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House passes Nez Perce bill

The Associated Press

BOISE — The Idaho House has passed three bills Wednesday supporting one of the largest water rights agreements in the West. House bills 152, 153 and 154 — all supporting the proposed multimillion-dollar agreement between the Nez Perce Tribe, the state and federal government — passed with strong support after Rep. Dell Rimbould told lawmakers that much of the opposition surrounding the agreement was based on wrong information. The bills now move to the Idaho Senate.



"This is good for the state of Idaho. It's good for the citizens of the state of Idaho. And I believe this body has an obligation to uphold this agreement," Rimbould said.

"The first of the three bills passed with a 55-14 vote. The other two bills passed with similar margins. Rep. Lenore Barrett, a staunch opponent of the bill, said she was disappointed the bills were approved.

"It's no surprise, but you don't give up. I have a tendency to go down swinging, and it's not over yet. It's not over until the fat lady sings," Opponents said the agree-

ment sacrificed the rights of Idaho residents living on or near the Nez Perce Reservation and gave too much to the tribe. But supporters said the agreement, made after nearly a decade of negotiation between the parties, was the only intelligent way to avoid a costly and drawn-out court battle over water.

The agreement gives the Nez Perce Tribe annual rights to 50,000 acre-feet of water in the Clearwater River and \$80 million in cash and land in return for dropping claims to nearly all the water in the Snake River and its tributaries.

The state and federal governments also pledged tens of millions of dollars for fish habitat

and other environmental improvements.

The bills would protect irrigators in the Upper Snake River Basin and some loggers and landowners in the Clearwater and Salmon river basins from endangered species-based lawsuits.

Congress has already signed off on the deal and appropriated more than \$45 million to mitigate the cost, and the proposal has the support of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. Top Republican leaders in both the House and Senate are listed as co-sponsors of the bill.

The Legislature must approve the agreement by March 31 to remain valid.

Expert: Johnson wasn't the shooter

By Patti Murphy Times-News correspondent

BOISE — A witness in the Sarah Johnson double-murder trial testified Wednesday that he did not believe the 10-year-old defendant was her parents' killer.

Michael Howard, a forensic scientist called to the stand by the defense, said Johnson "could not have been the person that pulled the trigger in this scenario."

Referring to the gunshot wound Diane Howard testified, Howard testified, "This was a very explosive event. You simply cannot be in that shooting environment and not get blood on you."

Sarah Johnson, who was 16 at the time of the September 2003 killings, is accused of shooting her mother in the head while she slept and then turning the rifle on her father as he came out of the shower. Prosecutors contend that Sarah killed her parents because they disapproved of her relationship with a 19-year-old Mexican immigrant.

Howard testified that when investigators analyzed the pajama pants, T-shirt and the top of the socks Sarah was wearing the morning of the shootings, no blood was found.

"There was absolutely no blood found on Sarah," he said, noting that whoever shot Diane would have been covered by a "rain of blood."

A pink bathrobe that belonged to Sarah was found to have blood spatters on it. The robe is presumed to have been worn by the shooter during the murders.

Howard testified that he had developed three hypotheses of what could have happened at the crime scene:

- It was a murder-suicide where Alan Johnson killed his wife before turning the gun on himself.
- Sarah Johnson pulled the trigger.
- Another person committed the shootings.

There was evidence that he ruled out a murder-suicide because the blood spatter and gun powder patterns on Alan's wound show the gun muzzle was at least 2 feet away from his chest, making it impossible for him to pull the trigger himself.

During his full day of testimony, Howard showed the jury a number of grisly photos of Diane and Alan after they had been shot, the blood and biological matter sprayed on the walls



Sarah Johnson

UNDER FIRE?



Armando Silva, owner of Twin Falls nightclub Lucky's, talks about a two-page list of disturbance and criminal calls the Twin Falls Police Department says it has received since the bar opened eight months ago. Silva disputes many of these claims, which will be front and center during Tuesday's Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to discuss revoking the bar's special-use permit.

Downtown nightclub could lose its permit

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A downtown nightclub is in danger of losing the city-issued permit that allows it to operate. But the club's owners say the bar has never been cited for illegal activity and is being unfairly targeted.

Due to "numerous complaints of criminal and unlawful behaviors" at Lucky's, the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday will discuss revoking the nightclub's special-use permit, said Capt. Jim Munn of the Twin Falls Po-

Meeting Tuesday

The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission will discuss the possible revocation of Lucky's special-use permit to operate a nightclub at the commission's regular meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the City Council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E. No action will be taken at this meeting; the issue only will be discussed at this time. The meeting is open to the public. lice Department. Since the club opened last June at 156 Main Ave. N., the po-

lice department has responded to a total of 66 calls for service regarding Lucky's, Munn said.

"That number is significantly higher than other bars in the community," Munn said. That total includes 15 fights, seven thefts, three domestic situations, two reports of underage drinking, five reports of weapons and three situations in which police dispersed crowds outside the bar. Munn said the department has clocked about 45 hours of staff time on the calls, with an average of 24 minutes spent per call. "Lucky's has generated twice

as many responses as (the second-highest offending business), Hot Rocks," Munn said, referring to the exotic-dancing club south of downtown.

The club's permit — issued last February — allows its owners to operate a recreational facility that serves alcohol and is open past 10 p.m. The permit was issued with three conditions — the bar's noise level is not to exceed 78 decibels within 10 feet of the building, trash around the building must be picked up each night and the

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Court debates Commandments issue

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With demonstrators shouting religious slogans outside, Supreme Court justices questioned, argued and fretted Wednesday over whether Ten Commandments displays on government property cross the line of separation between church and state.

Several expressed support for a 6-foot granite monument on the grounds of the Texas state Capitol, but were less certain about framed copies of the commandments in two Kentucky courthouses. "If an atheist walks by, he can avert his eyes," Justice Anthony Kennedy said in a court filled with spectators, many of whom glanced at the court's frieze of Moses carrying the tablets.



A monument of the 'Ten Commandments' on the grounds of the Texas state Capitol in Austin, Texas.

But Justices John Paul Stevens and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, while acknowledging the nation's religious history, wondered where the line should be drawn. The court ruled in 1983 that legislative prayer is allowable, citing its historical significance, but in 1992 said prayer in public schools is not because students may feel pressure to participate. "What if every federal court had a Ten Commandments display over its bench and opened with a prayer, Ginsburg asked, brushing aside Justice Antonin Scalia's remark that the justices already open their sessions with "God save this honorable court."

"We would try and defend that," said acting Solicitor General Paul Clement, who argued on behalf of the Bush administration in supporting the Ten Commandments displays. A pivotal vote in the case is expected to be Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who in recent years has been at the forefront in outlining constitutional tests based in part on a symbol's history and "ubiquity." She did not tip her hand Wednesday, if she had one. "It's so hard to draw that line between allowing a legislative prayer, and not allowing a Ten Commandments display, O'Connor fretted at one point.

Tax panel axes Idaho's corporate incentive bill

Newcomb suggests one of state's largest companies may leave

The Associated Press

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne may rescure a bill to offer tax incentives to large companies that move to Idaho, just hours after a state House committee killed the measure.

"We're talking," said Brian Whitlock, Kempthorne's chief of staff, describing phone conversations between the governor and Speaker of the House Bruce Newcomb over the issue.

Earlier Wednesday, six Republicans joined four Democrats on the Revenue and Taxation Committee in opposing the measure, which died in



a 10-9 vote.

All nine backers were Republicans. Kempthorne's Idaho Corporate Headquarters Incentive Act would have allowed companies that hire 500 new employees earning \$50,000 annually plus benefits to be eligible for millions of dollars in tax breaks.

The committee killed the package amid concerns including that it favored large businesses over small ones, wouldn't have helped rural communities and might prompt others to request additional tax breaks.

"I believe that proposals that create specific wage targets are inaudible," said Rep. Nicole DiVoreau. DiVoreau, who votes against the measure, "But this proposal was full of holes."

The vote calls into question the viability of a separate tax-incentive program. Please see INCENTIVE, Page A2



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with decreasing shower opportunities. Highs from 44 to 50.
Tonight: Mostly dry with areas of patchy late night fog developing. Lows from 23 to 29.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with a small chance of isolated showers coming to pass. Highs from 45 to 51.
Tonight: Mostly dry with late nighttime skies. Patchy fog may form late. Lows from 22 to 28.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Shower chances will linger through the morning, with drier conditions on top by afternoon. The week will come to a mostly dry and with comfortable temperatures expected.

BOISE
The week will come to a mostly dry and with unseasonably mild temperatures expected. Areas of patchy fog may form tonight.

NORTHERN UTAH
Mostly dry conditions and mild temperatures are expected to finish out the week.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 63 at Lowell, Low: 31 at Starbuck.
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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

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Almanac table with columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moon Phases, Pollen Count.

Record High: 84 in 1886 Year to Date: 64.7 Today's Maximum: 62%
Record Low: 12 in 1886 Year to Date: 27.8 Today's Minimum: 27%
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Moon Phases

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Joumea, a Kemphorne spokesman, said he doubts logic that the committee would vote against a bill that would have cost us nothing if one used it and would have given us a payback if they did.

back? Barratt said, arguing the bill was tailored to help large companies but did little for smaller firms or rural areas.

Johnson

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and bedding plus bloody pools on the floor and on the cabinets. Within one hour after the proceedings began, the judge called for a break because a female juror was getting nauseous.

dence at a crime scene. "Admittedly, yes," Howard said. "Was it fatal to your case?" Thomas asked.

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CORRECTION

Robbery suspect was 16
Dustin Mark Johnson, 16, faces one count of robbery in connection with a Feb. 25 incident at the 7-Eleven convenience store at 1509 Kimberly Road.

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Greenspan urges quick action

He says delays will worsen country's budgetary problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan urged Congress Wednesday to move quickly to fix the financing problems in Social Security and Medicare, arguing that delay will only make the country's budgetary problems more severe.

Greenspan again endorsed the key part of President Bush's Social Security overhaul to set up private accounts. But he said Congress needed to do other things to put Social Security and Medicare on a more sound financial footing given the impending retirement of 78 million baby boomers.

While saying that Congress should move quickly to consider possible benefit cuts for Social Security and Medicare before the baby boomers begin retiring, Greenspan, as he did a month ago, urged a go-slow approach to setting up Bush's proposed private accounts.



Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan discusses the nation's economic outlook before the House Budget Committee on Capitol Hill on Wednesday.

proach to setting up Bush's proposed private accounts. The administration estimates those accounts will require

about \$745 billion in new borrowing over the next decade. Greenspan said it is difficult to judge what impact that increased borrowing will have on financial markets and for that reason, the government should move cautiously to keep from triggering higher interest rates.

"I think it is very important that you move gradually and see what the response is," Greenspan said.

He said it is entirely possible that the impact on interest rates will be "zero," but he said since that can't be forecast with total confidence "cautious and gradual" was the best approach.

Boostering the administration's drive to get a Social Security reform bill enacted this year, Greenspan warned that every year of delay would make fixing the program harder, especially after the baby boomers begin retiring.

Bush's proposal for private accounts has proved to be a hard sell.

"This is the mother of all issues," House Majority Leader Tom DeLay said Tuesday, as fe-

publican congressional leaders conceded that they may not be able to win congressional approval of it this year.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said Bush will have to take a lead in building support for private accounts, especially "when a lot of political figures want to run and hide and when you have a lot of people who say there's no problem."

In his testimony Wednesday, Greenspan repeated a warning he first made a year ago, saying he believed the government had promised more than it could deliver to the baby boomers now approaching retirement and saying that cuts in benefits would have to be considered.

"If existing promises need to be changed, those changes should be made sooner rather than later," he said.

Making promises of retirement benefits that cannot be delivered, Greenspan said, was "utterly inappropriate. It is unfair."

Official: Student kills bus driver

14-year-old suspect in custody

CUMBERLAND CITY, Tenn. (AP) — A 14-year-old boy was charged with shooting a school bus driver to death as she drove her morning route Wednesday.

A relative of the driver said he had reported the boy a day earlier for using smokeless tobacco on the bus.

None of the 24 students on the bus, ranging from kindergarten to the 12th grade, was hurt, even though the bus crashed into a utility pole after driver Joyce Gregory was shot.

Authorities declined to comment on a motive for the shooting or identify the high school freshman accused of killing Gregory and neighbors.

Public defender Jack Lockert, who met with the suspect for about 45 minutes, said he was in custody.

"We obviously feel like he has several mental issues," Lockert said. "He's an A and B student and had never been in trouble before."

Two weeks ago, Gregory told



Officials inspect the school bus whose driver, Joyce Gregory, was shot and killed while on her morning route in nearby Cumberland City. Officials said a 14-year-old male student was taken into custody. None of the 20 students on the bus, ranging from kindergarten to the 12th grade, were hurt.

family members she was having trouble with students chewing tobacco on the bus, according to her cousin Jacqueline Reed. After several warnings, she reported them to school administrators Tuesday. Reed said, adding that the 14-year-old was one of the students Gregory reported.

The shooting happened around 6:15 a.m. on an unpaved rural road just outside

Cumberland City, about 50 miles northwest of Nashville.

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation spokesman Jennifer Johnson said the suspect had not yet boarded the bus when the driver was shot. Police said the weapon used was a .45-caliber handgun, but they would not say where the boy got it.

"We've heard stories that there was an argument, that he



Sharon Bryant, sister of Joyce Gregory, lists at a news conference in Dover, Tenn., as officials talk about Gregory's murder on Wednesday.

may have been disciplined by the bus driver, but right now we're trying to sort through those stories to see exactly what happened," Johnson said.

District Attorney Dan Alsbrook said the suspect has been charged with first-degree murder in juvenile court and was being held without bond. He said the boy could face adult charges as the investigation continues.

Patients get more benefit from experimental cancer treatments

The Associated Press

People with advanced cancers who are often given chemotherapy are helped more than previously thought, according to the most comprehensive look at government-sponsored tests over the past decade.

These are patients who haven't benefited from other therapies and have few options left. But testing new treatments on them has been criticized by some who feel the patients are given false hope since previous reviews showed they only worked in about 4 percent to 6 percent.

However, this latest and largest study found that about 11 percent were helped by experimental treatment, and in some cases as many as 27 percent were better off.

The numbers aren't as bleak as they sometimes are portrayed, said one of the researchers, Christine Grady, of the National Institutes of Health's Department of Clinical Oncology.

"But the numbers don't tell the whole story," she said. Her review covered tests on different types of drugs and vaccines, combinations of drugs and some that had already been approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Only 22 percent of the reviewed tests were for a single chemotherapy drug, that was the only kind included in the reviews that showed low overall response.

She said patients who want to volunteer for early drug testing

should look at the details for the type of experiment they are considering.

"Phase trials are not all alike," she said.

The first phase of drug testing in people is primarily designed to see if the treatment is safe and to find the right dose for future tests, though doctors also hope to get some idea of whether it works. These early tests are done in cancer patients who have failed other treatments.

Grady and her colleagues analyzed 460 tests with 11,935 participants, including some previously unpublished tests. They were done between 1991 and 2002 and were paid for by the NIH's National Cancer Institute. Their review did not include tests financed by drug makers or those done on children. The research appears in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Overall, about 3 percent saw their cancers disappear and about 8 percent had a substantial shrinkage of their tumors.

Senate rejects Democrats' efforts to soften bankruptcy law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats were thwarted Wednesday in their attempt to soften the impact on seniors and sick people of a proposed law making it harder to erase debts in bankruptcy.

Mostly along party lines, the GOP-controlled Senate voted 59-40 to reject an amendment that would have allowed older people to get special honest-debt exemptions to keep their homes when they file for bankruptcy. Currently, such exemptions are determined by the states.

Also rebuffed, 58-39, were two proposals focused on people whose significant medical expenses for illness force them to file for bankruptcy.

The first would have allowed people to keep at least \$150,000 of the equity in their primary residence. If, in addition, the medical bills exceed 25 percent of the person's income, the second proposal would have exempted them from a new test in the legislation measuring income and assets of bankruptcy applicants to determine if debts can be discharged.

Giving to colleges experiences growth

The Associated Press

After two years without growth, charitable contributions to U.S. colleges and universities rose 3.4 percent last year to a record \$24.4 billion, according to a report released Wednesday.

The increase was driven by a 9.7 percent increase in giving from individual donors, including a 21.5 percent surge in giving by non-alumni individuals. That offset a 6.1 percent decline in giving by foundations.

Among alumni, total giving rose slightly, but the percentage of alumni donating fell, as it has every year since 2001.

Harvard University led the list by raising \$540 million, according to the latest annual survey by the Council for Aid to Education, a unit of the RAND Corporation, UCLA. Both overall, raised the most of any public university — \$262 million.

Overall, alumni donations last year accounted for 28 percent of university giving, non-alumni individuals 21 percent, corporations 18 percent and foundations 25 percent.

Foundations generally ramp up giving more slowly than individuals when the economy recovers, as it has in the last two years.

The remaining 8 percent was contributed by religious and other organizations.

Though the increase in overall contributions barely outpaced inflation, survey director Alan Kaplan of CAE called the results "not too bad," considering the decline in foundation grants, which she expects to turn around.

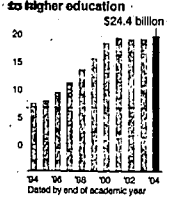
The overall increase followed zero growth in 2003, and a decline in 2002 — the first since 1988.

Kaplan credited a stronger economy and more effective fund-raising.

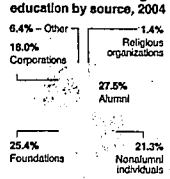
Donations to colleges increase

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Annual charitable giving to higher education



Private donations to higher education by source, 2004



Top universities by amount raised, 2004

University	Amount Raised (\$ million)
Harvard University	\$540
Stanford University	\$324
Cornell University	\$308
University of Pennsylvania	\$333
University of Southern California	\$322

SOURCE: Rand Corp. AP

Accused financier faces terror camp allegations

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — A British computer specialist tried to set up a terrorist training camp in Arizona, where he met with Islamic radicals who claimed ties to Osama bin Laden, a government attorney alleged Wednesday.

Barbar Ahmad, who is being held in London on charges he ran a terrorist fund-raising Web site, met in Phoenix in 1998 with Yasser Al-Faraj, a member of the Islamic jihad network militia, and others who claimed to have access to bin Laden, said John Hardy, a British lawyer representing the U.S. government.

The report was outlined in a report by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Appleton, who would prosecute the case in Connecticut because one of the Web sites Ahmad ran was hosted here. The report has not been released to the public, but Hardy summarized it and plans to present it as evidence at Ahmad's extradition hearing, which began Wednesday in London.

There was no evidence in the report that Ahmad successfully set up the camp, but he practiced using some firearms while in Phoenix, Hardy said.

Ahmad was indicted in October on charges of supporting terrorism, conspiring to kill Americans and laundering money through the Web sites he operated.

train to fight abroad.

Details of the Phoenix trip were outlined in a report by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Appleton, who would prosecute the case in Connecticut because one of the Web sites Ahmad ran was hosted here. The report has not been released to the public, but Hardy summarized it and plans to present it as evidence at Ahmad's extradition hearing, which began Wednesday in London.

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NATION

Experts praise BTK authorities

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — It took detectives 31 years to catch the man they believe is the BTK strangler, even though the killer scattered clues around and the suspect under arrest was not exactly hiding. But many experts on serial killers say the investigators deserve praise.

Serial killers are notoriously hard to catch. "The fact that the case wasn't solved for so long doesn't mean that they were going down the wrong routes," said James Alan Fox, a Northwestern University criminologist and author of the book "Extreme Killings." "If he wanted to go good at killing and covering his tracks and evading police, he would have been caught years ago."

Dennis L. Rader, 59, was arrested last week on suspicion of being the BTK killer believed responsible for at least 10 slayings in Wichita beginning in 1974. BTK sent messages to the news media about the crimes in the

70s and stopped for more than two decades before resurfacing last March with a letter to The Wichita Eagle. Since then, BTK taunted authorities with letters. Authorities responded by taking swabs of DNA from more than 4,000 people, including journalists and police officers. And they appealed to the public for help by disclosing a detailed profile of the killer, including details such as the killer's possible obsession with trains and having a grandfather who played the fiddle. But some of the details may have been false — red herrings planted by the killer.

Rader lived a normal life as a married father of two. Scout leader and active member of his church. His job as a municipal code inspector had him in contact with the public, and he appeared on the local news in 2001 for an essay on vicious dogs. "I don't know what more they could have done," said Eric Hickey, a criminal psychologist

at California State University-Fresno who wrote the book "Serial Murderers and Their Victims" and who has been an FBI consultant on cases including that of the Unabomber. "Once a while there's going to be a case where the guy is smart enough that he's going to be able to disappear off the map for a while. That's how it happened from the time Jeffrey Dahmer first killed until police found his apartment full of human torso sockets in acid. Green River Killer Gary Ridgway killed 48 women in Washington state beginning in 1982 but was not caught until 2001. One of history's most famous killers, Jack the Ripper, who terrorized London in 1888, was never captured.

Michael Newton, whose books include "The Encyclopedia of Serial Killers" and "Sull at Large" on at-large serial killers, said about one-fifth of the 20th century's roughly 1,500 serial killers were never caught.

Investigators haven't said exactly how they connected Rader to the crimes. But there were strong indications that a computer disk BTK sent to a Wichita TV station played a key role. Rader's pastor was quoted as saying that police asked him for a list of people who had access to the church computer, and that he gave them the names.

Experts say investigators may have had an advantage since his crimes were committed in a city of 350,000, not a big metropolitan area. But serial killers are still difficult to solve because the victims are typically strangers. "When you're talking about someone who kills a stranger then you've got a whole universe of suspects to deal with," said Steven Eger, a criminologist at the University of Houston-Clear Lake who wrote a book on serial murderers, "The Killers Among Us." "It's very difficult to narrow the field of suspects down to a manageable number."

Pastor says congregation won't cut BTK suspect off

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — The pastor of the church whose leaders include the suspect in the BTK serial killings talked to Dennis Rader in jail Wednesday and told him he will continue to be a part of the congregation. "We are not going to cut him off. I could talk to him if he is released," Michael Clark, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Wichita, told The Associated Press. "He is still a part of the body of Christ — and that is something some people will have a hard time hearing."

Clark declined to disclose more details of his 45-minute conversation with Rader, citing confidentiality as his pastor. They spoke a day after Rader was formally charged with 10 counts of first-degree murder in the serial killings that have haunted Wichita for the past three decades. "His demeanor seemed to be OK," Clark said. "He seems to be handling things as well as he can."

For now, Rader remains president of the church council — although he will eventually have to relinquish some church leadership positions, Clark said. Since the BTK killer's first slayings in 1974, investigators have accused of the man who gave himself the "Blind, Turntown, Kill" nickname and taunted police with letters and packages sent to media outlets. BTK had been wanted for eight killings for years, but when authorities announced Rader's arrest Saturday they alleged he also had committed two other murders, the latest in 1991.

The case has shaken Clark since Friday, when detectives arrived with a search warrant and informed the pastor of Rader's arrest in connection with the BTK killings.



Dennis Rader

Clark was so dumbfounded he asked detectives to repeat their information three times. He gave police a list of 10 to 15 people, including Rader, who had access to the church computer.

Rader used the computer at least once, when he printed out a council agenda in late January, Clark said. The pastor said he had to show Rader how to put the disk into the computer and use it.

A disaster authorities say was sent by the BTK killer to a television station apparently contained an electronic imprint that identified the church computer, Clark said.

Clark also said that he learned from Rader's family later that police had taken a DNA sample from Rader's daughter, but he did not know any other details. He stressed that the daughter did not turn her father in as a local media outlet had reported.

The Rader family, which has been in seclusion, may be ready to make a public statement in a week or so, he said.

For now, the pastor wants to focus on helping his congregation through these "dark times."

Although he looked haggard as he prepared for Wednesday evening church services, Clark said. "This will be a source of power and strength in our congregation. I don't think we have to be victims — I think we can come out stronger."

A preliminary hearing has been set for March 15 for Rader, who appears unlikely to face the death penalty.

Club

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bar must conform to city building and fire codes.

In addition to the police calls, there have also been numerous complaints from the neighboring businesses regarding noise, vagrancy and trash/litter left in the area, according to planning and zoning documents released this week. According to Twin Falls city code, a special-use permit can be revoked for violating added conditions or as a result of a petition filed by complainants.

But the owners of Lucky's say they've never received any official citations from the city for illegal activity at the bar or violated any of the terms of the special-use permit.

"We haven't been cited for anything — no littering citations, no noise citations, no underage drinking citations," said Lucky's minority owner Forrest Andersen. "We've only had a couple of complaints about noise from the movie theater next door."

Lucky's majority owner Armando Silva acknowledged there have been a number of fights outside the club since its opening, but "anything that happens on Main (Avenue) gets blamed on us," he said.

Many of those 66 police calls

were initiated by Lucky's employees who have been trained to alert the authorities "for any little thing" like fights, Silva said. Other bars in town don't bother to call the police for minor incidents like Lucky's does, he said.

"Now those calls are being held quiet us," he said.

Other calls were false alarms from the bar's back emergency door, and others were false accusations from "anonymous callers," he said, but accounts for the weapons calls — one recent weekend, the police were called to the bar just after it opened for a report of a stabbing. But when the officers arrived, there were no patrons at the bar. There have never been any weapons taken away from any of Lucky's patrons, Silva said.

As for the underage drinking calls, Andersen said those resulted when the club's security guards caught two underage patrons at the door with false identification. Andersen said he alerted authorities and the offenders were arrested outside the club.

"I caught them and the police processed them," he said. To handle the bar's traffic and enforce rules, Lucky's has five security guards that alternate nightly shifts depending on how

busy the club is, Silva said. When a fight breaks out between bar patrons, those guards separate the patrons, sending one out the back door and the other out the front entrance, he said.

Two incidents outside Lucky's in August and September resulted in arrests.

In one fight between two women, Silva and a security guard attempted to break up the fray and received bite injuries as a result. In another incident, a crowd outside the bar reported hearing gunshots, which turned out to be the sound of a perfume bottle smashing through a car window. In the process of arresting a spectator that night, a police officer was kicked in the shin.

Silva and Andersen said their

security guards do their best to control the crowds that gather outside the bar, but sometimes people simply get out of hand.

"I don't know how I have any control over how someone reacts to the cops," Silva said. "The cops feel uncomfortable about the fights," Andersen added. "We can't do anything about people fighting in the street — that's public property — but we try to stop them anyway."

Munn declined to comment further on the police calls regarding Lucky's.

"I don't want to hash this out in the paper," Munn said Wednesday. "I'd rather just wait to discuss it at the meeting."

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Iraqi coalition talks falter; attacks kill 14

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Talks aimed at forging a coalition government faltered Wednesday over Kurdish demands for more land and concerns that the dominant Shiite alliance seeks to establish an Islamic state, delaying the planned first meeting of Iraq's new parliament.

The snag in negotiations between Shiite and Kurdish leaders in northern Iraq came as clashes and two car bombings in Baghdad killed at least 14 Iraqi soldiers and police officers — the latest in a relentless wave of violence since elections Jan. 30.

The group led by Iraq's most wanted terrorist, Abu-Musa al-Zarqawi, claimed responsibility in an Internet posting for Wednesday's clashes and at least one of the bombings — as it had for a suicide car bombing Monday that killed 125 people in Hillah, a town south of the capital.

"The bombings in Hillah and again in Baghdad this morning are not going to derail the political process that Iraq is embarked upon," National Security Adviser Moushraf al-Rubaie said Wednesday. "The Iraqi government will go after and hunt down each and every one of these terrorists whether in Iraq or elsewhere."

But forming Iraq's first democratically elected coalition government is turning out to be a laborious process.

Shiite and Kurdish leaders, Iraq's new political powers, failed to reach agreement after two days of negotiations in the northern city of Irbil, with the clergy-backed candidate for prime minister, Ibrahim al-Jaafari, leaving with only half the deal he needed.

The Shiite-led United Iraqi Alliance, which has 140 seats in the 275-member National Assembly, hopes to win backing from the 75 seats held by Kurdish political parties so it can muster the required two-thirds majority to ensure control of top posts in the new government.

Al-Jaafari indicated after the talks that the alliance was ready to accept a Kurdish demand that one of its leaders, Jalal Talabani, become president.

"We, the United Iraqi Alliance, and I personally respect the Kurdish choice for Jalal Talabani to be their nominee for the presidential post. I will convey this honestly to my brothers in the alliance," he said.

However, he would not commit to other demands, including the expansion of Kurdish autonomous areas south to the oil-rich city of Kirkuk.

Kurdish leaders have demanded constitutional guarantees for their northern regions, including self-rule and reversal of the "Annexation" of Kirkuk and other northern areas. Saddam Hussein relocated Iraqi Arabs to the region in a bid to secure the oil fields there.

Pollsters had hoped to convene the new parliament by Sunday. But Ali Faisal, of the Shiite Political Council, said the date was now "postponed" and that a new date had not been set.

"The blocs failed to reach an understanding over the formation of the government," said Faisal, whose council is part of the United Iraqi Alliance.

"The Kurds, he added, were "the basis of the problem" in the negotiations.

"The Kurds are wary about al-Jaafari's nomination to head the government. They are concerned that a strict Islamic government might be formed," al-Faisal said. "Negotiations and dialogue are ongoing."

Bomb suspect had sketch of Grand Central, officials say

NEW YORK (AP) — A crude sketch of Grand Central Terminal was found at the home of a suspect in the Madrid train bombings, but was not considered cause for alarm, New York City's police commissioner said Wednesday.

The one-page, hand-drawn document was a very basic schematic. Commissioner Raymond Kelly said, "It's not an operational plan. It's not something that would indicate an immediate threat."

The Spanish newspaper El Mundo reported that the drawing and other data were on a computer disk seized about two weeks after the train bombings in Madrid that killed 191 people on March 11, 2004. Spanish police turned the disk over to the FBI and CIA in December.

Kelly said the disk — found on the disk of a laptop computer — was also shared with the New York Police Department's counterterrorism division and city transit officials, who concluded the sketch depicted Grand Central.

The material also included photographs, and a drawing of a private building in the city, which Kelly refused to identify. But an analysis found no indication of a terrorism plot, and authorities quickly decided there was no need to alert the public, he said.

"We didn't see it as a threatening piece of information," he said.

On Wednesday at Grand Central, security appeared to be at a high level as usual, with National Guardsmen, law enforcement officers carrying



AP Photo
Computers walk through the main concourse of Grand Central Terminal during morning rush hour on Aug. 18, 2003, in New York.

machine guns, and bomb-sniffing dogs.

"I'm used to this," said Elaine Weaver, a tourist from Bristol, England, who was passing through the station. "We're used to bomb scares everywhere. So you're careful but it doesn't deter me."

The NYPD's intelligence divi-

Bush: Syria must vacate Lebanon

ARNOLD, Md. (AP) — President Bush on Wednesday demanded in blunt terms that Syria get out of Lebanon, saying the free world is in agreement that Damascus' authority over the political affairs of its neighbor must end now.

He applauded the strong message sent to Syria when Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier held a joint news conference in London on Tuesday.

"Both of them stood up and said loud and clear to Syria, 'You get your troops and your secret services out of Lebanon so that good democracy has a chance to flourish,'" Bush said during an appearance at a community college in Maryland to tout his job training programs.

The world, Bush said, "is speaking with one voice when it comes to making sure that democracy has a chance to flourish in Lebanon."

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TORIAL

Idaho's ag economy must be saved even if CAFTA fails

Idaho's congressional delegation has every reason to be doubtful about the Central American Free Trade Agreement. Even if that trade deal passes in Congress, the realities of global trade will keep farmers in the face. As last week with The

Amalgamated Sugar's processing plant in Nysa, Ore, earlier this year.

Given all the risks, Idaho's representatives are wise to reject CAFTA. Simpson predicts the deal doesn't have the votes to pass through Congress.

But even if the CAFTA tornado dies, Idaho farmers know more trade tempests loom on the horizon. The only question is how they choose to weather the storm.

In addition to global competition, Idaho's sugar and potato acres are also competing for Idaho's water. Those crops require much more water than other crops. Idaho's drying aquifer, overappropriated water rights and prolonged water shortages make the crops' future even more tenuous.

Add it all up and Idaho should see CAFTA not merely as a threat but also as an opportunity to plan for the future.

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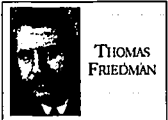
"Disruption of ag economies may be certain," Simpson said. "But we need time to adjust.... You have to do it in a way that has a smooth transition to it."

Passing CAFTA with its advantages for foreign producers would be a reckless way to usher in that transition. But whether Idaho's ag industries can survive the next wave of trade reform ultimately depends on how well we prepare for it.

Our view: Defeating the latest free-trade pact doesn't guarantee protection for Idaho's key ag industries. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The tipping points of freedom

The other night on ABC's "Nightline," the host, Ted Koppel, posed an intriguing question to Malcolm Gladwell, the social scientist who wrote the path-breaking book "The Tipping Point," which is about how changes in behavior or perception can reach a critical mass and then suddenly create a whole new reality. Koppel asked: Can you know you are in the middle of a tipping point, or is it only something you can see in retrospect?



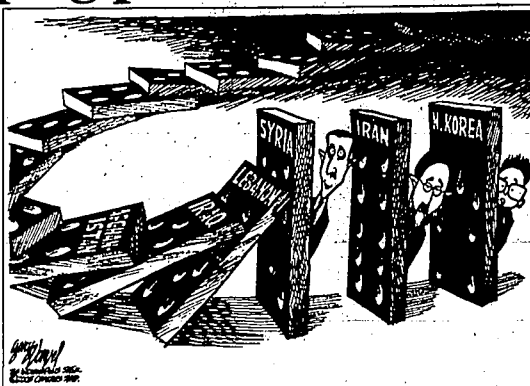
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Gladwell responded that "the most important thing in trying to analyze whether something is at the verge of a tipping point, is whether it — an event — causes people to reframe an issue. A dumb example is the Atkins diet, which reframes eating from thinking about it in terms of avoiding calories and fat to thinking about it as avoiding carbohydrates, which really changes the way people perceive dieting."

Koppel was raising the question because he wanted to explore whether the Iraqi elections marked a tipping point in history. I was on the same show and in mulling over this question I think that what's so interesting about the Middle East today is that we're actually witnessing three tipping points at once.

Thanks to 1 million Iraqis defying "you vote, you die" terrorist threats, Iraq has been reframed from a story about Iraqis wanting "to liberate their country from American occupiers and their Iraqi stooges" to a story of the overwhelming Iraqi majority trying to build a democracy.

In Lebanon, the murder of



Gaza — with its huge Palestinian population — which he now says is necessary for saving Israel as a Jewish state. The issue for the Palestinians is no longer about how they resist the Israeli occupation in Gaza, but whether they build a decent mini-state there — a Dubai on the Mediterranean. Because if they do, it will fundamentally reshape the Israeli debate about whether the Palestinians can be handed most of the West Bank.

While all three of these situations would constitute tipping points by Gladwell's definition, I would feel a lot better about all three if I thought that they were irreversible — and could't tip back the wrong way. For Iraq to be tipped in the right direction, it was necessary to have the election we did, but that was not sufficient.

The sufficient thing is that a stable, decent Iraqi government emerge that can also stave off the Sunni insurgency. That will depend in part on America's willingness to stay the course in Iraq. It will depend in part on the Shiite majority's willingness to share power with the Sunnis — particularly one of the crucial

Cabinet portfolios of defense, intelligence or interior — and not go on a de-Baathification rampage. And it will depend in part on the Sunni Arab leaders finally supporting the Iraqi majority.

For Lebanon to liberate itself from Syria, the Lebanese opposition groups will have to find a way to translate their aspirations into a withdrawal deal with Damascus. The Syrians will not be pushed out. And for Israelis and Palestinians to really tip toward peace, the moderates on both sides are really going to have to help each other succeed.

Indeed, in the Middle East playground — as Friday's suicide bomb in Israel reminds us — tipping points are sometimes more like teeter-totters: one moment you're riding high and the next minute you're slammed to the ground. Nevertheless, what's happened in the last four weeks is not just important, it's remarkable. And if we can keep all three tipping points tipped, it will be incredible.

Thomas Friedman is a columnist for The New York Times.

LETTERS

Alcohol tax increases are long overdue. The terminal disdain shown by the Idaho Legislature for the young people of this state is not new. There has been no real increase in the tax on alcohol.

There has been no real increase in the tax on alcohol. Why? The welfare of the hospitality industry is more valid than the lifetime needs of the young escapes me. We are now faced with a tsunami of addiction that has burst the confines of the jail systems, and there seems to be no end of the problem, based on the lack of caring leadership.

I suppose we shouldn't blame the Legislature because the constituency ignores 17,000 deaths and continues to worship and praise and abuse alcohol to the obvious destruction of our values and morals. Leadership has refused to schedule a 2 percent tax on wine and beer — a magnificent example of clear-headed legislation. It must be that our legislators have no children and to hell with the rest of us.

ARCHIE D. WALKER
Glenns Ferry

'Internment' label doesn't fit Minidoka. When an article is published in the paper, it should be researched for accuracy. The Feb. 22 article regarding "Internment" is faulty.

Minidoka was never an "internment camp or concentration camp." It was a "relocation center" for the Japanese-Americans who lived there before. This is only one exam-

ple of what happens when history is continually revised. Just because it is that our society seems to think that just because the world is forever changing that God has changed right along with it. The Bible says we are not to be conformed to this world, so I guess if by believing in what the Bible says we make closed-minded, then so be it.

SUSAN ICAZURIAGA
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Freedom of speech. Go it, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the land of the free.

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is not the result of our own ignorance! Those of us who claim rights and privileges for ourselves which we do not extend to others should consider that someone like those others may form alliances and be in a position to impose their will on us.

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MITCH CAMPBELL
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We should try the approach that every nation be allowed to provide cheap electrical energy (make cheap electricity) by using atomic energy.

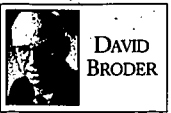
They all must then agree to an international inspection done by the United Nations and NATO and, if an inspection they are found to be making atomic bombs or other destructive materials, they will be isolated as far as doing business of any kind, and no nation can long exist doing no business with other nations. Is it possible that if all the nations have the power to blow up the world they may just decide to live in peace?

JACK STREETER
Mountain Home



Political molds don't fit today's governors

The growing diversity of American politics is reflected among the table whenever the nation's governors meet these days. At their gathering in Washington this week, you could see women in eight of the chairs and men of almost every ethnic, religious and racial background. There are Catholics in the Deep South, a Mormon in Massachusetts, a Taft and a Douglas representing old stock but also a Napolitano, a Pawenty, a Kulonowski and a Blagojevich.



DAVID BRODER

ing governor he had been in Vermont, not the fiery anti-War presidential candidate.

On the Republican side, two plausible presidential possibilities, Mitt Romney of Massachusetts and George Pataki of New York, did their best to persuade reporters they are really fixated on pushing ambitious governmental reforms in Boston and Albany. A third, Haley Barbour of Mississippi, was, as usual, hugely enjoying himself and lightening the mood for everyone around him.

Three Republican conservatives came to the conference after being pilloried by the right wing of their party for brutalizing the commandment never to raise taxes. Bob Riley of Alabama did it early in his term, backing a tax-increase referendum that failed, and has bought himself a likely primary opponent next year as a result.

The recent heretics are Bill Owens of Colorado, sometimes mentioned as a dark-horse presidential possibility, and Mitch Daniels of Indiana, famous in Washington as the hard-nosed budget director in

Bush's first term. Owens, nearing the end of his second term, concluded in January that after years of lean budgets, necessitated by the "high-tech bust and the ravages of forest fires, he needed to expand spending a bit.

Economic recovery boosted state revenues last year by 6 percent. But a constitutional amendment, passed by voters in initiative, limits the growth in spending in any year to the product of inflation times population growth — 2 percent in 2005. Anything beyond that must be rebated to taxpayers, not spent by the state.

Owens decided that Medicaid and school programs require some relaxation in those limits — and now is negotiating with his Legislature, which wants to ease the caps more than he does. But The Wall Street Journal pummeled him on Monday for "using the same excuses that once exorcised" to justify his decision.

Daniels' story is similar — but more dramatic. Elected last November after 16 years of Democratic control, he discovered an empty treasury, and after making all the cuts he could justify in state programs, still came up \$250 million short of balancing the budget this year.

So he has asked for a one-year, one-time surcharge on the wealthiest Hoosiers and is now negotiating for that — or some alternative revenue-enhancer.

That, too, is heresy for Grover Norquist and other enforcers of the no-new-taxes ideology, but Daniels says, "The only Grover they know in Indiana is the fuzzy creature on Sesame Street." Almost all the governors have important stories to tell, and not all of them are grim.

In states such as Arizona, Wisconsin and New York, economic recovery has filled the treasuries and made life more agreeable for the executives, while Washington, Oregon and others continue to struggle with bare-bones budgets. But the effort of Republicans like Riley, Owens and Daniels to come to grips with the real needs of their states deserves commendation and sympathy — not the scorn from fellow conservatives that they have received. Across the board, governors of both parties are supreme realists — and very good company.

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WORLD

Mummy discovery fascinates scientists

SAQARA, Egypt (AP) — Archaeologists uncovered three coffins and a remarkably well-preserved mummy in a 2,500-year old tomb discovered by accident...

The Australian team was exploring a much older tomb — dating back 4,200 years — belonging to a man believed to have been a tutor to the 6th Dynasty King Pepi II...

The chest of the mummy is covered with beads. Most of the mummies of this period — about 500 B.C. — the beads are completely gone, but this mummy has them all...

The names of the mummies have not been determined, but the tomb is thought to be that of a middle-class official. Hawass said the wooden coffins, called anthropoids because they were in the shape of human beings...

Police arrest suspect in Pearl slaying

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan police Wednesday arrested a man wanted in the murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl...

The suspect, Mohammed Sohail, was among six people who fired on police from a motorcycle, sparking a shoot-out, said Fayyaz Khan, a Karachi police investigator.

Another police official, requesting anonymity, said Sohail will be interrogated about suspicions that he shot the grisly video that showed Pearl's throat being slit with a knife.

The face of a decorated mummy inside an ancient wooden coffin that dates back to the 26th Dynasty...

Court: ban on religious dress violates rights

LONDON (AP) — A school violated a student's human rights by banning her from wearing a traditional Muslim gown to class, a British court ruled Wednesday...

France, which has year-long bans on "conspicuous religious symbols" such as head scarves from state schools.

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Basketball Standings

Season Total	
Twin Falls	230 60
Highland	139 33
Idaho Falls	146 24
Stoyline	515 15

Class 4A	
Great Basin Conference West	
Jerome	14-11 6-0
Burley	14-9 3-3
Mineral	9-14 3-3
Wood River	2-20 0-6
Great Basin Conference East	
Century	14-8 4-0
Preston	7-18 1-3
Pocatello	2-18 1-3

Class 3A	
Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference	
Declo	12-8 7-1
Buhl	10-11 6-2
Kimberly	11-10 4-4
Filer	11-11 3-5
Gooding	3-17 0-8

Class 2A	
Canyon Conference	
Wendell	20-2 3-1
Glenns Ferry	10-13 2-2
Valley	8-15 1-3

Class 1A	
Magie Valley Northside Conference	
Richfield	21-2 12-0
Carey	15-9 9-3
Camas County	16-6 8-4
Community School	11-9 7-5
Dietrich	7-15 4-8
Shoshone	3-20 2-10
Bliss	0-18 0-12

Magie Valley Southside Conference	
M.V. Christian	18-5 13-1
Raft River	17-5 10-4
Hanson	16-8 8-6
Hagerman	14-10 8-6
Mutual	8-12 6-8
Castelford	8-12 6-8
Oakley	7-14 5-9
Lighthouse Christian	1-17 0-14

Independent	
Twin Falls Christian	4-11
ISWB (J.V. schedule)	10-9

Idaho High School Basketball Poll

Compiled by the Spokane Spokesman-Review and the Coeur d'Alene Press. Records as of March 2.

Boys	
1. Twin Falls (23-0)	
2. Eagle (18-5)	
3. Borah (15-4)	
4. Lewiston (12-8)	
5. U.S. Capital (18-6)	
Highland (18-9)	

Class 4A	
1. Skyview (20-3)	
2. Bishop Kelly (17-6)	
3. Post Falls (16-8)	
4. Sandpoint (14-8)	
5. Bonneville (17-7)	

Class 3A	
1. Snake River (19-3)	
2. Shelley (19-3)	
3. Fruitland (16-6)	
4. Declo (12-8)	
5. Homedale (18-6)	

Class 2A	
1. Wendell (20-2)	
2. Malad (20-2)	
3. New Plymouth (15-7)	
4. New Jefferson (13-10)	

Class 1A	
1. Troy (22-1)	
2. Lakeside (21-1)	
3. Lapwai (19-4)	
4. Mackay (18-2)	
5. U.S. Monette (21-3)	
News (20-2)	
Richfield (21-4)	

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By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

WENDELL — The places are there, but it remains to be seen how they fit together this weekend as Wendell tries to defend its 2A state boys basketball title. The Trojans (20-2) open the state tournament at Boise's Capital High School against Polkath (16-10), the District II runner-up.

First-year Loggers head coach Kelly Need will look to two tall seniors to lead the way. Senior 6-foot-3 post J.L. Murray averages 11 points per game and as many rebounds while 6-5 senior forward Brandon Moore averages 10 points. The left-handed Moore likes to step out for the mid-to-long-range jumper.

"I hear he's a good shooter," said Trojans coach Allen Kelsey. "We'll match him up with (Wendell senior) Tim King. He's 6-2 and quick so it should be an OK matchup."

Look for Kelly Rose and Jack VanderHulst to match up inside with Murray.

Of course, the best way to shut down Murray and Moore is keep them from touching the ball.

"It will be a test for us," Kelsey said. "We need to put some pressure on their perimeter to see if we can press them and cause them trouble. We want to get them into a faster-paced game."

There is Wendell's strength, a deep group of guards led by 5-10 junior Zac Davis and his 14.5 points per game.

"We try to put the ball in his hands as much as we can," Kelsey said. "He's a good creator."

Senior 5-11 guard Michael Chandler averages 8.6 points per game while senior 5-8 guard Kevin Eden adds seven points.

Junior 5-11 guard Matt Myers is the wild card. With a separated shoulder slowing the team's leading rebounder, how well he can play could be decisive.

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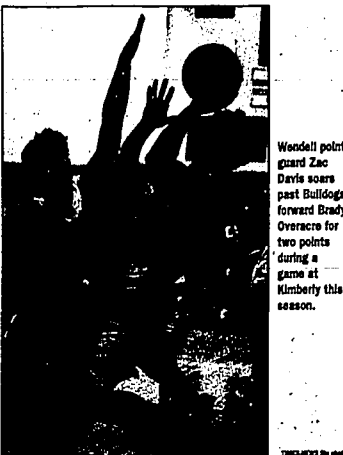
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Wendell point guard Zac Davis scores past Polkath forward Brady Overacre for two points during a game at Kimberly this season.

Class 2A State Tournament

at Capital High School, Boise, Thursday's game:
Wendell vs. Polkath, 1:15 p.m.
Fild vs. Kamiah, 3 p.m.
Mach vs. Soda Springs, 6:15 p.m.
New Plymouth vs. West Jefferson, 8 p.m.

We're going to represent the area real well." Tournament passes are \$25 with discount passes priced at \$16. General admission is \$5, \$4 for a student or senior citizen discount.

Class 2A state capsules

Polkath 16-10
Head coach: Don Brown
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They've got some good guys back last year," Kelsey said. "They'll be tough."

In the other half of the bracket, Fifth faces Soda Springs at 6:15 p.m. and West Jefferson takes on New Plymouth at 8:00 p.m. Wendell defeated New Plymouth by 10 on a neutral court earlier this season. Fifth is the favorite to advance out of that group.

Defending the title doesn't bring any added pressure. The loaded Trojans team last year was expected to win it all or be considered a disappointment.

Now, though an excellent 20-2, expectations aren't as high for this group.

"We're scrappy and had another successful season," Kelsey said. "We have a good chance."

Class 3A State capsules
BOKEZES FERRY BADMETS
Head coach: Don Brown
Bokezes Ferry is a solid team with a good mix of size and speed. They are a good rebounder and have a strong defense. They are a good shooter and have a strong offense.

Declo 12-8
Head coach: Don Brown
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Shelley 19-3
Head coach: Don Brown
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Fruitland 16-6
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Wendell 20-2
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Malad 20-2
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NEW PLYMOUTH PLAYERS

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Mushers

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The Knights didn't go on their run until they were less than two minutes in the late. The late run gave Lakeside a 29-20 halftime advantage and an 18-9 edge in the second quarter.

"They got a little loose out there," Camas County head coach Jon Botz said. "We've got a bad habit of getting our heads down when things go bad."

Things went from bad to worse with the 11-2 Lakeside run to open the third. Camas County did finish the third with an 8-2 run to tie the game, but never got the lead back under

Class 1A State Tournament

at Caldwell High School, Thursday's games:
Troy vs. Harvest 29
Post Falls vs. Rupert 29
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10 points. Both Kyle Menck and Tony Gonzales drained 3-pointers to pull the Mushers to within

Class 1A State Tournament

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Hansen vs. Rockland; 11:15 p.m.
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12 points after the third. Menck led the Mushers with 11 points and six rebounds.

Mike Blodgett added six points and four steals.

Tim Wolfe scored a game-high 13 points for Lakeside and both Arthur Zwell and Mike Siford added 12. Arthur also had a game-high-nine rebounds. Lakeside out-rebounded Camas County 31-18.

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Rips

Continued from B1

but it was another Ramblers forward who stole the time early. Cameron Mack who grabbed the offensive rebound and scored on a pushback. The possession ended with a 6-0 swing that put Cascade up 11-4.

"We really didn't know our strength through this year," Cascade coach Jim Simpson said. "We're really kind of a fitness team, but we started playing harder in our district tournament and that seemed to carry over to tonight."

By the end of the first quarter, the Ramblers were up 25-8. Though the Trojans would claw back to 26-11 in the second quarter, the victory was never in danger for the Ramblers after their six-point play in the first.

Trojans shot only 25.3 percent from the field Wednesday night. Other than Barrett, no Trojans player could find a consistent flow on offense. Barrett led all scorers with 23 points. At the end, he had 15 of the Trojans' 20 points.

"We definitely knew who he was and what he could do," Simpson said. "I don't know if we did a very good job against him defensively, but we did keep him off the boards."

Junior Josh Derrick led the Ramblers with 15 points and added a rebound. Barrett added 11 points. Only five Trojans scored, as Brent Klett and Cody Powers scored six each to help Barrett. The Trojans will have to face Cascade in a 3 p.m. loser-out game Thursday at Caldwell High School.

"We didn't say much after this game," Greenwood said. "Sometimes the less you say, the better. These kids knew what we were on about tonight. They'll come back (today) and get it."

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Bryant brick lifts Celtics over Lakers

BOSTON (AP) — Kobe Bryant and his teammates moved back to the basketball court... 30 minutes after setting a lawsuit filed by the woman who accused him of rape...



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SuperSonics 103, Cavaliers 88... CLEVELAND — Ray Allen scored 21 points... Cavaliers' offense was led by Allen, who had 11 points...

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Nationals beat Mets to win spring opener... VIERA, Fla. — Well, baseball fans, the first smack peek at the Washington Nationals...

Pistons. That left Cheeks with a 162-139 record as Blazers coach... He was in the final year of a four-year contract worth an estimated \$12 million...

What's on T.V.

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Baseball: Precision, Phillies vs. Yankees, ESPN, 11 a.m.
Basketball: Miami at Duke, ESPN, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Louisville, ESPN2, 8 p.m.
Pacers at Nuggets, TNT, 8 p.m.
Purdue at Illinois, ESPN2, 7 p.m.
Pistons at Suns, TNT, 8:30 p.m.
Golf: European PGA Tour, Dubai Desert Classic, first round, TRG, 7 a.m.
PGA Tour, First Tee, first round, USA, 4 p.m.

SCORES AND STATS

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AROUND THE VALLEY

ISDB hires new services director

GOODING — The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind has hired Rodney Howells to be its new director of student services. Howells will succeed Carl Peterson, who will retire after classes let out for the summer. Peterson worked at the school for 30 years. Howells, an employee of the Gooding school for 12 years, has a master's degree in audiology from Idaho State University. "Rodney has more than 16 years of education experience teaching in Idaho and Utah," said Harry Lyter, the school's interim superintendent. "Rodney has made a tremendous impact on many of our student's lives. He is a natural fit as the director of student services."

Kimberly conference addresses leadership

KIMBERLY — A women's leadership conference titled "Change to Change a Woman's Life" will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 157 N. 3500 E. The event supports the Mona Foundation, which promotes education by raising money to send underprivileged women to school nationally and internationally. The local group is working to send a young woman from Afr'ca to school by funding her tuition, books, uniforms and supplies.

Teams from Bills, Castleford, Filer, Higerman, Hansen, Kimberly, Martzough, Twin Falls, Wood River and Valley High Schools and O'Leary and Robert Stuart Junior High Schools will attend the conference.

For more information, contact Megan Studley at 309-1064 or mreg.alex@hotmail.com, or Lacey Hays at 423-6291 or ljstuechay_2@hotmail.com, or visit the Web site at www.monafoundation.org.

ISU picks enrollment coordinator

POCATELLO — Idaho State University has chosen former ISU student Barbara Bishop as coordinator for dual enrollment for the University's Early College Program.

The Early College Program allows high school students to enroll in college classes and earn college credit through concurrent enrollment in high school and college classes. ISU offers more than 70 Early College Program classes.

Bishop, a native of Grace, began working at ISU as an advisor. She spent the last 17 years in Florida working at Okaloosa-Walton College in Niceville, Fla. She served as an academic advisor for the past 13 years. She began her academic career at ISU and finished her bachelor's degree in social sciences from the University of West Florida in Pensacola. She earned a master's degree in counseling and psychology from Troy University-Florida and Western Region.

The Early College Program is a college course of southern Idaho high schools and participants can commute to ISU campuses and learning centers. Students from more than 30 schools are participating in the program this spring.

For more information on the Early College Program, visit www.isu.edu/departments/esp — compiled from staff reports

Lawmakers mull manure rules

Proposal would require dairymen to turn waste under within three days

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — Lawmakers have put a bill on hold for one week that would require dairymen, feedlot operators and farmers to turn manure under within 72 hours after it lands on a field.

Before they consider the bill again, they want to define how soupy the manure must be before it qualifies for regulation. Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, brought the proposal to the House Agricultural Affairs Committee, which he chairs.

"The legislation would give the Idaho Department of Agriculture the power to go after those who cover their fields with liquid manure but leave it there indefinitely.

The enforcement is needed because there are a few mavericks who don't get around to incorporating the manure into the soil or are just defiant about



It, said Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, who is on Jones's committee. She has received numerous phone calls from complaining neighbors who live near manure-covered fields in Gooding County, she said.

"I wish we weren't doing this," Jones said. "Some of this should be common sense. Perhaps we can encourage some good management practices."

The Idaho Dairy Association opposed the bill, along with the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation.

Matt Thompson, who represents the dairymen, acknowledged there are a handful of dairymen who don't manage their manure well. But he said the 733 dairies in the state, three-quarters belong to dairymen who don't have many cows. They can't afford the expensive equipment or manpower required to turn ma-

nure under within three days, he said.

In addition, there are other regulations already in place that take care of the problem, he said. For example, through their required nutrient management plans, manure-water discharges are already regulated. Besides, nuisance issues having to do with manure should be handled at the local level, Thompson said.

Jones showed the committee newspapers with photos of fields covered with manure, including a *Times-News* article and one from a Nampa newspaper.

"When an issue rises to the level of front-page news in two different areas of the state, and only a couple of days apart, it's a significant issue," Jones said, noting one of the photos is of a field two miles from his home.

Committee members said they recognized there's a problem that should be addressed but they're bothered by Jones's recommendation the manure would have to be 75 percent liquid before it qualifies for regulation. Spring thaws and rainstorms, for example, might make regulation difficult to en-

force, they said.

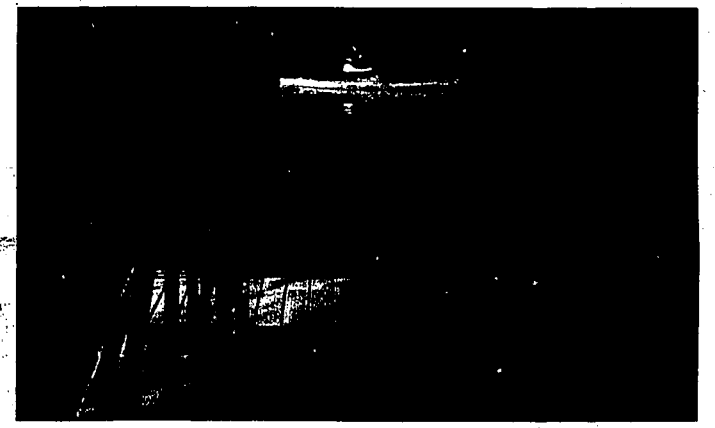
But Rep. Frances Field, R-Grand View, said, "If I lived in Representative Jones's neighborhood, I, too, would want something done." She asked industry representatives if they were willing to work with Jones over the next year to find a solution. But Jones said he has already tried to get the industry to work with him on the bill and manure-management legislation, but so far they haven't responded to his invitation.

Field asked committee members if they could go with the bill if the amount of liquid in the manure was elevated to 80 or 90 percent. With the exception of Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, committee members agreed they would be willing to work with industry over the next week to see if that would be an acceptable amount.

Stevenson said, "I think there are a few bad actors. I'd let the industry get on 'em and take charge of it that way."

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A QUIET PADDLE



Guiding his kayak down the Snake River, Stan Flint heads past a dock at Centennial Park and toward Pillar Falls Wednesday afternoon.

Hospital Board focuses on merger plan

Committee looks to develop proposal with St. Luke's

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For now, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and county commissioners will focus all their attention on a possible merger with Boise-based St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

And, for now, county commissioners will not entertain proposals from other non-profit and for-profit health care networks.

The Hospital Board Wednesday evening formed a steering committee to develop a merger proposal to present to county commissioners. The six-person committee is made up of Hospital Board members Cindy Collins, Jeff Harris and Lee Oldwald, physicians Kurt Seppel and Brian Fortuin, and the hospital's Chief Executive Officer John Kee. The committee will spend at least several hours a week for up to six

months developing the proposal, said Hospital Board Chairman Dr. Robert Lobb.

"We've chosen our path, and I think it was the right choice to make," Lobb said. A meeting Wednesday morning between local physicians and county commissioners is what convinced commissioners to put other letters of interest aside and focus on a possible merger with St. Luke's. Physicians, Lobb said, really came together in support of a merger with St. Luke's.

"We think this is wonderful," said Dr. Seppel. "It's a great opportunity for the whole community." Since last summer, Magic Valley Regional and St. Luke's officials, as well as a local community board, have been discussing merging to create a new health care delivery system called the Statewide Health System. The St. Luke's network already includes facilities in Boise, Meridian, the Wood River

Medical Center in Keetchikan and Mountain States. "Bunzlif Hospital, which provides care for cancer patients at 12 locations in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon, Mountain States

Medical Institute has been providing care to cancer patients in Twin Falls since 2002 through an agreement between St. Luke's and Magic Valley Regional. St. Luke's also manages medical facilities in Gooding, Mountain Home and McCall.

Commissioners will not sit on the proposal committee because they want to maintain their objectivity, said Joe Lupica, president of Stroudwater Capital, the consulting firm commissioners contracted with to advise them on the governance question. Stroudwater will stay on board with the county to evaluate the community's health care needs and to develop any long-term partnering relationship or strategy. Community forums are being scheduled, with the first

being planned in Castleford early next month.

"It's exactly what we planned to do all along," said County Commissioner and Hospital Board member Tom Miksell. "We just needed to make sure that everybody knew the direction we were headed."

Supporters of the merger have said it would enable Twin Falls County residents to maximize the use of the local hospital's assets while removing about \$30 million in county-backed debts currently on Magic Valley Regional's books. It would also give Magic Valley Regional immediate access to \$30 million to \$100 million to improve and expand its facility.

Supporters say a merger with St. Luke's would also improve and expand health care services.

"It's an opportunity to collaborate with a top-notch hospital," Seppel said.

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County drops family owned ambulance service

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

"SHOSHONE" — The owners of a private Shoshone-based ambulance company have lost their contract to provide services in Lincoln County.

Melody and Gary Russell, who own Southern Idaho Medical Services of Shoshone, say they've provided the services for 18 years and recently learned — without explanation — that their contract would not be re-

newed, Melody Russell said.

(Chairman) Jerry Nance said that he was not going to tell us why," she said.

Nance declined to comment on the matter Wednesday when contacted by *The Times-News*, but he referred questions to E. Scott Paul, the county's attorney.

Paul said one of the many factors that might have gone into the decision was an accident that Gary Russell had in September 2001. A Twin Falls couple claimed they sustained injuries from colliding with the ambulance and sued the Russells.

But that wasn't the incident that broke the camel's back, Paul said.

"Over the last few years a fair amount of dissent has been present," Paul said, adding that problems with the ambulance service have surfaced during at least eight or 10 commissioner meetings in the past year.

"To address that issue, Lincoln County created an ambulance district. Ambulances based at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome now provide Lincoln County's services.

"The county will be paying more than what we would be

paying the Russells," Paul said. "But we will be getting an enhanced level of service."

The Russells used to receive a salary of \$2,650 per month to operate the ambulance service and made more than 300 calls per year, Melody Russell said. Despite the loss of their contract, she took her grievances to the Shoshone City Council Tuesday seeking a nod to continue providing service within the city.

"Does the county speak for the city?" she asked council

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Legislation would give employees tenure

Rep. Field wants to give non-certified school workers more job security

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — Rep. Frances Field of Grand View has a long list of public school employees whom she says have been fired, furloughed or scared out of their jobs by the Bureau-Grand View Joint School District over the past two and a half years.

High turnover is unusual for the rural district of only 387 students that three years ago had more than 60 staff members. Cooks, bus drivers, teachers' aides, and teachers' administrative assistants — it runs the gamut. To Field, who worked and later served on the school board for over 40 years, it doesn't make sense.

Recently Field attended a town meeting in which folks were talking about the isolated ranching community don't like change.

Just the same, she said, "People are terrified. I'm really concerned about what's happening."

Yes, some school employees have lost their jobs, said the superintendent of two and a half years. But for those who answers the phone herself when you call the school.

But most of the job losses, Taylor said, can be attributed to one thing: declining student enrollment.

"I do know that before I came to the district, the staff was several people over the number we were contracted for by the state, and the district could no longer afford to do that," Taylor said.

Taylor acknowledged the discontent in the community, but she said she had not done almost everything that goes on.

The unhappiness prompted Field to show up at a Senate Education Committee meeting this week to support legislation to give workers such as bus drivers and aides — the non-certified employees — something to fall back on if they don't get hired back when a new school year begins.

Basically, the legislation, which is backed by the Idaho Education Association, would give non-certified employees the same status as teachers respect to employment. The employee would have a trial period of 180 days, during which he could be dismissed at will. After that, he would be able to file a grievance.

If he wasn't given an explanation as to why he was on the verge of being dismissed and a chance to make things better.

"I think there is something that should be done to give these people some protection," Field said. "If they have done a good job for years, shouldn't they be able to count on that?"

Right now, non-certified school employees are considered "at-will" workers, just as workers in private industry who can be let go without notice or explanation.

"I call them 'at-mercy' employees," said Kathy Phelan, who lobbies for the education association. The organization has about 12,000 members statewide, with about 1,000 of those non-certified.

The group had supported the legislation but has not yet across the state and press releases. But for now the bill is on hold. The Senate Education Committee, split pretty much evenly on

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of 1998
Saltmon	60%	44%
Big Wood	71%	52%
Little Wood	67%	52%
Big Lost	68%	52%
Little Lost	69%	52%
Henry's Fork/Wetion	78%	62%
Henry's Fork	78%	62%
Snake Basin	72%	61%
Oakley	72%	61%
Saltmon Falls	68%	62%

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Mary S. Thompson



BURLEY — Mary Kristin Robb Spencer Thompson, 55, Burley, passed away peacefully Saturday morning, Feb. 26, 2005, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise, following a sudden illness, with her loving husband, Craig, at her side.

Mary was born Jan. 25, 1950, in Burley, to Frank Howard Spencer and Elizabeth (Betsy) Robb Spencer, the second of three children. She grew up in Burley through her teenage years, although she graduated from a Catholic school in California. She attended a Westminster, Calif., school a short time before returning to Idaho. Mary's life really began when she and the love of her life, L. Craig Thompson, became acquainted, or reacquainted, with each other at the Burley Elks Club in July of 1976. They knew each other in high school but failed to realize then they were destined to love one another. They were married Dec. 10, 1976, in Boise, and returned to Burley, where she worked for the Burley City Police Department as a dispatcher and detective and Craig served first as a firefighter. She became a mother in 1976, when she and Craig were awarded full custody of their sons, Travis and Ty. A son, Brett, was born in 1980 and their daughter, Whitney, was born in 1984. Mary continued to work for the police department until Robb's birth, at which time she gave up that career for the noble position of a full-time mother and housewife. When Travis was 12, she became a band mother, traveling with and supporting bands through the lives of all her children. When the children grew up and left home, Mary busied herself in service to other peo-

ple. She championed the community support drives during Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

She took in anyone whom she felt needed shelter, support, love or advice, despite facing numerous health problems herself. Mary knew a stranger or a stray, two- or four-legged, Her home became home to dozens of cats and dogs and even a pot-bellied pig for many years. Mary was an avid reader. She usually had either a book, or a crochet hook in her hand. Every piece of furniture in her home and many others displays her crocheted handiwork, mostly afghans. She always wanted to compete, and should have on Jeopardy. Her knowledge of trivia was astounding. Likewise, her love for the Denver Broncos was monumental. Mary's crowning glory came in 2003, when with her lifelong friend, Renee Wells, she helped create the York Memorial Drug Dog Foundation, after Cassia Sheriff Deputy and K-9 handler, Chris Jensen lost his drug dog, York, to a sudden illness. Mary worked diligently with her friend for just under two

months, raising in excess of \$10,000, to send Jensen to Europe to train with and purchase another, K-9 Nevada. Jensen's new K-9 partner, came home to Burley and to the people of Mini-Cassia who gave so graciously to Mary's effort, in October 2003.

Mary was survived by her husband, Craig, of Burley; three sons, Travis W. (Michelle) Thompson, of Phoenix, Ariz., C. Ty (Cathy) Thompson, of Denver, Colo., and C.E. Robb (Jack) Thompson, of Boise; and daughter, Whitney Thompson (Jason) Cravens of Burley; six grandchildren, Heather, Sarah, Nathan, Courtney, Kayla and Caleb; her father, Frank H. Spencer; brothers, David (Sue) Reno and Bill Spencer of Reno, Nev.; several sisters and brothers-in-law, many close friends who she called sisters; tons of aunts, uncles and cousins; numerous nieces and nephews and so many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her mothers, Betsy Spencer and Muriel Elquist; and her grandparents.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 4, 2005, at the Methodist Church, 274 N. Alamo, in Burley with Darcy Gritzmacher officiating.

Burial will follow in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may greet the family from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Remus Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, or from 1 to 1:45 p.m. prior to the service on Friday at the church.

The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the York Memorial Drug Dog Foundation at any of L. Evans Bank or to the charity of their choice.

Richard D. Ochsner



ROY, UTAH — Richard D. Ochsner, 75, died peacefully on Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, due to complications of pneumonia at Fairview East Care Center, in Salt Lake City.

Richard was born April 18, 1929, in Ansley, Neb., to Edmund E. and Nellie Clark Ochsner. Richard married Gloria Mansanara, on June 10, 1948, in Gooding, Idaho. They divorced in 1957. On Aug. 31, 1963, Richard married LaVerne Potts. LaVerne died in July 1998. He was an accomplished transportation winning several local and state championship titles, life member of Amateur Trapshooting Association and life member of Twin Falls Gun Club, where he served six years on the board of directors, holding offices of both president and vice-president. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman, where he felt the most at home, in the mountains.



Richard was a journeyman mechanic for over 40 years. He owned Dick's Auto Repair in Twin Falls. He served his coun-

try in the U.S. Army during World War II.

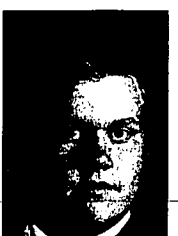
Richard lived in Gooding and Twin Falls, Idaho, and then Clinton and Roy, Utah.

He is survived by Randy (Diana Albiston) Ochsner, Roy, Utah; Richard Ochsner, Roy, Utah; Richard Ochsner, Gooding, Idaho; Frank Ochsner, Twin Falls, Idaho; Susan (Bob) Ashcroft, Boise, Idaho; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Also surviving is one sister, Caroline Olsen, Calif.; and good friend, Joyce Albiston (Diana's mother), Syracuse, Utah; special niece, Coddlyn Peterson; and nephew, Colton Peterson, both of Roy, Utah;

Friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005, at Lindquist's Layton Mortuary, 1867 N. Fairfield Road.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions to offset the funeral expenses.

Raymond Thomas 'Ray' Moore



JEROME — Raymond Thomas "Ray" Moore, 21, of Jerome, passed away Feb. 27, 2005, at his home.

Ray was born July 6, 1983, in Missoula, Mont., the son of Richard L. Moore and Sandra M. Carlson Moore.

Ray is survived by his parents, Richard and Sandra Moore of Jerome; grandmothers, August and Susan Carlson; aunts and uncles, John (Becky) Carlson, Neil (Cindy) Carlson, George (Michelle) Coady and Janice (Sue) Cousins; Matthew, Joseph, Abigail, Dawn, Marie and Denise. He is also survived by many friends.

He was preceded in death by younger brother, Patrick Russell Moore; grandparents, Raymond L. and Leyla Maxine

Moore; and his four-legged brother, "Al". A memorial service will be

conducted at noon, Saturday, March 5, 2005, in the Jerome LDS Stake Center Chapel, 26 N. Tiger Drive, with the Rev. Baldwin Camlin officiating. A visitation will be held where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday evening, March 4, 2005, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

The family suggests that memorials be made in Ray's name to: The College of Southern Idaho Foundation, College of Southern Idaho, PO Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83402.

"Some people come into our lives and quickly go... Some stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts... and we never the same."

Doris Evelyn Stark



TWIN FALLS — Doris Evelyn Stark, a 90-year-old Twin Falls resident, passed away Feb. 28, 2005, at Heritage Retirement Center in Twin Falls.

Doris was born Jan. 14, 1915, to William Harry and Nellie Florence Strunk. She and Emory Myrl Stark were married on Feb. 4, 1933, in Selma, Kan. After farming in Kansas for 10 years, they moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, where Doris was a homemaker and raised six daughters, later working in the packaging department of Universal Frozen Foods until her retirement.

Doris enjoyed attending mass at St. Edward's catholic Church and going to the band concerts held in the park each summer.

Survivors include her six daughters, Gennett (Norman) Tiley, Twin Falls, Idaho, Evelyn Jones, Twin Falls, Idaho, Rena (Melvin) Pitts, Twin Falls, Idaho, Donna (Garry) Sprunker, Pocat-

lo, Idaho, Betty Jo (Loren) McCoy, Twin Falls, Idaho, Merle (David J.) Higgins, Twin Falls, Idaho; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings and her husband, who passed away Dec. 12, 1984.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 7, 2005, at the Twin Falls Cemetery. A viewing will be held Monday morning prior to the service at Park Funeral Home.

Contributions can be made to the charity of your choice. To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.



Catherine Mecham Tolman

RUPERT — Catherine Mecham Tolman died Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care.

She was born Jan. 29, 1916, in Morgan, Utah, the daughter of Parley and Jean Foote Mecham. The family moved to Carey, Idaho, in her early years. After high school she went to Weiser for higher education. There she met C. E. (Corky) Tolman and the two were married Aug. 5, 1940, in Fruitland, Idaho. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple. During World War II, while Corky served in the United States Army as a ship fitter (welder), she worked in the aircraft factory for the military. After the war they returned to Rupert to farm and milk his registered Gurnsey cow herd. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren and the out doors.

Catherine is survived by her children, Wayne (Marlene) Tolman and Lois (Wendell) Dunn both of Rupert; sisters, Clea Guissola of Rupert, Lela McBride of Victor, Idaho, Donna Hansen of Hermiston, Ore., and Lois (Boyd) Stocking of Carey, Idaho; nine grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Willis, Eldon, Lloyd, and Jim.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 3, 2005, at the Rupert LDS 3rd Ward chapel, 526 S. 2nd, with Bishop Glade Chandler officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 5th St., and one hour prior to service on Thursday at the church.

Gladys Smith Kirkpatrick

TWIN FALLS — Gladys Smith Kirkpatrick, 89, died Feb. 28 in Colfax, Wash.

She was born July 10, 1915, in Fargo, N.D., the daughter of Glyn and Sigrid Smith, who moved to Twin Falls in 1920. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1933 and the University of Idaho in 1937 and taught school.

On May 26, 1940, she married Harold Kirkpatrick. They have lived in Colfax the past 50 years.

Survivors include her husband, five children; brother, Vernon E. Smith, Twin Falls; sister, Tiny Pettigrove, Hansen; and eight grandchildren.

A funeral will be held Saturday in Colfax.

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Hospital sees flu, pneumonia and upper respiratory infections

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Flu, pneumonia and upper respiratory infections are on the rise at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. But that's normal for this time of year, said Tim Heath, the hospital's infection control nurse.

"This is the season," Heath said. "If you're ill, keep health, stay home from work to keep the illness from spreading."

"Don't infect others," she said. "Good hand hygiene is No. 1."

In short, wash your hands, and cover your mouth when you cough. These two things are so important that the hospital has set up "respiratory etiquette stations" in its waiting rooms complete with face masks and hand sanitizer, urging anyone

with a cough and/or fever to take advantage of them.

Heath also recommends cleaning off desk supplies that are used by others.

Heath said changing temperatures — cold to warm and then cold again — "can bring out the viruses a little more."

She said the season can run through April.

Heath said people at high risk such as the elderly or chronically ill should be especially careful to avoid people with colds, flu and upper-respiratory infections. But she added that "young people aren't immune either." Children, she said, are especially prone to upper respiratory infections.

She said over-the-counter medications such as zinc nasal sprays can help shorten the du-

ration of a cold or flu by a couple of days. However, if the illness is not clearing up, you should see a doctor, she said.

She said people should not be surprised if their doctors don't prescribe antibiotics for a simple cold or flu.

"It's better they don't get an antibiotic unless it's bacterial infection," she said.

Heath said the best thing a person can do is to stay healthy through good eating habits, exercise, drinking plenty of fluids and not burning the midnight oil.

"Get plenty of rest," Heath said. "If you get run down, you're more prone to get sick."

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Jerome chips in for traffic study

By Dixie Thomas Reade
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The Jerome City Council has agreed to spend \$17,689 on a joint traffic study with the Idaho Transportation Department to examine roadways and street infrastructure in both the city and area of impact.

The amount Jerome will spend on the study represents 50 percent of the total. The transportation department will pick up \$241,000, or 93 percent of the bill, City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said at Tuesday's council meeting.

Transportation officials approached the city about the proposal because two of Jerome's busiest thoroughfares, Main Street and South Lincoln

Street, are portions of Idaho highways 25 and 179, respectively.

City Engineer Scott Bybee said the study should be completed by spring 2006. It will focus on road conditions, pavement, traffic flows, the life expectancy of roadway surfaces and where future roadways may be needed.

As part of the business, an ordinance was introduced defining what constitutes a vicious dog and what actions may be taken and it also outlines penalties for the dogs' owners.

If passed, the ordinance would be allowed to impound a vicious dog if it's found running at large. Police also would be allowed to kill it if a dog cannot be safely captured. Fines up to \$300 may

be imposed on the owner and jail time of up to 90 days is written into the draft ordinance.

The definition of a vicious dog would be "a dog that has bitten, clawed or otherwise harmed or continues a physical threat, or a dog whose temperament or habits endanger or menace any person or other animal without provocation by the person or animal."

This term shall not include a dog that bites, attacks or menaces a person or other animal that has tormented or injured the dog's owner.

Jerome Police Chief Dan Hall said the council endorses the updated definitions.

The ordinance will be read before the city council again on March 15, and voted on April 5.

Budget writers treat CSI generously

BOISE — The College of Southern Idaho fared well Wednesday when budget writers in the State Board of Education request for the 2006 fiscal year — and then some.

Idaho's two community colleges had asked for \$21.5 million, but budget writers gave them \$22.4 million, up 11.9 percent from this year's appropriation.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's recommendation had been \$21.0 million, or only a 4.9 percent increase compared with this year.

But budget writers broke from the usual "middle-of-the-road" funding approach for the two schools.

Instead of dividing the money evenly, the State Board of Education is instructed to distribute an allocation formula to distribute the money according to each school's enrollment, growth, academic structure, personnel and building needs.

CSI's share of the \$22.4 million has yet to be determined.

Chairman of the Finance and Administration Committee, Rep. Maxine Bell-Rivera, said a formula might help fund the College of Southern Idaho's largest student body, more adequately while also addressing payment for a new building at North Idaho College

Legislation in brief

In Coeur d'Alene, CSI President Jerry Meyerhoed and the president of NIC brought the idea to budget writers.

About future appropriations, Bell said, "Any decisions that are made will include consultations with the presidents."

The appropriation and the new money still must be approved by both houses.

Local doc applauds non-smoking rules

BOISE — If you have to use the bathroom in a restaurant that has a bar and you have to pass through the bar to get to the bathroom, the owner of that bar has three options to protect you from cigarette smoke.

He can forbid smoking in the bar; he can remove so patrons don't have to pass through the bar to get to the restroom; or he can post a sign telling people only those over 21 can be in the bar because it's a smoking facility.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare established those rules last summer to comply with Idaho's new Clean Indoor Air Act. The Legislature passed last year. The law forbids smoking in restaurants and a number of other public facilities. But on Wednesday, north Idaho Sen. Skip Brandt tried to get the Senate Health and Welfare Committee to throw those rules out.

Compliance is too expensive for restaurant and bar owners, Brandt said.

The committee killed Brandt's proposal with a veto.

Twin Falls physician Dr. David McCusky, who was instrumental in pushing the legislation, said, "I'm very happy about this," McCusky said. "We passed this bill to protect the health of children, people with asthma, pulmonary problems, and the elderly. If it were allowed to happen, then you would have taken the heart out of the bill. If you want to go eat, you should be able to do it smoke-free."

Computer fails to direct messages to senators

BOISE — A technical problem in the Statehouse computer system sent four freshman senators to miss their phone calls until Monday.

As a result, Sen. Chuck Coiner, R-Twin Falls, said he missed out on responding to people who had called him during January and February. The list of missed calls took up 19 pages.

Both the freshmen legislators and the Statehouse workers didn't know about the problem because they had no idea until they were missing phone calls until some late constituents let them know they were unhappy about unreturned calls.

The computer problem has been rectified, and Coiner says he's anxious to communicate with his constituents.

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Wednesday night to keep the Glob-A-Lynx in the air rather than abandoning the record-setting attempt and setting down in Hawaii.

He also diverted the problem with the fuel system of the custom-built plane early Wednesday.

Project manager Paul Moore

diff fuel sensors in the 13 tanks differed from readings of how quickly the plane's single jet engine was burning fuel. Moore said the crew had been forced to burn some of the 2,200 pounds of the original 18,100 pounds of fuel "disappeared" early in the flight.

Millionaire pilot goes ahead with flight around the world

SALINA, Kan. (AP) — Millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett decided Wednesday to press ahead with his attempt to fly around the world solo without refueling, despite a serious problem with the plane's fuel system.

Fossett and his flight crew agreed

state requires," she said.

But county managers were reluctant to make any quick decisions, instead telling Russell they'd refer the issue to the city attorney, who also serves as the county attorney.

Russell said he would recommend the council seek independent legal advice since he has a conflict as the county's attorney.

Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at (208) 428-8446 or lcavener@tnm.com.

Ambulance

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towners. "Will Shoshone allow the ambulance to take calls in the city of Shoshone?"

Because of the loss of the contract, Southern Idaho Medical Services is not allowed to take ambulance calls unless a request is received specifically for the Russell, she said.

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SERVICES

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Floyd H. "Chuck" Lamester of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Wendell LDS Church with burial following at the Wendell Cemetery (Demary's Wendell Chapel).

Marva Jean Walters of Jerome, funeral at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church; friends may call from 6 until 9 p.m. Thursday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Bessie Reiter Dorsey of Paul, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Paul United Methodist Church, 127 W. Clark St. Friends may call from 1 until 1:45 p.m. Thursday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Gloria Goldie Shaffer of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Belinda Marie Cox Wrighty of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the View Cemetery in Burley (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Catherine Mecham Tolman of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Rupert LDS 3rd Ward chapel, 526 S. F. St. Family and friends may call and one hour prior to service on Thursday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Mable Bartlett of Jerome, service at 2 p.m. Thursday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln Ave., Jerome.

Ruth Tolman Hopkin Barrows of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at The Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Wendell. Viewing and family visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Demary Funeral Chapel in Wendell.

Brund Ann Fonseca, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church.

Gloria Rae Temple of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Marjorie Marie Ferry Adrianson of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

River A. Brooks of the Wood River Valley, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the St. Charles Catholic Church in the City of Wood River. The vigil will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the church.

Wayne Edward Kennedy, service at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Park's Funeral Home. Visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Donald William Sivers of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Andy Son Owens of Monroe, La., memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center in Filer. The family will greet guests from noon until time of the service.

James Alderman Evans of Halley, celebration of life at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Light on the Mountain Spiritual Center. Shuttles will be provided to Light on the Mountain from East Fork parking lot at 2:30 p.m.

Viola E. Higgins Sorenson of Middleton, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary.

William Charles Davis of Boise, open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at his home (Meridian's Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home).

Winfred Ellen Stombaugh of Boise and formerly of Bull, memorial service at 1 p.m. March 12 at Summers Funeral Chapel, Eagle and Ustick in Meridian.

DEATH NOTICES

Francis Pribe
WENDELL — Francis Pribe, 86, a resident of Wendell, Idaho, died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at his residence in Wendell.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced, Demary's Wendell Chapel.

Theodore Lindgren
HOLLISTER — Theodore Lindgren, 71, of Hollister, died Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be made by the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Wendell, March 2, 2005, at Birchwood Retirement.

Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary.

M. Lorraine Dennis
BOISE — M. Lorraine Dennis, 60, of Boise, died Tuesday, March 1, 2005, in Twin Falls.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005, at Terrace Lawn Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home, Boise, 375-2212.

Joe B. Fernandez
JEROME — Joe B. Fernandez, 77, of Jerome, died March 2, 2005, in Jerome.

Arrangements will be made by Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

OBITUARY

Juel Hughes

JEROME — Juel Hughes, 86, of Jerome, died Tuesday, March 1, 2005.

He was born in Deepwater, Mo., on Dec. 5, 1918, the son of Charley and Maggie Teeter Hughes and he came to Twin Falls with his family in 1936.

Juel married Bernhella Dieterle on Jan. 12, 1942, at Elko, Nev. They returned to Twin Falls to make their home and Juel moved to Jerome. He spent most of his life buying and selling livestock and the last years of his employment were spent with the Northside Canal Company.

Juel enjoyed hunting, fishing and cutting wood and loved his camping trips with all his grandchildren and family.

Survivors include his three children, Tom J. (Shirley) Hughes, LaVita (Tom) Perkins and Earl (Roberta) Hughes. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents; a brother, Eugene; and a sister, Cecil Crane. A funeral service for Juel Hughes will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005, in the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday evening at the funeral chapel to sign the register.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Tenure

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whether to support it, ordered the three school groups to get together and hash out a compromise before it moves further.

Education Committee Chairman Bob Geedes, R-Coeur d'Alene, said one point of contention has been giving the status to part-time workers.

Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, who sits on the committee, said he's bothered about the part of the bill that seems to give employees job security in the legal context of a property right. If a worker is hired on a contract, which the legislation seems to do, Gannon said, then the contract is a property right and the district will put up with him until the contract date has been reached.

But Field said she thinks 160 days should be long enough for administrators to determine if someone is a good worker.

back, even though we don't need her? Or do we have to go through all this in order not to hire her back?"

Back in Grand View, Taylor says she can't support the legislation.

"I believe the bill would put school districts in many, many more legal battles than we already have," she said.

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TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls included the following:
Casey A. Burns, 31, 1077 Idaho, charged with possession of a controlled substance, pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for March 15, \$5,000 bond.



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JEROME COUNTY COURTS

JEROME — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Casey Grant Curtis, 28; driving without privileges; arrested; failed to purchase/invalid driver's license; pretrial conference March 14; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borneman.

Misdemeanor without judgments

Casey D. Hoobey, 15; inattentive/careless driving; judgment withheld for six months; \$200 fine; \$250 suspended; \$250 probation fee.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Mary L. Bahbi, 59; disturbing the peace; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borneman.

Thomas William Logan, 42; criminal trespass; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borneman.

Felony arraignments

Huan Nolasco-Lopez, 23; rape; status hearing Feb. 26; District Judge John H. Butler.

Felony sentences

Fredrick Garcia-Robles, 22; preventing/infracting a witness from testifying; criminal/injury; \$500 fine, \$850 court costs.

Misdemeanor without judgments

Romulo Martinez, 23; three counts delinquent; \$1,000 fine, \$250 probation fee; \$250 court costs.

pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for March 15, \$5,000 bond.

Miguel Angel Lopez II, 25, 3884 W. 800 E.; public failure to appear — possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for March 15, \$5,000 bond.

Victor Herbert Odom, 53, 4291 11th Ave. N.; public domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for March 15, \$5,000 bond.

Michelle Anne Darlino, 20, 250 28th Ave. N.; Twin Falls unlawful conveyance; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for March 15, \$5,000 bond.

Jose D. Segura, 21, 7473 Greenleaf Lane, Sacramento, Calif.; petty theft; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for March 15, \$10,000 bond.

David Deby Ashcraft, 35, 20221 N.150 W. Pail; driving under the influence; failure to stop; pleaded the scene of a damage; accused.

Salmon, No. 11, Hageman; possession of a controlled substance; plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for March 4; \$1,500 bond.

Ronald De Groot; 20, 1946 Alaska Blvd.; Twin Falls failure to appear — trespass; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for March 4; \$5,000 bond.

Robert L. Shaw, 34, 658 W. Whiting Ave.; Twin Falls current possession of a controlled substance; with intent to deliver; plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for March 4; \$5,000 bond.

Steven William Olesz, 20, 860 W. Main St.; Jerome possession of a controlled substance; plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for March 4; \$5,000 bond.

Cory Dean Ferris, 27, 737 Fall Ave. W.; Twin Falls possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for March 4; \$10,000 bond.

Christopher L. Chiatovich, 31, 1402 Washington St. S., No. 2; Twin Falls driving under the influence; plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for March 4; \$5,000 bond.

Senate kills Bush plan to increase BPA rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Northwest lawmakers said Wednesday they have blocked a Bush administration plan to increase the rates for the Bonneville Power Administration to sell electricity at market rates.

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Lawmakers from both parties had complained that the plan could boost energy prices in the region by as much as 20 percent and cost Northwest taxpayers \$1.3 billion.

Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, told his colleagues Wednesday that the market plan would not be included in a budget resolution to be approved this year.

Sen. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo, both R-Idaho, said in a statement late Wednesday.

Craig said that with Gregg's decision, "our common sense is prevailing," while Crapo called the administration proposal "an ill-advised, unworkable concept based on misinformation about BPA."

In his Feb. 7 budget proposal, the Bush administration called for a major change in the way the BPA and other federal power suppliers charge their customers to rates based on market prices at the time rather than the cost of producing the electricity.

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Drug court faces changes after judge suddenly quits

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A program that sends certain young drug offenders to a year-long court program instead of jail has been dissolved after its judge quit unexpectedly following "concerns" about the program's management.

First District Judge Benjamin Simpson declined to comment Monday about why he decided to stop running the juvenile education and training court program. The last JET Court session was Feb. 16, and the six juveniles remaining in the program will be referred to the juvenile court judge.

Since the court began in November 2002, 44 youths participated in and 12 graduated from the program. The program

enrolled kids who had already violated their probation.

Management questions stemmed from concerns that program coordinator Marina Kaland was the only person whose name was listed on the checking account when three names are required.

She is treasurer of the non-profit Kootenai County Court Inc., which raises funds to help meet the expenses of the drug drunken driving and mental health courts.

"No funds are missing," said First District Court Judge Eugene Manno, the board's president. "All the funds are there. Our concern was that we were not getting an accounting as often as we thought we should."

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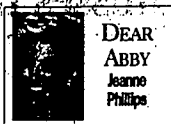
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Hotel hospitality does not include watching the kids

...many people pass by the lobby each day... great guests, but we also see a lot of strange and questionable people...



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

When children go missing, we staff members get screamed at by parents insisting that we should have seen something suspicious about the person the child was last seen with.

Well, here's the simple answer: We're employed to conduct hotel business, not monitor children. When the telephone rings, we must answer it and take a reservation. Our attention cannot be on your child when there is a lobby bustling with activity...

news here in California. An attractive young woman entered her upscale hotel and decided to dash into the powder room of the main lobby. She was unaware that a man followed her into the hotel through the lobby and into the bathroom.

Signs posted in every hotel room warn guests to verify the identity of strangers before admitting them. In the interest of safety, travelers should never let their guard down, and parents should remain vigilant.

DEAR ABBY: My son, who is 19, went to his aunt and uncle's during the New Year's holidays. They had 112 hours away from us. On his way back home, he got a speeding ticket.

Do you think we were wrong to make him return his Christmas gifts as punishment? His ticket cost \$970 including attorney fees. So you think we were out of line.

—DISGUSTED IN GEORGIA

DEAR DISGUSTED: The punishment should fit the crime—and in this case, I don't think it did. Rather than returning his Christmas gifts, a better "punishment" would have been for him to repay the money you fronted on his behalf.

Cheetahs growl, but they don't roar

Cheetahs may hiss, purr, growl, chirp and whine, but cheetahs don't roar. The technical name for your big toe is "hallux." Your little toe is called a "minimus."

RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS Jack Mingo Erin Barrett

In today's money for any of his plays. His annual income from writing never cleared more than \$20,000 (\$3,319).

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In the original version of Cinderella, her wicked stepmother cuts off her big toe to fit into Cinderella's tiny shoe. A scoreboard of restaurateurs in the last food years: McDonald's \$1,704, Burger King \$1,300, Wendy's \$,500, Arby's \$,000.

Birthday today? The stars are smiling

IF MARCH 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: 2005 is a year of helpful opportunities for you. From mid-March through mid-April the stars are smiling on any matter close to your heart and will guide you to make wise decisions.

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

behind them so take them with a grain of salt. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't be too quick on the trigger where your funds are concerned.

In the beginning of August a beneficial door can open for you, as well, so welcome the people and the situations that come into your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A brief downturn in your energies could occur if you allow yourself to become emotional over current issues.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It is tough to be politically correct under these stars, so don't spot controversial views unless certain of your audience.

RECKLESSNESS and headstrong ways can cause setbacks, so curb your enthusiasm. It is easy to accidentally work at odds with conventional public opinion or tread on sensitive feelings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Doubts could creep in if you find your views challenged. A few hours when your determination wavers can cause minor setbacks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Diving in without testing the waters first could result in a lot of floundering. Don't pledge time and effort unless you are willing to burn the candle at both ends for several days.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep your own counsel. Opinions gathered in the workplace can instigate impulsive activity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Extravagance and excess can grate on your nerves; avoid people who try to draw you into impulsive activities.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stirring the pot won't help it boil. Joint career projects can progress without mishap if you keep the lines of communication open.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Challenges may occur in relationships as others may have a notion to head off on unwise

ventures. Patience is your best bet until temporary unrest settles down and harmony is restored.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Judgment is off base. Two so avoid crucial decisions about money. Gauging the opinions of others can be difficult.

Bill Gates is 'delighted' to be knighted

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Microsoft tycoon Bill Gates and wife, Melinda, stand in the rain Wednesday outside Buckingham Palace in London, with the insignia of an honorary knighthood.

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His wife described the queen as "an engaging company and said they had found plenty to talk about on issues such as health problems in the developing world, the avian flu and their shared interest in travel.

what he called Microsoft's "special relationship" with Britain. The U.K. was the first country in which Microsoft set up a subsidiary outside the U.S., and our experience in the U.K. has been significant in shaping our international growth," he said.

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But on the subject of computers, it seems the monarch does not enjoy the same passion for technology as Gates.

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10-pound lobster will find home at Ripley's museum

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her dog's attention. Then the rock moved. She took a quick look at the giant lobster, weighing some 60 to 70 pounds, and decided to burrow into the dirt.

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Top, at last year's inauguration ceremony of the Magic Valley Soccer League, teams are introduced to kick off the season. Above, the Magic Valley Soccer League all-star team participated in a Ketchum tournament last year.

Soccer league kicks off with color and culture

BURLEY — With flags, colorful uniforms and of course, soccer, the Magic Valley Soccer League will inaugurate its season April 3 with a presentation of teams.

The event will be the start of the season with 12 teams and players from the Mini-Cassia area, Twin Falls, Kimberly, Murtaugh, American Falls, Aberdeen and Blackfoot.

The presentation of the teams includes: introduction of captains, coaches, and *madrin@s* (godmothers), or representatives to the teams. Last year, the mayor of Burley helped kick off the event and league president Victor Ruiz of Paul.

Season start up, sign up

The Magic Valley Soccer League will hold its inauguration at 9:30 a.m. April 3 at the north side of the Burley Junior High School soccer field. In addition to the presentation of the teams, six games will be played. Admission is free, Mexican food will be available.

The league is also accepting registrations for soccer players and seeking soccer referees.

For more information, call 431-9791, 260-0112 or text 431-4502.

ally good league and I've been working hard to improve it." Ambriz, who has been playing soccer for more than 20 years, says the games are a family event for Hispanic people.

"I usually bring my whole family," he said.

Ruiz hopes someday they can create youth soccer teams. They are also planning a clinic for soccer referees.

A committee of 10 to 12 people oversees the league. The committee includes a commission to deal with discipline problems. For example, the commission would decide whether to fine or suspend a player for showing disrespect to a referee. How a player behaves is as important as his playing skills, Ruiz added. "That is one of the most important things—discipline."

National anthems of the United States and Mexico will also be played. One reason is that about 95 percent of the players are of Mexican decent, but Ruiz said he hopes more non-Hispanic players will join. Signs up are being taken now.

Ruiz was a member of the Garita Jai-So team with another league and helped start the Magic Valley Soccer League in April 2001. Last year, the league associated with the FIFA (Federation International Football Association), United States Soccer Federation and Idaho State Soccer Association. Through the affiliation, players can buy liability insurance for \$25 per year per player.

Under league rules, everybody plays games at home and away. For example, if the Burley team plays an American Falls team at home, then, the Burley team

must play in American Falls. The league started with eight teams and had up to 14 at one time, but reduced the number to 12 to finish the season before the cold weather, said Noe Ambriz of Rupert, who helps with league public relations.

"Like last year, KFTR, La Fantasia radio in Rupert will air a program this year from 8 to 9 p.m. Fridays from March to November, during which league representatives will provide scores, statistics, information about teams and upcoming games. They will also encourage young people to get involved in athletics and stay away from drugs and trouble, Ruiz said.

Games are played on Sundays because many of the players work for farms and have Sundays off.

"It's been wonderful," Ruiz said of the league. "It's been a

When asked why he and the other committee members spend so much time on the league, Ruiz smiled and said, "We love the sport."

'Rebirth' misses the mark

Jennifer Lopez's new album shows misguided effort

By Glenn Gamboa
Newaday

She should've called it "Deathwatch." Or maybe "Life Support."

Jennifer Lopez's new album, "Rebirth" (Sony), is so misguided and poorly executed that the only thing it truly launches may be the end for her music career. Why should she bother to break from her lucrative singing and fashion careers to do music when she gets such haphazard results?

"Rebirth" becomes even more crushingly disappointing considering the bold and inventive first single "Get Right." With that single, thanks to that raucous horn loop and her excited vocals, Lopez reminded fans why they liked her. As her best, Lopez is streetwise and fiery with charisma to burn. When she has great material to work with, like "Waiting for Tonight" or "All I Have," she is nearly irresistible. When she has good material, like "Love Don't Cost a Thing" or even "Jenny from the Block," she has the skills to sell it.



Singer and actress Jennifer Lopez smiles during the German TV show 'Wetten dass...?' or 'Bet that ...' in Erfurt, Germany, in this Feb. 19 file photo.

Unfortunately, this time out, Jenny got fooled — yes by the rock that she's got. When so much cash has been sunk into your album to land hot producers, hot songwriters and hot rappers to make cutesy, it's easy to get a false sense of security that everything will sound OK especially when you're so powerful that the people around you may not always want to tell you what they really think. It's a problem a lot of poorly engineered albums from Mariah to Madonna, Brit-

ney to Whitney; no one wants to be the one to say, "Miss Thing, you need to try again."

In this case, someone should have told Lopez the truth: "Rebirth" is a mess.

"Cheery Pie" is a good example. The music is interesting enough, like a mash-up of the Supremes' "Come See About Me" and Prince's "Little Red Corvette," but it gets hamstrung by chunky lyrics and an arrangement that has Lopez singing

outside her comfort zone and, at times, off-tempo. All it really needs is a rewrite and a bit of tweaking and it would be just fine, but apparently no one was troubled enough to fix it. The same goes for "Hidd'n You Down," a chut with Fat Joe built over a sample from Shirley Bassey's "As We Lay" that leaves in a cheesy synth snippet that was distracting in the 1986 original. The 19 years that have passed haven't helped it any.

Home Depot courts Hispanics

By Renee Degross
Cox News Service

ATLANTA — Home Depot wants to put more Hispanics in orange aprons through a hiring partnership it has unveiled.

The Atlanta-based chain plans to work with several Hispanic groups to boost both hiring and its appeal to a market segment whose buying power reached \$750 billion last year.

Hispanic purchasing power will reach an estimated \$1 trillion by 2008, the Hispanic Association of Corporate Responsibility says.

Hispanics are poised to be the next generation of home buyers, said Jeffrey Humphreys, a University of Georgia economist.

"Home Depot's efforts will pay big dividends in the future" as the next fights with Lowes and smaller rivals to capture that business, Humphreys said.

The National Council of La Raza, the ASPRA Association, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, and SER-Jobs for Progress will help Home Depot attract and recruit full- and part-time workers across the country. Daniel Borges, an eight-year Home Depot employee from Venezuela, said the program is a great idea since about 30 percent of shoppers are Hispanic at the Dorville, Ga., store where he works.

"Customers shop where they feel welcome and comfortable and get the products and information they need," said Borges, who sported a badge saying "Yo hablo Español" — I speak Spanish. "I have many regular customers who have told me they are comfortable coming to this store because they know we have bilingual associates."

The hiring effort follows Home Depot's efforts last year

to tap seniors and veterans.

"They're aggressively working out diversity," said John Challenger of Challenger Gray & Christmas, an outplacement firm that tracks work force trends. "They want their work force to reflect the population and their customer base."

Challenger said he knows of no other retailer with such broad hiring goals.

Love's has not formally aimed hiring efforts at the Hispanic community. But the chain has added Spanish-speaking workers at stores in predominantly Hispanic communities.

Alfonso Martinez, president and chief executive with the Hispanic Association of Corporate Responsibility, said Home Depot's efforts will reach beyond the short term.

"It's a smart thing to do and it's a big market opportunity," he said.

State offers CDL manual in Spanish language online

BOISE — A Spanish language version of the Commercial Driver License (CDL) Manual is available online at the Idaho Transportation Department's Division of Motor Vehicles Web site.

"To download the manual, go to dmv.idaho.gov, then click "Driver Services." The manual is listed as "Driver Manual — Commercial (Spanish)."

"This new tool is a valuable resource to drivers who operate commercial vehicles and the Spanish version allows us to reach out to an expanded audience," said Ed Pemble, DMV Driver Services Manager. "It is important to have the knowledge, skills and abilities to share the road safely. The CDL manual, along with the driver's manual, helps prepare a commercial driver."



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vehicle record requests and driver record requests. The Idaho Driver's Manual also is available for download from the Web site, and available in Spanish.

Mindoksa hospital offers CPR classes in Spanish

RUPERT — Mindoksa Memorial Hospital will offer a cardiopulmonary resuscitation class in Spanish from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 12 at the hospital.

The cost is \$50.

A CPR class in Spanish will be offered the second Saturday of each month.

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Insurgent confessions transfix Iraqis

Broadcasts may boost confidence in new government

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A distraught mother, dressed in black, stares into a TV camera and declares, "I smashed the terrorist," with a shot of her killed son on a screen.

The camera then focuses on the alleged murderer, Mohammed Adnan, who is facing the grieving woman and her sobbing grandmother.

The teenage boy says that Adnan, whose left eye appears swollen, was dressed as a police officer when he came to their home and failed to ask for further money, never to be seen again.

The professional-looking videotapes, which began airing recently on the government-owned Iraqi television network, are among the most dramatic in an ongoing series of insurgent "confession" videos that have galvanized Baghdad.

The one-hour tapes are a sort of reality TV program whose goal is to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people. Aired twice a day, they serve as a counterpoint to the now-familiar images shot by insurgents of covering hostages and beheadings. They are also a centerpiece of an intense government campaign designed to convince an edgy population that the fledgling Iraqi government and its limited security forces are making Iraq safer.

"Terrorism is the Grip of Justice," is the title of the series, which began airing shortly before Iraq's national elections on Jan. 30. While it's not clear just how truthful the videos are, the provocative images seem to bolster skeptical Iraqis' confidence in a government often assailed as ineffective against lawlessness and violence.

"It's a good thing because it makes me feel there is a working government developing day by day and that the security situation is improving," said Fadwa Khalifa, a 22-year-old college student in Baghdad. "But I also fear that it all may be a lie."

The video clips are a big hit in entertainment-starved Iraq, where safe pastimes are few. Venturing out to a park can expose one to car bombs, kidnappings, drive-by shootings or other perils. There's not even the need for an expensive satellite TV to catch the videos, which air on the workaday government-run channel, accessible to anyone with a TV set and a cheap antenna.

The program's popularity has not been lost on insurgents, who have launched a public relations counter-offensive denouncing the tapes as a hoax and threatening in pamphlets to impose "God's justice" on staffers of the government-funded network.

Basma Nizari, a reporter for a sister station of Iraqis in Mosul, was kidnapped on Feb. 20, authorities say. While it is unclear if her abduction was related to the airing of the tapes, her husband said a note denouncing her as a "traitor" was found pinned to her corpse.

Despite the threats, Iraqis officials have vowed they will not succumb to intimidation. "Showing these terrorist videotapes is a moral commitment for us to the Iraqi people," said Karim Humaid, news director for Iraqis.

There is no immediate way to verify the information broadcast or determine how much of the "confessions" are coerced or just



Iraqi security forces arrest an unidentified man of African descent in Baghdad, Iraq on Monday. Videotaped confessions of Iraqi insurgents are broadcast on Iraqi television.

invented. U.S. officials say they have nothing to do with the daily spectacle, generally broadcast in Baghdad at midday and repeated in the evening. In Washington, an intelligence official said analysts "can't rule in or rule out" the claims on such tapes but that they don't view them as a major windfall.

Marital music and images of mosques and other holy sites are interspersed with scenes of violence at the beginning of each broadcast. The Shiite Muslim call to prayer accompanies the opening of the daytime showing, and a slightly different Sunnite version of the prayer plays at night.

Most episodes have been shot in the violence-plagued northern city of Mosul, where an enterprising commander of an Iraqi Interior Ministry force known as the "Wolf Brigade" serves as host.

"The Wolf Brigade found the terrorists in their den," the commander, donning three stars on his epaulettes and identified only by his nickname of Abul Waleed, proclaimed proudly during a recent show.

"We caught these terrorists without firing a bullet," Waleed declares proudly at one point. "We didn't destroy the city like the Americans did in Fallujah. ... This is purely an Iraqi operation."

The Wolf Brigade is one of several Iraqi counter-insurgency units hurriedly dispatched to Mosul late last year as rebels made a bid to overrun the city. Mosul's roadways and lots were littered in November with the corpses of insurgent victims, usually Iraqi security men, translators or others deemed collaborators with U.S. forces and the U.S.-backed interim Iraqi government. Most of the city's 4,000-member police force walked off the job.

Rules of evidence and warnings against self-incrimination don't appear to be much of an issue, as Iraqis remain glued to their screens as a parade of emotionless insurgents speak of serial beheadings and other atrocities. The program occasionally switches from confessions to insurgent tapes of the same beheading or other form of murder.

"They should hang these criminals in the Baghdad city center," Karim Zubeidi, 47, a Baghdad government employee and aficionado of the TV series, while many view in stunned fascination some watch specifically to seek information on loved ones lost amid the growing ranks of the disappeared.

The utter banality of cold-blooded murder also has struck a chord with many Iraqis fearful that their country has gone terribly astray.

As one suspect speaks calmly of beheadings, confederates sometimes sit in the back-

ground listening with interest, like businessmen discussing sales techniques.

In one video, a series of purported insurgents say they were paid by Syrian intelligence and trained in Syria and Pakistan. The Syrian government has denied any involvement.

In the same tape, a man identified as an insurgent explained matter of factly how he and his colleagues slaughtered animals as practice for their grisly duties. Another said his group kidnapped and raped women in Mosul as a form of intimidation.

Yet another prisoner spoke about the need to perform a certain number of beheadings before being considered by insurgent chiefs as an emir, or prince, the equivalent of a cell leader. It was a steady job, he said, and paid as much as \$30,000 a month for the top op-

eratives. Others were paid a paltry \$200 for a hit.

Those confessing often say they didn't know the true identities of many of their confederates and superiors. Cells were divided into teams — kidnap specialists, execution squads, bomb-makers and even media-savvy associates assigned with photographing the insurgent handiwork and producing images for web postings.

Many on the tapes said they were engaging in religiously acceptable jihad. Interrogators react with indignation, as do the relatives of the dead.

To demonstrate the authenticity of the programs, authorities in Mosul gathered a motley lineup of suspects against a cinder-block wall in a video aired on Tuesday. Civilians described as families of the dead were brought to confront them.

"This is the killer of my son," a sobbing mother in black announces, tapping a bearded man on his left shoulder.

"You are an animal!" continues the mother, clutching a black-and-white photo of her son, identified only as "the hero Bashar." In her left hand, "You are the dress of society! You have burned my heart! May God burn you heart! What kind of religion do you have!"

Soon, the alleged insurgent is himself sobbing, evidently shamed by the mother's wail of indictment.

Later, the mother explained that the family had been watching the series to hear possible word of her son's murder. When a man admitted the killing of a "Bashar," the family contacted authorities.

Israel to hand over Gaza greenhouses

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel is negotiating to hand over greenhouses in Gaza settlements to Palestinians after its planned withdrawal in the summer, an official said Wednesday, and the military scrapped a contentious plan to dig a deep, wide moat along the Gaza-Egypt border.

Yonatan Bazzi, head of Israel's Disengagement Authority, told reporters that peppers and tomatoes grown in the greenhouses could help feed the 1.3 million Palestinians packed into the narrow coastal strip. Luxury items such as flowers and strawberries would be exported, mainly to the European Union.

"Israel is negotiating now with America and with others, with the international community to leave all the infrastructure of the greenhouses to the Palestinians through a third party," Bazzi said, without giving further details.

A study published last year by the United Nations and the United States Agency for International Development said seven out of 10 Palestinians were living on insufficient food, and the United Nations put unemployment in Gaza at more than 22 percent.

A USAID official in Tel Aviv said 3,000 Palestinians were working in settlement greenhouses and turning them over to Palestinian ownership could create a further 7,000 jobs.

With each Gaza laborer supporting about eight other people, that could help an estimated 63,000 people.

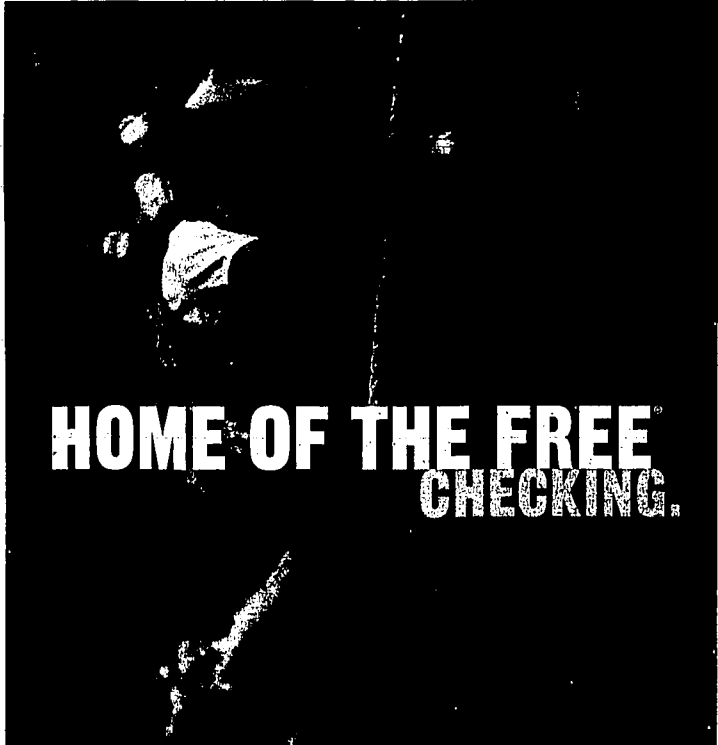
Bazzi also said all the residents of the largest Gaza settlement, Neve Dekalim, could move to Nitzan, a failed community between Ashdod and Ashkelon on Israel's southern coastline. A contractor who started building the community ran into liquidity problems. Bazzi said the state could buy it back and offer it to the settlers. About 2,600 of Gaza's 8,500 settlers live in Neve Dekalim.

Bazzi said most of the Gaza settlers would accept compensation and leave voluntarily. However, settler leaders charged that Bazzi is engaging in psychological warfare. They insist that most of the settlers will resist evacuation.

He's frustrated that nobody is going to him, nobody's signing up for compensation or alternate housing. Gaza Coast Regional Council head Moshe Shimonov told Israel Radio. "There's no truth in what he said. The man is simply lying."

Israel's Vice Premier Shimon Peres met after nightfall Wednesday with Palestinian Cabinet minister Mohammed Dahlan. Israeli media reported, the first high-level meeting since a Palestinian suicide bomber killed five Israelis in Tel Aviv on Friday. They discussed economic cooperation, the reports said.

The military, meanwhile, dropped a plan to build a wide, deep moat along the Gaza-Egypt border to stop Palestinian arms smuggling through tunnels, military officials said Wednesday.



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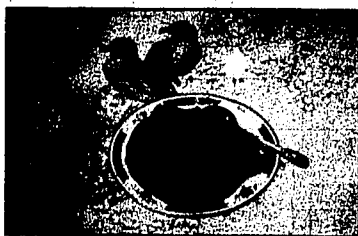
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A bowl of Mongolian barbecue using pheasant meat.

Cooking up sportsman cuisine



The common sweet and sour Chinese fare works well with pheasant, while the almond dish uses chukar meat.

Hunters' game meat can be served up with many tastes

By Bill Studebaker
Times-News correspondent

A few years back getting together to eat the bounties of hunting season was referred to as a "game feed."

One of the more popular feeds was built around ducks and geese. Apparently, the modern domestic cook had failed to acquire family recipes fit for duck and geese. Duck and goose hunters are obliged to take their birds to restaurants where almond duck, glazed duck, the perennial duck soup and roast goose are standard fare.

Everyone said, "How wonderful." However, if you want to return the art of cooking duck to your home, a good place to start is with Phil Robertson's DVD the 2004 *Duck Migration*. Phil shares one of the best duck recipes known to man—or as he would have it, to "you gals." Bare with him, the duck recipe comes right after his famous catfish recipe.

The duck dinner, he prepares in Southern-style with cornmeal dressing. Robertson speaks to the theme of this article when he says that duck hunters—all hunters—aren't just killing ducks. They're preparing for a feast.

Knowing where to get wild game handsomely prepared or knowing how to fix a feed is part of the hunter's ethics.

It might be a cliché to say, "Eat what you shoot," but it's obligatory.

Now, it's not just ducks and geese

More information

- Some Magic Valley restaurants that prepare wild-game dinners include: China City Restaurant (Rupert) 436-8329
- China First (Burley) 678-7937
- George W's (Burley) 670-9173
- Sage Mountain Grill (Albion) 673-6696
- New China House Restaurant (Gooding) 834-6500
- Snake River Grill (Hagerman) 837-6227
- Loong Hing Restaurant (Twin Falls) 733-3113
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- The River Boat Restaurant (Hagerman) 837-6006

that make a fine entrée. There's other fowl fare.

Unlike ducks and geese, pheasant and chukar sit under the home cook radar, and often pheasant is shaken and baked or simply fried. "It tastes like chicken," is a common line. Well, it doesn't. It tastes like pheasant.

Nevertheless, upland game hunters found the restaurant fare fit for their birds' too, and they have begun dropping off pheasants and chukars at restaurants—usually one with Chinese cuisine—to be



Tyler Newton and Axel pose with fall's bounty and winter's feast.

sweet-and-soured, shredded into rice, wrapped in egg rolls, and boiled into soup.

Loong Hing of Twin Falls recently prepared a pheasant and chukar dinner for some friends of mine. The chef prepared egg drop soup, spring rolls, sweet and sour, pressed almond, pan-fried noodles, spicy pepper, Mongolian barbecue and various dishes featuring their international cuisine.

I asked one guest what he thought of the meal.

"It was very good. Better than most," he said.

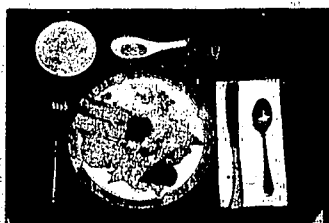
The hosts were Matt Summerfield, Andy Pierce, Rick Tegan, and T.J. Newton. It's good to have friends who hunt and follow through with their obligation.

If variety is the spice of life, you might like other species than Chinese.

In the Magic Valley there are several cuisines from which to choose: Thai, continental, and some southern—the previously mentioned Chinese and Mongolian notwithstanding. One seasoning might accept a chukar, another antelope.

Heavier tastes

Antelope, like other big game animals, deer, elk, moose, caribou, and, yes, mountain lion, has a rich, heavy



A home-style selection of courses that includes soup with pheasant, Mongolian barbecue, and chukar almond.

meat compared to fowl. Antelope tastes good with a bit of oregano.

Elk, however, is often compared to beef. "It tastes like beef." Well, it doesn't. It tastes like elk, and like all food, its flavor must be taken into consideration when it's prepared.

A good recipe for elk meat keeps the meat moist and tender. An elk rump roast can get a bit flaky but then you have the beginning of a great consommé.

A big-game dinner often provides an exotic meat, mountain lion. It's always a hit at the dinners I've attended. There's never enough lion for its mild taste and palatability.

sothes those who find antelope too gamey and caribou too soft.

A good cook can accent the flavors and aromas of each meal, making the big-game dinner delectable. If Chinese, Thai, or southern isn't your style, you can have a delicate and scrumptious dinner prepared at the Snake River Grill in Hagerman. Kirt Martin is an exceptional chef who works with classical French recipes. He can do it all, but likes to stay with the basic cordons bleus.

He prepares a five-course meal: soup, salad, two entrées, and a dessert.

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Beth Tait, 60, skis down the slopes of Alta Ski Resort on Feb. 10, near Alta, Utah. Tait, a member of the Wild Old Bunch, a ski club for seniors in Alta, is working on a book that chronicles the group's history, and has compiled names of more than 100 current members.

NEVER TOO OLD

A rabid group of senior skiers continues to hit the slopes

ALTA, Utah (AP) — Youth springs eternal, especially on powder days. Evidence can be found here most every day about 11 a.m. at Alta's Restaurant, slope-side gathering spot for the Wild Old Bunch. Work may be part of their past, but life isn't. So this conglomeration of retirees, unofficially led by lone surviving group founder Rush Spedden, 67, assembles regularly in a celebration of skiing, the mountains and living life to the fullest.

"It's an inspiration for me, especially coming out of the snow to fresh air," says Bob Murdoch, 68, a retired water engineer from Salt Lake City. "It just cleans your brain."

Every Utah resort has them. People in their 70s and 80s, even 90s now and

then, whose devotion to the sport enables them to elude or overcome the infirmities of age.

"I make an effort to stay in good physical condition, and because I do that, I think I enjoy life more than some other older people," says Louisa Barto, 63, who lives in Rock Springs, Wyo., but travels two or three times a week to Park City Mountain Resort where she is a greater and skis as much as he can. "This year, I made more of an effort to get better, and it's paid off. I'm coming down the black (expert) runs with new 'gee' moon confidence."

Over at Powder Mountain Resort above Ogden, 64-year-old Ben Muzzey also continues to improve,

partly because of his new fat cats, partly because he has hated every day for the past month since making his winter pilgrimage from the Seattle area where he used to be a Boeing engineer.

"When the snow is light, it's just like flying," he says. Although not a "formal religious" person, he finds spiritual sustenance in being surrounded by nature and doing something he has loved for 70 years. "There's something about being out there in the cold and wind and still surviving," Muzzey notes. "It's gratifying. At my age, you start to think about how nice it is to be surviving."

That never-say-die attitude im-

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OUTDOORS

Hunter education classes still open

JEROME—The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has openings in several of the spring Hunter and Bow Hunter education classes in Rupert, Burley, Gooding, Twin Falls, and the Wood River Valley.

Registration for the classes requires an address, phone number, date of birth, and social security number for each student. Cost is \$8.

Students 17 and younger,

Outdoors In brief

completing the Hunter Education program will receive a free small game hunting license for this year's hunting season. Students 12 and older wishing to hunt big game this fall must upgrade to a junior hunting license. Cost for the upgrade is \$3.50 at any Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional Office or for

\$6.50 at other license vendors.

Pomerelle will host tri-sport competition

ALBION—Pomerelle's Competition-X 2005 Triple Challenge is this Saturday at the mountain resort, with events for mountain bikers, skiers and boarders.

Competition for the mountain bikers begins at 10 a.m.,

followed by boarders and skiers at noon. The events are open to all ages. A \$5 entrance fee and \$5 bib deposit is required, along with a release waiver signed by a parent for competitors under 18. Release waivers are available at Pomerelle and online at www.pomerelle-mtn.com.

Trophies will be given for top-3 finishers in each division. For more information call 673-5599. — compiled from staff reports

Fishing opener in Hagerman draws crowd

Special to the Times-News

HAGERMAN — About 300 people lined the banks of ponds and streams of the Hagerman Wildlife Management area Tuesday morning. Anglers arrived as early as midnight to kick off the fishing season.

Fishermen armed with propane heaters, fishing poles, hot coffee, and snacks, descended on one of the most popular fishing areas in the Magic Valley Region.

"We have been coming here for the opening day of fishing season for years," said Garrett Brannan, of Star. "We always have a good time, and catch a lot of fish."

"Fishing at the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area on opening day is a tradition," Brannan said. "One of our friends was always nagging us to come here fishing, he passed away a few years ago. Now coming here to fish has become a memorial to him. We fish, have a good time, and remember him."

In preparation for the opening day, Idaho Department of Fish and Game made sure there were enough fish for everyone.

"We have stocked nearly 24,000 fish in ponds and streams during the past month," said Joe Chapman, Hagerman State Fish Hatchery manager. "In Oster 1, we stocked 4,800 fish; Oster 3, about 3,000 fish; and in Riley Pond, we stocked 16,000 fish."



Anglers line the banks and rocks opening morning at Oster Pond 1.

Most of the fish planted are between 14 to 16 inches in length, with most averaging one-

pound. "We have gotten a lot of positive comments from anglers,"

said Chapman. "Many of them catch their six fish limit in under an hour."

F&G will determine fishing season with anglers

LEWISTON (AP)—The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is predicting about 70,000 hatchery-born Chinook will return this year above the Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River about 35 miles west of Lewiston and divide into the Clearwater, Grand Ronde, Imnaha and Salmon rivers.

"It will be difficult to develop a fishing season that suits anglers across the state. They said the Salmon River and its tributaries likely will see a

season similar to those in recent years, with the Little Salmon open to fishing as well as a stretch of the main Salmon at Riggins. But the Clearwater River will see fewer fish this year, officials said.

So the department will hold a series of meetings this week with anglers to discuss the coming spring Chinook salmon fishing season.

"Salmon fishing is popular," said Ed Schriever, regional fisheries biologist for the Fish and

Game Department at Lewiston. "Everybody loves it and wants it to last a long time."

Last year the department proposed a low daily bag limit of two hatchery salmon to extend the season. The lower bag limit also helped ensure the fish would spread to a larger geographic area.

The department would like, with the Fish and Game Commission's approval, to be allowed flexibility to adjust

the harvest quota and season length as salmon actually begin to return, Schriever said.

"What we really want to do is talk to the public about what we see as a need to be conservative initially, and have some flexibility in the framework so we can adjust to the actual run," Schriever said.

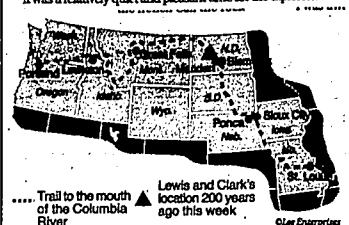
Officials will discuss whether to have a season in the Lower Snake River between Lewiston and Hellier Bar.

'Copying a map'

The men of the Corps of Discovery have turned their attention to preparing for departure in the spring. They are at work making boats, drying meat and repairing clothing.

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March 4, 1805 — The Assiniboinos who visited the Mandans a few Days ago returned and attempted to take horses of the Minnetarres & were fired on by them.

— William Clark

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Game

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He said, "I adjust each dinner to available fresh vegetables. (He prefers local products.) When the meat is unwhaved and I look at it, I decide what the meal will be right then."

"I took this to mean, Kurt has recipes, but then there's Kurt himself translating ingredients into cuisine.

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Slopes

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presses Beth Tait, a retired middle-school teacher from Rhineland, Wis., who now lives in Sandy and has been embraced by the Wild Old Bunch despite her youth (she's just 60).

"The people in this group, many have had heart bypass surgery, hip replacements, some have had two knees replaced. We've had several stroke victims who, because of the love of the sport, have come back," she says. "They're wonderful role models."

Clyde Nash, 75, is a case in point. An orthopedic surgeon transplanted from Southern California to Alta, he has a congenital disorder that he knows will kill him eventually. But that won't stop him from racking up more than 100 days on the mountain this season.

"I'd rather ski and die young than be a couch potato, which is what they say I should be. I'm not going to do that," he says.

"There's no deep meaning to it. I love to ski, so why should I stop?"

What a way to go: Of course, Wild Old Bunch members pass away now and then. Murchison and Bob Harlan, 72, a retired U.S. Air Force pilot, recounted how one of their compatriots was lucky enough to die from a heart attack while skiing. "They're going up to the endless powder," Marshall says philosophically. "You have to look at it that way."

Until that time comes, though, the point is to keep strapping on the skis, making runs and sharing laughs and conversation with contemporaries from all walks of life.

"This is the happiest time of my retirement," says Ernie Iule, 84, who moved to Sandy in 1991 after retiring as a chemist for Union Carbide, collecting two

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— Clyde Nash, 75

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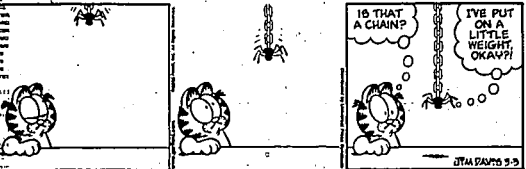
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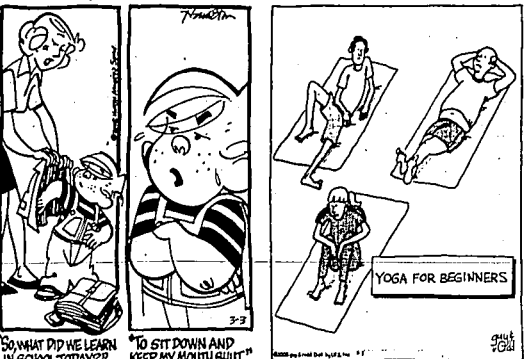


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OUTDOORS

New Mexico proposal would do away with cougar protections

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — When snow finally fell recently on the 292,000-acre Bell Ranch in northeastern New Mexico, Bert Ancell went looking for a cougar.

He found the big cat's tracks, let the dogs out, then followed them perhaps five miles until they lost the scent up a canyon. "They thought they had him treed ... but they could never find him," recalled Ancell, the cattle ranch's assistant manager.

Cougars are one of the most elusive predators and the hardest-to-hunt predators on the planet.

If Ancell has his way, cougars — also known as mountain lions — could be shot on sight by New Mexicans who happen to encounter them. A proposal pending in the state Legislature would do away with the cougar's 34-year-old protection as a big-game animal whose hunting is regulated.

Supporters say that would help boost the flagging number of mule deer — a staple of the lions' diet — as well as aid livestock growers who lose cattle, sheep and horses to the cats' urge to snack.

And they contend the difficulty of finding cougars ensures that they wouldn't die out even if hunting were unlimited.

"If you saw one, you'd have the chance to kind of cut down on the population a little bit," said Rep. Brian Moore, R-Clayton, the bill's sponsor, whose huge estate district borders Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas.

Wildlife advocates are horrified by the proposal, which would give cougars the status of coyotes or skunks. It would make New Mexico the only state other than Texas that treats them as varmints.

Lisa Jennings, executive director of Animal Protection of New Mexico, calls it a return to "19th-century policies and practices" regarding wildlife management. "It's barely a cut above the \$5 bounty on cougars that the Territorial Legislature of New Mexico enacted in 1867," she said.

Mountain lions are found in

every western state, and their hunting is regulated by state agencies — except in California, where no sport hunting is allowed.

"Because they are so cryptic and so shy and because they avoid each other ... their density across the West is very low," said Wendy Koesterling, director of carnivore protection for Sinapu, a Boulder, Colo.-based wildlife advocacy group.

A large torn can have a range of 100 square miles, she said.

Over the two decades ending in 2002, the number of mountain lions killed by sport hunters in 10 western states each year roughly tripled, to 3,500, according to Koesterling.

"I am very concerned that ... they may be imperiled," she said. Instead of the "wrong-headed" approach of the New Mexico Legislature, states ought to be studying the density of the large predators, she said.

In Colorado — where population estimates range from 3,000 to 7,000 — the Wildlife Commission has launched a 10-year study to determine the number of mountain lions, its habitat requirements and the number of prey.

The commission also decided to reduce the number of cougars that can be killed this year, from 790 to 567.

In New Mexico, the Game and Fish Department's best guess based on a decade-old study — is that there are between 2,000 and 2,500 of the cats.

The number of mountain lions that can be killed by sport hunters during New Mexico's six-month season varies by zone but is capped this year at 233 statewide.

Ranchers and their employees can kill cougars year-round on private lands, but they're limited to one cougar a year. Those kills don't count against the statewide harvest limit.

In the last full year for which there are statistics, ending in March 2004, there were 242 cougars reported killed in New Mexico: 146 by sport hunters, 52 on private property, 21 for depredation — they had at-

tacked livestock or pets, for example — 18 to protect desert bighorn sheep, and five either by vehicles or by other cougars, according to the Department of Game and Fish.

Wildlife advocates complain that the state keeps making it easier to hunt the cats. The state Game Commission, for example, has decided to allow mountain lion hunting — although not with dogs — beginning later this year on eight state wildlife areas.

The state Game and Fish Department isn't taking any official position on the pending legislation. But one of its former directors, Bill Huey, is opposed. "Actually, mountain lions are a resource that is valuable to the state," said Huey, a 34-year veteran of the department.

If the cougar is taken off the big game list, no agency would manage the population, nor would anyone have responsibility to help ranchers by responding to damage cougars might do.

Ancell says mountain lions are at least partly to blame for the drop in the deer population on the ranch where he lives.

"Fifteen years ago, I could ride out and see ... 10 bucks that would be almost trophy bucks on any given day. Today, if I see one a year, I feel lucky," he said.

Environmental groups shouldn't view the legislation as an eradication bill, but rather a measure "to help wildlife, to help the deer population," he said.

The deer population in New Mexico has declined and predators are partly to blame, but so are drought and poor quality habitat, according to Game and Fish officials.

Ancell also says the ranch also has noticed an increase in lost livestock: three colts, a grown cow and a dozen calves last year.

Animal Protection's Jennings says livestock producers have "zero tolerance" for any depredation, which she says is unreasonable.

"They're putting unprotected domestic livestock out in wildlife habitat, and then collecting the bodies," she said.

CALVING SEASON



A calf is cleaned by its mother in a field near Fort Shaw, Mont., Tuesday. Area cattle ranchers are in full swing with calving season.

In the battleground of backcountry skiing

ALTA, Utah (AP) — What does David Witherspoon have against helicopters?

"It's safety, wildlife and aesthetics," Witherspoon, wearing a large button proclaiming "no to helicopter skiing," explains to a Seattle couple visiting this ski town. "They can be dangerous and annoying."

Witherspoon, a University of Utah geneticist and board trustee for Save Our Canyons, recounted the group's long fight to preserve the solitude of the central Wasatch range against resort expansion and helicopters that buzz these canyons five days a week, weather permitting.

He's headed to Upper Cardiff fork, a backcountry in one of the best used national forests, the Wasatch-Cache, and just a 45-minute drive from a metropolis of 1.6 million people.

Mormons may have established Salt Lake as the city of saints, but it's here — about 6,000 feet up and 18 miles away — where the skiing's heavenly. Cardiff bowl is a favorite stop on the so-called northern powder

circuit, a group of northerly wind-sheltered canyons where the snow gathers deep and pillow.

"It's world-class skiing in terrain and snow quality," said Kevin O'Rourke, general manager of Wasatch Powderbird Guides, which can't fly often enough to satisfy customer demand at \$770 a day per skier. "Those areas are prized by people. We angle for access to those high north-facing bowls because of the good skiing."

So before Witherspoon, can climb 1,700 feet from Alta to reach a choice bowl in the craggy Wasatch range, skiers dropped for "hundred-dollar runs" will have left fields of marked-up snow. They've been skiing this bowl for four days after a storm. Now it's Saturday, and the race is on for what remains of untracked snow. It's about 18 backcountry skiers versus two groups of helicopter skiers.

"It sounds like a war zone, especially when they're dropping blasts" for avalanche control, Witherspoon yells over the roar of a helicopter. They pass 40 feet

over your head. It changes your sense of solitude and quiet.

Save Our Canyons says the Forest Service is sacrificing the backcountry for commercial recreation, forcing the agency to devise restrictions that in some cases escalated the conflict.

O'Rourke said helicopter flights make heavy use of Saturdays in the bowls most accessible and popular for backcountry skiers because the Forest Service grounded flights every Sunday and Monday in the three canyons rising from Salt Lake City.

Wasatch Powderbird Guides was forced out of more remote wilderness areas created in 1994, which only diverted more flights to the more accessible bowls popular with day skiers. The result is a battle as much over terrain as over Saturdays when skiers of all kinds swarm the slopes.

That's the way things could stand for another five years after the Forest Service renewed a permit. Neither Save Our Canyons nor Wasatch Powderbird Guides is satisfied with the terms. Both are appealing the decision.

GEARING UP FOR THE IDITAROD



Veterinarian Michael Riddle gets nuzzled by one of Kelly Griffin's sled dogs as he gives another one a checkup during a vet check for the Iditarod Sled Dog Race in Wasilla, Alaska, Wednesday. All of the dogs that will run in the Iditarod Sled Dog Race, which starts Saturday are checked to make sure they are fit to run the 2,100 mile race to Nome.

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Intermountain's stock splits 3-for-2

TWIN FALLS — Sandpoint-based Intermountain Community Bancorp, parent of Magic Valley Bank, approved a 3-for-2 stock split. The split is intended to extend its reach into Washington.

Intermountain plans to open its first Washington office in the Spokane Valley in May.

The 3-for-2 stock split is payable March 15 to shareholders of record as of March 10.

"We are very proud of our financial performance and the resulting increase in stock price," Chief Executive Officer Curt Hecker said. "Intermountain's closing stock price on Feb. 28, 2005, was \$24.60, a 262 percent increase since we executed our 2-for-1 stock split in December 2003."

Intermountain had total assets of about \$597.7 million as of Dec. 31. Magic Valley Bank, a division of the company's banking subsidiary, operates branches in Twin Falls, Gooding and Jerome.

CSI offers workshop for business owners

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho will conduct a two-day workshop to teach business owners how to use free Web hosting sites for their business Web pages.

Participants will use their own text and images to create their Web pages using one of the many free sites on the Internet. The class will provide step-by-step instruction for novices.

Participants must have a working knowledge of computers, Web browsing, e-mail, file copying and word processing.

Class will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. March 10 and 11 in Room C33 of the Oregon building. The fee is \$40.

For information or to sign up, contact Sherry Bost at 732-8950 or at sbost@csi.edu.

MCI plans to review latest Quest bid

NEW YORK — Long distance provider MCI Inc. said Wednesday it has gotten the Wednesday preferred merger proposal from Verizon Communications Inc. to talk with Quest Communications International Inc. about its competing bid.

The announcement Wednesday came a day after Quest executives made a direct appeal to MCI investors to pressure MCI to scrap a lower-priced deal with Verizon and accept the Quest's \$8 billion bid.

MCI said in a statement its board "remains committed to performing its fiduciary duties and will evaluate the position over the next two weeks." It said it made the decision with the concurrence of Verizon.

In a separate statement, Verizon said that again because MCI may engage in further discussions with Quest through March 17, but reaffirmed that it thinks it "is the best partner for MCI."

Quest's latest bid made two enhancements to the cash and stock offer previously rejected by MCI: It would speed up the cash payout to MCI investors and provide some downside protection by offering to increase the amount of Quest stock paid if the market value of those shares declines before the merger is completed.

In Magic Valley, Quest is the dominant provider of local-telephone service.

Survey: Interest rates cause less spending

SAN FRANCISCO — Interest rates are still near historic lows, but consumers say recent rate hikes, along with rising credit card, monthly payments and put a dampen on their shopping plans.

Twenty-one percent of consumers said they've had to cut back on spending because of rising interest rates, according to a new survey conducted by the polling firm Gallup Organization for Experian, the credit-reporting agency.

"One in five consumers told us that...they'd already felt the pinch and they'd actually cut back spending as a result of rising rates," said Dennis Jacoby, chief economist for Gallup.

Border remains closed

Judge: Questions still linger about safety of Canadian cattle

The Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — A federal judge ordered the U.S. northern border to remain closed to Canadian cattle imports Wednesday, after a lawyer for a livestock group said it would be insane to resume imports with so many unanswered questions about mad-cow disease.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture had planned to open the border to fuller trade beginning Monday, U.S. District

Judge Richard Cebull granted a temporary court order preventing that.

R-CALF United Stockgrowers of America had asked Cebull to keep the USDA from implementing a plan to allow some live cattle and expanded beef imports from Canada until the merits of its lawsuit against the government are heard. Cebull ordered attorneys for both sides Wednesday to prepare for a trial in that case.

Canadian Trade Minister Jim Peterson said he was disappointed and "we'll do everything we can to fight it out."

R-CALF sued the USDA in January, seeking to prevent the importation of "all live cattle of Canadian origin and all edible bovine meat products derived from cattle of Canadian origin."

The Billings-based ranchers' group contends the USDA plan would pose a risk to both consumers and U.S. cattle producers.

An attorney for the group, Cliff Edwards, told Cebull in court Wednesday that it would be "insane" to allow the import of cattle from a country that has confirmed two new cases of

mad-cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, this year.

"This boils down to plain old common sense," he said.

Lisa Olson, an attorney for the government, argued that the plan was as safe as it possibly could be and was based on science. She said a decision halting expanded trade with Canada would interfere with efforts to reopen foreign markets to U.S. beef. Some countries closed their borders to U.S. beef after a cow in Washington state was found to have the disease in December 2003. That cow came from Canada.

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Parents of disabled struggle with money

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Millions of American parents struggle with the day-to-day responsibilities of caring for physically or mentally disabled children, but often their biggest challenge is putting financial strategies in place to ensure that the kids are taken care of as they all grow older.

For Christine and Donald Kriescher of New Franken, Wis., that has meant getting guardianship papers in place for their son Nick, 19, who is severely retarded and suffers from obsessive-compulsive disorder, approaches adulthood. And they'll need a power of attorney to help guide 20-year-old daughter Kandy, who has mild cognitive disabilities. Into new programs next year when she leaves school.

In addition, the Krieschers plan to redo their will and set up special needs trusts to transfer their insurance and savings to care for the children after their deaths.

"I will die a happy person if I can find a way so they can live and be happy and be productive," Christine-Kriescher said. Kriescher, who is 42, added: "Putting things in place gives you peace of mind."

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that more than one in 10 Americans between the ages of 18 and 64 suffers from some kind of mental or emotional impairment. Finding the right services—and arranging future financial support — for them can be tricky because parents can't risk jeopardizing a disabled person's public benefits.

Many of the disabled qualify for government-sponsored care or training programs. They also can get financial help through the Supplemental Security Income program, which provides a monthly allowance and generally ensures that the disabled



Nickolas, left, 19, Kandy, 20, and their parents Christine and Don Kriescher assemble a puzzle at their home Feb. 7 in New Franken, Wis. The Krieschers are in the process of setting up a financial plan to take care for Kandy and Nickolas, who both have special needs.

person is eligible for important Medicaid health benefits. "But that assistance could be cut off if parents or well-meaning grandparents give a few thousand dollars to a disabled grandchild, unwittingly making them ineligible for SSI and health care because their assets surpass the \$2,000 limit, according to the ARC of the United States, a national organization based in Silver Spring, Md., for the mentally and developmentally disabled.

A growing number of insurance and brokerage houses have set up units focused on financial planning for special needs children, including help in setting up wills and trusts that don't threaten a child's benefits.

Nadine Vogel, who helped set up MetLife Inc.'s Division of Estate Planning for Special Kids,

or MetDESK, in 1998, knows first hand what challenges the parents of disabled children face. "My first daughter, Gretchen, who is now 13, was born with serious disabilities that have required physical, occupational and speech therapy. A second daughter, Rachel, 5, has a heart condition.

"Dealing with the legal and financial complexities in estate planning—including life insurance, trusts and taxes—can be daunting," Vogel said.

Ken Wirtz, a MetDESK agent who has worked with the Krieschers in Wisconsin, said that in addition to financial guidance, he keeps up with community resources that can be of help to parents.

"Most of the parents are more worried about the children than themselves... so we need to assess the overall situation and

find the right opportunities, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, worker's compensation benefits and the like. The Idaho Legislature in 1997 changed state law governing unclaimed property. Now after property that's safeguarded by the tax commission remains unclaimed for 10 years, it will transfer to state ownership and be deposited in Idaho's general fund.

The first time that will happen is 2007. Before the 1997 law, the tax commission held unclaimed property for its rightful owners in perpetuity.

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. Today's list is from Rupert. The tax commission said each person or business listed today — or the person or business who owns unclaimed property worth more than \$100.

Watch for other towns in coming weeks.

Enabling education
Young people with severe disabilities are more likely to attain higher levels of education than people in that group a decade ago, according to census data.

Education Level	1995 (%)	2004 (%)
Bachelor's degree or higher	4.0%	11.1%
Associate's degree or some college	0.6%	4.5%
High school graduate	22.2%	45.5%

SOURCE: Census Bureau, AP

determine how we can support the parents so they can physically and financially take care of their children, even after they're gone," he said.

State guards unclaimed property

The Times-News

RUPERT — The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for hundreds of people and businesses whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley. The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hopes it will find them.

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Costco reports rise in net income during Q2

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Among the corporate earnings reports released Wednesday were quarterly statements from a warehouse retailer with a Twin Falls store: an auto parts chain with stores in Twin Falls, Burley and Jerome; a pet supply retailer with a Twin Falls location; and an arts and crafts retailer with a Twin Falls store.

Among the highlights: **Costco Wholesale**. Issaquah, Wash.-based warehouse retailer Costco Wholesale Corp. said net sales for its second quarter, which ended Feb. 15, increased 10 percent from year earlier to \$1.24 billion. The quarter's net income, which included one-time taxes, increased 35 percent to \$365.5 million, or 82 cents per diluted share, compared with the year-ago \$228.6 million, or 48 cents per diluted share. Without the impact of a \$52.1 million income tax benefit, from settlement of a transfer pricing dispute, and a \$16.0 million cumulative charge to operating expense, resulting from adjustment of Costco's accounting for leases, net income for the second quarter would have been \$263.3 million or 54 cents per diluted share, an increase over the year-earlier quarter.

AutoZone. Memphis, Tenn.-based AutoZone Inc., a retailer of automotive parts and accessories, reported sales of \$1,204 million for its second quarter, which ended Feb. 12, up 8.9 percent from a year earlier. Same-store sales were flat for the quarter. Operating profit increased 12.2 percent to \$119.5 million, and diluted earnings per share increased 41.9 percent to \$1.49 from the year-ago \$1.04. The most recent quarter's results constituted a one-time tax benefit, adjusted. Please see REPORTS, Page E3

Department stores should look back to find future

By Slevan Pearlstein
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If the names — Hecht's and Woodies here in Washington; Jordan Marsh and Filene's in Boston; Strawbridge's in Philadelphia; Marshall Field's in Chicago — conjure up wonderful memories for those of a certain age:

Visiting Santa Claus and the elves in the room. The most gully pleasure of bringing home blubbery muffins hot out of the oven at Jordan's or a large bag of Yelati's camels from Woodies.

Unfortunately, business runs on profits, not nostalgia — and the profits have been slowly draining out of these storied retailers for 35 years. Now the curtain will finally be pulled under the Macy's banner in one final effort to reinvent the department store on a national scale.

It would be easy to spin a tale of corporate decline: the department store is really a metaphor for the disappear-

What to do

ance of the American middle class who shopped its aisles and manned its counters. But that would be wrong. Mostly it is part of the larger story of the fragmentation of mass markets that is driven by changing technology, consumer tastes and new and better ways of doing business.

The irony is that the department store turns out to have been unwittingly complicit in its own undoing. When developers first offered them sweater suits to serve as anchors in the early shopping centers and malls, it seemed like a no-brainer — an easy way to follow their customers to the suburbs while getting the other retailers in the mall to subsidize it. But in time, the Darwinian competition of the mall produced stronger specialty stores with national scale that were able to provide a wider array of more interesting products in more inviting settings. The rest of the mall, in effect, became the department store, leaving the anchor to compete with discounters and new big-box retailers at the next highway interchange.

To hold onto customers, department stores were forced to continually cut prices, raise back service and graft big-box retailers at the next highway interchange.

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MONEY

Sales of second homes soar

The Washington Post
WASHINGTON — Sales of second homes soared last year and accounted for more than a third of all real estate transactions, according to a study released this week.
The study, conducted by the Washington-based National Association of Realtors (NAR), showed that nearly one in four U.S. homes bought in 2004 was purchased for investment purposes: 19 percent were bought as vacation homes.

Together, that constituted the surging second-home market, which accounted for 36 percent of the 7.7 million homes sold in the country last year. Sales were up 16.3 percent over 2003.
Kelly Robinson and Debra Thomas, office colleagues in Bethesda, Md., were two of last year's buyers. The two lived in real estate together.
A few months ago, they bought their third investment property — a \$225,000 townhome near Bethesda, Md., that they rent out.

It's people like Robinson and Thomas who are buying homes they're not planning to live in for the next few years, according to a government report released Tuesday. The average price of a single-family home financed through secondary mortgage giants Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac rose 11.2 percent over the year, the strongest annual growth rate since 1979, according to the government's quarterly report.

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Selling fast
Sales of second homes increased by more than 16 percent in 2004.
Total second-home sales in 2004: 2.82 million
Homes bought as investments accounted for 19 percent of sales from 2003: 14.4 percent
• Type: Single-family
• Median size: 1,700 square feet
• Median price: \$148,000
• Median age of home buyer: 47
• Earnings of home buyer:

seemed to be going down, down, down. I decided to take that money out and invest it in real estate.

Lereah said baby boomers, the largest generation in American history, are in their peak earning years and are buying second homes in record numbers. He said American households increasingly saw real estate as an option to other investment vehicles. Low interest rates have fueled the fire.

It's not hard to see why Americans have decided real estate can be a good investment.
House prices rose in 2004 at their fastest rate in 15 years, according to a government report released Tuesday. The average price of a single-family home financed through secondary mortgage giants Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac rose 11.2 percent over the year, the strongest annual growth rate since 1979, according to the government's quarterly report.

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Homes bought for vacation
• Increase in sales from 2003: 19.8 percent
• Type: Single-family
• Median size: 1,290 square feet
• Median price: \$190,000
• Median age of home buyer: 55
• Earnings of home buyer: \$71,000
Source: National Association of Realtors

tech bubble that burst in 2000, there's little argument about what can happen to such highly-leveraged investments when the growth arrow goes flat or starts pointing downward.
When sales slow or prices fall, would-be resellers often become reluctant landlords, who related to dealing with what the property management community has dubbed the world of "tenants and toilets." Meaning, trying out the equity in one's principal residence can affect one's ability to credit for other purposes.

John Tuccillo, NAR's former chief economist and author of the recent book "How a Second Home Can Be Your Best Investment," said the large increase in house values is a major reason people are being tempted by second-home buying.
"The tremendous run-up in prices in certain markets... has given people a lot of money to play with."

There's been a very strong wash-over effect."
Has the second-home activity fueled the rise in house values?
"A huge bubble of investors means more people buying and so an increase in demand," said John Schenker, an economist at Wachovia Corp. "And when demand goes up, prices go up."

Border

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While there's no rush to open the border to expanded trade, she said, there's "exceptionally strong interest."
"There's no health risk here," Olson said, noting safeguards in place to protect against mad-cow disease.
When Canada reported a case of mad-cow disease in May 2003, the United States banned Canadian cattle, beef and beef products. Restrictions were later relaxed to allow imports considered at very low risk of BSE.

Then, in December, USDA announced plans to further cut trade, including allowing imports from Canada of live cattle under 30 months old and some other animals and products, including beef products. That plan was to take effect Monday.

Stores

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sale in an effort to make up in volume what they're losing in profit margins. They were also forced to rely increasingly on name-brand merchandise — clothing, cosmetics and the like, which commanded an ever-greater share of the profit margin and subtly shifted customer loyalty from retailer to supplier in the end, many of the stores' executives said.
But their own shops, competing directly against their department store customers.

By one rough measure, department stores have lost half their share of the retail market but in another sense, it's not clear what that means. Is Target a discount store and Nordstrom a specialty store — or is each just the new version of the department store?
"By my own guess is that Federated Department Stores overestimates the advantages of scale that its purchase of May Co. will bring. Consolidating purchasing departments and media budgets is the easy part. Harder, but more effective, will be finding buyers with confidence, style and an eye for value — and then liberating them from the current under-the-very-muffins-and-cash-to-toilette."

Agriculture Secretary Miller later said that more than cattle 30 months and older would not be allowed in immediately, after questions were raised about whether allowing more from older cattle would not endanger U.S. beef. But not older live cattle was contradictory.
Just last week, USDA investigators looking into Canada's compliance with a 1997 ban on cattle remains in feed found Canadian cattle are safe for import. Mad-cow disease is believed to spread through such remains in feed. A report by the U.S. team said Canada's overall compliance with the feed ban is good.

U.S. ranchers such as Jim Eszy said they're worried about food safety and the potential for consumer confidence in beef to be hurt if Canada's beef is allowed to be imported.

"It could start something in the United States that we've never had," said the Broadus, Mont., rancher, who came to watch the hearing.
Edwards argued that there would be no way for consumers right now to distinguish Canadian beef from U.S. beef.
"Once Canadian cattle come into this country, they disappear into the food chain," he said. Charles Miller, a spokesman for the U.S. Justice Department, said Americans would review Cebru's order and decide their next steps.

The American Meat Institute, meanwhile, said the order should have no bearing on their separate case seeking to lift restrictions on cattle and beef trade with Canada. That case is in federal court in Washington, D.C.

harder will be creating vibrant and exciting selling spaces that are simultaneously well stocked and uncluttered, and staffing them with salespeople who really know their stuff. And half of all will be wearing shoppers and marketing departments from their addition to endless sales promotions.
The trick here isn't to beat Wal-Mart at the price game — it's to lure back customers with the kinds of merchandise and shopping experiences they'll remember fondly. 50 years from now, the way some of us remember Wal-Mart every muffins and cash-to-toilette.

Something missing?

We are able to customize our market reports. If you're interested in a stock, mutual fund or commodity that's not in our re-

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 25 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Market and the 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Subtotal funds is 1,115 traded. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

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Stocks slide as lofty oil prices overshadow Greenspan's talk

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks ended close to unchanged levels Wednesday after a rollercoaster session that saw shares climb on bullish testimony from Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan about the state of the economy, only to be knocked down by anxiety over the energy market.

Reports

Continued from E1. Including these credits, earnings per share for the quarter increased 24 percent to \$1.29.

PETSMART

Phoenix-based PETSMART reported preliminary unaudited net income of \$68.1 million, or 45 cents per diluted share for the fourth quarter, including an accounting adjustment.

Michael's Stores

Irving, Texas-based Michael's Stores Inc. said preliminary unaudited net income for the fourth quarter increased 18 percent to \$11.2 million from the third quarter.

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MUTUAL FUNDS table listing various mutual funds (American Funds, Fidelity, etc.) with their names, share classes, and prices.

COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marzantonio - 735-3288

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

King Fine Arts Center opened its doors seven years ago

BURLEY — The King Fine Arts Center at Burley High School opened its door to the first performance in March 1998.

Gala 2005

When: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday
Where: King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley
How much: \$5
For more information, call 678-6868

At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, the King Fine Arts Center anniversary will be celebrated with a night of entertainment by local artists. They include: fiddler Drew Batz; Idaho Rocky Mountain Express Taiwan clogging touring team; vocalist Sue Cooper; Minico High School Dance Force; humorous reading by Brooke Poteet; vocal quartet including Bonnie Bair, Randle Knowles, Jerris Boyd and Cindy Hansen; pianist Eric Webster; humor presentation by Melanie McBride; piano performance by LaNell Griffin, Diane Newman, Tamara Bellas and Lori Bair; vocalist Danielle Coltrin, Rob Newman and Lori Wilson; duet; and the Magic Polyharmonic Orchestra.

The first production at the center was "Peter Pan," which was the beginning of productions by Burley High School. Mount Harrison



Idaho Rocky Mountain Express performers will be among the featured entertainers at the seventh annual gala celebrating the anniversary of the King Fine Arts Center.

for several years toward the building of a performing arts center in the Mini-Cassia area, the Foundation reported.

Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation, a nonprofit corporation for the advancement of the arts in southern Idaho, has sponsored the anniversary program each year. It had worked

for several years toward the building of a performing arts center in the Mini-Cassia area, the Foundation reported. When a decision was made to build a new Burley High School, Mount Harrison joined with the Cassia County School District to help build a larger auditorium, enhanced with amenities for a fine

arts center, along with a 250-seat recital hall/little theater. With a contribution from the Hermon King family, a major fund raising effort by the Mount Harrison Foundation, along with donations from businesses and private citizens in both counties, the center was built. The Foundation reported.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Sponsors, committee bring films to area

They say that you don't have to understand the language to appreciate a good foreign film. That was especially true of the four wonderful foreign films presented during the 16th annual "Foreign Film Festival" at the Lamphouse Theatre.

Thank you to our sponsors: TitleFact Inc.; Roy Nielson; Barini-Garcia and Platts Law Offices; and Magic Valley Distributing for providing food, drink and entertainment for the opening night gala; and to the "Foreign Film Festival" committee: Barb Hultquist, Jeff Dave Woodhead, Susan Waters and Susan Reitsma for all their hard work.

Be sure to look for the 17th annual "Foreign Film Festival" coming in October 2005. **RHONDA LAPARTA**, Program Director, Magic Valley Arts Council, Twin Falls.

Community provides help to children, soldiers

The Phi Theta Kappa club from the College of Southern Idaho are happy to be part of "Operation Crayon," which supplies Iraqi children with stationary and art materials, and "Project Shoebox," which supplies items to soldiers in Iraq who may not be receiving packages from home.

We would like to thank those who helped with the club's President's Day concession stand during Mountain Home Auto Ranch's car sale at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer: Dan Wade and John Swearingen at Swire Coffee-Cola, Shane Smith at Cocco Magic, Independent Meat, Wonder Bread, Tom Ficus at the CSI cafeteria for getting hard-to-find items, Kathy Palmer for bringing candy to sell, Russ Tremayne for bringing donuts every morning, and Jill Kreutzer at Mountain Home Auto Ranch for inviting us to have concessionists at the sale.

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped out with Operation Crayon and Project Shoebox. **TONY ANDREAS**, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Club, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls.

The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:

• Organizations thanking contributors or supporters.

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For more information, call 733-0631, Ext. 288.

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Twin Falls chapter hosts Worthy Grand Matron of Idaho

TWIN FALLS — The Worthy Grand Matron of Idaho, Order of the Eastern Star, Nancy Ross of American Falls made an official visit to Twin Falls Chapter No. 29 in January.

Also attending was Worthy Grand Patron Dave Call of Salmon. Other guests were past grand matrons, Mary Ramseyer, Filmer; Maxine Machamer, Twin Falls; and Darla Redmond, Albion; and past grand patrons, Virgil Fenton, Paul, and Bert Remaley, Twin Falls; along with Mary Lynn Neale, associate grand mistress of Boise; and members from several Magic Valley chapters.

Betty Newby of Twin Falls was appointed grand representative to Rhode Island. Mavomeen Hall, treasurer, and Betty Tucker were presented special awards from the worthy grand matron.

Burt Hultish sang songs to honor the special guests, and a humorous skit was presented by Billie Reed as an old hen and Paul Remaley as a rooster.

Presiding over the meeting were Maxine Machamer, Twin Falls No. 29 worthy matron, and Dick Machamer, worthy patron, who were appointed emblem bearer and assistant teller for the Grand Chapter session to be held in Boise.



Blille Reed and Paul Remaley performed a skit.



Those attending the official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron of Idaho, Nancy Ross, from left, front row: Maxine Machamer, worthy matron; Dick Machamer, worthy patron; Twin Falls No. 29; Dave Call, worthy grand patron of Idaho; with other officers of Twin Falls No. 29.

Idaho high school rodeo, queen contest starts

TWIN FALLS — The first annual high school rodeo of the season will be held at 7 p.m. March 25-26 at the College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave. E.

Also held will be the 2005 Idaho High School Rodeo Queen Contest. The horsemanship will be held at 10 a.m. March 26. Modeling and speeches will be judged at 2 p.m. April 2 at the Magic Valley Mall. A rodeo queen meeting will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. March 12 in the board room at the Idaho State Fairgrounds, 1508 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The coordinator is Duddy Kennedy.

Royalty for 2004/2005 are: **C r y s t a l** Wheeler, daughter of Rick and Shelly Wheeler of Declo, is queen. She is involved in 4-H and an FFA chapter officer.

Whitney Anthon, daughter of Clyde and VerLynn Anthon of Declo, is first attendant. She is a cheerleader, rodeo club vice president and American Legion Oratorical State Champion.

Echo Frey, third attendant and basketball and volleyball and is a member of FFA and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

Shane Harmon, daughter of Bruce and Rhonda Harmon, is second attendant. She is an FFA officer, Kimberly Rodeo Club vice president and In Who's Who Among America.

For more information, call Kenney at 731-9958 or 423-4767.

Red Cross blood drive takes place in Burley

BURLEY — March is American Red Cross month. A Burley community blood drive will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Monday, and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the National Guard Armory, 2000 E. Main St. To schedule an appointment, call Joyce at 678-2984.

Gooding Senior Citizens Center serves breakfast

GOODING — The Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave., will serve breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday. The cost is \$3.50. For more information, call 934-5504.

Center delivers 'Messages from Water'

BUIHL — "Messages from Water," a 30-minute DVD from the work of Dr. Masaru Emoto, that focuses on the effect of positive energy on people will be shown from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth. Admission is free. Soup and bread will be available. The cost is free-will donation.

Minidoka County holds Child Find March 11

RUFERT — Minidoka County Preschools will hold a Child

Find from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Child Find is a free screening for children from ages 3-5 to identify needs that may result from developmental delay, physical or mental concerns. The screening includes speech and language, physical health, gross and fine motor skills, self-help abilities, social skills and pre-academic skills, vision and hearing.

The screenings will be held at Paul, Memorial and Acquia Elementary schools. Anyone who has a child or knows a child who might need some additional help, can call the school nearest them for an appointment: Paul, 438-2211; Memorial, 436-4240; and Acquia, 436-6365.

Saturday bingo benefits mission projects

PAUL — Bingo will be played from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Paul Methodist Church, 127 W. Clark St. Prizes will be awarded for winning cards. The cost is \$1 per card. Proceeds will benefit community mission projects. Pie and ice cream will be served.

For more information, call 438-5530.

Buhl Community Ed offers several courses

BUIHL — The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Center is offering several courses. "The Dyed Shirts" will be held from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in Room 104 at the Buhl Middle School, 217 Seventh N. The cost is \$6 and \$5 for materials. Participants should bring any clean shirt.

"Photo Window Frame" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Buhl High School Art Room, 525 Sawtooth Ave. The cost is \$6 and \$20 to \$40 for materials. Participants can create a personalized four- to six-paneled frame to display photos.

"Iris Folding" will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at

Twins Falls store will hold appraisal fair

TWIN FALLS — The 2nd Time Around Antique Mall, 689 Washington St. N., is having a free appraisal fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Attending will be Hutch Hutchins, a certified appraiser. There is no limit on how many items to bring.

For more information, call 734-6088.

Bridge club announces Swiss team results

HAILEY — The Duplicate Bridge Club 400 Swiss team has announced results from Feb. 20: First, Dee Swartz, Ken Bratt, Yolande Bennett, Helene Wiggins; and tied for second and third, Lonnie Burns, Chuck Abrams, Jo Murray, Bunce Anderson and Bobette Plankey, Beverly Burns, Betty Hedreen and Marjorie Bathum.

Center holds abstinence training retreats

TWIN FALLS — The Pregnancy Crisis Center is conducting Abstinence Training Retreats for teens at the Americal Inn, 1377 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The junior high retreat will be held April 1-3 and the senior high retreat on April 8-10. The cost is \$100 by today. After that, the price will increase by \$10 every week.

For more information, call 734-7472 or 308-7472.

70th birthday party at Lincoln

Dorothy Baggett is celebrating her 70th birthday at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Lincoln Courts, 1310 Main St. Family and friends are invited. The event is hosted by Baggett's children. She requests no gifts.

Gooding Bridge Club announces results

GOODING — The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its Feb. 25 results: North/south, first, Kathy Rooney and Mary Steels; second, Bobette Plankey and Beverly Burns; and third, Jodi Faulkner and Susan Faulkner.

East/west, first, Riley Burton and Mia Thompson; second, Lorna Bass and Sue Borders; and third, Lonnie Burns and Bunce Anderson.

The group plays at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W. Refreshments are served.

Gooding Basque dinner will take place this week

GOODING — The Gooding Basque Association Friday Dinner will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Basque Cultural Center, at the intersection of Highways 28 and 46. The menu will include lamb, salmon, chicken breast, Basque rice, green beans, Basque bread, macaroni and tomato soup, salad bar and desserts.

The dinner is \$16 for adults.

Cassia Regional holds Community Health Fair

BURLEY — Cassia Regional Medical Center will again sponsor the Community Health Fair from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Burley High School, 2100 Parke Ave.

The fair will host more than 50 booths offering testing and screening. Also this year, Cassia Regional's physical therapy department will hold a pull up contest. There will be categories between male, female and different age groups. The winners will receive a certificate for a free massage from Nikki Darrington with the department.

Cassia Regional's occupational therapist will conduct a hand-griping contest. The winners will receive movie tickets. All health fair participants will have the opportunity to also win a Burley Centennial Afghan created by Cassia Regional's Volunteers.

Events are free, except for a PSA test, which costs \$15, and a blood chemical analysis, which costs \$25. Participants who plan to take advantage of the analysis should not eat 12 hours before their blood is drawn. It is a complete cholesterol analysis and screening test for cardiac risk, diabetes, kidney and liver disease and thyroid problems.

For more information, call 678-4444.

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ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS
PROJECT TITLE:
PLANT MIX SUPPLY
Separate sealed bids for the plant mix supply contract will be received by the Burley Highway District at 402 East 10th Street, Burley, Idaho 83401, until 1:30 p.m. local time on March 14, 2005, at which time each bid will be opened and read aloud.
The contract involves the supply of plant mix Class III with asphalt and additives to meet the needs of Burley Highway District road repairs. A packet of information containing the project manual, drawings and exhibits may be obtained at the following location:
Burley Highway District, 402 East 10th Street, Burley, Idaho 83401.
Before a contract will be awarded, the owner may consider the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the type of work specified under this contract.
All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the form of either a bid bond, certified check, cashier's check or the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid proposed.
The Burley Highway District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Burley Highway District.
DATED this 17th day of February, 2005.
THE BURLEY HIGHWAY DISTRICT
Clyde Kaye, Board Chairman

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV 04-0348
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of **CONNIE J. HEAD**
Decedent.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.
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DATED this 16th day of February, 2005.
Phyllis A. McIntyre
Twin Falls County Treasurer

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SEWER TREATMENT SUPPLY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005
Separate sealed bids for the general supply for the fiscal year of 2005 contract will be received by the Burley Highway District at 402 East 10th Street, Burley, Idaho 83401, until 1:30 p.m. local time on March 14, 2005, at which time each bid will be opened and read aloud.
The contract involves the supply of asphalt materials to meet the needs of the Burley Highway District for seal coats for the fiscal year 2005. A packet of information containing the project manual, drawings and exhibits may be obtained at the following location:
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Do-It-Yourself Ideas
A futon frame and mattress set is a handy item for around the house. Folded up, it makes a comfortable, casual couch; folded down, it's a firm bed without the springs and lumps of a conventional sofa bed.
This frame should take do-it-yourselfers no longer than an afternoon to build. It requires only 18 different cuts of lumber and only 18 pieces in all.
The project cost, \$99 - \$145, is made of quality pine.
Futon mattresses can be purchased in all different cuts and sizes.
Futon frames and mattresses set at \$139.95
Futon Softbed Package (No. C30)
The project cost, \$99 - \$145, is made of quality pine.
Catalog (hundreds of products) - \$2.00
Please add \$3.00 (except Canada-only orders)
To order, circle item # and send to:
1. Item # and name of product.
2. Your name, address, city, state and zip code.
3. Payment enclosed in the form of a check or money order.
P.O. Box 3383
Van Nuys, CA 91409
Or call (800) 52-U-BUILD

Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.
All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.
DATED this 10th day of February, 2005.
Phyllis A. McIntyre
Twin Falls County Treasurer

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-2005-00048
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of **IVAN SHERMAN ROOD**, Decedent.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.
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DATED this 10th day of February, 2005.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV 2005-02462
ORDINARY NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING
In the Matter of: **BRADLEY LEMON**
d.o.b. 11-21-01
vs. **THE STATE OF IDAHO**
d.o.b. 2-18-03
Children Under Eighteen
vs. **STEPHAN KVANVIG, STACEY ANN KVANVIG, and RUSSELL G. KVANVIG**
Plaintiffs for Personal Representation
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0683
Pursuant to Order 2005-733-2721
PUBLISH: February 24, 2005 and March 10, 2005

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. 2004-4654
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of **VALEDIS J. DECEASED**.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Public Administrator of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.
All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.
DATED this 16th day of February, 2005.
Phyllis A. McIntyre
Twin Falls County Treasurer

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT
TWIN FALLS, IDAHO 83401
HOWARD TAYLOR & SONS, INC. PO BOX 51780, IDAHO FALLS ID 83403, has filed Application No. 71616 for changes to the following water rights:
Right No. 32-325
Source MEDICINE LODGE CREEK - IRRIGATION (1043 acres) 2.83 CFS
Right No. 32-328
Source MEDICINE LODGE CREEK IRRIGATION (1043 acres) 1.34 CFS
Right No. 32-2019
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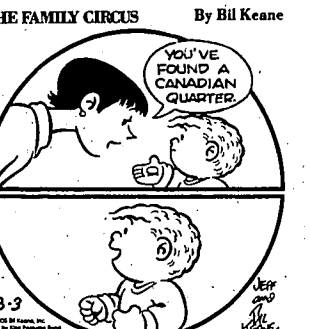
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

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Today's deal comes from a new book by Erwin Brecher and Danny Roth, called "Focus on Hocus-Pocus".

The reader is faced with a series of 52-card diagrams and asked to test his analytical skills. For example: South plays in four hearts, and West leads the diamond queen. (Yes, a black suit...)

- NORTH ♠ K 9 6 4 2 ♥ 10 4 2 ♦ 10 7 5 ♣ J 5 4
EAST ♠ 3 8 3 ♥ Q J 8 6 ♦ A 9 6 4 2 ♣ 10 7 3 2

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: South
The bidding: 2 South West North East 2♥ Pass 2♦ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass

Opening lead: Diamond queen BID WITH THE ACES

- South holds: ♠ K 9 6 4 2 ♥ 10 4 2 ♦ 10 7 5 ♣ J 5 4

South West North East 1♠ DbL 1♥ Rdbl.

ANSWER: Jump to two spades as a pre-emptive call, not a true invitational bid. Once the opponents redouble, promising the balance of high cards, you have enough shape to try to get in their way...

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