's description of his first time in the wilderness — the warm crackle of the campfire, the smells of frying bacon, and meat roasting, and of course, the excitement of the kill.



Bruce Schoniger

But a combination of urbanization and cultural change is conspiring against efforts by Schoniger and other long-time hunters to share that experience with a generation of youth, whose only exposure to hunting may be in video games.

"Today, hunting is in danger," said Schoniger, 44, a Smithfield deer enthusiast who helps run an informal hunting club in northern Utah.

The number of young hunters has dropped nationally. According to the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association, youth participation declined by 26 percent between 1990 and 2000.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which compiles outdoor recreation statistics, says



Taylor Wilson, 12, takes a firing test during a gun education class, Feb. 5 in Logan, Utah. Dan Gittins aims at left.

Youth hunting participation has stabilized in recent years. But the National Wild Turkey Federation found only 25 percent of children from hunting households actively participate in hunting today.

"When I was young, we'd go out and there'd be 20 of us," said Dave Bunce, who co-founded the northern Utah hunting club with Schoniger. "A lot of that tradition is disappearing."

Some, like Bob St. Pierre of Pheasants Forever, a Minneso-

ta-based conservation group, believe urbanization and modernization have drastically changed the way youth think about the environment and thus, hunting.

"Kids believe that food comes from the grocery store," St. Pierre said. "They don't go to the store and connect the steak they see to a cow. There's a disconnect between the grocery store and the outdoors."

His organization's Leopold Education Project — a part-

nership with other conservation groups named after famed conservationist Aldo Leopold — is trying to change that. The group teaches youth to think about the human impact on the natural world through a series of outdoor workshops that also serve to pass on the methods of wilderness survival.

"We teach kids how to use a compass, learn about conservation, and then through our Youth Mentor Hunt, they go out in the field with a mentor," St. Pierre said.

Other national hunting groups also are encouraging supervised or mentor hunting and are working hard to persuade states to foster youth-friendly hunting for pre-teens. That underscores a consensus among hunting advocates that the decline in young hunters can only be curbed if youth are attracted to the sport before they become teens.

"Times have changed," said Bob Sexton, spokesman for the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance. "By the time a kid's 10 or 12, he's a

disciple of soccer or some other activity."

At least 23 states restrict the age for hunting big game. Most western states don't allow youth under 13 to hunt big game. Even at that age and older, teens must meet rigorous hunter education requirements.

While acknowledging the necessity of safe and educated hunting, the requirements are a problem, Sexton says, because they depress the number of young people who take up the sport.

The National Wild Turkey Federation, the Sportsmen's Alliance and the National Shooting Sports Foundation are lobbying restrictive states to lift limits on youth hunting opportunities. The efforts are showing results in a few Midwestern states.

For example, starting this spring, Nebraska youth between 12 and 15 will be allowed two statewide turkey permits during the state's archery and shotgun seasons. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission also sanctioned a one-week, youth-only turkey season in April.

The season will give young hunters the chance to hunt turkeys before regular shotgun season begins. Other previously restrictive states, such as Kansas, are following Nebraska's lead.

For Utah's Schoniger, such initiatives are vital to the future of a tradition he holds dear — a future he worries about.

"If we don't keep kids interested, hunting will disappear," he said.

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## MV Dairy Days Scholarship Princess Contest

The revival of a Magic Valley Dairy Days contest has few young ladies seeing black and white.

This year, the Wendell Chamber of Commerce with the support of the United Dairymen of Idaho will sponsor the Magic Valley Dairy Days Scholarship Princess Program. This scholarship program will provide two scholarships.

The first place winner will receive a \$3000 scholarship and the second place winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. The scholarships are to be used to help offset educational costs at any Idaho university, college or vocational school of the winner's choice.

The Magic Valley Dairy Days Scholarship Princess Program was part of Magic Valley Dairy Days held in Wendell each June. The celebration started up about 16 years ago when a group of Magic Valley residents decided to set one day in June aside to pay homage to the area's dairy farmers. As part of the celebration, event organizers created a princess contest that rewarded contestants with scholarship money. The princess contestants raised money for the scholarships by selling advertisements in the Dairy Days booklet.

Over the years, the Dairy Days festival

grew and the scholarship program continued without the princess contest. To date, the scholarship program has awarded 352 scholarships total.

The Magic Valley Dairy Days Scholarship Princess Program was part of Magic Valley Dairy Days held in Wendell each June.

The first place winner will act as a dairy ambassador for one year. The duties of dairy ambassador will include attending various functions as a representative for Idaho's dairy farm families including participating in Western Days Parade and Wendell Dairy Days Parade. Every princess contestant can be a winner, as all applicants will have the opportunity toward college by receiving a percentage of the ads they sell.

For more information about contest qualifications, contact Program Coordinator Mary Heida at 208-543-2582. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2005.

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The dog is under there somewhere

I'm a divorced 53-year-old guy who lives alone with his dog. What, would you guess, is the least appealing in my house? And don't say the dishwasher, it's too easy. It's the vacuum cleaner, of course. I generally don't use vacuum until no longer and the dog among the discarded pizza boxes.

My house ought to be the place where they send old vacuum cleaners as a reward for years of maintenance. And yet I'm on my third new bagless upright vacuum in 14 months. Why? Because they're built with all the technical skill, pride and craftsmanship of a Yugo, that's why.

I discarded one vacuum company - last week because it ceased to suck. Look, folks, this is 19th century technology. You could build a vacuum cleaner in junior high shop class.

You need a small electric motor just powerful enough to create a vacuum inside a canister. You need a beater-bar driven by a belt. And you need a few hoses long enough around not to clog up and cause a vacuum-cleaner heart attack.

And that's about it. I'm a confirmed techno-nut, but even I could design one of these contraptions in my sleep.

Which is more, evidently, than the vacuum-cleaner industry can manage. I phoned the retailers from whom I bought my last two vacuums to complain that they'd died after only seven months. Both said they were sorry, but their warranties lasted only six months.

"This vacuum cleaner is a piece of junk!" I told the consumer-service representative. "I assure you, sir," she replied, "that we don't sell junk. That's why the machine has a warranty."

"You mean, had a warranty," I said. "Perhaps you should have called us last month," she countered soothingly.

"But it was working last month," I protested. "Perhaps with the next vacuum cleaner that you purchase from us, you should consider purchasing the service agreement as well," she suggested.

That service agreement costs \$45 and it covers mechanical defects and routine maintenance. But if the vacuum breaks down, you have to ship it to the company - and you pay the freight.

I was so frustrated that I almost went out and bought a Dyson. Dyson, the British company that is the world's No. 2 vacuum-maker, sells a vacuum cleaner. Their technology is different from other upright vacuum cleaners. I understand, which is why a Dyson creates suction five times the force of a standard vacuum.

Basically, it sucks specks of dirt out of your rug and beats them silly. But a Dyson starts at \$400. That's more than I paid for my first can.

Look, I'm a guy. I'd pay 400 bucks for power tools. Four hundred bucks for cable TV. Four hundred bucks for a ticket to the Super Bowl. But I am incapable at the cellular level of spending that kind of money on a bleeping vacuum cleaner. My head would explode if I tried.

So, I bought yet another bagless upright, this one made by the fourth-largest vacuum manufacturer. I figure that company only makes about 12 million a year anyway, so my odds are better.

At least I thought so until I picked up a magazine at the barbershop and read that many vacuum cleaner parts are made in the same factory in China. Apparently I've got the same vacuum that I had before. It's just screwed together differently.

My only recourse, I suppose, is a vacuuming strike. And why not? My carpet is an earth tone anyway.

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By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Subdivisions, dairies and commercial development in close proximity in rural Jerome County is creating conflict among residents and ranches for the county's Planning and Zoning Commission. Art Brown, Jerome County's planning and zoning administrator, told county commissioners last week that county ordinances concerning land division and zoning are often confusing. The county encourages the preservation of agricultural land, yet still tries to allow landowners to use their property as they wish.

Brown asked county commissioners what they want the planning commission to do about land division in the county.

The two commissions met to discuss conflicting land-division issues in agricultural zones. "Do we want urbanization in the county or no urbanization?" P&Z commissioner Paula Munier asked. There are A-1 zones, A-2 zones and commercial zones all in same neighborhood, a quarter of a mile away from one another, she said. "There is pressure in the county to create subdivisions and on the other hand dairies are damaged by having lots of people in close proximity to them," planning commissioner Del Kohitz said.

Brown said real estate agents are buying land outside of city limits to split for subdivisions. Yet there are about 1,000 bare building lots in the county now that are not being developed, he added. People split off land from their farms to build houses, and then down the road odor complaints occur.

"We (P&Z) do not want to populate the agriculture zones - we want the houses to be located closer to town," planning commissioner Patricia Heath said. "We are often in P&Z meetings until midnight or after trying to make the right decisions. Then the next month the people appeal to you and you overturn our decisions. It's a waste of our time." P&Z commissioner Andy Prescott said his board doesn't want to take productive farm ground for houses. "But what about volcanic blowouts, rock piles and dry cornets where pivot sprinklers can't reach?" he asked. "Do folks in the county want to build on non-productive land in the agriculture zones? We need public comment."

Munier would like to see several town meetings held to seek public guidance.

"The county comprehensive plan needs to be tweaked, and the loopholes in the ordinances need to be plugged," she said. County Commission chairman Veronica Lierman said the public has differences of opinion about land use, just as the P&Z commissioners do. Members of the planning commission presented a cross-section of the county, and said a range of views, she said. Lierman doesn't feel a town meeting is necessary. But she said the county commissioners and P&Z commissioners need to hold additional meetings to work through the problems.

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HOME, IMPROVED HOME

Home and garden show perks up those looking for some inspiration

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Southern Idaho Home & Garden Show attracts thousands of home-improvers looking for inspiration Saturday.

Kimberly Nurseries' display included a patch of drought-tolerating plants, but for some, one suggested shrub was too close to home.

"Why would anybody in Idaho plant sagebrush in their yard?" said Janet Fisher of Twin Falls as she looked at the plants. She preferred just about any other option to the locally plentiful sage.

The show goes on The Southern Idaho Home & Garden Show continues from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the College of Southern Idaho's Expo Center. Admission is \$3 per person for ages 12 and up; ages 11 and under are free.

In addition to the humble herb there were cranberry coasters, ground cover junipers, Oregon grape holly and petite plum dwarf butterfly bushes.

Bill Phillips, the Kimberly Nurseries' head of irrigation, said it's surprising how many people plant sage because its drought tolerance, and the scent. He was there to tout the benefits of using drip irrigation systems, which use much less water than above-ground sprinklers.

Many of the 113 vendors said business was good at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center Saturday.

Janice Degner, general manager of Clear Channel Radio in Twin Falls, said there were more attendees and vendors than there were last year. "It's one of our best," Degner said.

The show is in its 25th year and keeps growing, Degner said. She estimated at least 10,000 people came Friday and attendance was strong Saturday. The show continues today.

Mike Brock, a salesman for Brizee Fireplaces, said the warm weather inspires people to work on their houses.



New home owners Brandon, left, and Stephanie Stimpson look over the variety of light bulbs at the Idaho Power booth during the 25th annual Southern Idaho Home and Garden Show at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center Saturday.

"They're starting to get the spring fever," Brock said.

Sally Day of Twin Falls came with his family to browse. The Days ended up buying a decorative air purifier, which produces a scented foggy mist while removing dirt from the air.

"That is cool," he said. "Items on display at the show included hot tubs, cookware, insurance, decorative signs, floor coverings, magnetic jewelry and garli."

Angela Richardson, one of the owners of Patio Covers Unlimited from Meridian, was there to exhibit and to shop for herself.

"There's always great things to look at," Richardson said.

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Casino border town copes with packrat problem

By Sam Feitman Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT - While Twin Falls has seen more than its fair share of crows in recent months, the Nevada casino border town of Jackpot has experienced an unwanted infestation of its own. It seems almost anybody you talk to has them: lots of them. But unlike crows, few people have any love for the pesky varmints known as rats. Pack rats, that is.

Roy Bailey, a service specialist with Zoo Ex who lives in Carlin, Nev., visits Jackpot twice a month to address insect and rodent pest problems.

Bailey isn't sure why the sudden infestation of rats. "I'm guessing the winter will be tough because the pack rats have moved in. That's what the old timers tell me."

Bailey said rats are dirty animals that carry fleas and can even carry the bubonic plague. However, Bailey said, rats do not spread the hanta virus that's carried by mice in the area.

You can tell a pack rat by its hairy tail, Bailey said. The animal also is called the hairy-tailed rat.

"They smell worse than the house rat," he said, noting that they don't mind where they urinate, which can stink about as bad as a skunk."

Bailey said another name is the trade rat, because they won't steal your nice shiny jewelry or other nuggets. They'll take them, yes, but leave something in return - like a nice twig or ball of fluff.

"I trapped them. I shot them with a BB gun. I hit them with a stick," he said.

Yet although he and his family have killed more than 15 of them, he's still convinced they'll be back. Hester said every time a new flower would pop out of the ground the rats would eat it. He used a trap in a pipe to catch some of them, but he said you have to mix up your technique to get rid of them.

Nevertheless, Hester said he has a lot of respect for the little critters. "They're very smart," he said.

The Hesters' dog, Chip, was the family's best defense. Hester said the family pet cornered eight of the varmints so they could catch and destroy them. Jackpot resident Dawn Robinson said she and her husband have had rats too. She said they've caused about \$600

worth of damage to our van that I drive every day. The rats chewed up the hose to the air conditioner. And the one she finally caught was a big one, too.

"No kidding. I thought it was a cat," she said. The rat had babies and was raising its family in her van. The thing finally fell out when it got its paws caught and they were cut off.

Robinson and her husband had to remove big chunks of sagebrush and "flowers from my flower garden" from the engine of the van. The mother rat had used the materials to build her nest. Robinson said they had to replace hoses and have the engine steam cleaned to get rid of the smell.

Jackpot School Buildings Superintendent Rod DeWitt said he found one in the school's Please see VARMINTS, Page B7

116th will get R&R

The Times-News

FEB WARRIOR. Iraq - Soldiers of the 116th Brigade Combat Team now in Iraq will enjoy 15 days of R&R as part of a command-supported program that began this month, according to a news release from Monte Hibbert, a public affairs officer with the 116th.

The 15-day leaves are scheduled to run through September, the news release said. "We sent roughly 240 soldiers from the brigade out on leave this month," said Maj. Matthew Hengel, personnel officer for the 116th.

The brigade receives allotments each month and provides them to battalions and separate companies. According to Hengel, the unit's battalions and companies have built "order of merit" lists to help prioritize who goes on leave first.

The units consider factors such as how much leave the soldier has already taken, the last time the soldier was on leave, mission requirements and personal preferences when making their lists. Hengel said that all units looked at soldiers' needs when building the lists.

"They considered family reunions, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and births," Hengel said.

Unfortunately, even after making every attempt to accommodate each soldier's desires, mission requirements and other factors may make it impossible for some soldiers to go on leave when they would prefer. But it is the intent of Brig. Gen. Alan Gault, commander of the 116th, that all who desire to take leave have the opportunity to do so, the news release said.

Because many factors can alter leave schedules at the last minute, families may not want to become too fixed on specific dates, Hengel said.

"It is difficult for the units as well as the brigade to project when a soldier will be going on leave," he said. "Several outside influences can impact the leave program. Changing leave allocations, availability of flights to Kuwait and changing mission requirements can all affect a soldier's leave time."

Because the soldiers' R&R program began so early in their mobilization, some soldiers' leave has coincided with the announcement of the return home of about 15,000 soldiers who have already completed their year in Iraq, causing confusion among some who were hoping for an early redeployment of 116th soldiers, the news release said.

Idahoans in Iraq

Table with 2 columns: Watershed, % of Aug. '05 season. Rows include Salmon, Big Wood, Little Wood, Big Lost, Little Lost, Hensley Fork/Teton, Upper Snake Basin, and Salmon Falls.

Snowpack levels

Table with 2 columns: Watershed, % of Aug. '05 season. Rows include Salmon, Big Wood, Little Wood, Big Lost, Little Lost, Hensley Fork/Teton, Upper Snake Basin, and Salmon Falls.

A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with the 20-year average. An indicator of basin snowpack for the year.

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Winifred Ellen Stombaugh



Stombaugh. She is survived by her son, Norman (Linda) Stombaugh;

BOISE — Winifred, Ellen Stombaugh, 90, of Boise, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at Treasure Valley Life Care Center.

Winifred was born March 27, 1914, at Beatrice, Neb. She married William Alfred Stombaugh in 1931 and they moved to Buhl, Idaho, along with her parents, George and Lena Stowe Roxburgh. Most of their married life they lived in Buhl.

Winifred loved traveling, cooking, sewing and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Donald Roxburgh; and sons, Wallace and Jerry

daughters, Eunice Hamilton of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Betty Fisk of Paul, Idaho, Patricia (Bill) Potter of Grey River, Wash., and Eileen (Bil) Gardoski of Meridian, Idaho; 22 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will honor Winifred at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2005, at Summers Funeral Chapel, Eagle and Ustick in Meridian. Interment will be later in April at the Buhl Cemetery.

The family of Winifred would like to thank the staff and residents at TVLCC for providing an environment of tender loving care in the latter part of her life.

Asiel A. Zollinger



He was involved in many state and local organizations, such as Wheat Growers and Sublett Irrigation Company. Asiel will be greatly missed by his wife, family and friends.

TWIN FALLS — Asiel A. Zollinger, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, at the Sunbridge Health Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

He was born July 26, 1917, in Sublett, the son of Aaron Arthur and Hannah Pearl Neede Zollinger. Asiel married Theoda Mary Almond on Dec. 11, 1940. She preceded him in death on March 10, 1986. Asiel and Ruth Magnelli renewed their acquaintance after losing their first wife. They were married on July 27, 1989, in Ogden, Utah, and enjoyed their life together. Asiel and Ruth served, a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Kentucky from 1990 to 1991. They also served a temple mission for three and one-half years. Asiel was very active in the church and served in many callings.

Haves of Kayaville, Utah, Cathy (Lynn) White of Malia, Janice (Jack) Lipe of Denver, Colo., Wanita (Ken) Willinger of Sable, Idaho, Andre (Karen) Magnelli of Camarillo, Calif., William (Kathy) Zollinger of Lincoln City, Ore., Russell (Patty) Zollinger and Roland (Kathy) Zollinger, all of Sublett; 36 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Heber Zollinger, Orson Zollinger, Dorothy Murphy, John Nye and Alton Nye.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at the Logan City Cemetery in Logan, Utah. An informal viewing will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at the Twin Falls West Stake Center, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

Enna Jo Young Barclay



Gaylord Young. She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and one granddaughter.

BOISE — Enna Jo Young Barclay, 72, of Boise, Idaho, formerly of Island Park, Idaho, passed away suddenly at home on Feb. 23, 2005, of heart failure.

She was born Sept. 19, 1932, in Plogre, Idaho, to Floyd and Effie Young, but her youth was enjoyed in Burley. On Sept. 20, 1948, in Burley, she married Daniel F. (Moose) Barclay. They lived their lives in Pocatello, where they had four sons, all active in sports, church and the community.

She is survived by her husband, four sons, Daniel W. Barclay of Boise, David J. Barclay of Boise, Michael D. Barclay of Mant, Utah, and Martin C. Barclay of Paul; 24 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Juanita (Young), June (Peterson) and Velma (Posey); and three brothers, Ralph Young, Kenneth Young and

the youth and children. She had a special relationship with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and she was a positive influence in their lives.

She and her husband served a mission for the LDS church in Columbia, S.C., from 1997 to 1998. She had a degree in cosmetology and education. She and her husband were sealed together in the Logan Temple on April 2, 1963.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at the Paul LDS Church. Burial will be in the Paul, Idaho, Cemetery. Viewing will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the LDS Perpetual Education Fund or the Humanitarian Fund in her name.

Lone Thompson



everything she did, especially her children and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her family and home were impeccably cared for. Her garden was often a showplace for Sunday afternoon drives. Meals were consistent and fabulous. In her later years, she loved to crochet, making sure that all her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren had an Afghan made by her.

BURLEY — Lone Westfall Thompson, 85, of Burley, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Lone was born to James Stanley Jr. and Sarah Frances Hall Westfall on Jan. 9, 1920, in Greysville, Wyo. Her family of two parents and five children left Wyoming for Idaho in August of 1922 in a covered wagon. They camped by the roadside at night. She grew up on a farm southeast of Jerome. She attended Fall City, Idaho, and graduated from Jerome High School in 1939. She married Charles Elmer Sipe on July 4, 1940, in Twin Falls. They were later divorced.

She married her true love, Lenard Joe Thompson on Dec. 3, 1948. Their marriage was sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple on March 20, 1962.

Joe adopted lone's three children from her previous marriage, Charles E., William Douglas and Donna Lee. Their marriage was blessed with four more children, Sharrle Lou, John Raymond, Julie Ann and Bonnie Jo.

Lone and Joe farmed side-by-side at several locations in the Teton, Blaine, Blomington and Kimberly area. They drew a farm on the Minidoka Irrigation Project in 1953 and became "real pioneers." Farming for about two years before gravel roads, telephone and mail delivery.

Lone was passionate about

and Mary (Bink) Burner of Elko, 33 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four brothers and three sisters.

The family would like to thank the staff and residents at Highland Estates Assisted Living for their dedicated and loving care of their mom during the last two and one-half years.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday March 1, 2005, at the Burley 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 E. 16th St., with Bishop Sheldon Sorenson officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1320 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

OBITUARIES



Marshall H. May

BURLEY — Marshall Harry May passed away Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at Rosetta Assisted Living in Burley. He was 93 years old.

Marshall was born on March 9, 1911, in Perry, Kan., the fifth son of Edward Hamilton May and Minnie Myrtle Gray. His family moved out west shortly after he was born. They moved to Wyoming and then on to various towns in Idaho, settling for a time in Rupert, Burley, Twin Falls and Jerome. Growing up on a farm, Marshall had many responsibilities. While attending school in Rupert, he met Beulah Colleen Morgan. They were married on Nov. 25, 1930.

At this time, he worked for Jerome Cooperative Creamery (Challenge Dairy) in Rupert until the factory closed down and transferred him to the Burley creamery. He was later transferred to the Twin Falls factory, where he continued to work as a maintenance mechanic. In 1960, he was transferred to the Jerome Creamery, working for the creamery a total of 42 years.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, boating, gardening (especially his flowers), animals and the great outdoors.

Marshall and Beulah were divorced in 1946. His home was in Jerome for many years. The Burley area was his final home, living at the Warren House, Rosetta Assisted Living.

Marshall is survived by his daughters, Lila (Neph) Anderson of Burley, Stella Visser of Aloha, Ore., and Darla Gordon, also of Burley; eight grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers, Lloyd Franklin May, Clarence Paul May, Raymond Harold May, Albert James May, Earl Leo May and Edward Hamilton May II; a son-in-law, Jay Gordon; and two great-grandsons, Jeremy and Brandon Priest.

His family is very grateful for the kind and loving care given to him by his special friends at Rosetta, his doctors and home health.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, where friends and family may call one hour prior to the funeral. Burial will be in Jerome Cemetery.

June Ruth Green

WEISER — June Ruth Green, 86, of Weiser, formerly of Burley, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, at home, surrounded by her family, after a brief illness.

A memorial graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home in Weiser.

June was born June 10, 1918, at home in Eden, the daughter of Herbert H. and Ruth L. White Paul. June graduated from Eden with valedictorian honors and went to business school in Twin Falls. She married Marnus (Jack) Larson and later Robert A. Green. She was a secretary most of her life, retiring from the electric department by the city of Burley. She lived in California and Idaho most of her life.

Survivors include three daughters, Arlene Taylor of Wamsutter, Wyo., Linda Smith of Burley and Paula McElhinney of Weiser; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and her brother, Herbert Paul and his wife, Jeanne of Eden, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her parents; Paula's father, Jack Larson; Linda and Arlene's father, Robert Green; brother, Russell Paul; sister, Hazel Jones; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials be made in her name to the Idaho Home Health & Hospice Foundation, 1401 N. Whitley Drive, Suite 16, Fruitland, ID 83619.

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OBITUARIES

Austin T. Bird



Austin was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he was a teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood.

He is survived by his parents, Bryan and AnnMarie Bird; one

brother, Levi Bird; one sister, Shandra Bird; his grandparents, Reed and Flora Bird of Dingle, Idaho, and Max and Ann Lauridsen of Montpelier, Idaho; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who loved him.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at the Declo Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 W. Main St., with Bishop Jim Darrington officiating. Burial will be in Declo Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday and from 1 until 1:45 p.m. Tuesday at the Declo Stake Center, 213 W. Main St., Declo, Idaho.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Austin T. Bird Memorial Fund in care of any Wells Fargo Bank.

Donald W. Stivers



Twin Falls, and then for Rangens Inc. for many years. Don enjoyed every aspect of growing crops and caring for the land until his retirement in 1986.

They loved their home and their yard as a delight for them and their neighborhood. Following his retirement, Don and Wanda became volunteer hosts at the Twin Falls Visitor Center. Don loved sharing the history of the Magic Valley with its many visitors. Don was a fine wood craftsman and furnished his shop with state of the art wood-working tools, many he built himself. Every family member has several

pieces of his fine handiwork. He delighted in work well done. Many of the furnishings in Wanda's Bridgeway apartment were made by Don over his 67 years of marriage.

Surviving Don is his loving wife, Wanda; children, Barbara (Chuck) Corvin of Ketchum, Idaho, and Dan (Lee Ann) Stivers of Bellevue, Wash.; grandchildren, Rob Stivers of Stockholm, Sweden, Mae Lusk of Baker City, Ore., and Jason Corvin of Cave Creek, Ariz.; and four great-grandchildren. His parents, Walter D. and Naomi B. Stivers; brother, T.W. Stivers, and grandson, Troy P. Stivers, preceded him in death. A memorial service of Don's life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005, at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberley Road, Twin Falls, with Pastor A.H. Pfeiffering, Innumbert will be a private family service at a later time.

At this time, the family respectfully requests no flowers. Thank you for your understanding. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Sondra Sue Baldwin

JEROME - Sondra Sue Baldwin, 64, of Jerome, passed away Feb. 22, 2005, at her home. She was born Jan. 26, 1941, in Wabash, Ind., the daughter of Clarence Edward Owen and Florence Hazel Gordon Owen. She married John Paul Baldwin and they raised five children together.

Sondra was a CASA volunteer. She was active in the Jerome Skate Park Foundation. Sondra enjoyed playing the organ.

She is survived by her husband, John Baldwin Sr., of

Jerome; her children, Michelle Baldwin of Jerome, Michael Baldwin of St. Campbell, Ky., Shawn Baldwin of Virginia, John Baldwin Jr. and Kristal Goetsch of Arco. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at Sunnyside Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Gayle F. Simpson



Shortly after the birth of her first son, she became a member of the First Congregational Church at its old location behind the State Capitol. She was active as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent in the Women's group, and as a long-time driver for FISH, a group of volunteers that assisted the homebound and those unable to drive to and from doctor and hospital appointments.

She enjoyed cooking, sewing, playing pinocchle, and dishing up trays for the Meals-on-Wheels program at the First Congregational Church. The

Meals-on-Wheels program served as a blessing to Gayle and Wes in their later years of independence in their Boise home.

Gayle was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and two brothers, Dwight McVay of Carson, N.D., and Donald McVay of Westminster, Calif.

She is survived by her sons, Jim (Esther) and Larry; her grandchildren, Beth; and great-grandchildren of Avon, Ind.; and three step-grandsons and their children and grandchildren.

The funeral for Gayle F. Simpson will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at First Congregational Church-UCC in Boise, with the Rev. Susan Watterson officiating. Burial will follow at Morris Hill Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be held one hour prior to the service, beginning at 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Arrangements are by Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, Gayle suggested memorials to First Congregational Church-UCC, 2201 Woodwind Ave., Boise, ID 83702, or charity of donor's choice.

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Warren Samuel Myers

JEROME - Warren Samuel Myers, 72, of Jerome, died after a brief illness on Feb. 22, 2005. He was born July 23, 1932, in Jerome County, where he was raised one of 14 children. He was a farmer and excavator. He married Irene and her two children, Doug and Susan, on Dec. 1, 1972. Christopher and Sherry were added to complete the family.

He would still be with us had he not heard the voice of Jesus. In his heavenly home, he joins his parents and nine siblings. Surviving brothers, Luther

and Paul; and sisters, Juanita Myers and Ruth Bennett; his wife, children and seven great-grandchildren will miss him.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome with the Rev. Gene Kissinger and the Rev. Bill Donaldson officiating. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. No viewing is planned.

Services are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

SERVICES

Ira Bodilly Kent of Acequia, funeral at 10 a.m. Monday at the Acequia 1st LDS Ward Chapel; viewing will be held from 10 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the service at the church.

Mildred M. Slater of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

James Elbert Chappell of Shelton, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Jean Sutfill of Twin Falls, graveside memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

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Walter Dean Prescott

He is survived by his wife, Betty Prescott, of Mountain Home, Idaho; his sister, Tess Fuslan of Ogden, Utah; his children, Jimmy and Lynda Prescott of Hammett, Idaho, Carol and Pat Ryan of Walkaloo Village, Hawaii; Jean and Tom Giddens of Wichita, Kan.; Billy and Sharon Prescott of Willard, Utah, and Jody Hill of Mountain Home, Idaho. He also leaves behind 19 grandchildren.

HAMMETT - Walter Dean Prescott, 69, of Hammett, passed away Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, in the Gooding Rehab and Living Center in Gooding, Idaho.

Dean was born Sept. 15, 1915, in Cliffside, Utah, the son of Byron and Maria Smith Prescott. His family dry-farmed and ranches until moving to Grace, Idaho, in 1925, they moved to Wendell, Idaho, where he continued his education and graduated from Wendell High School in 1932. He then met Betty Kathleen Hutson and they were married in 1935 in Halley, Idaho. The couple moved to Boise in 1941 where he became a certified Civil Service Aircraft Inspector at Gowen Field. After the war, he went to work for Consolidated Freightways as a road troubleshooter becoming shop foreman. After working as a diesel mechanic for Cummins Diesel and Willis Shaw, he retired in 1978. In 1986, they moved to Hammett, Idaho.

Dean enjoyed hunting, fishing and working with horses and cattle. Some of his greatest memories were with members of the Western Riding Club. He was WRCGA president and actively participated in judging local county contests. Many of his hours were spent astride his tractor helping to develop the riding clubs arena. Friendships were developed for a lifetime. He was an active member of the Three Island Senior Center, where he was on the Board of Directors.

Dean was preceded in death by an infant son, his parents, three brothers and a sister.

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Breakfast Menu  
Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day.  
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Tuesday: Scrambled eggs  
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy  
Thursday: Pancakes and sausage on a stick  
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Lunch Menu  
Salad bar and milk served every day.  
Monday: Ham slices  
Tuesday: Enchiladas  
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza  
Thursday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich  
Friday: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich

**BURLEY JR. HIGH SCHOOL**

Breakfast Menu  
Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal. Burley High School offers a hamburger bar, salad bar or a main dish each day. Breakfast is served starting at 7:30 a.m.  
Monday: Breakfast pastry  
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick  
Wednesday: Cereal  
Thursday: Breakfast pockets  
Friday: French toast sticks  
Lunch Menu  
Salad bar and milk served every day.  
Monday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger  
Tuesday: Taco or corn dog  
Wednesday: Hoagie or hot combo  
Thursday: Spicy chicken, chicken sandwich or seaburger  
Friday: Beef stew

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Breakfast menu  
Milk and juice served daily.  
Monday: Doughnuts  
Tuesday: Pancakes  
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls  
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy  
Friday: Breakfast memuffin  
Lunch Menu  
Salad bar and milk served daily.  
Monday: Spaghetti  
Tuesday: Beef and gravy  
Wednesday: Popcorn chicken  
Thursday: Hamburger steak  
Friday: Deli sandwich

**CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Milk served daily.  
Monday: Ham and beans  
Tuesday: Sloppy joe  
Wednesday: Turkey pot pie  
Thursday: No School  
Friday: No School

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Monday: Cheeseburger  
Tuesday: Turkey gravy  
Wednesday: Spaghetti  
Thursday: Burrito  
Friday: Sandwich wraps

**HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Breakfast Menu  
Milk served daily.  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy  
Wednesday: Oatmeal  
Thursday: Scrambled eggs  
Friday: Cereal  
Lunch Menu  
Milk served daily.  
Monday: Chicken patty  
Tuesday: Pizza  
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets  
Thursday: Hamburger stroganoff  
Friday: Fish patty

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Choice of milk every day.  
Monday: Cheese quesadillas  
Tuesday: Spaghetti  
Wednesday: Ham and bean soup  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school

**KIMBERLY ELEMANTARY SCHOOL**

Milk served daily.  
Monday: Chicken fillet  
Tuesday: Burrito  
Wednesday: Pizza  
Thursday: Chicken nuggets  
Friday: Chili.

**KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL**

Milk served daily.  
Monday: Chicken fillet  
Tuesday: Burrito  
Wednesday: Pizza  
Thursday: Chicken nuggets  
Friday: Chili dogs

**LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Monday: Sub sandwich  
Tuesday: Stroganoff  
Wednesday: Corn dogs  
Thursday: Chili  
Friday: Pizza

**MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

Fresh fruit and milk served daily.  
Monday: Beef burrito  
Tuesday: Pizza  
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken  
Thursday: Lasagna  
Friday: Cheese enchilada

**MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

Choice of milk served daily.  
Monday: Foot long hot dog  
Tuesday: Barbecue sandwich  
Wednesday: Pork egg roll  
Thursday: Mini taco quesadillas  
Friday: Tuna fish or ham and cheese sandwich

**MINIDOKA ELEMANTARY SCHOOL**

Choice of milk served daily.  
Breakfast menu  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Cheese toast  
Wednesday: Muffin  
Thursday: Breakfast burrito  
Friday: Cereal  
Lunch menu  
Monday: Macaroni and cheese

Tuesday: Chicken sandwich  
Wednesday: Nachos  
Thursday: Hot dogs  
Friday: Spaghetti

**MINIDOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Breakfast menu  
Milk served daily.  
Monday: Muffin  
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy  
Wednesday: Churros  
Thursday: Waffle sticks  
Friday: Breakfast biscuit  
Lunch menu  
Milk served daily.  
Monday: Chicken sandwich  
Tuesday: Baked cheese sandwich  
Wednesday: Enchilada  
Thursday: Hot dogs  
Friday: Hot dogs

**MURTAUGH SCHOOL**

Milk served daily.  
Monday: Nachos  
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak  
Wednesday: French bread pizza  
Thursday: Hamburgers  
Friday: Chili

**ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH**

Breakfast menu  
Milk served daily.  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Pancakes on a stick  
Wednesday: Cereal  
Thursday: Waffles  
Friday: Cereal  
Lunch menu  
Milk served daily.  
Monday: Chicken sandwich  
Tuesday: Corn dog  
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets  
Thursday: Beef and bean burrito  
Friday: Pizza

**ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Monday: Pizza  
Tuesday: Hot dogs  
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets  
Thursday: Taco salad  
Friday: Macaroni and cheese

**TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY**

Milk served daily.  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Pancakes on a stick  
Wednesday: Cereal  
Thursday: Waffles  
Friday: Cereal  
Lunch menu  
Monday: Beef tacos  
Tuesday: Italian spaghetti or chicken Alfredo  
Wednesday: Beef and macaroni  
Thursday: Hamburger delite  
Friday: Cheese quesadillas

**TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL**

Breakfast is served daily.  
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays, and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.  
Monday: Stuffed hot pocket  
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets  
Wednesday: Cheeseburger  
Thursday: Pepperoni hot pocket  
Friday: Papa John's pizza

**VALLEY SCHOOLS**

Breakfast is served daily.  
Monday: Chicken chunks  
Tuesday: Beef enchiladas  
Wednesday: Chicken Alfredo  
Thursday: Corn dog  
Friday: Chili

**CASSIA SCHOOLS**

Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.  
Breakfast menu  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich  
Wednesday: Cereal  
Thursday: Cinnamon roll  
Lunch menu  
Monday: Hamburger  
Tuesday: Pizza  
Wednesday: School choice  
Thursday: Chili  
Friday: Taco

**HAGERMAN SCHOOLS**

Choice of milk offered daily.  
Breakfast menu  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Breakfast cookie  
Wednesday: Pizza  
Thursday: French toast  
Friday: Cereal  
Lunch menu  
Monday: Corn dogs  
Tuesday: Turkey pot pie  
Wednesday: Pizza  
Thursday: Cheese sandwich  
Friday: Sloppy joe

**JEROME SCHOOLS**

Milk served daily.  
Monday: Pork patty  
Tuesday: Corn dogs  
Wednesday: Green eggs and ham  
Thursday: Toasted cheese sandwich  
Friday: Oven fried chicken

**RICHFIELD SCHOOLS**

Breakfast  
Milk and juice served daily.  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy  
Wednesday: Cereal  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school  
Lunch  
Monday: Hoagie sandwich  
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets  
Wednesday: Nacho supreme  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school

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Tractors • Ground Working Equip.  
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Tractors • Trucks • Feeding Combine • Feeding • Older Equip.  
Times-News Ad: 3-10  
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Times-News Ad: 3-12  
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# SENIOR CALENDAR

## West End

### Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl  
**Menus:**  
 Today: Pork roast  
 Monday: Cook's choice  
 Tuesday: Polish dogs, sauerkraut, potato wedges, salad, applesauce, bread, cookies  
 Wednesday: Potato soup, biscuits, salad, fruit, dessert  
 Thursday: Swiss steak, potatoes and gravy, salad, carrots, fruit, roll, dessert  
**Activities:**  
 Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. Seniors, \$4, under age 60, \$4.50.  
 Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
 Cards, 6 to 9 p.m.  
 Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Crafts, 1 to 4 p.m.  
 Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
 Farmer's Market, 5 to 7 p.m.  
 Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Bingo\* 1 to 3 p.m.  
 Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

### Flier Senior Haven

222 Main St.  
 Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home to delivered meals are available each mealtime.

**Menus:**  
 Monday: Beef stew, corn bread, honey butter, tossed salad, applesauce cake  
 Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, jelly-filled cranberry salad, fruit cobbler

### Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.  
 All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.

**Menus:**  
 Monday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, scalloped corn, pickled beets, fruit, cookies  
 Tuesday: Chicken ala king over rice, brussels sprouts, jelly-owl fruit, lemon bars  
 Wednesday: Finger steaks, tator tots, lima beans, fruit medley, raisin squares  
 Thursday: Lasagna, green

beans, green salad, apple crisp, garlic bread

Friday: Roast turkey, potatoes and gravy, corn, fruit salad, lemon pie

**Activities:**  
 Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.  
 Gem State Fiddlers  
 Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
 Snack bar, 6 p.m.  
 Early bird, 6:45 p.m.  
 Bingo, 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.  
 Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
 Friday: Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.  
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.

## Ageless

### Senior Citizens, Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly  
 Milk, coffee and tea served.

**Menus:**  
 Monday: Manwich, hash-browns, glazed carrots, tossed salad, banana bread, bread and butter  
 Wednesday: Liver and onions, potato casserole, green beans, green salad, red Jell-O, fruit cocktail  
 Friday: Breaded fish, potato rounds, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, Mandarin oranges, dessert

**Activities:**  
 Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.  
 Thursday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
 Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
 Bingo, 11:55 a.m.  
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.

### Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.  
 All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

**Menus:**  
 Monday: Chicken nuggets, potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, cottage cheese, fruit cocktail, muffins, dessert  
 Tuesday: Spaghetti and meat sauce, broccoli, tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert  
 Wednesday: Chef's choice, smorgasbord  
 Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, green beans, penny carrot salad, rolls, pumpkin squares

## Activities:

Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
 Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.  
 Wild one, 6 p.m.  
 Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
 Foot clinic, 10:30 a.m.  
 Pool, 1 p.m.  
 Bridge, 6:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
 Massages, 10 a.m.  
 Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.  
 Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.  
 Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
 Blood pressure, 11 a.m.  
 Linda Norris, 12:30 p.m.  
 TOPS, 4 p.m.  
 Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
 Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.  
 Hand and foot, 1 p.m.  
 Bowling, 1:30 p.m.  
 Bingo, 6 p.m.

## Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden  
 Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

**Menus:**  
 Tuesday: Meadoaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, coleslaw, fruit, cookies  
 Thursday: Sweet and sour pork, rice, cottage cheese, peas, cake

**Activities:**  
 Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.

## Golden Years Senior Citizens, Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone  
 Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

**Menus:**  
 Tuesday: Popcorn chicken, buttered carrots, green salad, potato rounds, peach upside-down cake  
 Wednesday: Vegetable soup, ham and cheese hot pockets, lemon pie  
 Friday: Pot roast with potatoes, green salad, hot dinner rolls, frosted white cake

**Activities:**  
 Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.

Coffee, 9:30 a.m.  
 Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
 Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.  
 Early to bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.  
 Bingo, 7 p.m.  
 Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.  
 Coffee, 9:30 a.m.  
 Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

## Richfield Senior Center

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

**Menus:**  
 Monday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, five-way mixed vegetables, dinner rolls, birthday cake and ice cream  
 Thursday: Tomato soup, tuna fish sandwich, coconut cream pie

## Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry  
 Meals served at noon Monday through Thursday, beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366 to 2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for non to seniors under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

**Menus:**  
 Monday: Crispy fish fillet, au gratin potatoes, country mixed vegetables, sliced peaches, corn bread  
 Tuesday:  
 Thursday:

**Activities:**  
 Monday: Tax aide, 1 to 4 p.m.

## Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield  
 Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 to 2 on meal days. The cost of the meal for non to seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 are \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.

**Menus:**  
 Tuesday: Stuffed cabbage.

rolls, vegetables, bread, fruit, dessert  
 Wednesday: Potato soup, ham sandwich, salad, fruit, dessert  
 Friday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, fruit, dessert

## Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley

**Menus:**  
 Monday: Biscuits and gravy, potato patty's, fruit, baby carrots, assorted dessert  
 Tuesday: Lasagna, bread, fruit cocktail, rainbow cake  
 Wednesday: Malibu chicken, parsley potatoes, broccoli/noramlly, orange whip Jell-O, rice custard pudding  
 Thursday: Potato bar, green salad, bread, dessert  
 Friday: Crab salad sandwich, shrimp gumbo soup, Jell-O with fruit, dessert

## Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert  
 Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Menus:**  
 Monday: Assorted salad, sloppy Joes, French fries, peas, pudding  
 Tuesday:  
 Wednesday:  
 Thursday: Smorgasbord

**Activities:**  
 Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
 Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.  
 Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
 Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.

Thursday: SHIBA, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George, 436 to 9107.  
 Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
 Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.  
 Bingo, 7 p.m.

## Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley  
**Menus:**  
 Monday: Biscuits and gravy, potato patty's, fruit, baby carrots, assorted dessert  
 Tuesday: Lasagna, bread, fruit cocktail, rainbow cake  
 Wednesday: Malibu chicken, parsley potatoes, broccoli/noramlly, orange whip Jell-O, rice custard pudding  
 Thursday: Potato bar, green salad, bread, dessert  
 Friday: Crab salad sandwich, shrimp gumbo soup, Jell-O with fruit, dessert

## Activities:

Monday: All play pool, 10 a.m.  
 Exercise, 11:15 a.m.  
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
 Tuesday: All play pool, 10 a.m.  
 Wednesday: Malibu chicken, Dominoes, 10 a.m.  
 Computer class, 1 p.m.  
 Woodcarving class, 8 a.m.  
 Bingo, 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday: All play pool, 10 a.m.  
 Exercise, 11:15 a.m.  
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
 Thursday: All play pool, 10 a.m.  
 Exercise, 11:15 a.m.  
 Organ lessons  
 Night pinochle, 7 p.m.  
 Friday: All play pool, 10 a.m.  
 Exercise, 11:15 a.m.  
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
 Bingo, 1 p.m.

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# Senator facing inquiry allegedly fails to pay taxes

BOISE (AP) — The state of Idaho has placed liens on two businesses owned by State Sen. Jack Noble, who is also facing an inquiry from a Senate Ethics Committee.

Noble has allegedly failed to pay more than \$10,000 in sales and use taxes and \$934 in unemployment insurance taxes for his Melba convenience store, Jacksmart, and Kuna-based Moo Brew Inc.

The sales and use tax lien is dated Nov. 24, 2004. The two unemployment insurance liens are from Jan. 25 and Feb. 11.

Efforts by the Associated Press to reach Noble, or his wife Tracy, listed as a co-owner of both businesses, were unsuccessful Saturday.

Sales taxes are collected by the state and distributed to the state's general fund. Similarly, use taxes are sales taxes paid on purchases made out of state.

The maximum penalty for failure to remit taxes is five

[State Sen. Jack] Noble has allegedly failed to pay more than \$10,000 in sales and use taxes and \$934 in unemployment insurance taxes for his Melba convenience store, Jacksmart, and Kuna-based Moo Brew Inc.

years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Meanwhile Noble faces a continuing review from a six-

member Senate Ethics Committee — formed to investigate a possible conflict of interest about a bill he wrote.

On Feb. 4, Noble, a two-term Kuna Republican, presented a bill that would have revised the way distances are calculated between schools and contracted retail liquor stores. The bill failed in committee.

As the law is written now, Noble's store, "Jacksmart," would not qualify for a state liquor store contract. Under his proposed legislation, Noble's store would qualify for a state liquor contract.

The ethics committee met for the second time Thursday, where he was confronted with contradictory testimony that he was aware a State Liquor Dispensary rule precluded him, as a state legislator, from obtaining a state contract to sell packaged liquor. He argued that if he couldn't get a liquor contract, he would have no conflict of interest in trying to pass the legislation.

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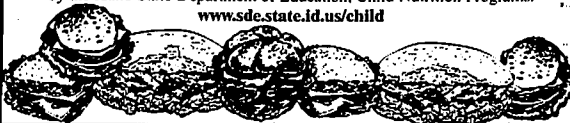
## Summer Food Programs Information Workshop

An information workshop to discuss United States Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food and the Simplified Summer Food Programs will be held at the AmeriTel Inn in Twin Falls, Idaho on Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

All organizations that wish to learn more about these nutrition programs should come. Find out how you can get reimbursed for meals served to children in your childcare programs, or sponsor a summer food site in your area.

Information is available for adult day care centers, too. Faith and community based organizations are encouraged to participate. This workshop is sponsored by the Idaho State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs.

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## Standoffs keep Nampa police busy

NAMPA (AP) — Nampa police responded to two separate standoffs in one day that sent three people to the hospital, threatened the safety of three children in a residential daycare and left a home charred.

Officers received information Friday that a suspect had barricaded himself in a daycare with three adults and three children, and allegedly threatened to kill everyone inside if the police appeared. Police said they were also warned that the 25-year-old suspect was under the influence of drugs.

The six-hour standoff began when officers attempted to serve warrants out of Adams and Canyon counties to suspect Joshua Christofferson of Nampa.

Police surrounded the house and were able to evacuate the children and a female. After negotiations for the suspect to surrender failed, the Police Tactical Team fired tear gas into the house and attic. Eventually the officers raided the house and found Christofferson hiding in the attic, where they arrested him and took him into custody.

No one was injured in the incident, but police reported some structural damage to the home.

Christofferson now faces charges including violating probation, eluding a police officer, unlawful possession of a firearm and providing false information to police. He was also charged with obstructing a police officer, authorities said.

Nichole Shoemake, 19, of Nampa, was also taken into custody for warrants out of Adams and Canyon counties. She was inside the home at the time of the standoff and also charged with being an accessory by harboring a fugitive.

"I guess some guys figure if they hide good enough, we'll give up and go home," Nampa Assistant Chief Bill Augsburg said.

Meanwhile, on the other side of town, police dispatchers received a call from a female landlord saying her tenant assaulted her and her husband. During the attack, the suspect reportedly slit his own throat, police said.

Assistant Chief Tim Vincent said the suspect allegedly stabbed his landlady, hit her with a splitting maul and a baseball bat and threatened the couple with a knife.

The couple, Glenda and Michael Duggan, were in the process of evicting the 37-year-old suspect, Vincent said.

The Duggans were able to escape. As police arrived on the scene, the suspect set fire to the house.

Police said the suspect was taken into custody with the use of a Tazer.

Authorities say he had been living at the address for several months. While he has no criminal record with local law enforcement, police said they had been called to the house regarding a landlord-tenant dispute.

All three were taken to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. The Duggans were treated and released, and police said they were recovering in a local motel because the fire had extensively damaged their home.



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DEATH NOTICES

Gloria Goldie Shaffer TWIN FALLS - Gloria Goldie Shaffer, 74, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, at her home.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 3, 2005, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Inurnment will follow the service at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Ruth Tolman Barrus WENDEL - Ruth Tolman Barrus, 92, of Wendell, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2005, at the Shoshone Rehabilitation and Living Center in Shoshone. Arrangements will be announced by Demary's Wendell Chapel.

Mary Spencer Thompson BURLEY - Mary Kristin Thompson, 55, of Burley, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Henry 'Hank' West - RUPERT - Henry "Hank" West, 89, of Rupert, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Jerome planners OK rezoning of land

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Over the objections of neighbors, the Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission approved a rezoning request from Joe Costa and Nelson Borges for the commercial development of three lots at 1506 North Lincoln last week.

Costa told P&Z commissioners at a public hearing that he wants build a subdivision on a five-acre parcel located on the east side of Lincoln Street North. Costa asked the city to change three lots adjoining Lincoln Street North to the Neighborhood Services zoning classification so that potential buyers could have the option of having small community oriented businesses on the lots.

Costa said when he bought the property he believed that the 150-foot-deep strip along North Lincoln was zoned as Area Business. He originally wanted to put storage sheds on the land, but changed his plans after neighbors opposed his proposal.

of a convenience store along Lincoln Street North. The council sent him back to the planning commission.

Neighbors testified in opposition to the rezoning. Kevin Winn, who lives at 214 16th Ave. E., said he had moved there because the area was residential - and he wants it to stay residential. Winn doesn't want convenience stores and gas stations going in and security lights shining in his back windows at night.

Patty Winn said her grandmother originally bought the house in 1962 when the grandmother died, Patty Winn acquired it. She loves the house and vowed to move if the neighborhood is developed.

Mary Thompson, co-owner of the Tiger Stop convenience store located at 1034 Lincoln St. N., said he was "struggling to stay in business" and wondered "how much commercial property do we need in the area? Will the commercial lots across the street, Jerome can't support another convenience store in the neighborhood." He "bought the store two years ago and business is just now starting to take hold."

Thompson said.

But in the end, the rezoning proposal was approved. City Administrator Travis Itohweller told P&Z commissioners that Jerome County had originally zoned the strip along Lincoln Street North as Area Business. The city's comprehensive plan also includes approval of a 150-foot strip zoned Neighborhood Services along North Street Lincoln, but when the city annexed the property a couple of years ago it was all zoned Residential-1.

Rothweiler noted a new subdivision has just been approved directly across the street to the west from this property, with Neighborhood Services zoned on four parcels adjoining Lincoln Street North.

"Neighborhood Services districts permit the establishment of convenience business uses which tend to meet the daily requirements of the immediate neighborhood," he said.

The rezoning proposal now goes to the City Council.

Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached at 324-3670.

Full House will vote on tuition bill

BOISE (AP) - Lawmakers in the House Education Committee allowed a bill to legalize tuition for students at all of Idaho's public colleges and universities to go to a full vote of the House.

The vote split among party lines with 14 Republicans sending the bill forward, and the three Democrats voting against.

State law prohibits public schools from charging residents tuition. But in 1986, lawmakers changed that, but only the cost of instruction at colleges and universities - leaving the state free to charge fees for school maintenance, student services, institutional support and other costs that go along with running a university.

University presidents back the bill because they say it will clarify where student fees are spent. In the past, student fees were collected as "matriculation fees." The universities were forced to "shuffle around" money to meet expenses, BSU President Bob Myers said in a letter to the committee in January.

Varmints

Huber. He said he used a coyote trap to catch it.

"First one in the 22 years I've been here," DeWitt said. Jackpot resident Gene Frank doesn't like them either, but he has gained new respect for the critters.

"He's very cunning; he's very large - about the size of a cat," Frank said of one found in the Jackpot Community Church. It had built a large nest between the walls of the church. Church members put out rat pellets and haven't seen it for a while, Frank said.

Al Huber, a long time Jackpot resident, said between him and his neighbor they have caught and destroyed more than 20 of them. Huber said the rats actually set up housekeeping in large flowerpots by his front door. They caught most of their rats by placing a bucket of water by the rock. The rat will crawl over the rock and lean over to get a drink from the bucket, fall in and not be able to get out.

Huber laughed when noting that Jackpot has been able to get rid of some of its rats. His wife's son, Scott Stanfield, visited recently and his dog started chasing a rat. Everyone saw the rat, but no one could figure out where it went.

After several days back home in Heyburn, Stanfield found out the rat had hitched a ride from Jackpot back to Heyburn in the engine of his car. Huber has been plagued with rat problems before in his long life. So much so that he wrote a "Bulky For A Rat" in 1995. "It is hard to get rid of the varmints. I wish some of God's creatures are here for some good reason. So far as you and your relatives are concerned, we believe your primary purpose should be to furnish meals for the snakes of the world. May God rest your messy souls and limit your population explosion to the number necessary to keep the snakes from being hungry. Amen."

ISU student faces charge of altering information

POCATELLO - An Idaho State University student who worked in the school's computer center has been accused of retaliating against a student officer after receiving a \$10 parking ticket.

Clifford Strupp, a 25-year-old senior, has been charged with altering information in another student's personal school account. If convicted of the felony, he could be sentenced up to five years in prison.

The student officer, Cale Myers, said the incident happened after he issued Strupp a \$10 parking ticket on Feb. 8. The following day, Myers said he received an e-mail that allegedly said, "Watch who you give a ticket to. Enjoy your classes."

The 21-year-old junior later found someone had tampered with his personal account, including erasing 10 of his registered 17 credit hours this semester.

Detectives said they tracked the initial e-mail sent to Myers to a computer used by Strupp at the computer lab.

Police charge three in alleged ATM theft

BLACKFOOT - Three men allegedly uprooted a 1,400-pound ATM from its pad using a chain and pickup truck towed 11 miles to Blackfoot and used a cutting torch to ex-

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tract more than \$18,000 from the machine.

Police have charged Moises Santos, 21, of Firth, Willie Bridges, 21, of Blackfoot and Jacob Hansen, 34, of Blackfoot each with grand theft and malicious injury. Santos and Bridges also face burglary charges.

The men are being held on \$50,000 bond in the Bingham County Jail.

About \$9,000 of the ATM's money has been recovered.

Teen faces vehicular manslaughter charge

CALDWELL - Prosecutors are charging a teenager in adult court with misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter in the death of a 70-year-old doctor, who was struck and killed in December while tending his garbage cans on a private drive.

Brantley Flake, 17, of Caldwell could spend up to a year if convicted in the death of Dr. Roger Curran, 70.

Canyon County Chief Criminal Deputy Virginia Bond said if Flake, who turns 18 on July 16 - was convicted of the same charge in juvenile court, he would only spend six months in a youth facility.

- compiled from wire reports

Hailey woman dies in two-vehicle crash

The Times-News

HAILEY - A midday head-on collision on Idaho Highway 75 resulted in the death of a Hailey woman Saturday.

Brandi A. Lacroix, 24, of Hailey was driving a Mazda 626 and crossed the road's center line just south of Hailey about noon, hitting a Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Bobette Fehlman of Bellevue, according to a news release from Idaho State Police. It was unknown why Lacroix crossed the center line.

She was transported to Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum where she was pronounced dead.

The passenger in the Mazda, Angela O. Hartley of Hailey, was also sent to Wood River Medical Center. She was treated for fractures and lower back injuries,

then released.

Fehlman was airlifted to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. She was still being evaluated in the emergency room Saturday afternoon.

Police did not know if alcohol was a factor in the crash and it was still being investigated Saturday.

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# FAR FROM ORDINARY

## Utah student doesn't let cerebral palsy hold her back

RIVERTON, Utah (AP) — First things first. She is a normal teenager. She counts shopping among her hobbies, swears by instant and text messaging, likes sleeping in and refuses to sweep the long wisp of hair from in front of her eyes.

But Megan Rees is far from ordinary. The 16-year-old Riverton High junior is an extraordinary artist with a 4.0 grade point average. Oh, and she happens to have cerebral palsy. The motor disorder — a result of nonprogressive brain damage when she was born — not breathing — has left her with physical limitations. Nothing more.

So don't pity her. That's the last thing she wants.



Megan Rees

"I'm lucky because I can talk," she says. "Nothing will stop me from doing anything." It's a Tuesday morning. She debates over several outfits, before settling on her green hooded sweater. Her bus aide, Kindred, does her hair, like she always does. In her motorized Kierra GT wheelchair, Megan speeds down the school hallway to her favorite class: advanced painting.

Megan began painting in September — "I wanted to try something new," she says — and, turns out, she is a natural. In fact, her portraits — she won't paint anything else — earned her Art Student of the Month in January.

Grasping the brush, however, didn't work. She can't use her right hand, and her left one tends to tighten and spasm. So she tackled the canvas her own way, clenching the brush between her teeth.

"This has been Megan all her life," says her father, George. "We'd think she couldn't do something, and she'd turn around and show us."

Doctors didn't expect Megan to talk or walk. As a second-grader, she was given a computer designed to speak for her. She refused to use it. Two operations alleviated some of the tightness in her legs, allowing her to straighten up better. On Wednesdays, with the help of a walker and an aide, she trudges her way through school.

Art teacher Robyn Harris revels in Megan's excitement and dedication. When other students complain about the workload, she quips: "Megan's doing more than you. Quit your whining."

The large canvas lays flat on the table. Megan takes the brush from her side and bends down to paint. The end of her paintbrushes tend to splinter and are wearing down her teeth. They don't taste great either. But it's the best she can do.

She is working on a self-portrait for the school's commons. The image is from a picture taken before fall's homecoming dance. She went with her best friend, Brittaney Mitchell, 17, but danced with boys who lifted her from her chair and helped her stand.

Boys "don't judge people the way girls do," Megan says.

Half her classes, including art, are mainstreamed, while the other half fall within the special education department. She prefers to paint in a separate room because she is still self-conscious and likes the added space. She is used to people watching her, though.

In an Albersson's a few years ago, Megan turned to her mother, Vonna, and asked why everyone was staring at her. Vonna peeled a "special" sticker from a loaf of bread and slapped it on her daughter's forehead. The two giggled their way through the store.

Like other teens, Megan craves independence. She sometimes wishes the aides — she always has one beside her at school — would let her be. And once, when her mother wouldn't allow her to go out, she steered her chair toward the front door and threatened to run away. They both laugh about it now.

"I told her, 'OK, but you're not going to get too far,'" Vonna re-

But leaving home isn't far off. Megan, who graduates from Riverton High next year, hopes to study art at the University of Utah or maybe in California. And, like many girls, she fantasizes about finding Mr. Right and having kids — two, to be exact.

"Hopefully, I'll meet a guy who will love me as I am," she says.

Head football coach Mike Miller fell for Megan the moment he saw her. The former Olympus High coach, who also

teaches math; interviewed at Riverton a year and a half ago. When he spotted Megan coming out of an elevator, he introduced himself.

"I wanted to meet her because she had such a pretty smile," he says. "Right after I got over here, we started hanging."

The two became fast friends, and he soon gave her nicknames: Megabunch and Megabyte. She often does homework in his classroom. During lunch, he seeks her out to "stall a fry." She can't be bothered with his "boring" football games, though.

"That's probably the only flaw in our relationship," Miller says. Next year, she will be his teaching assistant. "He doesn't look at my wheelchair. He looks at me," Megan says.

Anyone who doesn't, the coach responds, "Is really missing out."

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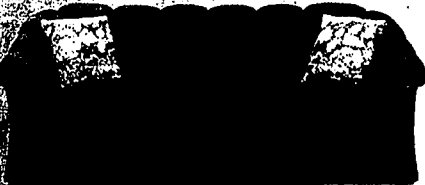


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TRIVIA

**QUESTION:**  
What former UCLA quarterback played serial killer Ted Bundy in a movie?  
...answer below

IN BRIEF

Runner makes indoors finals

**BOSTON** — Jerome runner Timothy Durne ran the third-best time, 1:48.4, in the 800 meters Saturday at the U.S. Indoors Track and Field Meet in Boston.

He will compete in the finals today, which will be the broadcast-tape-delayed starting at 1 p.m. on ESPN.

O'Leary boosters host winter awards banquet

**TWIN FALLS** — The O'Leary Junior High Booster Club will host the O'Leary Jr. High School Winter Sports Award Dessert Banquet, Monday at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Those honored include boys and girls basketball players, wrestlers, cheerleaders, and the dance team.  
All student/athletes and their families are encouraged to attend and please bring one dozen of a homemade dessert. For more information, contact Kathleen Olmstead at 735-2829 or Dawne Ward 208-733-5410.

Basketball 2005-06 needed for CMS-oh

**GLENN'S FERRY** — The Board of Control of the Fourth District Activities Association is accepting applications for the position of basketball commissioner for the 2005-06 season. A letter of application, resume of experience and several letters of recommendation can be sent to league secretary Len Penner at Box 475, Glenn's Ferry, ID 83629, or faxed to 366-3018 or emailed to [Fdaalen@aol.com](mailto:Fdaalen@aol.com). Contact Penner at 366-7957 or at [Fdaalen@aol.com](mailto:Fdaalen@aol.com).

Hubsmith named to all-conference team

**RICHFIELD** — Richfield freshman guard Morgan Hubsmith received honorable mention from the Magic Valley Northside Conference girls basketball coaches. Her name was left off the list provided to the Times-News. Richfield finished the season at 20-7.

TF freestyle wrestling club meets Monday

**TWIN FALLS** — All-area youth interested in freestyle wrestling are encouraged to attend the initial meeting of the Twin Falls Freestyle Wrestling Club Monday, Feb. 28, 4 p.m. in the Twin Falls High wrestling gym.

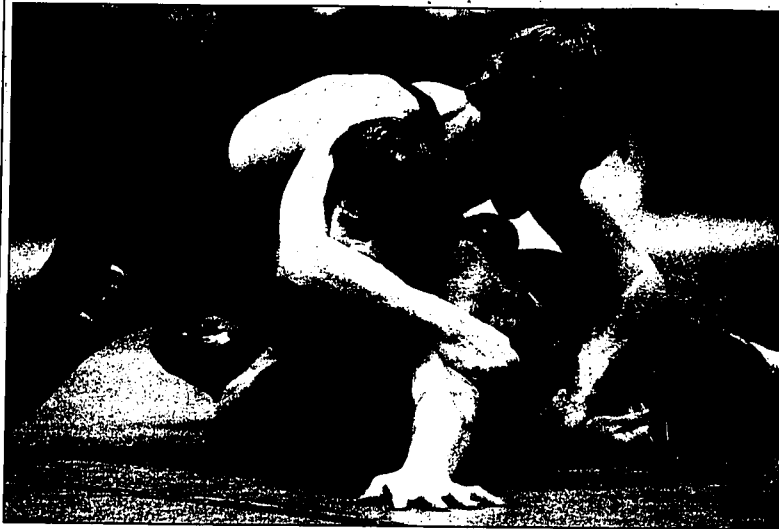
The program is open to all youth elementary through high school. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children. There will be a \$30 registration fee for the program which gives each membership to the USA Wrestling Association. Practices will be held Mondays, and Wednesdays with Saturday travel tournaments scheduled through the summer for some age divisions.  
For more information, call Brady Dickinson at 735-1890.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Mark Harmon. The Bundy movie, called "The Deliberate Stranger," aired in 1986, the same year "PEOPLE" magazine voted Harmon "the sexiest man alive."

## STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

# The end of an era



Wendell's Michael Sams attempts to escape from Firth's Jake Walker, top, during their 2A 130-pound state championship match at the Idaho Center in Nampa Saturday. Walker prevailed.

### Several top wrestlers end high school careers at state

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

**NAMPA** — The end of a streak, the end of an era, and the dawning of a new day in the Idaho high school wrestling scene. What more could you ask of the 2005 Idaho state wrestling tournaments?  
With all the sweat-drenched electricity that should surround the penultimate tournament of the high school wrestling season, Day 3 of the festivities at the Idaho Center in Nampa was a fitting conclusion to a whirlwind season. Eagle 130-pound senior Race Boyman cemented his place in Idaho wrestling history, winning his fourth state wrestling championship. The Challis Vikings continued their domination of the Class 2A ranks, taking home the championship.

A former champion from the

Magic Valley returned to the top of the Class 3A wrestling scene, while a new face took his first steps toward becoming a multiple-time champion. And the Kimberly Bulldogs are finally bringing home some hardware.

Life for the eight area wrestlers who made it to the tournament's championship round proved difficult Saturday, as only Doc's Golden Zullinger, and Kimberly's Joey Silva climbed the final steps of the mountain to win respective Class 3A championships at 103 and 171-pounds. Kimberly's Chris Moody and Sonny Silva climbed the final steps of the mountain to win respective Class 3A championships at 103 and 171-pounds. Kimberly's Chris Moody and Sonny Silva, along with Wendell's Michael Sams, Minico's Wes Cooper, Firth's Brad Silverster, and Raft River's Eric Loock all had to step for second Saturday as each fell in their championship matches.

For Sonny Silva, it is his third consecutive runner-up finish in

the Class 3A 119-pound ranks. Silva lost an 8-5 decision to Snake River's Shawn Jones.

"I just wish I could have beat him," Silva said. "But second still means that my hard work is all paying off. That if I work hard, I will be able to achieve things."

"Things like a fourth-place team finish for the Class 3A Bulldogs. With the help of brother Joey's championship victory, the Bulldogs edged out Homedale 132 to 117 for a piece of tournament hardware.

"Anytime you can come home with a trophy, it's a good thing," Bulldogs head coach Troy Palmer said. "The last couple years we've come close and had a few winners, but this is the first time I'm going to put a wrestling trophy in our trophy case. It's pretty exciting."

It is a fitting end to the Silva era in Kimberly. With both

Sonny and Joey finishing their high school careers Saturday, the Bulldogs must now look ahead for leadership.

"For the last four years, they have been an integral part of our program and pretty much the heart of what we do the last two," Palmer said. "But they had a lot of help from their classmates this week. We brought seven kids up here and all but four of them won matches and scored points for us. That's how you win a trophy."

The trophy is part of a legacy Joey Silva hopes will strengthen what is already becoming one of the top Class 3A programs in the state.

"I hope some of the younger kids will learn from this experience and know what it takes to win," Silva said. "We have some good kids coming up, hopefully they'll be able to come in and step up at state again."

Saturday also saw three Firth wrestlers instrumental in the

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## Joey Silva takes second state title

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

**NAMPA** — Good things really do come in twos.

Or at least they do for Kimberly senior Joey Silva, who won his second Class 3A state wrestling tournament championship in three years Saturday at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

With his 171-pound championship match against Travis Stolley of Bonners Ferry knotted at 5 in the third period, Silva scored an escape to go up one point.

Moments later, Silva's slim lead seemed in dire jeopardy when the match was stopped as the Kimberly senior held his left shoulder in pain.

"This tournament has been tough," Silva said. "Last night I dislocated my AC joint, but I got taped up and cleared to wrestle. You have to go out and forget about it."

Silva fought through the injury to hold off Stolley and return to the top step of the champion's podium he previously visited in 2003.



Kimberly's Joey Silva won his 3A 171-pound state championship match against Bonners Ferry's Travis Stolley at the Idaho Center in Nampa Saturday.

jury to hold off Stolley and return to the top step of the champion's podium he previously visited in 2003.

"What feels good is coming back after last year and stepping

up to get back here," Silva said. "After four years of state tournament experience, Silva used his experience to his advantage, scouting out Stolley, hoping to find an edge.

good hitting weekend. He drove home the winning run in the fourth to make it 3-1 Eagles. He had three RBIs Saturday.

"Kyle Resser and (Daley) got hits when we needed them," said CSI head coach Bonner Walker.

While CSI pitchers played solid ball, the Spartan hurlers were unable to get ahead in the count very often against the Eagles. When they did, they couldn't take advantage.

"When we got into hitting counts we didn't get good swings," said Spartans coach Darryl Colborn. "We didn't get going."

"I watched him before and I knew he had a really nice lateral drop," Silva said. "He could shoot well, but that lateral drop was nice and I could tell he used it quite a bit. I knew I had to watch out for it."

The day was somewhat bitter-sweet for Silva, as he wrestled only an hour after watching brother Sonny fall to Snake River's Shawn Jones in the 119-pound championship match.

"Jones is good," Silva said. "It's an All-American. I thought Sonny did awesome."

While it's hard for Silva to realize that Saturday marked the end of his high school wrestling career, he is currently entertaining pursuing the sport at the collegiate level.

"It's hard to realize right now that this is my last year," Silva said. "I'll remember this for a long time."

College can come later. For now, Silva can sit back and realize he has done what so few wrestlers do; go out on top.

CSI didn't punch on the weekend.

Daley, Resser and Jared Arellano did just what they needed to do. They pitched around with RBI hits. The pitching of starter Carson Bryant and relievers Sean Edwards and Shawn Loggiss was the difference, never allowing CNCN to string some hits together.

## Kimberly falls short of state tourney

By Jared Eborn  
Times-News correspondent

**POCATELLO** — With six minutes left in the game the fire alarm at Highland High School sounded and lights began flashing.

Kimberly coach Roger Keller might have been OK with that had the alarm been caused by the white-hot shooting of his Bulldogs. Alas, it wasn't.

Rather, the Bulldogs (11-11) were in the midst of a lousy stretch of shooting coupled with some equally disappointing ball handling. That helped Kimberly eventually fall to Marsh Valley, 57-47, one game short of reaching the 3A state basketball tournament.

"There were a lot of little things that we didn't do," Keller said. "We didn't hit shots. We made bad passes and we really didn't play very good defense."

The Bulldogs were paced by Darin Mussen's 19 points, but only four other players scored. Aside from the combined 22-point effort from Daniel Bulcher and J.J. Shawver, Kimberly had just six points and one two-point shot.

The Eagles, on the other hand, found a hot hand in Jordan Buxton who scored 21 points, including the final eight for his team to keep the Eagles at bay.

When the first half ended, the Bulldogs trailed 41-35 and had Kabler Nield at the line. The five-minute delay must haveiced Nield as he missed both attempts, and the Eagles responded by pushing their lead up to 11 points in less than two minutes.

Fearing the game was about

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## CSI hoops cruise after sluggish start

By Kevin Colbert  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — After beating Colorado Northwestern by 68 points one day before the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team was bound to have a letdown in Round 2 against the Spartans.

Colorado Northwestern Community College played tough in the first half but eventually wilted against the top-ranked Golden Eagles, 96-49 on Saturday night at CSI Gymnasium.

The result never seemed to be in doubt, but CNCN (2-26 overall, 0-16 Scenic West Athletic Conference) trailed just 41-28 at halftime Saturday as opposed to 52-10 the night before. The Spartans played better, but much of their success came thanks to the listless play for CSI (2-15-1) in the first half.

"I was disappointed in the way that we came out," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "I know that it's hard to get motivated when you win by 68. But you never just do things and things defensively that weren't right. I thought we were just being lazy, basically."

But any laziness began to disappear late in the first half. CSI quickly turned a 27-19 advantage into a 40-19 lead with 3:35 remaining before halftime after turning a slew of CNCN turnovers into easy points.

The Eagles' Sidney Orrford continued their incredible shooting, making 12-of-15 shots from the field for a team-high 25 points.

"Wow," Rogers said. "Keep it going, babe. She's stroking it. Inside, outside."

Brittany Ure scored 14 points to lead Colorado Northwestern.

## CSI men 116, CNCN 58

Mohamed Kone scored 43 points as seventh-ranked CSI coasted to a 116-58 victory over CNCN.

"I think that's a special night for Mohamed," CSI head coach Orrford said. "He was in tune, but not doing some things, not just offensively. Offensively, he goes for 43 points, but I also

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the Spartans 28-3 in the series.

Daley did his part. He finished with seven RBIs on the weekend.

His final RBI made it 5-2 as CSI (7-6, 4-0 SWAC) slowly pulled away with runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

"I was patient," said the freshman from Spanish Fork, Utah. "I made sure I didn't get behind in the count. When I did get out, it was because I wasn't patient and swung at bad pitches."

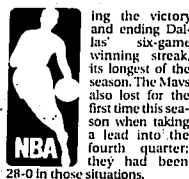
Kyle Resser also recorded a



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Webber falters in Sixers debut A Golden performance

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Chris Webber failed to convert a last-second layup after grabbing an offensive rebound off an intentionally missed free throw, spoiling his debut for the Philadelphia 76ers on Saturday night in a 101-99 loss to the Sacramento Kings.



PHILADELPHIA 76ERS' CHRIS WEBBER (15) looks dejected after missing a layup to win the game against the Sacramento Kings on Saturday night. He finished with 16 points, 11 rebounds and three steals in his first game with his new team. Strangely, it came against the team that traded him less than 24 hours earlier.

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Webber didn't have the ball in his hands as much as he's accustomed to, but Allen Iverson took care of distributing it by handling it on a season-high 14 assists to go with his 27 points.

Mike Bibby scored 19 points to lead six players in double figures for the Kings.

ing the victory and ending Dallas' six-game winning streak, the longest of the season. The Mavs also lost for the first time this season when they led into the fourth quarter; they had been 28-0 in those situations.

Amare Stoudemire led Phoenix with 33 points and 10 rebounds. Quentin Richardson scored 26 and Marion added 25 and 13 rebounds.

Leandro Barbosa, who replaced Nash, scored just six points after a season-high 22 the previous game. Johnson scored 18.

Terry, who was scoreless in 15 minutes his previous game, led Dallas with 27 points and seven assists. Nowitzki had 26 points, 16 rebounds and five assists.

Heat 101, Magic 98 MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored 14 of his 25 points in the final quarter, and Miami overcame the momentum of Shaquille O'Neal to avoid its first three-game losing streak of the season.

Wade scored eight straight Miami points down the stretch. In a pair of tiebreaking jumps, then with four straight free throws — a two and two giving the Heat a 99-85 lead with 1:58 seconds left.

He also made a crucial block

on Steve Francis with 10.2 seconds left.

Eddie Jones had 15 points, Darrin Jones had 14 and Michael Dolac and Rasul Butler each had 10 for Miami.

Orlando's Grant Hill led all scorers with 28 points, on 12-of-17 shooting.

Knicks 90, Pacers 79 NEW YORK — Stephen Marbury scored 21 points to lead New York to its second straight victory.

Jamal Crawford added 17 points and Kurt Thomas had 16 points and seven rebounds for the Knicks.

Jermaine O'Neal led the Pacers with 24 points and nine rebounds, and Reggie Miller, playing his second-to-last game at Madison Square Garden, had 14 points.

Bulls 94, Bobcats 90 CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Ben Gordon sank a 3-pointer that changed the momentum of Charlotte and his college roommate, Emeka Okafor.

Okafor and Gordon were teammates on Connecticut's national title team last year and the Nos. 2 and 1 picks in the NBA draft and are leading Rookie of the Year contenders this season.

Okafor had 26 points and 12 rebounds and Kurt Thomas had 16 points and seven rebounds for the Bulls.

Antonio Davis led Chicago with 20 points.

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

NAMPA — A kid named Golden standing atop the Class 3A state wrestling tournament champion's podium.



Declo's Golden Zollerger hugs a Declo assistant coach after winning the state title in the 203-pound weight class in the 3A state wrestling tournament at the Idaho Center in Nampa on Saturday.

Golden scored a takedown in each of the first and second periods and followed with an escape and a takedown of Moody in the third to score his seven points.

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Long Beach St. men get rare road win

MOSCOW (AP) — Kevin Houston scored 13 points and had seven assists Saturday as Long Beach State beat Idaho 71-58 for its second road victory in three seasons.

The 49ers (8-19, 5-11 Big West Conference) held off Idaho by making 16 of 21 free throws in the second half, including nine of its last 10.

Idaho (8-20, 6-11) never was closer than six points in the final 10 minutes in losing its sixth straight. The Vandals have now lost nine of their last 10 games.

Jibril Hodges and Anthony Coleman scored 12 points apiece for Long Beach State. Coleman added a team-high nine rebounds for the 49ers, who outrebounced Idaho 41-31.

Regional basketball

less for more than seven minutes on the first half and Long Beach State took a lead it would never relinquish at 21-19 on a 3-point basket by Coleman.

Dandrick Jones and Tanorish Shepard scored 11 points apiece for Idaho.

Long Beach State is 2-40 on the road since the start of the 2002-2003 season. Saturday's victory snapped a 22-game road losing streak.

The team's other road victory during the three-season stretch came at Idaho Jan. 29 last season. That victory snapped an 18-game road skid.

undefeated home season behind freshman Candice Wiggin's 20 points in an 84-41 rout over Oregon State on Saturday.

Stanford won its 17th straight game and finished unbeaten at home for the first time since 1986-87 when the Cardinal reached the Final Four.

Brooke Smith added 14 points for Stanford (26-2, 17-1 Pac-10), which won its 37th straight Pac-10 home game.

Stanford wrapped up the Pac-10 title last week, giving the Cardinal the top seed in next week's conference tournament in San Jose.

The Cardinal, beating Pac-10 opponents by an average of 24.9 points, played its final conference game in Maples Pavilion since a 62-59 defeat to Southern California on March 1, 2001.

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Wildcats program's improvement in their last five matches. Seniors Alex Serrano, Justin Walker, and Silvester all came home with medals and hopes they left a lasting imprint on growing program.

"When I was a freshman, we ended the season with eight people," Silvester said. "This year, we had a full team. It really came a long way. I really like to see every team from Filer succeed. I want them to do just as well as anybody else because they're representing Filer and our school."

As he headed his senior season with a 29-2 record after falling to Weiser's Bryce Svedin in the Class 3A 189-pound championship match.

"You can't go back and do anything else," Silvester said. "I did everything I could to get here, but sometimes you win."

sometimes you lose."

While the Kimberly Bulldogs were the only team to take home a tournament trophy, the

Wendell Trojans and Valley Vikings fared well in the Class 2A/1A standings, taking seventh and eighth, respectively.

With strong finishes by Cooper and 119-pound junior Kevin Killoy, the Minico Spartans finished ninth in the Class 4A rankings.

The The Brains scored 22 team points en route to a Class 5A 150-pound finish.

Rafi River junior Eric Lock took over as champion. Matt Verbeck of Challis to double-over time before the Vikings senior earned an escape to win the match.

While senior wrestlers like the Silvas and Silvester hope to have left a lasting imprint on their programs, wrestlers like Declo's Zollerger and area coaches all echoed the words of Kimberly's Palmer as he held the Class 3A fourth-place trophy.

"I plan on being back," he said.

Martin adds to Busch Series wins

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — Mark Martin added to his record Busch Series win total, pulling away from Kevin Harvick on Saturday at California Speedway for No. 14.

Martin, the longtime star of NASCAR's top stock car series, was dominant. He led 102 of the 150 laps, including the last 34. He only held off Harvick in an eight-lap sprint on the 2-mile oval after the last of eight caution flags, driving his Roush Racing Ford across the finish line about 10 car lengths ahead of Harvick's Chevrolet.

er slowing things down, under the lights. That made for constantly changing conditions on the track.

Kimberly

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the hall over with bad passes and giving up second-chance baskets in bunches. A 9-2 Marsh Valley rally over less than two minutes gave the Eagles a 55-43 lead with less than a minute to play.

that really hurt us."

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striking out five in six innings. Chase Biedt allowed one hit in the top of the event.

earned — on five hits and five walks while fanning five.

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Three other players scored in double figures for the Eagles (26-2, 14-2). Travis Gabbidon and Reggie Lary each finished with 12 points while Abouldou Nourou had 10.

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Andrew Shive (2-1) earned his second pitching victory of the season, allowing no runs on three hits and four walks while

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**SPORTS**

Kentucky's Patrick Sparks (22) drives to the basket as Alabama's Kennedy Winston (3) defends in the second-half Saturday, in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Sparks finished the game with a season-high 26 points. Kentucky defeated Alabama, 78-71.



**No. 5 Kentucky rallies past Tide**

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Patrick Sparks hit five of his seven 3-pointers in the second half and scored a season-high 26 points, lifting Kentucky to a 78-71 comeback victory that clinched the Wildcats' third Southeastern Conference title. Led by Sparks, Kentucky (22-3, 13-1) turned a 14-point deficit late in the first half into an eight-point cushion. Kentucky made 13 of 19 3-pointers, including Sparks' 5-of-6 performance in the second half.

The season Tide (21-6, 10-4) lost at home for the first time this season. Kennedy Winston went 5-for-9 on 3-point attempts and led Alabama with 21 points.

**No. 14 Washington 93, No. 9 Arizona 85**

SEATTLE — The Simmons scored 24 points, and No. 14 Washington moved one step closer to its first Pac-10 title in 20 years with a 93-85 win over No. 9 Arizona.

Nate Robinson added 22 points to the Huskies (23-4, 13-3 Pac-10), who won their 22nd straight game at home.

Washington can now clinch at least a share of its first Pac-10 regular season title since 1985 with a sweep of California and Stanford next weekend.

Arizona will be co-champs with a win Saturday at Arizona State.

Channing Frye scored a game-high 30 points on 13-of-15 shooting for the Wildcats (24-5, 14-3). But Arizona leading scorer Salim Stoumris, averaging 18.2 points per game, struggled to get into the offense for the second straight game. Stoudamire had 15 points, but missed 2-of-3 free throws with 17 seconds left that could have pulled Arizona within three. He scored only eight against Washington State Thursday.

**No. 3 Boston College 70, Seton Hall 58**

BOSTON — Jared Dudley had 19 points and seven rebounds to help Boston College close in on the Big East regular-season title.

Boston College (23-2, 12-2) can clinch a share of the Big East regular-season title and the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament with a win over Pittsburgh at home Monday. Connecticut, which beat Pitt 73-64 Saturday, remains one game back.

It would be the sixth and final league title for the Eagles, who are leaving for the Atlantic Coast Conference next season.

**No. 7 Duke 58, St. John's 47**

NEW YORK — Duke had its worst offensive game of the season but the seventh-ranked Blue Devils were able to hold off St. John's.

Lee McWhorter had 14 of his 16 points in the first half to lead the Blue Devils (21-4), who won their third straight game after losing two in a row. Duke's big three of J.J. Redick, Sheldon Williams and Daniel Ewing scored a total of four points on 0-for-12 shooting in the first half.

**No. 13 Utah 69, BYU 60**

SALT LAKE CITY — Andrew Bogut had 26 points and 13 rebounds and Marc Jackson finished with a career-high 11 assists, helping Utah sweep its season rival this season.

Justin Hawkins added 21 points for the Utes (24-4, 12-1 Mountain West). He made his first 3-pointer of the season to start a 10-point run that put Utah up by 12 midway through the second half.

Austin Alinge led the Cougars

**Keady's farewell more test than celebration**

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Gene Keady is up to his usual antics, scowling at officials and tossing his coat in disgust.

This has been no typical season, however, for Purdue's coach, who is winding up his 25th and last year with the Boilermakers.

Opponents who booed him in the past are offering handshakes and golf get-aways. His successor is working by his side.

A season many expected to be a celebration of Keady's achievements has instead become his greatest test. The Boilermakers have stumbled to a 7-17 mark heading into his final home game against Minnesota and are trying to avoid sending him out with his first last-place finish in the Big Ten.

Losing has taken a toll, even on Purdue's tough guy.

"You have a hard time enjoying things unless you win," he said.

Keady is accustomed to winning. His 512 victories are a school record, and represent more than a third of the school's 1,500 overall. The Mackey Arena court was named in his honor, and the display cases are filled with trophies and awards. In the hallway of his basketball office hang designs of six championship rings — one for each of his Big Ten titles, including three straight in the 1990s, only the last Big Ten match ever to do so.

Keady's opponents say they always knew what to expect.

"They were always the toughest, best-prepared, best-coached team we faced," said Bowling Green coach Dan Dakich, who played under Keady at Indiana for 16 seasons. "I don't think there was anybody other than coach (Bob) Knight who I respected more."

Keady, age 68, is a rarity in today's game. Only two active Division I coaches, Syracuse's Jim Boeheim and Sacred Heart's Dave Biko, have stayed longer at one school. Two others, Mike Krzyzewski at Duke and Rick Samuels at Eastern Illinois, are also in their 25th seasons.

Out of loyalty, he turned down jobs at Texas, Arizona State and, last year, the University of San Francisco.

"He could have put his name out there for other high-caliber jobs," said Matt Painter, a former Purdue player and Keady's hand-picked successor. "But he wanted to stay and he always wanted to do what was best for the program."

Keady's love of his Purdue players is evident. Outside his office hang five jerseys, including one from what he calls the best player ever coached at Purdue, Glenn Robinson. Inside are two boards with a picture of every Boilermaker senior who played for Keady, three of whom now make up his staff.

He still recounts 1988 when guard Everett Stephens pulled him aside just



Purdue men's basketball coach Gene Keady looks over a painting of himself painted on a piece of the old Assembly Hall court before the start of the Purdue-Indiana game in Bloomington, Ind., last Tuesday. Keady made his final appearance as the coach of Purdue at Indiana. He will leave Purdue following the season.

before tipoff against Michigan to ask whether his mother could sing the national anthem before Purdue's last home game.

Then there was the bus ride home from Indiana in the late 1980s. A limousine with a state senator's license plate pulled up alongside the bus, and someone — Keady still doesn't know who — rolled down the window and made an obscene gesture after Indiana won.

Keady's last trip to Bloomington on Tuesday night was different — fans gave him a standing ovation before the game. The university also gave away a portrait of Keady on the old Assembly Hall, Indiana's longtime coach.

"Early in the game, Bobby throws an official around. Unbeknownst to me, he was moving the official so he could see the floor, and I went berserk," Keady said. "I got two technicals and that was back in the day before you get thrown out for technicals. I said, 'If you were in Kansas, where I grew up, my uncles would have shot you.'"

The Keady-Knight rivalry was one of the most heated in the nation in the 1980s and 1990s and will always be remembered for its most infamous moment — Knight throwing a chair across the court in 1985. While Indiana won national champi-

onships in 1981 and 1987 during their shared tenures, Keady ended his career with a 21-20 record against Knight. Seven times while Knight was at Indiana, Keady was named Big Ten coach of the year.

Senior guard Brandon McKnight believes Keady's tough style stems from his football playing days.

"It brings that football mentality to the game and it makes you play hard," McKnight said. "Off the court, all he wants to do is have fun and relax. But when you're on the court..."

He's scowling, staring, grimacing — this season, more than usual.

Several week recruiting classes have hurt, as have injuries. Starting guard David Tesau, Purdue's top outside threat, broke his shooting hand before the start of the season. Two other players, forwards Matt Keller and Matt Carroll, also have missed games, and guard Bryant Dillon's season ended with a ruptured tendon in his right knee.

Yet the hard-nosed Keady has continued to try to create a smooth transition for Painter, who started 50 games from 1990-93.

"I always dreamed about being his assistant coach, not being the next head coach at Purdue," Painter said. "Purdue without Gene Keady never enters your thinking. It almost makes me feel guilty."

**College basketball**

(9-19, 3-10) with 17 points and Mike Iball scored 12.

**No. 15 Syracuse 91, Providence 66**

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Hakim Warrick scored a career-high 36 points in his final home game and Jim Boehm got his 700th victory for Syracuse.

Boehm, in his 29th year at Syracuse, is the sixth active coach to reach 700 wins and the 18th overall. Afterward, he saluted the Carter Dome crowd of 32,894 from center court and held up a team jersey with "Boehm 700" emblazoned on the back.

It was the second straight win for Syracuse (24-5, 11-4 Big East) and the worst loss of the season for tough-look Providence (12-16, 2-12), which has dropped eight conference games by five points or less.

**No. 17 Connecticut 73, No. 18 Pittsburgh 64**

PITTSBURGH — Marcus Williams scored 13 points and put Connecticut ahead to stay with a driving layup off the glass with 3.5 minutes remaining to keep the Huskies in contention for the Big East regular-season title.

Despite Chevon Troutman's 22 points and 12 rebounds in his final regular-season home game, Pitt (18-7, 8-6) lost its third consecutive loss — the Panthers longest losing streak since dropping four straight in February 2001.

Rudy Gay scored 17 and Denham Brown had 16 as the Huskies (19-6, 11-3) prevented No. 3 Boston College (23-2, 12-2) from clinching the Big East regular-season title.

**No. 21 Charlotte 81, Southern Miss 58**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Curtis Withers scored 25 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as Charlotte closed its home schedule with its seventh straight win.

The 49ers (21-4, 12-2 Conference USA) finished February with a perfect record.

In his final game at Hulon Arena, Charlotte senior forward Eddie Basden had 17 points, eight rebounds, four assists and six steals.

The overmatched Golden Eagles (10-17, 1-14) were led by Kashaad Carruth's 22 points, as Southern Miss finished its road season winless in nine tries.

**No. 22 Oklahoma 103, Baylor 60**

NORMAN, Okla. — Taj Gray scored 16 points, Jason Williams had 15 points and 10 assists and Oklahoma shot a school-record 66 percent.

David Godbold added 14 points and Johnnie Gilbert scored 13 for Oklahoma.

The Sooners (21-6, 10-4 Big 12) extended a 16-point halftime lead by hitting their first seven shots of the second half. Terrill Everett made a 3-point shot from the right side to start a 25-3.

The Bears (9-16, 1-13) have lost 22 straight games to the Sooners.

**No. 24 Cincinnati 89, TCU 74**

FORT WORTH, Texas — Jihad Muhammad had 21 points and Cincinnati overcame 22 turnovers by shooting a season-best 61 percent.

Nick Williams had 14 points and six assists, and James White had 16 points for the Bearcats (21-6, 10-4 Conference USA).

**Toms, DiMarco make finals of Match Play**

CARLSBAD, Calif. — David Toms is headed for the finals of the Match Play Championship for the second time in three years after carding a sensational stretch of golf never seen in this tournament.

He twice hit a 5-wood closer to the hole than some players can hit a putt.

He hit a 9-iron into the cup for an eagle.

Over his final eight holes, he never hit an approach shot outside 12 feet. The only time he was in trouble and had to hack it sideways out of six inches to save par.

Toms, who improved to 17-5 in this event with his 3-and-2 victory over Poulter.

Along the way, he made everyone forget about the big names long departed from the Accenture Match Play Championship. Toms delivered a command performance — nothing more sensational than his birdie-eagle-eagle stretch that deflated Poulter — and set up an All-American final for the fourth straight year at La Costa.

Chris DiMarco, who played against Toms in college, recovered from a disastrous start against Toms to win the tournament. He was 3-down after three holes, then birdied four of the first five holes on the back nine and closed him out, 2 and 1, when Goosen three-putted on the 17th hole.

Toms and DiMarco will play a 36-hole final Sunday with \$1.3 million on the line.

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## EAGLE JUNIOR PREP SQUAD



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The Magic Valley Eagle All-Star cheerleaders competed in two recent competitions. The Junior Prep Squad won the Northwest Cheerleading Championships and AACA Regionals in Nampa Jan. 22 and the Twin Falls Cheer Challenge Feb. 5. In the back row, pictured from left to right are: Jessica Holstine, Alexie Richardson, Alonna Medina, Ashley Hollister and Karley Wilkins. In the middle row are Nikole Williams, Jess Ruggies, Alexandra Lenard, McKenzie Clancy, Aubrey Allen, and Melissa Fierros. Pictured in the front row is Erniko Freeman, Katie Higley, Maddie Jenco, Kandice Johnson, Carly Cleaby and Brooke Fitzgerald.

## EAGLE JUNIOR SQUAD



Photo courtesy of ANDREA HONCE

The Magic Valley Eagle All-Star cheerleaders competed in two recent competitions. The Junior Squad took fifth at the Northwest Cheerleading Championships and AACA Regionals in Nampa Jan. 22 and third in the Twin Falls Cheer Challenge Feb. 5. In the back row, pictured from left to right are: Paige Hartman, Arlei Medina, Britni Dubek and Kayla Loveland. In the middle row are Devin Bryant, Morgan Ruggies, Karen Arteaga and Grace Stukenholtz. In the front are Miyoko Freeman, Selina Duangkaw, Candice Hendry and Ilora Vaccaro.

# Local athlete wins gold

The Times-News

**GOODING** — Andrea Anderson, 27, formerly of Gooding, played on the U.S. women's basketball team at the Summer Deaflympics, in Melbourne, Australia from Jan. 5-16. The team brought home the gold medal, defeating their opponents by an average of 20-plus points. They defeated national teams from New Zealand, Japan, China, Sweden, Lithuania, Ukraine, Greece, and Australia.

The U.S. defeated Sweden 89-75 in the gold-medal game. Anderson said her favorite experience of the Deaflympics were the Opening Ceremony and the Medal Ceremony. She was in awe at the Opening Ceremony, when she saw so many other deaf athletes from other countries. The Opening Ceremony was at the Olympus Park Stadium.

"The whole stadium was full of fans and athletes," she said. "I have never seen so many deaf people in my entire life. At the time, I wish I knew more signs in International sign language. I did my best to do gesture sign language, to talk with others from other countries, such as Japan, Iran, Australia, and Greece."

After defeating Sweden in the final, the team stood on the podium together holding hands as each player got their gold medals.

"It was a great feeling to be a part of the victory," she said.



Photo courtesy of JOHN BURROUGHS

Andrea Anderson is pictured with her 2005 Deaflympics women's basketball gold medal.

"They all are great players and I was so happy to be standing with them. Also, it was also a great feeling to have accomplished my dream that I never

thought would happen for me." The Summer and Winter Deaflympics Games are held every four years.

## TFWBA City Tournament wraps up

The TFWBA City Tournament ended this past weekend and the standings changed some. The Miss Fits who were reported in last week's article in first place ended up in second place with their 2,709. Taking over the first-place spot was the Magic Bowl 1 Team, of Gloria Harmon, Kathy McClure, Neva McGregor and Bobbie Thompson with 2,739. Third place finishers were Arlegs, Christy Bush, Randi Perry, Tina Thompson and Lisa Dickenson with 2,626.

Singles was won by Angie Baker 7-0, Ryan Lancaster second at 7-3 and Neva McGregor 7-0 for third. Doubles went to Janet Browning and Blanche Lanier 1,417. Second was Danita Johnson and Joelle Moses 1,303 and third was Tina Thompson and Kay Puschel at 1,387.

All Events Handicap went to Faye Lancaster 2,143, Sharon Smith 1,951 and Tina Thompson 1,951. Greg T. Thompson 2,081. All Events Scratch was Bobbie Thompson 1,759.



Kay Puschel 1,752 followed by Lisa Dickenson 1,750. These are the top three winners in each division. Don't feel like you lost out. More placed in the prize fund and the checks will be in the mail soon.

Last week I told you about how excited Leah Dow was to find out the standings after the first weekend of the tournament and that more about her week was coming. Well, here it is. She is age 28, divorced and a mother of a 3-year old boy, Jalen. She started bowling in 1997 on the Ladies Classic League and that is where she still bowls weekly.

Even though her team has dropped to second place she is

still excited about her first year in City Tournament. She entered the tournament with a 126 average and in the team event she bowled 117, 154 and 147. She was a true help to the team. Her high game of the tournament was in another event and was in the 170s.

She said her teammates were awesome and so much fun to bowl with.

"It's a fun night out with the girls but I wish more young people were bowling," she said.

She wishes that she was signed up to bowl in the state tournament, so if anyone out there needs a substitute she is ready to go.

"This is my first year bowling with Leah and she is a really neat person and gets really excited over all the going on," said teammate Pam Reich. "So... 'Let's Go Bowling!'"

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## BOWLING

Table listing bowling scores for various leagues and tournaments, including BOWLING DRUMS, TWIN FALLS, and MOK MAJORS.

## COMMUNITARIAN

Table listing bowling scores for the COMMUNITARIAN league.

## RAILROADERS

Table listing bowling scores for the RAILROADERS league.

## VALLEY

Table listing bowling scores for the VALLEY league.

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## Cell phones

Nokia was the clear worldwide leader among cell phone makers in the third quarter of 2004.

Company	Market share
Nokia	30.9%
Samsung	13.8%
Motorola	13.4%
Siemens	7.8%
LG Electronics	6.7%
Sony Ericsson	6.4%
Others	21.2%

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Microsoft holds seminars in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — Microsoft representatives will be in Twin Falls Tuesday to offer two free small-business seminars:

• The "Connections" seminar is for employees of small and medium-sized businesses who want to learn more about computer technologies available to help them save time, market products or services and improve customer service, Microsoft said. The training aims to help participants maximize current computer investments and make better-informed technology decisions.

Interactive demonstrations will show the company's small-business technologies, including Microsoft Office Small Business Edition 2003, Windows Small Business Server 2003 and retail and customer relationship management solutions.

"Connections" is set for 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday at Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

• A second seminar, "TS2," is geared toward local technology providers serving small and mid-sized companies. The seminar aims to supply attendees with the technical product and resource information they need to better meet — and anticipate — the needs of their customers, Microsoft said.

"TS2" is set for 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday at Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs.

For registration information on either free seminar, visit [www.microsoft.com/acrossamerica](http://www.microsoft.com/acrossamerica) or call 1-877-359-5901.

### Association sponsors estate symposium

TWIN FALLS — SIAIFA (formerly Southern Idaho Life Underwriters) will present a symposium on estate planning the Monday following next and Kimberly Road from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday.

Speakers will be attorney Russell Kvanvig, certified public accountant Dan Deagle and Dale Quigley, who has a master's degree in business administration. Lunch will be from noon to 1 p.m.

Cost for the symposium and lunch will be \$25 for SIAIFA members and \$35 for nonmembers. The organization applied for three continuing-education credits for participants.

### PMT will hold annual membership meeting

RUPERT — Project Mutual Telephone Cooperative Association Inc. will hold its annual membership meeting beginning with member registration at 7 p.m. March 8 at Big Valley Elementary School, 202 18th St. in Rupert.

The meeting, called to order at 7:30 p.m., will include reports on the company's financial condition, operations and advancements, including nominee presentations and election. T. Rex Dayley, Dennis Dickson, Doug Haynes and Daryl Serr were nominated to fill one board position.

For information contact Beth Coler, marketing coordinator at 436-7151 or [bcoler@pmt.coop](mailto:bcoler@pmt.coop).

### Grazing board holds funding meeting

SHOSHONE — The Shoshone District Grazing Board will hold a spring funding meeting at 9 a.m. March 15 at the Shoshone District Fire Office.

Rangeland improvement projects will be considered. The public is invited to attend the meeting to hear comments from the Bureau of Land Management and the Grazing Board. For information, contact Henri LeMoyné, secretary, at 733-0874.

— compiled from staff reports

# Three-for-all

## Rural company offers phone, Internet and cable television via a single phone line

By Megan Hinds  
Times-News writer  
and John E. Swayze  
Times-News correspondent

FILER — About 1,000 rural Magic Valley residents can now take advantage of a new technology not yet found even in some major metropolitan areas.

And the company offering the technology hopes customers will realize the service can save some time and money, too.

In January, Filer Mutual Telephone Co. became the first telephone company in Idaho to provide "Triple Play" technology to its customers. The technology allows Filer Mutual to offer telephone service, cable television and high-speed DSL Internet service simultaneously over a single phone line for about \$90 per month, said Jim Gunn, network service manager for Filer Mutual.

"We decided that this would be the best approach to help retain our customers and give them something they can't currently get from the cable companies," Gunn said.

The Filer-based phone cooperative — owned by about 3,000 members in a service area surrounding Filer — extending north to the canyon rim and 35 miles into Nevada — has offered phone service to rural Twin Falls County and Jackpot for decades. Filer Mutual also has offered high-speed DSL Internet service to its customers since 1996, said John Lantz, Filer Mutual's assistant general manager. The \$400,000 Triple Play project has been in the works since December 2003, he said.

"Small phone companies have typically been the forerunners of new technology," Lantz said. "And that's better than playing catch-up."

As an affiliate of Rupert-based Syringa Network LLC — an in-state fiber-optic network owned by a consortium of Idaho-based independent phone companies — Filer Mutual now can offer the cable television service known as Internet protocol television, Gunn said.

So how does it work? Satellite television signals are captured and transmitted through the Syringa system via a gigabit ethernet line. Then the signals are routed to each subscribing house via a digital phone line and captured by a set-top box connected to a phone jack and a television, Gunn said.

The cable service features 132 digital channels, which include local and regional network affiliates. Within the next three months, subscribers will be able to rent pay-per-view movies via the service, Gunn said.

Right now, the Triple Play service is only available to Filer Mutual customers in Filer and Jackpot, Gunn said, but the company plans to expand the service to Castelford, Hollister and Rogerson soon. The company could offer the new technology to Twin Falls and Buhl "hopefully in the next two years," Gunn said.

The Triple Play technology also is being integrated by large telephone companies like Qwest, which offers the service in a limited number of markets. Cable television provider Cable

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Illustration by CHRISTIAN GUNDEL/The Times-News

## Tickets remain for annual chamber Success Breakfast



The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A few hundred tickets are still available for the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Success, Breakfast on Tuesday.

The annual breakfast, hosted by the chamber and the College of Southern Idaho, honors winners of the Chamber Person of the Year award and the annual

Lifetime Achievement Award. Honorees' identities are kept secret until the breakfast.

The event's keynote speaker is cultural anthropologist and author Jennifer James, who will discuss the effects of technological and scientific changes on people in today's society.

James, who lives in Seattle, holds a doctorate in cultural anthropology and master's degrees

in history and psychology. An author of seven books, James also wrote a newspaper column for *The Seattle Times* for 18 years and has produced two PBS documentaries.

In November, Success Breakfast chairman Terry Russo said he was "very very impressed" with James after watching a videotape of one of her speeches.

"She speaks directly to people, rather than speaking down to them," Russo said.

The 2005 Success Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. Tuesday in the CSI gym, with James' presentation in the Fine Arts auditorium immediately following.

Tickets are \$35 for chamber members and \$45 for nonmembers, and are available from the chamber office at 733-3974.

# YOUR BUSINESS

## CAREER MOVES

### Donna Pence

**GOODING** — New members on Idaho Rural Partnership's board of directors include Rep. Donna L. Pence, D-Gooding. Pence, a retired teacher and farm farmer, is a first-term lawmaker for District 26 House Seat B, representing Blaine, Camas, Gooding and Lincoln counties. She serves on the Agricultural Affairs, Education and Judiciary, Rules and Administration committees.

The Idaho Rural Partnership said it joins diverse public and private resources in collaborations to strengthen communities and improve life in rural Idaho. For information, call 334-3131 or visit [www.rip.idaho.gov](http://www.rip.idaho.gov).



Keith Merrill



Vernon McNeil



Zola Browning

School before being drafted in the South Pacific. Upon his return, he taught vo-aga at Heyburn High School for four years, then at Minico High for 20 years. He has served as president of West End Electric and chairman of the Farm Labor Board. He spent time in Afghanistan as a farm machine instructor and advisor. Merrill lives on a farm in the Emerson district.

McNeil attended Utah State Agricultural College and studied vocational agriculture and shipyard welding. He enlisted in the Air Corps as a tech sergeant.

His plane was shot down in Romania, and he was a prisoner of war for four months. Upon returning from service he worked as an auto mechanic in Pocatello before returning to school at Utah State Agricultural College. He taught vocational agriculture at Oakley High School for 10 years, and at Minico High for 21 years. He retired in 1980.

The bureau's Farm Woman of the Year award was presented to Zola Browning, who moved to Rupert in 1959. She and her husband owned a homestead, and she helped with farm chores such as changing water, hoeing the fields and milking. She earned a teaching degree, and both she and her husband taught school to supplement their farming income. She also taught homebound children and has six children of her own.

### M.V. Carpet & Binding opens for business

**RUPERT** — Magic Valley Carpet & Binding opened for business Feb. 16 at 613 D St. in Rupert.

The store is locally owned and operated by Jeanie Platt and Karen Sprague. The store has a full line of carpet samples, in-stock remnants, vinyl and laminate flooring, ceramic tile, Carpet Cove base binding and rug binding. It offers carpet installation by Gary Hassmusen, who has more than 28 years of installation experience in Magic Valley.

Magic Valley Carpet & Binding can be reached at 436-1722. A grand opening will be held in March.

### Soldier Mountain Ranch continues its promotion

**FAIRFIELD** — Soldier Mountain Ranch extended its winter promotion package through May.

The package offers a two-night stay with two continental breakfasts and a dinner buffet. Cost is \$85 each for four people in a cabin and \$65 each for six people in a cabin. Each cabin has two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a sleeper sofa and a kitchen with refrigerator, stove and dishwasher. A fireplace with firewood also is provided. Maximum capacity is six people.

Other facilities available outside the special package include a larger "homestead" (teahouse) facility with a maximum capacity of 12 people; lodge rooms without kitchen facilities; conference facilities with meeting room, catered meals and lodging; and facilities for weddings, family reunions and retreats.

Pets and camping are not allowed, and no recreational vehicle facilities are available.

The ranch offers winter activities including skiing, snowmobiling and sledding and summer activities featuring golf, horseback riding and fishing.

Soldier Mountain Ranch is on the south side of the Soldier Mountain Range and four miles west of Fairfield. Parking is provided for snowmobile trailers. The slopes of the Soldier Mountain Range are trailhead for groomed snowmobile trails are 14 miles from the ranch.

The business can be reached at 764-2506, or visit the Web site at [www.soldiermountainranch.com](http://www.soldiermountainranch.com).

### Northwest Farm Credit announces growth

**TWIN FALLS** — Washington-based Northwest Farm Credit Services — which has offices in Burley and Twin Falls — announced a record financial performance with earnings of \$148.3 million and growth of loan volume owned of 4.3 percent for 2004. Total capital in the association increased 17.5 percent during 2004.

Jay Peck, president and chief executive, said, "Again in 2004, the association's strong earnings and capital allowed over \$23 million to be directly returned to our customers through our patronage program."

During 2004, Farm Credit refined its loan losses methodology. As a result, during the fourth quarter Farm Credit recorded a \$48.1 million reversal of the allowance for loan losses.

"This occurrence didn't change our overall financial position. The reversal resulted in a reduction in the allowance for loan losses. The \$48.1 million reversal is reflected as income in 2004. The association's risk funds — which is total capital plus allowance for loan losses — increased from \$906.2 million at Dec. 31, 2003, to \$975.7 million at Dec. 31, 2004," Penick said.

Total accrual loan volume owned by the association increased to \$4.6 billion at Dec. 31. Delinquencies were at 1.0 percent at Dec. 31, compared with 1.3 percent at year-end 2003. Nonaccrual loans were 0.7 percent of the portfolio, down from 1.4 percent one year earlier.

## MILESTONES



The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce holds a ribbon cutting at Pinnacle Imaging Center, 706 N. Colgate Road, Suite B, to celebrate Pinnacle's new membership in the chamber. Pictured from left are Brian Escobedo, director of marketing, and Dennis Swear, director of tech operations. The center offers an open MRI scanner that produces high-quality images. Pinnacle Imaging can be reached at 734-5888.



Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors welcome a new chamber member, Fred Meyer Optical, by holding a ribbon cutting for the locally owned store. Fred Meyer Optical is inside the Fred Meyer building at 705 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Suite B. Store hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. It can be reached at 734-0435. Appointments and drop-ins are welcome. Pictured from left are Dr. Dale Miles, Chris Harmon, Bill Stinemates, Aspen Stinemates, Wynarda Exon and Dalonna Stinemates.



Rhonda and Tim Thoman cut the ribbon to celebrate the opening of their new business, All Tune & Lube, at 1196 Addison Ave. W., in a ceremony with Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors. All Tune & Lube can be reached at 734-LUBE.

"This is the lowest level of nonaccruals we've had in over 20 years reflecting the stronger economy and stronger overall loan performance," Penick said.

Northwest Farm Credit Services provides financing and related services to farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, commercial fishermen, timber producers and rural homeowners in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

### Lowe's earns energy award from EPA

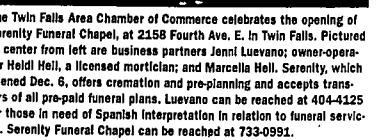
**TWIN FALLS** — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Energy named North Carolina-based Lowe's Cos. Inc. the Energy Star 2005 Retail Partner of the Year for a third consecutive year.

The home improvement retailer, which is preparing to open a Twin Falls store, was cited for its contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through promoting energy-efficient products and educating consumers and employees on the value of the Energy Star program, a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce air pollution through increased energy efficiency.

Lowe's promotes Energy Star-qualified products ranging from appliances, lighting, programmable thermostats, water heaters and windows, to insulation and light bulbs.

In 2004, Lowe's offered resources that allowed customers to learn about products that help conserve electricity and water and make their homes more efficient, including how-to clinics and newsletters.

Lowe's was selected for the award from thousands of organizations that participate in the Energy Star program.



The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce celebrates the opening of Serenity Funeral Chapel, at 2158 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Pictured at center from left are business partners Jenni Luvano; owner-operator Heidi Heil, a licensed mortician; and Marcella Hill, Serenity, which opened Dec. 6, offers cremation and pre-planning and accepts transfers of all pre-paid funeral plans. Luvano can be reached at 404-4125 for those in need of Spanish interpretation in relation to funeral services. Serenity Funeral Chapel can be reached at 733-0991.

### John Gunn

**FILED** — John Gunn will retire as general manager of Filer Music Co. A reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday at the company's office, 400 Main St.

John Gunn

Gunn's 20 years of guidance, technology and customer service have kept pace with changes in the telecommunications industry, the company said. Filer Mutual expanded beyond basic telephone service into the high-speed Internet market in 1996. Construction of a new 10,000-square-foot, \$700,000 office building was completed in 2002.

The 35-year-old, customer-owned company has grown by providing subscribers with 132 digital channels of Internet Protocol Television programming.

Gunn credits the board of directors with making the company and his tenure a success. "They've been very supportive and shown me a lot of faith," he said.

### Jenny Chambless

**BUHL** — Jenny Chambless of Black Rock Clothiers won the Buhl Chamber of Commerce and Extra Mile Award for December. Chambless was nominated by Barbara Gietzen, who said Chambless is always helpful in making good selections. Chambless received a plaque and several gift certificates and other items from Buhl chamber members and merchants.

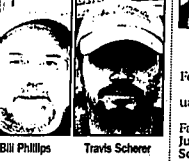
### Gary Rainsdon

**TWIN FALLS** — Magic Valley Bank hired Gary Rainsdon as an ag-commercial loan officer.

Rainsdon graduated from Idaho State University with a bachelor's degree in finance. He has been in the banking industry for 18 years and has an agricultural background. He is an accredited agricultural consultant with the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

Rainsdon and his wife, Lori, and their four children live in Twin Falls County.

### Landscapers



Bill Phillips Travis Scherer

**TWIN FALLS** — Bill Phillips and Travis Scherer, both of Kimberly Nurseries, recently completed and became certified in the backflow assembly course through the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

Phillips and Scherer can test all backflow assemblies for domestic water supplies, including residential, agricultural irrigation systems and all assemblies in commercial establishments.

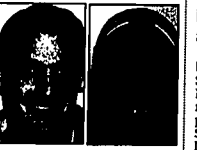
### Award winners

**HEYBURN** — The Minidoka County Farm Bureau, at its annual banquet, presented its Agricultural Community Service award to both Keith Merrill and Vernon McNeil, former vocational agriculture teachers at Minico High School in Rupert. Merrill graduated from Minico High School in 1936 and attended business college and the University of Idaho. He taught vocational agriculture at Kimberly High

### Commercial drivers



Lisa Newberry Kevin Batschelder



John Wright Justin Widgren

**TWIN FALLS** — The Top Gun Truck Driving Academy in Twin Falls announced six recent graduates who earned Class A commercial driver's licenses with all endorsements:

Lisa Newberry graduated Feb. 11.

Janice Lee of Twin Falls graduated Feb. 11.

Kevin Batschelder of Twin Falls, John Wright of Twin Falls, and Justin Widgren of Twin Falls graduated Feb. 18.

Benton has a bachelor's degree in graphic design from the University of Idaho. He was born and raised in Salmon, where his parents and family live.

### Jonathan Benton

**TWIN FALLS** — Marketing Resource Group Inc. hired Jonathan Benton in its graphics design department.

Benton has a bachelor's degree in graphic design from the University of Idaho. He was born and raised in Salmon, where his parents and family live.

Marketing Resource Group is a full-service advertising agency, including creative services, strategic planning and media purchasing. Its office is at 317 Sixth Ave. N. in Twin Falls and can be reached at 736-1833.

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# MARKETPLACE BUSINESS

## MONEY

### NEW BUSINESSES

#### The Times-News

**BOISE** — Following is the list of businesses filed during January with the Idaho secretary of state's office — including both new ones and existing ones that have been filed with counties and listed by zip code with the state.

Businesses are listed by name, agent, address and nature of business.

**Boise** (83701, continuation)  
 Albany in Home Care, P.O. Box 1, 1790 Hwy. 209, Boise, ID 83701.  
 Affordable Living, 111 W. Myrtle St., 2574 N. Myrtle, Boise, ID 83701.  
 Annual Investments LLC, 834-A Antenna, 300 Canyon Lane, Jerome, ID 83301.  
 Arroyo of Law, Scott A. Goodfriend, 1211 Foothill Ave., Jerome, ID 83301.  
 Arctic Home Repair, 1405 W. Shughart, 30929 N. 2601, Twin Falls, ID 83316.  
 Advantage Equipment LLC, Richard S. Smith, 2514, 1000, Boise, ID 83701.  
 Affordable Towing, 1017 Woodhull, 215 Church Street, Boise, ID 83701.  
 After Market King, 412 S. 412 S. English, Bellevue, ID 83316.  
 Action Home Services, 1405 W. Shughart, 30929 N. 2601, Twin Falls, ID 83316.  
 All About Autos, Ivan F. Thompson, 1000 W. Myrtle, Idaho Falls, ID 83401.  
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#### CONTRIBUTION

with garden-grown vegetables. The seeds will be included in about 25,000 garden kits of farm-fresh, irrigation, fertilizer and technical information destined for families in Sri Lanka and Indonesia. Although ample land is scarce in the tsunami-affected areas, vegetables can be grown throughout the year. Local markets are also available for families to sell their surplus.

goods and services while building relationships with work-related educational programs that are exhibiting, organizers said. Visitors are approaching graduation or searching out new career opportunities are encouraged to visit with participating employers.

Explo hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call 282-3216.

## Annual Tech Expo is set for March 10

**The Times-News** — The Idaho State Office of Technology and School District No. 25 will hold the fourth annual Tech Expo, sponsored by Excel Dental Techniques, on March 10 at Holt Arena.

the region while promoting professional technical education. The event features more than 40 interactive displays demonstrating School District No. 25 Gateway Academies and ISU College of Technology programs and related business and industry opportunities in the area.

The expo is an opportunity for businesses to showcase their

## Seminar addresses construction contracts

**The Times-News** — Boise — Business on a handshake? A seminar this week will address the risks — particularly in construction contracts with their overlapping relationships between the architect, the owner, the general contractor and numerous subcontractors.

“Sound cost accounting practices also lead to better client relationships and fewer disputes,” said David M. Cooper, a certified public accountant and partner in charge of the Boise office of Cooper Norman.

Registration will begin at 7 a.m., and the program will be from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Statehouse Inn Showroom Room. Cost is \$25, which includes refreshments and all materials.

“Law firm Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley LLP, Twin Falls-based certified public accounting firm Cooper Norman and insurance firm Marsh USA are joining together to present a program, “Best Prac-

“It addresses the parties to a contract: Contracts, Terms, Rules and Administration.”

“Today’s business climate, in which standard form contracts simply don’t cut when a dispute goes to court,” said Thomas J. Mortell, a partner in the construction practice group of Hawley Troxell.

## Horizon Organic accused of shirking organic standards

**Dairy company confused by the charge**

**Fambeat** highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

fiber diets. Bad cholesterol dropped an average of 8.6, 11.9 and 17.4 percent, respectively.

**PAUL** — Complaints about an organic dairy near Paul have the owners of that dairy confused. The Cornucopia Institute of Cornucopia, Wis., filed two formal complaints recently with the USDA's Office of Compliance asking it to initiate investigations into alleged violations of the federal organic law by “factory farms” operating in Idaho, California and Colorado.

“When it comes to soluble fiber availability, barley is a superior choice,” said Christine Faustnacht, cereal scientist and research consultant for the National Barley Foods Council. In other grains, soluble fiber is found in the bran by the kernel. Once the grain is processed and the bran removed, most of the soluble fiber is lost.

**2005 Inductees named to Hall of Fame**

**TWIN FALLS** — The latest inductees of the Southern Idaho Livestock and Animal Industry Hall of Fame banquet at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

## Triple Play

line who've gone away from landline phone service. Gunn said the additional phone lines are going away to save customers services in order to be competitive in the market.

“I kind of feel like a queen for a day,” the Hoffman said. “When I go into the (Filer Mutual) office for something, there are always people there complaining about their dial-up Internet and I don't have to deal with any of that.”

Hoffman said the package's high-speed Internet service is useful for her and her husband, who often use separate computers simultaneously. Thanks to the digital connection, they can watch television, surf the Internet and talk on the phone all at the same time, she said.

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## Making the Oscars presentable

### Writers face challenge of making material funny - and short

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Surrounded by stand-ins accepting plaster Oscar statuettes at the Kodak Theatre, the Academy Awards writing team surveyed cardboard versions of Al Pacino, Charlize Theron, Renee Zellweger and other stars.

Tonight, these joke writers hope the flesh-and-blood versions will get laughs with the words they've written. The awards show starts at 6:30 p.m. on ABC.

Niel Kanter, Alan "Buz" Kohan and Rita Cash are working on their sixth Oscar show together. Kanter is doing his 33rd show, Kohan his 10th and Cash her sixth.

The faces may change, the names may change, but the challenges are always the same — to make it interesting, to make it humorous, to make it informative, to make it short," Kohan said.

The trio has put the finishing touches on copy for 24 categories (15 seconds each), two honorary segments (two minutes each) and descriptions of the five best-picture nominees (30 seconds each). Host Chris Rock has his own writers, who didn't interact with Kanter, Kohan and Cash.

Once Oscar producer Gil Cates and talent wrangler Danette Herman assigned presenters to the categories, the writers divided up the awards, based on who best knew the subject matter or who personally knew a presenter.

After the writers turned in a script, Cates and representatives of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences vetted the jokes and suggested some changes. Then each presenter was given their dialogue —



ter. Years ago, presenter Walter Matthau told viewers the show was being seen in 28 countries. "He said, 'If my tailor in Hong Kong is watching, it still doesn't fit. It got such an enormous laugh,'" Kohan recalled.

One year, Harrison Ford told the writers that he wanted to introduce a category without any extra commentary. Another time, Johnny Depp asked for very little copy, explaining his poor eyesight made it hard to read the teleprompter.

"You can respect an actor who does that as opposed to one who waits and then has all kind of excuses why not to do it," Kanter said.

Cash singled out John Travolta, a presenter this year.

"He read me his copy over and over backstage. When he walked out there, he was on," she said.

The truth is, some of Hollywood's biggest stars are nervous wrecks being themselves in front of the worldwide Oscar audience.

"There are people who are not used to having one take and being live," Kohan said.

"They're a little more difficult. Not because they're mean, but because they're fearful. It's a very nerve-racking thing to come out and be themselves with someone else's words in their mouth."

Want to tick off the writers? Skip rehearsals, then complain in front of millions about their copy.

"Don't ever say, 'I didn't write this ...'" That's the cardinal sin of a presenter," Kohan said. "If you didn't write it and you didn't like it, why did you say it? You also didn't write all the things that got the big laughs and the applause."

"You didn't roll your eyes when you got a laugh," Kanter added.

So what do the writers get for all this humiliation?

Union scale and a goody-laden Oscar gift basket. What they don't get is the guarantee of a job next year.

"We could be unemployed by Monday," Kohan said.

Oscar writer Alan "Buz" Kohan talks about working on the 77th Academy Awards during rehearsal. He rode the Kodak Theater on Wednesday in Los Angeles.

along with the telephone number of the writer who handled that category.

"They have the option of calling you ahead of time and saying ...," Kohan began.

"Thank you" or "How dare you," Kanter injected.

"If you write 10 categories, you maybe get 12 calls," Kohan said, as Cash chuckled.

Some presenters insist on changing the copy. "They very seldom improve on what's given to them," Kanter said. Others take a line and make it bet-

### Oscar's ups and downs

Here's a look at the progress and potholes along Oscar's yellow brick road:

#### How long the Oscars?

Douglas Fairbanks dispensed the statuettes in 10 minutes during the first ceremony in 1929. The ceremonies grew and grew, scoring a record 4 hours and 5 minutes in 1999. Part of the expansion is due to the increase in categories; 12 in 1929, 24 in 2005. Another reason: the thank-you factor. Early winners felt no need to thank everyone from their fitness coach to high school teacher.

#### Chips off the old bloc

Walter Selzer, a publicist turned producer, recalls a meeting of the 60-member MGM publicity staff in 1939: "Our boss, Howard Strickling, announced that through the generosity of the studio, all of us as of now are members of the academy; he had enrolled everyone and paid the initiation fee. There was general jubilation and thanks, then he proceeded to tell us how we were to vote." Bloc voting was a bugaboo for the academy during its first two decades. Bosses proclaimed that employees should vote for the home product for the good of their studios. Bloc voting ended in the 1950s with the decline of the studio system.

#### The birth of ballyhoo

In 1955, "Marty," a \$285,000 no-star movie about a lovelorn butcher, played David to a quartet of Goliaths: "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing," "Mister Roberts," "Picnic" and "The Rose Tattoo." Walter Selzer, publicity director for the company that made "Marty," and assistants Jerry Pam and Arthur Wilde devised an ad campaign to call attention to their modest film. "We ran it differently every day in the trade papers," says Pam. "We did the precursor of the screeners that academy voters get now," recalls Selzer. "We offered to send a print of the picture, a projector and a projectionist to the home of anyone who would invite 20 academy members to a screening." The campaign cost \$275,000, almost as much as the movie's budget, but a wise investment. "Marty" won four Oscars, including best picture, and encouraged other companies to campaign more vigorously for their Oscar hopefuls.

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- 2 Kiwanis at noon at Grandstands
- 2 Rotary Spaghetti Feed 5-8 p.m.
- Poppellville Elementary School
- 2 Bingo at Moose Hall 17 p.m.
- 3 Rotary at 12 noon at Grandstands
- Castleford Men's Club at The Red Barrel at 7:30 p.m.
- Discussion on New Community Center - Public In-  
ited
- 4 West End Men's Assoc. at Grandstands at 6:30 a.m.
- 4 Castleford Men's Club at The Red Barrel at noon
- 7 Cards at Senior Center from 6-9 p.m.
- 8 Information Fair Poppellville Elementary 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- 9 Kiwanis at noon at Grandstands
- 9 Bingo at Moose Hall at 7 p.m.
- 10 Rotary at noon at Grandstands
- 11 West End Men's Assoc. at Grandstands at 6:30 a.m.
- 12 Fire by Friction 10-1 at the 8th St. Center - \$20
- 14 City Council at City Hall at 7 p.m.
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- 16 Kiwanis at noon at Grandstands
- 16 Bingo at Moose Hall 17 p.m.
- 16 Hoola Hoop at 6:30 at 8th St. Center
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 17-20 Spring Home & Garden Show - Boise at the Idaho Fairgrounds
- 17 Rotary at noon at Grandstands
- 18-20 US Bank Flower & Garden Show at the Grove Downtown Boise
- 18 West End Men's Assoc. at Grandstands at 6:30 a.m.
- 19 Community Breakfast at 10-1 \$3 - All You Can Eat
- 19 Learn to Spin Poi at 8th St. Center
- 20 Spring Banquet
- 20 Palm Sunday
- 21-25 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
- 21 Castleford Men's Club at The Red Barrel at noon
- 21 Cards at Senior Center from 6-9 p.m.
- 21 Kiwanis at noon at Grandstands
- 23 Bingo at Moose Hall at 7 p.m.
- 24 Rotary at noon at Grandstands
- 24 Regular meeting at Moose Hall at 8 p.m.
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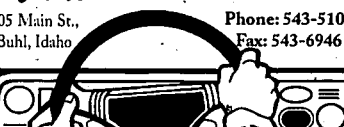
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# Suicides in Marine Corps rise by 29 percent

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Marine Corps suffered a 29 percent spike in suicides last year, reaching the highest number in at least a decade, with the demanding pace of military operations likely contributing to the deaths, the top-ranking U.S. Marine said Thursday.

Thirty-one Marines committed suicide in 2004, all of them enlisted men, not commissioned officers. The majority were younger than 25 and took their lives with gunshot wounds, according to Marine statistics. Another 83 Marines attempted suicide. There were 24 suicides in 2003, and there have not been more than 29 in any year in the last 10 years.

Although last year's suicide rate rose, it was still below the national average for a comparable civilian group, in keeping

with an established pattern of suicide being lower in the U.S. military than in the civilian population.

Marine commanders say the rise in suicides continues a worrisome three-year trend that is likely linked to stress from the sharply increased pace of war-zone rotations. At the same time, they said the increase in suicides is not directly related to service in Iraq or Afghanistan; since 2001 24 percent of the suicides have been committed by Marines who have been deployed there, the statistics show.

It's "not only Iraq. It's just the ops tempo (operational tempo) in general, that's what I think," Gen. Michael W. Hagee, the Marine Corps commandant, said during a breakfast meeting Thursday.

Hagee's remarks echoed a strong warning in a Dec. 13 memo that he issued on suicide

prevention. "This problem is pervasive and is impacting Marines throughout the Corps, not just those who have been deployed in support of the global war on terrorism," the memo said. "The increased operational tempo that our Corps is experiencing may be affecting the ability of our Marines to deal with perceived, overwhelming stresses associated with relationship, financial, and disciplinary problems."

Indeed, about 70 percent of Marine suicides over the past four years have been caused by problems in personal relationships, which can be exacerbated by heavy workloads, said Cmdr. Thomas Gaskin, a behavioral health specialist for the Corps' Personal and Family Readiness Division at Quantico, Va. "That is the single biggest stressor," he said.

With a force that is the youngest in the military service

and predominantly male, the Marine Corps has generally experienced the highest suicide rate among the military branches because its demographics mirror a high-risk group in the general population. More than 60 percent of Marines are younger than 25, and 16 percent are teen-agers.

Suicide rates for all the services began rising in 2002, and the Army had an increase in 2003, the first year of the Iraq war. This leads experts to believe that stress is broadly linked to deployments.

However, despite ongoing rotations to Iraq, the Army's suicides in that country fell, back closer to historic levels last year, officials said. That may suggest that, as with the Marine Corps, suicide rates may be more connected to the general demands on the force than to service in combat zones, officials said.

# Official alleges weakness in hiring prison contractors

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department hired dozens of people without security clearances to help set up Iraq's police and prison system and was unaware of allegations against four former state prison officials sent there after the U.S.-led invasion, the department's inspector general said Friday.

The information would not have changed the decision to send the men to Iraq, even if officials had known of civil lawsuits against them, Inspector General Glenn Fine said.

Fine said his review of the contractors' time in Iraq also "found no evidence to suggest that they played any role in the abuses" at the U.S.-run Abu Ghraib prison.

However, Fine found weaknesses in the hiring process for people who were to work with

Iraqis in designing a police force and prison system. Among the dozens hired without receiving security clearances, 22 contractors went sent to Iraq without background checks, he said.

The Justice Department has since hired three former Bureau of Prisons officials to help with recruitment and oversight. Fine said. Job candidates also are now asked explicitly whether they have been sued for civil rights violations.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., who requested Fine's review in June, said. "The one silver lining in this awful incident is that the Justice Department is finally taking real steps to insure that the guards and administrators we give to Iraq's prison system will help them, not make things worse."

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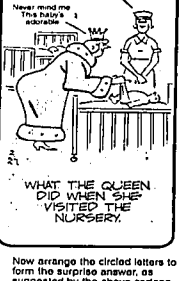
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Dear Mr. Wolff: How should I evaluate a hand like ♠ 9-7-4, ♥ Q-2, ♣ J-6, ♠ A-Q-7-6-4-3 when my partner opens one club and the next hand bids one heart?

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SWFC 40, enjoys horse sports, trail riding, fishing, archery art, music, dancing, kids and animals. Seeking LTR with a man who's outgoing and can talk about anything. Kimberly **TS606711**

**HOPE TO FIND YOU**  
Easygoing, honest, romantic SF, 53, enjoys movies, dining out, camping, fishing. Seeking honest, kind-hearted man, to share similar interests and time together. Curry **TS606823**

**EXPLORE THE UNKNOWN**  
I'm a SWM, 36, who enjoys photography, music, movies, believes chemistry between two people is important, seeking a SM, 30-42, for dating. Appleton **TS491459 @ path**

**LET'S GET WILD HAPPENS**  
DWF 38, loves laughter, romance, the outdoors, most movies. Seeking similar active, romantic man to hang out with for a while. Hollister **TS603033**

**LOOKING FOR A FRIEND**  
SWF 26, 55', redd/brn, likes rodeos, movies. More seeking honest, outgoing SM, 26-30, smoker, with kids ok for friendship and dating, possible LTR. Eiko **TS609016**

**ATHLETIC VEGAN chick**  
Vibrant, funny, communicative SF, 33, well-traveled, studying Raw foods. Alternative ways of healing, yoga and learning about myself I'm originally from the Magic Valley, returning in Nov. ISO friends, dating! Hollister **TS522295 @ mdivison33**

**SEEKING GOOD FRIEND**  
Attractive SF, 49, 5'4", 130lbs, cancer, likes dancing, seeking open, honest SM, 45-55, to befriend and develop a relationship. **TS679162**

**WHY NOT TRY?**  
SWF, 62, self-employed rancher, looking to meet similar SM who enjoys farming, ranching, animals, dancing, simple times, to share fun times, talks and maybe more. Lora Star **TS595957**

**SMILE!**  
SWF, 34, non-smoker, enjoys outdoors, reading, hanging out with my children. Looking for non-smoking male, 32-40, for friendship or more. Burley **TS605606 @ ym.com**

**NO HEAD GAMES**  
SWF, 37, strong-willed, loves being herself and won't change for anything. Seeking like-minded SM, 36-45. Hollister **TS592229 @ catcaterbabe1**

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**FROM HERE TO FOREVER**  
SWF, 35, blonde, bodybuilder, into race cars, football, hunting, camping, romantic quiet evenings. Seeking honest, sincere SWM, 30-44, possible relationship. Hollister **TS517255**

**BE MY BABY**  
SWF, 33, likes to camp out under the stars, try new restaurants, go on outings and long drives. If you like the same, give me a call. Hollister **TS592948 @ lucky32tr**

**IS IT YOU?**  
Employed SF, 32, 5'6", black/brown, mother loves music, concerts, Italian cuisine, camping. Seeking a kind man, not about games, who's spontaneous, family-oriented and fun, for sharing life and possible LTR. Hollister **TS469345**

**NEED A LITTLE TLC**  
SWF, 21, nursing and equine business student, great listener, loves horses, the outdoors, snuggling, hanging out. Seeking SM, 18-35, for friendship, maybe more. Hollister **TS595510 @ nlsms004**

**SINGLE IN IDAHO**  
Likes movies, dining out. Hi. I'm a 55-year-old SWF looking for a relationship with the right man. I have one daughter at home. She's 19, I'm a homemaker and lady. Hollister **TS433125 @ ill-women003**

**KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR?**  
ISO SM, 18-21 year old guy who enjoys to party but also enjoys a quiet night at home reading. I'm a SWF, 18 years old college student looking for LTR. Burley **TS437137 @ sweet\_gurl85**

**LET'S MEET!**  
SM, 19, 5'11", brown/blue, chel, seeks SF, 18-22, who enjoys sports, hiking, fishing, camping, outdoors. Curry **TS588172**

**STILL SEEKING THE...**  
greatest grin in the world but you know he, are you her? Not seeking photo or happy with wonderful. SWM, 36, seeking SWF, 20-45, Buhl **TS602742 @ mltzman**

**SOUND LIKE YOU?**  
DWM, 37, father of 2, enjoys Italian food, cooking, fishing, travel, snow/west/coast road trips. Seeking outgoing, sincere SF, 27-43, interested in having fun, lasting friendship and possible romance. Hollister **TS207042**

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**IS SHE OUT THERE**  
SM, 61, ISO a lady who enjoys fishing, Idaho's deserts, mountains, lakes, highways, restaurants, movies, concerts, towels large and small, mauls, antique shops, second hand stores. If she's you smile, Hailey **TS611073 @ yes2idaho**

**SEARCHING FOR YOU**  
WM, 62', brown/blu, loves being outdoors, fishing, camping, horseback riding, animals and more. Seeking caring female, 35-45, who likes to talk. Twin Falls **TS433309**

**HERE FOR YOU ALWAYS**  
Loneley, loyal SWM, 33, Gemini, NS, certified welder, loves to laugh, seeks slender, blonde SWF, 18-20, for excellent relationship. Acacia **TS476879**

**AGING GYPSY...**  
55, light smoker, getting tired of talking to nobody but my dog, looking for slender/average built lady, 35-60, to spend some time with. Dietrich **TS606242 @ bestblue**

**WILL THAT YOU WILL**  
honest WM, 42, 6'2", 190lbs, brown/green, enjoys music, parks and just about anything fun. Looking for an attractive, 35-45, who likes to talk. Twin Falls **TS488896**

**JUST A CALL AWAY**  
SM, 25, looking to meet a pretty, honest, outgoing, non-judging gal, with a kind heart and sweet nature, for friendship, life and possible LTR. Lora Star **TS605604**

**GM SEEKS SF**  
Kind, sweet WM, 44, no children, seeks friendship with a SWF, 36-62. Drop me a line. Burley **TS559078 @ worderdog**

**GOLF UNLIKE YOU?**  
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**BE YOURSELF**  
SWF, 30, is looking for a man who is honest, not afraid to be himself, and who enjoys the outdoors as well as staying in. Hollister **TS506862 @ grtku2**

**READY FOR FINAL SEARCH**  
Genuine, honest, loving, kind, fun, spontaneous SWF, 48, enjoys the outdoors, dining, movies, friends, more. Seeking down-to-earth SM, 45-55, for friendship, possible relationship. Hollister **TS482779 @ tweedle\_dee**

**SEEKING A FRIEND**  
SWF, 19, student, outgoing and spontaneous, seeks friendly cute SM, who loves sunsets, quiet walks, and quality talks to share lasting friendship and possibly more. Hollister **TS527142**

**YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED**  
Outgoing SF, 51'1", slim, blonde hair, smoker, seeks steady relationship with good-looking guy, 19-21. If you're adventurous and spontaneous, give me a call. Hollister **TS527945**

**GOING UNDISCOVERED**  
SM, 44, loves hunting, fishing, barbecues, cooking. Looking for SWF, 35-50, who is active, fun, likes to laugh. Hollister **TS60100**

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
SWM, 35, OTR truck driver, 6', 260lbs, outgoing, laid-back, enjoys country party, candlelit dinners. Seeking outgoing, open and honest, to share the fun times in life. Possible LTR. Randolph **TS603391**

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## Get in



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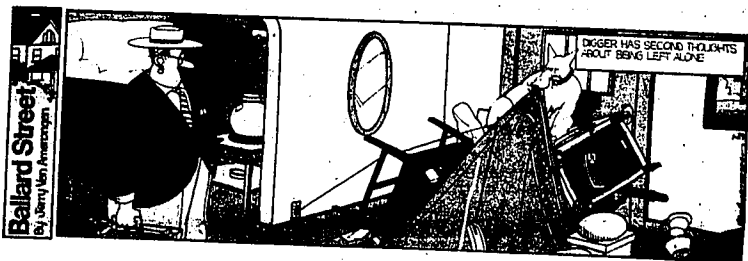
Here are the  
final cartoon strips  
for you to judge

Here's your final chance to try some funny business. For the past two weeks, *The Times-News* has previewed 25 prospective new comics and asked readers to rate them.

On this page and the following pages are samples of the last 14.

Take a look at them and give us your impressions on the ballot below. Please understand there's no assurance that any of the accompanying strips will make it into the T-N on a regular basis — or replace comics that you love or hate. We're just looking for your reaction.

Take a few minutes to fill out the ballot on this page and return it by March 11.



### Times-News comic-strip tryouts, Round 3

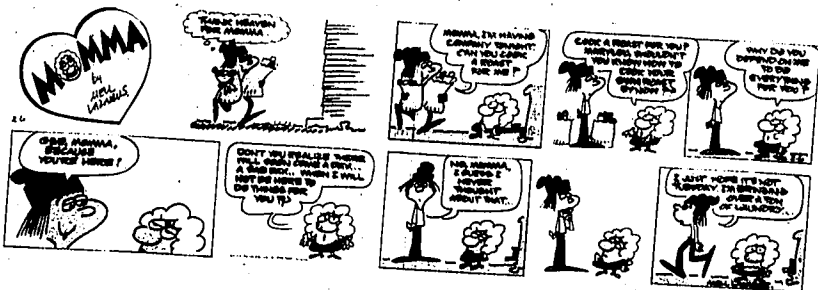
Take a look at the sample comic strips in the Family Life section in today's *Times-News* and let us know what you think about them.

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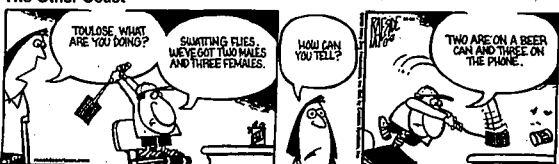
## Archie



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## The Other Coast



## Rugrats



## Rubes

by Leigh Rubin



## Working It Out



## One Big Happy



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## Wee Pals



**Hungry?** Read Wednesday's Food & Home page

# Looking for ice in the solar system

Last week's dispatch from Saturn — courtesy of the Cassini spacecraft — featured close-up images of snow-white Enceladus, an Iowa-sized Saturnian moon. The pictures show raised branching ridges, deep canyons and mountains, made not of rock but ice. But how can ice exist in space, where astronauts need space suits to protect them from boiling heat?



**SKY WATCH**  
Chris Anderson

### Sky calendar

- Planets:  
One hour before sunrise:  
Mars: SE, very low  
Jupiter: SW, low  
One hour after sunset:  
Saturn: ESE, high  
• Moon:  
Third quarter Thursday, 10:36 a.m. Very close to Jupiter this morning.

and moves it quickly around the planet.

Venus' planet-wide temperature is hotter than Mercury's equator, so no ice here.

Earth's average temperature is above freezing, so ice should be absent. But earth rotates faster than Venus, forcing winds to move more east-west than north-south, allowing the equator to get hot while the poles stay cold. Why then, you might ask, do astronauts encounter boiling temperatures just above the atmosphere?

Because they aren't in equilibrium—the outer surfaces of their space suits absorb heat faster than they can radiate it away.

Next week: See Mercury at its best.

While astronauts in earth orbit have recorded temperatures as high as 250 degrees F, space temperatures depend strongly on distance from the sun. At Enceladus, about 10 times farther from the sun than earth, temperatures plunge to about 310 degrees below zero. In such extreme cold ice becomes as hard as rock, producing Enceladus' rugged topography.

Just outside earth's orbit the equilibrium temperature of space (that is, the temperature an object will reach if solar heat is radiated away as fast as it is absorbed) drops below freezing. So it's not surprising to find ice in the vicinity of Mars, Jupiter, and beyond. Inside earth's orbit, temperatures quickly climb from the melting point of ice to the boiling point and beyond. So ice is relatively scarce.

But the inner solar system is not ice free. Despite equatorial temperatures that could melt lead, hints of ice have been detected in Mercury's deep polar craters whose interiors are permanently shadowed from sunlight. Venus has craters too, but unlike Mercury it has a thick atmosphere that holds heat in

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# Pet liposuction an extreme answer to animal obesity



**THE BOND Marty Becker**

The Palm Beach Post reported that a Chihuahua named Pumpkin lost about 12 ounces — via liposuction. On a recent visit to Boca Greens Animal Hospital in Boca Raton, Fla., Pumpkin was doing well and down from 12.1 pounds to 11.4 pounds, which still puts the small dog among the ranks of America's obese pets (more than 20 percent over their target weight). According to the Chihuahua Club of America, Chihuahuas shouldn't exceed 6 pounds.

The implications of weight-related health problems in animals — the same risks of heart disease, diabetes, cancer and joint ailments that face humans — are even more important. But we don't recommend that you put your pet through liposuction surgery to combat it. There are common sense solutions that work.

Prescription diet foods available from a veterinarian, says Roland Tripp of VCA La Mirada Animal Hospital in La Mirada, Calif., are more potent than those sold over the counter and generally more effective than store brands.

Besides feeding a special veterinary diet, Tripp has four other pet weight loss tips:

- Measure out food and feed meals rather than free choice.
- Don't feed from the table ... ever.
- Give small treats instead of large ones.

Exercise one city block per day, for every 20 pounds of your pet's body weight. It is recommended that you exercise until your dog is lightly panting. This means that you've increased the metabolic rate sufficiently.

For more information on how to help your fat cat or pudgy pooch lose weight, visit your local veterinarian to discuss the best food and exercise routine for your pet. For tips on exercising with your pet, visit [www.petdi.com](http://www.petdi.com).

Former *Twin Falls* veterinarian *Marty Becker* is the coauthor of the new book "Chicken Soup For The Horse Lover's Soul" and a popular veterinary contributor for ABC TV's "Good Morning America." Write to him in care of *Dr. Marty Becker's* New Service, 700 12th St. NE, STE 1000, Washington, D.C. 20005.

# Military spouses show strength



**DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips**

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to tell you about some of the bravest, strongest, most resilient people I know — military spouses. So often people write you about problems, troubles or issues. Perhaps my letter will bring a smile to someone's face.

I am in the Army, currently deployed in Iraq. Here, all I have to worry about are my soldiers and myself. They are great guys who make it easy for me, act maturely and professionally.

While I am here, my wife is back home worrying about me. She does all the chores around the house, cooks, takes care of our three sons, helps them with homework, holds down a full-time job, and still finds time to keep our children enrolled in whatever extra activities they can do. She is now filling the roles of both mother and father. Her strength amazes me. Once she went away for 10 days to attend a wedding, and I had to take vacation time to keep up with the house and the kids.

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think the unsung heroes are the ones who fill the shoes of the soldiers when they are deployed.

I have been gone for a year and can't wait to return home. I'm planning family time, Mom and Dad time, and I'm also trying to let my wife have some time of her own. I just want your readers to know that soldiers have people we look up to, too, and who we think are true American heroes.

## — LOVING SOLDIER IN IRAQ

DEAR SOLDIER: I'm printing your love letter because I know you speak for many of those serving their country far from home. You are a true hero in a special kind of person to be a military spouse, someone with strength, courage and self-reliance. Military spouses are, indeed, unsung heroes. Thank you for pointing it out.

# Cancer finds help in the morning

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: "You will be feeling the glow of excitement as you settle into new routines in 2006. Uranus, planet of revolutionary change, will be in your section of the zodiac most of the year, so what you deem most important now is likely to undergo a major transformation. People will find you fascinating and progressive as you live up to your ideals. Helpful opportunities will present themselves in May and by next November you will be ready to jump into a completely new life path.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The necessities of life are clearly the center of conversation and prevent you from wandering away to test your luck. If anchored at home be sure to change the light bulbs and otherwise put things in order.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A cool head and cautious analysis will get you further than wild optimism. Economy and thrift are the keywords to the day so look for bargains and find ways to curtail spending.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Being picky won't win friends or influence people. Use your fine eye for detail to paint by numbers or build a model airplane — but balancing the

## HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

ing may need cleaning. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Practical considerations could restrain your enthusiasm plans for the day, but don't let minor moodiness spoil the fun. You have a knack for math and science.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A temporary lack of enthusiasm from friends or fleeting doubts can briefly slow you down. Those close to you may prefer to hear the facts, so be prepared to account for every penny.

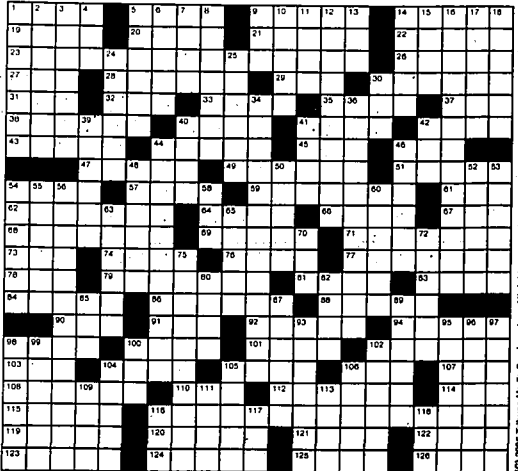
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may be less generous than usual if you let your head rule your heart. Don't take criticisms too seriously or participate in accusatory finger-pointing, as unpleasant moods will pass swiftly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get your head out of the clouds and take care of practical matters. Get organized. Duty is calling, so make obligatory phone calls and write checks to pay the bills on your desk.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can't escape from flights of fancy when partners keep reminding you of necessities. Take stock of what needs to be done and apply yourself to tasks that have been neglected over the past week.

## Sunday Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

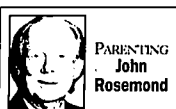
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# A collection of 'parenting shorts'

An absolutely true story from my ever-growing "True Stories of Psychoverbal" file, told to me by the mother of the child in question:



**PARENTING John Rosemond**

A 6-year-old boy was disruptive at school and rebellious at home. Toward both parents and teacher he was disobedient, disruptive, defiant, disrespectful and all the other horrible social things today's children do so well. After several school conferences, the parents agreed to see a psychologist for an evaluation. After extensive testing, the psychologist told the parents their son was afflicted with attention deficit disorder (ADD), which he described as a gene-based malady that greatly hindered the boy's ability to control his impulses. He recommended medication and individual therapy, the latter for the purpose of helping the boy "sort out his conflicts."

I thought about that for a moment and replied, "You know, it occurs to me that one never heard of children developing eating disorders in the days when they were told they couldn't leave the table until they'd finished everything on their plates because children were starving in other countries."

It subsequently occurred to me that the problems today's teachers often deal with (see above) were virtually non-existent when misbehaving children were punished instead of sent to psychologists.

A 5-year-old girl, when sent to her room for punishment, can be heard talking about her parents in highly disrespectful language. The father asked what they should do about it. I asked how they were able to hear her. Why the father told me, they have a monitor in her room. Interesting, I thought such things were called "infant monitors." What, pray tell, is a monitor doing in a 5-year-old's room? Never mind. My brilliant solution to this most perplexing problem: Take the monitor out of her room. What you don't know won't hurt you.

It is disrespectful for a child to yell "I hate you!" at a parent. Most people I see think so. I don't. The difference between a disrespectful statement and a harmless emotional outburst is whether it begins with "You" or "I." For example, the statement "You are a jerk!" is clearly disrespectful because it refers to a second party. If the speaker is a child and the second party is a parent, punishment is called for. But "I hate you" does not refer to the parent. It clearly refers to the child, and the child alone. It is an expression of the child's feelings at the moment.

Therefore, it merits a shrug of the shoulders and perhaps a statement such as: "Well, I'd probably hate me too right now if I were you. Not a problem, sweetheart, and by the way, I love you!" At which point it would be in everyone's best interest if the parent walked away, whistling. The more attention such outbursts are given, the worse they become, to the point where the child is in danger of truly beginning to believe he/she really and truly does hate the parent.

If, however, a child screams "I hate you!" at a parent in a public venue, then punishment is indeed merited. Not for yelling "I hate you" but rather for disturbing the public peace with a private matter.

*John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1020 East 86th Street, Suite 268, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240.*

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Outgoing President Larry Utley, left, congratulates the 2005 officers: President, Dave Montgomery; vice president, Mike Duffy; and secretary, Donna Duff. Treasurer, Wayne Courtney is not pictured. In the 2004, the Snake River Corvette Club, through its activities and sponsors, gave a total of \$12,895 to the following charities: Twin Falls Centennial Committee, Crime Stoppers, Wishing Star Foundation, Camp Rainbow Gold, Twin Falls Animal Shelter, Christmas gifts for foster children, Military Call to Duty Fund, a Jerome cancer victim and an emergency winter heating program.

## STORK REPORT

Jan. 22, 2005.

### St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Samuel William Castro, son of Ron and Pam Castro of Jerome, was born Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005.

Thomas Lee Miles Wallin, son of Rachel and Josh Wallin of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Feb. 11, 2005.

Maxwell Arthur Haycock, son of James and Angela Haycock of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005.

John and Toshi Gull, son of John and Toshi Gull of Gooding, was born Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005.

### Cassia Regional Medical Center

Joseph Reed Blacker, son of Kyle and Carina Blacker of Heyburn, was born Saturday,

### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Avery Nikolas Ford, son of Ashley Nicoli Ford of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005.

Jorge Xavier Alvarado Jr., son of Elise Ariet and Jorge Alvarado of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005.

Johnny Joshua Potter, son of Amy Jean Duffy and Michael Joseph Potter of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005.

Anthony Michael Sindruga-Gudknecht, son of Caroline Tillie Sindruga and Dominic Anthony Gudknecht of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Feb. 18, 2005.

Kaundance Jay Wiggins, daughter of Tara Leigh and

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Jam White, The Community Page, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403. Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Jamie at 735-3278

Stanton Jay Wiggins Jr. of Filar, was born Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005. Hannah Marie Hendricks, daughter of Eunice Ann and David Lee Hendricks of Hollister, was born Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005.

## Senior center earns accreditation

HALLEY - The Blaine Senior Center has received a recommendation for national accreditation. The recommendation was made to the National Institute of Senior Centers, a subsidiary of the National Council on Aging, which then awarded the accreditation, reported center executive director, Brenda Shappee. The National Council, a network of organizations and individuals, focuses on improving the health and independence of older people; increasing their continuing contributions to communities, society and future generations; and building caring communities. This is the second center in the state to receive this accreditation, and the only one in the Magic Valley, reported Sherry

Cann, a spokeswoman with the Office on Aging in Twin Falls. The accreditation process took about one year and is meant to assure that the center operates according to national standards, Shappee reported. At the beginning of the process is preparation of a manual for review by the accreditation office, then determination is made on whether the center is ready for on-site review. The reviewer's two-day visit included talking with seniors, the center board, staff members and community leaders about the center. Overall, about 150 seniors participate regularly in the activities of the center, Shappee reported. A satellite center is located in Carey. The center programs include home delivered meals, transportation, tax

assistance, health checks, caregiver support groups, entertainment, in-home care service, medication and insurance assistance, notary service, information and referral, legal assistance, fitness program, trips, continuing education on various topics and more. The center is funded primarily through donations and grants, and does receive a small contractual amount for meals only from the Office on Aging, as well as funding from Blaine County and the cities of Ketchum and Carey, Shappee reported. "We are certainly very proud of our accomplishment and know that this is only the beginning," she said. For more information, call Brenda Shappee at 788-3468.

## NEW KIWANIS MEMBERS



Rupert Kiwanis Club installed new members. From left are Debbie Irwin, Janet Cameron, Katie Smith and Pat Merrigan with Wally Studer, president. The Rupert Kiwanis Club meets on Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks.

Photo courtesy of KIMELKE 8002720

## Schools release names of honor roll students

**Hansen Elementary**  
HANSEN - Hansen Elementary School has released its first semester honor roll:  
Third grade  
Aron Bjorn, Madison Burk, Calllyn Cline, Adam Denney, Kaleb Gunnell, Brendi Hutzar, Alex McNutlin, Kay Packer, Dylan Price and Dayana Vega.  
Fourth grade  
Jake Beckstead, Luis Cervantes, Shamy Fitzsimmons, Heidi Funk, Ryan Funk, Cierra Hink, Jed Hall, Alex Neria, C.J. Peters, Katherine Sanchez, Traci Spencer and Blake Ute.  
Fifth grade  
Mickelle Bixby, Brynna Burk, Nathan Grigsby, Amber Kimball, Courtney Leiser, Baxter Morse, Sara Parker, Colton Sabala and Carlie Wilkins.

Sixth grade  
Sariah Bjorn, Sumantha Coulter, Taylor Harris, Emma Okuma, Gerrit Peters and Anne-Marie Schullies.  
**Shoshone Elementary**  
SHOSHONE - Shoshone Elementary has released its second quarter honor roll:  
Fourth grade  
Alli As  
Caleb Aoi, Hannah Belloli, Amanda Bidwell, Cullen Bryant, Keegan Cenarosa, Sabrina Clithwood, Devon Davis, Leah Kyles, Mikala Mastrolini, Garrett Miller, G.I. Stappes, Tyler Taylor, Diana Vaughn and Morgan Weber.  
As and B's  
Jonathan Aguilar, Rigoberto Anderson, Josh Armstrong, Rigoberto Campos,

Jessica Escobar, Julianna Garcia, Caitlyn Gay, Joshua Hubbs, Ashlee Jones, Sarah Jones, Andrew Laycock, Brian Lequiniche, Steven Meade, Danielle McLeod, Jay Sheaffer, Jessica Simonson, Coto Tollard, Maria Villalagomez and Nick Wallace.  
Fifth grade  
Alli As  
Brittnee Eberhardt, Sandra Entinquez, Joseph McMillin, Rebekah Metrick, Lupo Ruiz, Cristal Torres, Charisse Trujillo and Kendra Wright.  
As and B's  
Juan Anyasa, Omzio Avales, Dakota Brown, Bryan Bolter, Ryan Furgoso, Julie Garcia, Miaha Grissom, Kelcie Hutchins, Albert Laycock, Jordan Peterson, Taylor Petersen, Gage Roberts, Mark Russelle, Jordan Schoolcraft, Matt Torres, Joyce Villalagomez, Matthew Walsh and Quiana Welborn.

## Seamen graduate from Coast Guard training

Coast Guard Seaman Kandi L. Robinson, daughter of Katie L. and Mark E. Huber of Gooding, and Coast Guard Seaman Wesley E. Shinn, son of Colleen L. and Wes E. Shinn of Twin Falls, graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J. During the eight-week training program, Robinson completed a training curriculum consisting of academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness, health and wellness. Robinson is a 2003 graduate of Gooding High School of Gooding, Idaho. Shinn is a 2003 graduate of Kimberly High School.

## Naval Airman sent to Persian Gulf

Naval Airman Mark P. Seolene, a 2001 graduate of Elko High School, Elko, Nev., and his fellow shipmates assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 146 attached to Carrier Air Wing 3, have departed to the Persian Gulf as part of the USS Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group. The West Coast squadron, stationed at Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif., flies the F/A-18 Hornet, an all-weather fighter and attack aircraft designed for traditional strike operations, such as interdiction and close air support.

## Serviceman graduates from special training

Army Pvt. Stephen E. Dane has graduated from One Station Unit Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. He is the son of Kevin Dane of Twin Falls. Dane is a 2002 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. The training included completion of basic military training and advanced individual training in basic training, he received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and U.S. Army history and traditions. The soldier also completed the field-artillery fire support specialist advanced individual training course. The course is designed to train soldiers to establish, maintain and operate radio and wire communications and speech security equipment, including encoding and decoding messages; preparing and maintaining daily staff journals, fire support situation maps and other fire support and target processing.

## Marine reports to camp in North Carolina

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Norman C. Nailson, son of Norman H. Nailson of Twin Falls, has reported for duty with the 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Nailson is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School and

## Jerome Navy seaman completes training

Naval Seaman Recruit Andrew J. Stewart, son of Janet M. and James A. Stewart of Jerome, completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Stewart completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting water safety and survival and

## Rupert resident earns spot on dean's list

KIM and Scott Spevak, daughter of Kim and Scott Spevak of Rupert, was named to the dean's list at the University of Portland, School of Nursing, in Washington. Spevak made the dean's list with a grade point average of 3.5 carrying 12 credit hours. She is a 2004 graduate of Minico High School.

## Albertson College names students to dean's list

Several local students have been named to the dean's list of Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell:  
Buhl: Lindsey Brown and Erica Littlefield.

## T.F. graduate named to Albright dean's list

Manuela Gonzalez of Twin Falls was named to the Albright College fall semester dean's list in Reading, Pa. Gonzalez is a freshman majoring in psychology and a graduate of Twin Falls High School.

## Former T.F. resident named to dean's list

Jessica Seppi of Twin Falls was named to the University of Portland dean's list in Portland, Ore. Seppi is a freshman majoring in mathematics.

## Gooding students go to Know Your Government

Allie Hosed, Danielle Shubert, Katia Hobeyer, Kayla Kroeger, Jordan Gill, Kash Wilson and Jonathan Wisniewski were selected as delegates from Gooding County for the Know Your Government conference Feb. 19-21 in Boise. "Financial Future" covering how to examine finances, control taxes and manage financial risks will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and run for two weeks at the Buhl High School Library, 525 Sawtooth Ave. The cost is \$10. "Door Decor" will be held from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. Friday at the Buhl Middle School, Room 209, 217 Seventh N. The cost is \$5 plus \$2 for materials for a door hanging. "Felt Hat," which shows how to make a wool hat, will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. March 7 and run for three weeks at the Buhl High School Home Ec Room. The cost is \$8. "Beginning Guitar" shows tuning, basic chords and tablature will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. March 7 and run for six weeks in the Buhl Middle School Band Room. Participants should enter through the gymnasium doors. The cost is \$15.

## T.F. man celebrates 80th birthday with open house

TWIN FALLS - Phil E. Mulconery, formerly of Twin Falls, will celebrate his 80th birthday on March 11. A surprise open house will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. March 6 at his daughter's and son-in-law's home, 3009 E. 3400 N. Mulconery was an enforcement officer for the Internal Revenue Service before retiring in 1988. He served in World War II as a B-25 Bomber pilot and married Betty Rumsey in 1946. Mulconery has two sons and a daughter, Philip Mulconery II (deceased), Michael (Druc) Mulconery of Nampa and Kelly (Robin) Probasco; eight grand-

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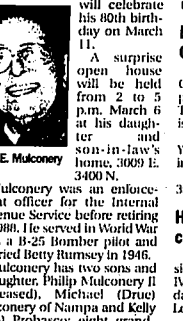
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# ENGAGEMENTS — For weddings, Friday is the new Saturday

## COUCH-JOHNSON



Eric Johnson and Jeremy Couch  
Pocatello as a truss designer.  
The wedding is planned for Friday, March 11, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception will be held in their honor from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the Hagerman LDS Church, 620 N. State St.  
The couple will reside in Pocatello.

## One advantage is less cost

Cox News Service

AUSTIN, Texas — Saturday will always be the most popular day for nuptials, especially for big, traditional weddings where Mom and Dad are footing the bill. But increasingly, non-Saturday weddings are raising fewer disapproving eyebrows.

There are practical reasons to avoid a Saturday wedding. They are the same reasons you might avoid eating out on Valentine's Day: higher prices, bigger crowds and more competition.

Couples who choose a day other than Saturday usually are planning more intimate weddings or second marriages that are being deducted from their bank accounts. The savings can be enormous, according to Denise and Alan Fields, co-authors of the best-selling book "Bridal Bargains" (\$14.95, Windor Peak Press, 2004).

The Fields estimate couples can save 10 percent to 20 percent on the total bill by booking a non-Saturday wedding. Hotels and country clubs offer the biggest savings because their rates are low and vendors are usually willing to cut a deal if it means booking an event on a low-demand day.

The savings aren't just bottom-line discounts. With the brides and extra vendors willing to toss in for low-demand days, you can buy more of a wedding for your dollar, they explain. It's common for the band or DJ to throw in an

extra hour of music and the country club to include a free honeymoon suite, for example.

Another advantage of non-Saturday weddings: You're more likely to book a popular venue. "The reality is there are only 52 Saturdays a year... It makes sense to look at the alternatives," Alan Fields says.

Cathy Mullinax, facilities sales manager at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, says a Saturday book year in advance, whereas Fridays and Sundays book only four to six months in advance.

"The odds are much better for a non-Saturday. In fact, I still have one Friday left in April," she said last week.

Austinites Joy LeFevre and Ted Goodwin are tying the knot on a Sunday in April at the Barr Mansion, their first choice of venue. In addition to getting a prime date during a popular wedding month in Texas, they are saving thousands of dollars by booking on a Sunday, LeFevre says.

So, where do you draw the line between saving money and inconveniencing your guests? After all, many out-of-town guests will have to take a day off work to attend a wedding held on a Friday or a Sunday. That's why Sundays on holiday weekends and Sunday brunch weddings are the most common among the non-Saturday

choices, says Denise Fields. A Sunday on a three-day weekend is equivalent to a Saturday on a regular weekend but your guests may not have to spend their vacation at your wedding. An early Sunday wedding also makes sense, because it gives your guests time to travel home before the work week begins, she says.

Local couple Deidra DePaege and Jason Ball were very conscious of their family members work schedules when choosing their wedding date. DePaege's sisters have demanding work schedules that make it difficult to take time off. The couple settled on a mid-morning Sunday wedding at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin. The extras offered by the hotel for a non-Saturday wedding, which included waived rental fees, a bigger ballroom space and a free honeymoon suite, were unanticipated bonuses.

For many couples, holding the ceremony on a day other than Saturday doesn't shorten the traditional wedding weekend (rehearsal dinner Friday, wedding on Saturday, brunch on Sunday), says Amy Mader, owner of Amy's Platinum Wedding, a wedding coordinating and consulting company in Austin. "It's still popular to turn the event into a whole weekend affair. It just affects the order of the parties," she says.

Etiquette expert and business consultant Colleen Rickbacher held her second wedding on a Friday. She had a catered dinner Thursday night, golf and a luncheon before the small ceremony on Friday, a big reception on Saturday and a brunch on Sunday. Clearly, her Friday wedding wasn't about saving money. She reasoned Friday was more convenient for her guests. Many of her older family members preferred traveling on Thursday to avoid congested highway and air traffic. And the guests who worked preferred taking off a Friday over a Monday. "Monday is a meeting day and a catch-up day. Friday is more relaxed and low-key," she explained.

Cultural attitudes toward days of the week do play a role in choosing a non-Saturday event. Several New York-based wedding planners say Thursday and Friday weddings were more acceptable in certain social circles because there's pressure not to intrude on people's weekends in the Hamptons. And LeFevre says she considers Sunday a family day, a perfect time to celebrate a wedding. It also occurred to her that people might drink less on a Sunday.

The Barr Mansion isn't centrally located, so "it was a little bit of a factor," she says. "Maybe we won't have to worry about people getting out of control and driving home."

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## AUSTIN-DEFORD



David DeFord and Ronnie Austin  
honor will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 18, at the LDS Institute in Twin Falls.

FILER — Ron and Rita Austin of Salmon announce the engagement of their daughter, Ronnie Austin, to David DeFord of Filer, son of Carl and Joyce Hilder of Filer and the late Gary DeFord.

Austin served an LDS mission to the England Manchester Mission. She is a student at the College of Southern Idaho and is employed by the church.

DeFord served an LDS mission to the Australia Sydney South Mission. He is employed at Dell.

The wedding is planned for Friday, March 18, in the Boise LDS Temple. A reception in their

## RIDGWAY-IRACE



Vanessa Ridgway and Keven Irace  
Nazarene. A reception will be held following the ceremony at the church.

JEROME — John and Vivian Ridgway of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Vanessa LeeAnn Ridgway, to Keven Irace, son of Jon and Dawn Irace of Wendell.

Ridgway is attending Light-house Christian School and will graduate in May. She plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho in the fall.

Irace is a graduate of Wendell High School. He is employed at Construction.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 25, at the Twin Falls First Church of the

## CRITCHFIELD-MECHAM



Jade Mecham and Anne Critchfield  
recently working with T&C Agriculture doing custom farming.

TWIN FALLS — Kim and Marla Critchfield of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Kim Critchfield, to Jade Willis Mecham, son of John and Kim Hurley of Filer and Hal Mecham of Roosevelt, Utah.

Critchfield is a graduate of Filer High School and the College of Southern Idaho with an associate degree in nursing. She is currently enrolled in the Medical Assistant Program at CSI. She is employed at Canyon Springs Chiropractic.

Mecham is a graduate of Murtaugh High School. He is

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 25, at the Twin Falls First Church of the

The couple will reside in Kimberly.

## Forget the cake: Let them eat tiramisu or creme brulee

Cox News Service

AUSTIN, Texas — There it sits on a table: layers of cake, frosting or staccato and adorned with flowers or ribbons.

After the bride and groom put their hands on the silver knife, cut the cake and feed 1 to each other in a staged Kodak moment, the rest of the cake is sliced and served to guests. This

routine happens at countless weddings every weekend. But not all.

Contemporary couples, bored with the traditional wedding cake concept, are choosing alternatives that range from towers of Ding Dongs or croque-mouche to desserts of creme brulee or chocolate bourbon pecan pies.

"I have seen individual tiramisus instead of wedding

cake," says Frauka Baylor, owner of Blue Trout Catering. "Each was tied with a ribbon. It was most unusual and most delicious."

"I did another wedding reception for a couple who had gotten married in another country," she continues. "The reception here was just an informal party. I had a Mexican theme, so we did a palerteria cart in the middle of the dance floor

and filled it with paletas and ice cream bars."

Tony Sansalone, former pastry chef at the Four Seasons and now chef/owner of Sansalone's Specialty Cakes & Fine Pastries, says that it is not unusual for couples who have an elegant sit-down plated dinner reception to choose upscale a la carte desserts such as creme brulees or individual molten chocolate cakes.

## DAVIDS-DARRINGTON



Brian and Ami Darrington  
secondary education. He currently works in farming in Declo.

BURLEY — Ami Chante Davids and Brian Paul Darrington were married Thursday, Feb. 17, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Rosie and Lyle Davids of Burley. Parents of the bridegroom are Byrle and Dan Darrington of Declo.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Burley High School. She will receive her associate's degree from Idaho State University in May.

The bridegroom is a 1998 graduate of Declo High School. He will graduate from ISU in December with a degree in

## HARROP-WARD



Justin and Tessa Ward  
A reception was held Saturday, Feb. 19, in Moncks Corner. A second reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 5.

BURLEY — Tessa Johanna Harrop and Justin Douglas Ward were married Friday, Feb. 18, at the Columbia LDS Temple in Columbia, S.C.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Bradley Harrop of Moncks Corner, S.C.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ward of Burley.

The bride is currently attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and will graduate with a degree in business finance in December.

Ward is also attending BYU and will graduate with a degree in biology in December. He will be going to dental school.

## WAYMENT-MEREDITH



Amber and Russell Meredith  
sity in Pocatello last year. She is currently working for the Pocatello Police Department as a parking attendant.

TWIN FALLS — Amber Nicole Wayment and Russell James Meredith were married Oct. 23, 2005, in the Idaho Falls Temple.

A reception was held the evening of Oct. 23 at the 41st Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint in Pocatello. An open house was held Oct. 30 at the home of Larry and Darlene Wayment in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Scott Wayment of Kimberly and Lori Wayment of Twin Falls.

The bridegroom is the son of Robert and Deann Meredith of Pocatello.

The bride's grandparents are Ardith Berney of Curry, Virgil Berney of Jerome and Larry and Darlene Wayment of Twin Falls.

The bridegroom's grandparents are Earl and Erma Meredith of Downy.

The bride graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2001. She attended Brigham Young University-Idaho for two years and attended Idaho State University

The bridegroom graduated from Pocatello High School in 2001. He served an LDS mission in the Indiana Indianapolis Mission. He is attending ISU and is working for Varsity Contractors in Pocatello.

They are residing in Pocatello.

## Couples decide against boring bands of gold

Minneapolis Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — When they got married last June, Tammy Zywotko and Ben Nye of Eden Prairie, Minn., wanted rings to remember.

Nye, 29, now sports a custom-made wedding band of green gold inspired by his love of Green Lantern comic books. On Zywotko's finger is a curly custom swoosh of a rose-gold orite chip, couples everywhere are looking to put their own twist on these time-honored tokens of love.

In Grand Marais, Minn., jeweler Stephen Horn has seen requests for engagement rings featuring greenstone — a metamorphic rock found in

northeast Minnesota — than diamonds.

In Lanesboro, Minn., Crown Trout Jewelers' Liz Buchelt and Kary Kilmer forged matching rings with a hawk theme for a pair of bird scientists-turned-lovebirds.

In Bloomington, Minn., Wixon Jewelers recently helped newlywed Marnie Pace design a hefty platinum ring featuring a 1.8 carat square-cut diamond and sapphires to mirror the blue eyes of his wife, Sierra.

"I didn't want her to wear an old lady's ring," said Pace, 41. "And besides, after feeling like he's waited his whole life for

Share, 38, he wanted to celebrate. "She was the most amazing woman to come into my life in so many ways," said Pace, who married Share last October.

"I wanted this — the ring — to be the explanation point in our relationship."

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**Garth & Donna Price of Twin Falls will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary March 1st**

Lt. Garth Price, while on leave from the Army Air Corp., met Donna Staley of Kimberly, January 2, 1945. Garth and Donna were married March 1, 1945 in the Mesa, Ar., LDS Temple.

In February of 1946, after his release from the Air Corp., Garth & Donna moved back to Twin Falls where they lived until 1983, when they moved to Sedona, Az. In 1991 they retired and became full time RV'ers, travelling the Western United States, Alaska and Canada. They returned to Twin Falls in April of 2003.

They are lifelong members of the LDS Church. They have two daughters, Carolyn Schaffer of Twin Falls, Michelle Price of Maui, Hawaii, Granddaughter, Nicole (Reg) Schaffer Pope and Grandson Cole Pope of Nampa.

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# Centennial

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## Magic Valley scrapbooks



*Elena, Marie and John Sommer*

Siblings Elena Sommer (Crowe), left, Marie Sommer (Halliburton) and John Sommer pause in the orchard on their family's Filer homestead in 1930. Their parents sold the land and its dairy herd in 1919, retiring to California. Visiting the Idaho family again only months later, their father, Gottfried Sommer, expressed his regret for having sold, saying, "There is no section in the country as good as this."



Photo courtesy of ANABEL LUSTY of Burbank

Twin Falls pioneer I.B. Perrine, right, and an agronomist named Burbank — probably Luther Burbank — show an 8-year-old Persian walnut tree on March 15, 1916, at Perrine's Blue Lakes Ranch.

Look closely here for a few enduring farm themes: Families banding together to get work done. Pride in a prize crop (or tree, in the case of pioneer I.B. Perrine). And the love of one's own bit of land.

These six images from our readers' scrapbooks conclude our February series of old agricultural photographs.

But our centennial coverage is far from ended. We have at least another month's worth of historical photographs in our files, and you'll also continue to see stories about various Magic Valley cities' centennials on this page.

— Virginia S. Hutchins



Photo courtesy of HELEN LEE of Jerome

From left, Fred Stewart, Carl Butler, Forrest Boerner, Otto Jarstad and Dean Weatherwax — World War II veterans who lived on the Hunt Project — show the results of a rabbit drive in 1947 or '48. The rabbits were a menace to farmers' crops.

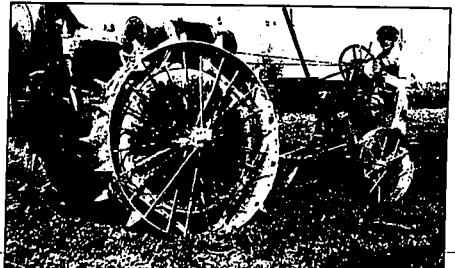


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John G. Sommer's hired man works a field south of Twin Falls in 1918.

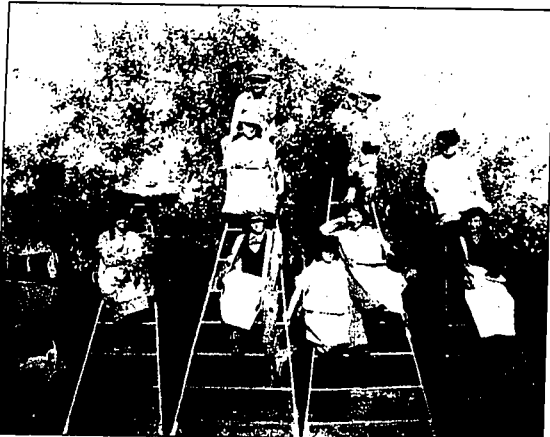


Photo courtesy of PATRICIA A. COGSWELL of Twin Falls

Thomas Cyrus Wassom and his children pick fruit in about 1925 in an orchard near Buhl. "Families used to have to work together just to survive," says Patricia Cogswell of Twin Falls, whose husband, Ronald, is a grandson of C.T. Wassom. "Even the youngest, who was sent the highest up the tree, had a job to do."



Photo courtesy of DON and JEANNE DEAN of Burbank

In about the 1910s, on Stricker Ranch at Rock Creek, a transient laborer who had helped with the harvest takes his leave. "He was leaving and seemed to have several admirers," someone wrote on the back of this photograph.

### Burley seeks theme for Cassia County Fair

The Times-News

100-year heritage.

BURLEY — The Cassia County Fair is set for Aug. 16-20 at the Cassia County Fairgrounds in Burley.

With Burley's centennial celebration in full swing, the fair will focus on Burley's rich

The Burley Centennial Committee is seeking entries for this year's fair and parade theme, which should center on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to honor Burley's history and its future, organizers say.

Send ideas to: Burley Centennial Committee Fair/Parade Theme Contest, P.O. Box 1090, Burley, ID 83316.

The deadline for entries is Saturday, and organizers say a "substantial" cash prize will be awarded to the winner.

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