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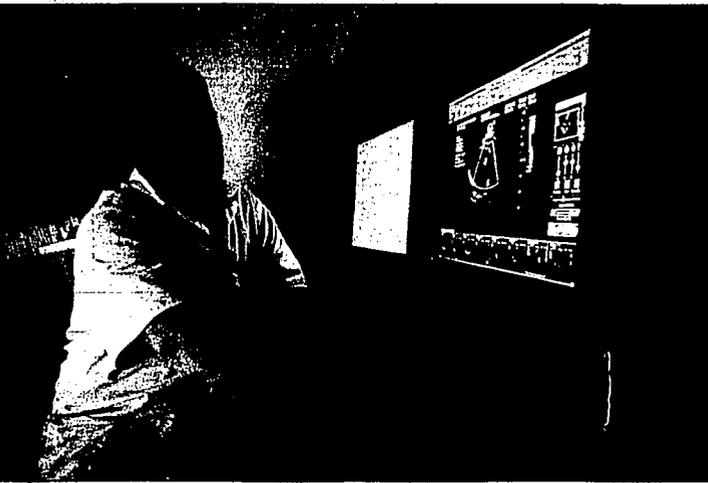
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# What a merger COULD BRING



Terry Hatch, a diagnostic cardiac sonographer, demonstrates Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's digital archiving system used by cardiologists to communicate efficiently with other hospitals like St. Luke's in Boise. The sharing of information is just one way a merger between the two hospitals could benefit patients, physicians and the level of care provided.

## Supporters tout benefits of regional health care system

**By Sandy Miller Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS — They knew the baby had a heart problem, but there were no pediatric cardiologists in rural Magic Valley to diagnose it.

So Terry Hatch, a diagnostic cardiac sonographer at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, performed an echocardiogram on the baby and sent the moving digital image via computer to a pediatric cardiologist at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Hatch said it took maybe 20 minutes to transfer the image.

his heart was repaired. Today, he is a healthy toddler.

Hatch said that's just one example of how the relationship between Magic Valley Regional and St. Luke's improves patient care, and that's one reason he supports a proposed merger between the two hospitals.

"I am a cheerleader," Hatch said. "We're working like teammates already."

First merger supporters say it would give Twin Falls County future financial security by reimbursing about \$30 million in county-backed debts on Magic Valley Regional's books. The county-owned hospital is in good financial shape, having brought in almost \$6 million in net profits last year alone. But local physicians and hospital officials are worried that Magic Valley Regional might not have big enough coffers to meet the challenges that lie ahead, such as the high costs of technology, the growing number of uninsured and the upcoming surge of baby boomers into the Medicare system, a system that only reimburses Magic Valley Regional \$2 cents on every dollar it bills to Medicare.

The pediatric cardiologist in Boise carefully examined the echocardiogram on his computer screen and determined that part of the baby's descending aorta was pinched off like an hourglass. His heart couldn't pump enough blood and the baby needed surgery right away. The clock was ticking.

The operating rooms at St. Luke's were booked that day so the pediatric cardiologist sent the image to Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. The baby was flown to Salt Lake and

**The benefits for patients**

When hospital and county officials talk hospital governance, it doesn't really catch health care consumers' attention.

What really sparks their interest is the availability and quality of health care, and how much they'll pay for them. And a merger between the new county-owned Magic Valley Regional and the nonprofit St. Luke's could have a big effect on both of those things.

So just what kind of benefits could a merger bring?

As soon as it signs on the dotted line, Magic Valley Regional would have access to almost \$100 million to improve its facility. St. Luke's and Magic Valley Regional officials have said. At the top of the priority list would be a new cancer treatment center. St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute currently provides oncology services at Magic Valley Regional through an

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## Finding out what people want

**By Sandy Miller Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS — County commissioners want to make sure their constituents have a say in what happens to their local hospital.

A six-person committee is now preparing a proposal for a possible merger between the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the nonprofit St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Both county commissioners and hospital officials say they want to include the rest of the community in the discussion. Forums will be held to give Magic Valley residents a chance to ask questions and to say what health care services they want. The first public forum will be held sometime in early April in Castelford.

"We're committed to making sure the community has all the answers to their questions," said Ed Dahlberg, chief executive officer at St. Luke's. Residents of Twin Falls County have been involved in

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## Schools move to rid science labs of dangerous mercury

**The Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — As mercury spills in schools disrupt classes, teachers and environmental groups want to rid student labs of the versatile but dangerous metal.

In recent weeks, mercury was found in stairwells and corridors of a high school in the nation's capital. The building had to be closed twice for decontamination and still more traces were found Sunday even as cleaning crews were wrapping up their work in preparation for reopening the school Monday.

"We're shocked," District of Columbia Public Schools spokeswoman Leonie Campbell said.

The building would be closed again Monday, school officials announced. They were searching for an alternate location to hold classes.

Although the spills get headlines, the use of mercury in schools' actually is declining, said Ken Roy, a physics teacher in Glastonbury, Conn., and chairman of the National Science Teachers' Association's

safety advisory board.

"The awareness is so high now that I would say a good part of it (mercury) is gone from schools," Roy said. "The problem comes when a teacher retires, and someone new comes in and finds a horde of it in a cabinet in a chemical storeroom. You've got to dig for it."

In its elemental form, mercury is shiny, silver and odorless. It is the only metal on earth that is liquid at room temperature.

In schools, mercury is found in fewer thermometers, electronic light switches and other basic equipment. It is most common in science labs, where mercury-filled instructional tools have been used for decades.

But the fascination with small beads of mercury has given way to talk of their potential risks.

Mercury turns into a problem when it is spilled and evaporates into airborne vapors, which can be absorbed into the body through breathing.

Exposure to high levels of metallic mercury can damage the brain, kidneys and lungs.

Prolonged exposure to lower levels can cause problems with sleep, sight, hearing and memory, according to the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

The Environmental Protection Agency has encouraged schools to retrofit mercury compounds and mercury-containing equipment. The agency is helping schools get rid of those materials.

At least nine states have created programs to speed up the removal of mercury from schools through lab clean-outs and educational outreach to teachers, the EPA says.

Schools are finding safe alternatives such as electronic thermometers in place of mercury ones, and generally have not reduced their science labs, Roy said. "If anything, more lab activities are being done," he said.

"Professional safety training is the key here."

Mercury is required to be safely sealed in a hazardous material, Roy said. But some students have taken possession of it at school or at home and caused a health scare.



Washington Fire Department and Haz-Mat personnel enter Cardozo High School in Washington, Wednesday, to investigate a mercury spill on the third floor.

## Rice gets off to a fast start

**The Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Through luck, good timing and persistence, the Bush administration finds itself swept up in the winds of change in the Middle East and relieved that two years of chilly relations with Europe seem to be in the past.

Should the successes continue, much of the credit may go to Condoleezza Rice. The blame, too, for a secretary of state on the job for just more than five weeks, if the optimism fades.

Since becoming President Bush's chief diplomat, Rice has helped guide the Israelis and Palestinians closer to the peace table, apparently recently won democratic concessions from an entrenched autocracy in Egypt and made up with the French over Iraq.

"Spreading freedom's blessings is the calling of our time. And when freedom and democracy take root in the Middle East, America and the world will be safer and more peaceful," Bush said in his weekend radio address.

Iraqis braved explosions and threats to vote in elections on Jan. 30. The first meaningful balloting of their lives. In Syria, President Bashar Assad announced on Saturday a two-stage pull-back, though not complete withdrawal, of his forces from neighboring Lebanon. That is short of the U.S. demand, but still an indication Assad feels the weight of international pressure.

By some measures, those developments readily give Rice a better record than her predecessor, Colin Powell, managed in four years on the job during Bush's first term. The Middle East offers the most dramatic context.

The second Palestinian uprising lasted the whole of Powell's tenure, and unofficially ended the month after he left the State Department. Powell made a direct demand to the Syrians to withdraw from Lebanon; he was ignored. He talked of brighter prospects for democracy throughout the region, yet saw few concrete results.

It is still far from clear that Rice will succeed where Powell did not, or that she is really the agent of change. The fast pace of events in Lebanon, for example, began with last month's assassination of a prominent politician opposed to Syria's interference in his country.

"The smart money is always against success and progress in the Middle East, but if you look around the region there are four or five positive trends," said Dan Byman of Georgetown University's school of foreign service. "If even one or two of those go forward, it is significant."



Condoleezza Rice



# Iraq National Assembly will convene March 16

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's newly elected National Assembly will convene for the first time March 16, politicians said Sunday, an apparent sign that the leading Kurdish and Shiite Muslim coalitions are making progress in closed-door talks to form a new government.

"They decided together that the assembly will be held on the 16th of this month," said Rehdad Jawad Taqi, spokesman for the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, a leading Shiite party that met Saturday with other political groups and decided on the opening date.

The announcement of an opening date came as public exasperation rises that more than a month after Iraq's historic democratic elections on Jan. 30, the victorious parties have not reached an accord on who will occupy senior posts in the new government. Such an accord had been regarded by most Iraqi politicians as a necessary prelude to the convening of the assembly.

## Senator plans to introduce Social Security measure today

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., plans today to introduce Social Security legislation that includes a version of President Bush's proposal to create individual retirement accounts—but also calls for raising the retirement age by a year.

"We need more ideas," Hagel said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation," noting that his bill would be the first, although most likely not the last, Social Security proposal introduced in the Senate this year.

But Democratic lawmakers said as long as private accounts were on the table, they would adamantly oppose opening negotiations on ways to shore up the retirement system.

"If privatization stays on the table and Social Security is turned into a gamble, I don't see us getting anywhere, because none of us in the Democratic Party, at least none that I know, is willing to do that," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., who also appeared on CBS.

Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., a centrist whose support Republicans have been counting, also spoke out against the diversion of Social Security taxes into investment accounts. "I don't see how you make the problem better by diverting payroll tax revenue that otherwise goes into the Social Security trust fund," he said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Bush administration officials said the president remained committed to the private accounts. And they said they were undeterred by uneasiness among members of the president's own party and some polls showing declining support for the accounts.

"We're still in the early phase of educating the public about why there needs to be change," White House counselor Dan Bartlett said on "Fox News Sunday."

The assembly's opening session, another landmark in this country's modern history, will fall on the 17th anniversary of a chemical weapons attack under ousted president Saddam Hussein on the Kurdish village of Halabja. Mustard gas and nerve agents were used in the 1988 assault, which left an estimated 5,000 Kurds dead and is regarded as one of the Saddam government's most vicious acts against its citizens.

The announcement on the opening session demonstrated yet again the persuasive powers of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's most eminent Shiite Muslim cleric, who a day earlier had urged the haggling political parties to accelerate their efforts to discuss the assembly's composition soon.

Al-Sistani and three members of the United Iraqi Alliance, a predominantly Shiite Muslim coalition of parties that emerged from the elections with a slim majority in the assembly, met Saturday in the city of Najaf.

The Alliance, which won 140

assembly seats, has nominated Ibrahim Jaafari, head of the religious Dawaa party, for prime minister. The Alliance has been negotiating with the Kurdish parties, which hold 75 seats in the assembly, to secure their support for Jaafari's bid to become prime minister.

Alliance officials have said they support Jalal Talabani, leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, for the mainly ceremonial position of president. Asked whether the Kurds had reciprocated by endorsing Jaafari for prime minister during Saturday's talks, Taqi replied: "I can't say definitely. But in general they support Jaafari."

Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, whose party won 40 seats in the elections and implicitly third, has also sought Kurdish backing for his effort to become prime minister in the new government.

Kurdish and Shiite politicians have said in recent weeks they would like a Sunni Arab to become speaker of the assembly as a way to reach out to the Sunni population.

# Civil rights-era figures observe anniversary of Selma marches

SELMA, Ala. (AP) — Aging civil rights-era figures and a bipartisan congressional delegation walked across an Alabama bridge with a throng of thousands Sunday to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Selma voting rights marches that opened ballot boxes to blacks across the South.

Among those participating was Coretta Scott King, whose husband, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., led a 1965 march to the state Capitol after participants in an earlier march were turned back by law enforcement.

"The freedom we won here in Selma and on the road to Montgomery was purchased with the precious blood of many," said King, who crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in a car.

Police estimated the crowd at nearly 10,000.

Others on hand to commemorate the marches across the bridge included singer Harry Belafonte, who also took part in the demonstration 40 years ago, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, and Lynda Johnson Robb, whose father, President Lyndon Johnson, signed the Voting Rights Act into law in 1965.

President Johnson signed

that act, but it was written by the people of Selma," said Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., who was clubbed on the head during the "Bloody Sunday" attack on marchers by state troopers and sheriff's deputies on March 7, 1965. He was among 17 blacks hospitalized as that march was

turned back while crossing the bridge.

A second march two weeks later, under the protection of a federal court order and led by King, went 50 miles from the bridge over the Alabama River to the steps of the state Capitol in Montgomery.

## Grounded astronauts wonder if they will fly

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — George Zamka has been an astronaut for almost seven years, and he's ready to make it to space. But he's far from alone.

Grounded for two years, a third of the nation's nearly 150 astronauts have never flown in space, and some wonder when they will.

"Part of being at NASA is very few people get to fly in space," Zamka said. "Everyone else gets their enjoyment by contributing to the space mission."

The last class of astronauts has already been warned that it's unclear whether any of them will fly during the shuttle era, which ends in five years. All face an uncertain future and development of the next-generation space vehicle could take until 2015.

"They knew very well that they arrived at the sunset of the shuttle and the dawn of the new vehicle and they may be expected to fly in between the two," Zamka said of the newest class of astronauts. "For the last classes, there has been an effort made to make sure they are informed as to what the wait may be like. And they come anyway."

Forty-six of the nation's 142 astronauts have not flown in space; some of them are rookies, others have waited for years.

Zamka didn't think his wait would be so long. He expects to be assigned to a flight in another two years and hopes to fly within the next four.

By that time, he'll have waited a decade.

"The nature of the business is

It is a risky business, and certainly, part of that risk is delays and unforeseen events," Zamka said. "A lot of these things are just out of my control."

Astronaut Mark Polansky, who has flown one space mission and is set to command a mission next year, said some of his colleagues have expressed concern about where they are in line and when the opportunity to fly will come their way.

Zamka tries not to focus on it and says it only crosses his mind when he's idle.

"We are not stewing over here because we are not flying," he said. "We are all busy trying to get back to flying. We all turn ourselves to the task at hand and that is how we deal with it."

They get inspiration from former astronauts, such as Slay Musgrave, who waited 16 years to fly. He was selected as an astronaut in 1967 and didn't make it to space until 1983.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Woman found dead at scene of blaze

**MOUNTAIN HOME** - Police Sunday were investigating a residential fire and the apparent homicide of a 37-year-old woman that occurred Saturday night, according to a news release from the Mountain Home Police.

The woman was found dead at the scene, the news release said.

Police had a person of interest in custody Sunday. Names were not being released due to the investigation and pending notification of next of kin, the news release said.

### Sen. Craig seeks intern applications

**WASHINGTON** - Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, is seeking applicants for paid internships for the summer in his Washington, D.C., office. Preference will be given to Idaho applicants attending Idaho schools between their junior and senior years of college, including graduating seniors.

Interns are paired with staff members based on experience and interests in order to best utilize their talents. They are expected to fulfill some administrative duties such as answering phones, sorting mail and greeting constituents.

Applications and more information about the internship program are available on Craig's Web site at <http://craig.senate.gov> or by calling (202) 224-2752. It is recommended that applications be sent via fax to (202) 228-1067. Applications can be mailed but delays may occur due to heightened security measures. Direct the applications to Office of Sen. Larry Craig, Attn: Internship Program, Hart-Senate Office Building 520, Washington, D.C., 20510.

The deadline to apply is March 15.

### Animal shelter group will meet Thursday

**TWIN FALLS** - The Animal Shelter Advisory Commission will meet from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at 321 Second Ave. E. The agenda includes approval of minutes from February, a report on the shelter's classes, the shelter tracking system, discussion on adoption outreach programs and volunteer efforts, a citizen survey and new business.

### Filer gets \$5,000 for 'te@ch' awards

**FILER** - Best Buy recently awarded \$5,000 in te@ch awards to Filer High School, \$2,500 each to the digital photography and social studies programs. Teachers Karen Fothergill and Kristy Foster each applied for the Best Buy te@ch award after learning about it through Filer High School Principal Leon Madson. The funds received will be used to support programs in digital photography classes by allowing the school to purchase eight new digital cameras and in social studies classes by allowing the school to purchase two new LCD projectors. These upgrades in educational technology will allow students to expand their learning.

Te@ch awards recognize and reward schools that make learning fun by integrating interactive technology into the K-12 curriculum. Best Buy said in a press release. The awards are available to elementary, middle and secondary schools located within 25 miles of a U.S.-based Best Buy store.

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg*	% of peak**
Upper Snake Basin	70%	60%
Oakley Falls	73%	60%
Snake	74%	62%
Baldern	71%	62%
Big Lost	62%	63%
Little Wood	66%	68%
Henry Fork/Teton	67%	62%
Big Lost	66%	63%
Little Lost	67%	62%

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

## WITH THE LUCK OF THE IRISH



Beverly O'Connor, owner of O'Dunken's Bar and Grill in Twin Falls, will be planning the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. One tradition is to spray paint a large 4-foot clover on the downtown sidewalks using a wood stencil.

## O'Dunken's owners plan parade

By Candace Baltz-Smylie  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - Two weeks now might not seem like enough time to plan a parade, but for the owners of O'Dunken's Draught House, it's no problem at all. Really.

"We kept getting phone calls from people asking us about the St. Paddy's Day Parade," said owner Bev O'Connor. "And we kept telling them, 'no we're not planning it, what are you talking about?'"

Until late last week when O'Connor learned she was in fact planning the Twin Falls event. That's when her answers changed and panic sank in.

"We've never planned a parade before, so we didn't know what to do," she said.

But quickly all the pieces fell into place. The parade had been planned by the same per-

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Twin Falls St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held at noon March 17 on Main Avenue.

To take part in Twin Falls' St. Patrick's Day Parade, call Bev O'Connor at O'Dunken's Draught House at 733-6114. There is no entry fee.

son for more than a decade, so many of the clubs and organizations that usually take part went ahead and filed in the blanks for O'Connor.

"It's actually a pretty self-sufficient parade," she said, relieved. "We just made up a whole bunch of flyers, put them up with businesses and have been telling people to call us."

O'Connor has seven floats al-

ready confirmed for the parade, but is hoping for at least a dozen more. She's taking sign ups from walking groups, groups in cars and boats. And it's free.

"I keep hearing that people plan to be in the parade," she told *The Times-News*. "I heard I see, 'when you haven't I heard from you?'"

Participants must check in with O'Connor before getting the OK to be in the parade. But she isn't too picky about who can march down Main Avenue.

"It's the kind of event that parents see their kids out to lunch to see," she said. "And I just want it to be fun for everyone."

While the parade planning isn't as stressful as O'Connor originally thought it might be, she says there is still time.

"Come the day of the event, I might be freaking out a bit," she

said. "But I think I'll be fine."

To help set the mood the morning of the parade, O'Connor will paint downtown sidewalks with her giant shamrock. Then she'll hustle back to O'Dunken's for one of the busiest days of the year. O'Dunken's is so packed with Irish and Irish wannabe customers on March 17 that O'Connor didn't even get to see the parade last year.

"But I hope to this year," she said, laughing. And O'Connor says this is the last year she'll be caught off guard with two weeks notice.

"I think we'll start planning early for next year," she said. "Probably right after this parade ends."

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## Animal shelter deflects all cat calls

By Rose Marie Parsons  
For The Times-News

**RUPERT** - Four cat calls in the city of Minidoka is the way many

So said Jim Cook, Minidoka's representative on the Minidoka County Animal Control Facility Board.

Animal Control Officer Steve Mani said he does not try to catch cats when he receives a "cat call," but he does take a trap to the caller. It is the caller's responsibility to take any cats caught in the trap to the Burley Animal Shelter because the Minidoka County Shelter at Paul only handles dogs.

"I'll call cats in Minidoka to call 'Brother Cook,'" Cook told Mani at a recent animal control board meeting, adding that Mani has plenty of dog dealing with dogs.

Mani responded to 45 cat calls in February, according to his monthly report.

Mani's report indicated he also responded to six livestock calls when County Commissioner Lynn Hunsaker asked for clarification. Mani said this is usually cattle or sheep on the roadway impeding traffic.

The report shows 360 residents contacted Mani or the animal shelter about an animal control problem during the month of February, compared with 419 contacts in February 2004 when there were two animal control officers. The county's animal control program eliminated one officer Oct. 1, 2004 after Heyburn withdrew from the joint program.

Mani referred 35 calls he received from Heyburn residents last month to the Heyburn Police Department. One dog was

taken to the shelter for quarantine by Heyburn police after it bit someone.

Approval of a new joint powers agreement for the animal control program was delayed last week. The agreement distributes the share of costs to the participating cities and the county on a percentage basis.

But the city of Paul has asked that its share of the animal control budget not be defined as 5 percent of the program's operating budget, Chairman Robert Christensen said. The city is asking that its share be defined as the real estate where the shelter is located, plus water, sewer and electric service and \$3,000.

"I don't think this is a deal breaker," Christensen said. How to divide the costs of the animal program equitably has been the issue from the beginning, said Kelly Anthon, who is

city attorney for Acquia, Minidoka and Rupert.

This is the first year Paul has contributed cash to the animal control budget, and its \$3,000 contribution is a good faith effort to help the program survive after Heyburn's withdrawal, Anthon said.

"It is not realistic to expect the budget will stay flat, so if Paul's contribution stays at \$3,000, someone else will need to make up the difference," Christensen said.

Jeff McIwain, an Acquia councilman, said he would be willing to ask his city to pick up half of the difference if someone else would commit to picking up the other half.

Acquia already doubled its contribution when Heyburn withdrew, Anthon said, adding he does not think Minidoka can afford to contribute more.



**Marjorie Adriaansen**  
Born: Sept. 23, 1938.  
Died: Feb. 28, 2005.  
Survivors: Sister, Margot Neuharth of Auburn, Wash., and Denise (Frank) West of Menlo Park, Calif.; and brothers, James Vincent Ferry of Rupert, Idaho, Kevin (Pat) Ferry of Pocatello and Tom Bolton of Dewey, Rose, Ga.  
Memorial: St. Alphonsus Neurology Center in Boise, Idaho, University of Utah Transplant Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, or charity of choice.

## M-C nurse provided extra care to patients

By Jami Whited  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - From childhood, Marjorie Adriaansen enjoyed helping people.

Adriaansen, a Rupert resident, died Feb. 28 at Minidoka Memorial Hospital, where she also worked as a nurse for several years and where she remembered for the extra special attention she gave to patients in her care.

Adriaansen was born in Rupert and attended schools in Acquia and Burley. She was a proud member of the first graduating class of Minico High School in 1956.

### aLife remembered

She followed her older sisters into the nursing field and left a lasting mark on many patients, co-workers and friends, who remember her as one of the best nurses in the business.

Adriaansen always liked seeing and learning new things and meeting new people. She enjoyed a trip to Ireland with her sisters several years ago and was able to visit Wales, England and Scotland and even made contact with cousins of her father in Northern Ireland. Her favorite place to visit was a little Dutch community in Lyden, Wash. a town that reflected her husband's heritage.

While nursing at Minidoka Memorial Hospital, she took care of a member of Jack Adriaansen's family. He was impressed with the attention she gave to his relative and several years later began corresponding with Adriaansen and had moved to Washington.

During a visit to her home in 1988, the couple were married in Seattle, and she returned to Rupert.

When Adriaansen began her career at Minidoka Memorial Please see REMEMBERED, Page A6

## ON THE AGENDA

**Today**  
Acquia City Council, 8 p.m., Acquia Automotive, 20602 F St.

Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 103 S. Main.  
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W.

Hauser Community Library board, 7 p.m., Library, 120 W. Main.  
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.

Minidoka City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N.  
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.  
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Twin Falls Parks and Waterway Advisory Board, 7 p.m., 450 Sixth Ave. W.

**Tuesday**  
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Highway 7.  
Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley.

Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room, 406 N. Park.  
Glenes Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 119 E. Second.  
Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office, 507 Idaho St.

Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. N.  
Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W.

Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road.

Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 305 Third Ave. E.  
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

**Wednesday**  
Castledale City Council, 7 p.m., I&D Printing Enterprises, 300 Main.  
Dedo City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 116 W. Main.  
DeMay Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St., Rupert.

Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St.  
Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 164 S. Fourth.  
Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd W.

Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office, 152 S. 600 W.

Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive.  
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Twin Falls Public Library board, 5 p.m., library board room, 434 Second E.

**Thursday**  
Bellefour City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar.  
Fairfield City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 407 Soldier Road.  
Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake.  
Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive.  
Minidoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St.  
Murtaugh Highway District,

7 p.m., district office, 108 W. Auster.

Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main.  
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E.

**Friday**  
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.  
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

SERVICES

Harry Wilson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Joe K. Thomson of Hayburn, graveside service at 10 a.m. today at Riverside Cemetery in Hayburn (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Ruth A. Bahd of Gooding, funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at Debra's Gooding Chapel; viewing for family and friends from 9 a.m. until service time today at the chapel.

Fred Walter Koch of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Buhl Community of Christ, 20264 Highway 30 (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Doris Evelyn Stark of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Twin Falls Cemetery; viewing will be held before the service today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Frances Laura Priebe of Wendell, service at 2 p.m. today at Debra's Gooding Chapel; service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Tracy, Calif. (Debra's Gooding Chapel).

an Church in Tracy, Calif. (Debra's Gooding Chapel).

Patricia Smith of Oakley, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Oakley Stakes Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center Ave. Friends may call from 1 to 1:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Douglas Paul McAdams of Twin Falls, funeral at 4 p.m. today at Rock Creek Community Church (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Charles E. Harris of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

Harriet Phlox Meacham of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Charles "Sonny" A. Lee Sr. of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Twin Falls Cemetery; family will greet friends from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

White Mortuary.

Pastor Robert G. "Bob" Daniel of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2468 Addison Ave., Twin Falls; friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

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

James Edward McCue of Jerome, funeral at 10 a.m. Thursday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2331 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Betty Jean Reineke of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Peace Lutheran Church; friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Whitfield Elmer Stambaugh of Boise and formerly of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Summers Funeral Chapel, Eagle and Ustick in Meridian.

DEATH

NOTICES

Ann Elizabeth Taylor

RUPERT — Ann Elizabeth Taylor, 86, passed away March 4 at Park's Care and Rehab. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, March 10 at the First Christian Church, 1110 Eighth St. in Rupert with Pastor John Marshall officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

Robert W. Park

BURLEY — Robert W. Park, 42, died Friday, March 4 at the Casalia Regional Medical Center in Elmore.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley with Temp Patterson officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery in Paul. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 1 to 1:45 Wednesday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

Pilar A. Harris

HAILEY — Pilar A. Harris, 89, a lifelong resident of Hailey, died Saturday evening at the St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Friday, March 11 at St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailey with Rev. John Morgan officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel.

Chemical leak closes highways

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A rail car leaking acid forced the closure of major highways and the evacuation of more than 6,000 people. There were no injuries, but the area downwind of the leak was evacuated because of fumes from the spill. South Salt Lake Fire Chief Steve Foote said. About 3,000 of the 13,000 gallons of industrial waste, which included hydrochloric, hydrofluoric, nitric and sulfuric acids, had leaked out and the tanker was being moved. Foote said Sunday night. Officials were planning on lifting a hazmat technician in a cherry picker to the top of the tanker so he could attach a hose to the rail tanker and pump the acids into two 6,500-gallon portable tanks. Foote said they hoped to have the problem resolved within a few more hours. The leak was discovered early Sunday while crews were loading chemicals into the tanker at a Union Pacific rail yard. Officials said the tanker car was owned by Kennecott Utah Copper and was sublet to Phillips Environmental. The area south and east of the rail yard was evacuated. A little less than one square mile recommended for evacuation, with less than half of that a mandatory evacuation area. The acids were not full strength but still are highly toxic and can cause severe burns if they come in direct contact with the skin or eyes, and the fumes can cause respiratory problems.

Four suspects in supremacist gang case get separate trials

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A judge has granted a request for separate trials for four of a dozen men charged together in a federal indictment for carrying out violent crimes for a white-supremacist gang. Instead of one trial for the 12 defendants, who are accused of

carrying out crimes for the South of the Aryan Culture, there now will be five, U.S. District Judge Ted Stewart ruled on Friday. Four of the men will be tried separately, while the remaining eight will be tried together.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Lucinda 'Cindy' Dale Brown

SHOSHONE — Lucinda "Cindy" Dale Brown, 52, of Shoshone passed away at her home the evening of Friday, March 4, 2005.

Cindy was born April 16, 1952, in Jerome to William and Larry Trammel. She lived her entire life as a member of the dynamic community of Shoshone. She graduated in 1970 from Shoshone High School and continued her education at Juana's School of Hair Design where she won the state cosmetology competition for hair design and became a registered cosmetologist. She married Richard Brown on September 1, 1972, in Shoshone where they spent their lives together. She later earned a technical degree in computer-aided drafting, the career she followed for the remainder of her life. She spent her life enriching the lives of her family, friends and community.



She is survived her husband of 32 years, Richard Brown; three sons, Shane Brown and William Brandon Brown; her daughter-in-law, Janel Brown; and her two grandchildren, Dakota and Dalena. Burial, all of Shoshone, and her brothers, Mel and William Trammel of Boise. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Larry Trammel of Shoshone.

A viewing for friends and family will be held at Debra's Funeral Chapel in Shoshone from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2005. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 10 at the LDS church in Shoshone. Burial will be immediately following the services at the Junction City Amateur Theatre, and director of numerous Shoshone High School productions.

Richard Joe 'Dick' Marlow



WENDELL — Richard Joe "Dick" Marlow, 78, a resident of Wendell, Idaho, died Friday, March 4, 2005, at his home in Wendell.

Dick was born on April 3, 1926 in Boone County, Iowa the son of Homer and Maude Marlow. He was raised and educated in Glens Ferry, Idaho. He married Mona Robinson on June 6, 1948, in Elko, Nev. He is survived by his wife, Mona, son, Ruelle Marlow of Wendell, daughter, Reggie

Marlow, two grandchildren, Jason (Caula) Rankin, and Kristie Rankin; two great-grandchildren, Jayde Rankin and Violet Rankin, all of Snake Falls, Idaho.

Charles E. Harris

TWIN FALLS — Charles E. Harris, 90, was released from this life Wednesday, March 2, 2005, by the Creator of all things.

Charlie was born to Charles M. and M. Marlo Zahares on Sept. 27, 1914, southeast of Grinnell, Kan. The summer before his fifteenth birthday, he carried a great-great aunt out of her still-burning house. The next summer, he and Harold worked together to get a friend of Charlie's out of the swimming hole alive. He married his mate of nearly 55 years, Alta Wilma Marken near Oakley, Kan., Nov. 28, 1937, at her parents' home.

He was raised and educated in Glens Ferry, Idaho. He married Mona Robinson on June 6, 1948, in Elko, Nev. He is survived by his wife, Mona, son, Ruelle Marlow of Wendell, daughter, Reggie Marlow, two grandchildren, Jason (Caula) Rankin, and Kristie Rankin; two great-grandchildren, Jayde Rankin and Violet Rankin, all of Snake Falls, Idaho.

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Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at Methodist Church in Wendell with Rev. Mike Hollomon officiating. Burial will be in the Wendell Cemetery.

pendent Businessman. He was also active in local affairs and was instrumental in getting work crews together to help neighbors who had been injured or were sick and could not work.

Charlie was saved after coming to Idaho and taught Sunday School classes, served on the church board, was song leader and did whatever was needed in the church. Wilma and Charles were blessed with one son, Alvin, and the friendship of many young people half of the zip of the state. Alvin and his wife, Patricia, gave them one grandson, Tracy, and two granddaughters, Jeanne and Theresa. Tracy and Shelly

produced a great-grandson and great-granddaughter, Jeanne and Mike, two great-grandsons, and Teresa and John, a great-granddaughter. All of them gave us many fond memories. Wilma preceded Charlie in death in 1992. In 1993, Harry Mae Marken became Charles' God-given wife as a helpmate in both of their older years. He is survived by his wife, Ruby, son Alvin (Paul) Harris of Twin Falls, his grandchildren and their spouses, his great-grandchildren, sisters, Helen of Ohio and Ruth of California. He was preceded in death by brothers, Harold and Eugene, brothers-in-law, Donald, sisters-in-law Velma and Zella, both parents and all aunts and uncles. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. in lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene, and Rev. John Sander of the Wesleyan Holiness Church officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. in lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, the Wesleyan Church, or to a charity of donor's choice.

Lawmakers blast proposed firefighting budget cuts

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Western lawmakers in Congress were furious over proposed cuts to wildland firefighting funds, including grants to help rural communities fight fires and prevent fuel buildup. There's also bipartisan sentiment to get rid of the Bush administration's traditional method of estimating wildfire suppression budgets. At recent Interior Department and Forest Service budget hearings for 2006, senators warned that the Bush administration's proposed \$283 million cuts — intended to shore up the nation's deficit — could end up costing taxpayers more in the long run.

The federal agencies base funding requests to Congress on the average annual firefighting costs from the last 10 years, then later ask lawmakers for hundreds of millions of dollars worth of "emergency" supplemental funds if the account is drained by a busy fire season. "The pattern we go through is to hold it at 2 percent below the regular (appropriations) bills and then when fires occur, we put up all the money and somehow kid ourselves into believing this is less than what we're spending," Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah, a member of the subcommittee that holds the Interior Department's purse strings.

The federal fire budget's weastern from a difficulty in accurately forecasting the severity of the fire season before knowing how quickly mountain snowpack will melt in spring and summer. In 2002 — the worst fire season in 50 years — 3.6 million acres had burned by late July. But by the end of the year, 7.2 million had been charred by drought, driving federal costs to \$1.6 billion. This year, widely variable winter conditions — ranging from relentless drought in the Gray Mountain West to flooding in parts of the Southwest — have further complicated the forecasting problem.

"In the Great Basin West, we are the driest in recorded water history and unless we get a wet spring, our forests will be increasingly vulnerable," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho. Adding to the fire susceptibility of western woodlands is the infestation of bark beetles that leave broad swaths of forests dead and dry. Interior Secretary Gale Norton said the Bush administration has aggressively tried to pre-empt a catastrophic 2005 fire season by thinning trees on over 12 million acres of public lands during the past four years. With a \$10 million increase in hazardous fuels reduction projects in the 2006 budget request, Norton said Interior agencies and the Forest Service hope to thin another 4 million acres by next year.

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Tuesday, March 28th 6:00 p.m. Terry Greene Terry's Heating & Air Conditioning  
Tuesday, April 12th 6:00 p.m. Joel Gardner Homesty Director  
Tuesday, May 10th 6:00 p.m. Corinne Windmeyer Windmeyer's Cleanhouse  
Tuesday, June 14th 6:00 p.m. Ray Strubberg Government Insurance & Investments  
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Medicare drug benefit deadline nears

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Seniors can still enroll for a \$600 Medicare prescription drug credit, but times runnings short for those who want to receive the full drug benefit.

After March 31, eligible seniors will still receive a \$450 prescription drug credit, but those who apply before the

March deadline will receive the full \$600 prescription credit for 2005.

The Medicare-approved drug discount program, created in 2003 by the Medicare Modernization Act, offers seniors two immediate drug benefit options. First, Medicare-approved drug discount cards are saving seniors an average of 20 percent on

drug costs. Second, Medicare beneficiaries who meet lower income requirements qualify for an additional \$600 credit to help pay for prescriptions, the news release said.

To be eligible for the \$600 prescription drug credit, Medicare beneficiaries must have an individual household income less than \$12,569; a senior couple's household in-

come must be less than \$16,862. Assets are excluded from the income total in determining eligibility.

Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors - SHIBA - provides a free service to seniors to help them understand Medicare supplements, long-term care managed care how Medicare works with other health plans, medical claims

assistance and other related issues. For more information, call Tamara Stricker at 726-4713. For additional information on Medicare benefits, call toll-free at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. Information can also be seen on the Medicare Web site at www.medicare.gov.

Miners meet for release of book

WALLACE (AP) - About 200 people gathered at the Wallace Mining Museum this weekend to visit with Seattle author Gregg Olsen, whose book 'The Deep Dark' tells the story of the Sunshine Mine disaster nearly 33 years ago that claimed 91 lives.

Ron Flory was 29 when the fire broke out on May 2, 1972. He and his partner, Tom Wilkinson, found themselves 1,000 feet below the surface, trapped by thick smoke. The pair went lower, to a section where they found fresh air. They walked out on May 10 and were among 81 survivors.

Another survivor, Wilbur "Buz" Bruhn, said he had been working for about six hours in one of the deepest sections of the mine when he and his peers noticed smoke.

He said no one panicked. Hardrock miners were considered safe from fires. "No one was thinking about gas," he said. The victims died of carbon monoxide poisoning. Bruhn was soon given instructions to evacuate. He and several others were in the final group of survivors on the last "kick," or ore elevator, that reached the entrance around 1 p.m.

He told the story of approaching the skip with his friend, Dewellen Kitchen. The elevator was already loaded with nine men, the maximum.

"I was told us to get on anyway. So I tried to pull 'Kitch' on with me," he said. "It was when we got up to the next level that I realized he didn't make it with us. There was so much smoke I lost track of what happened to him." Bruhn said Kitchen, and his father, Elmer Kitchen, were among the 91 who died in the mine.

"I lost a lot of miners that day," he said. "It changed everything. It changed the whole valley. Most of the mines are closed now.

But "I would go back in the morning if I could, just to work by yourself and I liked the money. I liked the life."

Museum director John Amosson ordered 200 copies of Olsen's book and said he sold 160 of them in four hours during the signing Saturday.

"It's the most detailed overall story of what happened in the mine," Amosson said. "This is still something that has a strong hold on people here, relatives of victims, survivors and people who were here at the time."

THIS WEEK AT CSI

Today

CSI Golden Eagle Boosters luncheon, noon, Taylor 276. CSI Student Senate weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Student Union 234.

Tuesday

Girls in Technology conference, all day, all campus. Im'ing, all day, all campus. CSI Equine Team board meeting, 4 p.m., Student Union 248. "Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. CSI Wind Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Wednesday

CSI Agriculture Department

speech and parliamentary procedure contests, all day, Fine Arts Auditorium. Idaho Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator license exams, 9 a.m., Taylor 276.

Idaho Virtual Academy Title I reading and math workshop, 1 p.m., Taylor 276. Idaho Small Business Development Center "Business Boot Camp," 6 p.m., Regency Club. CSI Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113. U.S. Department of Energy public meeting on excavation of waste from the Idaho National Laboratory's Pits 4 and 6, 7 p.m., Taylor 277. Magic Valley Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., Shields 106. CSI Theater Department presents "The Merchant of Venice," 8 p.m., Fine Arts 119.

Thursday

Regional presidents and athletic directors meeting, 7 a.m., Student Union 248. Idaho Technical Student Association state convention, all day, all campus. University of Idaho College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

meeting with Idaho Potato Commission, all day, Student Union 247.

"I'm Going to College" program for sixth graders, 9:30 a.m., all campus.

Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization executive board meeting, 11 a.m., Student Union 248.

Latinos Unidos weekly club meeting, 2 p.m., Taylor 256.

Laburn and CSI Champagne mid-semester vocal workshop, 3 p.m., Fine Arts 121.

Accessing Their Abilities weekly meeting, 3 p.m., Student Union 248.

Laburn and CSI Champagne Mini-Rodeo, 5 p.m., Eldon Evans Expo Center.

Snake River Association for the Education of Young Children professional development meeting, 6:30 p.m., Aspen 134. CSI Diversity Council presents David Roche "Moments of Grace: Courage in the Face of Bullying," 7 p.m., Student Union Building.

Silver Sage Grotto monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 256. Salt and Light weekly club meeting, 7 p.m., Student Union 247. CSI Theater Department

presents "The Merchant of Venice," 8 p.m., Fine Arts 119.

Friday

Idaho Technical Student Association state convention, all day, all campus.

Music Club scholarship auditions, 3 p.m., Fine Arts 133.

CSI and Department of Health and Welfare foster and adoptive parent training, 5 p.m., Student Union 248.

Fathers on Rights for Custody Equality monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 256.

"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

Herret Center "Astrology Talk" session, Introducing Carls Major, the Big Dog, 7:15 p.m., Herret Rick Allen Room (\$2 per person, includes telescope viewing).

CSI 28th annual Intercollegiate Rodeo, 8 p.m., Eldon Evans Expo Center. CSI Theater Department presents "The Merchant of Venice," 8 p.m., Fine Arts 119.

Saturday

Idaho Technical Student Association state convention, all

day, all campus.

Emergency Medical Technician testing, 8:30 a.m., Aspen 181.

Delta Kappa Gamma teachers' society monthly meeting, 10 a.m., Taylor 276.

United Church of God weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.

"The Greatest Wonders of the Universe," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Mystery of the Missing Seasons" and live sky tour, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

March Star Party (free telescope viewing), 7:45 p.m., Herret Center for Arts and Science.

CSI 28th annual Intercollegiate Rodeo, 8 p.m., Eldon Evans Expo Center.

CSI Theater Department presents "The Merchant of Venice," 8 p.m., Fine Arts 119.

Sunday

American West 4-D barrel racing and breakaway roping, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eldon Evans Expo Center.

Teachers in Idaho may apply to go to institute

The Times-News

CALDWELL - Idaho elementary and secondary teachers of English, history and other disciplines are invited to apply to the Idaho Humanities Council's 2005 summer institute, "Nothing But the Truth: Survival and Celebration in Native American Literature," scheduled for July 17 to 23 at Adonai College of Idaho in Caldwell.

"Nothing But the Truth" will explore works that scholars consider "new classics" of contemporary Native American Literature. Participants will study five major writers and representatives of the emergence of contemporary native writing. Texts will include N. Scott Momaday's "The Way to Rainy Mountain," Leslie Marmon Silko's "Ceremony," Louise Erdrich's "Tracks," James Welch's "Fools Crow," and Sherman Alexie's "The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven."

Family of Jackson's accuser briefly lived in lap of luxury

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) - The rodeo star and his family were whisked across the country in private jets and were treated to spas at luxury resorts. Along the way, the poor family with the cancer-stricken son circulated within a constellation of celebrities - Chris Tucker, George Lopez, Kobe Bryant among them.

But one of the stars, Michael Jackson, was the brightest, and seemingly the most generous. "We were broken and Michael fixed us," the mother of the family said in a video shown last week at Jackson's child molestation trial.

During the first week of a trial that is expected to last months, the prosecution described Jackson as a sexual predator who molested the boy when he was 13 and held his family against their will. Jackson's

lawyer called him the victim of a "certain obsessed family seeking money."

Michael Jackson continually attracts people who want to profit, defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. said in his opening statement.

What emerged from the trial's early stages was a portrait of a family from the wrong side of the tracks who managed to infiltrate the media air of Hollywood celebritydom.

The mother, who had show business ambitions for her children, took them to classes at The Laugh Factory, a popular comedy club on Hollywood's Sunset Strip. When her son, then 10, was stricken with cancer, she appealed to people she met there for help. Mesereau said Fritz Coleman, a popular local TV weathercaster, organized a fund-raiser for the boy and

Laugh Factory owner Jamie Masada acted as a benefactor. Some of the celebrities he wanted to meet. He named Tucker, Adam Sandler and Jackson.

Mesereau said the boy's mother soon approached other celebrities, including Lopez, actor Jim Carrey, "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno and boxer Mike Tyson. Leno went to police, telling them "something was wrong" and that he suspected the family was "looking for a mark," according to Mesereau.

Some of the celebrities the family approached responded generously, according to testimony and defense statements. Comic Louise Palanker reportedly gave the family \$20,000. Tucker took the boy and his family by private plane to an Oakland Raiders football game and a relative's wedding, and sometimes let the eldest sleep at

his fiancée's home. Bryant, the Los Angeles Lakers star, visited him and posed for a picture. And in August 2000, Jackson called. The two talked about the boy's illness and Jackson invited him to his Neverland Ranch.

"I got really excited," the boy said. "I was going to see Michael Jackson."

A limousine arrived at the family's modest apartment and took the boy to Jackson's estate.

"I thought 'Dang, this is cool,'" he recalled. "We got there and it was so beautiful and music was playing."

Experts look to preserve cultural artifacts, fossils at INL site

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Archeologists at the Idaho National Laboratory say there are about 70,000 locations on its 890-square-mile site where thousands of artifacts and fossils remain undiscovered.

The artifacts range from camel bones, spear points and cave paintings dating from 8,000 years ago to a rocking chair left by World War II families stationed at the artillery testing range. That's just what officials know after documenting 21 hot sites within, over about 10 percent of the facility's land.

"One of the unintended benefits of closing the site since the 1940s has been the protection of thousands of sites," said Julie Braun, leader of Idaho National Laboratory's cultural resource program.

The Department of Energy is looking for ways to protect these resources, which also include the landscapes and traditional areas once used by American Indians, said Clayton Marler, an INL archaeologist.

The cultural resource office developed a comprehensive management plan last fall to ensure site managers are aware of federal and state laws that protect historical sites, as well as the DoE's own policies. Meanwhile, as INL contractors continue to clean and upgrade the site, there can be a conflict with preserving buildings of historical value slated for demolition.

Remembered

Continued from A4 Hospital about 45 years ago, she worked with Polly Berlin, a friend she had known since childhood.

"She was definitely one of the best," Berlin said. "I think she just liked working with people. She had a knack for providing that extra attention to patients."

Family, friends and co-workers remember Adriansen as a sweet and compassionate person who paid attention to details to help those in her care.

She would always fix their hands and shampoo and curl their hair," West said.

Adriansen became a pink lady at the hospital in late 1980s, volunteering her time to help hospital staff with chores, taking care of patients and she continued to fix elderly patients' hair and nails and visit with them.

She was a member of the Mindoka Hospital Auxiliary Guild and was honored for her many hours of service to the hospital in 2000. "She thoroughly enjoyed her work all the time," West said. "She was always satisfied with what she was doing and what she was able to do for her patients."

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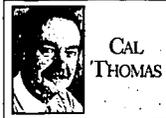
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## Supreme Court and supreme judge

In the latest culture war battle, the Ten Commandments have reached the Supreme Court.



CAL THOMAS

One federal court has ruled that displaying the 10 standards God requires in order to be declared a righteous is constitutional because it is part of this country's legal heritage. Another federal court has ordered them removed from public property because their message implies a government endorsement of religion. The justices will decide whether displaying the commandments in government buildings is constitutionally "kosher."

There are some amusing things about this case. First, it is a group of conservative Christians behind the effort. Not many if any Jewish groups are petitioning government for this right, even though the Ten Commandments are uniquely Jewish. Moses was Jewish, and the Ten Commandments prescribed all of the other laws that followed.

No human has ever obeyed them all. That's why the ancient Israelites had to slaughter so many animals and offer blood and other offerings (grain, fellowship and "wave" among them) and once a year slaughter the Passover lamb to atone for their sin (if you get me, because we became dysfunctional).

Christians, who sometimes seem so belligerent about these things, believe Jesus Christ fulfilled all of the Ten Commandments and thus became the perfect "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." Christians also believe a man is not justified by observ-



ing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ" and "all who rely on observing the law are under a curse." They believe anyone who wishes to be judged by the law falls short and is condemned.

If Christians believe such things, why would they "settle" for the posting of the Ten Commandments through which they believe no one can be saved? Why not lobby for the display of their favorite verse: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." The display of that verse on public property would surely be ruled unconstitutional, but at least Christians would be consistent with what they actually believe.

What puzzles me is the extent to which those who want government to endorse their faith seem ready to compromise their true beliefs in order to receive an honorable men-

tion from the state. Some seem willing to settle for a moment of silent prayer in government schools, a type of religious Miranda right, in which believing students have the right to remain mute. Others are willing to place their God as co-uncle with almost anything, just to have his name publicly mentioned, even if that tends to dilute him so much he wouldn't recognize himself because he's less familiar to others.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor defended the "under God" clause in the Pledge of Allegiance case the court dismissed last year, calling those words "ceremonial deism." She defined the term as the use of religious idiom for "essentially secular purposes," thus satisfying the court's requirement that basically says Rudolph, Santa and Jesus may co-mingle on public property at Christmas (O-migod?) and Rudolph or Santa

may be displayed separately or together, but not Jesus alone. Is this what conservative Christians wish to settle for: a governmental genuflection or acknowledgment that they exist? Do Christians wish to permit government not only to set the parameters for the public expression of their faith, but to define the faith itself?

The courts have been wrong for at least half a century in their limitation of religious expression, but the way to win back that right of expression is not mainly through courts, but through hearts.

The first option offers limited power and no guarantee of compliance. The other offers unlimited power and the possibility of changing lives. Which is more better from a biblical standpoint? WWJD (What would Jesus do)? WWMT (What would Moses think)?

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## Western views

A weekly roundup of editorial viewpoints from newspapers around the West.

### Judge smelled something wrong with dairy secrets

The Lewiston (Idaho) Morning Tribune

Some things need to be kept secret.

Imagine if certain sensitive information fell into the wrong hands. You know, like the blueprints for Dick Cheney's underground lair, or worse, Farmer Brown's top-secret plans for spreading manure.

Small that? Something just hit the fan.

Fourth District Judge Ronald Wilper ruled dairy owners and cattle ranchers must share their manure-spreading plans — except for crop yields — with the public.

The manure ruling has left some seething. Dairy owners and cattle ranchers claim their manure-spreading plans are trade secrets. Come on. We're not talking about the formula for Coke here.

Manure can pollute groundwater. The public has a right to know how much manure is being applied. Inspectors need to gauge and monitor nitrates seeping into the water we all have to share.

Wilper's ruling is a victory for the Idaho Conservation League and, ironically, a defeat for the Idaho Department of Agriculture. The ruling is in the best interest of the public. You would think a public agency would

support it.

Not the Department of Agriculture. Its first allegiance is obviously to dairy owners and ranchers, not the public interest.

The court case started when department officials turned down numerous requests to see manure plans. It took a lawsuit from the Idaho chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union to make the public documents — of all things — public.

The ACLU took up the cause of Bev Ashton of Lincoln County. Ashton and her family already moved once because of the smell of a nearby dairy.

When the dairy owner decided to expand from 8,000 to about 15,000 cows, Ashton wanted to know if she could escape the stench of ripening manure.

Not that she needed a reason. What part of "public documents" do agriculture officials not understand?

Legislators didn't help matters. They voted last year to let feedlot owners keep their waste management plans private after showing them to the state.

Government is not supposed to operate this way. It is supposed to err on the side of openness. Otherwise, government itself is little more than a secret plan for spreading manure.

### U.S. Supreme Court wise to limit death penalty

North County Times Escondido, Calif.

With Tuesday's 5-4 decision to prohibit states from executing children, the U.S. Supreme Court has inched this nation further toward a just death penalty.

The high court restricted death sentences to people who committed crimes after age 18. Three years ago, the court outlawed executions of mentally retarded convicts. It has cracked down on lower courts who send people to their deaths without adequate legal safeguards.

We believe that our society must reserve the death penalty to deter and punish the most heinous crimes, and that the criminals in question were mentally competent to understand the consequences of their

actions.

Compassionate people for centuries have understood that the judgment of teenagers is not fully developed, an observation bolstered by recent research on brain maturation. The case is equally clear that our legal system should spare people who are retarded or severely mental-

Our justice system still has a long way to go. Racism distorts capital cases in too many communities. And law enforcement has been slow to exploit advances in DNA technology to prevent or undo wrongful convictions.

But we can do this. Our society can evolve to a place when we kill only our worst, having welded justice with great precision and an abundance of caution.

### Averting the attack on BPA

The (Portland) Oregonian

The Republicans and Democrats, who represent the Northwest in Congress struck a blow Wednesday for common sense, as Idaho Sen. Larry Craig put it.

Their strong, bipartisan resistance appears to have turned aside the ill-conceived plan by the Bush administration to jack up Bonneville Power Administration electricity rates.

The Bush budget proposal sought to recover part of the federal deficit by requiring the BPA and other regional power agencies to sell their electricity at market rates. The plan — which would have really ended the deficit — was rejected because it was so disastrous for this region. Furthermore, it was based on the presumption that the cheaper power produced by BPA amounted to an unfair subsidy for Northwest ratepayers.

The case for unfairness to other regions would hold water

if the Northwest had not repaid the federal treasury for its outlay in building the Northwest hydro power system. But it doesn't hold water, and the region's delegation in Washington was correct in its determined resistance to the budget plan.

The proposal also threatened the BPA's ability to carry out its basic responsibilities in the area of renewable power, conservation and habitat protection and restoration.

Wednesday's announcement by Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., that the rate-increase plan is out of the Senate's version of the budget is welcome and is a tribute to the hard work of the regional delegation. But the idea could come back via the House's budget deliberations.

So the threat, while greatly diminished, is not ended...

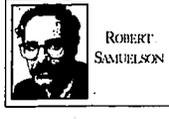
## Breaking the trend to lower interest rates

Something strange happened on the way to higher interest rates: they declined. We're talking about rates on long-term mortgages and bonds. These rates truly affect the economy because they influence housing and business investment. Most economists expected them to rise. But no. Last June rates on 30-year fixed mortgages averaged 6.29 percent, now they're about 5.7 percent. Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan recently called the declines a "conundrum."

Equally puzzling is whether the declines guarantee a healthy economy — or suggest a speculative "credit bubble."

To judge the weirdness, consider all the forces that should have raised rates. For starters, there's the expanding economy that should increase credit demands. Next, there's the Fed's policy of squeezing credit supply. Since last June the Fed has raised the Fed funds rate from 1 percent to 2.5 percent. (This rate, the only one the Fed controls directly, applies to overnight loans among banks. Higher rates imply the Fed is striving to curb bank credit.) Growing credit demand meets tightening supply — rates rise. But they haven't. It's "highly unusual" for long-term interest rates to fall "despite a better economy and (Fed) tightening," says Mark Zand of Economy.com.

But wait, there's more. Exploding federal budget deficits have also bloated credit demands. Since 2001, deficits have totaled \$948 billion. Still, Treasury bond rates have dropped. In January 2001, when Bush became president, the rate on a 10-year Treasury bond was 5.16 percent. Now,



ROBERT SAMUELSON

it's about 4.25 percent.

Theories abound to explain the mystery. Here are three, courtesy of economist David Wyes of Standard & Poor's. Each has flaws. Cautious companies, it's said, aren't borrowing much for new investment. True. In September the debt of non-financial corporations was up only 3.3 percent from a year earlier. But strong household and federal borrowing (up 9.8 percent and 9.7 percent) have offset weak business borrowing.

Another theory is that foreigners have reduced their investing huge sums in U.S. bonds and mortgages. Through September, foreigners had provided 32 percent of the money for U.S. credit markets in 2004, up from 14 percent in 2000. But foreign lending was also huge in 1996 (28 percent), when interest rates were higher.

Finally, today's low rates may merely reflect low inflation; lenders don't require extra compensation for the erosion of their money. True. But inflation expectations haven't changed much recently. How could they explain the latest drop in rates?

There are also gloomier theories. Economist John Makin of the American Enterprise Institute says that low long-term rates signal fears of a weaker economy. A weaker economy would, presumably, mean less inflation and credit demand — both justifying

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lower long-term rates. But why worry about low rates? After all, they help borrowers, and if the economy is unexpectedly weak, they might prevent a recession. However, artificially low rates are also prompt over-borrowing, creating inflation or speculative price increases in whatever is being bought on credit — land, stocks, homes. Sooner or later prices start rising and (perhaps) start declining or even crash.

Among worried, the fear is that cheap credit has created a housing "bubble." In the year ending in September, average U.S. home prices rose 13 percent, reports one survey in Nevada, they rose 36 percent, in California 27 percent. Higher housing prices have supported consumer spending — people borrowed against home values — and free-spending Americans have bolstered the U.S. and global economies. If the cycle reversed, the consequences might be grim. Falling home prices. Sticky consumption. Global slump.

In the critics' story, the Fed plays the villain. It fostered artificial mortgage and bond rates through cheap short-term credit. Hedge funds and investment banks embraced the "carry trade"; they borrowed short-term funds at 2 percent or 3 percent and invested in longer-term securities with higher rates.

But the structure of interest rates — and hence housing — is vulnerable to a nasty surprise and also the Fed's present policy of raising short-term rates. So say critics. Greenspan seems less agitated. A growing economy, he testified recently, can absorb higher rates. Localized drops in home prices might occur, but nothing "resembling a collapsing bubble."

All this attests to our economic ignorance. There are no simple rules (budget deficits, for instance) to explain interest rates. My view is that low rates are mainly a good sign. They reflect not only low inflation, but growing confidence that it will stay low. We may be reverting to the 1950s, when this was the norm. In 1959, the rate on the 10-year Treasury bond averaged 4.33 percent. This is a reassuring notion; but it could also be wrong.

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### Doonesbury



### By Garry Trudeau



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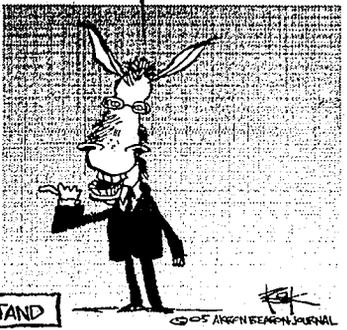
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Performances lifted 'Burley's King and I'

Congratulations to Richard Call, Deborah Jones and all who helped with the Burley High School Drama Department's presentation of 'The King and I.' The production was phenomenal. This show gave more than 220 of Burley's children of all ages an opportunity to participate in something great. Now that is 'No Child Left Behind!'

I am forever amazed at how Richard Call can take a vision and dream he has and pass that on to assistant directors, stage managers, costume and set designers, music and technical directors, choreographers and actors to create a memorable experience for participants and spectators alike. Mr. Call is a teacher in the truest sense of the word.

Julius Thurston was magnificent. She never missed a line or a note. She, along with Steve Floyd as the King of Siam, was totally believable. Their performance was enhanced by the credibility of the costumes and set. Once again, Kristine Handy has done a masterful job of choreographing and teaching brilliant dance scenes. The 'Uncle Thomas' dance scene was delightful. Besides executing her part well, Bonnie Bair also added to the same scene well-rehearsed and taught musicians.

All the facets of this play came together well to create a delightful two-hour experience. Congratulations to all who participated. You have done our community a great service.

JUDY CHANDLER  
Burley

Congress pays its share on Social Security

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to a recent letter to the editor by Diana Fassino that, unfortunately, contained a number of untrue accusations about the retirement packages for members of Congress.

I want to assure everyone that the information included

in Ms. Fassino's letter about members of Congress not paying into Social Security is part of an Internet and e-mail hoax that has been circulating for quite some time.

Members of Congress do, in fact, pay into Social Security and have since 1984. Prior to 1984, there did exist a much more lucrative retirement package for members of Congress but that was changed almost two decades ago.

The average annuity for retired members, as of 1998, was either \$50,616 (for those who retired under Civil Service Retirement System) or \$46,908 (for members who retired under Federal Employees Retirement System). In fact, congressional pensions are funded the same way as those of other federal employees: through a combination of general tax provisions and contributions from the participants. Members of Congress in the FERS plan must pay 1.3 percent of their salary to FERS and 6.2 percent in Social Security taxes.

I would also encourage anyone interested in this matter to visit the following Web site at C-Span for a better description of the retirement packages for members of Congress: <http://www.c-span.org/questions/weekly68.asp>.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to correct this falsehood. If anyone would appreciate more information on this or any other matter, I encourage you to contact any of my offices in Idaho or Washington, D.C.

REP. MIKE SIMPSON  
Washington, D.C.  
(Editor's note: Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, represents the 2nd congressional district of Idaho.)

New bill aids suppliers, hurts competition

In response to Ken Edmunds' letter promoting HB 163, the Idaho Contractor Licensing Bill, it is a misconception that contractor licensing will protect homeowners or prevent shoddy work.

Currently, Idaho contractors that perform work on schools and other municipal buildings are required to have a Public Works License. I can show numerous recent instances of shoddy or substandard work that has occurred by these licensed contractors. It is also clear that licensing has driven the cost of these projects to a higher level by limiting competition. Licensing will not prevent contractor bankruptcy, stop bad builders or ensure payment to subcontractors. Licensing will help the material suppliers and limit competition.

There are many ways for homeowners to protect their investment, including knowing your builder, check references or even hire special inspectors — but do your research first. The Uniform Building Code goes a long way, but government regulation will not ensure a quality project.

I'm retired from the building industry and have been licensed and bonded in other states.

TERRY PLATTS  
Gooding

Bush budget penalizes Idaho on many fronts

Idaho residents are facing severe cuts if George Bush's new budget becomes law. Bush recently unveiled his

reckless plan to privatize Social Security, and now he's touting a budget that slashes key programs that help Idaho's working families.

Bush plans devastating cuts to America's top priorities, from homeland security to health care to education to benefits for veterans and much more. Here are just a few of the cuts Idaho faces under Bush's 2006 budget:

**Homeland security** — The budget will cut \$420 million to state and local funding for homeland security, including a \$10.5 million cut for Idaho. This will take police and firefighters off our streets. He's cutting the COPS program by 96 percent. He is funding only 200 of the 2,000 border security guards recommended by the 9/11 Commission.

**Health care** — The budget cuts \$45 billion from Medicaid, enough to provide health care to 1.8 million children. Idaho's cut is \$182 million. The budget cuts the very same community aid rural health-care programs he touted during the campaign, even though 54,000 Idaho residents have lost their health-care coverage since Bush took office, due to his failures.

**Education** — Bush under-

funds his own 'No Child Left Behind Act' by \$13.1 billion in his budget. In Idaho that means a shortfall of \$52 million, leaving behind 10,249 Idaho children. Bush promised to fund Pell grants in his State of the Union address, but his budget is \$6.6 billion short. That's \$41 million less than what's needed in Idaho, a real burden for 28,236 students in Idaho who qualify for the grants.

**Other needs** — Bush cuts \$9.9 million from Idaho job training programs. The budget would require many veterans to pay a new \$250 annual "user" fee and would double the prescription drug co-payment for the 156,584 Idaho veterans. The Idaho clean water program is cut by \$1.9 million. The Idaho Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program will be cut by \$1.4 million. Idahos per family share of the federal deficit is \$36,937!

We have to balance our budget or go bankrupt, and it's time Washington, D.C., said no to Bush's dreams. If you can write, call or e-mail our leaders. The government doubled foreign aid. So they will borrow

money (into debt) and pay interest on money they give away. Who thinks this makes sense? XENIA WILLIAMS  
Jerome

Flag added the right touch for obit

In Thursday's paper, I noticed the American Flag — in color — included with a veteran's obituary.

This a fitting tribute for those who served and sacrificed for our country. Other newspapers have been using this format for some time at no additional charge for additional column space.

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# Journalist says she can't 'rule out' being targeted

Italian reporter claims U.S. troops may have shot at her intentionally

ROME — Left-wing journalist Giuliana Sgrena claimed American soldiers gave no warning before they opened fire and said Sunday she could not rule out that U.S. forces intentionally shot at the car carrying her to the Baghdad airport, wounding her and killing the Italian agent who had just won her freedom after a month in captivity.

Without backing up the claim, the 56-year-old journalist said she believed it was possible she was targeted because the United States objected to methods used to secure her release.

"The fact that the Americans don't want negotiations to free the hostages is known," she told Sky TV's 24-hour channel by telephone, her voice hoarse and shaky. "The fact that they do everything to prevent the adoption of this practice is saving the lives of people held hostage, everybody knows that. So I don't see why I should rule out that I could have been the target."

The White House called the shooting a "horrific accident" and restated its promise to investigate fully.

**Official: Israel will begin pullout on Tuesday**

JERUSALEM — A senior Palestinian commander said Sunday that Israel would begin pulling its troops out of the West Bank town of Tulkerem on Tuesday.

Israeli officials said it was still up to the Palestinians to show they could stop violence in the West Bank, and government approval remained necessary before troops would leave Tulkerem.

The transfer of five West Bank towns was frozen after a Palestinian suicide bomber killed five Israelis in Tel Aviv on Feb. 25. Contacts resumed Sunday.

The senior Palestinian participant, West Bank commander Hajj Ismail Jabber told The Associated Press after meeting Israeli army officers.

"It was agreed in principle that the Israeli army will begin Tuesday withdrawing from Tulkerem and the areas around the town, and afterward we will discuss the Israeli withdrawal from the other towns in the West Bank."

**Iran says it had to keep nuclear program secret**

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran on Sunday "blamed American sanctions and European restrictions for denying Tehran access to advanced civilian nuclear technology, forcing it to keep the program secret in its early days and driving the country to the black market for needed materials."

Despite the initial secrecy, Iran now openly admits that it has already achieved proficiency in the full range of activities involved in enriching uranium — a technology that can be used to produce fuel for nuclear reactors or atomic bombs.

Washington has accused Tehran of using its civilian nuclear program as a cover to build a nuclear bomb. Iran de-

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nies the charge, claiming its nuclear program is designed to generate electricity.

"True. There was secrecy," said former president Hashemi Rafsanjani. "But secrecy was necessary to buy equipment for a peaceful nuclear program."

"If sanctions had not been imposed on us, we would have declared everything publicly, but we had problems buying metal. Nobody sold us anything in the market," he said.

**Shiite cleric nominated for Nobel Peace Prize**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A group of exiled Iraqi Christians in the United States said Sunday it has launched a petition nominating Iraq's top Shiite Muslim cleric for the Nobel Peace Prize, drawing more than 7,000 signatures from around the world.

Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, 75, is Iraq's most-revered Shiite cleric and a symbol of Shiite political power. The group said he has repeatedly responded to international violence, including a bloody summer uprising by Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Al-Sistani "gave Muslims all around the globe a good example how to follow peaceful ways to resolve complex social (and) political challenges that face them, condemning terror and emphasizing ... rule of law," the petition said.

**Hezbollah backs pro-Syrian government**

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Lebanon's powerful Shiite Hezbollah movement on Sunday declared it would side with the pro-Syrian Lebanese government, a move that increases tension among the country's ethnic factions over Syrian domination.

The announcement by Hezbollah's leader, Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, leaves the country's Shiite Muslims, who make up the largest religious group, on the opposite side of a growing independence movement. Large protests for independence have forced Syria to accept a pullback of its 15,000 troops that were left over from Lebanon's 1975-90 civil war.

Lebanese Defense Minister Abdul Rahim Murad told Qatar-based Al-Jazeera television that some Syrian troops would be relocated to the Syrian border region today, and a final pullout must be negotiated by the two governments.

**Turkish police disperse protesters with tear gas**

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Riot police on Sunday used truncheons and tear gas to break up a group of leftist demonstrators who refused to disperse during an unauthorized demonstration marking the upcoming World Women's Day.

Police were seen chasing and beating demonstrators with clubs, according to footage from APTN. One woman demonstrator was knocked to the ground by police officers, then kicked in the face by another officer.

Police in gas masks could also be seen spraying tear gas directly onto demonstrators' faces.

There were no immediate reports of serious injuries.

Police at first called on the group of about 300 demonstrators to disperse, and all but a group of about 100 left peacefully. The demonstrators had been chanting "Equal pay for equal work," and "We won't be intimidated, we will resist."

**Japan bids for permanent U.N. Security Council seat**

TOKYO — The government is pulling out all the stops in its effort to win a permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council. On Saturday, Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura emphasized the significance of Japan's acquiring membership in the permanent-five club at a town meeting held in Tokyo between citizens and Cabinet members.

But there is a rocky road to realization of the goal because of the complicated political considerations of different countries regarding U.N. reform.

In November, a high-level panel on reforming the United Nations proposed two models for enlarging the Security Council.

The consultative panel to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan suggested reforming the council by increasing the number of permanent members without veto powers by six and adding three new nonpermanent members.

The second recommendation was to let in nine new rotating members, eight of which would serve renewable four-year terms and one that would serve a two-year term.

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SPORTSQUOTE

If this happens, the first question on the test should be: 'Do you believe everyone who paid to watch this is a moron?'

-Jerry Greene of the Orlando Sentinel, on Jose Canseco's offer to take a lie-detector test if it's on pay-per-view

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who became the first NHL player to tally more than 100 points in a single season?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

SWAC tournament matchups set

TWIN FALLS - The first-round matchups for the Region 18 men's and women's basketball tournaments were announced late Saturday night.

The men's tournament gets underway Wednesday with No. 4 seed Idaho State vs. No. 5 Eastern Utah at 2 p.m. No. 3 Snow College will battle No. 6 North Idaho at 7 p.m. ...

No. 4 Idaho State and No. 5 Snow will open the women's tournament on Thursday at 2 p.m. ...

CSI Booster Club

luncheon set for today
TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Booster Club luncheon will be held at noon today in the Taylor Administration Building Room 277 on campus.

Area golf courses announce holes-in-one

TWIN FALLS - Chuck Clark of Twin Falls carded a hole-in-one on Hole No. 8 at the 93 Golf Club recently. He used a 5-iron from 155 yards out.

Kimberly hosts donkey basketball

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly FFA is sponsoring a donkey basketball game at 7 tonight in the old gymnasium.

Area 4th graders

SHERIDAN, Wyo. - Sheridan College (Wyo.) ends its regular season with an 19-11 record after it beat Casper College (Wyo.) 70-42.

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. - Sheridan College (Wyo.) ends its regular season with an 19-11 record after it beat Casper College (Wyo.) 70-42.

Sheridan will play Otero Community College (Colo.) in Norfolk, Neb. today to open Region 18 tournament action.

Compiled from staff reports
TRIVIA ANSWER: Phil Esposito, Boston Bruins.

Truex wins Busch race in Mexico

By John Rice
Associated Press writer

MEXICO CITY - NASCAR's first surprise-filled journey south of the border finished a lot like those back home, with regulars Martin Truex Jr., Kevin Harvick and Carl Edwards at the front of the pack.

Truex used a planned early pit stop - and took advantage of a lucky yellow flag that shut the door to two pursuers - to hang onto the lead over the final 28 laps of the first points-paying NASCAR race outside the United States in a half century.

Nextel Cup driver Kevin Harvick finished just over 6 seconds back in a third consecutive Busch Series race after slipping past Carl Edwards on the 78th lap of the 80-lap Telcel-Motorola 200.

Truex made two early pit stops, his last at the 46th lap. "We wanted to have a full tank of gas with 40 laps to go," Truex said. The pit stop came seconds before a caution flag came out.



Fans cheer as Mexico's Adrian Fernandez takes the lead during the NASCAR Busch Series race at the Hermanos Rodriguez racetrack in Mexico City on Saturday.

Adrian Fernandez and Boris Said, running in the top five, were caught in the approach to pit road and were penalized for pitting too quickly after the caution period started. They started at the back of pack, dashing their chances to win.

"As soon as we reached pit road and they told me the caution was out, I said, 'Yeah! That's perfect! We caught a little bit of luck there,'" Truex said.

Said battled back to fifth and Fernandez to 10th by the end of the race.

Edwards had a remarkable comeback as well. He smashed his main car in practice and blew a replacement engine. Yet he managed to qualify ninth and finish third in his backup car.

Reed Sorenson, who entered the race second to Harvick in the season points standing, was running strong before spinning onto the grass on lap 59. Virtual-

ly all of the pack passed before he could get back on the track. The race was a boost for NASCAR's effort to build a new fan base in Mexico, where open-wheel racing has been dominant.

This could become the marquee event for the series," said Robbie Weiss, NASCAR's chief of Please see NASCAR, Page B4

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

State of surprise

Ohio State hands No. 1 Illinois first loss

By Rusty Miller
Associated Press writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio - For the first time this season Illinois has to bounce back from a loss.

Ohio State reserve forward Matt Sylvestre hit a 3-pointer, with 5.1 seconds left on Sunday to hand the top-ranked Illinois their first defeat, 65-64.

The Illini (23-1, 15-1) were trying to cap the Big Ten's first unbeaten season in 29 years. Instead, they frittered away a 12-point lead in the second half and didn't score over the final 3 minutes.

"Everyone says a loss will help. We'll find out," coach Bruce Weber said. "We'll learn from it and move on. This next stretch is the most important of the year - and that's what people are going to remember."

Sylvestre scored a career-high 25 points - eight more than his previous best - for a team that was banned by its own administrators from the postseason two months ago to mitigate possible NCAA violations committed under former coach Jim O'Brien.

"We were in the huddle and Coach told us, 'We're not going home. We're going for the win,'" Sylvestre said.

First-year coach Thad Matta drew up a play in which center Terence Diala set a pick-and-rolled to basket and guard Tony Stockman was used as a decoy. The Illini bit on the deception.

"As we left the huddle, Matt said, 'I'll make the shot,'" Matta said. "And he did."

Ohio State (19-12, 8-9), a team with problems all year hanging onto the ball, didn't have a turnover in the second half. The Illini, who had hounded tough games in loud environments all season, had seven turnovers after halftime.



Ohio State's Matt Sylvestre celebrates the Buckeyes' 65-64 win over top-ranked Illinois Sunday in Columbus, Ohio. Sylvestre had 25 points including the final 3-pointer that put Ohio State ahead.

"We didn't take care of the ball and they made all the plays at the end," Illinois center Jack Ingram said. "They won it."

The last team to reach the NCAA tournament without a loss was UNLV in 1991. On Saturday, Matta had shown his players film clips of several huge upsets and the Rebels' loss to Duke in the national championship game that year was one of them.

The Illini led 64-58 after James Augustine's layup with 3:23 left - but didn't score again.

The Buckeyes ran off the next

seven points, with Diala, who had 21 points, scoring on a half-court before Sylvestre drove to the lane for a left-handed scoop to cut the lead to 64-62 with 1:40 remaining.

"They were loosey-goosey," Weber said of the Buckeyes. "They didn't quit. They're an NCAA tournament team. Playing on their home court, they didn't play."

With just over a minute left, Illinois' Deron Williams drove the lane and wrapped a pass around a defender to Roger Pov-

ell, but Diala swatted the shot away to teammate J'Kel Foster. Sylvestre missed a 15-footer for the Buckeyes and then Illinois' Luther Head misfired on a 3-point attempt with 17 seconds left.

Ohio State called a timeout with 12 seconds left. Foster rebounded to Brandon Fuss-Cheatham who passed to Sylvestre on the right wing in front of the Ohio State bench.

His quick shot seemed to surprise the Illini, nesting in the net while a capacity crowd at Value City Arena roared.

Wheldon wins IRL season opener

By Mike Harris
Associated Press writer

HOMESTEAD, Fla. - Celebrating in Victory Lane after an overpowering victory Sunday in the IRL IndyCar opener at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Dan Wheldon was hoping for a similar scene at another race-track later this year.

"I've got to be honest," the Englishman said. "My passion is the Indianapolis 500. The championship is important, but my goal is to drink the (winning) champagne. I just want to get the momentum until that race in May."

Wheldon was the runner-up last season to Andretti Green Racing teammate Tony Kanaan in the IRL championship and he began this season as one of the favorites to win the title.

Wheldon's dominating run, leading 158 of the 200 laps on the 1.5-mile oval, only strengthened that perception.

But Wheldon said that even as he celebrated Sunday by doing doughnuts in his car and getting victory hugs from his crew, he was thinking that nobody should make too much of one win.

"It's one race into the championship. One race," the smiling Wheldon said. "If it's meant to be it's meant to be. I just enjoy winning races."

Wheldon, part of the powerful four-car Andretti Green Racing team, pulled away from the pack midway through the race and appeared headed to a runaway victory when the race was interrupted by a frightening eight-car crash on lap 159.

The big wreck began moments after a restart when Kosuke Matsuura, trying to pass pole winner Tony Stewart on the outside, slid sideways and hit Scheckter. Before all the crashing and banging ended, the accident also took out Scott Sharp, Bryan Herta, Scott Dixon, Roger Yasukawa, Ed Carpenter and 22-year-old rookie Danica Patrick, making her first IRL start.

Patrick, the only woman in the field, was running 10th when the accident occurred. She walked into the infield care center but was sent by ambulance to a nearby hospital for observation after being diagnosed with a concussion. She was later released from the hospital and is expected to be ready to race in the next IRL event in two weeks at Phoenix International Raceway.

After a long cleanup the green flag waved with 24 laps remaining and Wheldon steadily pulled away from a group of cars that included two-time IRL champion and defending race winner Sam Hornish Jr., Kanaan, Helio Castroneves and Vitor Meira.



Dan Wheldon

Blindness doesn't hold back Sedoris in Iditarod

By Steve Whitlin
Associated Press writer

WILLOW, Alaska - The tough part is over.

That's how Rachael Sedoris felt at the start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. All the years of training, all the cajoling and pleading to get to this point were done. Now it was time to run.

No matter that she faces terrible hazards and that fellow mushers fear for her safety. The legally blind 20-year-old from Bend, Ore., ventured confidently with the best of 78 teams in Sunday's restart on a 1,00-mile journey through darkness - her own and this hostile northern landscape - to the frigid finish in Nome.

Maybe she won't get that far. She sure won't get there first. If she gets there at all, it will be astonishing. Success is defined differently for each of us. In this case it began with her cries of "Hills" to the handsome team of 16 dogs, led by her 7-year-old Duchess. "Kind of a hairy human," she said - and she trained from puppy in pursuit of a lifelong dream.

Sedoris arrived at this moment after years of defying doubts about her abilities. She ran cross-country races in high school when others thought that was impossible. She competed in shorter sled dog races when officials wanted to keep her out.

She endured cruel taunts from classmates, growing up, took up rock climbing, horseback riding and racing on a tandem bicycle. She learned to put her faith in herself and refused to give in to her blindness. Her father, Jerry, a sled dog breeder and former musher, encouraged her and watched over her.

She wishes she could be known simply as an athlete, an elite, 5-foot-8 musher competing in one of the world's most demanding sporting events. But she knows all too well that her legal blindness from birth - caused by a rare retinal condition called congenital achromatopia that reduces her perception of light, color and depth of field - distinguishes her, even if it does not define her.

That uncorrectable visual impairment, which limits her to seeing blurry shapes of objects more than a few feet away and

makes her acutely sensitive to bright lights, is the reason why so many people will follow her progress in this race on her Web site, www.gonachega.com. It is the reason why she is invited to appear on TV talk shows - her model looks and confident demeanor don't hurt - and why her autobiography, "No End in Sight," was recently published.

She has a publicity agent and she hopes her story will be turned into a movie, setting off suspicions among some critics that she's more about hype than serious competition, and that she's putting personal profits ahead of the safety of her dogs. That she was allowed to have a "visual interpreter" in the Iditarod - Paul Ellering - and that he comes from the glitzy world of pro wrestling, added to misgivings about her motives.

Yet it doesn't take long in talking with Sedoris and Ellering, or in reading her book, to realize she takes sled dog racing very seriously. Not satisfied with simply starting, she wants to do exceed every-



Followed by her father Jerry, Rachael Sedoris (10), of Bend, Ore., makes her way down 41st Avenue in Anchorage, Alaska, with Molly Murphy, 12, in her sled for the ceremonial start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race on Saturday.

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SPORTS

Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

# IDAHO STATE TOURNAMENTS

### How they fared

- ◆ Twin Falls High took third in 5A
- ◆ Burley placed fourth in 4A
- ◆ Declo fell to fourth in 3A
- ◆ Wendell captured third in 2A
- ◆ Raft River advanced to the 1A consolation game



Camas County defender Chase Lee, left, tangles with Lakeside's James Samsels during the second quarter of their opening round 1A state boys basketball tournament game at Vallivue High School in Caldwell Wednesday night.



Wendell's Zac Davis soars to the basket during a 2A semifinal game with Malad Friday night at Capital High School in Boise.



Twin Falls guard Todd Cook, right, struggles for control of the ball with Borah's Jesse Childs during the fourth quarter of their 5A semifinal game Friday night.



Richfield's Colbin Naylor, right, attempts to steal the ball for Horseshoe Bend's Matt Osorio during the second quarter of their 1A first-round game Wednesday at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.



Twin Falls guard Mitch Smith gets a hug from his three-year-old niece Lexi Lee Jones after the team won their game against Eagle to take third place in the 5A state tournament at Vallivue High School in Caldwell on Saturday.



SPORTS

# Kings cruise past Pistons

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Mike Bibby had 19 points and 11 assists, Kenny Thomas added 19 points, and Sacramento beat the Detroit Pistons 100-85 Sunday in the Kings' first home game since Chris Webber's departure.

Peja Stojakovic and Darus Songalla scored 14 points apiece in an impressive homecoming victory for the Kings' revamped roster. Sacramento embarked on a six-game road trip the day Webber was traded to Philadelphia nearly two weeks ago along with two reserves for Thomas, Corliss Williamson and Brian Skinner. Rashheed Wallace had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Pistons.

**Rockets 90, Mavericks 69**  
HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady had 32 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Rockets past the injury-depleted Mavericks.

The Mavericks, who were playing without the injured Dirk Nowitzki and Michael Finley for just the second time this season, set a season-low for total points. Jason Terry led Dallas with 20 points. Keith Van Horn, who started for Nowitzki, added 12.

**Knicks 115, Warriors 99**  
NEW YORK — Stephen Marbury had 26 points and a season-high 15 assists, and the Knicks used a 21-1 run to defeat the Warriors.

Jason Richardson scored 24 points and Troy Murphy added 23 for the Warriors.

**Heat 102, Cavaliers 82**  
CLEVELAND — Shaquille O'Neal spent much of his 33rd birthday in foul trouble but

Eddie Jones scored 19 points, Dwyane Wade and Udonis Haslem added 16 apiece and the Heat won their 10th straight.

O'Neal finished with 13 points, five rebounds and six assists in his third game back after missing four games with a sprained left knee. LeBron James scored 23 points for the Cavaliers, who have lost six straight.

**Timberwolves 99, Celtics 97**  
BOSTON — Latrell Sprewell made a runner with 0.9 seconds remaining to give Kevin McHale a victory in his first game on the sidelines in Boston.

McHale played his entire 13-year, Hall of Fame career in green and white. He helped lead the Celtics to three NBA championships.

Kevin Garnett had 21 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists for the Wolves.

**Spurs 104, Jazz 94**  
SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan missed most of the second half after spraining his right ankle, but Miami Ginobili led the Spurs in his absence with 31 points to help San Antonio beat the Utah Jazz 101-94 Sunday night.

Duncan was helped from the floor 3:48 into the second half. Ginobili was 7-of-11 from the floor and made all but one of his 15 foul shots. Keith McCleod led the Jazz with 18 points.

**Raptors 95, Hornets 84**  
NEW ORLEANS — Chris Bosh scored a career-high 33 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, helping the Raptors end a two-game skid.

Reserve Matt Bonner added a career-high 18 points and Jalen Rose scored 14 for the Raptors. Lee Nailon led the Hornets with 18 points, while reserve Bojan Nachbar added 15.



Phil Mickelson flinches in agony after missing a putt on the 18th green that would have tied the score with Tiger Woods Sunday at the Ford Championship at Doral in Doral, Fla. Woods won with a score of 24 under par, one shot better than Mickelson.

## Woods survives shootout at Doral

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Tiger Woods turned in a performance worthy of his return to No. 1.

In a dramatic duel with Phil Mickelson that came down to the last shot Sunday, Woods made a 30-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole to take the lead, then a 6-foot par putt to close with a 6-under 66 and win the Ford Championship at Doral, giving him the No. 1 ranking for the first time since September. Mickelson, coming off dominant victories in his last two stroke-play tournaments, had a chance to force a playoff or possibly win on the 18th. His 30-foot chip locked good all the way but caught the lower lip. He closed with a 69.

"The whole day, we were going at each other," Woods said. "It was fun to be a part of that."

This Sunday showdown exceeded the expectations of a battle between two of the biggest names in golf. A sellout crowd was buzzing from start-to-finish, especially during wild momentum changes on the back nine of the Blue Monster. Woods reached the 603-yard

12th hole for the second time in two days for an eagle to take a two-shot lead. Mickelson answered with back-to-back birdies to catch him.

Birdy looked like he had control of the tournament until he missed a 5-foot par putt on the 16th, and then Woods delivered like he usually does with two clutch putts.

Woods, who earned \$999,000 for his second victory of the year, finished at 24-under 264 to break by one shot the tournament record at Doral, previously held by Jim Furyk (2000) and Greg Norman (1993). This is the sixth PGA Tour event where Woods has at least a share of the 72-hole record.

Vijay Singh, who had been No. 1 the last 26 weeks after beating Woods in a Labor Day duel outside Boston, closed with a 66 to finish third, five shots behind, along with Zach Johnson (67).

Woods took the lead for the first time all week in spectacular fashion. From 233 yards away in the 12th fairway he took a big crack with his 3-wood, bowed his head and started walking, waiting for the cheers to tell him he hit the green for the second straight day. No one else reached it all week.

## NASCAR

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international business. But he said no contract had yet been signed for next year.

Ticket prices started at 180 pesos — about \$17 — nearly double the country's median daily wage.

But fans hoping for a home-town stunner had to be satisfied the pole position and early race leadership of the little-known

## Iditarod

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one's expectations.

Ellering, who finished 54th after 13 days in his only previous Iditarod in 2000, had to talk Scott's out of being too competitive.

"I said, 'Rachael, we have to define success here. Success for you is finishing this race. That has to be our No. 1 goal,'" Ellering said. "It was the same for me in 2000. I could have come in here and tried to be competitive. But I was a wrestler running the Iditarod, so that's how I had to define it at that point. If you don't finish, it's like a huge snarl that hangs around your neck for a year."

"If she finishes, it would be magnificent with this race. It's just not been done."

Scott's followed Ellering in Sunday's restart and will communicate with him the rest of the way by shouted directions and two-way radio. She wants to run some of the tough spots at night so she can follow his headlights and avoid the bright sunshine.

Scott's has the same worries about the Iditarod as everyone else and believes her vision is only a minor complication. Call her visually impaired or legally blind, she says, "just as long as you never call me handicapped or disabled."

"Refuse to sit back and let life quietly slip past me," she wrote

in her autobiography. "I want to live and experience everything I possibly can. I know there are dangers out there. I accept them. No, I embrace them. Dangers present us with fear. And fear is my fuel. It makes me go. If I did not meet the dangers of this world head on and come to grips with my fear, I would be cheating myself."

She refused to cheat herself when she competed last year in the 400-mile Beargrease race along the shore and over the Ice of Lake Superior. In sixth place at the next to last checkpoint, with five teams catching up, her father told her she had to make a choice — stay there as planned and be well-rested for the finish, or rest briefly there and the next checkpoint to hold her position. If she went on quickly, she risked not finishing at all if her dogs tired and gave up.

"I thought about it for a while, prayed on it a lot, then decided I'm going to go for it. Just to see what I can do," she said.

"I sang to my dogs for the last 10 miles, every gospel song I learned in church. One of those songs, 'He Never Failed Me Yet' really suited the situation and I kept singing it. I guess the dogs got inspired because they made it through and we finished stah."

"If singing to her dogs get Scott's through the Iditarod, she'll make history."

## UNC downs Duke with 11-0 run

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Freshman Marvin Williams converted a three-point play with 17 seconds left to cap No. 2 North Carolina's game-closing 11-0 run in a 75-73 victory over No. 6

Duke on Sunday. Sean May of North Carolina had 26 points and 24 rebounds to record his eighth straight double-double.

J.J. Redick missed a long 3-pointer that would have won it for the Blue Devils and teammate Daniel Ewing was short with a jumper after getting the rebound.

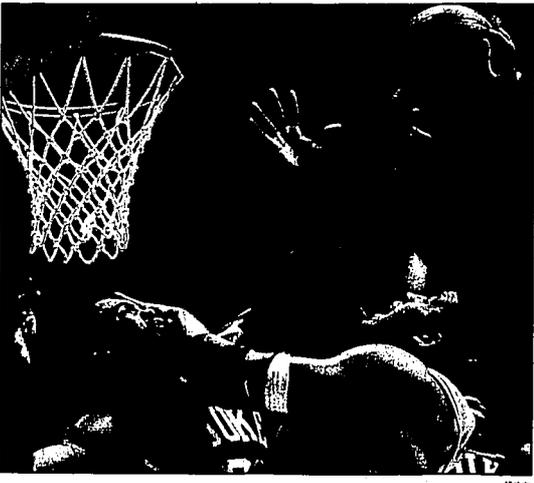
It was the Tar Heels' third victory over their Tobacco Road rival in the past 16 meetings.

North Carolina (26-3, 14-2) won its first ACC regular season championship since 1993, the same year of its most recent national title.

Shelden Williams had 25 points and six blocks for Duke (22-5, 11-5).

**Florida 53, No. 3 Kentucky 52**  
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Anthony Roberson scored 21 points, including two free throws with 15 seconds remaining, and the Gators ended an eight-game losing streak to Kentucky.

Roberson stripped the ball from Patrick Sparks with about 12 seconds to play, trailing 52-51. Sparks fouled Roberson, he headed the other way. Roberson stepped to the line and calmly made both ends of the 1-and-1 for Florida (20-7, 12-4).



North Carolina's Sean May, right, shoots over Duke's Shelden Williams at the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill, N.C., on Sunday. North Carolina defeated Duke 75-73 to win the regular-season Atlantic Coast Conference title.

**Missouri 72, No. 7 Kansas 68**  
COLUMBIA, Mo. — Thomas Gardner matched his career best

with 23 points and 14 rebounds as the Tigers ended Kansas the outright Big 12 title.

Wayne Simien had 17 points and eight rebounds for the Jayhawks (22-5, 12-4), who were bumped to the second seed in this week's conference tournament behind Oklahoma.

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Four spades would be in jeopardy only if the diamond finesse were to lose. However, the point to focus on is that here East proceeded eight points in hearts, so cannot possibly hold both the spade queen and diamond king.

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Accordingly, after ruffing the third round of hearts, you ought to cash the spade ace and follow up by leading the spade jack, running it if West plays low. Should the finesse lose to East, you can be confident that the diamond finesse will be working in due course.

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ANSWER: Lead the diamond king. Yes, partner has bid spades, but you can always switch to spades, and the potential loss of a trump is unlikely to be crucial. By contrast, if you do not lead diamonds, you may lose your ruff, or declarer may get a discard. Additionally, partner will NEVER work out that you have an a-king and did not lead it - ill it is too late.

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## Beware what you read online

DEAR PAULA: Is the antibacterial ingredient triclosan safe to use in shower gels and soaps? I recently did a Web search and found because of the news story that the presidential candidate in the Ukraine was poisoned with that chemical, in my research I found references to triclosan being of "the same class of chemicals. This is all very alarming to the non-chemist!"



COSMETICS  
Paula  
Begoun

Here is a quote typical of what I read online: "Triclosan is a chlorophenol, a class of chemicals suspected of causing cancer in humans. Exposure to it can cause skin irritation... (but since) phenols can temporarily deactivate the sensory nerve endings... contact with triclosan often causes little to no pain... Internally it can lead to cold sweats, circulatory collapse, convulsions, coma, and even death... Stored in body fat, it can accumulate to toxic levels, damaging the liver, kidneys and lungs, and can cause paralysis, sterility, suppression of immune function, brain hemorrhage, decreased fertility and sexual function, heart problems, and coma."

Paula this is scary stuff, so again, is triclosan safe to use or not?

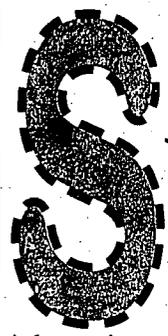
MARGARET VIA E-MAIL  
DEAR MARGARET: The Internet is truly the "age of information and ecstasy" mode of gathering information. The ecstasy is the copious amount of legitimate information it provides that would otherwise be hard for the average person to obtain: the Internet is the plethora of outlandish, odious, scam content lurking around every corner. But to be brief, don't worry about triclosan.

I found one of the Web sites you must have encountered with the concerns you quoted and none of its information is sourced so there is no way to check the assertions. Suggesting that something is dangerous simply because it has some molecular relation to a more potent substance is like saying you should never use salt because part of its makeup is chloride, which is extremely caustic.

Further, the risk associated with triclosan is not its purity form when breathed in large amounts or eaten in large amounts (try breathing in or eating pounds of salt a week and you won't make it very long in this life). None of this relates to the topical use of triclosan in skin-care products. I was not able to find any published medical or chemistry sources suggesting triclosan causes cancer. I did find a study published in Carcinogenesis (January 2005, pages 153-157) that actually found triclosan to have some anticancer effects. The study looked at rats with breast cancer that were fed a diet containing triclosan versus the same diet without triclosan, and found that triclosan-fed rats had a much-reduced rate of the cancer present. Another journal concurred with this finding as well (Source: Cancer Chemotherapy and Pharmacology, March 2005, pages 187-193). Of course, I am not suggesting this means anyone should eat triclosan, but the risks you found on the Internet seem not to have any validity.

Triclosan is used as an effective antibacterial agent in some skin-care products such as hand washes. Concerns about its use have been argued because there is a risk that overuse of triclosan may produce resistant bacteria strains (Source: Journal of Hospital Infection, October 2003, pages 98-107); but these are also research pages suggesting that not to be the case, so the debate continues.

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## A drug-resistant hospital infection spreads to the wider world

By Loretta Burkhardt  
Times-News writer

KETCHUM - An ounce of prevention carries a lot of weight at the Sun Valley Athletic Club.

"It only makes sense. Where some 200 clients use the facility's exercise equipment to stay fit each day, it's incredibly important to keep that equipment spotless."

Toxic shock returns. There are dispensers with disinfectant wipes and squeeze bottles filled with disinfectant cleansers to instantly sanitize the hands of the 1,400 members.

"And everybody is encouraged to use (the sanitizers)," Koretz said.

For good reason. Nationwide, some health clubs are being infected by a bacteria called methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, commonly referred to as MRSA.

MRSA is a nasty bug immune to methicillin and other more common antibiotics such as oxacillin, penicillin and amoxicillin.

Although this particular brand of staph was once confined to hospitals, MRSA is striking athletes at an alarming rate "and with dire consequences," according to a recent report in Sports Illustrated magazine.

It's part of a 30-year trend. Overuse of antibiotics has caused the bacteria they target to mutate over time and become resistant to the drugs. And although new antibiotics are coming on the market all the time, the pharmaceutical industry can't keep up with the evolution of new strains of troublesome microbes.

As a result, bacterial infections that used to be easily cured are making more people very sick - and killing some of them.

The past few years have seen cases of MRSA rise among the general public, particularly in segments of society in which large numbers of people are in close proximity, such as prisons, military barracks and locker rooms.

While MRSA is not yet a reportable disease by law in Idaho, it's happening here too, according to Dr. Christine Hahn, the state's epidemiologist.

Cases of MRSA have not been "spurge" in number, Hahn said in "Please see INFECTION, Page C3

## A troublesome



Len Marshall, director of personal training at the Sun Valley Athletic Club in Ketchum, wipes clean equipment after each use.

### What is methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)?

It's a bacterial infection resistant to the antibiotic methicillin. Staphylococcus aureus is a common bacterium found on the skin of healthy people. If staph gets into the body it can cause a minor infection - such as boils or pimples - or serious infections, such as pneumonia or blood infections. One antibiotic commonly used to treat staph infections is methicillin. While methicillin is very effective, some staph bacteria have developed a resistance to methicillin and can no longer be killed by this antibiotic. The resistant bacteria are called methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA.

### Who is susceptible to MRSA infection?

MRSA usually infects hospital patients who are elderly or very ill. You may be at more risk if you have had frequent, long-term or intensive use of antibiotics. In intravenous drug users and people with long-term illnesses or who have suppressed immune systems are also at increased risk.

### What are the symptoms of MRSA?

The skin will appear red and inflamed around wound sites. Symptoms in serious cases may include fever, lethargy and headache. MRSA can cause urinary tract infections, pneumonia, toxic shock syndrome and even death.

### Can MRSA be treated?

Yes. While MRSA is resistant to many antibiotics and can be difficult to treat there are a few antibiotics that can cure MRSA infections. Patients who are usually colonized with MRSA also do not require treatment.

### The 411 on MRSA

#### How long do MRSA infections last?

Healthy people can carry the MRSA bacteria in their nose or on their skin for weeks or even years. Healthy folks can sometimes effectively clear MRSA from their bodies even without treatment. However, unless completely cleared the bacteria can return, especially if the individual undergoes antibiotic therapy.

#### Where is MRSA found, and how is it spread?

MRSA can be present in the nose, on the skin, or in the blood or urine. MRSA can spread among other patients who are usually very ill with weakened immune systems that can't fight off the infection. MRSA is usually spread through physical contact - not through the air - and usually in hospitals on people's hands. Health care workers' hands may become contaminated by contact with patients, or surfaces in the workplace, and medical devices

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### All about staph

Staphylococcus is a widespread family of bacteria. Most infections in people caused by staphylococci are due to a strain called Staphylococcus aureus. However, the incidence of infections caused by Staphylococcus epidermidis and other staph has been steadily increasing in recent years.

As many as 80 percent of Americans are colonized with S. aureus at some point in their lives, most only intermittently. But 20-30 percent of people are persistently infected. Health care workers, athletes and patients on dialysis all have higher rates of colonization. The nose is the predominant site of colonization in adults; other potential sites include the armpit, rectum and perineum.

Mortality from staphylococcal infections varies widely. Untreated, S. aureus kills more than 80 percent of those it infects. The mortality rate for staphylococcal toxic shock syndrome is 35 percent. Infections due to coagulase-negative staphylococci usually have a very low mortality rate. Because these infections are commonly associated with prosthetic devices - prosthetic joints and heart valves and vascular shunts, grafts and catheters - the most serious complication is the need to remove the involved prosthesis.

### Common manifestations of staphylococcal infections include:

- Skin infections
- Inflamed hair follicles
- Boils
- Impetigo
- Wound infections
- Scalded skin syndrome
- Soft tissue infections (pyomyositis, septic bursitis, septic arthritis)
- Toxic shock syndrome
- Endocarditis (inflammation of the lining of the heart chambers and heart valves)
- Osteomyelitis (bone infections)
- Pneumonia
- Food poisoning
- Infections related to prosthetic devices

### predisposing factors for staph infections include:

- Neutropenia (a blood infection)
- Diabetes
- Intravenous drug abuse
- Foreign bodies, including intravascular catheters
- Trauma

Source: emedicine.com

## Spring: Is it a cinch or a slouch?

### Chicago Tribune

From braided to braided to jumbo-buckled, belts' sphere of influence keeps on growing. "They're becoming bigger and bigger as far as height and size - and trendiness," Amy Gallagher, fashion expert for Marshall's stores, said. "We're seeing a lot of big belts that are resting on the hips. That's because the tunic look is very in right now. It's a fun way to break up a long shirt."

Belts can be an inexpensive way to make those jeans look as fresh on Sunday as they did on Saturday (and Friday and Thursday).

Big bows. Thick belts worn not through the loops but hanging on the hips. And big buckles - which is good news for hips, Gallagher said.

"You never want to go overboard, but a big buckle really makes your hips look smaller," she said.

The big caveat: "One thing I see people make a huge mistake with is not buying the right size belt. You really want it to easily buckle and have a little extra left over," she said. "If you pull it too tight, you can be a skinny girl and still look cinched in the middle. It's not cinch to see skin above or below the belt line."

That matters only if your belt is expensive, she clarified. Otherwise, "it's there for function, not style," she said, "so you can do what you want."

### Four belts to build on

1. A ribbon belt - If you don't already own this from last spring, stick preppy grosgrain or tpestry-type fabric.

2. A long scarf that can weave through belt loops. (Scarves are a true value item - for use in hair, on neck, around handbag handles, even as a bandana top in some cases.)

3. A leather belt with a large buckle.

4. A large belt that sits on the hips and can be worn over a tunic.

"If you have those," Gallagher said, "you'll be set all spring and summer."

But don't let that stop you from shopping for others. Non-leather belts often are more affordable and versatile than leather. Fabric belts sometimes are reversible, like those from Kansas City-based Annie Shugart and partner Sara Tummillo. Their Waist Whips also feature with optional pins that can migrate elsewhere in your wardrobe.



A model wears an outfit by Italian designer Roberto Cavalli. "You never want to go overboard," says Anand, a fashion expert at Chicago-based Marshall's stores, "but a big buckle really makes your hips look smaller!"

IMAGE

# Modern medicine could have saved George Washington

Cox News Service

ATLANTA — George Washington survived hundreds of slings, arrows and musket balls but his 67 years.

He survived smallpox when he was 21.

Three horses allegedly were shot out from under him.

An Indian chief once ordered 14 horses to fire at the general for 20 minutes, legend has it. The assault stopped only because the chief became scared that harming such a soldier might anger the Great Spirit, so the legend goes.

Yet, after all that, it was a run-of-the-mill infection that felled the man who was arguably the greatest leader to ever command an army. The story of the death of George Washington, who was born on Feb. 22, 1732, gives a chance to ask a health question as common now as it was then: How could he really get sick from being outdoors in bad weather?

While in Washington's case the answer was a resounding "yes," the answer for most of us is "no." A little bad weather does not make a person sick.

His case was extreme, however.

Washington, 67 at the time, rode his horse in a sleet and snowstorm for five hours on Dec. 12, 1799. He came home from his ride, stayed in his wet coat and invited guests at Mount Vernon.

He died two days later. Historians believe the cause of death to be epiglottitis, an inflammation of the small cartilage at the entrance of the larynx.

On the morning of Dec. 12, a driving sleet storm had iced Mount Vernon. But Washington showed a taste for comfort and routine, was not going to let a pesky storm deter him from his morning chores, overseeing various farms according to historical and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Joseph Ellis.

Soaked when he arrived home, he also did not let discomfort interfere with duty. Mount Vernon at the time was virtually a living museum, Ellis recounts in his best-selling Washington biography "His Excellency."

The Washingtons each day



Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Historians believe George Washington died of epiglottitis, an inflammation of the small flap of cartilage at the entrance of the larynx. Haemophilus influenzae, type B, the deadly bacterium that causes epiglottitis, is easily treated with antibiotics.

welcomed a throng of pilgrims who journeyed to Mount Vernon to see the living legend, entertaining and feeding them. That December day, Washington did not want to inconvenience the dinner guests, so he went straight from his ride to his ceremonial duties. "He stayed in the saturated clothes through dinner, apparently only shedding them when he changed into his nightclothes," the book says.

The next day, he again went out into the bad weather to mark some trees for cutting, according to Ellis. They were locust, not cherry trees.

That night, Washington roused his wife, Martha, to tell her he was having trouble breathing.

Three doctors did all they knew to do. Unfortunately for Washington, what they knew to do was horrific.

Doctors bled him, slitting his wrists and draining a pint of blood every few hours.

They blistered his throat by putting scorching hot, wet cloths on it, hoping to express the infection from his body.

Toward the same goal, they also repeatedly gave him la-

tives. Washington's personal secretary, Tobias Lear, recorded the scene.

While Lear may have been spinning, it is clear that Washington went to great lengths to comfort and console the grieving, incredulous circle of friends and family, said Philander Chase, senior editor of the papers of George Washington at the University of Virginia.

Washington finally told doctors to stop the torturing treatment that he was "just going," Ellis said.

The grief-stricken group could not believe he was fading. One doctor friend wanted to slit Washington's throat.

"They thought if they made this incision, it would slit his throat, that they could save him," said Ellis. And that may have been after he was already dead, Ellis said.

As it was, Washington told his loved ones, "This will," took his pulse and then his last breath on the night of Dec. 14, 1799.

Doctors and historians over the years have debated the exact cause of Washington's death. Some believe it was due to an abscess that developed on his tonsils. Others, in more recent years, have argued it was epiglottitis.

Regardless, both infections would have responded well to antibiotics, researchers of a history and medicine journal say. A vaccine has been developed to thwart the bacterium that can lead to epiglottitis, said Dr. William Schaffner, chief of preventive medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Haemophilus influenzae, type B, the deadly bacterium that causes epiglottitis, is now part of the childhood schedule of vaccines.

"It was at one time the thing that mothers dreaded, and it was the one call that would get doctors up in the middle of the night to get to emergency rooms," Schaffner said. About one in 200 children was affected by the virulent bacterium, Schaffner said. "And vaccine has changed that."

Medical researchers live for such advances, like antibiotics and vaccines that would have guided Washington's life, Schaffner said.

# Caregiver Support Group will meet today

The Caregiver Support Group will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. today at the Office on Aging, 208 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

The meeting is for people who care for sick, disabled or elderly family members or friends.

Sherry Cann, support group facilitator, will start "The Comfort of Home" series, which will help give caregivers insight and ideas on how to care for a family member or friend in a home setting.

For more information, call the Information and Assistance Program at the Office on Aging at 736-2122 or (800) 574-8656.

## 'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Infant Massage."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

## Parenting program

NuParent, a parenting program, will be offered by the Idaho Regional Medical Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Fireside Room at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls.

NuParent's structure provides time in each session for a parent and child activity, a knowledge-building exercise and a parent support group. Topics will include safety, nurturing, infant development and coping with crying.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required. To register, 733-4343, ext. 175.

## About childbirth

Two childbirth education classes will be offered Tuesday at the Cascade Regional Medical Center, 1501 Hilland Ave., Burley. The first class will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., and will include information on labor and delivery. The class will help prepare new mothers and their support companions for labor and delivery. Cesarean births will also be discussed.

The second class will be held

## To do for you

from 7 to 9 p.m., and will include information on pain management and maternal recovery. Topics will include intravenous pain relief, epidural anesthesia and recovery after delivery.

For more information, call the hospital's birth center at 677-6500.

## About C-sections

A cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Sage Room at Magie Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 598 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 737-2007.

## Spanish parenting class

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer Spanish parenting classes from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Thursday through March 24, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

## First aid, CPR classes

The South Central District of

the American Red Cross will offer standard first aid and infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses in March in Twin Falls and Burley. Participants must register in advance.

In Twin Falls, the classes will be held at the Red Cross office, 1129 Falls Ave. E., Suite B, and will include:

- Standard first aid and infant and child CPR review, 6 to 10 p.m., Thursday and March 24.
- Standard first aid and infant and child CPR, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 19.

In Burley, the class will be held at the Civil Air Patrol building, 2100 Airport Blvd., and will include:

- Standard first aid and infant and child CPR, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 19.

No classes are scheduled for March in Ketchum.

For more information on the cost or to register for a class, call the American Red Cross office at 733-6464, ext. 300 or (800) 853-2570, ext. 300.

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## MAUGHAN-BERG

PAUL — Kurt and Pamela Maughan of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Joy Maughan, to Parker S. Berg, son of Steven and Pamela Berg of Caldwell.

Maughan is a 2001 graduate of Mountain High School and in her fourth year at Idaho State University, majoring in accounting. She is employed at the Financial Services Department at ISU.

Berg is a 2001 graduate of Caldwell High School. He served an LDS mission in Salta, Argentina. He is currently attending ISU, majoring in political science and Spanish. He is employed by the city of Pocatello as a bus driver.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, March 12, in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the Emerson Ward building in Paul. An open house will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 18, at the Caldwell Stake Center.

The couple will reside in Pocatello.

# Employers watch workers' health

The Washington Post

CYPRESS, Calif. — At 45, Rick Graham was 5-foot-8 and 235 pounds. His blood pressure was soaring, and he didn't have as much energy as he once did. The business analyst tried every diet in the book, but the weight kept coming back. Finally his employer decided to do something about it.

If Graham would try to eat better and exercise, PacificCare Health Systems Inc. offered a novel reward: cash.

So now, once every 24 hours or so, Graham logs on to a computer system managed by his company and types in everything he has eaten packet of instant oatmeal (104 calories), can of V-8 juice (35 calories), mini box of raisins (42 calories), Mandarin chicken (280 calories), wedge of banana cream pie (300 calories), peppercorn pizza (560 calories), eight cups of water (0 calories) and so

forth. He then inputs any exercise he has done, which on this particular day happened to be nothing but a usually 20 minutes on a treadmill and 20 minutes on a stationary bike.

For keeping track of his food intake and his fitness routine, PacificCare gave him an \$18 every other week, or \$390 a year.

The monetary incentives are part of unconventional new programs being rolled out by PacificCare as other companies try to coax, push — or even force — workers to become healthier.

Companies say the move is driven by soaring health insurance costs. The fatter their workers are, the fewer claims they're likely to file.

But some workers rights groups worry that these programs, while well intentioned, could be a precedent for punishing employers to get involved in private aspects of people's lives. "Do we really want employers

conducting an extensive survey of employees' every unhealthy lifestyle choices? Do you really want your boss asking you what you eat and what you do for recreation?" said Lewis Mahby, president of the National Women's Institute, a spinoff of the American Civil Liberties Union.

PacificCare is among the more ambitious in its incentives. In addition to cash, the health management company offers its 9,100 employees rewards for participating in classes to stop smoking or to manage their diabetes or asthma. Workers can also earn credit for non-health-related activities, such as trying to manage their personal finances better, learning about art or music, washing their car or teaching their children not to play so many video games. The credits can be converted into iPods, spa certificates, water noodle toys for the pool and other goodies.

# Review: Seniors receive inappropriate medication

Cox News Service

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A review of data linked to more than 175,000 older adults enrolled in HMOs indicates that potentially inappropriate medications are being prescribed in substantial numbers. The findings are published in the February Journal of the American Geriatrics Society.

The study, led by researchers, more than 28 percent of elderly individuals received

at least one of 33 medications deemed potentially inappropriate by medical experts while 5 percent received one of 11 drugs that had been classified as inappropriate in all older patients.

Data showed that overall rates of use of any of the 33 potentially inappropriate medications were greater in women than in men.

Researchers recently reported information from medical offices shows that prescriptions of these medications for elderly people has not decreased.

The use of potentially inappropriate medications in the elderly continues to be pervasive throughout the United States despite more than a decade of research and media coverage of this issue. "The au-

thors write, calling their work indicative of the need to understand more fully the rationale behind the continued use of these medications."

An association between potentially inappropriate medications and negative outcomes would support the position that errors like these are common among the elderly outpatient population. Questions remain as to how best identifying these inappropriate drugs will likely lead to improved use.

The medications cited as "All-ways avoid" are: Benztropine, Belladonna alkaloids, Chlorpromazine, Dicyclanil, Fluorazepam, Hyoscyamine, Meperidine, Meprobamate, Penicillamine, Propofol and Thimothexanamide.

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QUESTION: My aunt had a stroke and is unable to sign her name. Does that mean she cannot make a valid will, power of attorney, or health care directive?  
ANSWER: Not necessarily. There is an obscure provision in the Idaho legal code that provides that the term "signature" includes a wax seal, when the person is not able to sign. The procedure involves the person making a mark on paper alongside or near his name. The mark must be witnessed by another person who writes his own name on the document as a witness.  
Going one step further, if a person is altogether unable to sign his or her name or scratch out a mark, certain transactions can nevertheless be accomplished by a will. Without appearing in court, a notary public can sign an order that authorizes, directs or ratifies any contract, trust or other transaction to be made by the protected person's financial affairs or involving his estate if the judge determines that the transaction is in the best interests of the protected person.  
Of course, if a series of transactions over time is reasonable and the incapacitated person has not previously executed a suitable financial power of attorney, the best course of action is probably the establishment of a conservatorship where an authorized person has limited or general authority to transact affairs for the incapacitated person.  
The upshot of discussing about these knotty problems is that most of us are well-served by executing a suitable financial power of attorney. With respect to power of attorney, it is not a "one size fits all" solution. Selection of a suitable power of attorney should be done only after consultation with a legal advisor regarding which specific power the agent under a power of attorney should have.  
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MORNING BREAK/IMAGE

# Wife gets dog-tired of dog duty

DEAR ABBY: I need advice with a problem I have regarding my husband's dog, Sherlock. I bought Sherlock for my husband, "Ken," a year and a half ago. Ken loves the dog, and so does my 18-year-old daughter, "Gretta," who lives with us.



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

walk him. A pet service could provide transportation to the vet or the groomer. Finding another walker for him should be only your last resort.

Focus on the bright side. Since you and your husband have full-time jobs, and your daughter is busy with her own schedule, it's just as well that you have two dogs because they have each other for companionship.

DEAR ABBY: Thirty years ago my mother-in-law, "Grace," suddenly changed. She began accusing her husband of cheating on her and trying to poison her. She made his life miserable until he passed away. After the funeral, we moved Grace into a house next door to ours.

Things were OK for a while, but she started acting weird. Her dog was being taken to the vet. She was trying to kill her. She has alienated almost the entire family because of her accusations, and she has called the police several times because she thinks everyone is stealing from her.

A few months ago, Grace had surgery. I stayed with her until she was back on her feet. Now she says it's trying to poison her, and have people come in and steal her stuff when she's asleep.

My husband, her only child, is very upset and has forbidden me to go over there anymore. Grace is 83, but she has nothing to do with it. This started when she was in her early 50s.

Can somebody suggest what we can do? We love her dearly and we're at our wits' end.

—TEARFUL IN TENNESSEE  
DEAR TEARFUL: Your mother-in-law needs a psychiatric evaluation. Her son should make sure her doctor understands what's been going on before she goes for the help. The symptoms you describe indicate she may be mentally ill.

CONFIDENTIAL TO AFRAID TO FALL: Please don't let us know if you're afraid that every failure is a steppingstone to success.

but I just don't want to continue this way. Ken works full time and I have to commute two hours each day. Asking him and Gretta to share in the care of the dogs has done no good. Any advice would be appreciated.

—USED AND RESENTFUL IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
DEAR USED AND RESENTFUL: Stop feeling used and resentful and look in the mirror. Why did you buy a second dog after seeing that your husband and daughter didn't care for the one you already had? You put yourself in this pickle.

Please reconsider shuffling off the responsibility for Sherlock. There are alternatives to getting rid of him. A neighborhood teen could be hired to



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

If you have an abnormal preoccupation with attaining knowledge, you suffer from epistemiophilia.

Some of us just sound more profound in Latin. For example, flagrant delicto sounds like dog or perfume, but all it means is "caught in the act."

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# Aries: Delegate jobs

IF MARCH 7 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The year ahead may be the best one ever if you take advantage of the wisdom in your hands right now. Plan ahead, as you are more far-seeing than usual. You are aware of the abundant potential in new situations that arise both now and again in May and August. It is possible to find the job of your dreams and forge the romantic partnership you have always fantasized about in the coming months. You will be doing pretty in some important way by next December.

## HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

setbacks and friends could seem distant. But primary relationships undergo enhanced understanding and trust that can impact your wallet in a positive way.

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# Crocheting unravels math mystery

NEW YORK — A 200-year-old hole in the fabric of modern physics has finally been mended.

In a recent lecture at The Kitchen theater, a brainy — and ditherous — Cornell mathematician described how she made a real-life model of a principle that has mystified scientists for centuries.

Since the early 1800s, mathematicians have known about something called "hyperbolic space," but they couldn't figure out a way to illustrate it. Enter Pamela Thalmia. After watching her husband, fellow mathematician David Henderson, make a rather flimsy version out of paper, she decided to use her knowledge of handknits to create a more durable one.

When her knitted model proved too droopy, she tried crocheting it with coarse synthetic yarn and the rendering turned out exactly as she had hoped. One of the models is now on display in the Smithsonian, and the scientific community is abuzz with requests for her handiwork.

So what is hyperbolic space? The easiest way of understanding it is that it's the geometric opposite of a sphere, Thalmia says.

On a sphere, the surface curves in on itself and is closed. But on a hyperbolic plane, the surface is space that curves away from itself at every point.

Silly confused? That's where her models come in. Verbal descriptions are so hard to understand that, until recently, only a small group of mathematicians really knew what it all meant.

Now, using the crocheted models, fifth graders are learning about hyperbolic planes.

# U.S. Marines landed in Vietnam on this day in 1965

This day in history: On March 7, 1965, United States Marines became the first United States ground troops to land in Vietnam, en route to land France's rebellious colony quickly. It didn't work out that way.

Don't confuse William S. Burroughs, the Beat poet, with Vincent Van Burroughs, who invented the adding machine. The latter was the former's grandfather.

It's getting crowded up there! There would also be 100,000 U.S. Space Command tracks more than 10,000 man-made objects circling our world in low-Earth orbit (300 to 1,200 miles up).



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# Trench coats: They're now cutting edge

## The Baltimore Sun

In the world of fashion, classic can be a dirty word. Not so with the trench coat.

There are certain pieces we have in our imagination that we ought to own," says Sally Singer, fashion news director of Vogue magazine, explaining why a belted khaki coat born in the trenches nearly a century ago has attained almost mythic status. "It's the most simple and elegant way to protect yourself from the rain. There is value attached to owning something like a good trench. It suggests one has spent one's money wisely."

The trench's enduring popularity puts it in a select group of clothes that are timeless: Iconic pieces: the little black dress, five-pocket denim jeans, the twin set. But in the past couple of years, the trench has become more sophisticated and cutting-edge fashion statement.

For those who watch the runways, variations on the trench coat have been an important part of the collections of innovative designers worldwide. Want a trench for evening wear? Buy it in satin and lace. Looking for a little bling? Matthew Williamson's jeweled pastina trench dazzled at last month's New York Fashion Week.

The metallic look, glamour article will be hot this fall. Consider Bill Blass' elegant three-quarter silver trench. The Proenza Schouler boys' featured a crocodile trench coat that Singer says got a great reaction. It was priced at \$50,000. She rapped Lil' Kim arrived at the Marc Jacobs runway with a girl-next-door Katie Holmes of "Brokeback Creek" fame seen at Calvin Klein in an all-white trench, spring's most popular color.

One style fits all. The fashion savvy but money conscious, Gap introduced a hot pink trench for well under \$100 a couple of springs ago that sold out almost immediately. It was the company's most successful coat that season. Shoppers loved the classic style combined with a surprising pop of color.

"By combining and flattering silhouettes," says Gap spokesperson Kate Hall, trying to explain the coat's unexpected

## The classic trench

- khaki-colored
- made of gabardine
- water resistant
- a fair amount of fabric involved
- removable lining for warmth
- knee length or longer
- double breasted
- set-in sleeves
- belted
- a storm flap in back
- epaulets on the shoulders
- buckled cuffs so the sleeves can be tightened against rain
- loops around the waist from which equipment can be hung
- other military-looking detailing
- Some of these elements is disposable, except perhaps the belt; and it can be worn in back if a cinched waist isn't flattering.

Source: The Baltimore Sun

companies that made the coat for World War I soldiers. The almost legendary company had lost its cachet until Rose Marie Bravo took it over eight years ago. Now Burberry is a billion-dollar success story with global branding. Bravo hired supermodel Kate Moss as its new designer and the talented Christopher Bailey as its new designer, and a fashion bible became young and hip again.

Yes, again. Remember Audrey Hepburn in the 1950s? She wore the classic trench coat belted tight to emphasize her tiny waist. The coat's voluminous fabric worked well with the full skirts she favored. The coat became as much a part of Audrey's style as the flat ballet slippers, turtlenecks and three-quarter-length sleeves.

She wasn't the first movie star to favor the trench. Humphrey Bogart in Casablanca, the ultimate cool, corner hero, wore a trench; but in the '30s and '40s women like Marlene Dietrich, Joan Crawford, Bette Davis and Greta Garbo all wore the trench and imbued it with an aura of star power and mystery.

In detective novels and film, the trench coat was the ultimate noir uniform of the private investigator, the dark city streets alone. Almost any crime movie with Alan Ladd and Veronica Lake featured a great trench.

"It's like the young guys wearing 'hoodies' these days because they're urban warriors, hanging out in the street," says Valerie Steele, director of the museum at New York's Fashion Institute of Technology. Only sexier.

The coat was named a trench coat, of course, because it was designed for use in the trenches. It was a veritable game-changer. It had achieved fame internationally by the 1920s. It was fashionable — iconic — world-wide.

The figure of the British officer, the trench coat became important because of the men who wore

# Gathering memories

Woman will write book on old community.

TUESDAY IN COMMUNITY

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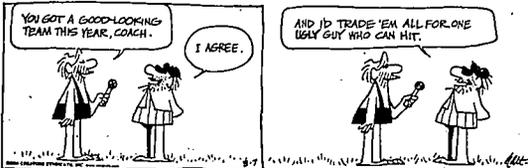
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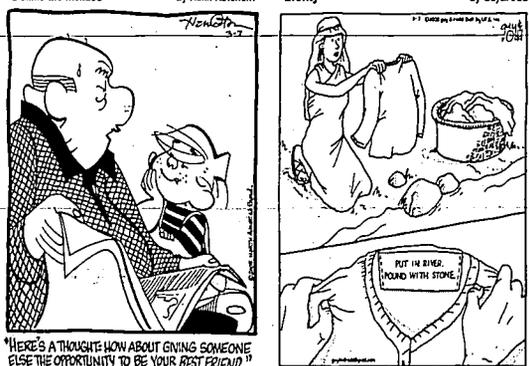


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By Art Sansom & Chip



It's Called a Newspaper

By Wiley



## Schools support tsunami relief

### Declo, Burley students donate to Red Cross

DECLO - Students from two schools donated money to American Red Cross tsunami relief efforts.

Declo High School students donated \$1,059. Shortly after returning to school in January, Declo students decided that they wanted to do something for tsunami victims in Asia, the Red Cross reported. For the next three weeks, they donated their change each day. They also carried a blanket around at ball games and wrestling matches and asked the crowd to donate, as well.

Students at Mountain View Elementary School in Burley spent much of their time in January gathering pennies to assist the tsunami victims.

Through daily collections in each classroom, the students collected \$800.

Red Cross representatives say they were pleased to recognize the generosity of local young people who demonstrated their concern for those in need around the world. To help the victims of hundreds of disasters around the state each year, people are also invited to make a financial gift to the American Red Cross Local Disaster Relief Fund, which enables the Red Cross to provide, shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to those in need.

Call (208) 733-6464, ext. 300 to make a financial contribution.

Contributions may also be sent to the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho, 1139 Falls Ave. E. Ste. B, Twin Falls, ID, 83301.

To make an online donation or to learn more about Red Cross go to [www.redcrossidaho.org](http://www.redcrossidaho.org).

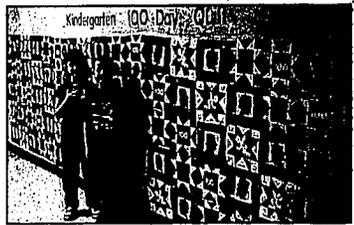


From left to right, Declo High School students Zenna Wardle and Spencer Mendenhall present a check to Polly Gortley, district director of the American Red Cross, for tsunami relief efforts.



Mountain View students Zay Page and Cotton Millward and principal Della Valdez present a check to Polly Gortley for tsunami relief.

## GOING ON IN KIMBERLY



To commemorate the 100th day of school, the 100 Kindergarten students at Kimberly Elementary School each created a paper square to make a large quilt in the hall. The students also listened to books about the number 100 and did several other activities in their classrooms. At the quilt are Alligil Buck and J.W. Chetwood. Librarians are Vickie Owings and Kathy Lundy. Kindergarten teachers are Kathy Makings, Valerie Lavender and Sheryl Sharp.



Retired Lt. Col. Gary Eller, a Kimberly High School graduate, spoke at Military Appreciation night at a boys basketball game. At the game, items were donated for soldier care packages, and local men and women in the military were recognized. Eller spoke about the difficulty facing families separated due to war. He was special operations and before his retirement, served in Saudi Arabia, Bosnia, Somalia, Iraq and Vietnam. Eller also taught government in Bull and has published a fiction book, "Dash," about war. His wife, Jane, works at the school. For a copy, contact her at [jeller@kimberly.edu](mailto:jeller@kimberly.edu).

## Filer High School readies for performances

Just like the new flowers budding as winter changes into spring, Filer High School is preparing for performances throughout the Magic Valley. As preparation for upcoming events intensifies, we would like to celebrate our programs with "Performance" as the Weekly Wildcat Word. "March is also known as Music in Our Schools Month. We are working really hard to prepare for all of the upcoming events," said music director, Larry Larson.



**WILDCAT WORD**  
Diana Hafziger and Amy Huddleston

for the Solo/Ensemble Festival. Events continue into April

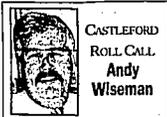
with the Jazz Festival on April 18 in the Wood River Valley, and the Large Group Festival - including Madrigals, choir and band - on April 27 in Burley. To raise money in support of the music program, the Jazz Band and Madrigals are sponsoring a night of dancing, dessert and music on April 21 at The Ballroom in Twin Falls. Tickets are \$20 per couple. Call Mr. Larson at 326-5944 if you are interested in attending.

Spring Concert scheduled for May 10 in the Filer Middle School auditorium. First, students will sing and play for the elementary school at 9 a.m. The second performance will be for the middle school at 10:15 a.m., and the final performance will be held at 7 p.m. for an open audience. The community is welcome to attend this last performance of the school year.

Diana Hafziger and Amy Huddleston are Filer High School students.

## Castleford students on the move

Tuesday will be a busy day. Our music solo ensemble travels to Carey for the district competition. Our junior high boys will travel to Oakley for their last basketball game of the season, and our high school cheerleaders will compete in the fourth district cheerleading competition at Twin Falls High School at 6:30 p.m.



**CASTLEFORD ROLL CALL**  
Andy Wiseman

The school board is also having the final meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the school - to gather public input related to the planned April supplemental levy.

FFA chapter will be at CSI for the district parliament procedure, extemporaneous speaking and prepared public speaking contest.

Our seniors will be traveling to the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls on Wednesday for an activity known as "Higher Education Day."

FFA adviser, Roger Wells, says that the first place in the district competition is then qualified for the state competition in April. Just a reminder: Spring break vacation is the week of March 21-25.

Also on Tuesday, our

Andy Wiseman is Castleford School principal.

## CITIZENS OF THE WEEK



Citizens of the Week at Big Valley Elementary School in Rupert were, from left, first row: Dominik McGuire, Tyler Hunsaker, Manuel Ramirez and Morgan Seash; second row: Dakota Kuhnake, Avelino Vega, Briana Vega and Alejandra Serrafino; third row: Damon Dixon, Rubi Artega, Taylor Phillips and Cody Garfara.

## Kimberly High School holds clean-up day

KIMBERLY - Kimberly High School, 141 Center St. W., will hold its annual Clean-Up Day from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

All high school students and faculty members will clean roads, sidewalks and other areas. Upon completion, garbage bags will be left in visible locations for pickup.

Staff members ask community members to be patient with any garbage bags left near their home; they will be removed as soon as possible.

For more information, call 423-4170.

## Sawtooth Elementary holds annual science fair

TWIN FALLS - Sawtooth Elementary School is having its third annual Sawtooth Science Fair from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria, 1771 Stadium Blvd.

For the past six weeks, more than 30 students have been working on science projects. College of Southern Idaho science students will judge the projects earlier in the day and award prizes that evening.

For more information, call the school at 733-8454.

## Richfield holds donkey basketball tournament

RICHFIELD - Richfield School FFA donkey basketball tournament will be held at 7 p.m. March 15 at the gymnasium, 555 N. Tiger Drive.

Advance tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for students in grades seventh through 12, and \$4 for students in kindergarten through sixth grades. Tickets at the gate are \$7 for adults, \$6 for students in grades seventh through 12 and \$5 for students in kindergarten through sixth grades.

For more information, call the school at 487-2790.

## Applications accepted for Lee Schmidt Scholarship

KIMBERLY - Applications are available for the Lee Schmidt Scholarship Trust fund.

The application deadline is April 1. Applicants must be a graduate of Kimberly High School, applied to a college or training institute, show financial need and a desire to succeed in an institute of higher learning and must enroll as and maintain a full-time student status.

Interested applicants should call Debbie Klug at Kimberly High School, 423-4170, or Troy Ströberg at Covenant Insurance, 734-8222.

## Wood River Middle School holds free family night

HAILEY - Wood River Middle School is having a free Family All Together night from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the school, 900 Second Ave.

Dinner will be provided from 6 to 7 p.m., and families are invited for a night of movies, parent talks, computers, reading and an open gym included in activities. Reservations are needed by calling Casey Mills at 727-8736 by today. Baby-sitting is available for children age 6 and younger.

For more information, call 788-3523.

## Meeting on recognition ceremony takes place

HAILEY - Wood River Middle School is having an organizational meeting for the eighth-grade recognition ceremony. The meeting will be held at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday in Room 810, 900 Second Ave.

For more information, call Mary Jacobson at 578-5030, ext. 2333.

## Poppewell introduces new kindergarten students

HUHL - Poppewell Elementary School will hold a special 2005-2006 kindergarten orientation meeting to help children attending kindergarten next year learn about how to prepare for class, write, pre-reading skills and the pre-kindergarten Idaho Reading Indicator.

The orientation will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 16 in the music room/gym, 100 N. Sixth. Every child who attends with a parent will receive a prize.

Children attending kindergarten next year must be age 5 by Sept. 1.

For more information, call 543-8225.

## Shoshone Elementary announces class awards

SHOSHONE - Shoshone Elementary School has announced its class award winners:

First grade - Ready, Reader, Lucero Robles and Rhyann Turner; five-point club, Ben Belloli, Katy Fitzgerald, Risa Rushton, Kyra Davis, Veronica Canugo, Kim Armstrong, Lucero Robles, Brian Scarrow, Anthony Campos, Kayla Nelson and Nalleli Hurtado; 10-point club, Ben Belloli, Katy Fitzgerald, Risa Rushton and Kyra Davis; 15-point club, Ben Belloli, Katy Fitzgerald, Risa Rushton and Kyra Davis; 20-point club, Ben

Belloli, Katy Fitzgerald, Risa Rushton and Kyra Davis; 25-point club, Ben Belloli, Katy Fitzgerald and Risa Rushton.

January 50-In-a-Minute Club: Amanda Bidwell, Tyler Taylor and Marisa Grissom.

January Accelerated Reader goal: Paige Anderson, Amanda Bidwell, Juliana Garcia, Paige Lequinche, Mikaila Mastrolini, Jay Sheaffer, DJ, Stanhope and Tyler Taylor.

Accelerated Reader certification: Independent reader, Bryan Cannon and Ashlee Jones; rising reader, Paige Lequinche; super reader, Paige Anderson and Ashlee Jones; advanced reader, Amanda Bidwell and Cassidy Sleaves; and star reader, Jay Sheaffer.

Third grade 50-In-a-Minute: Joseph Hampton, Dexter Luby, Brittany Lee, Midnight Smith, Katherine Rubio and Jakob Trujillo.

Accelerated Reader Certification: Independent reader, Omar Avalos, Ciro Enriquez, Katelynn Ferguson, Jessica Hurtado, Brittany Lee, Dexter Luby, Bryan Marrow, Brynden Robles, Katherine Rubio, Midnight Smith, Jacob Trujillo and Fatima Villagran; super reader, Sergio Garcia, Brynden Robles and Midnight Smith; super reader II, Sergio Garcia, Joseph Hampton and Midnight Smith; and super reader III, Joseph Hampton.

Top Accelerated Reader: No experience - Jessica Hurtado; second, Midnight Smith, and third, Brynden Robles. Honor roll: Omar Avalos,

## MVHS works towards growth

Magie Valley High School worked towards growth and change this week through classroom assignments, a school assembly and an all-school write.

Patricia Silvers' careers class ventured into the community this block to job-shadow professionals in careers of interest. These students will now complete portfolios outlining their accomplishments in the class, which will be reviewed by a committee panel.

The New Heritage Theatre Company of Boise visited MVHS last Thursday with a dramatic - production - geared towards overcoming destructive behaviors. The troupe presented twice "Healy Blues" by Sandra Cavanaugh, with a question and answer period following each performance.

Patricia Silvers' careers class participated in the All-School Write for Block 7, which focused on the elements of persuasion. Students addressed one of three school policies, outlining a plan for change.

The MVHS Mystery Person for this week was Burt Hirsch. Recent mystery staff spotlights have included Susan Buttrane and Patricia Silvers. Student "Superstars" for Block 7 are Alicia Dumas, Eduardo Biberes, Alyce Creech and Sarah Halling. Congratulations to them for their work.

Larry Kimbrough was the winner of this week's Lewis and Clark Trivia Question.

Jennifer Miller is the English and speech teacher at Magie Valley High School in Twin Falls.

## School district seeks help to install plasterboard

DIETRICH - The Dietrich School District is holding SOS (Shovel Out School) and asking help from the community from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today through Saturday to install plasterboard to the bottom floor of the school, 409 Park N.

The school will provide materials. Lunch will be provided and there will be a no-work day on Wednesday.

No experience is necessary. To sign up or for more information, call 544-2158. There also is a sign up sheet at the Merc.

## Hansen student becomes an 'Independent Reader'

HANSEN - Hansen Elementary School first-grader Yvett Alan became an "Independent Reader" in the Accelerated Reader program.

Yvett read four books independently, scoring 100 percent on all four comprehension tests to reach this goal.