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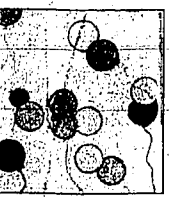
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# Study shows cost of well curtailment

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — Between 10 percent and 38 percent of irrigation wells should be curtailed to satisfy a water call by a Magic Valley coalition of canal companies.

Those figures surfaced Monday in a House Resource and Environment Committee meeting after a Utah State University economist professor presented a state-commissioned study on the economic impact of shutting down groundwater pumps on the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer.

Clive Strong, senior attorney general for the state's natural resources, said surface users and groundwater pumps continue to struggle between which number is the most reasonable.



Surface water users think 38 percent is what is needed to restore their senior water rights. Groundwater pumpers say 10 percent is what makes the most sense in terms of getting water to the places where surface users can use it.

An interim legislative water committee asked for the report last summer to find out how much economic activity is generated by groundwater pumping and what would happen if certain wells were shut down.

Groundwater pumps would be shut down before surface water users — or those who get their water from the Snake River, because they have junior water rights. In Idaho, as throughout the West, during times of water shortages, those who have the newest water rights are the first to be shut down.

Though curtailment would benefit senior water rights holders, the study found the gains would not outweigh the economic losses of junior groundwater users in the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

There is simply not enough water to satisfy all the existing water rights, said Donald Snyder, an associate dean with Utah State University, who headed the study.

Several years of drought,

decades of water pumping and changing irrigation practices have exacerbated southern Idaho's water shortages.

The study showed that curtailing the water use of junior water rights holders on the Snake River Plain Aquifer would cost the state as much as \$204.3 million in lost labor income, property income and business taxes.

Groundwater users would bear the brunt of those costs, Snyder said.

"The bottom line is that losses to water right holders will be in excess of gains to combined surface/spring water right holders in the foreseeable future," Snyder said.

If everyone who received water rights after the start of 1949 were asked to curtail their

use, then the state would see a positive gain of more than \$29 million for aquaculture users and senior surface and spring water users. But groundwater users would see a loss of more than \$234 million statewide, along with an estimated 3,600 jobs.

If those with water rights to 1961 have their use curtailed, the study found, the net effect would be a loss of more than \$130 million statewide, along with more than 2,000 jobs.

"The economic impacts of curtailment of junior irrigation groundwater rights under either of the curtailment scenarios, assuming steady state conditions, are anticipated to be five times larger than combined gains enjoyed by surface/spring water holders," Snyder said.

## RED SKY AT MORNING ...



The morning sun rises Monday over a field north of Gooding as a horse backs in the warm light. With the official start of spring only 12 days away, temperatures around the Magic Valley are rising.

# Study shows gender gap for aspirin benefits

## Aspirin and women

Middle-age women can cut their risk of strokes — but not heart attacks — by regularly taking low doses of aspirin. The pills help prevent both conditions in women 65 and older, according to a major study.

Women who take aspirin: Reduced risk of major cardiac event

AGE	Not reduced
45-54	Not reduced
55-64	Not reduced
65	12%

AGE	Reduced risk of stroke
45-54	16%
55-64	16%
65	22%

NOTE: Overall aspirin users aged 45 and older had a 17 percent reduced risk of stroke.

SOURCE: New England Journal of Medicine

ORLANDO, Fla. — In a stunning example of gender differences in medicine, a major new study found that aspirin helps healthy women avoid strokes but makes no difference in their risk of heart attacks unless they're 65 or older — the polar opposite of how the drug affects men.

Aspirin is recommended now for both men and women at high risk of heart disease. Many doctors have assumed it also prevented heart problems in healthy women because of research showing it helped healthy men.

"The new study 'misses issues about the dangers of generalization,'" said Dr. Paul Ridker of Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, one of the researchers. "This is an issue we thought we already had an answer to."

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It found that taking vitamin E did no good, adding to a large body of evidence that such supplements don't help and might even be harmful.

benefit but there wasn't harm" from vitamin E in the new study, said Harvard epidemiologist Julie Buring. "The better thing to do is to have a heart-healthy diet."

She presented results Monday at the American College of Cardiology meeting. They also were published online by the New England Journal of Medicine and will be in the March 31 print edition.

"This is a very important study with major public health implications," said Dr. Elizabeth Nabel, director of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which funded it with the National Cancer Institute.

Many of the authors have been consultants to aspirin makers, but the companies did not run the study. Bayer Healthcare supplied aspirin for it and the Natural Source Vitamin E Association supplied that nutrient.

Nearly 40,000 female health professionals 45 and older were

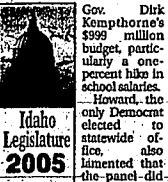
# Budget committee allows schools spending increase

The Associated Press

BOISE — The state budget panel on Monday approved a 2.3-percent increase in taxpayer spending for public schools, which Idaho's top educator said will force local educators to choose between spending on computers and spending on helping kids.

"It's not a go-forward budget," Public Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard said shortly after the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee voted 16-4, mostly along party lines, for the \$987 million spending plan. "This is a just say the course as best you can" budget.

Howard had asked for \$1.04 billion — an increase of about 8 percent. But in presenting her budget to lawmakers in January, she appeared willing to accept many of the components of



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's \$999 million budget, particularly a one-percent hike in school salaries.

Howard, the only Democrat elected to statewide office, also lamented that the panel did not resolve whether teachers and other school staff will receive more money for pay increases after the new budget year starts July 1.

Also missing from the spending blueprint are the \$2 million with which Howard wanted to continue developing a "Coney version" of a student information tracking system, \$2 million

# Noble resigns as Buhl Senator leads charge for expulsion

The Associated Press

BOISE — On his way out the Statehouse door Monday evening Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, took a deep breath and said he hoped Sen. Jack Noble, R-Kuna, would resign from the Senate before today.

Gannon got his wish.

Noble resigned at 6 p.m. Monday following weeks of allegations that he failed to declare a conflict of interest and lied to a special ethics panel.

Noble delivered a one-sentence letter of resignation to Senate leadership late Monday afternoon.

The two-term Kuna senator and convenience-store owner was expected to face expulsion in a motion that Gannon said he was prepared to make.

Although a special ethics committee report had recommended that Noble be cen-



State Sen. Jack Noble, R-Kuna, sits alone in a nearby empty senate chamber at the Statehouse in downtown Boise on March 2. Noble resigned Monday in the wake of an ethics scandal.

sured, Gannon's intention was gaining strength on Monday to Please see NOBLE, Page A2

# Idaho rancher kills wolf

## Becomes first to do so under new federal rule

The Associated Press

BOISE — A rancher in remote central Idaho shot a wolf he said was harassing his cattle, marking the first time one of the federally protected predators has been killed under new guidelines that took effect in February.

The rancher near Mackay shot the female gray wolf Sunday at 11 p.m. He weighed it and another, larger wolf chasing his cattle, the rancher told officials. The other wolf escaped.

Under the new rule that affects Idaho and Montana, people can now shoot wolves that pursue their livestock. Before, the rancher would have been forced to wait until a wolf had actually bitten one of his cows.

The change marked a first step in returning control of wolf populations to states and private landowners, who say they need it to limit depredation of livestock, domestic animals and wild game herds as wolf numbers steadily rise.

Federal officials have already determined the rancher acted appropriately. Wolf advocacy groups are reserving judgment pending an investigation.

"Under the new rule, the rancher was authorized to shoot the wolf," said Mark Collinge, director of the federal Wildlife Services. Colling, an agency contractor predators trying to live with the stock in the state. He said it was the first under the new rule.

This is the third wolf killed legally in Idaho this year. Officials from other agencies killed two in February after reports they'd premeditated on killings that also would have been allowed under the old rules.

In 2004, Wildlife Services agents killed 17 wolves in Idaho, the most in any year since they were reintroduced to the region in 1955.

Wildlife warden numbers in Idaho are expected to surpass 450 this year. The state's remote wilderness areas have made for ideal breeding grounds.

In Sunday's incident, officials decided to give the rancher's name or exact location, fearing it could cause retribution on an issue that has polarized wolf advocates and critics.

Wildlife Services officials were on the scene Monday. "The dead wolf may have been a part of the nine-member Copper Basin pack, or may have split off from that group. Authorities plan to investigate the animal's stomach to learn of recent meals."



NATION

'Friendly fire' leaves a mess for diplomats

WASHINGTON (AP) — On a case in Iraq, U.S. forces mistakingly killed an Iranian intelligence agent and wounded a journalist who had just spent a month as a hostage. They also may have accidentally killed a Bulgarian soldier existing in the U.S.-led war.

The shootings strained relations with two of the Bush administration's main European partners, Iraq and Bulgaria, and a diplomatic mess for Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

The leaders of Italy and Bulgaria each summoned the American ambassador to explain the shootings, although both incidents are still under investigation. Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, a staunch ally of Bush, said the Italian soldier someone he held accountable.

Bush called Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi last Friday to express regret and to promise a prompt investigation.

Still, said Brookings Institution foreign policy analyst Michael O'Hanlon, "this has the makings of a major public relations fiasco."

"At this point, the U.S. is seen as duplicitous, and Mr. Bush is already seen that way by Italians," O'Hanlon said.

The United States has patched up relations with many European countries angered by the invasion of Iraq, but still has few European allies there willing to provide significant troops or resources to the war.

Rice visited Italy last month in part to thank Berlusconi for sticking by his promise to keep 3,000 troops in Iraq despite overwhelming public opposition at home. Bush also met with the Italian leader last month.

A majority in Bulgaria also opposed the war and the continued deployment of about 450 Bulgarian troops in Iraq.

Both Italy and Bulgaria have said they do not plan any troop withdrawals after the shooting. In Bulgaria, the soldier died when his patrol came under fire from the direction of a U.S. Army communications post.

The Bulgarian army has asked the chiefs of Staff Giuliano Gen. Richard B. Myers for an inquiry, and the U.S. military is also investigating.

More is known about the Italian soldier's death than the Bulgarian one. U.S. soldiers were tiger-happy when they fired on a car carrying the freed hostage, or whether the Italians were to blame.

The U.S. military insists that a car carrying left-wing journalist Giuliano Sgrana refused to obey U.S. orders to stop as it sped toward U.S. military soldiers.

Sgrana fired at the car, killing Italian intelligence officer Nicola Calipari. Sgrana and at least one other occupant of the car were wounded.

Sgrana has disputed nearly every aspect of the U.S. account, and said his car may have been targeted because the United States was trying to pay ransom for hostages.

Fiery arms control expert will be ambassador to U.N.

WASHINGTON (AP) — John R. Bolton, a tough-talking arms control official who rarely muffles his views in diplomatically niceties, was chosen Monday by President Bush to be U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Senate Democrats immediately assailed the nomination, arguing that it didn't make sense for the president to pick a diplomat who has sometimes been critical of the world body at a time when mending fences with the international community was imperative.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said, "Through our history some of our best ambassadors have been those with strong voices." She mentioned former U.N. ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick and Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

In his tenure, Bolton has angered officials in North Korea and China with his hard-edged analysis. In criticizing the ongoing government, furious with his comments, refused to negotiate with him.

Bolton, whose career has included stints in the Reagan and the first President Bush, promised to work closely with members of Congress to advance Bush's policies and said he had received "unwavering" clear support for effective multilateral diplomacy.

Bushes team up to help at-risk youth programs

PITTSBURGH (AP) — President Bush and wife Laura joined forces Monday to promote the first lady's agenda for helping at-risk youth programs that steer at-risk children away from gangs, drugs and "bad choices."

"She and I share a passion that we've got to make sure that the greatest strength of our country — that is the hearts and souls of our citizens — are directed in such a way that every child can be served," he said, and we want." Bush said at the Community College of Allegheny County.

Bush and the first lady also visited the nearby Enterprise Family Support Center on Pittsburgh's north side. The 10-year-old center provides early childhood development services, day care, after-school programs and parenting classes.

The Bushes sat down with students from kindergarten to the fifth grade in an after-school program room. "I'm George," the president said in introducing himself. He and the first lady distributed autographed pictures of their dog, Barney, and

PROFILE

Experienced public servant

Ambassador to the United Nations nominee John R. Bolton, 56, has held numerous federal public servant positions since 1981.

Education — Bachelor's degree, Yale University, 1970; law degree, Yale Law School, 1974. Federal service — Undersecretary of state, 2001-present; assistant secretary, Department of State, 1989-93; assistant attorney general, Department of Justice, 1985-89; assistant administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, 1982-83; general counsel, USAID, 1981-82.

"Mindful that he, like the president, had some strong views, sometimes questioned the relevance of the United Nations, Bolton said, "Working closely with others is essential to ensure a safer world."

Rice praised the international organization as she announced Bolton's selection. "The United States is committed to the success of the United Nations, and we view the U.N. as an important component of our diplomacy," she said.

She said Bolton "knows how to get things done" and is working in nullifying a U.N. resolution that equated Zionism, the philosophic underpinning of a Jewish state, with racism, and in organizing 60 countries to curb the spread of dangerous weapons.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who was alerted in a telephone call from Rice in advance of the appointment, said through a spokesman he



AP

looked forward to working with Bolton. "I don't know about what previous biases he may bring here," said spokesman Stephane Djuracic. "We have nothing against people who do hold us accountable. On the contrary, I think we do want to be held accountable."

Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee roundly criticized Bolton.

John Kerry, D-Mass., said that if Bush were serious about reaching out to the world, "why would he choose someone who has expressed such disdain for working with our allies?" Kerry, the unsuccessful 2004 presidential candidate, said Bolton's nomination "carries with it baggage we cannot afford."

Cristopher Dodd, D-Conn., said Bolton's "appointment to the U.N. will prevent him from effectively discharging his duties as our ambassador."

Confirmation hearings are expected to be held next month.

Nobel prize winner Bethe dies at 98

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP) — Hans Bethe, a giant of 20th-century physics who played a central role in the building of the atomic bomb and won a Nobel Prize for discovering the process that powers the sun

and the stars, has died at 98. "Bethe was the last of the giants of Los Alamos," said Alan S. Brown, a physics professor at the State University of New York.

Bethe, who fled Nazi Germany and joined the Cornell University faculty in 1935, also made major discoveries about how atoms are built up from smaller particles, about what makes dying stars blow up, and how the heavier elements are produced from the ashes of these supernovas.

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Martha returns to work, says that prison was life-changing

NEW YORK (AP) — Fighting back tears at times, Martha Stewart told cheering employees on her first day back at work Monday that prison was a life-changing experience that made her realize her company may have been out of touch with ordinary Americans.

Dressed in a chocolate-brown suit and pumps, Stewart addressed her employees from a stage where a bouquet of yellow daffodils sat in a vase atop a

stool. Behind her were posters of her magazine, a plant cover with a photo of daffodils and a headline appropriate for the day: "Just in time for Spring."

"I love all of you from the bottom of my heart - I'm really glad to be home," she said, choking up during her speech.

Stewart, 63, said that her experience would lead to changes at her home decorating company, which would be more accessible to ordinary people.

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WORLD

# Syria pulls back troops as protest continues

MDEREI, Lebanon (AP) — Syrian soldiers loaded trucks with furniture and other supplies Monday and drove east from the Lebanese mountain posts they have held for weeks.

The pullback began as more than 70,000 Lebanese shouting "Freedom! Sovereignty! Independence!" thronged Beirut in the biggest demonstration yet of anti-Syria anger that has fueled recent street protests.

Washington rejected the redeployment as insufficient. Syrian President Bashar Assad and his Lebanese counterpart, Emile Lahoud, met in Syria's capital, Damascus, to outline plans for shifting Syrian troops closer to the Syrian border by the end of March. But they were vague on the timing of a complete withdrawal from Lebanon.

Lacking a timetable, the plan was unlikely to satisfy the Lebanese opposition and the international community, which has demanded that all 14,000 Syrian soldiers leave the country.

At least 70,000 people — some estimates put the figure at 100,000 or more — demonstrated in downtown Beirut, waving Lebanon's cedar-tree flag and shouting, "Syria out!"

Yes, for withdrawal to the Bekaa, but, yes, first to the full withdrawal behind the Lebanese-Syrian border, opposition lawmaker Walid Eido told the crowd.

# Afghan women take high office, but face long battle for equality

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Fifteen Afghan men, heads slightly bowed, file into a crowded living room to greet the new leader of Bamian province. They sip tea and listen patiently as the governor holds court.

Such a courtesy call is commonplace in this deeply hierarchical society when someone wins high office — but this time there's a critical difference: They are paying respect to a woman, the first female governor in the history of this Islamic nation.

Three years after the fall of the Taliban, Afghanistan is casting off the fundamentalism that once barred women from public life and kept girls out of school.

The selection of Habiba Sarobi to head the central province of Bamian is a milestone, but she is the first to acknowledge that it masks a sad reality. "There are equal rights for women on paper. The challenge is to put it into practice — Afghanistan is still a male-dominated society," Sarobi told The Associated Press as she received well-wishers last week at her Kabul apartment.

For most Afghan women, little has changed since the Taliban's ouster; most women's daily lives are still dominated by archaic traditions and grinding poverty.

Women's literacy rates are just 14 percent, far below the literacy rate for men, and maternal mortality is about 60 times higher than in industrialized countries, with an Afghan mother dying every half hour on average.

Before Afghanistan descended into war two decades ago, women held high office.



Afghan refugee women walk inside an abandoned building Friday in Kabul, Afghanistan, where they are living. Three years after the fall of the Taliban, Afghanistan has appointed the first female provincial governor, and later this year, its people will elect a new parliament, with 25 percent of the seats reserved for women. However, Afghanistan remains an intensely patriarchal society.

As early as the 1950s, they served in parliament, and worked as judges and diplomats.

In the 1970s, a woman was minister of health. During the Soviet occupation of the 1980s, up to 70 percent of teachers were women.

A wave of fundamentalism swept the country after Muslim fighters ousted the Soviet Army in 1989, and the Taliban came to power seven years later.

Since the hard-line regime's ouster by U.S.-led forces in late 2001, millions of girls have returned to school.

And while women are still mostly on the periphery of public life, career opportunities have reopened for them, at least in the cities.

Women's rights were enshrined in a democratic constitution adopted in 2004, and women turned out in force

# Nigerian police find dozens of children in back of truck

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Police found dozens of children — ranging in age from 1 to 14 — packed into a fishmonger's truck during a routine search in Nigeria's capital, and a suspected child-trafficker claimed their parents consented to hiring them out as servants, authorities said Monday.

The suspect, Fatma Baba, told police she brought the 52 children from Makwa town in northern Nigeria's Niger state to hire them out as domestic servants. Lagos state police spokesman Ademola Adebayo said.

Child-trafficking is an Africa-wide problem, and a police spokesman in the capital, Abuja, said authorities were investigating whether there were plans to sell some children into slavery.

"According to her, she would get a fee for hiring out the children," Adebayo said, adding that police were checking Baba's claim that the children's families had agreed to the arrangement and would be paid when the children returned after a year's work.

Charges against Baba and the driver were pending further investigation, police officials said. Twelve adults who shared the container with the children also were detained, Adebayo said.

The youngsters sat Monday on wooden benches in a concrete room at an inner city police station in Lagos, Nigeria's largest city. Several had no clothes; others wrapped themselves in soiled lengths of cloth.

Officials said they were working to reunite the children with relatives.

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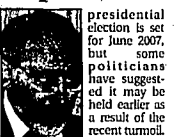
# Bolivian president submits resignation after protests

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — President Carlos Mesa submitted his resignation to Congress on Monday after warning that a wave of protests against his 15-month-old government may soon leave Bolivia's largest cities isolated by road blockades.

Legislators could decide as early as Tuesday whether to accept the resignation, which followed several days of street protests calling for a privatized water company to immediately stop operating and demanding higher taxes on oil companies.

"I cannot continue to govern with threats that strangle the country," Mesa wrote in his letter, referring to plans announced by opposition leader Evo Morales to stage a nationwide blockade of roads, a traditional form of protest in Bolivia.

Should the chamber accept Mesa's resignation, his successor would be Senate President Horlando Vaca Diez. The next



Carlos Mesa

presidential election is set for June 2007, but some politicians have suggested it may be held earlier as a result of the recent turmoil.

Mesa took office in October 2003, succeeding President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada, who was also forced to resign in the wake of street protests.

That unrest took the lives of at least 56 people. Mesa has ruled as an independent because he is not a member of a political party.

His presidency also has been weakened by constant street protests, including a strong campaign for regional autonomy by Bolivia's wealthiest province, protests demanding lower fuel prices and calls for increases in taxes levied on foreign oil companies.

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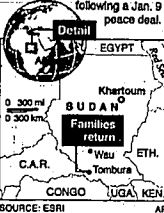
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**WORLD**

**Peace opens roads**

For the first time in years, families in southern Sudan are moving freely over roads previously too dangerous to travel, following a Jan. 9 peace deal.



**Roads open in southern Sudan after 21 years**

WAU, Sudan (AP) — Thirteen years after they were separated by the war in southern Sudan, Paul Baleo has found his parents and his brother. All that time they were living just 150 miles away.

"When we met, there was no talking. It was only tears and tears. Tears kept on rolling," the 20-year-old mechanic said. All across southern Sudan people are on the move now that peace has made it possible for them to travel freely again. Many are searching for relatives they lost touch with during the 21-year war, which officially ended last month with the ratification of a Jan. 9 accord between the government and separatist rebels.

"I can tell you that there are many people now — moving in all directions. Everybody wants to find their relatives," Baleo said.

The conflict set the Arab-influenced, Muslim north against the black African, heavily Christian south. Some two million people died — mainly from war-induced famine and disease. Millions were forced to flee their homes — across the border to their own country.

Baleo was just six when fighting broke out around his hometown of Tombura, near the Central African Republic border. His mother, father and brother disappeared, and he was left in Tombura with his grandmother.

The years went by. Baleo's grandmother died. Still the war dragged on. Many thought it would never end and were wary even after the January peace deal, which provides for a power-sharing government and autonomy in the south.

"But slowly, people began to move about, braving land mines and unexploded grenades and shells. Towns arriving in Tombura told Baleo that his family was 150 miles away in Wau — and that his mother was looking for him.

"I took my chances," and moved from Tombura," he said. "I moved with no food. I walked at daytime and slept in the evenings. I ate mango and wild plants. I just kept on walking until I reached Wau."

The journey last month took six days, he said. When he reached the outskirts of Wau, he was met by local residents who, in the tradition of rural Sudan, questioned him about his tribe.

Baleo's family are members of the Zande tribe, so they stood out in an area where most people are Balanda. Soon, Baleo was being directed to the home of his uncle, where his immediate family had been living since fleeing Tombura.

"We did not recognize each other at first. It had been such a long time," Baleo said. Baleo plans to stay in Wau, where he has found a job in a garage. Government and U.N. officials have no numbers but say many southerners appear to be on the move.

With all the flux in population, Joanna VanGerpen, a UNICEF official organizing a polio vaccination campaign in the south, said "villages should not wait to begin to rebuild" so that when people come they will find at least the basic services.

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**Palestinians open fire in West Bank**

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian militants shot and wounded two Israeli border policemen Monday in an attack on a military post near a West Bank shrine, the latest attempt to disrupt a delicate cease-fire.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, reacting to the attack, said Jews would continue to live and pray in Hebron, endorsing the settler presence in the tense city.

Despite the violence, both sides reported progress on transferring West Bank duties to Palestinian security control after weeks of deadlock over whether Israel would remove army roadblocks outside the towns. The Palestinians had insisted on the removal of the roadblocks, which have severely disrupted

life in the West Bank during more than four years of fighting. The town of Tulkarem was to be transferred Tuesday, with the army removing a road barrier that separated Tulkarem from the West Bank's largest city, Nablus, Palestinian security officials said. However, the main army checkpoint outside Tulkarem will remain in place, the officials said.

Israeli army officials said the tentative agreement still requires government approval. Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas were to meet Tuesday to discuss the handover of West Bank towns, the highest-level negotiations on the issue.

Monday's shooting happened in Hebron at a checkpoint guarding the Tomb of the Patriarchs, a shrine revered by Muslims and Jews. The army said the shots came from downtown Hebron. One policeman was seriously wounded. Soldiers imposed a curfew in the old city of Hebron, rounded up about 100 people for questioning and conducted house-to-house searches, Palestinian officials said. Israeli military officials said the army had closed off certain areas.

Speaking in parliament, Sharon said the Hebron incident was an "attempt to attack Jewish freedom of religion at one of the Jewish people's holiest sites."

He added, "Jews will continue to pray at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron and to live there."

**Group: Militants rape thousands**

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Militiamen and renegade soldiers have raped tens of thousands of women and girls in eastern Congo, and nearly all the crimes have gone unpunished by the country's judicial system, an international human rights group said Monday.

Hundreds of new rapes are reported every week, but only 10 soldiers and militants have

been convicted of rape in relatively lawless eastern Congo since the end of the country's devastating war in 2002. New York-based Human Rights Watch said in a report. Marauding gunmen gang-raped children as young as 3-years-old, and often raped women and young girls — some to the point of death — as their families helplessly watched, the report said.

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## EDITORIAL

### Crow cleansing plan doesn't fly with USDA

**I**f Twin Falls can survive a century filled with droughts, blizzards, the Great Depression and even Evel Knievel, it can certainly endure pesky crows nesting downtown.

That appears to be the verdict of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Last week the USDA informed the Twin Falls City Council it would wait until next fall to consider using poison baits on the city's crow problem.

City officials have had it up their beaks with thousands of crows that have arrived since last fall. Perched in trees throughout the downtown area, the birds have left an unsightly mess with droppings on sidewalks and parking lots. Some business owners think the pests are a health hazard and are chasing away customers.

The city has looked for a way to force the birds out, but nothing has worked. Firearms are not allowed downtown, flashing lights and noisemakers are ineffective, and the idea of hanging dead crows in the trees "effi-

gy style" — like the city of Caldwell has tried — just sounds crazy.

With few options, the city asked the USDA to use the avicide DRC-1339 for "selective reinforcement" of the crows. The poison would shut down the birds' kidneys and work its way out of the bird as it dies, so a secondary threat isn't passed on to humans or pets.

But the USDA is probably right to clip the wings of this idea for now. The birds have not been in town for a full year, and perhaps they'll fly away and roost elsewhere in spring or summer. If they come back (and possibly in larger numbers) next fall, that's probably the better time to act.

We can't blame the city and its downtown business for wanting to get rid of the birds and their nasty droppings. But nobody even knows if it can work. And if it does, meddling with nature and wildlife could backfire. Looks like our feathered friends will get a springtime reprieve.

### Widen the one-mile limit

**W**hile we're on the topic of animals and their waste, it appears the Idaho Legislature still needs to regulate the impact of dairies and livestock operations on neighbors.

The Senate last week failed to pass a measure that would have expanded public participation for confined animal feeding operation hearings.

Two years ago the state passed a law limiting the right to testify at a public hearing for CAFOs. Only those with a primary residence within one mile of a proposed operation were permitted to speak.

The law aimed to curb emotional and disruptive

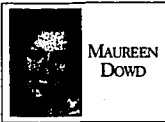
county hearings, so that critics who had no actual standing on the issue couldn't tilt the scales of public opinion.

But the one-mile limit was too tight. It excludes neighbors outside that radius who still have to live with CAFO air quality issues. Furthermore, the law did nothing to stop dairy proponents who lived outside the one-mile limit from testifying in hearings.

The Legislature will have to fix this issue sooner or later. The impact of CAFOs and dairies goes well beyond a one-mile radius. We don't know what that distance should be, but it should be widened so those immediately affected have an opportunity to participate.

### Abnabs put their women in the stocks

**A**ny culture has its own way of lumping down people. In our case, it's a racial, political or financial. Americans like to see women who wear the pants beaten up and humiliated. Afterward, in a gratifying redemption ritual, people like to see the battered women be rewarded.



MAUREEN DOWD

That's how Hillary Swank won two Oscars. That's how Hillary Clinton won a Senate seat and a presidential front-runner spot. And that's how Martha Stewart won her own reality TV show and became a half-billion dollars richer while she was in prison.

We've come a long way, baby, from the era of witch trials, when women with special power who knew how to curse were burned at the stake. Now, after a public comeuppance, they are stalked to a lucrative new career. In this century, the scarlet letter morphs into a dollar sign.

Maybe temporarily, power-mad divas always needed to be brought down a peg. They used to do it to themselves. Judy Garland and Marilyn Monroe were gorgeous monsters, but were so self-destructive there was no need to punish them further.

But Hillary and Martha — the domestic diva with the new ankle bracelet echoed Judy Garland on her Web site on Saturday that "there is no place like home" — are not self-destructive. They are brass-knuckled survivors who elicit both admiration and an enmity that Alessandra Stanley memorably dubbed "blondefreud."

From pornography to "Desperate Housewives," women being degraded has an entertainment value far greater than

# The taming of the shrews



men being degraded. People liked Hillary and Martha a lot more once they were "broken," like one of Martha's saddle horses, ice queens melted into puddles of vulnerability.

Maybe it's because both women seem entirely overwhelmed, treated the help badly and displayed an unseemly greedy streak. Maybe it's because a dichotomy about their roles made them seem disingenuous: They gained renown (or traditional feminine roles, and apron-and-herb pots, assuming guides to achieve male power and taking a route to the mahogany epicenter through the kitchen).

Hillary was America's first lady, photographed smiling in her designer dress as she oversaw table settings and placement for state dinners, even though we knew she did not care about such domestic piffle and was instead maneuvering to take over huge chunks of domestic policy.

Martha was America's first lady of gold-leaf designer lifestyle nesting, even though we knew that her uber-nest was so scary that her husband had flown the coop. Though she

was the ultimate professional homemaker and nurturer, she led her daughter out of the litany of things — cats, canaries, horses, chickens and dogs — she would miss in jail.

Obviously, many men are uncomfortable with successful women, so when these women are brushed back, alpha men can take comfort in knowing that alphas are not threateningly all-powerful and that they had better soften those sharp edges.

Learned while covering Geraldine Ferraro's vice presidential bid that the reaction of women to extraordinarily successful women is also ambivalent, with as much hostility as sisterly pride. An Icarus crash can mitigate the jealousy, while intensifying the feminist attachment.

After her husband's philandering with Monica, Hillary played the victim card all the way to the Senate. After her own bad judgment about her stocks, Martha metamorphosed from jailbird to phoenix.

Why don't we need to see Oprah, another titan known by her first name, slapped back down from the coop. Though she

had an icy or phony side to her public persona and because her struggles in her childhood and with her weight take the edge off of any animus that might be leveled at her for a net worth of \$1.3 billion.

And what about Condi, who's now being touted for the Republican ticket in 2008? Perhaps she does not need to play the victim to make people feel better about her power because she was never seen as a termagant, pushing people around and bending them to her will. She always seemed subservient to President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, a willing handmaiden and spokesperson for their bellicose bidding.

One Democratic image maker adamantly predicts that, having survived their vingo and victim phases, our two most relentless blondes will outlast everyone: "When the world ends, there will be left only a few cockroaches, Cher, Hillary and Martha."

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## LETTERS

### Bush polices ignore America's inhumane past

"Yippeee de-doo-dah, yippeee de-doo-dah. Jerry Hugen just made my day (Feb. 27). By cancelling his subscription to *The Times-News* over a same-sex wedding announcement, Hugen has shown us what kind of reader-writer he really is.

However, it's our President George Bush that I intend to write to, so good-bye Jerry! Nice to know that we work have to read your letters to determine what the non-sentimental beings amongst us are doing.

Has Bush's use of illegal drugs and alcohol destroyed a majority of his brain cells or is he simply and unannually incapable of thinking historically? There is possibly another and more heinous aberration at work in Bush's thinking: the destructive deception of a crusading aggrandizement which can accompany an illogical and self-determined religious conversion.

I believe Bush's behavior reflects the latter and, consequently, I recognize his being a non-graduate — he wants his selected non-democratic sovereign nation victims to become democratic (by intimidation or by military colonialist intervention), within his time frame forgetting that our own democracy has taken nearly three centuries and is still a work-in-progress.

Bush seems incapable of envisaging a more humane world unless it involves American intervention and, therefore, is equally incapable of placing in

proper historical perspective America's devastatingly inhumane past in terms of foreign policy toward and cruel interventions in, other nations.

Concurrent with gassing the Kurds, Saddam was using huge U.S. and German electricity generators to electrocute thousands of Iranian soldiers in the Iraq-Iran border wetlands. To accomplish both atrocities, Saddam was supplied with satellite intelligence by the United States.

And President Ronald (Teflon) Reagan was so pleased with Saddam that he sent special envoy Donald Rumsfeld to Iraq to congratulate him and to gift to him a pair of silver-plated engraved 45-caliber western pistols. What a guy!

Bush also seems to have misplaced the memory of our regime's change in Iran that brought the incomprehensibly inhumane Shah to power, who, in his non-graduateist approach to westernization, had his religious police tear off the veils from women and shoot to death members of both sexes for not wearing western clothing at religious shrines and mosques.

Obviously then, Bush has no reason to believe that his policy in the Middle East could have anything to do with the continual rise of terrorism.

JOHN WALSH  
Burley

### Coal-fired plants would be disastrous

To the Idaho governor and legislators:  
Quote from *The Times-News* editorial on Feb. 25: "Giving the

state more regulatory power doesn't mean power plants aren't welcome in Idaho." Out-of-state promoters are at it again, trying to get coal-fired plants in Bliss, Jerome or wherever. Do you notice you can substitute the word "greed" for "progress"? We have fought down coal-fired plants before, but like the "old yellow cat," the damned things are back on the doorstep again. When will Idaho wake up and the governor and elected lawmakers say no more pollution-spewing, coal-fired or related plants or storage, etc., in Idaho. Bring on acid rain, childhood allergies, multiple sclerosis, damaged lungs and on and on.

I have cancer; three operations; permanent damage. No active cancer at present, but I do have cancer every six months. Gooding County has a large percentage rate of cancer and pollution-related conditions. Please don't make it harder for us again (I want compensation).

Do you notice that these out-of-state promoters who want to ruin our great state can't put their "progressive ideas" in their own states or locations because of pollution damage?

My best and oldest (length of time I've known her) friend now has to be on oxygen all the time. Smokey No. 5 is a pastor's wife. She was raised downwind from pollution-spewing plants in Washington. She has the kind of lung damage as if she smoked a long time.

I read lately about more waste being put at the Idaho National Laboratory dump.

When I asked why, the answer was Idaho does not have a law about waste during pollution spewing and so, dump your garbage in Idaho. It doesn't matter that our water supply can be damaged. Just do it.

After reading this to my grown granddaughters, she asked, "Grandma, why do we not have more windmills in Idaho?"

CLARA WOOD  
Gooding

### Iraq leaders neglect their own security tasks

The Statesman's headline on March 2: "General U.S. must do more to stop roadside bombings in Iraq," *American* Gen. Abizaid.

Today, March 3, your report from Washington after the latest suicide bombing, the Shiites revered leader, Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, refrained from striking back.

Lack of power? No! — nominally disbanded Shiite militia could easily field thousands of tough and effective fighters that could deal a crushing blow to the insurgency." The Shiites are projecting their power base before dealing with insurgency."

"We sacrificed a lot of blood; we must be patient and not drift into a civil war," says the revered Ayatollah.

Well, Gen. Abizaid (our general) said, "USA must do something to stop the insurgents," he tells Congress!

Am I missing something here? What's wrong with this picture?  
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## LETTER

### Latest budget amounts to a payback for rich

Farm price supports: Cut by 5 percent, impacting the smallest farmers.

Homeland Security: \$10.9 million cut for Idaho. COP's Program: 96 percent cut. This program added 405 officers in Idaho.

Medicaid: \$182 million cut. This should really help the 54,000 Idaho residents who have lost to health-care coverage during his administration.

No Child Left Behind: \$52.2 million shortfall equals help for 10,429 Idaho children.

Pell Grants: \$41 million less for the 20,236 students in Idaho who receive these grants.

Idaho job training: \$8.9 million cut.

Idaho clean water: \$1.9 mil-

lion. Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program: \$1.4 million cut for Idaho.

Nor are veterans left out: The Bush budget would require many veterans to pay \$250 user fee annually to use the Veterans Administration system. It would also double the prescription co-payment for 136,584 Idaho veterans.

With Bush's 2006 proposed budget, your share of the national deficit will increase to \$36,937 per family. But this guy really has a heart. He's not touching the massive tax cuts that benefit the nation's wealthiest; nor is he adding in the cost of his war(s) and proposed Social Security gutting.

I didn't vote for him!  
ALMEE NG  
Gooding

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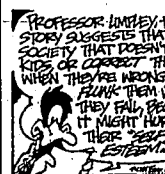
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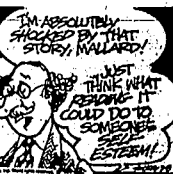
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OPINION

# Justices lack clarity on eminent domain

After a landmark eminent-domain case was argued before the U.S. Supreme Court last week, I'm left with the depressing realization that the court is populated with justices who are not capable of making the most basic constitutional distinctions, or of even understanding the crucial property-rights issue at stake.

The case, *Kelo v. the city of New London (Conn.)*, involves this question posed to the court: "Does the Public Use Clause of the Fifth Amendment permit condemnation of private property for transfer to other private parties solely for the purpose of promoting 'economic development'?"

Any Joe off the street could understand the Fifth Amendment's simple words. No person shall be "deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of the law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation."

So, the government cannot kill you, imprison you or take your stuff without giving you a chance to make your case, and it can take your stuff only for a public use. And it must pay you a fair price for it. Yet the justices, like those medieval scholars who argued about the number of angels who can dance on the head of a pin, seemed to be focused on irrelevant and unable to grasp the fundamental issues.

"Do you really want the courts in the business of deciding whether a hospital will be successful... or a road will be successful?" asked Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Well, the issue here is whether the state can take property from one private property owner and give it to another private owner for the sake of economic develop-

STEVEN GREENHUT

ment. Nothing in this case in any way questions the ability of government to take property for a genuinely "public use," such as a road, hospital, prison or school. For the longest time, the courts had no trouble distinguishing a road from a chain store.

In *Kelo*, the city of New London handed over its eminent-domain power to a private development corporation that ceded away part of a working-class neighborhood along the waterfront. Fort Trumbull is a prime location, and many of the Victorian-era homes had been in the family for generations. But the city helped pharmaceutical giant Pfizer build a large research facility nearby, and wanted to create upscale shopping and condominiums to cater to the new corporate center.

Many property owners sold their homes to the city to avoid a long legal battle. But several decided to fight. Defended by the libertarian legal group, the Institute for Justice, the homeowners, including Susette Kelo, argued that it is clearly not a public use to remove one set of homeowners in order to benefit another set — i.e., the new owners of the proposed condominiums.

Since 1954, when the Supreme Court upheld a Washington urban renewal plan that involved transferring private property from some owners to others, cities have justified their eminent-domain powers in the name of blight removal, which the courts found to be an acceptable "public use." But rust never sleeps, and government offi-

cials kept pushing the envelope to find broader justifications for taking property from Peter and giving it to Paul.

But the current crop of Supreme Court justices, with the exception of Antonin Scalia and perhaps Clarence Thomas (who was apparently silent) and William Rehnquist (who was absent), did not seem to grasp the basic precepts at stake in *Kelo*.

The rationale for this is essentially the rationale for the railroads, the public utilities and so on: there isn't another practical way to do it," said Justice David Souter. This is a straw man. The case isn't about roads, but about the transfer of private property from homeowners and small business owners to big business.

Even the attorney representing the city of New London acknowledged that point. He agreed wholeheartedly that it would be appropriate for a city to use eminent domain to take a Motel 6 in order to give it to Ritz-Carlton because Ritz-Carlton appealed to a more upscale clientele and would therefore provide more money to the city budget.

What particularly outraged Susette Kelo was the idea that she would be driven from her home to give that land to a developer who would then build a home for someone else. Under current law, the government can pick winners and losers for virtually any reason, and whenever it does such it invariably favors the wealthy and well-connected over the poor or politically underrepresented.

Many liberals, who claim the high road in their concern for the poor and working people, seem unable to grasp the connection between upholding property rights and helping average Americans.

Instead of sticking up for the downtrodden, liberal Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg couldn't understand what was wrong with the process, given that New London was only trying to "build (the city) up and get more jobs."

Never mind that such promises — building things up — rarely materialize. Regardless of whether government central planning pans out, the fact is that the Constitution — the document the high court is supposed to defend and interpret — is about protecting individuals from the government, not about protecting the government's interests.

We'll see what happens when the decision is announced this summer. I'm left concerned not only about the state of property rights in America, but at the state of the high court where, apparently, the simple words of the Constitution count for little.

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## LETTER

### Nightclub does not deserve special permit

The police have been called to Lucky's Nightclub in downtown Twin Falls 56 times since it opened less than a year ago. There have been numerous complaints about noise and trash and rowdiness. This is hardly the image downtowners

want to portray of the heart of our city.

It has become painfully obvious that a mistake was made in granting Lucky's a special-use permit for this type of establishment. But this is not the time for recriminations and "I told you so's" — it is time to correct our mistake and move on. The provisions of the special-

use permit have not been adhered to — it should be revoked.

Those interested in the direction of downtown Twin Falls should attend the meeting to address this matter at the City Council chambers Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. JACK GOODMAN Buhl

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### False alarm leads to school lockdown

**GOODING** — Teachers and staff at Gooding Middle School had a lockdown for about 45 minutes Friday after school for what turned out to be a false alarm. Principal Teresa Jones said.

Jones received a call from a parent whose children said they were being carried by a gun to the school. The school was locked down while police investigated.

The weapon turned out to be a pistol-shaped BB gun that two students took to shoot fish in a canal. The two students did not enter school grounds and broke no laws or school rules, Jones said.

The police made a perimeter around the school and let teachers leave a few at a time. "They took it very seriously," Jones said.

### Group plans potluck for troops' families

**JEROME** — The Magic Valley Military Support Group will hold a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E.

The table and drinks will be provided. Anyone with family or friends in the military or those who want to support them are welcome. For more information, call Sharron at 536-6159 or Sharron at 536-6111.

### Group will explain tax break for homeowners

**BOISE** — Homeowners who qualify have until April 15 to apply for up to \$1,200 in property tax reduction under Idaho's Circuit Breaker program. The benefits apply to property taxes on their primary residence, which must be in Idaho.

Eligible applicants must have no more than \$22,040 in income for 2004 after deducting non-reimbursed medical and other allowable expenses. They must also meet at least one of the following categories as of Jan. 1:

- Age 65 or older
- Widow or widower of any age
- Disabled (as recognized by the Social Security Administration, Veterans Affairs, Railroad Retirement Board or Federal Civil Service)
- Fatherless or motherless child under 18 years of age
- Former prisoner of war or hostage

Homeowners can get property tax reduction applications from the county assessor. Applications must be returned to the assessor by April 15. For more information, call the local county assessor's office at Idaho State Commission at (800) 334-7756.

### Power of wind will be discussed at meeting

**HAGERMAN** — A presentation on wind-generated electricity, "Wind Power — How Green is Green," will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the visitor center at the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument.

A representative from Bed Willow Research Inc. in Twin Falls will provide information about the growing industry of wind power. Admission is free. For more information, call 897-4793, ext. 5224.

### Twin Falls sixth-graders sample college at CSI

**TWIN FALLS** — Sixth-graders from Oregon Trail Elementary School will have a taste of college life today when they visit the College of Southern Idaho for the school district's second annual "Am Going to College" program.

During the next seven weeks, pupils from each elementary school in Twin Falls will tour the campus. Pupils will learn about student life and paying for college — eat lunch there, meet college students and see a show at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science, according to a news release.

Students will receive backpacks, shirts, school supplies and a \$50 scholarship to be used toward CSI classes.

—Compiled from staff reports

# House passes drug legislation

By Julia Pence  
Times-News writer



**BOISE** — Before long, you could be signing a register and showing an ID to buy certain cold and allergy medicines.

The House passed legislation Monday in a 36-32 vote to allow only pharmacies to sell tablets containing pure pseudoephedrine. Two Magic Valley lawmakers dissented: Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, and Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert. Lawmakers want to make it harder to get the drug, which is used to treat symptoms of allergies and colds, because it also is used to make the highly addictive street drug methamphetamine.

Rep. Rich Willis, R-Giennas Ferry, a retired Idaho State Police officer, said between 80 and 90 percent of meth in Idaho comes from out of state. And even though the number

of busts statewide of meth labs has dropped from more than 100 three years ago to 38 this past year, supporters of the legislation say making pseudoephedrine harder to come by is still the right thing to do.

The bill, which Willis co-sponsored, would keep most tablets containing pseudoephedrine behind a sales counter. But you would have to get the tablets that contain only the pure drug from a certified pharmacist and sign for it and show your ID before getting it.

Pseudoephedrine in a syrup or gel cap would not be regulated because in that form the drug is too difficult to extract, Willis said.

Bedke said he dissented because the tougher rules would hurt law-abiding citizens, not criminals. "There's no question that meth is a scourge," Bedke said. "But there's a disconnect here. It reminds me of the saying, 'Just do something, even if it's wrong.'"

The legislation targets legitimate consumers, pharmacies and retailers, and not the bad guys, Bedke said. In addition, detractors said the bill, with no centralized tracking system, has little accountability built into it.

Willis admitted the legislation, which has the support of state law enforcement groups, wouldn't cure the meth problem, but it would help.

Rep. Margaret Henbest, D-Boise, who is a nurse practitioner, compared pseudoephedrine to hard liquor. In Idaho, lawmakers require the public to purchase hard liquor from a separate store that is somewhat out of the way, thereby forcing drinkers to take an extra step to get their alcohol. It is just one more challenge for people who have trouble controlling their drinking, she said.

The bill is to be considered next in the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee, where lawmakers will compare it to a Senate bill. The Senate version would relocate all pseudoephedrine products behind a clerk's counter, without involving a pharmacist.

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## Mixed bag of witnesses testifies for defense

By Patti Murphy  
Times-News correspondent

**BOISE** — Monday's testimony in the Sarah Johnson murder trial was from a mixed bag of witnesses who spoke on such things as Sarah's sleeping medication, unknown DNA samples, a childhood friend who threatened Sarah with a gun, and loud cars driving through the neighborhood the morning Alan and Diane Johnson were shot to death.

Sarah, now 18, is accused of an earlier killing of her mother, Diane, in the dead while she slept and then turning the rifle on her father, Alan, killing him as he came out of the shower.

She was 16 years old at the time of the Sept. 2, 2003, murders. Prosecutors say she killed her parents because they disappointed her relationship with a 19-year-old man.

Two neighbors who lived near the Johnsons testified to hearing an unusually loud car driving through the streets the morning of the murders.

Amber Annett, who lives across the highway from the street on which the Johnsons lived and whose mother had worked with Diane Johnson, said she was scared by the strange vehicle.

"It's a quiet street, and I could hear it idling," she said, describing how the car sat parked between her and her neighbor's driveway for about 10 minutes before taking off. She said the car, which had a "fast and furious" engine, "drove through the neighborhood in a loop and then came back and sat idle near her house. She said it continued this pattern four or five times."

"I was scared lying in bed," she said, noting she first heard the car about 6:15 that morning, and the last time was between 6:15 and 6:30 a.m. "I heard it taking off to the left (toward Glen Aspen Drive)," she said, and then she saw the car on which the Johnsons had lived. Witnesses have testified that they heard gunshots coming from the Johnson house at about 6:05 a.m.

Under cross-examination by Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney Justin Whatcott, Annett said she had not reported the information about the car to police until October 2004.

"You learned a co-worker of your mother's was shot dead, but you didn't contact police for over a year?" Whatcott asked. Another neighbor, Ashley Kelbert, testified that she heard a loud car drive down her street right before sunrise the morning of the shootings.

"She's loud. It had a high RPM," she said. "It's a dead-end street and we normally don't hear cars go by that fast."

Kelbert, who lived above the car, told jurors that she saw the back end of the car but could not identify it. "It wasn't an SUV," she said.

In a move to explain why Sarah may have wanted to kill her parents by following the murders of her parents, the defense called a psychiatrist to testify about the effects of some of the medication that Sarah had been taking.

Dr. Leslie Lundt, who specializes in psychopharmacology, said Sarah was taking Zoloft for depression and Ambien to help her sleep. Neither of these drugs has been approved for use in adolescents, making it more difficult to predict how they would affect a 16-year-old.

Witnesses have testified that Sarah seemed most concerned with having her fingernails done and going to a volleyball game after her parents were murdered.

Lundt said that Sarah's desire to be with friends was not particularly inappropriate. "Neither of these drugs has been approved for use in adolescents, making it more difficult to predict how they would affect a 16-year-old."

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# MUSHER PRIDE



Wearing T-shirts proclaiming 'Musher Pride,' Camas County School elementary students scurry to class after an assembly Monday to celebrate the new elementary wing, gym and library.

## Camas students celebrate first day in new school

By Karh Kowalski  
Times-News writer

**FAIRFIELD** — While some Camas County students ate breakfast before class, others twined with colorful hula hoops on the glossy gymnasium floor.

The energy was high Monday morning at Camas County School, the first day of classes in the new elementary and middle school wing of the K-12 building.

Students were matching shirts for a "musher pride" assembly as part of the school's character education grant. The school's mascot is a sled dog.

The new school wing extends from the back of the high school that dates to 1928. "We're pretty happy to have the new building," Business Manager Wendy Stricker said.

The new wing replaces an elementary building whose oldest section was 92 years old and made of lava rock. That part had problems in the rafters and foundation that were estimated to cost more to

"I think it gives me a fresh start to finish the rest of the year."

— Sue Claborn, third-grade teacher

fix than it cost to build the \$3.5 million school.

"It was time for a new facility," Stricker said. Low interest rates and a slight increase in population — up to 174 students in all grades — also helped motivate the district to build.

Voters passed a 20-year bond issue in May 2003 to pay for the school.

Elementary teacher Zaria Nutsch, the best part is that the cafeteria is situated next to the

gym. "I'm on you're done eating lunch, you can just go right over there," Zaria said.

Third-grade teacher Sue Claborn said the new building will help her.

"I think it gives me a fresh start to finish the rest of the year," Claborn said.

The project included renovations to the high school wing and new desks and chairs for the lower grades.

The new building was scheduled to open in June, but with some help from the county, construction began early and the project went ahead of schedule, Superintendent Ed Marshall said.

Last week, students helped teachers move supplies to the new building.

The district will sell the old cafeteria and use the bricks part of the old elementary and middle school to use for summer and after-school programs. It could also be used by community groups and for extra space if the school grows, Marshall said.

"We need a backup place to put kids and teachers," Marshall said.

The district will keep its playground equipment until school ends, but it's already sold. A parent committee is raising money to match \$25,000 from the district for new play equipment. So far the committee has raised \$19,240, including \$11,700 with a silent auction, live auction and spaghetti feed on Feb. 26.

The committee also is selling engraved bricks to finance the playground equipment, fitness area and basketball court. Parents hope to see a new playground by August, said Shari Simon, the committee's secretary. Michelle Wolf, the committee's chairwoman, said she hopes the improved school and grounds will attract people to the area.

The district's next project is a bus barn.

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## Mini-Cassia nears selection of commerce authority

By Renee Wells  
For The Times-News

Weeks of preparation will soon culminate in the selection of a team to lead the Mini-Cassia Commerce Authority.

Under recent legislation allowing Idaho counties to set up intermodal commerce authorities, a group of about 10 Mini-Cassia businesses are in the final planning stages of creating an intermodal authority. Mini-Cassia is the first community to take advantage of last year's legislation.

The group met last week to finalize a proposed joint powers agreement to be presented to the commissioners of Cassia and Minidoka counties for their approval.

Upon approval of the plan, a board of commissioners will be appointed by officials of both counties to lead the entity, which would promote economic development.

If county officials approve the plan, a public hearing would be held at 8 p.m. March 29 in Burley's City Hall. Cassia County Prosecutor AJ

Barns cautioned the committee about the importance of educating the community about the group's purpose.

"We need to be certain everyone understands we are not replacing anyone's job with this organization," Barns said. "It is not another economic development commission, but a tool others can use to help promote economic development in the community."

Mini-Cassia Economic Development Director Bob Shepard said he was not at liberty to disclose projects in the

works, but he assured the committee that businesses are waiting for Mini-Cassia to complete the program plan so they can come.

The board asked Shepard to be prepared to give a presentation of how the intermodal authority will work, where its funding will come from and what benefits it will provide both to developers and the community.

Barns said the group has developed "a pretty good road map" that many other Idaho cities are watching.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

# Major shift may come in wildfire suppression policy

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — A major shift in the century-old policy for suppressing the wild-fire danger in southern California's national forests could be coming this summer.

Unchecked growth has left the regions' woodlands dangerously overgrown and the new plan will be part legacy of 2003's deadly firestorms, part science and part popular opinion.

U.S. Forest Service planners have worked three years on the new management guidelines and they are now poring over nearly 11,000 separate concerns contained in more than 3,000 letters and e-mails sent in response to an initial draft released last year.

Plans for the San Bernardino, Cleveland, Los Padres and Angeles national forests should be complete this summer, project leader Ron Pugh said.

It will be an aggressive strategy of thinning forests and controlled burns to restore the forest to a more natural state.

Tightening restrictions on recreation and expansion of wilderness areas are also possible, Pugh said.

"The plan reflects a shift in the agency's philosophy," Pugh told The Press-Enterprise.

"We spent the last 100 years or so suppressing fires. We need to look differently at the role of fire in the forest, and that's a tricky one because we have so many people living out there now."

From Idyllwild to Lake Arrowhead, more than 100,000 people live in the San Bernardino National Forest, and those numbers can triple on holidays and weekends.

Also in the mix: The forests are home to 60 threatened and endangered species and 168 animal and plant species that are considered sensitive.

"We've heard from people, a lot of people — from people who think they ought to be able to drive their motorcycle wherever they want, to those who feel you shouldn't be allowed to wear shoes in the forest," Pugh said.

Drought conditions for six years, exposed fires in forest management that included suppressing wildfire, even when ignited naturally by lightning strikes deep in feder-

ate forests.

Fire-killing bark beetles then shined in, killing thousands of trees.

"No one ever envisioned what would happen with the drought and the beetles," said Bernie Weingardt, deputy forester for the U.S. Forest Service. "It just got kind of out of whack when it wasn't doing what nature was used to doing."

Eighteen months ago, wildfires tore across about three-quarters of a million acres, leading fire officials, politicians and forest residents to call for federal policy changes.

"The fires and the bark beetle crisis brought it home for everybody," said Laura Dyberg, president of the Mountain Run Fire Safe Coalition. "We've felt and experienced the downside of an unhealthy forest and now everybody is looking at the forest differently."

"I look at the trees and I see fuel for fire," Pugh said. Forest managers and firefighters said thinning and controlled burning were now necessary.

# DEATH NOTICES

## Luis Jauregui

MEMPHIS — Luis Jauregui, 88, of Meridian, formerly of Shoshone, died Monday, March 7, 2005, at a local care center.

Arrangements will be made by Accent Funeral Home in Meridian, 888-9383.

## Gilbert Charles Ivia

SHOSHONE — Gilbert Charles Ivia, age 91, of Shoshone, died Monday, March 7, 2005, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements will be made by Demary's Shoshone Funeral Chapel.

## Pauline Molynax

IDAHO FALLS — Pauline Sanchez Molynax, 80, of Idaho Falls, formerly of Twin Falls, died March 5, 2005, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls of natural causes.

A funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 2005, at the Idaho Falls First Baptist Church, 665 John Adams Parkway, with Pastor Melinda White officiating. The family will visit with friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Wood Funeral Home, 273 N. Ridge, and Thursday for one hour before the service at the church.

Burial will be in Fielding Memorial Park under the direction of Wood Funeral Home, P.O. Box 31454, Idaho Falls, ID 83401. Phone: (208) 522-2751. Fax: 522-5413.

## Roy E. Babbal

TWIN FALLS — Roy E. Babbal, 91, of Twin Falls, died Monday, March 7, 2005, at Bridgeview Estates.

A funeral will be held at noon, Thursday, March 10, 2005, at the 6th Ward LDS Chapel, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls. Burial will follow the service at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2005, with family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E., and one hour before the service at the church.

## Phil N. Ordaz

TWIN FALLS — Phil N. Ordaz, 91, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, March 6, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A funeral mass will be cele-

brated at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 2005, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church with Father John Koelsch as celebrant. A rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church. Friends may call from 5 p.m. until the time of rosary on Wednesday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls. Military honors will be by area veterans and auxiliary.

A full obituary will appear in a later edition.

## Margaret Crowell

JEROME — Margaret Crowell, 89, of Jerome, died Monday, March 7, 2005, at her home in Jerome.

A graveside service will be

conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at the Jerome Cemetery.

Services were under the direction of the Hope-Jerome Funeral Chapel in Jerome. No viewing is planned.

## Adelle Brim

TWIN FALLS — Adelle Brim, 81, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, March 6, 2005, at Sun-Bridge Care & Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

## Mary I. Buhl

BUHL — Mary I. Gallo, age 80, of Buhl, died Sunday, March 6, 2005, at The Hospice Visions House in Jerome.

Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary. A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.

# SERVICES

Charles E. Harris of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E.

Harriet Pixton Medham of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Charles "Sonny" A. Lee Sr. of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at St. Charles Cemetery (White Mortuary).

Pastor Robert G. "Bob" Daniel of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Robert W. Park of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and from 1 to 1:45 Wednesday at the mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

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).

Betty Jean Reinke 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 5 to 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Lucinda "Cindy" Dale Brown of Shoshone, viewing from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Demary's Funeral Chapel, 404 W. B. St. in Shoshone. Funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the LDS church in Shoshone. Burial will be held immediately following the service at the Shoshone Cemetery with dinner for friends and family following at the LDS church.

James Edward McCue of Jerome, funeral at 10 a.m. Thursday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Pilar A. Harris of Halley, Mass. of Christian burial at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Halley (Wood River Chapel).

Winifred Ellen Stombaugh of Boise and formerly of Buhl, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Summers Funeral Chapel, Eagle and Ustick in Meridian.

# 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@magicvalley.com](mailto:obits@magicvalley.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.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com) and click on "Obituaries."

## Ann E. Taylor



She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne and her parents.

A funeral will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 2005, at First Christian Church, 1110 Eighth St. in Rupert, with Pastor John Marshall, officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church.

The family would like to thank everyone at Park View Care and Highland Estates for the love and care they gave her. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Idaho Youth Ranch Campus, 1275 N. 400 E., Rupert, ID 83350.

RUPERT — Ann E. Taylor, 86, of Rupert, passed away March 4, 2005, at the Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

Ann was born Feb. 16, 1919, in Williamstown, Ky., to Luther Manley and Beatrice M. Bennett Phillips. She moved to Buhl, Idaho, at the age of 19 and later in Burley. On March 31, 1939, she married Wayne C. Taylor in Idaho Falls, Idaho. They lived all their married life in Rupert.

She was a member of the First Baptist Christian Church and worked as the secretary for several years. She loved playing bridge, traveling and being with her family.

Ann is survived by one son, Mitchell Taylor of Boise; one daughter, Leslie Ann Taylor of Norwalk, Calif.; one granddaughter, Lynn Tay-

lor of Norwalk, Calif.; three brothers, Gaylord (Olive) Phillips of Heyburn, Bill (Tollie) Phillips of St. George, Utah, and Lawrence (Clerk) Phillips of Abbotsville. Also one sister, Uthal Montgomery of Burley; three nephews and one niece.

## Betty Jean Reinke



(Brooke) Reinke of Idaho Falls daughters, Betty (Jerry) Alm of Grangeville, Idaho, and Florence (Paul) Johnson of Georgetown, Calif. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Lester, her parents; brothers, Bud Hafer and Baby Jacker; and her sister, Virginia Thiermer died earlier.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 10th, at Peace Lutheran Church, 2466 Addison Ave. in Filer, Idaho, with Pastor Gary Benedix officiating.

Burial will follow at the Clover Cemetery in Clover, Idaho. Friends may call from 3 until 8 p.m. on Wednesday with family to greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Good Shepherd Auxiliary. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

TWIN FALLS — Betty Jean Reinke, aged 83 years, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 4, 2005, at Eastern Idaho Medical Center in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

She was born on Sept. 3rd, 1921, in Wichita, Kan., and was the oldest child of nine, of William Scott (Dad) and Irene Hafer. She attended elementary school in Wichita, until the fourth grade. In her year of 1930 the family moved to Wendell, Idaho; Betty graduated in 1939 from high school in Twin Falls.

Betty married Lester L. Reinke on Jan. 16, 1944, at Twin Falls. Les and Betty began their married life on the family farm at Clover, Idaho. Their marriage was blessed with six children: Betty, Cliff Fred, Brent, Jay, Florence and Mark.

Betty was active in the various Lutheran Churches she and Les and family attended, at Clover, Twin Falls, Nampa, Pocatello, Buhl and Filer. She especially enjoyed the Good Shepherd Auxiliary, a group who serves people with disabilities. At present she is a

member of Peace Lutheran, Filer, Idaho. Mr. Reinke died in 2000. Most recently she had been residing with son, Mark, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Betty is survived by brothers, Jerry and Ted Hafer of Twin Falls; sisters, Jane Berdine of Twin Falls, Marjorie Jensen of Buhl and Mary Cooper of Salt Lake City; Betty is also survived by sons, Cliff Fred Reinke of Pocatello, Brent (Carla) Reinke of Filer, Jay (Andrea) Reinke of Williston, N.D., and Mark

## Richard Joe 'Dick' Marlow



horse and his mares were unbeatable at the races. His 46th generation of good horse breeding is standing in the fields and the 47th generation is on the way. Those of you who were employed having a drink with him were sure to be "told something." Those who did business with Dick knew him to be an astute businessman.

He is no longer frustrated, but is now at peace. Happy "Thud" Dad!

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at the Wendell Methodist Church with the Rev. Mike Hollomon officiating. Burial will be at the Wendell Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wendell Methodist Church.

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

Dick was born on April 3, 1926, in Boone County, Iowa, the son of Homer and Louisa Marlow. Dick 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, Paul; Marlow of Wendell; daughter, Legett Marlow; two grandchildren, Kristin (Carla) Rankin and Jason Rankin; two great-grandchildren, Jayce Rankin and Violet Rankin all of Seattle, Wash.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Russ and Bud; and sister, Dorothy. There's a lot that can be said

# Idaho airman faces charges in wife's death

MOUNTAIN HOME (AP) — Mountain Home police have charged an active-duty airman with second-degree murder in the death of his now-dead wife.

Police say Jon Valen is suspected of stabbing his wife to death and trying to burn her body.

Police responded to a house fire just before 9 a.m. Saturday, where they found the body of 37-year-old Jodi Valen.

Authorities say an autopsy report confirmed she died from multiple stab wounds.

Police Chief Tom Berry said Jon Valen, 34, stabbed his wife to death and set her on fire. Valen was taken into custody shortly after officers responded to the fire. He was at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise being treated for smoke inhalation on Monday.

Valen also faces charges of first-degree arson and two counts of animal cruelty. Police say they found two dogs inside the couple's home that had died from multiple stab wounds.

Valen has been stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base since 2002, and was a weapons loader with the 366th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, base officials say.

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# Overflow strains limits at some county jails

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - As the state's prisons become overcrowded, officials are forced to house more prison inmates in county jails.

Though the shift represents a budget boost for some counties, not all of them are happy with the prospect. County Sheriff Rocky Watson said his jail hardly has room for its own inmates. Besides, he said, the state reimbursement rate of \$40 per inmate does not come close to covering the average \$62 per day cost of the jail.

### New prisoners are staying longer in county jails before being transported to the state penitentiary.

"We get stuck with the backlog," Watson said. "It's something I never calculated when we were anticipating how quickly the jail is going to fill up."

ment of Correction budgeted to house 240 prisoners per day in county jails. But in recent weeks, the number has climbed to nearly 400, officials said.

Teresa Jones, a spokeswoman for the Department of Correction, said there are about 6,000 beds in the prison system. The state's building a women's housing unit for 134 inmates and has plans to build another temporary facility to hold 100, but the prison population is outpacing the state's ability to hold them. "They sent some people out of state and opened up a new

women's area in Boise, and now they're right back where they were," said Bill Lynn, director of the Idaho Sheriff's Association. "Every week, it goes up a little. Really, they're in quicksand."

New prisoners are staying longer in county jails before being transported to the state penitentiary. Kootenai County Sheriff's Capt. Ben Wollinger said he'd rather have inmates sent to the prison the day after they are sentenced. That leaves more room available for the county's inmates. Shoshone County officials

take a different view. State inmates are a growth business for the small county, which could not afford to keep its jail open without them.

The more state prisoners the 64-bed jail has, the less it costs the county to run the jail, said L.L. Rick Smith, Shoshone County jail administrator. But for one day last week, the jail held just 16 inmates.

"I would prefer to have 30 state inmates. I'd prefer to have them here than have them go out of state. You'd think that would cost them a lot more," he said.

# Brain-dead inmate dies in California

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) - An inmate whose shooting by a prison guard left him brain-dead has died, about three weeks after being freed from formal custody in a bizarre case in which the state had to spend more than \$1,000 a day to guard him around the clock.

Daniel David Provencio, 28, died Friday at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield of complications from the shooting, his family said.

Provencio was shot in the head with a supposedly non-lethal foam projectile at Wasco State Prison on Jan. 16. He was declared brain-dead four days later, but his family kept him on a ventilator.

The state Board of Prison Terms spent \$1,056 a day to guard Provencio in the hospital before discharging him from parole on Feb. 14. After the discharge, he remained hooked to a ventilator and intravenous tubes, but was no longer shackled to the bed or guarded 24 hours a day.

# Authorities: Rail tanker that leaked chemicals was not built for contents

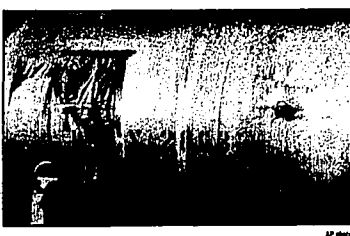
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A rail-road tanker that leaked hazardous chemicals and temporarily forced thousands of people from their homes was built to transport a different kind of acid that it was not designed to carry, authorities said Monday.

Sunday's spill caused a cloud of orange fumes above a several-block area of South Salt Lake, forced the evacuation of 6,000 people and shut down several roads and highways in the area, including a stretch of Interstate 15. There were no injuries and by mid-morning following evacuations were allowed home and the roads were reopened.

"The railcars are used for the transportation of sulfuric acid. That's what they're designed for," said Louie Connelos, a spokesman for Kennecott Utah Copper, a Magna-based company that leased the tanker to Houston-based Phillips Petroleum. The tanker was carrying a hazardous waste materials hauler.

"For whatever reason, they were shipping something that was not sulfuric acid," Connelos said. Phillips Services officials said Monday the load complied with "federal Department of Transportation guidelines on the shipment of hazardous materials."

"This material was definitely combustible," said spokesman Paul Schultz, adding that he had not seen a copy of the contract between his company and Kennecott.



The steel container of an empty rail tanker is breached and blistered after being pumped free of toxic waste Monday in Salt Lake City. Some 6,000 people were evacuated and Interstate 15 was closed when the tanker started leaking Sunday.

"We deal with these things through a transportation broker," Schultz said, though he could not name the broker. "We have a full regulatory and legal staff that is dealing with various aspects of this."

Schultz said the container was filled with the mix of acids "close to three weeks prior" to the leak, and said the company was conducting its own investigation.

The railcar was to be taken directly from PSC to Ohio via transport by Union Pacific railroad. It appears the railcar was routed, in error, by the transporter for three days to Kennecott in Salt Lake City, the company said in a prepared statement.

That transport was done without PSC's knowledge or permission, the statement added.

Samples taken at the site by hazmat crews on Sunday showed the contents included acetic acid, hydrofluoric acid, phosphoric acid and sulfuric acid. The materials in the tanker were not contained and easily corroded the tanker's lining.

"That combination attacked the integrity of the railcar," Connelos said.

Phillips Services also leased two other tankers from Kennecott. Both were traced to a rail yard in Ohio, where local authorities have embargoed them at Kennecott's request.

# Gooding police plan bike-a-thon fund-raiser

GOODING - The city police department is hosting a bike-a-thon to raise money for St. Jude's Hospital Children's Research Center. The event will be held April 30. Officer Trent Lykins said the department hopes to raise \$10,000 for cancer treatment worldwide.

"It's a high goal, but it's worth it," Lykins said.

Lykins said St. Jude's treats people with cancer of all ages regardless of their ability to pay.

The registration fee is \$25. For more information, call Lykins at 934-8436 or e-mail him at tykins@goodingidaho.org.

# Additional regional jets help Casper passenger numbers

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) - Natrona County International Airport has more than doubled the number of passengers it serves from Campbell, Fremont, Johnson and Sheridan counties, according to an unscientific survey.

Airport officials attributed the surge to Northwest Airlines' decision last October to serve Casper with regional jets to Minneapolis-St. Paul.

"I knew we would be up, but I was shocked it was that much," airport manager Dan Mann said Monday.

Airport employees check vehicles in the parking lot every night to make sure patrons don't leave without paying their parking fees. By checking the license plates, the airport also gets a rough estimate of where their passengers are coming from.

Overall, passenger boardings in Casper in January and February were up 37 percent over the same months last year.

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# Nampa police veteran heads effort to create memorial for slain officer

NAMPA - A Nampa police veteran is spearheading efforts to create a memorial in honor of an officer shot and killed in the line of duty more than 70 years ago.

L.L. Rick Wiley wants a memorial to honor Hugh Nichols, an officer killed on duty. Nichols was shot when he surprised a robber inside an automobile repair garage in October 1931. He was killed while trying to disarm a "hit" wound to the forehead.

"He's kind of a forgotten guy because it happened so long ago," said Wiley. Nampa's longest tenured officer, Nichols has been honored at the Idaho Peace Officers Memorial in Meridian, and a tree, with a plaque, has been placed in a Nampa park.

"An officer that gives his life for any agency deserves something more than that," Wiley said.

He said the idea to honor Nichols was approved about three years before Cpl. Allen Williamson was shot in the chest on Feb. 9. The incident happened after a routine traffic stop turned into a chase. Wiley said he is still planning the project. A fund has been set up at Home Federal bank to assist in the memorial's construction.

# Johnson

Much of her testimony about Amblien revolved around the memory disturbances that can be created by the powerful sleeping aid.

"After taking Amblien, some people can completely forget what they've done," Lutz said. "I tell my patients to brush their teeth and put their jammies on first and then take the Amblien and go to bed," she said. "Other people forget what they're doing during the 15 minutes after taking the pill."

Whitcott asked if Sarah had ever indicated she took Amblien before the murders, and Lutz said she had.

The defense is expected to rest today.

## Idaho in brief

### Health officials say flu season isn't over yet

CALDWELL - Health officials say the flu season is not yet over, and are encouraging people to get vaccinated.

Lynette Brunner of the Centers for Disease Control and Preventive Health Branch said it's too early to tell whether this season will be as severe as last year.

In Idaho, the number of flu cases has increased since mid-December, said Jacque Walker, preventative health manager for Southwest District Health in Caldwell. Nationally, flu cases started increasing at the end of December.

With the flu season not over, Walker said anyone who has yet been vaccinated should consider getting a flu shot and not just those in a high-risk category.

As of the latest data released Feb. 19, all 50 states have had at least one confirmed flu case and 33 states claim widespread flu activity.

While the flu season peaks in February, the CDC said it could peak within the next two weeks.

Each year in the United States, about 38,000 people die of the flu and 200,000 are hospitalized.

## Commander honors 25 soldiers from 116th

POST FALLS (AP) - More than 25 soldiers from the 116th Engineer Battalion were honored by the commander of the Idaho National Guard for their commitment and service.

On Sunday, 27 soldiers of the 116th were honored for spending about a year in southern Idaho at the Mountain Home Air Force Base, working with security forces and helping soldiers through deployment and for touring in Iraq.

The afternoon celebration was addressed by Maj. Gen. Larry Lafrenz, commander of the Idaho National Guard, who commended the soldiers for their dedication.

"This is a tremendous group of people in the room and you guys need to know how special you guys are."

Each received an American flag in a wooden case, specialized coins and money certificates.

"As your commander general I need you, the state needs you and your country needs you. America needs your help," he said.

Post Falls Mayor Clay Larkin said the city is planning a welcome-home celebration for those still in Iraq.

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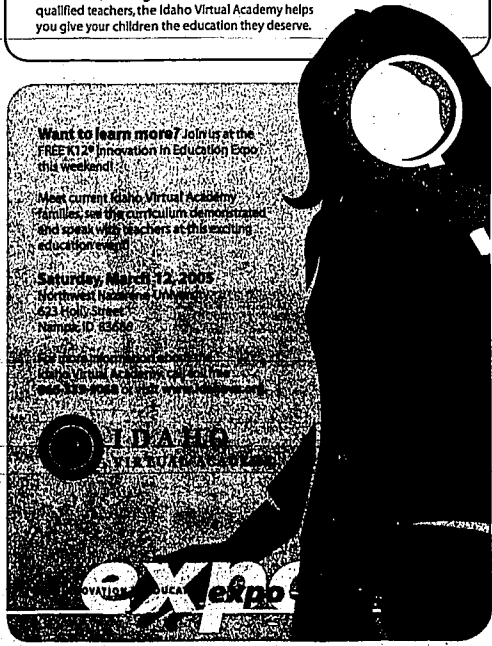
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# LDS splinter group names new leader

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — The Community of Christ on Monday named Stephen M. Veazey to lead its 250,000 members.

A group called the Council of the Twelve chose Veazey, 47, to serve as the church's president — who also carries the position of prophet. Veazey, president of the Council of the Twelve, replaces former president W. Grant McMurray, who resigned in December, citing health, family and undisclosed personal reasons.

McMurray did not name a successor, marking the first time the succession decision had been left to the leadership of the denomination — which is the oldest history with the Mormon church.

Veazey's appointment still must be approved by church delegates at a special meeting in June.

"I am deeply humbled by that which is unfolding in my life and ministry at this time," Veazey said during a service in the church's temple in Independence where the announcement of the new president was made in three languages: English, Spanish and French. "Those who know me best know that I will never aspire to a position such as this one."

James Slaughter, secretary of the



Stephen M. Veazey, center, Community of Christ president-designate, talks with members of the congregation after the announcement naming him as the new president-designate of the church on Monday.

Council of Twelve, said, "As Brother Veazey's friends and colleagues, we affirm his gifts of visionary leadership, prophetic insight, humility, integrity, compassion, missionary passion and commitment to Jesus Christ. These spiritual gifts are accompanied by the wisdom he has gained through many years of experience serving and witnessing in many nations."

Veazey, director of field ministries, a position which required him to travel around the world and work with established and developing congregations, was appointed president as the church's over-

seas membership is growing. Its membership in the United States and Canada, however, remains stagnant.

"I do think it important for a leader of the church to have a heart for the church throughout the whole world and have had experience in those places so you can understand better how the ministries of the church are expressed in various cultures," Veazey said.

Generally, church leaders have been successors of Joseph Smith Jr. and have served until their deaths. Veazey would be only the second person who is not a descendant of Smith to hold the position.

Community of Christ followers, like the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, trace their history to Smith, who believed he was chosen to restore the true church of Jesus Christ. The movement fragmented after Smith's death in 1844. The group that followed his son, Joseph Smith III, became known in 1860 as the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. In 2001, the church changed its name to the Community of Christ.

McMurray, who had served since 1996, was the first church leader not descended from Joseph Smith Jr.

Wallace B. Smith, the father of McMurray's predecessor, was the first church leader to serve until his death, choosing instead to retire and name his son, Wallace B. Smith, as his successor. Wallace B. Smith is still living, but he has told church leaders he does not want to return as first president.

## Author moves to Alaska, to write and to mush

ANCHORAGE Alaska (AP) — Writer Gary Paulsen left the Midwest many scene years ago for a less glamorous life. He found it in Willow, Alaska, a mile from the Iditarod Trail.

Paulsen, 63, recently moved to Alaska to bring his two passions together — writing and dog mushing. He plans to write during the summer and mush in the winter. His wife, Ruth, works at that time in Santa Fe, N.M.

"Where else could I go to do what I want to do, run dogs and live in the bush?" Paulsen said. "With dogs you are never alone." Paulsen's fans undoubtedly will find him, however. He's one of America's most popular writers for young people, with more than 175 books and 200 articles written.

Paulsen credits the experience of running in the 1,100-mile-long Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in 1983 and 1985 for his receiving three consecutive Newbery Honor Books awards for "Hatchet," "Dogging" and "The Winter Room."

"I don't think it would have happened without the race," he said.

Paulsen had hoped to run the Iditarod — which started Saturday — this year but he withdrew because his team wasn't prepared. Hill race next year, he said.

He moved to Willow last fall buying a log cabin from musher Vern Halter. Next to the house are more than two dozen yapping, howling sled dogs, bought for between \$700 and \$1,200 apiece. He has a 28-foot sailboat for \$65,000 to buy dogs, sleds and equipment.

Paulsen knows what he's getting into. He finished the Iditarod and scratched in 1985. He wrote about his first Iditarod in "Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod," which contains a hilarious account of hooking up the team to an old bicycle and crashing through the woods.

Paulsen's life wasn't always so funny.

"My folks were drunks," he said, bluntly. "They were drunks, both of them in the Philippines, and I became a street kid."

When his father retired from the military in 1949 or 1950, the family moved to Thier River Falls, Minn., where Paulsen said his parents continued to drink heavily.

"I was 10, 11 and I fostered my team to the woods. I hunted, trapped and fished, and skipped school," he said.

At age 17, Paulsen joined the Iditarod and forged his father's signature on enlistment papers. He didn't much like military life, though, so after getting out he went to work in the aerospace industry in California. One night, while staring at a tracking console at the Goldstone Deep Space Tracking Center, it hit him. He had to be a writer.

"I had never thought of writing," he said. "I was sitting there looking at the console — and I knew I had to be a writer. I knew I was out that night."

He packed up his VW Bug and drove to Hollywood, where he exchanged his \$500 a week job in the aerospace industry for a magazine proofreading job that paid \$300 a month. He got work writing movie dialogue.

"I met the right people. I was going to the right parties,"

Paulsen said.

But he knew the scene was wrong for him, so he headed for northern Minnesota, where he rented a cabin on a lake for \$25 a month. By spring, he'd come up with his first book.

It sold about 12 copies," he said.

In the mid-1960s, Paulsen moved to Inos, N.M., where he met his wife, Ruth. They married in 1968. His plan was to produce two books a year.

"How hard could it be?" he told himself. But he hadn't counted on his own alcoholism. He didn't sell another book for seven years.

He quit drinking in 1973. "I sobered up and I had to learn to write again," he said.

Paulsen accepted all kinds of jobs. He wrote advertising copy, screenplays, mysteries, westerns, adventure stories and political speeches. But he found his groove in kids books.

He signed a 20-book deal and wrote four, two of which were best sellers. But the deal fell apart. Everything in the house, the land, two cars and a boat got repossessed, and Paulsen got sued.

"I told Ruth we got to go north. I've got to get into the woods," he said.

They headed again to northern Minnesota, with \$900. Paulsen put \$200 of that down on some land. The rest came with a metal lean-to with a barrel stove inside where the family lived. He set up a 30-mile trap line, later to grow to 210 miles, and made his own snowshoes. Someone loaned him a muzzleloader for hunting. But he found out that it was illegal to use a snowmobile on four-wheeler to check his trap line. Even his dogs were OK.

By 1989, he had about 65 dogs, when he was diagnosed with heart disease. He quit dogs and sailed to South Pacific. But in January 2003, with his heart trouble over, he got a call. A children's hospital in Spokane, Wash., asked Paulsen if he would do a benefit. His job was to help the kids into dog sleds for a ride and to autograph books.

After the event ended and just about everyone had gone home, a guy with Alaskan huskies asked Paulsen if he wanted to take the dogs for a run. Paulsen said he wasn't 200 yards down the trail when he knew his life was about to take a turn again, this time back to Alaska.

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**NOTE:** We usually have a yard full, with a great variety of everything. This is only a sparse list of the many assorted items that will be at this auction.

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# Happy Birthday to Barbie

This day in history: Happy birthday, Barbie. The impossibly proportioned doll made her appearance on March 8, 1959. With plastic you don't need public surgery, so the 46-year-old is still looking like a teen.



**RANDOM KINDS OF FACINNES**  
Jack Mingo  
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Ancient Egyptians first tried to train hyenas to chase rats and mice from their grain, but that didn't work out very well. Luckily, they discovered that cats did a better job of it and didn't viciously attack the hired help.

The first White House wedding featured Present James Monroe's daughter, Maria Hester, in 1820.

Ever wonder how big a cubit wick is used by the Hebrews in biblical stories? It became standardized at about 21 inches but originally was not so exact; a cubit was defined as the distance from a person's elbow to their fingertips.

Hans Christian Andersen was afraid of being buried alive, so he left notes around his bed saying that he "only seemed dead."

Only about one giraffe in four makes it to adulthood. Big cats find them tasty, and their mothers aren't great at defense.

If you're looking for the proverbial No. 2 pencil in England, you might not be able to find one. They use a different grading system there. Look for a pencil marked HB (hard black).

We don't mean to speak facetiously, but facetiously is one of the few words with all of the vowels in alphabetical order. Even part-time vowel V.

Herbalists can take comfort in this fact: Of the prescriptions written each year by U.S. doctors, a quarter are for drugs that started as plant extracts.

# Colon cancer test can prevent disease

**DEAR ABBY:** Imagine if, by applying what we already know, we could save the majority of lives that are lost to the third-leading cause of cancer in men and women. That's no pie-in-the-sky dream. I'm talking about colon cancer. Regular testing can help prevent this disease or detect it at its earliest, most treatable stage.

This year, colon cancer will claim the lives of more than 56,000 Americans. That's more than 150 deaths a day, many of them preventable.

The tests allow doctors to remove polyps before they can become cancerous, and prevent colon cancer from happening. These same tests can also detect early signs of the disease as effectively as mammography detects breast cancer. So why aren't Americans over the age of 50 getting tested?

Many people simply do not realize they're at risk beginning at age 50. Some people think they don't need to be tested because they have no family history of the disease or symp-



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeannie Phillips

oms. The truth is, symptoms often don't appear until colon cancer has progressed, and no matter what a person's family history or how someone feels, if you're 50 or older you're at risk for colon cancer.

There is also the perception that the test will be embarrassing or painful. While some of the tests may be uncomfortable, colon cancer is far worse.

If you're 50 or older, now is the time to get tested for colon cancer. People with a family history of the disease or other risk factors should discuss with their doctors getting tested even earlier.

Abby March marks the sixth annual National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. It's a perfect time to start raising this

important subject and making sure that Americans get the test that could save their lives. Do it NOW. Don't put it off. It's one of the few cancer tests that can actually prevent the disease.

—STEPHEN B. SENTER, M.D., PRESIDENT, AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

**DEAR DR. SENTER:** I am pleased to help publicize this important message. Readers, if there is a history of colon cancer in your family, please discuss it with your doctors, regardless of your age. If you're lucky and there isn't one, but you're 50 or nearly there, recognize that adulthood brings with it certain responsibilities. So don't be childish, don't be embarrassed and don't be afraid. The exam isn't painful. The biggest "inconvenience" is the preparation for it. Consider it an invitation into a special club — the long-life club.

The American Cancer Society offers a free information kit to help you discuss colon cancer testing with your physician. To get one, call toll-free: (800) 227-

2345 and stop colon cancer before it starts.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 28-year-old, American-born Asian woman, whose tradition-bound, first-generation mother insists that I, or another person in our family, share a portion of our meal with her even though she has already eaten and we have not. This is acceptable behavior in her home, but it is inappropriate for her to continue this behavior in public!

For example, my mother, my aunt, my cousin's three children and husband and I went out to dinner at a steakhouse, and my mother insisted that I slice a

portion of my steak and share it with my cousin, who had already started to eat her entrance of pasta. Not wanting to create a scene, I obliged. Mother becomes angry with me when I try to explain that this is not proper etiquette. She calls me selfish for not wanting to share. What do you suggest I do?

—FRUSTRATED  
**DAUGHTER IN CALIFORNIA**  
**DEAR FRUSTRATED:** You will spare yourself a lot of heartburn if you realize that you cannot change your mother. So, when you are at a restaurant with her, order a larger portion than you normally would, beat her to the punch and offer to share.

## PEZ collectors meet at convention

**DE PERE, Wis. (AP)** — For most people, PEZ is just a candy, but Barry Umbs calls his addiction to collecting PEZ dispensers "a bit of an illness."

Umbs, an engineering manager for Rockwell Automation in Milwaukee, joined some 60 other "PEZheads" at a convention in De Pere on Saturday.

The man has been a feverish PEZ dispenser collector for the past 15 years and seeks not only each kind of dispenser, such as ones featuring Bugs Bunny, but the same kind from different countries, with different patent numbers and packaging.

"It's conceivable I could have nine of this same kind, but each one, has something different," he said. "It's the thrill of the hunt that gets me."

The event, the second held by the Bryan and Tammy Lewis of De Pere, offered PEZheads the chance to buy, sell and swap their dispensers, show off their

collections, and share PEZ news. They held it in the pool room of their apartment complex.

The candy dates back to 1927 in Austria, where candy maker Edward Haas made tiny mint

blocks for adults as an alternative to smoking. In 1952, PEZ came to the United States, where the makers put cartoon heads on the dispensers to sell them to children.

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MORNING BREAK

# Book lists baby names that should be dropped

By Andy Rathbun  
Special to Newsday

The newly released "What Not to Name Your Baby" (Simon Spotlight Entertainment, \$7.95) upsets this reporter.

My first name, Andy, is in it, and according to author Joe Borgenicht, it signifies that I'm an "uncoordinated... boy with a taste for doughnuts."

When I point out that I'm quite steady on my feet and prefer stripes, Borgenicht offers his apologies, explaining that some common first names, including his own, have a downside. (As he writes in the book, "Joe is American for coffee.")

With some names, he says, "There's not a whole lot of a chance for individuality." At the same time, individuality can have its problems.

Borgenicht found some particularly odd names for the book, some of which he says are registered with the Social Security Administration.

Here are 10 of our favorites.

along with his reasons to avoid them.

**For girls:**

**Chinchilla Zest:** "It sounds like some new soap product."  
**Fantasia:** "This should only be used as a stage name for exotic dancers. Period."

**Nebula:** "A big gassy area in the sky. Probably best avoided."  
**Rayna:** "The snail that falls in Spain, but mostly on the plains."

**Sunshine:** "A child with this name may not cause cancer but will definitely be irritating."

**For boys:**

**Acheron:** "One of the five rivers of hell. Come on, please."  
**Braun:** "A supplier of travel accessories best known for its razors and nose-hair trimmers."

**Gatez:** "No amount of money will make this boy attractive to women."  
**Lucky:** "Name will be an ironic reminder of all his failures."

**Red:** "A goddess communist who hates everything you stand for as an American."

# Be careful not to betray confidences, Gemini

IF MARCH 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Don't worry that recent good fortune and supportive friends will abandon you, as you are on a lucky streak and recent gains are most likely to be permanent. You may expect more of the same in August when Lady Luck smiles in your direction and all your most important prayers are answered. You may not get what you want but you will surely get what you need in the coming 12 months and you'll be able to time to enjoy the fruits of your labors.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Projects that have been full of snags and tense relationship situations can put a damper on your enthusiasm. The best thing to do is to follow through on obligations and avoid confrontations.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Going around in mental circles will only land you back at the starting point. Sometimes the best solution for a problem is to put it on the back burner for a few days and think about it later.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** The stars are heading for a brief downturn. Probing for information could cause tension with

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Jeraldine Saunders

others. Try to keep things on a need-to-know basis and be careful not to betray confidences.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Deep inner reflection is in the air. Don't let criticism and personal aloneness get under your skin or let others undermine your confidence. Be wise and keep your own counsel.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Enthusiasm is fading and it's time to get down to brass tacks. The what's-in-it-for-me attitude will prevail... so be prepared with facts and figures to back up claims. Don't start new projects.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Old friends and past obligations take center stage, so you may be called upon to deal with long-forgotten situations. Try not to start anything new or take on additional duties under these stars.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your actions could be held up for scrutiny, so mind those p's and q's for a day or two. The

boss might be picky. If you have your own business it is best to avoid new deals right now.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** The best time to gamble with cash or romance is past so knock down and earn the respect of others by being as concise as possible. Stick with traditional methods for the best success.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Shifting celestial conditions require caution for a day or two. Don't take others for granted or press your luck. Others will expect you to follow through on promises to the letter.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** The champion of conventional methods will win respect, so do your duty and stick to agreements. Form strategies to attain your ambitions... but wait for a more opportune time to implement them.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Tighten your belt and adjust spending for the time being. A brief downturn in the stars means you are better off delaying important business deals or agreements.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Maintain the status quo and keep your nose to the grindstone. Even the best planned eventually become things off on major initiatives of important projects.

# Florists complain about Louisiana licensing rules

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — In Louisiana, not just anyone can sell a bunch of pretty flowers. You have to have a license.

U.S. District Judge Frank Polozola ruled Wednesday that the state can keep its unique law requiring florists to pass a test and get a license to work on their own.

Would-be florists had argued that the law unconstitutionally bars them from entering the occupation of their choice.

About half of all applicants fail the test, which includes a written exam and one in which they must create four floral arrangements in as many hours.

Unlicensed "floral clerks" can only work in a shop

## Ordinance bans smelly people from library

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (AP) — A new county law aims to keep readers from reading.

Libraries in San Luis Obispo County have had their own rules banning offensive body odor since 1994, but the policy became law after the Board of Supervisors last month adopted an ordinance that lets authorities kick out malodorous guests.

Visitors to 14 libraries and a bookmobile also could be asked to leave for fighting, eating, drinking, sleeping, playing games, and printing or viewing illegal materials on

## Library computers

"The point is to make the library a comfortable, safe place for everyone to use," said Moe McGee, assistant director of the San Luis Obispo City-County Library.

A strict code of conduct, officials argue, is needed to ensure one patron's right to use a public library doesn't infringe on the rights of another.

Yet the law can raise tough questions for librarians, said Irene Macias, Santa Barbara's library services manager.

"What is bad odor?" Macias asked. "A woman who wears a strong perfume? A person who had a garlicy meal?" — compiled from wire reports

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## Memories of a small town

### Local woman plans book about Pleasant Plains

By Jaml Whitred  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — A small town northwest of Jerome holds special memories for Helen Smith, so special that she is gathering materials to create a book about the area formerly known as Pleasant Plains.

Pleasant Plains was once prosperous with farms and a small school. Now, there are only homes, farms and fond memories.

Smith grew up in the area. Her grandfather was the bus driver, carting children back and forth in a horse-drawn wagon, and helped build the first school, which was a white, wooden, one-room building where her father and his siblings attended. Later, a larger school was built out of lava rock. It had three classrooms with two grades to a class and an enrollment of 12 to 15 children per class. Lunch was provided by the gardens, kitchens and canned goods of local women.

"The school was kind of the

#### Care to share?

Helen Smith will accept memories and photos for her book on Pleasant Plains. Mail to Smith at 813 E. Ave. D, Jerome, ID 83338, or email to pleasantplains@safelink.net by Dec. 31. She also will accept items at Live History Day this summer. Materials will be returned if requested.

community center," Smith said. The lava rock school building down in the 1970s.

She said she felt driven to write the book for her own personal reflections.

"I'd like my posterity to understand the way my family lived in an earlier time when community and neighbors were important," she said.

For example, a television set was rare and a person couldn't drive to town whenever they felt like it.

"You made your own fun and you made it with your neighbors and in your community," she said.

Smith played Red Rover with her friends, traveled to schools in Jerome to play softball and rode her bicycle to friends' houses.

She hoped people who lived in the area will share their memories for the book.

"It will be a collection of stories, thoughts, pictures and memories," Smith said. "I want this book to help people remember what it was like, what it was like then and how people lived in what really wasn't that long ago. — This is going to be a positive book."

Times have changed since she last lived in the area. There is no Pleasant Plains Grange, school or ladies extension club left. Children now travel by car to school. A freeway zooms past Jerome, and the school her father helped erect is now an old parking building.

While the book does not yet have an official title, Smith is thinking about, "Pleasant Plains: Memories of the Community and the School."

Smith already has items from her family and has visited with



Helen Smith is writing a book about the old Pleasant Plains school north of Jerome. Smith's grandfather helped build the school, and many of her family members attended it.

several people who showed an interest.

"There's a whole lot of people that have good memories and want to share them," Smith said.

To be published in time for Jerome's centennial in 2007, Smith needs items by Dec. 31. Next year she will compile the information and have the book published.

"Pleasant Plains in today's world would have been pretty small, but for us it was our world and we thought it was huge," she said.

## CORNED BEEF DINNER

The Buhl Knights of Columbus, from left, Francis Karel, Matt Machado, Tony Avilar and Earl Traxler prepare corned beef for the Knights of Columbus annual "All You Can Eat and Drink" Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Sunday at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 1631 Poplar. The traditional Irish dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children over 6 years of age. Children under age 6 can eat for free. Tickets are available at the door or from any Buhl Knights of Columbus.



Photo courtesy of the Buhl Knights of Columbus.

## STORK REPORT

### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Jaren Dominic Nejezchleba, son of Tara R. Nejezchleba of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005.

Jerrika G. Witte, daughter of Suzen Ann Egersdorf of Gooding, was born Friday, Feb. 11, 2005.

Briseyda Aylin Martinez, daughter of Maria Isabel Sanchez of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005.

Ryleigh Anne Prescott, daughter of Kathryn Anne and Kurt Matthew Prescott of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005.

Zackary Alan Heath, son of Jennifer Anne and David Kenneth Heath of Jerome, was born Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005.

Keon Michael Trease, son of Kaitly Joy and Chans Reed Trease of Jerome, was born Friday, Feb. 25, 2005.

Cassidy Bradshaw, daughter of Kacy Ann and Chester Glenn Bradshaw of Gooding, was born Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005.

Alize Ray Torres, daughter of Brittany Frances Fleck and Aaron Royce Torres of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005.

Morgan Scott Miller, son of Marthia Ann and Larry Ray Miller of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Feb. 28, 2005.

Dick Savage Guthrie, son of Chavawn Fay and David Wayne Guthrie of Dietrich, was born Monday, Feb. 28, 2005.

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Falls, was born Wednesday, March 2, 2005.

### Cassia Regional Medical Center

Dylan Richard Durfee, son of Lorin and Teresa Durfee of Almo, was born Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005.

Kiole Otley, daughter of Cory and Melanie Otley of Declo, was born Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005.

Haylee Lynn Stroud, daughter of Lynn and Lorain Stroud of Burley, was born Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005.

### St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Mason Cooper Ball, son of Hilten and Philip Ball of Halley, was born Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005.

Caden Hill Clifford, son of Jessica and Mark Clifford of Ketchum, was born Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005.

Joshua Yufre and Justin Mayco Astuhuanan, sons of Luzmila Estuval and Yufre Astuhuanan of Halley, were born Monday, Feb. 21, 2005.

Ethan-Zachary-Michael Hansen, son of Jolynn Henderson of Bellevue, was born Monday, Feb. 21, 2005.

Gollin Gardner Pogue, son of Chantaney and Michael Pogue of Halley, was born Monday, Feb. 21, 2005.

Tyler John Salvoni, son of Janet and Frank Salvoni Jr. of Ketchum, was born Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005.

## MATH WIZARDS

Shoshone School announced 60-in-aminute trophy winners for the second quarter. They are Matthew Walsh, Kaitie Hutchins, Kiana Vincent, Mariah Schoelcraft, Rebecca Merrick and Joseph McMullin.



Photo courtesy of Shoshone School.

## Local Junior Miss Program receives honors

**BURLEY** — The America's Junior Miss Program in the Mini-Cassia area is under way with 34 girls participating.

High school seniors from every high school in the area will compete 7 p.m. April 20 at the King Fine Arts Center.

The Mini-Cassia Junior Miss 2004-2005, Emily Barclay, attended the state competition and said she was thrilled at the experiences there, working with 42 other

girls from across the state of Idaho.

The local Junior Miss program also placed in the top four awards given out by America's Junior Miss Scholarship Foundation. The Mini-Cassia program is a four-year program, which is the highest it can receive from the foundation. One of the programs honored was the local "The Year Best Self Program," a positive youth outreach program sponsored by America's

Junior Miss.

Karen Taylor, Lori Blair and Charmaine Ralphs, some of the Mini-Cassia coordinators, were also finalists for the chairman of year awards. Under the direction of this year's chairman, Darla Burtenshaw, the Mini-Cassia program is reaching for that award again, event organizers say.

For information, call Ralphs at 678-5181, Blair at 436-0284 or Taylor at 678-3004.



Mini-Cassia Junior Miss 2004-2005 Emily Barclay and a 2004 event coordinator, Charmaine Ralphs, show the awards received by the Mini-Cassia program at the state competition.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### St. Catherine's Church holds Basque dinner

**HAGERMAN** — The St. Catherine's Catholic Church annual Basque dinner will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall.

The event includes an auction, door prizes and raffle for a 12-gauge shotgun. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$3 for children age 10 and younger.

The menu includes Basque roast leg of lamb, potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert.

Proceeds will benefit the parish, and Hagerman American Legion.

For more information, call Vernita Thibout at 637-4795.

### College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave. E.

The classes are for anyone who needs to certify or re-certify in first aid and CPR. Classes will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. on Mondays, March 14 to May 2 in the Aspen Building. Participants may sign up for any one of the classes. The cost is \$40.

Classes for groups or organizations may also be available.

An all-day class for people who want to be CPR instructors will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 2.

For more information, call Dennis Patterson at 732-6712 or by e-mail him at dpatterson@csid.edu or call the CSI Health Sciences office at 732-6701.

### Experimental aviation association meets

**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley Experimental Aviation Association Chapter 620 will

hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at Gerdo's, 602 Second Ave. E.

All aviation enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call Michael Beccera at 735-9021.

### CSI offers handgun handling classes

**BURLEY** — Registration has started for the "Handgun Safety and Handling" class from 8 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Hoyt-Burn Police Department.

Sponsored by the College of Southern Idaho, Mini-Cassia, Enrichment program, the course is recommended for anyone seeking a concealed weapons permit.

Certified firearms instructors, Dan Soto and Wayne Winder, will cover care and cleaning weapons; fundamentals of marksmanship, handgun safety and handling; and legal force. The class includes classroom

instruction and firing range practice.

Participants should bring a holster, handgun, hearing and eye protection and ammunition. No ammunition is allowed in the classroom.

Class is limited to the first 12 applicants. The cost is \$50.

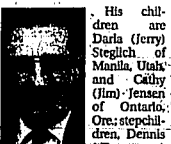
For more information, call 678-1400.

### T.F. man celebrates 80th birthday with open house

**TWIN FALLS** — Calvin Dietz will celebrate his 80th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Dietz-Bills Natatefne Church, 1231 Washington St. N.

Dietz was born on March 10, 1925 in Leigh, Neb. He married Doris Duff on July 31, 1943.

He is a member of the Twin Falls Nazarene Church.



Calvin Dietz

His children are Darla (Jory) Stiglich of Manila, Utah, and Cathy (Jim) Jensen of Ontario.

Step-daughters are Dena, Dena, and T. J. Beams of Montana; Jeff (Mary) Beams of Jerome; Shari (Stan) Egan of Caldwell; Russell (Sandra) Beams of Twin Falls; and Tina (Carolyn) Beams of Washington.

He has 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His children are hosting the event.

### Desert Sun Dancers holds shamrock shuffle

**SHOSHONE** — The Desert Sun Dancers shamrock shuffle will be held at 7:30 p.m. Satur-

day at the Masonic Hall on West B Street.

Irish stew will be furnished by the club. Visitors are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

### Senior trip to Jackpot is planned on Sunday

**REUPERT** — A bus trip to Barton's Club 93 casino in Jackpot, Nev., is planned for Sunday.

The bus will leave at 10 a.m. from the Minidoka County Senior Center, 702 11th St.

The cost is \$11-per-person and includes transportation, Barton's Club 93 buffet and gaming fun pack.

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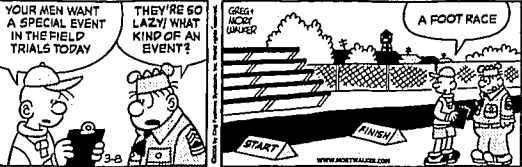
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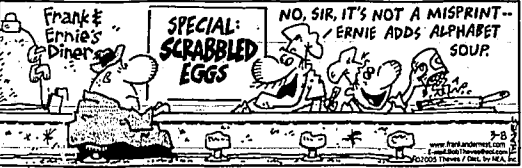
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# Celebrity stalkers: Crossing the line from fan to fanatic

(NEW YORK AP) — They're not there. Catherine Zeta-Jones, Sheryl Crow and Mel Gibson recently faced theirs in court. Anna Kournikova took a nude swim to find her. Andrea Evans feared for a decade.

They're celebrity stalkers, perpetrators of an emotional crime that's often — but not always — the result of mental illness.

Despite a recent rash of cases, experts say the act of celebrity stalking isn't increasing, but stars are more willing to go to police when confronted. And, of course, the media is more likely to cover subsequent arrests and trials.

All this has led to specialized police units and even entire businesses aimed at dealing with a troubled few.

Evans was playing soap tart Tina Clayton on "One Life to Live" in the 1980s when her publicist showed up several times at her Manhattan set. He once slashed his wrists outside the studios, then used Evans' name as his next-of-kin.

"All of a sudden, I went from a nice happy-go-lucky life to having regular conversations with the police," Evans told The Associated Press. "This was before people were that aware. There was a great disbelief that here this man was trying to harm me, and the police could do nothing about it."

After three years of living in terror, Evans quit "One Life to Live" and dropped out of public view. She wouldn't be seen on a soap again until 1993.

Following the murder of "My Sister Sam" actress Rebecca Schaeffer in 1989 and incidents like Evans', the government,



Dawnette Knight, charged with making criminal threats against actress Catherine Zeta-Jones, appears in Los Angeles Superior Court on this June 23, 2004, file photo taken in Los Angeles.

"Stalking is much more nebulous, much more of a challenge," said John Lane, a former Los Angeles Police Department detective. "It is very difficult to investigate."

As many armchair sleuths have learned from "CSI," material crimes like burglary and murder leave copious amounts of physical evidence — but stalking is harder to prove.

Witness the love-struck Crow fan who was acquitted last November after allegedly pursuing the singer for 15 months, claiming he communicated with her telepathically and even visiting her sister and father.

"I think there's a rise in reporting," said Dunn. "Early in the '90s, there was reluctance for fear of negative publicity. I don't think they were widely reported. Now in 2005, you can't turn on the TV without seeing a story about some sort of stalker. It doesn't carry the negative stigma anymore."

In recent years, the likes of Pamela Anderson, Madonna, Steven Spielberg, Nicole Kidman, David Letterman and Gwyneth Paltrow have claimed stalkers. In the past two weeks alone, people were convicted or pleaded no contest to stalking Gibson and Zeta-Jones.

And in the Anna Kournikova case, a man was arrested Jan. 30 after swimming nude across a Florida bay toward Kournikova's \$5 million estate, then turning up on the pool deck at the wrong house and yelling, "Annual Save me!"

Dunn said for every celebrity stalking case that splashed across headlines, 20 or never heard about. Those type of cases often fall to Lane, who after helping establish the LAPD anti-stalking unit started his own personal security firm, Omega Threat Management Inc. It's one of several such companies that take care of celebrities' threats — for a price.

"In this day and age, public figures of all types have a much better idea of the risks that are present that come with their visibility," said Lane. "The incentive to hiring a private firm is to help resolve the issue, to help control the threat. Some of these cases do get dangerous."

Dunn recognizes the necessity of security firms. "We work pretty well with

private security firms, some better than others. Some fill a niche," said Dunn. "We can't provide 24-7 protection. They don't think their limitations are in providing protection. There's a line of demarcation. It's symbolic."

Much like murder, mental health plays a major part in the crime of stalking. But stalking isn't always the result of a mental disorder.

"Most of the time what you've got is an individual who is lonely or socially incompetent," said Mike Benson, a psychologist at the University of California-Los Angeles who's worked on many stalking cases. When mental health is an issue, disorders such as schizophrenia or some form of dementia and an emotional real-life trigger are usually to blame.

These elements combined make it easier for an individual to break down that invisible fourth wall.

"Usually, there's been some kind of major loss in the life of the individual either one event or a series of events," said psychologist J. Reid Meloy. "They then create a private bizarre reality that is very defined."

Meloy has researched stalking since 1989, was the editor of the first science journal on the subject and has consulted on high profile cases like Madonna and Paltrow's.

"Sometimes, they connect a very deep emotional level," said Meloy. "With the Paltrow case, he was very in the movie 'Shogun' in 'Love' and formed a bond. The onset was very rapid."

Stopping a stalker is often easy, according to the experts.

In most instances, it just takes an intervention.

But in extreme cases, confrontation might be the salt on the wound.

"Real events will occur that will often anger the celebrity stalker," said Meloy. "Those events are often something like him feeling rejected or maybe it's something security did or said to him. Because he feels he's entitled, there could be danger with the celebrity following the rejection."

Such was the case with Danie Michael Solu, Paltrow's stalker. Meloy said Solu developed a "rescue fantasy" after reading and seeing tabloid and TV reports about Paltrow's relationship woes with Ben Affleck.

The frequency of his letters and e-mails to Paltrow increased. After being convicted in 2000, Solu was sent to a high-security mental facility because the judge — with the help of Meloy and three other mental health professionals — determined Solu was insane.

But that was a rarity. "Most stalking cases, including celebrity stalking, don't get to the point of criminal prosecution," said Lane.

Evans' frightful experience never reached the courthouse — or a conclusion. She's been back in the soap opera limelight, vamping it up on "Passions" as Rebecca Hotchkiss since 2000. She actively speaks out on the subject. But she will never forget about him.

"It has a lasting effect on me," said Evans. "I love what I do. I'm so grateful I've been able to get my life back after that horrible experience."

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Monday's Puzzle Solved. A crossword puzzle grid with words filled in. Words include: EDIT, OWE, POGGUN, LOCK, PAT, ONLINE, IDEEFIXE, LEAVES, IRE, ROY, NEAT, ANTSY, ANNES, USE, POET, PEARSHAPED, END, CARLETON, ROSEOLA, LENDERS, CHEEK, BONES, SUNK, REX, SERIF, PASSE, OLIO, ASS, HID, NESTOR, EMOTIONS, ENTIRE, EON, SNAP, SAISER, DEE, TOGA.

- 42 Former Russian ruler, 52 Dishwasher cycle, 44 Lone Ranger's mount, 53 Slammin' Sammy, 45 Brother's son, 56 Letters for auditors, 46 Make fun of, 57 Vagos, 50 Spirited horse, 58 First mate's agreement, 51 Ahead of time.

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Heidi Arnold and Mike Arington. A word search puzzle with a cartoon illustration of a man looking at a board. Words to find include: LAQUI, JEGUD, PITTEE, THACLE, and others.

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Class 1A/2A All-star hoops action in Shoshone

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“First runner-up for a slogan, we assume, was ‘Coffin-Corner Kickback.’”

—Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times on the New England Patriots’ plan to change survivors of deceased season-ticket holders from \$2,000 to \$5,000 to inherit the tickets.

### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:**  
Who was the first American male tennis player to win \$100,000 or more in one year?  
...answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**High School BASKETBALL**  
Class 1A/2A All-star games at Shoshone High School  
North girls vs. South girls, 6 p.m.  
North boys vs. South boys, 7:30 p.m.

**College BASEBALL**  
Treasure Valley Community College at College of Southern Idaho, DH, 2 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

**CSI hosts doubleheader**  
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho baseball team will step out of conference play today when it hosts Treasure Valley Community College (TVC) for a pair of games today at Walker Field in Twin Falls. The first pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m.  
CSI (9-9 overall) is coming off a week when it dropped three out of four games at Lake Community College. TVCC will be playing its first games of the season.

### SCIC names

**all-conference squad**  
TWIN FALLS — The Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference announced its all-conference boys basketball team recently. First team representatives were sophomore post Will Chivers and senior guard Perry Hamilton of Buhl; senior guards Drew Jones and Bjorn Christensen, along with senior guards Jason Decio; filler seniors David Ryan, Dan Ramseyer, and Paul Gerlach; and Kimberly seniors Dustin Musser and J.J. Shawver.  
Kimberly's Roger Keller was named coach of the year.  
Honorable mention went to Buhl junior post Jack Spencer, Decio senior guard Tyson Johnson, and Gooding junior post Alex Garcia.

### Youth baseball signups begin soon

BUHL — Buhl Youth Baseball will be conducting its 2005 registration for boys age 13-15 on Thursday, March 10 at the Buhl Middle School Gym.  
This registration will cover all boys between the ages of 13 and 15 who wish to participate in the summer Babe Ruth baseball.  
Call Pat Hamilton at 731-6396 with any questions.

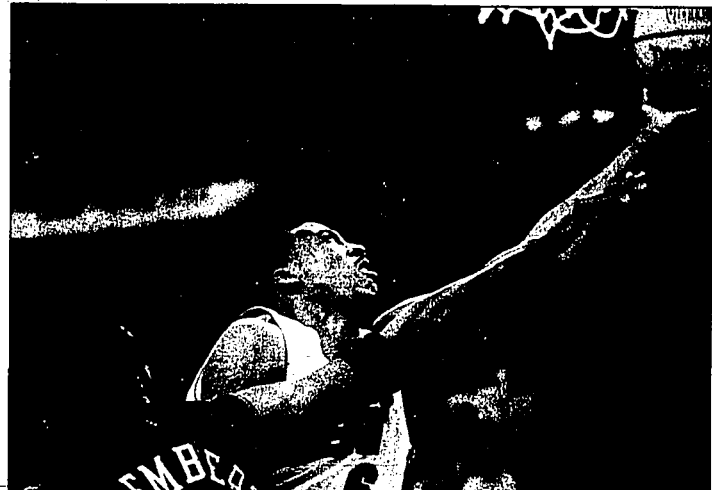
### Northside Baseball plans registrations

JEROME — Northside Baseball will register players ages 9-12 (as of July 31) for its Cal Ripken baseball league.  
Registrations are at the Jerome Recreation District center, 2030 S. Lincoln in Jerome. Ages 9-10, 9 a.m. to noon; March 12 or 5-7 p.m. March 15; ages 11-12, 1-4 p.m. March 12 or 5-7 p.m. March 15.  
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Arthur Ashe in 1970.

# Heat cool off Sixers 108-100



Miami's Eddie Jones shoots from under the basket as Philadelphia's Samuel Dalembert defends during the second quarter Monday.

**By Tim Reynolds Associated Press writer**  
MIAMI — The legs got weary at the end, a byproduct of playing four games in five nights. Yet by the time fatigue set in, the Miami Heat had such a big lead that their latest winning streak was never in jeopardy.  
Dwyane Wade scored 32 points, Shaquille O'Neal added 25 and Miami shot 63.6 percent in the first half on the way to beating the Philadelphia 76ers 108-100 on Monday night — the Heat's sixth straight win and 10th in a row at home.  
“We just have to worry about what we're supposed to worry about and keep beating the teams we're supposed to beat,” O'Neal said. “Keep winning at home, and keep staying above .500 on the road. If we do those things, then by that formula it

self things will work out.”  
Wade made 18 free throws to set a franchise record; he got to the line 23 times. Shandon Anderson added 13 points, and Udonis Haslem had a 12-point, 10-rebound night for Miami (46-16), which has an eight-game lead over Detroit in the Eastern Conference and an 11-game edge over Washington in the Southeast Division.  
Over the four-game, five-night stretch, Miami won by an average of 16.3 points.  
“It doesn't feel easy. I'll tell you that,” Wade said. “Right now, we're all playing together. Everyone's touching the ball. Everyone's happy playing with each other and if it looks easy, it's because of that.”  
Allen Iverson, who missed the morning shootaround, scored 27 points on 8-for-19 shooting for Philadelphia, which saw its modest two-

game winning streak end. Samuel Dalembert added 21 points for the 76ers, who got only 10 points in 26 minutes from Chris Webber.  
“We clearly didn't have what it takes to win tonight against a quality team,” said Philadelphia coach Jim O'Brien, whose club fell a half-game behind Indiana in the chase for the East's eighth and final playoff spot.  
Wade and O'Neal scored 26 of Miami's 28 third-quarter points, and helped the Heat build a 22-point margin in the period. Willie Green had six late points to draw Philadelphia (28-30) within eight, but the 76ers got no closer.  
O'Neal made Miami's first four shot attempts of the second half, all from close range to push Miami's margin to 73-55. The lead got up to 79-59 with 6:51 left, before Dalembert keyed a 7-0 run.

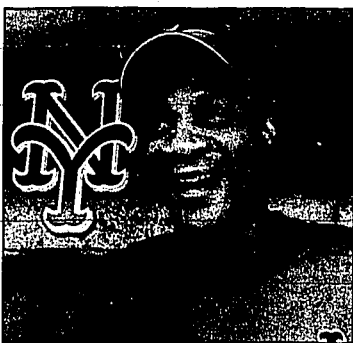
He scored to start the burst, then blocked an O'Neal shot — Shaq's first miss in nine tries — setting up a 3-pointer from Kyle Korver. And when Korver scored on the next trip, Philadelphia was within 13 at 79-66.  
But Miami put the game away with an 11-3 run over a 2.5-minute stretch, taking a 90-69 lead. O'Neal scored the first five points, Wade followed with consecutive baskets, and O'Neal finished the burst by catching a three-quarter-court pass from Damon Jones and throwing down a monster dunk.  
“You can't play him with one guy,” Iverson said. “You really need to have five on him, but you can't do that in this league and get away with it. You can double-team him down there, but then he'll kick it out and make things happen for the other guys.”

# Strawberry returns to Mets as spring training instructor

**By Mike Fitzpatrick Associated Press writer**  
PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Decked out in a Mets uniform for the first time in 15 years, a smiling Darryl Strawberry strolled into the dugout and flexed his left biceps.  
“Don't I look great?” he said, laughing.  
And with that, the greatest hitter in team history was welcomed back to the Mets, where his roller-coaster of a career began with such promise.  
— Strawberry arrived at spring training Monday to serve as a guest instructor for a few days, working mostly with major and minor league outfielders.  
— Tim and fit just five days shy of his 43rd birthday, he looked as if he could still turn on an inside fastball and send it soaring off the right-field scoreboard at Shea Stadium. In fact, he's younger than backup first baseman Andres Galarraga, who will turn 44 in June.  
But Strawberry said he isn't looking to jump in the batting cage and start taking swings anytime soon. His content to be retired — and thankful to be alive.  
“It's not about me, it's about who I can help,” he said. “It's these guys' time. It's not my time. My time's over.”  
What a time it was, though. Drafted No. 1 overall in 1980 out of Crenshaw High School in Los Angeles, Strawberry rocketed to the major leagues and was the NL Rookie of the Year in '83.  
Blessed with awesome power, graceful speed and a beautiful swing, he was soon compared to Hall of Famers such as Ted Williams — Hank Aaron — and Mickey Mantle.  
Those kinds of expectations are tough to live up to, especially in New York, but he might have had a chance to do it had his career not been derailed by drugs, alcohol and a string of arrests for everything from tax

evasion to allegations of beating his wife.  
The Mets of the mid-to-late 80s were extremely talented on the field and excessively wild off it. They owned the Big Apple back then — not the Yankees — and Strawberry parted hard, right along with his teammates.  
“It probably was all true. We were probably a bunch of crazy guys. But let me tell you one thing: When we stepped on that field, we were all business. We were a team and we picked each other up,” he said.  
— He helped New York win the '86 World Series, but left to sign with his hometown Dodgers after the 1990 season and hadn't donned a Mets uniform since.  
— “It was a real tough separation,” Strawberry said. “This is where everything happened for me. My best days of playing were here.”  
— There were probably times when I hated it, but I loved it.  
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Former New York Mets outfielder Darryl Strawberry meets the media at Tradition Field in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Monday.



# Charlie Boulding: The musher's musher



Manley, Alaska, musher Charlie Boulding waves to his fans as he drives his dog team from the starting chute of the 4,100 mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Willow, Alaska, Sunday.

**By Steve Wiltfain Associated Press writer**  
FINGER LAKE, Alaska — Charlie Boulding, a man who reinvented himself a few times and came out of the woods to change sled dog racing, ought to make his next career in Hollywood now that he's running his last Iditarod.  
His is the face of a great character actor — weathered by Alaskan summers and winters along the Tanana River featuring a magnificently bent nose, bushy gray-eyebrows, twinkly hazel eyes, a wise smile, all framed by cascades of gray hair — some flowing wild, some braided — and eight inches of shaggy gray beard.  
His is the soft drawing voice of a North Carolina native who left one life behind — a family, a farm, a construction career — headed West, found another life briefly among oil rigs in Mon-

tana, then discovered still another life, fishing and trapping, mushing and raising sled dogs in Alaska.  
His is the demeanor of a 62-year-old man who has lived deeply yet simply in a subsistence lifestyle, forsaking electricity and running water, going without telephone or TV in a log cabin with his 39-year-old wife, Robln. They emerge into public life a few times a year when he competes for cash in sled dog races.  
He can be talkative or taciturn. He's eccentric, but his clever. He's polite, but his tough, winning the Most Inspirational Musher Award in 2003 after starting the race following surgery and treatment for colon cancer.  
He's so far from clichéd, and so lacking in pretense, that Hollywood is probably the last place he'd think of going. In fact, he's already bought a 32-foot

sailboat in the British Virgin Islands and plans to spend a couple of months each year with his wife cruising the Caribbean.  
But if Robert Redford ever wants to make a mushing movie, he should look no further than Boulding, the musher's musher.  
“I fully believe I'll be right up there in the top 10 this run,” Boulding said as he began his 12th Iditarod. “This is going to be my last year because my knees are shot. The left one's worse than the right. Unless they come up with some new miracle to fix my knees, I won't be running this again.”  
Despite his age and balky knees and the still stinging effects of his colon cancer, the tenacious Boulding most likely will finish among the leaders. He wasn't far behind them Monday morning — sixth

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# Woods back to No.1

**By Doug Ferguson Associated Press writer**

MIAMI — Getting back to No. 1 in the world wasn't easy for Tiger Woods.  
It took him eight tournaments over six months to nudge past Vijay Singh in the world ranking. And it required a Herculean effort against Phil Mickelson to win the Ford Championship at Doral, including some clutch shots that will be talked about the rest of the year.

Woods drove the 347-yard 16th green on Saturday. He twice reached the 603-yard 12th hole in two shots and made a 25-foot eagle putt in the final round to take the lead for the first time. He made a 30-foot putt on the 17th hole that turned out to be the difference. And his 63-66 was the lowest weekend by a winner in the 44-year history at Doral.

“That was special,” Woods said of his duel with Mickelson. “The last time Woods took over No. 1 in the world ranking, he won a memorable duel by making a clutch putt on the 17th hole at Medinah to beat 19-year-old Sergio Garcia in the final round of the millennium. Woods then stayed on top for the next 264 weeks.  
This time, it might not be that easy.  
His reign could be over at the end of this week, or perhaps the end of the month.  
“He's certainly going to have increased competition that he hasn't had in past years,” Jack Nicklaus said Monday. “You heard me a couple of years ago. What will happen to Tiger? I said a lot of his competition had not shown up yet, or guys playing against him will raise the level of their golf game.”  
Nicklaus quickly ticked off

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Tiger Woods

SPORTS

# 'Baby Bulls' dump Milwaukee 90-85

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Kirk Hinrich scored 17 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter, and the Chicago Bulls held on Monday night to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 90-85 and end a three-game losing streak.

The Bulls victory was their 30th, tying their most in a season since winning their sixth championship in 1997-98.

Eddy Curry, who had been unhappy with his playing time, added 16 for Chicago. Michael Redd led Milwaukee with 26 and had eight in the fourth quarter when the Bucks forged a strong rally that fell short.

The Bulls' scored nine straight for a one-point lead midway through the third half. Chicago went on a 16-4 run featuring eight points from Curry for a 65-56 lead.

Curry, who had played just a couple of second-half minutes in Chicago's previous two losses — one at Milwaukee on Saturday night — and none at all in the fourth quarter, met with coach Scott Skiles on Monday morning to find out why he was riding the bench in crunch time.

"I'd be needed to play better defense, Curry said he would. And this time he played plenty in the second half, scoring 10 in the third quarter.

Redd hit two free throws and after a basket by Hinrich, he answered with a jumper to cut the Chicago lead to 82-85 with 26 seconds left.

Andres Nocioni missed two free throws with 11.3 seconds remaining, but after Tyson Chandler tipped the ball, Hinrich came up with the bounce ball on a scramble for the rebound



Milwaukee's Maurice Williams, left, defends Chicago's Kirk Hinrich during the third quarter at the United Center Monday in Chicago. The Bulls won 90-85.

and Milwaukee fouled. Frustrated Milwaukee coach Jerry Porter was then called for a technical foul.

With 5 seconds left, Hinrich made the technical free throw and Chris Duhon added two from the line to seal the win. Chicago took a 45-39 half-time lead with a closing 11-3 run that started with Duhon's 3-pointer and featured two baskets by Nocioni.

**Mavericks 113, Raptors 105**  
DALLAS — Marquis Daniels

had a season-high 32 points and Jason Terry added 23 to help Dallas win without Dirk Nowitzki.

Nowitzki, averaging 26.9 points and 10.1 rebounds, missed his second straight game because of a bruised left knee. Dallas also played without the injured Michael Finley, Erick Dampier and Jerry Stackhouse.

Josh Howard added 22 points and eight rebounds, and Keith Van Horn, subbing for Nowitzki, had 19 points. Morris Peterson led Toronto with 23 points.

**Nuggets 111, Trail Blazers 98**

DENVER (AP) — Carmelo Anthony had 23 points before sitting out the fourth quarter and Denver won its seventh straight game, the Nuggets' longest streak in 16 years.

Denver is 14-4 under coach George Karl, has won eight straight home games and has made up 6.5 games on the Los Angeles Lakers in a little over a month to tie for eighth in the West. Damon Stoudamire led Portland with 24 points.

# Carolina women rip Duke



North Carolina's Ivory Latta does a chipup after cutting down the net after UNC won the women's ACC tournament championship game 88-67 over Duke at the Greensboro Coliseum on Monday. The Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — North Carolina's Ivory Latta shifted the balance of power in ACC women's basketball Monday.

The Tar Heels ended Duke's unprecedented five-year streak of ACC tournament titles with an 88-67 victory at the Greensboro Coliseum.

It shouldn't have surprised, because the Tar Heels won both regular-season meetings to reverse a 12-game slide against Duke. The margin was the shocker: Duke's worst loss of the season.

The No. 4 Tar Heels (27-3) were quicker, stronger and more eager. They were playing Duke in the final for the fourth year in a row, and fifth time in six years.

The half-decade of frustration ended in a flurry of guard Ivory Latta (26 points, seven assists), and front line of Camille Little (23 points), La'Tangela Atkinson (12 points, 12 rebounds) and Erlana Larkins (16 points, 10 rebounds).

**No. 7 Michigan St. 55, 10 Minnesota 49**

INDIANAPOLIS — Michigan State knew it couldn't overpower Minnesota.

So it relied on a relentless defense to frustrate the Golden Gophers.

The seventh-ranked Spartans shut down Minnesota's strong inside tandem and Liz Shivers scored 15 points — including four straight in the game-clinching stretch — to win its first Big Ten tournament title 55-49 Monday.

And Michigan State managed to do what seemed impossible — stopping Jamie Broback and Janel McCarville.

Broback and McCarville were shut out in the first half. McCarville, one of the Big Ten's most dominant players, finished the night going 1 for 17 with two points.

Broback led the Gophers (24-7) with 18 points and had seven rebounds. McCarville had 12 rebounds despite her

**No. 13 Connecticut 67, No. 10 Notre Dame 54**

HARTFORD, Conn. — Barbara Turner had 18 points, eight rebounds and five assists to lead No. 13 Connecticut to a 67-54 victory over Notre Dame in the Big East tournament semifinals Monday night.

The Huskies (22-7) play regular-season champ Rutgers for the championship in a matchup of the two best defensive teams in the league. The Scarlet Knights ended UConn's reign of 11 straight regular-season titles.

The Huskies' streak of nine straight Big East tournament titles was snapped in 2003 and the three-time defending NCAA champs haven't been back to the finals since.

**No. 9 Rutgers 64, Villanova 59**

HARTFORD, Conn. — Rutgers' trademark defense has the Scarlet Knights playing for the Big East tournament title for the second straight year.

led by Cappel Fonderick and conference freshman of the year Matee Ajavon, No. 9 Rutgers turned up the pressure on Villanova to erase an 11-point deficit and pull away for a 64-59 victory in the semifinals Monday night.

**No. 24 Wis.-Green Bay 58, Wright St. 48**

DAYTON, Ohio — Experience won out for No. 24 Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Tiffany Mor had 14 points and 11 rebounds, and the top-seeded Phoenix defeated Wright State 58-48 Monday night for a fourth consecutive Horizon League tournament championship and an automatic NCAA bid.

Natalie Berglin also scored 14 points for the Phoenix.

She made all 10 of her free-throw attempts down the stretch to prevent any chance of a rally late in the game by third-seeded Wright State.

# Yankees take spring rivalry match over Red Sox



Boston Red Sox shortstop Edgar Renteria dances out of the way after making the force out on the New York Yankees' Tony Womack during the first inning of an exhibition game Monday.

The Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Jason Giambi answered the boos with a blast — and the Yankees beat the Red Sox when it didn't count.

In his best game since becoming the public face of baseball's steroids controversy, Giambi went 2-for-5 with a homer to center field and the New York Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox 9-2 Monday night in an exhibition game.

"A lot of the hard work paid off tonight," said Giambi, 3-for-12 this spring. "Every day is getting better and better."

The Yankees couldn't beat the Red Sox when it did count last season, losing four straight games after taking a 3-0 lead in the AL championship series. That was the first postseason collapse in baseball history and

Boston swept St. Louis in the World Series.

Monday night's game at City of Palms Park — the first between the teams since the Game 7 loss at Yankee Stadium — was much better for Giambi, who was not on the ALCS roster.

"Tonight was a good night for him," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "I'm sure he feels good about it. I know we were pleased because he didn't let the emotion of where we were and who we were playing against interfere with what he was working on."

The game was a minor event in the rich rivalry between the teams. It was the Yankees' first win since Game 3 of the ALCS. They were 0-4-1 in their previous four exhibition games.

Alex Rodriguez and Derek Jeter didn't make the two-hour trip from Tampa.

# Tiger

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the names of Mickelson, Singh and Majors last year, and all of whom were in the top eight at Dubai.

Halfway around the world, Ernie Els produced a dramatic finish of his own by making an 11-foot eagle on the last hole to win the Dubai Desert Classic.

Call it golf's version of March Madness.

"It's a great week for golf," said Zach Johnson, who tied for third with Singh at Dubai.

"This is what the spectators want. They want these kind of duels. They will have a lot more of them. Tiger raised the bar. And now everybody is starting to come toward him."

Now the list of challengers is longer than ever.

Singh might be able to return to No. 1 this week if he wins the Honda Classic.

El's victory in Dubai was his first of the year and puts him in a good frame of mind on the road to the Masters. The Big Easy is close enough that he could be No. 1 by the end of the month.

Mickelson lost another final-round showdown with Woods, although he still might be the hottest player in golf.

Coming off a five-stroke victory in Phoenix and a wire-to-wire win at Pebble Beach, Lefty spent 10 consecutive rounds atop the leaderboard in stroke play and was shocked the

streak didn't stretch to 11.

His back-to-back birdies after Woods pulled ahead for the first time was evidence that Mickelson is not one to wilt.

He had a 30-foot birdie chip on the final hole that lipped out of the cup.

"I felt like I was playing better than anybody," Mickelson said. "I just knew I was going to win, and when I didn't, it was a great slap in the face. Because I'm going to work my tail off to salvage a couple more shots."

When I come back to The Players Championship and the Masters, I'm going to be ready." On the surface, Woods looks as dynamic as ever.

After going four years without a comeback victory, Woods

now has two in a row. He came from two shots down at Torrey Pines against Tom Lehman, then made up a two-shot deficit against Mickelson in the final round at Dubai.

Woods beat Mickelson, but not without a tremendous effort.

"That shows you what kind of competitor Phil is," Woods said. "Don't forget, he did it on that back nine. That was impressive to watch."

Woods will take off next week before resuming his road to the Masters — Bay Hill, The Players Championship, a week to practice and then on to Augusta, where he could find a large crowd of players capable of stopping him.

# Iditarod

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among 79 starters after reaching the third checkpoint in Finger Lake, 928 miles from Nome.

DeeDee Jonrowe, followed by Rick Swenson, Lance Mackey, Mike Williams and Norway's Robert Sorlie.

Bechko and Sedoris, the first legally blind Iditarod runner, was still in the race but far behind in 76th place.

Building has been in the top 10 in eight of his last 10 Iditarods. He finished third in 1991, fifth three times and was sixth last year after leading until a storm slowed him down.

Building has the respect of all the mushers for the way he has improved sleds and sled dogs. He came up with the Easy Rider sled about 15 years ago, a design that nearly everyone else copied because it allowed for better steering. On his 40 acres along the Tanana, he keeps close to 100 dogs, breeding them for toughness and speed.

Building never planned this sort of life.

"It's just a way to make money," he says, referring to breeding and mushing. "You've got to have some cash flow. I used to make it trapping and fishing and both of them sort of went to hell in the '80s."

"I never planned to race dogs. I started going into it in village races and made a little money. So when one Income went down, the other one went up, and I ended up doing this. We fish all summer and dry the fish so we have enough to feed the dogs in the winter."

Building plans to sell his team when he gets to Nome: He may race other dogs in shorter events from time to time, but never again in the Iditarod. The only question is whether he will miss the race more than the race will miss him.

"I guess probably no musher who is respected more, or who inspires more people, than Charlie," Jonrowe said. "We're all going to miss him."

# Back

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too," he said. "When I left to go play in L.A., it was boring. I wasn't being booed."

In truth, Strawberry had his share of big seasons. He made eight All-Star teams, finished runner-up to Kirk Gibson for the 1988 NL MVP Award and is still the Mets' career leader in home runs (252), RBIs (733) and runs scored (662).

But he's been granted one second chance after another — in baseball and in life. Suspended from the majors three times for cocaine-related problems, he resurfaced with the Yankees and played on vice-championship teams from 1996-99, hitting 24 homers in only 295 at-bats in '98.

He survived painful operations for colon cancer, winning new fans with his inspirational comeback.

He disappeared for four days from a drug treatment center, then turned up again after

friends feared he was dead.

And after all the hype when he first came up from the minors, he received only six Hall of Fame votes this year, his first — and last — on the writers' ballot.

"I should have had better years, now that I look back on it," he said.

Mostly Strawberry's story is a cautionary tale of what might have been, and now he wants to share what he's learned with young players.

"I truly know talent," he said. "Don't make some of the mistakes I made because you have to pay a price for everything."

Wearing his familiar No. 18 beneath a blue windbreaker, Strawberry shagged flies on a practice field and signed autographs. Ho-chatted with Mets slugger Cliff Floyd and served as a catalyst for a blue windbreaker. Strawberry shagged flies on a practice field and signed autographs. Ho-chatted with Mets slugger Cliff Floyd and served as a catalyst for a blue windbreaker. Strawberry shagged flies on a practice field and signed autographs. Ho-chatted with Mets slugger Cliff Floyd and served as a catalyst for a blue windbreaker.

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According to a survey by Experian and The Gallup Organization of 2,007 randomly selected adults, 48 percent of Americans have never checked their credit report.

Checking your credit report is vital for your financial success, not to mention your sanity.

Your credit file can reveal poor credit decisions — late payments and such — that can prevent you from getting a lender's best interest rates when you invest in a mortgage or take out a personal, business or auto loan, MarketWatch advises.

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### Jo-Ann Stores reports rise in Q4 earnings

**TWIN FALLS** — Hudson, Ohio-based fabric and craft retailer Jo-Ann Stores Inc. — which has a Twin Falls store — on Monday reported fourth-quarter earnings of \$1.40 per diluted share, a record performance. Net income for fiscal 2005, which ended Jan. 29, increased 15.2 percent to \$62.6 million, from \$54.0 million, from the year-ago net income of \$40.1 million, or \$1.82 per diluted share, Jo-Ann Stores said.

Net income for the fourth quarter grew to \$32.4 million, or \$1.40 per diluted share, from \$26.7 million, or \$1.20 per diluted share.

Results for both years reflect adjustments to the company's accounting, for leases. Results for fiscal 2005 and 2004 also include the costs of debt reduction and share repurchase expenses which reduced pre-tax income by \$4.2 million and \$5.5 million, respectively.

Full-year net sales increased 4.5 percent to \$1.812 billion, while same-store sales grew 3.2 percent. The fourth quarter net sales increased 6.4 percent to \$388.2 million, while same-store sales grew 4.3 percent.

### Albertsons will hold conference call online

**TWIN FALLS** — Anyone who listens in online as Boise-based Albertsons Inc. holds its quarterly conference call to discuss fourth-quarter results at 6:30 a.m. March 15.

The call will be webcast at the Albertsons site, [www.albertsons.com/abs\\_investorinfo/omn/](http://www.albertsons.com/abs_investorinfo/omn/).

Head and drug retailer Magic Valley stores are in Burley, Hailley and Twin Falls.

The company's divisions and subsidiaries — under several names — operate more than 200 stores in 37 states and employ more than 230,000 people.

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### Unclaimed property?

Check out the listings for Paul, Shoshone, Sun Valley and Wendell. **THURSDAY IN MONEY**

# Fire sparks generosity downtown

By Candace Balz-Smylie  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — An early-morning fire Monday may keep customers waiting a little longer for their furniture orders, but it won't drive Furniture and Appliance Outlet out of business, managers say.

The company's warehouse, on the corner of Fairfield Street West and Sixth Avenue West, caught fire sometime after midnight. Twin Falls firefighters received a call around 12:54 a.m., and three engines and a tower truck were dispatched. The blaze took fire crews about 45 minutes to control. They spent another couple of hours

dousing hot spots. No one was hurt in the fire.

The blaze gutted the building and destroyed all the merchandise inside. But Furniture and Appliance Outlet store manager Sharon Welch said she is glad the business has separate locations for its warehouse and its main store.

While the warehouse that stores customers' orders and product surplus is a loss, Furniture and Appliance Outlet's main store on Second Avenue West in Twin Falls is still open for business, thanks in part to other companies.

Store owner Leroy Scanlin was impressed with the gen-

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Twin Falls firefighters spray the smoking remains of a warehouse Monday morning on the corner of Fairfield Street West and Sixth Avenue West. The fire destroyed the building, owned by Furniture and Appliance Outlet, but the company's retail location remains open.

## PAMPERED MEN



Barber Becky Dudley trims first-time customer Joel Rich at Weldon Barber in Spokane, Wash., on Feb. 28.

## Barber shop prices rise considerably from two bits

The Associated Press

**SPOKANE, Wash.** — It all started with a bad haircut. In this midsize Eastern Washington city, where the mullet is still a socially acceptable hairstyle, Bill Nordstrom was disappointed after a trip to the barber.

The result was Weldon Barber, a string of upscale men-only barber shops devoted to the customer service his family's Nordstrom department stores had famous.

Nordstrom, 41, is the main investor in Weldon Barber, which opened six shops in Spokane and Coeur d'Alene last fall.

The company's name, a play on the words "well done," was chosen in a series of meetings between Nordstrom and Julie Kembel, a longtime friend of Nordstrom's wife, Suzette.

The former college friends reunited after Nordstrom resigned in August 2000 as executive vice president of Nordstrom's East Coast operations and moved back to Spokane, where Suzette Nordstrom grew up.

A former executive vice president

ident and cousin of Nordstrom Inc. President Blake Nordstrom, Nordstrom spent time in the 1980s at the family's Spokane store.

"My background (in retail sales) led me to believe it's possible to do this," Nordstrom said in a recent interview. "My wife said maybe this is something that would be a good business. It occurred to me it might be."

Visitors to the shops are offered coffee, cola or bottled water as they wait in oversized leather chairs, an oversize coffee table overflowing with men's magazines, under a large plasma screen television.

For \$22, customers get scalp and shoulder massages, hot mini-scented facial towels, a razor trim and haircut by a specially trained barber. Hair coloring and beard trims are extra.

Weldon Barber is being launched when traditional barbers are closing, but spinning men's parlors are gaining popularity.

Several national marketing surveys estimate the men's hair care industry to be a \$10 billion to \$15 billion a year proposi-

tion. The Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasts growth in specialty barbering, with traditional barber shops hanging on.

"We have been looking at growth in the number of salons exclusively for men," said Wendy Liebmann, president of WSL Strategic Retail, a New York market research company.

"When we started looking at the industry, traditional barber shops were, statistically, the fastest growing category in the 'beauty' industry," Nordstrom said.

Commodity franchises are part of the reason, Nordstrom said. "It's hard for barbershops to compete against price-competitive models," he said. "We thought there was room in the market for an alternative that was more service-oriented. What we have found, it's being well received."

Plans are for expansion to other cities in the Northwest and eventually nationally, Kembel said. The company is looking to open another six stores in the Seattle area next fall.

"There are so many details

that we have perfected; to know that these are the things men will embrace, they'll enjoy and that they ultimately will be loyal to," Kembel said. "It's consistent. Its quality, its clean, its dependable, comfortable, masculine and it's a great haircut. There are a lot of things that go into that \$22 haircut and this experience."

The stores all are company-owned, not franchises, to ensure consistent service every time, Kembel said.

Although the shops do not offer the full "spa" experience, the company is studying requests for other services, such as manicures, facials and full face shaves, she said.

Spokane, with a metropolitan population of about 400,000, offers the perfect test market, Nordstrom said.

"A market like Spokane has a lot of diversity and different neighborhoods where we could put locations in and see the responses we got and make changes to services," Nordstrom said. "It's not your standard franchise model because we are taking a more service-oriented approach than is out there currently."

## New ruling won't allow beef from Canada

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — A federal judge on Monday rejected an effort by American meatpackers to lift all mad cow-related barriers to Canadian beef shipments.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge John Garrett Penn was the latest rebuff to supporters opposing the northern border to Canadian cattle. The United States banned Canadian cattle when mad cow disease turned up in May 2003 in Alberta.

The import ban was to have been lifted Monday on Canadian cows under 30 months of age, but a federal judge in Montana last week granted a request from U.S. ranchers to keep the border closed. The Senate also voted in favor of a resolution against the Bush administration's decision to allow Canadian cows back into the country.

The developments are a blow to free trade, said Mark Dopp, senior vice president and general counsel to the American Meat Institute, the packers' trade group.

"The U.S. meat industry continues to believe as strongly as ever that full trade in beef and cattle products with Canada is justified by both the science and world animal health guidelines," Dopp said Monday.

The Agriculture Department was pleased with Monday's ruling, spokesman Ed Loyd said. "USDA has decided to consider this issue through a separate rule-making process," Loyd said.

The department currently is determining whether the risk in allowing shipments of Canadian cattle under 30 months and meat from older Canadian animals.

"Canada's beef is safe and it's safe to allow younger Canadian cattle into the United States and had planned to do so beginning Monday until the Montana judge halted the plans."

Some nonetheless fret from younger Canadian animals has been and will continue entering the United States.

The reason for the age cutoff is that infection levels are believed to increase with age. Humans who eat meat contaminated with mad cow prion protein develop encephalopathy, or spongiform disease, can contract a fatal brain disorder called variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

## Hershey's ad has trouble with double meaning

Knight Ridder News Service

**MIAMI** — Argentines and Dominicans may do a double take when they see Hershey's new Elegancia chocolate bar and an ad for Kisses being promoted by Mexican bombshell Thalia.

The advertisement, running in People en español, features a shot of the songstress about to bite into the Kiss with a slogan boasting "about a chocolate bar that can captivate (white chocolate taste with goat's-milk caramel). The chocolate bar proclaims it is the "Elegancia" in the wrapper.

Well, that's the Mexican version of cajeta — a type of dulce de leche, — very sweet, caramelized condensed milk eaten straight from a tin, drizzled atop desserts or made into

candies throughout Latin America.

But in Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic, cajeta is a vulgar term for a certain delicate part of the female anatomy.

"This is obviously the work of someone who did not do their homework," said Jose Cancian, principal with Hispanic USA, a Coral Gables, Fla., marketing consultancy.

The problem, said Hershey's, is that cajeta is not the same product as dulce de leche as it is made with goat's milk and has a different taste.

The company needed to differentiate the taste for consumers, said spokeswoman Stephanie Moritz, adding that the company has not had any complaints about the ad or the wrapper.

"That is the generic word for the product," she said.

Elegancia, which will also be rolled out in coconut and vanilla flavors, is one of a line of candies with flavors designed to appeal to Hispanics, Moritz said.

The portfolio developed in partnership with Thalia and called "La Dulceria de Thalia" (Thalia's Sweet Shop), includes spicy fruit and tropical fruit lollipops, Cajeta, she said, is one of Thalia's favorite flavors.

Such linguistic pitfalls, where a common word may be understood in a different way in different countries, happen with some frequency in Spanish. Latin Americans often joke about the double meanings and their own red-faced faux pas when visiting different coun-

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## COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

**BOISE** — Recent activity in U.S. bankruptcy court included these Magic Valley filings:

**Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000.**  
Mark Williams, Joffa, 1421 Seventh Ave. E., Twin Falls, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case No. 05-40300.

**Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000.**  
Justin W. Lewis and Tonya Hill Lewis, 350 Grandview Drive, No. 24, Twin Falls, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case No. 05-40302.

**Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000.**  
Shelia Kay Slaughter, 424-S, Davis No. 158, Jerome, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 15-02 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case No. 05-40303.

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**Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000.**  
Gregory T. Avery, 350 Grandview Drive, No. 31, Jerome, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 15-02 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case No. 05-40305.

**Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000.**  
Justin W. Lewis and Tonya Hill Lewis, 350 Grandview Drive, No. 24, Twin Falls, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 15-02 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case No. 05-40306.

**Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000.**  
Shelia Kay Slaughter, 424-S, Davis No. 158, Jerome, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 15-02 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case No. 05-40307.

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Mergers buoy stocks despite CEO shakeup

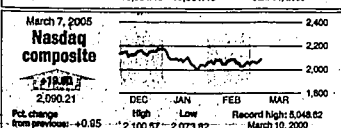
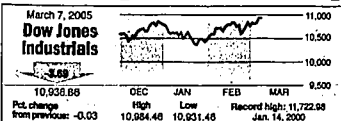
NEW YORK (AP) — A cautious stock market finished the second day Monday as investors mulling top-level changes at Boeing Co. pressured blue chips, while technology shares saw strong buying. The Dow Jones industrial average closed within 10 points of cracking 11,000 but settled with a minimal loss.

Multi-taking pushed the Dow lower as Boeing, a Dow component, said Chief Executive Officer Harry Stonecipher wished to resign by the company's board for a relationship with a female executive. It is the second major CEO scandal for the aircraft manufacturer in less than 15 years.

However, investors were cheered by three separate merger announcements in the Biopharm, defense and communications sectors — a sign of corporate America's confidence in economic growth. A jump in tech-stocks, which had been lagging in the markets recently, reflected newfound confidence on the part of investors.

"If you're going to go higher, you have to have techs involved," said Todd Leone, managing director of equity trading at SG Cowen Securities. "Overall, the market seems pretty resilient. It looks like it wants to go up to 11,000."

The Dow fell 3.69, or 0.03 percent, to 10,936.86, falling to the 3.5-year high reached Friday, when it rose 107 points. The Dow reached 10,954.16 in



trading before moving lower in the final hour of trading. Broader stock indicators gained ground. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 3.19, or 0.29 percent, at 1,222.41, adding to its multiday high from Friday. The Nasdaq composite index gained 19.60, or 0.95 percent, to 2,090.21, on the momentum of technology shares.

Ad

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trillion on the continent. For Spanish-language media in the United States, it is a particularly important market because of the U.S. Hispanic population comes from all over Latin America, plus Spain. As a guide, the National Association of Hispanic Publishers' Hispanic Media & Marketing Handbook includes a list of 100 Hispanic-owned companies — words that have an innocent meaning generally, but a more nefarious one in a specific region. "Cajeta" is not, as it is popularly known, "to frost as a fruit, but to Cubans, Nicaraguans, Panamanians and Mexicans as female genitalia and "pito" as "whistle" in the

dictionary but the male organ in numerous countries.

Even if people understand that the generic meaning is the one that is being used, the problem with these words is that the text's real message can be distorted within a double entendre joke — or insult, said Gustavo Godoy, publisher of the Miami-based Vista magazine, which boasts a 2 million circulation all over the country.

"Not only do you run the risk of offending Godoy, you lose the loyalty of the reader," said Godoy, a Cuban native. Although two-thirds of the U.S. Spanish-speaking population comes from Mexico,

Cancela said it doesn't make sense to spend money on national ads that the other third does not understand.

To the rest of Hispanic consumers in the United States, the word either means nothing, or in the worst of a marketer's nightmare, it means something God does not intend in a candy wrapper, said Cancela, a Cuban-born former Hispanic TV and radio executive.

The rule of thumb, said Cancela and Godoy, is to go with the most neutral and widely understood word or term. "Fortunately, Spanish is a very rich language," said Godoy. "There are a lot of synonyms."

Boeing forces out CEO over relationship

CHICAGO (AP) — Boeing Co. CEO Harry Stonecipher, brought back from retirement 15 months ago to boost the aerospace manufacturer's tattered image, has been forced out because of a scandal involving an affair he had this year with a female company executive.

In a stunning announcement that left the exact circumstances behind the ouster unclear, Boeing said Monday the 68-year-old

president and chief executive officer had resigned at the board's request a day earlier for improper behavior while carrying out the relationship.

Boeing's Law Platt said the affair did not violate the code of business conduct at the company, where a string of defense scandals has raised questions about the company's lucrative contracts. But an internal investigation that started

because of an employee's complaint discovered "some issues of poor judgment" involving Stonecipher, who is married.

Platt refused requests to be more specific and did not identify the executive, whom he said, remains with Boeing.

The board concluded that the facts reflected poorly on Harry's judgment and did not impair his ability to lead the company, he said.

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Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including wheat, corn, soybeans, and livestock. Columns include item, price, and change.

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Table of bean prices for various types including navy, pinto, and lima beans.

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Table of potato prices for various grades and types.

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Large table of metals futures prices for various commodities including copper, aluminum, zinc, and steel.

Fire

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Bankruptcies

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