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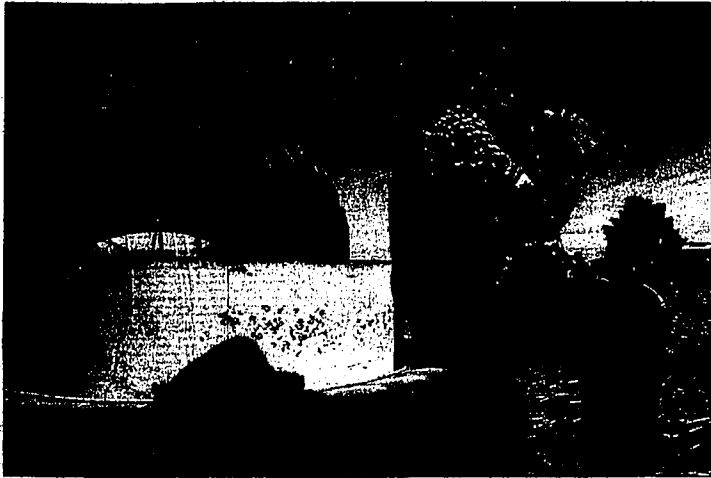
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# SOLD!



Elias Cortabarte, head mechanic for Gough Farms near Hagerman, takes a drink of water during an auction Thursday afternoon at NIB Farms at Bell Rapids. Bell Rapids farms like NIB agreed Wednesday to sell water rights to the state.

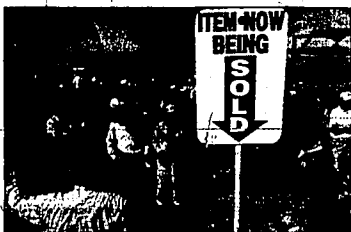
## Along with water rights goes their equipment

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

**HAGERMAN** — On a particularly sunny spring day, eight John Deere tractors sit collecting both dust and the attention of dozens gathered at a farm auction.

Farmers from Caldwell to Filer amble along rows of irrigation pipe and heavy equipment. In between, discussing the price of this fuel tank and the condition of that disc, conversations turn to one topic: water.

The auction could be anywhere, but the line of seven windmills roughly a half-mile



**Musker Bros.** Auctioneers sell equipment from NIB Farms. 25,000 acres of land possible since 1971. The state will pay approximately \$22.5 million — \$16 million initially and the remainder in annual installments over five years.

Standing away from the action, Bliss farmer Jack Gough

and Elias Cortabarte of Hagerman joke back and forth as they down bottles of that precious resource, water.

Cortabarte can't believe the water situation.

"I've never seen a winter like this one," he said. "You don't even know you're in Idaho."

Gough agrees, noting that the water buyout probably is the best thing for Bell Rapids farmers, who depend on water being pumped 600 feet from the Snake River to farmland looming above the Hagerman Valley.

"This just gets more expensive up here," Gough said. "Everybody's after water from here clear up to North Idaho. Everybody's interested in the Snake River."

Fresh out of high school in 1971, Bruce Lutz, owner of NIB Farms, began farming what grew to nearly 1,300 acres in the

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## 'Oh, say can you,' la, la, la 'and the home of the brave'

The Associated Press.

**WASHINGTON** — "Oh say can you" remember the rest of the words?

A lot of Americans can't, so there's a national effort under way to get people to learn the lyrics to "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"I don't even want to try to say it because I don't want to mess it up," said Sandy Sexton, 40, of Capitol Heights, Md., adding she has great respect for the song.

Called the National Anthem Project, various workshops, in-school programs and public-service announcements are geared toward instilling in people the significance of the national anthem and its role in U.S. history.

An emphasis will be placed on learning the lyrics to "The

Star-Spangled Banner."

"We want to remind all Americans to cherish our national treasures and to celebrate our unity and our values in song," said John Mahlumann, executive director of the National Association for Music Education, an organization of music teachers from preschool to graduate school.

The association is leading the effort and getting help from a variety of musicians, organizations and lawmakers and first lady Laura Bush, who is serving as honorary chairperson.

The effort kicked off Thursday on the west lawn of the Capitol with a performance of the anthem led by The Oak Ridge Boys and hundreds of school kids.

Schools across the country will be taking part in the project, and special performances of the

anthem will be held.

"I remember learning the anthem in elementary school," Sue Ellen Parrott, 64, of Potomac, Md., said after reciting the first verse of the song — verbatim. "It's the same way you learn a language — when you're around it, you hear it, you say it and eventually it sticks."

Rep. Ted Poe, R-Texas, was among those attending the kickoff. He said the project also needs to draw attention to the need to keep school music programs vibrant.

"Music is one of the easy things to eliminate because of budget cuts, but it's important to give kids the avenue to express themselves," Poe said. "We need to get kids singing about our history again."

Francis Scott Key wrote the words to the anthem during the War of 1812. On the night of

Sept. 13, 1814, Key watched the British Navy attack Fort McHenry near Baltimore. Key was expecting to find Baltimore under British control the next day, but what he saw was a battered American flag still waving as the sun rose.

He wrote a poem, and the words were later put to a tune composed by John Stafford Smith. In 1931 President Hoover signed an act making the song the official national anthem.

The anthem has four verses, but the first one ending "and the home of the brave," is the one usually sung at events.

"The official standards for our anthem specifically state that the song was meant to be sung together," Mahlumann said, "but now many Americans don't even know the words to the song or which song is the official anthem."

## Childcare bill dies in House committee

The Times-News and The Associated Press

**BOISE** — A bipartisan bill that would have placed stricter oversight on the childcare industry failed to pass the House Health and Welfare Committee this week as several lawmakers said the change wasn't needed and would force rural providers to close down.

"In small towns where there is one provider, that person will be out of business because they can't afford to be a center," Rep. Paul Shepherd, R-Riggins, said during debate in Boise. "I can't see how it would work in Boise, but not in rural Idaho."

George Saylor, D-Coeur d'Alene, the co-sponsor of the bill, and a handful of daycare providers made impassioned pleas, arguing almost every business is regulated by the state except the childcare industry. There have been widespread calls for more oversight of the "childcare" industry that were buoyed in part by recent violations committed by a popular Twin Falls daycare center.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare closed the Kid Works Child Care Center in February after a 2-year-old boy wandered from the center's back yard and was lost for 15 minutes. That instance was the second time in a month the center had been found in violation of state-childcare regulations. On Jan. 28, three-year-old Crissy Shirley closed the facility leaving a 5-month-old infant in his crib unattended. Shirley lost her license because of that incident and the center's management changed hands for a short time before being shut down in mid-February.

The proposed legislation would have required criminal background checks, basic fire safety standards and a limit on how many children one caregiver could oversee at one time. It also would have required first aid and pediatric rescue-breathing training for all childcare providers.

And licensing fee increases would be minimal compared with how much providers make per month, Saylor said.

But after 30 minutes of testimony and debate in the House Health and Welfare Committee, the measure, which was also endorsed by Sen. Joyce Broadsword, R-Sage, died on a 6-6 vote.

Committee Chairwoman Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, Please see BILL, Page A2



Rep. Sharon Block

## Survivor describes agony of heat trap

19 immigrants die inside airtight tractor-trailer

The Associated Press

**HOUSTON** — One of more than 70 illegal immigrants who were trapped in a sweltering, airtight tractor-trailer testified against the driver Thursday, describing the look of falling bodies as people died around him in the darkness.

Asked how long he believed he was in the trailer, Jose Juan Rodan Cotto replied, "For me, it was 24 hours."

Rodan testified Thursday on the third day of the trial of Tyrone Williams, who drove and abandoned the big rig and could face the death penalty if



Tyrone Williams, center, a truck driver accused in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants, tries to avoid the view of news cameras as he is escorted out of a federal courthouse Tuesday in Houston.

## Jury will be sequestered during deliberations

By Patti Murphy  
Times-News correspondent

**BOISE** — The 18 jurors in the Sarah Johnson murder trial were sent home Thursday for a long weekend, knowing that when they return Monday they'll be isolated from family and friends until they reach a verdict.

The 10-woman and eight-man jury, which includes six alternates, will immediately be sequestered Monday in a hotel following closing arguments by the defense and the prosecution.

Johnson, 18, is accused of murdering her parents, Alan and Diane Johnson, with a high-powered hunting rifle on the morning of Sept. 2, 2003. The prosecution wrapped up its rebuttal Wednesday, and



Sarah Johnson

Thursday's proceedings were held for the sole purpose of finalizing jury instructions.

Scott Birch, a criminal investigator with the Idaho State Attorney General's Office who is working with the prosecution, said the jury wasn't sequestered during the main portion of the trial because it wasn't a death penalty case.

"Sequestering during a trial is mostly to protect the jury from outside influences and we didn't feel there were any issues with that," he said. Please see JOHNSON, Page A2





# Iraq abuse report clears top officials

### Investigation leaves critics dissatisfied

WASHINGTON (AP) — A military review concluding that blame for war-era prisoner abuse lay mostly with low- and mid-level soldiers has failed to quiet critics who say Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and other senior leaders should be held to account.

There's a big problem, one senator said Thursday, when investigators are "in the chain of command of the officials whose policies and actions they are investigating."

In presenting the results of his investigation to the Senate Armed Services Committee in early April, Sen. Tom Church said Thursday there was no single explanation for the mistreatment of Iraqi, Afghan and other prisoners under the control of U.S. military personnel. Instead, there was no evidence to indicate Rumsfeld or any other senior civilian or military authority directed, approved or encouraged a policy of prisoner abuse.

Church said he did not focus on senior official accountability because that had been assessed in earlier investigations. But that did not satisfy some senators who believe Rumsfeld should

take blame for creating an environment in which mistreatment of prisoners might appear to be tolerated.

"So there's been no assessment of accountability of any senior officials, either within or outside of the Department of Defense, for policies that may have contributed to abuses of prisoners," said Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, the committee's top Democrat.

"I can only conclude that the Defense Department is not able to assess accountability at senior levels, particularly when investigators are in the chain of command of the officials whose policies and actions they are investigating," he added.

Church, a former Navy inspector general, is now director of the Navy staff at the Pentagon. A 21-page summary of his findings was made public, but the Pentagon said it did not intend to release the full report, which said many of the details underlying his conclusions are classified.

Asked later at a Pentagon news conference whether he saw any reason not to release his full report publicly, Church said that as long as classified information was removed, "that would be fine."

The human rights group Amnesty International's U.S. critic

ized Church's report as being too easy for top officials.

"The Church report should be published in full, and the record of senior officials thoroughly examined by an independent commission of inquiry," said Alexandra Arriaga, Amnesty International's director of government relations.

Church's report, which is at least the sixth senior-level assessment of issues related to the prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib and elsewhere, also failed to put to rest a political debate over the White House's decision not to afford Geneva Convention protections to some enemy fighters, including the Taliban army that fought in Afghanistan.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam, questioned the wisdom of deciding that certain categories of enemy fighters should be ineligible for Geneva Convention protections.

"I worry, admiral, very much that if we decide that a certain country's military personnel are not eligible for treatment under a convention that we signed," McCain said, "then would it be logical to expect then they would declare, as the North Vietnamese did, that American prisoners are not eligible for protection under the Geneva Conventions?"

# Official: Prisoners included children

WASHINGTON (AP) — Children held by the U.S. Army at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison included one boy who appeared to be only about 8 years old, the former commander of the prison told investigators, according to a transcript.

"The looked like he was eight years old. He told me he was almost 12," Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski told officials investigating prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib. "He told me his brother was there with him, but he really wanted to see his mother, could he please call his mother. He was crying."

Karpinski's statement is among hundreds of pages of Army records about Abu Ghraib the American Civil Liberties Union released Thursday. The ACLU got the documents under a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit seeking records about abuse of detainees in Iraq.

Karpinski did not say what happened to the boy in her interview with Maj. Gen. George Fay. Military officials have previously acknowledged that some juvenile prisoners had been held at Abu Ghraib, a massive prison built by Saddam Hussein.

# Senators may block Social Security vote

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush's bid to add individual accounts to Social Security faces such formidable opposition in the Senate that its supporters may be unable to bring it to a vote, according to a Washington Post survey of senators.

An overwhelming majority of Democratic senators said they will oppose, under any circumstances, Bush's plan to allow younger workers to divert a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes into individual investment accounts that would follow them into retirement. A few others said they will not support such accounts if they require substantial government borrowing. Even many Republicans say that is inevitable because the alternative involves unacceptably large cuts in benefits and/or tax increases to replace the diverted taxes.

Combined, these Democrats form a coalition large enough — more than 41 members — to use delaying tactics to keep the proposal from reaching a vote in the 100-member chamber. The Post survey of the Senate's 44 Democrats and one Democratic-leaning independent indicates there are at least 42 — and perhaps 44 — who firmly oppose personal investment accounts, particularly if they are financed with borrowed money.

Vice President Dick Cheney has said the Bush accounts would cost "trillions of dollars." Democrats put the price tag at \$5 trillion over 20 years.

In the clearest sign yet that Bush's efforts to win bipartisan support are flagging, several Democrats that the White House has been courting said they will not support the accounts at all. They include Sens. Thomas Carper of Delaware and Mary Landrieu of Louisiana. Three other Bush targets — Sens. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., and Mark Pryor, D-Ark. — said they will not support individual accounts financed by heavy borrowing.

# Police: Letters link man who killed himself to Lefkow murders

CHICAGO (AP) — A man who filed a lawsuit naming lawsuits over his cancer treatment shot himself to death during a traffic stop outside Milwaukee and left a suicide note claiming he killed the husband and mother of a federal judge who ruled against him, police said Thursday.

Bart Ross, a 57-year-old electrician from Chicago, committed suicide Wednesday in West Allis, Wis., after a police officer pulled him over because of a broken taillight on his van.

Chicago Police Superintendent Phil Cline stopped Ross from declaring the slayings of U.S. District Judge Joan Lefkow's relatives innocent. But he said "We satisfied that there's information in the letter that would point us to Ross being in Lefkow's house."

Cline also said authorities believe Ross is the same person seen by a witness near the Lefkow home on Feb. 28, the day Lefkow came home to find her 64-year-old husband and 89-year-old mother shot to death in the basement.

Until now, investigators had suspected the slayings may have been the work of white supremacists angry over another of Lefkow's rulings.

But Ross had no known connections to extremist groups. Last fall, the judge had dismissed a lawsuit in which Ross accused doctors of disfiguring him when they treated him for cancer in the early 1990s. Among other things, he claimed doctors committed a "terrorist act" by giving him radiation without his consent.

The police superintendent would not speculate on what Ross was doing in the Milwaukee area.



An unidentified animal control worker responds Thursday to the last known address of Bart Ross, who killed himself during a traffic stop in Wisconsin on Wednesday.

But at least one other judge who ruled against him lived there. And a source close to the investigation told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that the suicide note, found in Ross' van, contained the names of judges.

Cline said that after Ross killed himself, police and federal agents found a note in which he implicated himself in the murders of Michael Lefkow and Donna Humphrey and recounted the details.

WMAQ-TV in Chicago said it also received a hand-written letter signed by a Bart Ross on Thursday in which the writer describes breaking into the Lefkow house around dawn.

The writer said he planned to visit in the basement all day for the judge, and kill her.

But he said the judge's husband discovered him around 9 a.m., so he shot him, then killed Lefkow's mother after she heard the gun and called out to her son-in-law, the TV station reported.

"After I shot husband and mother of Judge Lefkow, I had a lot of time to think about life and death. Killing is no fun, even though I knew I was already dead. I gave up further killings on about 1:15 p.m. on Feb. 28, 2005, and left Judge Lefkow's house," the station quoted the letter as saying.

# House OKs highway bill

WASHINGTON — The House approved a mammoth highway and transit bill Thursday that aims to reduce traffic congestion nationwide and bring jobs to every lawmaker's home district.

The White House said the bill was "long overdue" but wanted, as the measure moved to the Senate, that it would be subject to a presidential veto if it rose above the \$284 billion the House approved.

The bill, passed 417-9, would guarantee \$225.5 billion over a six-year period to the federal Highway Administration, \$52.3 billion to the Federal Transit Administration and more than \$5 billion for safety programs.

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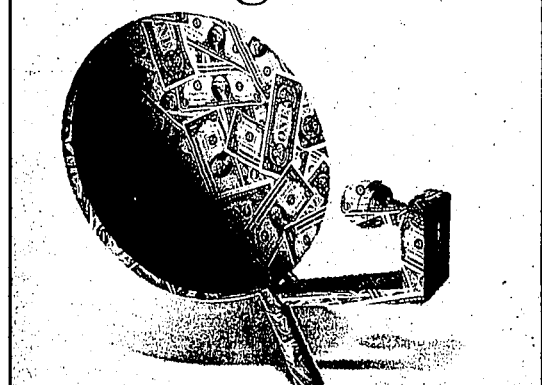
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# Clinton undergoes surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — Surgeons successfully removed fluid and scar tissue from Bill Clinton's chest cavity Thursday, clearing up complications from the former president's heart bypass operation of six months ago.

Clinton was "awakened and resting comfortably" after four hours of surgery, said Herbert Pardes, president of New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center. "We expect Mr. Clinton to be walking" within 24 hours.

His wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, and daughter, Chelsea, were with him and were said to be elated by the successful surgery and a prognosis from one of his surgeons for an "even better than a full recovery."

Pardes said Clinton, 58, was expected to spend three to 10 more days in the hospital. A tube to drain fluid from the left lung will be removed in two to five days.

A rare complication from his bypass surgery in September, scar tissue had developed because of fluid buildup and inflammation, causing compression and the collapse of the lower lobe of Clinton's left lung. Surgeons removed a thick rind of scar tissue, in some places up to 8 millimeters (0.3 inches) thick, which made it impossible to use a minimally invasive videoscapy. Instead, surgeons performed more traditional surgery.

"It was like peeling an orange," said Dr. Joshua Sonett, one of the surgeons, about removing the tissue.

By the end of the operation, Clinton's lung "was very healthy and looked excellent," he said.



Bill Clinton

## Another untimely twist in trials

Michael Jackson went AWOL from his trial Thursday and was almost jailed before showing up more than an hour late. Jackson was also late when he was arraigned in January 2004.

FEBRUARY 2005

### Highlights of a colorful trial

- Feb. 23: Jury of eight men and four women chosen
- Feb. 25: Relatives of woman brother-in-law to be moved from main courtroom to accommodate the singer
- Feb. 28: Case began with prosecution
- March 1: Jurors watched documentary "Living With Michael Jackson"
- March 3: Accuser's sister said her family was whisked away to Miami on a jet; also described drinking party with Jackson
- March 4: Jurors watch a video of the family now accusing Jackson, praising him; sister of accuser testified she once accused her own father of molesting her
- March 7: Accuser's brother said he twice saw Jackson molesting his brother while sleeping
- March 8: Defense confronts brother of accuser on his testimony
- March 9: Accuser described viewing adult Web site with Jackson present; said the singer told him to "call me daddy"
- March 10: Jackson went AWOL and was nearly jailed; trial resumed



Michael Jackson

# Jackson reaches trial more than an hour late

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — A pajama-clad Michael Jackson arrived more than an hour late to his child molestation trial Thursday, but the judge who had threatened to arrest him resumed the case without taking any action against the singer in open court.

The singer's young accuser returned to the stand for a second day, saying Jackson gave him wine and called it "Jesus Juice."

Superior Court Judge Rodney S. Melville had issued an arrest warrant when Jackson failed to arrive on time, but told defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. he would hold it for one hour. The judge, obviously angry, had also threatened to revoke his \$3 million bail.

Mesereau, who told the judge Jackson was being treated for a severe back problem, paced outside court and talked on his cell phone until the singer arrived, a few minutes past the judge's deadline.

Jackson walked in gingerly, dressed in a jacket over pajamas and looked distressed.

Attorneys met with the judge in chambers before court resumed and Melville addressed the jurors, telling them not to draw any negative inferences from the developments.

"Mr. Jackson had a medical problem and it was necessary for me to order his appearance," Melville said.

Hospital spokeswoman Janet O'Neill had said Jackson left Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital — which is about 35 miles from the courthouse — shortly after the judge issued his order, but would not comment on Jackson's condition.

Jackson's own spokeswoman, Raymonne K. Bain said outside court that the singer's back "gave out on him" after he woke up and he was rushed to an emergency room around 5:45 a.m.

"He knows the seriousness of this. He's not play-acting," Bain said.

# Rice vows cooperation with Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, acknowledging the difficulty of monitoring the porous southern border, said Thursday the United States would work with Mexico to thwart al-Qaida and other terrorist groups rather than trade accusations.

Rice, on her first visit to Mexico since taking over at the State Department in late January, echoed concerns raised by government officials in congressional testimony last month about the motives of the terrorist network blamed for the



Condoleezza Rice

Sept. 11 attacks.

"We and the Mexicans had a robust dialogue about border security, and I believe we're going to continue to have that," she said.

This is not a matter of pointing fingers. This is a matter of really trying to get the best possible coordination and work that we can so that there's

safety for citizens in both countries, on both sides of the border."

Recent intelligence from current investigations, detentions and other sources suggests that al-Qaida has considered using the Southwest border to infiltrate the United States, according to testimony from a top Homeland Security Department official last month before the Senate Intelligence Committee.

# Schiavo judge rules against agency

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A judge ruled Thursday that Florida's social services agency cannot intervene to delay the removal of the feeding tube keeping brain-damaged Terri Schiavo alive.

The Department of Children & Families had asked for a 60-day delay in the removal of the tube, now set for March 18. The agency said it wanted time to investigate allegations of abuse and neglect against the woman's husband, Michael Schiavo.

But Circuit Judge George W. Greer said those allegations and many others had been investigated in the past and found to be groundless. He said the agency was apparently trying to pull an end run around the court by getting involved at this late stage.

The decision was another setback for Gov. Jeb Bush's administration.

Terri Schiavo is in what some doctors say is a persistent vegetative state, with no consciousness. She suffered brain damage in 1990 after her heart stopped because of a chemical imbalance believed to have been brought on by an eating disorder.

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WORLD

# Bomber targets mosque



An unidentified man grieves after a suicide bomber blew himself up during a funeral being held in the courtyard of a Shiite mosque in the northern town of Mosul in Iraq on Thursday.

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — A suicide attack set off a bomb that tore through a funeral tent, scarred with Shiite mourners Thursday, splattering blood and body parts over rows of overturned white plastic chairs. The attack, which killed 47 and wounded more than 100, came as Shiite and Kurdish politicians in Baghdad said they overcame a major stumbling block to forming a new coalition government.

The explosion in a working class neighborhood of this northern city, destroyed a large tent pitched next to a smaller one on a grassy patch in the courtyard of a mosque. Survivors scrambled to get the wounded to a hospital, lugging them to ambulances and cars in blankets or prayer rugs as a strong smell of gunpowder filled the air.

"As we were inside the mosque, we saw a ball of fire and heard a huge explosion," said Tahrir Abdullah Sultan, 45. "After that blood and pieces of flesh were scattered around the place."

At first, some mourners thought it was an air strike — but once they smelled the gunpowder, they knew it was a suicide bombing.

Blood was splattered across the grass, car windows were shattered and survivors wailed as corpses were loaded onto the backs of trucks. Officers simply folded newspapers over the faces of the dead. The body parts that were strewn around the area were believed to be of the bomber.

Shiite mosques and funerals have become a frequent target of Sunni-led insurgents. Last month, suicide bombers attacked a funeral of a cleric during the Shiite commemoration of Ashura, killing nearly 100 people.

Mosul has been a hotbed of insurgent violence, and the scene of many bombings, drive-by shootings and assassinations targeting the country's security services, majority Shiites and people thought to be working with U.S.-led forces.

Dealing with the persistent insurgency will be a main task for a new Iraqi government.

Officials said the deal between the Shiite clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance and the Kurdish parties opens the way for naming a Cabinet when Iraq's democratically elected National Assembly convenes Wednesday.

## Checkpoint was to provide extra security

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The temporary road checkpoint where American troops mistakenly killed an Italian intelligence agent last week was set up to provide extra security for U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte, a U.S. Embassy official said.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, meanwhile, assured his Italian counterpart that the inquiry into the death of Nicola Calipari would clear up the details of what happened, Italy's government said.

Calipari died Friday when troops at the checkpoint fired at an approaching car that was carrying Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena, who had just been freed by Iraqi kidnappers.

"The mobile patrol was there to enhance security because Ambassador Negroponte was expected through," embassy spokesman Robert Callahan said, confirming a report that first appeared in the Italian newspaper La Repubblica.

It was not known if Negroponte, who was nominated last month by President Bush to be the new director of national intelligence, passed through the checkpoint before the shooting. Senior U.S. officials usually travel by helicopter to avoid attacks in Iraq, but methods are varied so as not to be predictable.

While agreeing the shooting was an accident, U.S. and Italian officials have disagreed about several aspects of the incident, including whether U.S. authorities were notified of the trip, how fast the car was traveling and whether the car ignored signals to halt.

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## EDITORIAL

### Water users can't avoid the reality of curtailment

The Idaho Department of Water Resources' worst-kept secret gained more momentum this week. A new water study showed that curtailing Idaho's groundwater pumping wells will be a costly proposition.

Power have already lost \$400 million from a depleted aquifer.

So now, after three studies and a mind-numbing list of nine-figure estimates, what do we know?

For starters, the state cannot avoid the C-word any longer. Some levels of curtailment are imminent in the spring, Idaho prior appropriation doctrine, which dictates that water rights first in time are first in right, isn't just a fancy line from a book. It's the law and it has to be applied in the broad picture of groundwater and surface water use.

**Our view: A third study on Idaho water gives more credence to some levels of curtailment for groundpumper wells. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

But at this point, it's going to have to happen. The only question is how many will be shut off, and to what far-reaching extent? The House Resource and Environment Committee heard the results of an independent study, commissioned by the state and conducted by Utah State University, showing economic losses from curtailment of junior water right pumpers going back to 1949, could go as high as \$200 million. Much of it would be in lost labor, income, property income and business taxes.

For those keeping score at home, this is the third study to make waves in the irrigation water showdown in the past year. Round one went to University of Idaho Extension Service, which released a study a year ago claiming shutdown of thousands of pumps in southern Idaho alone could cost the regional economy \$100 million directly in dairy shutdowns. The amplified impact on the Idaho economy would go as high as \$777 million.

Round two came in December, from aquaculture spring users and surface water irrigators. They disputed the earlier study with a new study, from U of I economist Joel Hamilton, that showed farmers and Idaho

Dreher is prepared to give April 1 recommendations after 10 months to do just that. Even the pumpers recognize that reality and argue that a 10-percent shutdown of junior wells is sufficient for the situation. Senior water right surface users counter back that the figure should be higher—around 38 percent.

But while curtailment may bring hope to some surface irrigators, the new study offers a warning that the relief won't be heavy.

The bottom line is that Idaho is water right holders. The excess of springs to combined surface-pumping water right holders in the foreseeable future," said Donald Snyder, the associate dean at USU who headed the study.

The latest study proves once again, that with a prolonged drought and an ailing aquifer, Idaho has no choice but to use less water. Curtailment is no longer a draconian threat, but a obvious need for a parched state pleading for rain.

## Be relentless about nailing bin Laden

President Bush's blunt talk about Osama bin Laden and potential new al-Qaeda attacks may have inspired writers, but it also has renewed awareness of the terrorism threat.

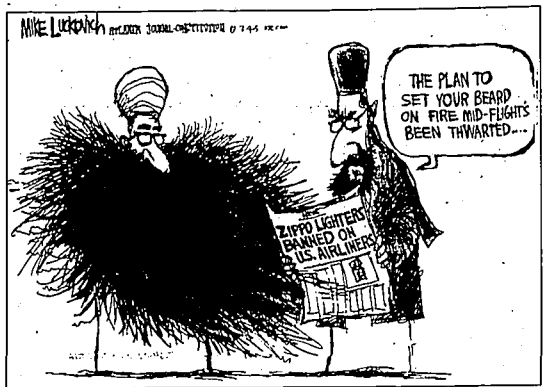
**JOHN C. BERSIA**

If the United States is in for a period of heightened terrorism activity, which would make sense, attacks could come more frequently against U.S. targets anywhere—including here at home. Americans should gird themselves for those possibilities to avoid the discomfort of undue scrutiny and harm.

It's not that bin Laden and al-Qaeda have twiddled their thumbs since that tragedy. Actually, they have hatched many numbers of plots to harm the United States and its interests. Authorities in the United States and in friendly countries have simply done the better job, stopping the vast majority of plots before they could deliver death and disaster.

More complex bin Laden terrorism threats, though, than simply a desire to win admiration for his organization's response to the war against terrorism. Time threatens to diminish his carefully constructed plans, as well as his legacy. Although he remains a hero to some, his organization's response to the war against terrorism, Time threatens to diminish his carefully constructed plans, as well as his legacy.

Moreover, many of the issues bin Laden purports to embrace



in the Middle East—from Palestinians self-determination to replacing "illegitimate" leaders in Arab countries—are inching toward resolution without any input from him. Bin Laden despised Saddam Hussein, but he equally dislikes the free and open system emerging in the new Iraq. The current phase of peacemaking between Israel and the Arabs, which could finally settle the Palestinian question, also does not suit him. Nor do recent signals from Egypt's government that hold out the possibility of direct presidential elections.

Other discussions about possible terrorist threats—from a suspected plot to target New York's Grand Central Terminal to an Interpol conference in

France that warned about the growing bioterrorism danger—provide additional reminders of al-Qaeda's ongoing capabilities and presence.

In light of that danger, I commended Bush for underscoring his commitment to hunt bin Laden down. Any relentless, comprehensive global effort by the United States, in word and in deed, will keep the terrorism scourge at bay.

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## Human cloning must be avoided at all costs

I will work with Congress to ensure that human embryos are not created for experimentation or grown for body parts and that human life is never bought and sold as a commodity (applause).

—State of the Union address, Feb. 2, 2005



It is part very early to derive stem cells (research cloning). Everyone opposes (a) because everyone agrees that cloning children is a monstrous idea that deserves to be banned. But congressional Democrats (with the support of some equally confused Republicans) support (b), research cloning. But that means you've just created a human embryo for the exclusive purpose of experimentation and dissection—the banning of which most everyone in the House chamber stood up to cheer.

means "yes" to using existing, already created embryos such as the thousands of frozen and/or discarded embryos left over from IVF clinics—embryos created for the purpose of becoming children but which, for one reason or another, were not used.

I support that research. The president does not. In his Aug. 9, 2001, address to the nation, he opposed embryonic research using newly discarded embryos from fertility clinics.

Initially I thought that the 2005 State of the Union declaration was signaling a retreat from that position. My firm understanding from subsequent inquiries is that it was not. The administration continues to oppose such research.

But note that Bush only prevented federal funding for it. Bush did not ban it. It continues legally in the private sector. His State of the Union proposal would do nothing to change that balance. (Since it deals only with creation, it leaves aside the question of discarded embryos.)

Presidents come and go. And when this president goes, and the next president, could, and likely will, reverse the Bush policy—and allow federal funding for stem cells derived from newly discarded embryos.

I would applaud that. But I deplore the step that proponents of such research are already demanding: research

cloning, i.e., creating special embryos created for a specific purpose of using them for their parts. This is crossing a critical moral red line. We may honorably disagree about the moral dignity due a tiny human embryo. But we must establish some barrier to the most wanton, reckless and hubristic exploitation of the human embryo for our own purposes.

The line is easy to find: you do not create a human embryo to be a means to some other end. Most people with a moral sense, as demonstrated by the spontaneous response to the State of the Union declaration, understand immediately that there is something fundamentally different, fundamentally dangerous about allowing—indeed encouraging—the manufacture of human embryos for the purpose of their dissection and use for parts.

It is time to act on precisely that intuition and pass a law that draws that line no creation for the purpose of destruction. We need to do it sensually. And we need to do it now. Tomorrow is too late. By tomorrow we will have an embryo manufacturing industry, and we will already be numb to it.

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## LETTERS

### Feature on communities is a treat for readers

Just a note to congratulate Virginia Hutchins on her wonderful stories describing life around our "close-by" communities. The stories are so well written that the images flash in my mind like I am actually seeing the characters she tells about. The recent story about the Piebco Livestock Co.'s horses and dogs was absolutely delightful (the shivering Boston terrier was my favorite). Thanks, Times-News, for your wise decision to feature this talented writer! Looking forward to more! MARY BENNETT Twin Falls

### Threat of litigation does the trick for Lucky's

In a public meeting Tuesday night in which the public earnestly got less than its "2 cents worth," the planning and zoning commission—after hearing an hour or so of emotional, redundant pleading from one of the owners of Lucky's Nightclub (without allowing any other input from the public), decided not to move on to a public special-use permit revocation hearing because they did not want to listen to emotional input from the public. I guess threatening to sue the city is effective. MARY GOODMAN Buhl

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### Cul-de-sac liberties may come back to haunt you

Dear neighbor: Apparently, my concerns about your children playing in the cul-de-sac were unwarranted and inappropriate. Even though your children set up wooden ramps and obstacle courses for bike riding and roller skating, they are completely with a home plate and bases for their kickball game, they acted in an appropriate manner and those obstacles were not safety or traffic hazards.

### Letter

The policeman who came to investigate found there to be no potential threat or harm and he encouraged your children to continue with their fun. Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney chastised me for my attitude and let me know that I am totally out of line for even questioning the matter. He said that people purposely move to the cul-de-sac so that their children will have a place to play and that the city of Twin Falls will never attempt to stop children from playing in cul-de-sacs. He said that your children's actions are

### Letter

not a neighborhood nuisance and that it is my responsibility to look out for them and to see that they are safe and their welfare is maintained. He said that even though there is a city park one block away from this cul-de-sac, you don't have time to take your children there to play. He said it is much more advantageous for you to allow them to play in the street where you can more easily keep tabs on them. I personally wonder why there is a current push for the construction of new parks in Twin Falls when there are so many wonderful cul-de-sacs available for children to play in.

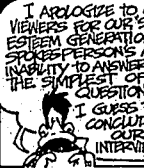
### Letter

There is one thing you should remember. If your child is injured in an unfortunate mishap with an automobile, while playing in a cul-de-sac, the driver will not be the only one potentially liable. You, who have allowed your child to play in the street, along with the city of Twin Falls and any wise policy-makers who have ignored basic traffic and safety concerns, will also be at fault. TOM GUGGS Twin Falls

### Doonesbury



### Mallard Fillmore



### By Garry Trudeau

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OPINION

# A new reformer emerges in Senator Lott

When compiling a list of genuine reformers in the United States Senate, a name that does not spring automatically to mind is that of Trent Lott of Mississippi. But the Republican former majority leader has seized the role and is working hard to end the worst abuses of the last presidential campaign.

Those abuses stemmed from the expansion of so-called 527 groups, nominally independent political organizations that collected \$400 million in essentially unregulated funds and poured them into TV ad campaigns, often of the nastiest variety.

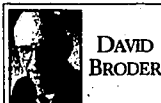
Democrats were the main abusers, with billions from George Soros and friends financing a network of groups run by longtime party and labor activists. But Republicans had even more blood, thanks to the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth ads questioning John Kerry's service in Vietnam.

One of the unexpected after-effects of this bipartisan excess is a resolve by senators of both parties, led by Lott, the chairman of the Rules Committee, to clamp down on the 527s before the next election.

John McCain, the Arizona Republican, and Russ Feingold, the Wisconsin Democrat, who teamed up to sponsor the major campaign finance reform bill enacted in 2002, can hardly believe the support they are getting for their new legislation restricting the 527s. McCain-Feingold became law only after years of fierce battles, with Republican regulars fighting it every step of the way and some Democrats quickly hoping for its demise.

That law essentially shut down the unregulated "soft money" contributions to the political parties, which had ballooned into the principal source of funding on the Democratic side and a major revenue stream for Republicans.

Despite the restrictions, both parties found they could finance the 2004 campaigns on an even larger scale, thanks primarily to a flood of small contributions, solicited by phone, mail and (for the first



DAVID BRODER

time) by the Internet.

But just when the reformers were about to see their dreams realized — a campaign fueled by relatively small and fully visible contributions — the 527s moved in and basically attempted to swamp the airwaves with their lavishly financed and mostly negative ads. More than one-third of the 527s' money — \$145 million — came from 25 wealthy individuals.

Because the outrage was bipartisan, establishment figures like Lott, who opposed earlier excess, now have joined McCain and Feingold in pushing the next step in campaign reform. On Tuesday, Lott held the first hearing of the year in his committee on legislation to curb the 527s and stacked the witness list with proponents of action. He announced at the end of two hours that he hoped to mark up a bill soon after the Easter recess and move it to the Senate floor quickly enough that it might take effect for the 2006 campaign.

The bill would basically require 527s to comply with the same contribution limits that any other political committee now faces. As McCain put it, "a George Soros could give \$25,000 per year ... as opposed to \$10 million."

The 527s were able to escape the restrictions of McCain-Feingold in 2004 because of some fancy legal maneuvering by their lawyers, who gained a tax exemption from the Internal Revenue Service by arguing they were engaged in exempted political activities, then turned around and persuaded the Federal Election Commission that they were not political committees as defined by the Supreme Court.

The legislation being drafted for the Senate has to thread a narrow constitutional line, because the reformers, including Lott, do not want to inhibit

communication to voters by more traditional advocacy groups pushing particular issues or causes.

But that's a matter of drafting, which can be solved. Tuesday's hearing included warnings from some campaign finance experts that if the 527s are restricted, that money may be shifted into some other, less visible political channels. But Michael Malbin, the head of the nonpartisan Campaign Finance Institute, said such warnings should not deter action against a visible evil.

"Observe what happens," he counseled, "and then see if further steps are needed."

That is precisely what Lott has determined to do. His goal, he said, is to pass "a pretty aggressive, targeted bill," one that will not infringe on the freedom of advocacy groups but also will not satisfy those who would like if the Constitution permitted it, restrict the campaign dialogue to the candidates and the political parties.

Early Senate action will put pressure on the House, where reform sentiment does not have the same reach into the Republican leadership.

That will be another story.

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### Preserve Canyon Rim road for drivers' views

A large housing development (known as Settler's Ridge) located between the Twin Falls Gun Club to the east, Grandview Drive to the west, Canyon Rim road to the north and Federated Road to the south is starting a petition to vacate seven-tenths of a mile of Canyon Rim Road west from the Twin Falls Gun Club and along the Snake River Canyon. If approved, this would vacate three-tenths of a mile of Canyon Rim Road that abuts the edge of the Snake River Canyon. In place of this 85-year-old public road, this organization wants to construct a walking path, thus diverting the canyon rim traffic through its housing project. By closing this section of the road, the developer plans to establish 10 "detached" housing lots abutting the Snake River Canyon. To the people of Twin Falls: Be advised that this three-tenths of a mile of Canyon Rim Road is the last remaining piece of public road along the south side of the Snake River Canyon in or near Twin Falls where the public can drive a motorized vehicle and have a view of this magnificent canyon. This section of road af-

fects grand vistas of the golf courses, Penna Bridges, fish farms, hundreds of pelicans riding the currents, and the sound of hawks screaming. Not everyone can make use of a walking path. This section of road allows people confined to a motorized vehicle (elderly, handicapped, adverse weather) to enjoy this magnificent canyon. We who reside on Canyon Rim Road have no objection to a walking path or sidewalk being established parallel to the existing road, as this would provide a view of the canyon for vehicular and walking traffic. The developers have used this same parallel existence on the north end of their development. If the people desire to have this three-tenths of a mile of Canyon Rim Road remain open to vehicular traffic and a view of the Snake River Canyon, then contact the Twin Falls County commissioners, Twin Falls City Council, Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission or the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning administrators: **CHIPS AND GWEN BARLOW** **GEORGE AND MERILYN LEE** Twin Falls

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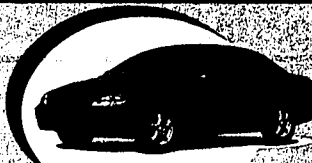
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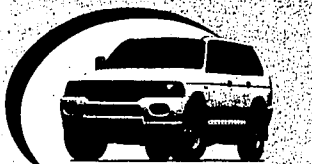


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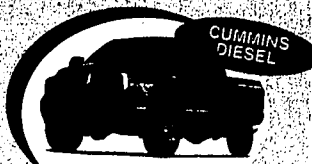


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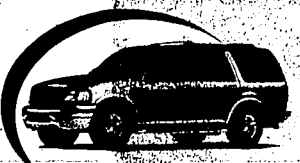
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### Police seek details on recent crash

**ROGERSON** — Idaho State Police are seeking information on an injury crash that occurred at about 7:10 p.m. Tuesday 6 miles north of the Nevada border on U.S. Highway 93.

The information indicates a mid-sized white car or possibly a commercial semi-truck may have been involved in the incident. Witnesses are urged to contact Detective Joseph Lake at 324-6000 if they drove by the scene that evening or have information about the crash, or have knowledge of a white vehicle with recent damage. Call the officers via radio.

### Observatory offers all-night stargazing

**TWIN FALLS** — Sky-watching enthusiasts are keeping their fingers crossed for clear skies Saturday night. That's the night of the Messier Marathon at the Centennial Observatory in the Herrett Center for Arts and Science. As the name suggests, if skies are clear, the telescope viewing will last from sundown Saturday night until sunrise Sunday morning.

The Centennial Observatory will point its 24-inch research telescope at each of the 109 targets, weather permitting, beginning at 7:45 p.m. Saturday. To help accommodate larger crowds early in the marathon, a video feed from the telescope will be transmitted via the Herrett's Rick Allen room. When the Herrett Center closes at 9 p.m., all viewing will take place "in the observatory and the skygazers deck that surrounds the telescope on the building's second level. The event is expected to last until about 6:30 a.m. Sunday. Admission is free, and the public is invited to come for whatever part they like. A separate entrance to the Centennial Observatory is located on the south side of the building under the silver dome.

### Boy Scouts hold recognition banquet

**TWIN FALLS** — The Snake River Council of the Boy Scouts of America will hold its 60th-anniversary Council Recognition Banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Senior Center on Shoshone Street.

The highlight will be the presentation of the Silver Buffalo Award, the highest honor presented by a Boy Scout council, to eight Magic Valley residents. To attend, RSVP to the Council Service Center by calling 733-2847. The cost is \$20 per person. **MALCOLM**

### CSI will play host to Easter egg hunt

**TWIN FALLS** — An Easter egg hunt and other activities for kids will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 18 on the campus of Southern Idaho campus.

The event will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 18 on the campus of Southern Idaho campus. The CSI event is being held, you to ensure enough student volunteers will be available because CSI will be on spring break the week before Easter. March 21-26. Most of CSI's 60 student clubs are contributing volunteers and materials to the event.

Heather Jones, Interim Communications chairwoman, said her group has modified the traditional CSI Easter egg hunt this year. The event will run from 2 to about 3:30 p.m. and will include a coloring book, painting, and prizes for kids. Easter bunnies and pizza drawing.

During the event, egg groups will be called to the CSI tower where bunnies will be held.

Visitors should go to the grassy area just outside the CSI Student Union Building where the activities will be going on and wait for their egg group to be called. Admission is free.

Compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack

Watershed	March 11	March 10
Salmon	52%	44%
Big Wood	62%	53%
Latah Wood	67%	59%
Dry Lake	69%	61%
Snake	69%	61%
Henry's Fork/Teton	71%	62%
Upper Snake Basin	71%	62%
Payette	71%	62%
Columbia	84%	82%
Boise	84%	82%
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# Shelter uses new adoption methods to help them find new homes

Animals will take field trips to help them find new homes

By Candace Baltz-Smylie  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls animal shelter isn't going to rely solely on visitors to stroll through its kennels looking for animals to adopt.

Shelter leaders say they're going to begin experimenting with innovative methods to find dogs and cats, including field trips, utilizing the Internet, and transferring animals to other shelters where there's more demand.

"We see at least five new animals a day, sometimes 30," Twin Falls animal shelter director Debbie Blackwood told the

organization's advisory commission Thursday.

Blackwood and her staff will begin taking a few dogs out into the public for special adoption events beginning this weekend. The goal is to not only find homes for the animals, but also to educate the public about the shelter.

"The last time we did this we adopted 100 more animals that year," Blackwood said.

The first mobile adoption event will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at D&B Supply in Twin Falls. About half a dozen dogs will be available to take home.

"By going out in the commu-

### Adoption event

A mobile adoption event sponsored by the Twin Falls animal shelter will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at D&B Supply in Twin Falls.

A few dogs will be available for adoption at this time. Other animals, including cats, will also be available at the shelter. For more information, call the Twin Falls animal shelter at 736-2299.

"We're hoping to boost our adoption rate like we did in the past," Blackwood said. "The community will be able to look at a few, highly adoptable animals as opposed to coming in to the shelter and being overwhelmed by all those pairs of eyes."

The mobile adoption events

are part of a strategy the shelter is implementing to market itself as a good place to get good pets.

In fact, maybe too many good pets.

The shelter has made an agreement with another shelter in the Treasure Valley to network puppies. The Twin Falls shelter is saturated with puppies, getting up to eight litters a week, Blackwood said. The hope is that some of those pups will find a home by being transferred to another shelter in another part of the state where there aren't as many puppies.

"It's scary how many pups we get," she said.

The shelter has also recently begun listing pets on petfinder.com and has had tremendous success.

"We have people coming from other states like Nevada

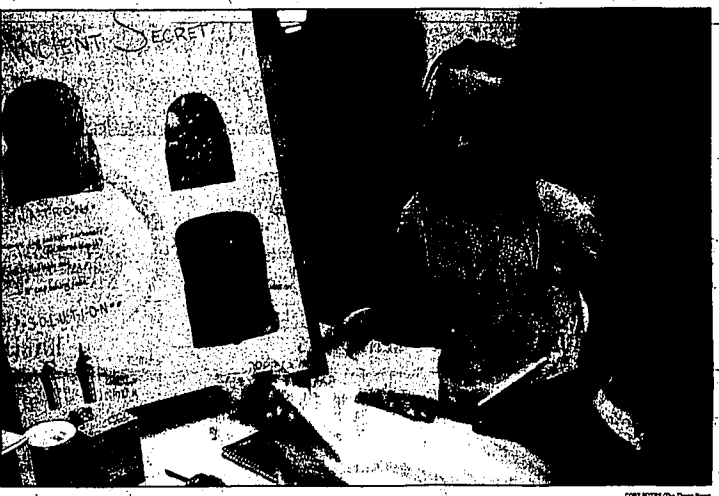
and Utah," Blackwood said. "We had two little dodes on there and one woman from Boise called and said she wanted the red one. I called her back, and she was at our shelter before we even opened the next day."

Each of those dogs, and every other dog and cat that enters the shelter, are tracked with an extensive paper and electronic tracking system. The shelter was recently commended on their organization for animal tracking by the Idaho State Board of Veterinary Medicine.

"They have a very good system," said Ernie Willis, a member of the shelter's advisory board.

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# LOVE OF SCIENCE



Southwest Elementary School fourth-grader Becky Rich explains the mummification process Thursday while Judge and College of Southern Idaho sophomore Rachel Geering takes notes during the school's science fair.

## Students design experiments in science fair

By Karla Kowalski  
Times-News writer

### The winners

- Best of Show: Jane Snelling
- First place (K-3): Amy Roemer
- Second place (K-3): Maddeline Ho
- First place (4-8): Leni Roemer
- Second place (4-8): Marcus Ko and Dylan Dobbs

"I think it's pretty gross," she told a pair of judges from the College of Southern Idaho. About 50 students at the school participated in the extracurricular fair either in groups or as individuals. They

design their own experiments, follow the scientific method, create displays and field questions from judges.

Anne Ko is one of the coordinators of the fair. She said the interdisciplinary aspects of it benefit students.

"I really do wish it could be in the curriculum," Ko said.

Jamie Klucken, who is studying pre-pharmacy at CSI, said she was impressed with the projects she judged.

"These kids are not required to do this," Klucken said. "They've actually taken the initiative to have extra work."

Ann-Marie Dobbs teaches third-grade and all her students participated in one project, comparing the short-term memory of boys and girls in the class. They found it to be about equal. She hopes the project will inspire them to strike out on their own with experiments as they get older.

This is an amazing activity that the parents put together," Dobbs said.

*Times-News writer Karla Kowalski can be reached at 735-3231 or kowalski@magicalvalley.com.*

## Local groups get funds to preserve history

The Times-News

tour of the Smithsonian exhibit, "Barro Archaic: Celebrating an American Icon," showing Sept. 24 through Oct. 29 in Jerome. The local bar exhibit, and booklet will contain historical information about local bar history and offer a map to allow visitors to drive to the different locations in and around Jerome. The project director is Kay Davidson.

• **Centers of the Main National History Association in Arco** received \$1,500 to help bring

numismatist Steven Trimble, author of "The Sagebrush Ocean: A Natural History of the Great Basin" and other books, for a symposium Oct. 6 to 9 in Pocatello. The symposium will be a gathering of scientists, teachers, community leaders and the general public who are interested in the science and history of the great lava desert of southern Idaho. Tom Blanchard of Bellevue is the project director.

• **The Burley Public Library**

received \$1,976 to assist in a new community-wide reading program that will coincide with Burley's centennial celebration. The book chosen will be a new Cassia County history by Col. James H. Anderson, Idaho professor Kathleen Heiberg that will be published this summer. Funds will support honoraria for public presentations by Heiberg and purchase of multiple copies for the library. Julie Woodford is the project director.

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## Levy will head to Cassia County School District voters

By Laurie Welch  
For The Times-News

for the same amount as last year's district Superintendent Mike Chesley said during Tuesday's school board meeting.

The amount has remained at the same level for a number of years.

"It's unusual that we supplement levies, allow us to hold smaller classes, buy materials and extra supplies, and pay for special programs such as orchestra and elementary physical education. It also supports Cassia Regional Technical

Also on May 17, voters will elect a new school board member for the district.

Levy Harper announced he will seek reelection.

"It's been a great experience to feel like the district is in good hands and I think we will find a qualified person to fill the position," Harper said.

"In other business, the School Board voted to tear down half of the old brick building that sits across the street from Raft River High School in Malta. The building sustained water dam-

age that could not be repaired. The district will receive \$2,000 in insurance claims and may erect a metal building of the lot that would house a winging and the light roof. Options will be considered at the next board meeting.

The district has a new job opening for the Health and Medical Leave Act which conforms to federal law, sick leave for 100-percent full-time employees. Participation in contests, which says the district does not require any student to participate

in a contest not sponsored by the district and a student transportation policy that outlines procedures to ensure there are suitable bus stops and safety procedures.

The district's new supply contract out of its jurisdiction, with Minidoka County School District to see if the districts can get products at a lower cost.

Laurie Welch can be reached at 877-9767 or by e-mail at laurie.welch@lee.net.

## MAGIC VALLEY

## SERVICES

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

**Joseph Carrillo of Rupert, funeral** at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert 7th Ward LDS. A viewing will be held from 10 to 10:50 a.m. before the service at the church located on Eighth and G Streets in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

**Gilbert Charles Ivie, graveside service** at 11 a.m. today at the Shoshone cemetery (Demary's Shoshone Funeral Chapel, 404 W.B. St.).

**Lula Jeweard of Meridian, funeral** Mass at 10:30 a.m. today at Holy Apostles Catholic Church, 6300 N.

**Meridian Road, Meridian; visitation** for family and friends will be held one hour before the service at the church (Home Funeral Home, Meridian).

**Thelma Kysar of Kimberly, memorial graveside service** at 2 p.m. today at the Falls View Cemetery at American Falls (White Mortuary, 136 Fourth and E. Twin Falls).

**Terry Michael Barth of Twin Falls, graveside service** at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, in Twin Falls.

**Winifred Ellen Stombaugh of Boise, and formerly of Buhl, memorial service** at 1 p.m.

**Saturday at Summers Funeral Chapel, Eagle and Utstik in Meridian.**

**Fern E'zel Voburg** Memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Ascension Episcopal Church on Eastland Avenue in Twin Falls. A family inurnment will be held before the service in the Declo Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls).

**Ethel Raina Butler Coleman of Glens Ferry, graveside service** at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Hagerman Cemetery, Hagerman, Luncheon for family and friends at 2 p.m. at the Glens Ferry Senior Center (Demary's Funeral Chapel, 737 Main, Gooding).

## 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 obituaries@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 and click on "Obituaries."

## Emma Beck

**INDEPENDENCE, Mo.** — Emma Beck, 86, of Independence, Mo., passed away Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at her home.

A service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 14, 2005, at Carson-Speaks Chapel, 1501 W. Lexington Ave. with interment in Mount Gray Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the chapel.

Emma was born in Kirktus, Wash. to Stephen Alfred and Emma (Meincke) Winegar. When she was 7 months old, the family moved to Shoshone, Idaho, at 7 years old, the family moved to the Casford area where she attended school. In the fall of 1928 the family moved to the Scully place, northwest of Buhl.

Emma attended Melon Valley School and Buhl High School graduating in 1936. That December the family

as secretary, Sunday School Teacher and Womens Leader. During World War II, she worked at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, Wash. In Independence, Mo. she was a member of the Laurel Club and drove school bus for over 20 years.

Emma preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Fern Nipper; brothers, Vernon, Stephen, Franz and Howard Winegar. Her husband, Leonard R. Beck, passed away in 1999.

She is survived by two daughters, Janet (William) Hunsucker and Mona (Bill) Kirk of Independence, Mo.; grandsons, Kathryn, Susan, Jane, Leonard, Stephen, Shelly, John, David, Marci and Heather; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Irene (George) Lemmon of Hagerman, Idaho; Doris Nell of Soda Springs, Idaho; brother, Floyd Winegar of Washington; and many nieces and nephews.



moved to Hagerman.

As a teenager she was a member of the 4-H Sewing Club with exhibits each year at the Twin Falls County Fair. She loved music, organ, violin and cello. She was baptized into the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served the church

## Claudia Martin Kidd



gentina and Peru.

Following the death of her husband, John, in 1979, Claudia married Thurman Kidd on Nov. 1, 1980, at the home of her daughter, Laurel Adams. Mr. Kidd preceded her in death in 1987.

She is survived by her children, Marilyn (Bob) Helner of Sandy, Utah; Evelyn (Holtbrook) Maslin of Boise, Laurel (Kyle) Adams of Burley, John

## LaVerle Walker Stastny



with her care. LaVerle was very active in the LDS Church, serving in many capacities including working in the Boise and St. George Temples for several years. She was an excellent cook, seamstress and quilter. All these things were very much enjoyed by all her family. She also enjoyed snowmobiling trips to the Stastny cabin, The South Hills for many years.

eight siblings and her daughter, Linda Shouse.

Surviving are her three sons, Andrew (Rene) Stastny of Bend, Idaho, Glenn (Tammy) Stastny of West Valley City, Utah, and Brent (Sue) Stastny of Murtaugh, Idaho; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Marian Faraoni, Blaine, Mont.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, March 14, 2005, at the Murtaugh LDS Church. A viewing will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 13, 2005, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls. and from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. on Monday at the church. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park.

We would like to thank hospice for their care and concern over the many months of her confinement and especially to Leita, Donna, and Nancy, be made to Humanitarian Aid through the LDS Church, or Hospice Care through MVMCM.

## OBITUARY

## Kathleen 'Cass' Barta



Cass is survived by her son, Norvin and Linda Cox of Sparks, Nevada.

**BUHL** — Kathleen "Cass" Barta, 84, of Buhl, died on March 9, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls of a lingering illness.

She was born on Sept. 5, 1920, in White Owl, S.D., to Clifford and Melissa (Shord) Stary. She was married with three daughters and two brothers. Cass married Peter Cox in 1937. They were married for 41 years. To this union they had one son, Norvin. Peter died in 1979. She married William Barta on Jan. 27, 1981. In Buhl they enjoyed 22 years together being "Snow Birds," winters in Yuma, Ariz.

Cass enjoyed getting together with family and friends fishing and telling a good story or two.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Peter; son, Jim Barta; three sisters and two brothers.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 13, 2005, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl, with Father Kenneth Hine officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. with a Rosary beginning at 7 p.m. today, Friday, March 11, 2005, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

## DEATH NOTICES

pear in a later edition.

Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

**Ruth Knudson**

**BUHL** — Ruth Knudson, 89, of Buhl, died Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at Woodland Care Center near Buhl.

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

**Minerva 'Minnie' N. Chastain**

**TWIN FALLS** — Minerva (Minnie) N. Chastain, 79, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at Sunrise Care & Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements will be made by

Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

**Mary Viola Tomlinson**

**BUHL** — Mary Viola Tomlinson, 102, of Buhl, died March 10, 2005, at Woodland Assisted living center in Buhl.

Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

**Edna Kaster**

**TWIN FALLS** — Edna Kaster, 90, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, March 10, 2005, at SunBridge Care and Rehab. Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary.

## JEROME COUNTY COURTS

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

**Misdemeanor arraignments**

**Fred Gene Crist, 24;** possession of a firearm while on substance; frequenting a place where controlled substances are used; prohibited person; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Bortsen.

**Guillermo Hernandez-Luis, 22;** disturbance of the peace; prohibited person; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Bortsen.

**Seven K. Hill, 47;** disturbing the peace; prohibited person; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Bortsen.

**Misdemeanor sentencing**

**Nathan Kurtis Boyce, 22;** operating a motor vehicle without liability insurance; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$75 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Bortsen.

**Alexander Coleman, 23;** driving under the influence; \$750 fine, \$200 court costs, 30 days probation, 180 days in jail, 148 suspended; 30 days suspended; driver's license suspension; driving without privileges; indictment by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Bortsen.

**Eric G. Johns, 23;** driving without privileges; \$100 fine, \$750 suspended; \$78.50 court costs, 33 probation; \$50 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; two days eligible for work program; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Bortsen.

**Leslie A. Sims, 41;** driving under the influence; \$100 fine, \$750 suspended; \$78.50 court costs, 50 probation; 180 days in jail, 140 suspended; 30 day discretionary; 10 days eligible for work program; 180-day driver's license suspension; open containers; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Bortsen.

**Clark Ross Lamagna, 21;** failure to provide proof of insurance; 90 days in jail for the court; exceeding the speed limit; \$20.50 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Bortsen.

**Randi M. Arizona, 28;** driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/insure; \$400 fine, \$650.00 fine, \$83.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Bortsen.

**Lisa R. Carroll, 27;** failure to stop damage; leaving the scene of an accident; amended to accident - failure to provide information; providing false information; \$500 fine, \$200 suspended; \$63.50 court costs, 33 probation; \$50 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 30 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Bortsen.

**Misdemeanor dismissals**

**Clifford Pete Dias, 27;** driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Bortsen.

**Amy E. Newlan, 32;** frequenting a place where controlled substances are used; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Bortsen.

**Daniel Pereira II, 26;** use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Bortsen.

**Talia Estafania Reyes, 20;** violation of a no-contact order; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Bortsen.

**Felony sentencing**

**Lane M. Hampton, 30;** counterfeit-violations; 30-day/150-hour probation/previously paid/altered ticket, etc.; \$500 fine, \$80.50 court costs, \$250 public defender fee; five years supervised probation; three years determinate penitentiary time (suspended), two determinate; 90 days discretionary credit for one day served; District Judge John K. Butler.

**Felony withheld judgments**

**Scott H. Ludez-Thomas, 18;** possession of a controlled substance; judgment withheld for five years; \$80.50 court costs, \$250 public defender fee; five years supervised probation; District Judge John K. Butler.

**Civil**

**Statewide Collections vs. Gerred E. Capilla,** seeking \$4,526.70, plus interest; \$1,200 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

**Magisley Collections and Recovery vs. Lon Holtzmaier,** doing business as All Ways Plumbing, Seeking \$600.00, plus interest; \$75.00 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

**State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Robert S. Macklin and Lisa R. Hensold,** Seeking \$184.66 monthly support for Franklin S. Macklin, plus 50 percent of child's medical expenses; attorney fees.

**State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Clayton J. Coglianese and Debra M. Montgomery,** Seeking of Mr. Coglianese, \$146 monthly support for Miranda Mae Montgomery, plus 50 percent of child's medical expenses; \$42.74 for his pro rata share of birth costs; attorney fees.

**Divorces**

**Bethelva K. Nicholson** vs. Steven R. Nicholson

ing \$2,335.37, plus interest; \$883 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

**Magisley Collections and Recovery vs. Joseph Fabela and Jennifer Fabela,** seeking \$1,110.89, plus interest; \$400 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

**Edna Colleen Buretti vs. Maria Hernandez,** also known as Maria Aguilar and Miguel Aguilar. Seeking \$181.00, plus interest of \$122.25; attorney fees of \$70. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

**Gay Struder** and Karen Struder, spouse vs. Nancy J. Amrose. Seeking \$600.00, plus interest; \$7,500 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

**Child support cases**

**State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Robert S. Macklin and Lisa R. Hensold,** Seeking \$184.66 monthly support for Franklin S. Macklin, plus 50 percent of child's medical expenses; attorney fees.

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# Hydrologists: 2005 water year among the 'worst' on record

BOISE (AP) — Sunny, warmer-than-average weather and dry conditions have made hydrologists even more pessimistic about water conditions throughout most of Idaho.

The 2005 water year could be one of the worst on record, according to the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

Snow measurements above the Clearwater and St. Joe rivers in northern Idaho are the lowest ever recorded, hydrologists said.

The same holds for Boise, where the first three months of

the year are expected to be the driest ever.

In eastern Idaho, the Upper Snake River reservoir system may only reach 60 percent of capacity.

Already Schweitzer Mountain above Sandpoint has closed down, and Bogus Basin Mountain Resort near Boise is due to shutter its lifts Sunday.

An exception to the trend is in Idaho's southeastern extreme where the Bear River Basin area has snowpack that is normal and slightly above normal after it caught the northern edge of storms that mostly missed

the state.

Meanwhile, the state has taken the unprecedented step of buying up water rights for the first time in a bid to leave more water for salmon in the Snake River and to help resolve conflicts between irrigators.

The Treasure Valley's New City Canal could be shut off two months early by mid- to late-August, the agency said in a statement.

It said recreationists could see reservoirs drain down much earlier than usual, but the lower river flows could mean longer seasons for river recreation.

# Washington governor declares statewide drought emergency

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire, girding for the region's worst drought in 28 years, on Thursday declared a statewide drought emergency.

For growers like Charlie de la Chapelle in the lower Yakima Valley, it wasn't a moment too soon.

"The state needs to get cracking on long-term solutions to the cycle of lush years and tinder-dry years like this one," he said. The region desperately needs water storage projects, he said in an interview with his apple and pear orchard near Sunnyside in central Washington.

"It's danged tough," he said. "We've been in this industry for four generations and this is the worst we've had. There will be dead and dying trees in July and we will have to struggle to save the most valuable crops."

"Too many of us will go out of business, and we will do our best not to do that business."

Users with junior water rights in some areas can expect to get just 18 percent of their normal water.

Gregoire has been eyeing the situation for weeks, and decided Thursday to declare a state of emergency and gear up the state government to help.

She traveled to the hardest-hit region, the Yakima Valley, to announce her decision.

Gregoire directed an Interagency Emergency Drought Committee to set up an emergency command center to track and coordinate the government's response and make sure state resources get where they are needed.

She ordered the National Guard to prepare for combating wildfires this summer and requested the Legislature to boost drought-related appropriations by \$8.2 million.

"While water shortages will affect all areas of the state in precisely the same way, it seems very likely that all areas of our state will experi-

ence at least some level of drought this year," Gregoire said.

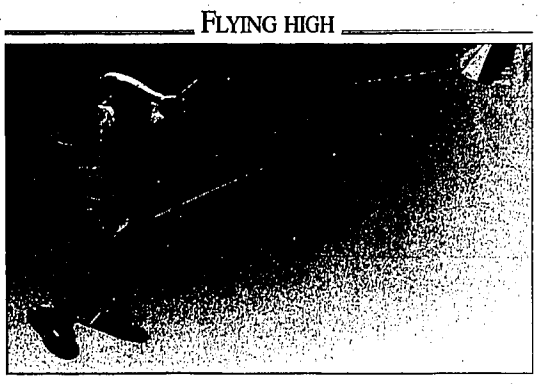
"We need to start taking action now, and all of us need to be part of the solution."

As the Pacific Northwest awaits the worst drought since 1977, precipitation is at or near record lows across the state, and mountain snowpack averages are running 26 percent of normal. Many rivers are at or near record lows for this time of year.

The water shortage hurts farmers, hydroelectric power production, fish production, irrigation and other sectors of the region's agriscience economy — and has people worried about an unusually bad fire season.

The drought is plaguing Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Meteorologists blame a weak El Niño which brought unusually mild weather to the region in January, February and, now, March.



Dick Drogfel catches some all with his stunt kite Wednesday afternoon at O.K. Ward Park in Chubbuck.

# Bill will pay to study power lines

GILLETTE, Wyo. (AP) — With its vast coal reserves, Campbell County is poised to benefit handsomely if the state is able to expand transmission lines and build new power plants.

Toward that effort, the Legislature and Gov. Dave Frederick approved \$6.6 million in the supplemental budget for the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority.

The goal is to open new transmission corridors, export more of Wyoming's electricity generated from coal and meet the West's growing power needs. Companies in neighboring Idaho have also announced plans to build at least two power plants fired by coal.

The authority was created last year and a five-member volunteer board appointed. The money approved this year will allow full startup, including hiring staff.

Frederick called the effort "the first of its kind to take shape in more than a decade of inertia

on new transmission project plans."

"I think part of why it's happening now is being willing to take the risk to push it," he said Tuesday.

Economic swings have also delayed impetus for such projects, he said.

The authority will spend \$1.6 million to employ a staff and the remaining \$5 million on a feasibility study, said Mike Easley, board chairman and CEO of Powder River Energy.

"Our first task is to hire an executive director," he said. "We are now interviewing people, and would be thrilled to have someone on board by May 1."

The authority's mandate will be to assess potential transmission corridors identified in an earlier study conducted by Wyoming and Utah officials.

One possible path would begin in the Powder River Basin and extend south to the Colorado Front Range. Another would move from the Jim

Bridger plant in Rock Springs to Utah or Idaho and on to Salt Lake City.

The third would create new transmission corridors through Utah and Nevada to Southern California.

The study is expected to take at least six months.

Once transmission line design, the physical system, the economics and liabilities are established, then environmental studies can begin, Easley said.

Increased transmission capacity also would be a boon to wind power development in the state, he said.

In Idaho, a coal gasification plant that would generate enough electricity to power 500,000 homes is proposed for a defunct eastern Idaho industrial site close to coal supplies in Wyoming and Utah. In addition, Sempra Generation of San Diego is considering building a \$1 billion coal-fired power plant in the southeastern part of the state.

# Slain Mounties remembered by thousands

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — More than 10,000 crammed into the city of Edmonton to remember four generations and this is the worst we've had. There will be dead and dying trees in July and we will have to struggle to save the most valuable crops.

"Too many of us will go out of business, and we will do our best not to do that business."

Canadian history, surpassing even the deaths of three members of the Northwest Mounted Police at Duck Lake, Saskatchewan, during the Northwest Rebellion of 1885.

"It's a day that brought the hill overlooking Roszko's farm, four RCMP officers blinked back tears as they listened to the ceremony on their car radios.

Other officers were still investigating the crime scene, listening to the service within meters of the spot where they'd ambushed their colleagues.

"The feeling was indescribable," said Cpl. Rodney Kosciyko. "Everybody on site here hasn't had much of a chance to think about it. We go on your today's broadcast you start to think of it. It's been overwhelming for all of us."

At the service, family members and friends of the constables recalled their loved ones with fondness and tears.

"The pain of our loss is beyond anything we could have imagined," Don Schlemman said of his son as he fought back tears. "Peter, we shall see you in heaven, but we can hardly wait."

Constable Lee Johnston, twin brother of Leo Johnston, struggled to maintain his composure as he spoke about the man born just nine minutes before him — someone he called the "most important person in my life."

"In his final moments ... he did not give up. He fought, refusing to believe. In any other case, that'd be victory," Johnston said, before pausing briefly in front of his brother's portrait and choking back tears.

Stevens, spokesman for Physicians for Compassionate Care. "It's contrary to what doctors should do, and it's not compatible with care of terminally ill patients."

Stevens noted that the American Medical Association remains opposed to the practice. The fact that the numbers are small and have varied little in seven years indicates the Oregon law has been used as intended, said Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

# Governor signs school choice bill for disabled

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Parents of children with disabilities will get a tax break to help send those children to private schools now that Gov. Jon Huntsman has signed the Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarship bill into law.

Huntsman signed the bill during an afternoon ceremony Thursday at the Carmen Pinkette School for Children with Autism in Salt Lake City.

The bill's namesake, six-year-old Carson Smith who has autism, was present for the signing.

"He didn't want to sit on the governor's lap, but he jumped up and down when it was over," his mother, Cheryl Smith said.

The bill gives parents up to \$5,000 a year in tax credits to offset tuition at private schools so that children with disabilities can get a better educational chance. Utah has more than 54,000 disabled kids in public schools and some parents have complained that public school tutoring for the children is lacking.

"I know families personally that have second-mortgaged their homes and have had their phones turned off because you get this child with special needs and you just take advantage of any opportunity to help them,"

Cheryl Smith said. "It's bill allows us finally to get some help. It makes a big difference."

Private education for children with special needs can be exorbitantly expensive. Tuition at the Pingree school, for example, can cost as much as \$21,000 a year.

Not all of the state's disabled kids are expected to be pulled from public schools; the bill's sponsor Rep. Marky Green, R-South Jordan, has said.

As they did when the bill was first proposed in 2001, lawmakers have budgeted \$1.6 million for the subsidy.

The bill passed both the House and the Senate last year, but was vetoed by then Gov. Oleane Walker, who feared the measure failed to give the state school board control over how the subsidy money would be spent. State attorneys had also warned that private schools wouldn't be required to provide any particular services in return for the taxpayer subsidy.

"Newbold," who also attended Thursday's signing, said she was delighted.

"It was a good day for me, but it was a great day for those families," she said. "It means so much to those families and their children. It puts their specific education needs within reach."

# Assisted suicide declines in Oregon in 2004

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The number of terminally ill patients who killed themselves under Oregon's unique assisted suicide law decreased in 2004, health officials said Thursday.

Deaths by suicide took a lethal dose of drugs last year after requesting assistance from their doctors under the landmark Oregon Death with Dignity law, which was first enacted in 1998, according to the seventh annual report on the law.

It was a 12 percent decline compared with the number in 2003, when 42 terminally ill

patients chose to end their lives with drugs, prescribed by their doctors. The lowest total was 16 in 1998. The median age was 64 years and most had a college education, according to the report by the Oregon Department of Human Services. As in the past, most of the patients suffered from cancer, the report said.

It also noted that the total number of lethal prescriptions requested in 2004 declined for the first time since the law went into effect. The number had declined for the first time since peaking in 2003 at 68 before decreasing to 60 last year.

"The numbers speak for themselves," said George Elgimey, executive director of Compassion and Dying in Oregon, an affiliate of the national Compassion & Choices.

"I think it's reflective of the fact that the law is being seldom used, and it indicates there are very few complications, if any," Elgimey said, adding that supporters believe the law has helped push doctors to improve care of the terminally ill.

Opponents said their concerns remain the same: Is physician-assisted suicide not medicine? Dr. Kenneth

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project director.

The Hansen Community Library received 25,000 newspaper microfilm reels into compact disc format. The Kimberly Advertiser (1935-1982) and the East County News (1907-1987) served Hansen and Kimberly for many years and are necessary for historical research. Currently it is difficult for patrons to research family history events without the resource of the newspaper. By digitizing the microfilm, the information will be more accessible to the public. Both libraries are participating in the project. The project director is Linda Oatman.

The Idaho Council of Teachers of English in Twin Falls received \$3,000 to bring Ben Mikaelson, an author of

books for young readers, to the Idaho Council of Teachers of English conference October in Twin Falls. The conference is expected to attract 200 teachers from southwest Idaho and members of the public. Mikaelson will come to Twin Falls for two days to make school, public and conference presentations. Tamr Mahlik is the project director.

The Idaho Humanities Council is a nonprofit organization serving as the state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The next deadline for grant proposals is Sept. 15, 2005; however, the IHC recommends prospective applicants contact staff to discuss their project ideas before writing their grants. Applicants are encouraged to submit a rough draft of their proposals for staff

critique about a month before deadline. Grant guidelines and information about IHC grants

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# Contractor legislation progresses

BOISE (AP) — A bill that would require building contractors to register with the state and hold minimum levels of insurance has only one more legislative hurdle to overcome before being sent to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

The Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee on Thursday voted 8-1 to approve the legislation after a contentious hearing, in which lawmakers' common sense was compared to that of dogs, and one man briefly refused to leave the podium because he didn't get equal time to that of the bill's sponsor.

"We don't need this kind of legislation, we don't need any more of this kind of garbage," said Allen Snell, who described



himself as a "real person" and a general contractor from outside the Boise area.

"I believe sometimes you guys over here pass legislation that is total nonsense... and the dog in the back of my pickup has got more common sense than some of the laws and legislation that gets passed here," Snell told the committee.

The confrontational manner of some of the small business contractors lined up in opposi-

tion against the bill prompted the chairman of the committee, Sen. John Anderson of Boise, to issue a rare warning: "We're getting really close to the edge here," he said.

Harold Harris, a contractor from Sugar City, said the bill "intimates that if someone doesn't have a registration license, they're either incompetent, irresponsible, unethical or just plain crooked."

However, the bill is being sponsored by the Idaho Building Contractors Association, whose lobbyist, Jeremy Pisci, contends the bill is meant to be a tool to protect consumers.

The building contractors association is an association of homebuilders, on average, one

to four employees," Pisci said. "So I do represent the little guy and it's my little guys who are this."

Subcontractors trades, such as electricians, plumbers and HVAC installers, have been regulated by the state for years with license requirements. But Pisci said the building industry has no way to keep "bad actors" out of the business.

The legislation would create a system for contractors to register the names of the business owners with the Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses for a fee of not more than \$150 a year. It also would allow the state to reject the registration of contractors who prove to be incompetent, dishonest, or unprincipled.

# Panel ignores plea for more interpreters

BOISE (AP) — Lawmakers have turned down pleas to provide more interpreters for Idaho courts.

The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee unanimously agreed to add \$100,000 to the judicial budget to bring court-related judges to preside over cases, but rejected another request for \$150,000 to bring translators to Idaho courtrooms.

Court officials say foreign language-speaking defendants, victims and witnesses often find themselves relying on attorneys and jurors who do not speak their language. Many courts bring in college students and community members to serve as makeshift translators, but most do not have the training to take on a major trial.

The \$150,000 would have provided \$30,000 each for five of Idaho's seven judicial districts.

The committee made a similar request last year, which was denied.

At the beginning of the legislative session, Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Schroeder warned lawmakers that more court interpreters were desperately needed.

Lawmakers said they simply don't have enough money to fund, and the shortage of interpreters was a more pressing need.

There has not been a new judge asked for in the last several years, said Sen. Patri Arata of Boise, R-Huston.

Unsettled judges is cheaper than hiring new judges to keep the court clock moving, said court interpreters, Sen. Madelon, R-Idaho Falls, said it is "very important, but perhaps in another year."

# Proposal aims to tighten health fund eligibility

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — An Idaho representative has proposed tightening the eligibility requirements for the state's Catastrophic Health Care Program.

Currently those who can pay their medical bills in three years cannot receive help from the fund, which is \$3 million in total.

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Hospitals oppose the proposal.

Steve Millard, president of the Idaho Hospital Association, said hospitals are "not lending institutions."

Millard could not estimate the fiscal impact on hospitals from the proposal, but said preliminary figures show it could

cut a small hospital's income by up to \$100,000 a year.

Bonneville County Commission Chairman Roger Christensen said the bill would save the county about that amount annually.

Counties are not looking at the bill as a cure-all for indigent funding woes.

State law prohibits counties from raising taxes by more than 3 percent a year, and commissioners say other sources of money are needed with rising indigent costs.

Failed legislation to counter indigent costs include a beer and wine tax and a proposal that would have cut cases after sending undocumented migrants to their country of origin after they became healthy enough to return.

Idaho Association of Counties, has been working on legislation that would help the state's indigent fund. Deputy director Tony Polnell said the legislative committee will begin considering possibilities for the 2006 Legislative session.

# GENERATIONS COLLIDE



Justin Eitzroth, 17, of Carson City, Nev., skates down a street in Carson City, Nev., on Thursday while an unidentified man looks on.

# Governor predicts threatening fire season

PHOENIX (AP) — Gov. Janet Napolitano authorized \$1.2 million Thursday for the Arizona State Land Department to use to prepare the state for what could potentially be the worst fire season in the lower elevations in years.

The money will be used for securing firefighters and engines from rural departments, cutting down brush, training the National Guard, and training and equipping Arizona Department of Corrections fire crews.

The shift in wildfire activity from the higher to lower elevations due to an unusually wet winter that has spurred vegetation growth in the desert — similar to conditions in 1997 — is worrisome, because it has increased the burn weeds and grasses fire more erratic and

swifter than fires in mountainous regions, said Land Department forester Kirk Rowdbough.

"If these fires burn hot and fast, they can spread across the desert, there will be enormous impacts," Rowdbough told Napolitano during a briefing at the Capitol.

Fire officials and the governor are concerned that communities not accustomed to such fires, such as Yuma, Oracle, Bisbee and cities in the Phoenix area, will be ill-prepared to protect homes.

"We are going to have a lot of communities in these fire areas," Napolitano said.

The last significant wildfire in the desert that was near a community burned 23,000 acres in north Scottsdale in 1995. No homes were destroyed.

# Rangers plan controlled burn

BOISE (AP) — Boise National Forest rangers plan to burn 500 acres about 25 miles from the state capital on Friday, part of a federal program to limit the possibility of catastrophic forest fires.

The first controlled burn of the season is set for the Warm Springs Ridge area, which was logged in 2003.

The area to be burned includes slash left over from commercial thinning operations.

Federal forest managers expect to ignite the blaze helicopter at noon and let burn for five hours.

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# EPA denies variance for mine

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Hecla Mining Co. will not be allowed to increase the amount of mining waste from its Lucky Friday Mine into the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ruled this week.

Hecla, which is seeking to enlarge the Lucky Friday, had sought a rare variance from water quality standards for lead, cadmium and zinc discharges from the mine near Mullan, Idaho. After initially rejecting the request last August, the EPA on Wednesday formally rejected the proposal.

John Macchio of the EPA in Seattle said such variance requests are rare in the Pacific Northwest.

"This is only the second one I've seen in 10 years," he said.

Hecla Mining based in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, could build an expensive wastewater treatment plant in order to discharge more wastes, but it is not clear the company will have the money.

Steve Glader, manager of environmental services for Hecla, said it may be able to stay within the limits of its discharge permit by altering some practices.

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# Former GOP official faces prison for jamming phones

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The former executive director of the state Republican Party was sentenced Thursday to seven months in prison for jamming Democratic telephone lines during the 2002 general election.

Clay McGee pleaded guilty in federal court to conspiring to make anonymous calls to annoy or harass.

He had admitted that he paid a Virginia telemarketing firm to place the calls. McGee admitted paying \$15,600 to a Virginia telemarketing company that hired Milo Enterprises to call get-out-the-vote phone banks around the state.

The company generated calls — more than 800 in all — lasted for about an hour and a half. They also disrupted a nonpartisan firefighters'

union phones.

"Actions of this nature strike at the core of the democratic process," U.S. District Judge Joseph DiClerico said.

Federal prosecutor Todd Hinnen asked for leniency, saying McGee had cooperated. Sentencing guidelines initially recommended up to a year in prison, but DiClerico modified the recommendation to a maximum of 10 months, then issued the final sentence.

"In the opinion of the court, a sentence of 10 months would be appropriate, given the seriousness of the crime," DiClerico said.

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# U.S. takes look at counterintelligence

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government suspects more than 2,000 Chinese spies are operating in the United States to steal secrets and wonders whether more than 300,000 U.S. citizens are really here for study and research.

These concerns about who might be swiping U.S. information extend to several departments — from Defense to Energy to State — and officials say it underscores the need for pre-emptive action embodied in President Bush's plan for a new, national "counterintelligence strategy."

As soon as this month, Bush is expected to direct U.S. intelligence agencies to go on the offensive to prevent the loss of

secrets and technology, a policy consistent with the pre-emptive military strategy the administration developed in 2002.

National Counterintelligence Executive Michelle Van Cleave provided a broad outline of the unclassified strategy — the Seven Pillars of U.S. Counterintelligence — at a conference last weekend in Texas. A leading goal is to shift from reactive counterintelligence operations — finding spies and other sources of leaks after they've done significant damage — to offensive operations.

"No longer will we wait until we have been harmed to act," Van Cleave said.

Intelligence experts say the task will be difficult, given the espionage threats from China,

Russia and other countries, as well as terrorist groups and other interests determined to penetrate the United States.

Government officials say there are counterintelligence successes every day that are never made public. Some cases involve suspected spies who are given "full transactional immunity" for details of their activities — a rare government promise to avoid prosecution in exchange for full disclosure. The individuals' career may end, but he or she will avoid jail time.

But some experts say the unfortunate reality is that only one truly major espionage case has ever been unraveled through classic detective work: the case of CIA turncoat Aldrich Ames. He helped devastate U.S. intelli-

gence operations against the Soviets by selling them secrets between 1965 and 1994.

"It is very rare for counterintelligence, using analysis and conventional detective work, to unearth spies," said Keith Melton, a historical consultant to the U.S. intelligence community for more than 20 years. "Most spies are detected as a result of defectors or betrayal" by others.

Counterintelligence is the government-wide effort to protect against foreign espionage and intelligence collection. It defends against nations and groups, as well as companies, seeking everything from national security secrets to U.S. policy plans to sensitive industrial technology.

# Senate OKs bill making it harder to shed debts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate passed legislation Thursday that will make it harder for Americans to rid themselves of debt by filing for bankruptcy.

The House is expected to pass the measure next month, delivering to President Bush a second victory this year on pro-business legislation he had sought.

The vote was 74-25 to approve the most thorough overhaul of bankruptcy laws in a quarter-century. "The short answer is fairness," declared Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. "Those who can pay their bills should pay their bills. That's the American way."

Congressional and industry backers of the legislation have been pushing for it for eight years but it repeatedly got stalled. This year, with Republican majorities increased in both the House and Senate in last November's elections, the bills

fortunes reversed.

Before the vote and in Senate deliberations over much of the last 10 days, majority Republicans knocked down Democratic attempts to ease the impact of the legislation on people facing huge debts they cannot pay down, including single parents, the unemployed and the ill.

The Senate instead handed Wall Street investment firms a bonus, defeating a Democratic amendment that would have restricted their ability to work for companies both before and after those companies file for bankruptcy.

Senators acted against the advice of Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman William Donaldson, who said such a restriction was needed to build up investor confidence shaken by Enron, WorldCom and other corporate scandals.

# Fire kills 11 family members

MARRERO, La. (AP) — Eleven family members died in their apartment after a mattress caught fire and got stuck in the front door as they tried to drive out, authorities said.

The fire was started by candles that the family had been using because they had just moved in and did not yet have electricity, Sheriff Harry Lee said.

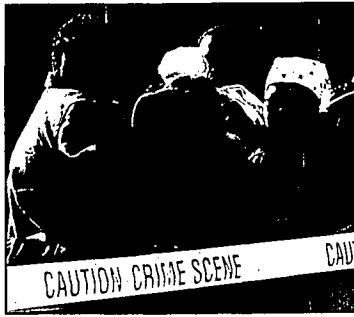
Four other members of the family escaped. The dead ranged in age from 6 months to 42 years. Their names were not immediately released.

The apartment is in a lower-to-middle-class neighborhood across the Mississippi River from New Orleans, was engulfed in flames when rescue workers arrived shortly before 5 a.m. Neighbors reported hearing screams and cries for help.

"The mattress actually blocked the only means of escape," Lee said.

David Jarrist said he called 911 after going outside to get his newspaper. "I heard windows popping," he said. "I saw flames. They were rolling."

Some of the victims apparently died of smoke inhalation, and others from burns, authorities said.



Neighbors, friends and family members gather near the townhouse where 11 family members were killed in an early morning fire in the New Orleans suburb of Marrero, La., on Thursday.

The four survivors were apparently not seriously injured. It was unclear how they got out, the sheriff's spokesman Bob Garner said.

The building is owned by sheriff's Deputy Ernest Pierre, who said he did not know why 15 people were in the apart-

ment. He said he had rented it to a woman who said she would be living there with her daughter and the daughter's three children.

Pierre said the renter apparently had the electricity turned off so that the account could be shifted to her name.

# Budget deficit soars to \$113B in February

WASHINGTON — The federal government ran a record monthly deficit of \$113.9 billion in February, a sizable worsening of the budget picture compared to a rare surplus recorded in January, the Treasury Department reported Thursday.

However, even with the February deficit, the deficit link for the first five months of the budget year is running 2.2 percent below the red ink for the same period a year ago. The total deficit from October through February this year was \$223.4 billion compared to \$228.5 billion for the previous period.

The Bush administration is projecting that this year's federal deficit will hit an all-time high in dollar terms of \$427 billion, surpassing last year's record of \$412.8 billion.

However, the Congressional Budget Office is projecting a lower deficit for this year of \$394 billion, including Bush's supplemental requests to Congress for funding the Iraq war, and many private economists are also forecasting that this year's deficit will be slightly lower than last year's record.

# "LOCAL BUSINESSES SELL-OUT TO OUT OF STATE CORPORATION"

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# Teen protests decision to translate pledge

**The Baltimore Sun**

MILLERSVILLE, Md. — A Maryland teenager is protesting his high school's decision to broadcast the Pledge of Allegiance in languages other than English during National Foreign Language Week.

Patrick Linton, a ninth-grader at Old Mill High School in Millersville, said he and some other students refused to stand when the pledge was read in Russian over the school's public address system.

The 15-year-old said his teacher told him if he had a problem, he should leave the room — so he did. And, he said, he doesn't plan to return this week.

"This is America, and we got soldiers at war," he said. "When you're saying the pledge in a different language which nobody understands, that's not OK."

School system officials said the activity would continue — though the English version of the pledge was to be read first Thursday and Friday.

"This is just a way to connect what's going on in the classroom with this daily activity where we say the Pledge of Allegiance," said school system spokesman Jonathan Brice. The pledge was to be read in Spanish, French, Latin, Russian and German.

But Charles Linton, Patrick's father, said the use of other lan-

guages is disrespectful to the United States.

"It's like wearing a cross upside down in a church," said Charles Linton of Glen Burnie, Md.

The Pledge of Allegiance has been the center of debate many times since the United States officially recognized it in 1942. A year later, the Supreme Court ruled that no one could be forced to say the pledge in school.

Last year, the court ruled against a California man who contended, that the words "under God" violated the separation of church and state. The court said the man did not have legal standing to bring the case.

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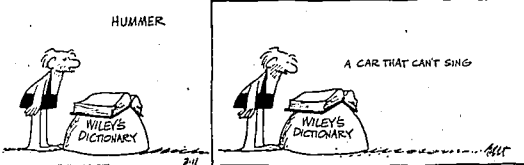
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# Official: Centrifuge was given to Iran



AP Wirephoto  
Unidentified defendants, left and center, are brought by police officers to the Courthouse in Angers, western France, Thursday.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's information minister acknowledged Thursday that a rogue scientist at the heart of an international nuclear black market investigation gave centrifuges to Iran, but he insisted the government had nothing to do with the transfer.

It was the first time the Pakistani government has admitted that Abdul Qadeer Khan actually gave material to Iran, although he has said in the past that his criminal group sold technology and blueprints to several countries.

"Dr. Abdul Qadeer gave some centrifuges to Iran," Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "He helped Iran in his personal capacity, and the Pakistan government had nothing to do with it."

Ahmed originally made the comments at a seminar in Islamabad organized by a local newspaper group, in which he was stuck by Pakistan's insistence that despite his crimes, Khan would never be handed over to a third country for prosecution.

"I support the idea that the government should tell the people about these sensitive matters," Ahmed said in a speech at the seminar, an audio tape of which was also obtained by AP. "I am not a spokesman for a cowardly nation. Yes, we supplied Iran the centrifuge system. Yes, Dr. Qadeer gave Iran this technology. But we are not going to hand over Dr. Qadeer to anyone. We will not."

# Spanish Muslims issue edict against bin Laden

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Muslim clerics in Spain issued what they called the world's first fatwa, or Islamic edict, against Osama bin Laden on Thursday, the first anniversary of the Madrid train bombings, calling him an apostate and urging others of their faith to denounce the al-Qaida leader.

The ruling was issued by the Islamic Commission of Spain, the main body representing the country's 1 million-member Muslim community. The commission represents 200 or so mostly Sunni mosques, or about 70 percent of all mosques in Spain.

The March 11, 2004, train bombings killed 193 people and were claimed in videotapes by militants who said they had acted on al-Qaida's behalf in revenge for Spain's troop deployment in Iraq.

The commission's secretary general, Mansur Escudero, said the group had consulted with Muslim leaders in other countries, such as Morocco — home to most of the jailed suspects in the bombings — and Algeria and Libya, and had their support.

"They agree," Escudero said, referring to the Muslim leaders in the three North African countries. "What I want is that they say so publicly."

The fatwa said that according to the Quran "the terrorist acts of Osama bin Laden and his organization al-Qaida ... are totally banned and must be roundly condemned as part of Islam."

# French pedophile suspect makes shocking admission

ANGERS, France (AP) — Jurors in the trial of a pedophilia ring heard testimony Thursday of rape and neglect in a family allegedly at the heart of the case, with a grandfather accused of having sexually abused his children and grandchildren coldly admitting: "My kids, I don't love them."

That and other shocking admissions and accusations emerged as the court for the first time began questioning defendants in detail about their personal histories and backgrounds, starting with the grandfather and other members of his family.

In all, 66 people are accused of involvement in the rape, sexual abuse and prostitution of children — some too young to walk.

The grandfather, previously convicted of raping his son, faces life imprisonment on charges of rape and sexual abuse of minors for raping his grandchildren. Under French law, he can only be identified

as Philippe V to preserve the anonymity of his alleged child victims.

"What sort of a father and what sort of a grandfather are you?" Alain Fouquet, a lawyer for some victims, asked the defendant.

Without hesitation, the 61-year-old replied: "My kids, I don't love them. I never took care of them. I didn't give a damn."

His daughter, Lydia, left the courtroom in tears.

His son, Franck V., his longish hair unwashed, was questioned next. Much of the alleged abuse occurred in his apartment in the town of Angers, 165 miles southwest of Paris.

Investigators say 45 children — between the ages of 6 months and 14 years — were abused by their parents or their acquaintances from 1999 to 2002, in some cases in exchange for small amounts of money, food, cigarettes or alcohol.

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MORNING BREAK

Family 'friend' shows too much interest in daughter

DEAR ABBY: I am a happily married man, raising two daughters, ages 12 and 15.

A friend I have known for 20 years, Kevin, has become a little too friendly toward our 15-year-old, Amanda. He has been giving Amanda money for doing nothing. The first time, he gave her \$300 and told her not to tell her mother or me. Of course, our daughter told us anyway. When we confronted Kevin, he said he felt sorry for Amanda and she was supposed to baby-sit to pay back the loan, so we allowed her to keep the money to buy clothes with.

A few weeks after that, Kevin gave Amanda \$200 for letting him cut her long blond hair so he could sell it on the Internet. Needless to say, her mother and I were very upset. But instead of confronting him again, we just gave Kevin the cold shoulder, hoping he'd get the message and go away.

Within a month later, he snuck into our home while my wife and I were out and installed a satellite box in Amanda's room. But when we discovered the box, we asked Amanda where it came from, and she said Kevin. I looked at the programming on the box. It had been rigged with free pay and pornography channels. We were very upset. We removed the box, gave it back to our ex-friend and told him to stay away from our kids again. Do you think we did enough? We don't want to overreact.

DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

things pedophiles do with potential victims is something called "grooming." They befriend the young person, give him or her gifts or money, encourage the minor to keep secrets from their parents, and then the seduction begins. That's what the "free" porn channel in your daughter's bedroom was for.

You did not do nearly enough in dealing with this predator. Although you may have discouraged him from targeting Amanda, what about other young girls in your community? Please contact your local police immediately, and tell the detectives in the sex crimes division what you have written to me. I give you my word, they won't think you are overreacting.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter came home from school the other day with bruises on her body. When I asked her how she got them, she told me a little bit about her friend who went to the school to talk with her teacher, but nothing was done, and my daughter came home with another bruise yesterday. What should I do?

—WORRIED MOM IN THOMASVILLE, GA.

DEAR WORRIED: Your child has a right to get an education, free from bullying or harassment. Since talking to the teacher didn't help, here's the deal: Take your complaint to the principal of the school. If that doesn't stop the problem, go to the school board. If they fail to act, consult a lawyer.

DEAR ABBY: I just found out that I'm pregnant, and I'm thrilled. I'm being married in September - and that's the problem. At the time my wedding is scheduled, I'll be nine months pregnant.

The day we're being married has special significance to my fiancée. I don't know how to tell him I don't want to waddle down the aisle. I have told him about the baby, but I don't know how to bring up changing the date of the wedding. I don't want to ruin it for him - but I don't know if I can handle a formal wedding when I'm about to pop.

Am I being selfish, or would it be a good idea to ask him to change the date?

—SCARED IN OREGON  
DEAR SCARED: For heaven's sake, speak up. To do so is not selfish; it's practical. Ask your fiancée to count to nine, and remember that babies don't always arrive exactly on time - sometimes they decide to come early.

Why aren't you standing at the altar exchanging your vows, you should just have to worry about your water breaking.



Workers hang from ropes to clean the glass walls of a skyscraper in Xi'an, in China's Shaanxi Province, Thursday.

Wedding bells ring today for Romeo and Juliet

This day in history: March 11, 1302, according to William Shakespeare, was the day that Romeo and Juliet were wed. Like many teenage marriages, it didn't last long.

Henry David Thoreau once made pencils for a living. By 2014, government projections show health care eating up 19 percent of the nation's annual gross domestic product. It's already at 14 percent, the highest in the industrialized world.

When a star runs out of the fuel it needs to keep burning, the remaining mass collapses in on itself, becoming so dense that even light gets sucked in. If by gravity. That's why it's called a "black hole."

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not exactly a democracy. About 14,000 industry insiders pick Grammy winners; 5,607 vote for the Oscars; 1,000 pick MTV winners; 710 choose Tony winners; several dozen volunteer judging panels pick Emmys winners; 94 Olympic athletes pick the Woodmen of the World; 100 voters pick the Best Actor and Best Actress winners.

How do those who work on the shelves? Because babies normally go back to work, manufacturers initiate the bugs with nitrogen.

You can reach Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo at factines@gmail.com

DEAR UNSURE: One of the

Now is the time to soothe troubled waters, Cancer

IF MARCH 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, your highly ambitious nature may have experienced trials and tribulations this year. It is best to take pride in your ability to act responsibly and deal fairly with existing concerns rather than starting new business endeavors for the most several months. Obstacles may be thwarted in August and September, but a sterling opportunity will appear to send you in a different and more beneficial direction. Allow wisdom to guide you and seek cooperation with others in the year ahead.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Loved ones may be generous with affection and willing to forgive recent spats or misunderstandings. If romantic ardor has cooled, this is the perfect time to stroke the fires again. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Improve your appearance. It's a good day to purchase clothes or personal items that require good taste. It will be easy to put things right with a lover, as sincere apologies will be accepted. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Romantic billing and cooing lies in the stars for lovebirds who have had a trying week. Put amorous activities at the top of your "to do" list or participate in community social activities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Relieve tensions by being honest and up front with those you value the most. Soothe troubled waters by having a heart-to-heart talk with your loved one over an intimate dinner for two. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Leave ambitions behind and concentrate on amorous connections. Being sensitive and understanding will smooth rough edges and make it easy to make amends for past transgressions. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Generosity and a warm heart can

HOROSCOPE  
Jeraldine Saunders

solve problems. Buy a glittering gift for that special someone to demonstrate your love or treat yourself to something especially nice to boost your own spirits. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Getting misty sentimental with someone close might illicit a cold shoulder, but don't worry. Partners may be too tired to show appreciation, but your big heart and efforts are noticed. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Love and romantic closeness can melt under these stars as you seek to boost your own spirits. They are swept under the rug. Take advantage of a golden opportunity to kiss and make up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Social affairs run like clockwork, so be sure to mingle with others under these amiable stars. Romantic commitments and promises can lead to a picture perfect future with a loved one. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Forgiveness is in the air, so if you have stepped on someone's toes this is the ideal time to make amends. Others are willing to overlook the past and start over with a clean slate. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Pay attention to casual conversations and lucky breaks that could lead to financial benefits. Purchases made today should give good service and romances started now are likely to last. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Understanding and cooperation are in the air, so it is an ideal time to strike a deal or set things right with an important someone. Small imperfections will be glossed over, aim for the big picture.

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The Virgin Mary's image resurfaces in a pretzel

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - An Internet casino that previously bought a partially eaten fried cheese sandwich now has a pretzel that some believe is shaped like the Virgin Mary holding baby Jesus.

Antigua-based Golden Palace Casino swooped in about 30 seconds before bidding closed Wednesday evening on the Internet auction site eBay. The winning bid: \$10,600. "What it says to me is that this pretzel is so much more than an edible item. We only paid \$3.29 for the whole bag," said Michelle Naylor, who sold the snack from her home in St. Paul. The likeness of the Virgin Mary also was seen in the fried cheese sandwich for which the Golden Palace paid \$28,000 to a Florida woman in November.



Golden Palace spokesman Jon Wolf said the casino acquired such items for a variety of reasons. "We think the notoriety is worth it," Wolf said. Naylor's 12-year-old daughter, Crystal, said she discovered the Gold Gold honey-mustard-flavored pretzel while snacking and watching television with her family on Feb. 27.

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# Greased lightnin'

## Dilettantes fire up a high-voltage version of 'Grease'

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The last No. 1 record of '50s crooner Frankie Valli's career — the title song of a new retro Hollywood movie musical called "Grease" — hit the top of the charts on June 19, 1978.

Only one cast member of the current Dilettantes of the Magic Valley production of the Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey play has been born by then. And Jane Munro plays Miss Lynch, the principal of Rydell High.

"Can I relate to the '50s? Yes and no," said 17-year-old Adam Kroeger, a Wendell High School senior who plays Danny Zuko, Rydell's king of cool. "The music is different and the culture is different, but you still see some of the same types of people in high school."

"There are still a lot of guys in high school who think they're so cool," said Jennifer Miller, a 19-year-old College of Southern Idaho health science student who plays Sandy Dumbrowski, the female lead. "And there are still a lot of girls in high school who have problems with their self-image."

"This is my fourth 'Grease,'" said Director Fred Schelbe. "The faces change, but the music is the same and the choreography — well, the dances don't change much from one age to another, to tell you the truth."

"Grease" the Dilettantes' annual production, begins its two-week run on March 18 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Performances are also scheduled for March 19-20 and 24-25.

The cast is very different for a Dilettantes production, though. Apart from Munro, the oldest actor is 26-year-old Twin Falls schoolteacher Jennifer Miller, who plays Rizzo, the average, age 22.

"It's been a lot of fun working with these kids," Schelbe said. "They're so energetic, and they love the music."

The music, of course, has been part of America's pop soundtrack since John Travolta — then just a year removed from "Saturday Night Fever" — and Olivia Newton-John transformed what had been a low-key cult musical into a hit movie, featuring songs such as "Till Me More," "Greased Lightnin'," "Summer Nights," "Hopelessly Devoted to You," "You're the One That I Want" and "Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee."

"Some of the songs in the movie weren't in the play," Schelbe said. "And some of the best songs in the play they left out of the movie."

Both Kroeger and Howell have seen "Grease," the movie, but it doesn't figure much into



Adam Kroeger as Danny Zuko, center, along with other cast members of the Dilettantes of the Magic Valley, sing "Summer Nights" during a rehearsal of "Grease." Opening night for the group's performance of the play is March 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls.



Barry Bostwick as Danny Zuko and Carole Demas played Sandy Dumbrowski in the original 1978 Broadway production of "Grease."

the way they handle their roles.

"I don't try to play John Travolta," Kroeger said. "I try to be the best Danny Zuko that I can."

Danny is the Fonzie-like sultan of strut whose impeccable hair gives the musical its name.

"The makeup ladies spend 10 or 15 minutes working on my hair with combs and hair-spray (before each rehearsal)," Kroeger said. "It's gonna take a long time to get all that stuff out of my hair."

But the biggest challenge for the eight guys in the cast has been the choreography. It's vigorous, to say the least.

"I take them aside before every rehearsal and work on the dances," said Schelbe, who's 71. "They spend a lot of time jumping on and off cars, and sliding on their knees is the big thing. I think by now their legs are pretty sore."

"That doesn't begin to describe it," Kroeger added.

"Grease" the movie, was a project of Bee Gees promoter Robert Stigwood and Allan Carr, the man who discovered The Village People. The film, called \$380 million — the most ever for a Hollywood musical — but it was little more than a star-veh-



Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta, circa 1978.

icle for Travolta and Newton-John.

Most real "Grease" fans prefer the stage musical, which landed on Broadway on Valen-

tine's Day 1972 and stayed for eight years — Barry Bostwick (of the "Rocky Horror Picture

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### Price is right

Veteran Nashville vocalist Ray Price will do two shows tonight and two shows Saturday night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot.



### Wiseguys

The Oakley Valley Arts Council's production of Frank Loesser's classic Broadway musical "Guys and Dolls" continues tonight and Saturday night at Howells Opera House in Oakley.



### A debt

The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present William Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" tonight and Saturday night in Room 119 of the CSI Fine Arts Center in Twin Falls.

### King courts

2 Live Crew, those infamous '80s rappers, will play "Whiskey Jacques in Ketchum Saturday night.

### Ghost story

Blaine County's St. Thomas Playhouse will stage Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" tonight, Saturday and Sunday at Ketchum's St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Pages C2, 6, 7, 8

## Cheadle does the right thing in 'Hotel Rwanda'

By Ann Homaday  
The Washington Post

The most astonishing thing about "Hotel Rwanda," a magnificent film about the 1994 genocide, is what it doesn't do: Give the audience a case of the gulls.

Guilt is not altogether inappropriate, even 10 years later. In retrospect, it's mind-boggling that the rest of the world did nothing as 800,000 people were murdered in Rwanda in a "bizarre" case of ethnic strife between Hutu and Tutsi Rwandans that metastasized into genocide over the course of a few months. It's impossible to watch "Hotel Rwanda" without reflecting on the recent outpouring of aid and concern after the tsunami in South Asia and being reminded, yet again, that acts of God are nothing when compared with the acts of man.

But filmmaker Terry George isn't interested in milking Western audiences' knack for retrospective garment-rendering. Instead, he has made a film about one man's complicated and flawed courageous response to his country's descent into madness.

That man, Paul Rusesabagina, is portrayed with



Don Cheadle's character is a reluctant hero in "Hotel Rwanda."

photo courtesy of MCA/UA

mesmerizing power by Don Cheadle, who provided the glue as a supporting actor in such movies as "Boogie Nights" and the "Ocean's Eleven" remake. Here, he takes center stage that is his due, and he dominates it with a performance that is every bit as complex, varied and messy as the truth that lies behind it. Rusesabagina was the manager of the Hotel des Collines outside Kigali when the fighting broke out in 1994, and he sheltered more than 1,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus at

the hotel during the crisis. But, as is made clear in "Hotel Rwanda," Rusesabagina was often a reluctant hero, more concerned with preserving his own job and family than with the plight of his neighbors.

Plunging viewers right into Paul's world as he provides the hotel's powerful guests with Scotch and Cuban cigars while dealing in the favors and inside knowledge that make so much of the world go round, George vividly lures the quiet postcolo-

### 'Hotel Rwanda'

- Who's in it? Don Cheadle, Nick Nolte, Joaquin Phoenix.
- Where's it playing? Magic Lantern of Ketchum.
- What's it rated? PG-13 for violence, disturbing images and brief profanity.
- Should you go? The great strength of "Hotel Rwanda" is that it's not about superheroic heroism but simply about human decency.

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WEEKEND

# Norton Buffalo and the Knockouts will play tonight

**T O N I G H T**

**Blues/Ketchum**  
Norton Buffalo and the Knockouts will play Jacques at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

**Country/Jackpot**  
Ray Price will do two shows, at 8 and 10 p.m. at Cactus Pates Resort Casino. Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

**Theater/Oakley**  
The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Frank Loesser, Abe Burrows and Jo Swearingin musical "Guys and Dolls" at 8 p.m. in Howells Opera House. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 677-2787.

**Theater/Twin Falls**  
The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present William Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," 8 p.m., Room 119, College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center. Tickets which are \$6 for generation admission and \$4 for students and senior citizens; are available at the CSI Bookstore from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and at the CSI Fine Arts Box office from 1-4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Tickets also may be purchased by phoning 732-6788.

**Theater/Buhl**  
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**Variety/Kimberly**  
Krista and Lonnie will play from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mixers. No cover charge. Mixers is located at 105 Main St.

**Variety/Twin Falls**  
Pure Country will play country and '50s and '60s music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

**Variety/Fairfield**  
Milestone will play classic rock and roll and country from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Iron Mountain Inn; 325 W. Highway 20.

**Variety/Twin Falls**  
DJ Kurt Kruezer will perform from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Kruezer's. Cover charge is \$3. Kruezer's is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

**Country/Declo**  
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**Karaoke/Buhl**  
Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Garibaldi's. No cover charge. Garibaldi's is located at 113 Broadway Ave. S.

**Karaoke/Rupert**  
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody, 502 Sixth St.

**Karaoke/Burley**  
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Cheers, 163 West U.S. Highway 30.



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Moonlight Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is located at 613 Fremont Ave.

**Rock/Utah**  
Mother Hips will play Ego's in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Ego's is located at 668 S. State St.

**Rock/Boise**  
Tegan & Sara will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 955-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Rock/Utah**  
The Young Dubliners will play the Velvet Room in Salt Lake City at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$14, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Velvet Room is located at 155 West 200 South.

**Planetarium/Twin Falls**  
The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present "HubbleVision" at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (Children under 4 are not admitted).

**S A T U R D A Y**

**Classical/Ketchum**  
The St. Lawrence String Quartet will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, the fourth concert in the Sun Valley Center for the Arts Winter Music Series. Tickets, which are \$25, are available at the Sun Valley Center office in Ketchum or by phoning 726-9491.

**Country/Jackpot**  
Ray Price will do two shows, at 8 and 10 p.m. at Cactus Pates Resort Casino. Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

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**Rock/Twin Falls**  
Alternity Junction will play from 10 p.m. until closing at Woody's Sports Bar and Grill. Cover charge is \$2. Woody's is located at 213 Fifth Ave. S.

**Country/Burley**  
Mixed Emotions will play from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at George's Lounge. George K's is located at 325 E. 5th N.

**Rock-Blues/Twin Falls**  
Sneagster Home will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

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at 402 Main N.  
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Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

**Karaoke/Burley**  
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. No cover charge. The Riverside is located at 197 Highway 30 W.

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**Hip-hop/Ketchum**  
2 Live Crew will play Jacques in Ketchum at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

**Rock/Utah**  
Duran Duran will perform at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$39.50, \$49.50, \$59.50 and \$79.50, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT or online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

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p.m. at the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

**Opera/Utah**  
Utah Opera will sing Benjamin Britten's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at 7:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which range from \$10 to \$58, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

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**S U N D A Y**

**Theater/Sun Valley**  
The Sun Valley Company's production of Stuart Ross' musical "Forever Plaid" will be staged at 7:30 p.m. in the Boiler Room. Tickets, which are \$12 for adults, can be reserved by phoning 622-2135. Kids 12 and under get in free.

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A Jam session will be held from

6 to 9 p.m. at the Pressbox Sports Bar. No cover charge. Bring an instrument of choice. The Pressbox Sports Bar is located at 1749 Kimberly Road.

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# Bruce Willis stars as a negotiator in 'Hostage'

## New to the valley

**'Hostage'**  
Bruce Willis plays a former L.A. hostage negotiator whose peaceful tour of a small-town police chief is interrupted by a dangerously complex situation requiring his expertise. Directed by Florent Emilio Siri, R for strong graphic violence, language and some drug use.

## 'Hotel Rwanda'

It was very brave of director Terry George to have made a film about the horrific events in Rwanda in 1994, when more than 800,000 of that country's citizens were slaughtered over ethnic differences while the world looked away. Don Cheadle, in the performance of a lifetime, is Paul Rusesabagina, the manager of the No. 1 hotel in the Rwandan capital, who uses his influence to shelter more than 1,200 refugees inside his hotel. Earnest, sincere and well-intentioned, this is a film that does not do the situation as much justice as we would have hoped for. It's broadly done and too much on the nose in its dialogue and situations. It uses the comfort of the predictable to make horror palatable to a wider audience. With Nick Nolte, Jacquin Phoenix and Sophie Okonedo. (2:01) PG-13 for violence, disturbing images and brief strong language.

## 'The Passion Recut'

Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" gets re-released with seven minutes of the most intense footage trimmed. James Caviezel, Maia Morgenstern, Monica Beluc, Mattia Braghia and Hito Steyerl are the new stars. In Latin, Aramaic and Hebrew with English subtitles. Unrated.

## 'Robots'

"Ice Age" director Chris Wedel, with co-writer Carlos Saldanha, deliver a completely mechanical universe populated entirely by "bots," including an idealistic inventor (voiced by Evan McKeown) out to change the world. Halle Berry, Greg Kinnear and Mel Brooks also lend their voices. PG for some brief language and suggestive humor.

## Continuing

### 'Are We There Yet?'

In this family-friendly comedy, one-time gangsta rapper Ice Cube returns to the final stage of his transformation into Nice Cube. His charm is about the only thing that carries the movie, 95 minutes minus of two odd hours of children holding hostage their caretaker. PG (aggressive deer might frighten children under 6).

### 'Aviator'

Martin Scorsese's look at a pioneer 20 years of Howard Hughes' life is a wide screen epic of the old school, the kind of meticulously executed extravaganza, complete with an all-star cast, that the director has admired for years. With Leonardo DiCaprio in the title role and lots of cameos (he isn't that Jude Law as Errol Flynn). It's not without noticeable problems — few films at this length are — but it's both impressive in a movie-movie way and avoids Scorsese's tendency to be show-offy. (2:49) PG-13 for thematic elements, sexual content, nudity, language and a crash sequence.

### 'Be Cool'

Grinily unkinny sequel to 1995's "Get Shorty" which introduced John Travolta as a Miami loan shark who deludes himself that making a movie will be a snap. This time he becomes entangled in the music industry, but while Travolta is as smooth as ever, "Be Cool" is a bust. With Uma Thurman, Vince Vaughn, Cedric the Entertainer, "Smokey" Robinson, Christina Milian, Harvey Keitel and Danny DeVito. PG-13 for violence, sensuality and language, including sexual references.

### 'Because of Winn-Dixie'

A lonely young girl names her new dog after the supermarket where she found him. With Anna Sophia Robb and Jeff Daniels directed by Wayne Wang. PG for thematic elements and brief mild language.

### 'Constantine'

Keanu Reeves stars as an exorcist sleuth who has to battle the forces of darkness in this entertaining adaptation of the comic book series "Hellblazer." A great cast — led by Rachel Weisz and Tilda Swinton — and

beautiful photography give this pulpy mix of hardboiled detective business and supernatural thrills a classy sheen. R (violence, language, demonic stuff)

### 'Cursed'

Christina Ricci and Jesse Eisenberg play an L.A. brother and sister who tangle with a weird wolf after a car accident off Mulholland Drive and deal with some nasty aftereffects. Director Wes Craven and screenwriter Kevin Williamson, collaborators on the "Scream" movies, endure a troubled production and the result is not a successful merger of sensibilities. It outdoes other recent horror movies in the fright department, but the "Dawson's Creek" sensitivity and unsatisfying effects undermine the lupine anxiety. The characters cut constantly about enhanced allure and appetite, but the film feels pulled back from the directions it obviously wants to go in terms of sexuality. (1:37) PG-13 for horror violence/terror, some sexual references, nudity, language and brief drug reference.

### 'Hitch'

Just what the date doctor ordered. This irresistible comedy stars Will Smith as the dating strategist in need of his own playbook when around the heart-stopping Eva Mendes. Hilarious Kevin James is Smith's star and supermodel Amber Valletta as the babe he loves. Directed by Andy Tennant. I hr. 54 PG-13 (mild profanity, sexual references)

### 'The Incredibles'

A movie with the sweet soul of "Toy Story" and the boosterous spirit of "Spy Kids," Brad Bird's eye-popping cartoon boasts a pro-family pro-tort reform agenda and a witty, atomic-modern style. It resembles the fate the future looked circa 1963, if pop artist Roy Lichtenstein had designed rocketships for NASA and ranchers for suburban developers. PG (animated violence, suspense, suitable for children 4 and older)

### 'The Jacket'

An instantaneously compelling but exceedingly far-fetched time-travel fable of injustice and redemption starring Adrien Brody as a Gulf War marine left an amnesiac by a head wound when after recovering subsequently winds up in an institution for the criminally insane, having been wrongly convicted of the fatal shooting of a fellow Marine. His experiences even further horrors at the hands of the institution's implacably retrograde Dr. Becker (Kris Kristofferson), whose orthodoxy behavioral modification treatments inadvertently offer Brody the possibility of time travel with its potential for righting wrongs, but anyone well-love but not able to evaluate. (1:43) R for violence, language, brief sexuality and nudity.

### 'The Machinist'

Director Brad Anderson's elegant and shatteringly creepy portrait of an insomniac star's skeletal Christian Bale, haunted and haunting. R (violence, profanity, horror imagery, nudity, sexual content)

### 'Man of the House'

No groundbreaker — nor is it trying to be — this good-natured comedy is about an ultra-macho, straight-arrow "Texas ringer" (Tommy Lee Jones) protecting five University of Texas cheerleaders (Christina Milian, Paula Garcés, Monica Keena, Kelli Garner, Vanessa Felton) who witness to a murder. When Jones moves in with the girls, he and his charges affix each other in unexpected ways — the girls even sharpen him up for his dates with the English literature professor Anne Archer. Director Stephen Herek keeps things moving and throws in some lively action sequences — he keeps the emphasis on the amusing and affectionate relationships between Jones and the girls. Cedric the Entertainer is on hand for lively comic relief. (1:45) PG-13 for violence, sexual content, crude humor and a drug reference.

### 'Million Dollar Baby'

Perhaps director-star Clint Eastwood's most touching, intimate work is this film that does both the expected and the unexpected, that has the nerve and the will to be as pitiless as it is sentimental. Screenwriter Paul Haggis

## Big box office

Last weekend's top-grossing movies:

1. "The Pacifier," Disney
2. "Be Cool," MGM
3. "Hitch," Sony
4. "Diary of a Mad Black Woman," Lions Gate
5. "Million Dollar Baby," Warner Bros.

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co.

adapts two short stories by the late writer FX Toole to tell the story of Frankie Dunn (Eastwood), a cantankerous trainer and manager who owns a ramshackle gym in downtown L.A. and who seems to be disconnected from life. Into his hermetic world comes a hard-scabble young woman (Hillary Swank) who has focused her entire life on a single goal: having Dunn mold her into the best fighter she can be. Despite skepticism, Dunn takes her on, but rather than being the end of their story, that is the merest beginning. Morgan Freeman costsars. (2:12) PG-13 for violence, some disturbing images, thematic material and language.

## 'The Pacifier'

This endearing comedy allows Vin Diesel to remain an action hero while giving him the chance to expand his range as a Navy SEAL assigned to protect the five children of a freshly assassinated scientist. Diesel, director Adam Shankman and writers Thomas Lennon and Robert Ben Garant understand that when a strong man discovers his gentle side he can be truly touching — but a lot of humor and adventure also happen along the way. With Lauren Graham, Faith Ford, Brittany Snow and Max Thieriot. (1:35) PG for action violence, language and rude humor.

## 'The Phantom of the Opera'

This white elephant of movie that lumbers from dripping candle to dripping candle when was adapted by Joel Schumacher from Andrew Lloyd Webber's Broadway blockbuster. The dewdrop in this moldering enterprise is Emma Tussum as Christine, Beauty to the Phantom's Beast. PG-13 (violence, threat of sexual violence)

## 'Sideways'

Director Alexander Payne turns two French parables with second-class Miles Jack (Paul Giamatti) and Thomas-Haden Church) into a completely satisfying movie that quietly, gently blows you away. Elegantly written, directed with a surgeon's precision and transcendently acted, the film brings emotional reality to a consistently amusing character comedy, making it something to bring to Carrel. Giamatti plays an eighth-grade English teacher taking his soon-to-be-married actor friend (Church) out for a trip to the annual crush of Santa Barbara. Intention on indulging in fine dining, great scenery, unforgettable golf and wine. Lots and lots of wine. Inevitably, romantic complications insinuate themselves into this jaunty Giamatti and Church, along with Virginia Madsen and Sandra Oh as the women who enter their lives. Have never given the kind of rich pleasure performance they do here. (2:04) R for language, some strong sexual content and nudity.

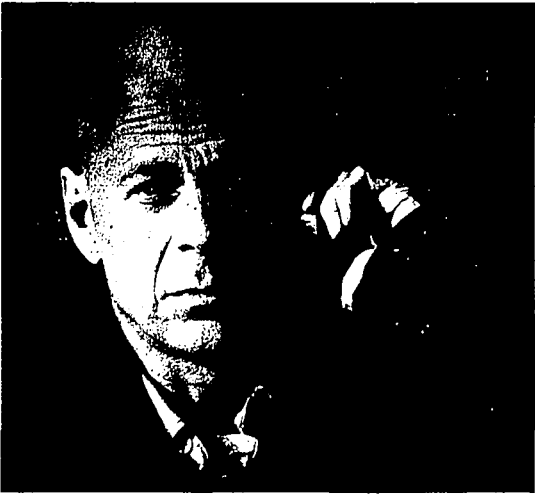
## 'Son of the Mask'

Disadvantaged from the start for not having Tim Carrey, this sequel to the 1994 comedy hit "The Mask" digs itself an impossibly deep hole by also forging a compelling story or introducing a high level of interest. The nominal star is Jamie Kennedy, who plays an aspiring animator. The majority of the film revolves around an impish minor Norse god named Loki (Alan Cumming) trying to get back the mask and Kennedy trying to deal with a son conceived under its influence who literally hounces off the walls. It's astonishing how dull a movie that packs so much visual overstimulation into its frames can be. PG for action, crude and suggestive humor and language. (1:35)

## 'The Wedding Date'

In director Clare Kilner's licky inversion of "Pretty Woman," Debra Messing hires gigolo Derrick Barry to seduce her on her sister's nuptial. PG-13 (sexual candor, posterior nudity, profanity).

Sources: Los Angeles Times, Knight Rider Newspapers



In this photo provided by Miramax Films, police officer Jeff Talley (Bruce Willis) must negotiate a standoff, even as his own family is held captive in 'Hostage.'

### Now playing

<b>Twin Falls</b> Twin Cinema "The Aviator" "Because of Winn-Dixie" "Hitch" "Man of the House" "Million Dollar Baby" "National Treasure" "The Pacifier" "Phantom of the Opera" "Robots" "The Wedding Date"	<b>The Orpheum</b> "Hostage"  <b>Halley/Ketchum/Sun Valley</b> Magic Lantern "Be Cool" "Hotel Rwanda" "The Jacket" "Robots" "Sideways"  Big Wood Cinemas "Be Cool" "Million Dollar Baby" "The Pacifier" "Robots" "Sideways"  Odyssey Theater "Be Cool" "Constantine" "Cursed" "The Jacket" "Meet the Fockers" "The Passion of the Christ: Recut"	<b>'Are We There Yet?'</b> "Hitch" "Million Dollar Baby" "National Treasure" "The Pacifier" "Robots"  Jerome Jerome Cinema "Hitch" "Million Dollar Baby" "The Pacifier" "Robots"  Gooding Schubert Theater "Cursed" "Hitch"  Shoshone Shoshone Showhouse "Son of the Mask"
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# 60th ANNIVERSARY

Greatest Values in America

WEEKEND

Tommy Lee and 'Crue' reunite

Knights Ridder News Service

Before he was bad-boy Tommy Lee or rocker Tommy Lee, before he romanced Pamela Anderson...

He was one of the best hard-rock drummers since John Bonham, responsible for the Godzilla-size grooves behind Mötley Crüe hits such as "Dr. Feelgood" and "Wild Side."

Six years have passed since he was the Crüe's drummer. And four dates into the L.A. hair-metal godfathers' "Better Live Than Dead" reunion tour, the rust was gone.

"The first two shows, I was dying halfway through," Lee said over the phone. "After the third show, I finally felt like, 'Come on, bring it, give me more!'"

"I play (at home) constantly, but it's not the same as going out there and just crushing for over two hours straight."

The reason for the half-decade absence? Look no further than his relationship with the band's singer and his high school pal, the equally infamous Vince Neil.

"The Dirt," Lee claimed a drunken Neil sucker-punched him in Las Vegas after touring a 1998 tour. Neil said it was the neck and that he hit the drummer in self-defense.

Really, to 40-somethings who are foolishly flirted with death, bankruptcy and electrocution or trying to become a career, do the breadbaths and revisionist history even matter anymore?

"It's so long ago, none of us can even remember anymore," Lee said in a separate phone interview, referring to the fight



Vince Neil, left, and Nikki Sixx of Mötley Crüe walk the floor of the NYSE after ringing the closing bell in New York City on March 2.

with Lee and his not-so-amicable 1992 departure. He added with a laugh, "We each believe our own lies now."

Good vibes, for sure, though the stories could still use some straightening.

As for the future of Mötley Crüe beyond this tour — which will play the Idaho Center in Nampa on March 29 — Lee and Neil agree: It's wait and see.

First, both have solo interests. Lee will release a new album in June ("There's 10 solid joints on this one," he promises), aimed with the premiere of his NBC reality series, "Tommy Lee Goes to College," which follows the 6-foot-5 drummer's attempt to become a big man on campus at the University of Nebraska.

Neil has been working with Aerosmith and Bon Jovi co-writer Desmond Child (as exuberantly chronicled on VH-1's "Remaking Vince Neil") on an album that will "probably" be released as the Motley tour nears completion.

Guitarist Mick Mars is suffering from the degenerative bone

disease ankylosing spondylitis. And though Lee and Sixx — who grew up in Twin Falls and Jerome — might collaborate on some new tunes, don't look for Neil to be sitting in on the session, trying to think of another word that rhymes with "fire" besides "desire."

"Recording on the road is a really big distraction," Neil says. "Anything that's written by Nikki for a record, I'm not going to be a part of, because I just don't want to be... I don't want to have to put hours of the day into thinking about new stuff."

Right now they were having enough trouble trying to get through our set.

Merle Haggard thinks about the big themes

Tacoma News Tribune

TACOMA, Wash. — Merle Haggard didn't answer the phone ring away. Was he out reeling in a fish again? "The Hag" is known for spending time on his bass boat on Lake Shasta in Northern California.

"I'm not far from there right now," Haggard said with a laugh. "I love all kinds of fishing." The 67-year-old country music legend and jazz fan also loves all kinds of music.

"These songs are just diamonds in American culture," he said. "And I just got through doing some dental work on my mouth, and I'm singing good again. Besides, there's a formula that always works — good performances and good songs."

One of the tunes is a gem that Haggard wrote himself. His ballad "What Love Can Do" seems right at home on the album, and that should surprise no one.

Haggard is a prolific songwriter with more than 100 charted hits to his credit, including 40 No. 1s. Any attempt at a short list of Haggard's best will ignore deserving songs, but here are a few: "Mama Tired," "The Bottle Let Me Down," "I Started Loving You Again," "White Line Fever," "House of Memories," "Sing a Sad Song," "Ramblin' Fever," "Mamma's Hungry Eyes," "Tulare Dust," "Workin' Man's Blues," "If We Make It Through December," "Swinging Doors" and "Holding Things Together."

"They're Teamin' the Labor Camps Down" wasn't a big hit, but it's a song that reflects both Haggard's rural roots and his populist politics. The man who wrote "Okie From Muskogee" and "The Fighting Side of Me," a song supportive of the American effort during the Vietnam War, has never shied away from expressing his opinions. He did

that in 2003 when he sided with the Dixie Chicks, who were banned from many radio stations after a member criticized President Bush.

He even features an occasional editorial on his Web site, www.merlehaggard.com.

Haggard apologized for "getting on the soapbox," as he put it, but still spoke his mind nonetheless.

"I have a grandson who's already received a Purple Heart in Baghdad, and they just put him back to duty. I'm a fighter, but I wasn't enough. I have a long history of military men in my family... I tried to go in the Marines when I was 14 years old. I'm an American. Heck, I'm the guy who wrote 'Fighter's Side of Me,' and I just wish George Bush would step up to the microphone and say, 'Folks, it's about oil.'"

Just treat us like adults. That all I'm bothered about. I just hate to be lied to.

Privacy issues were on his mind as well.

"I'm 67 years old," he said. "I've seen a good brand of freedom in America, but I see it going away so fast it's like a knife falling... This is no longer a private society. For some people, it was the only attribute of freedom they possessed. They didn't have any money; now they don't have any privacy."

Haggard's abiding interest in freedom could date from the three years he spent in San Quentin after a botched robbery attempt. In "Mama Tired," he sings: "And I turned 21 in prison doing life without parole/No one could steer me right, but Mama tried, Mama tried."

During his stretch in the maximum-security prison, Haggard got to see Johnny Cash perform. They later became friends. Johnny Cash showed me that country music, if presented with the right attitude, could even conquer a war," Haggard said.

Grease

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Show") was Danny, Carolé Demas was Sandy and Adrienne Barbau was Rizzo.

"Audience know the music and they love it," Scheible said. "It's a very energetic show — a lot of fun."

Other cast members include Shea Larsen of Twin Falls as Jan, Tracy Stubbfield of Twin Falls as Franny, Heidi Walton of Twin Falls as Mandy, Chantel Doby of Pocatello as Chloë, Liz Wilde of Buhl at Patti, Zach Lloyd of Jerome as Kentledge, Eli Henson of Wendell as Doody, Billy Perry of Twin Falls as Sonny, Jake Walker of Twin Falls as Rigger, Erik East of Kimberly as Vince Fontaine, Elijah Halper of Jerome as Eugene and Kolton Woodbury of Jerome as Casino and Angel.

Sharon Warner is the musical director.

Movie

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lith beauty of Paul's Rwanda, even as the forces of discord come at it. At first, Paul, who is Hutu, thinks the street demonstrations and fiery radio rhetoric will dissipate; he chooses not to leave the country, even though his wife, Tatiana (Sophie Okonedo), is Tutsi.

Inexorably, the reality of the situation sets in and Paul reacts, not with any grand altruistic cry, but simply by putting one foot in front of the other. Paul is a situational hero, a flawed man directed by his own moral compass rather than ideology or (as he happens to discover) his wife's moral compass is often his.

What starts as an attempt simply to save his family grows into a homegrown refugee project, as Paul agrees to house and feed more people at his hotel. When it's clear that the United Nations, the United States and the rest of the West aren't going to save the Rwandan people, the resourceful Paul takes his own tiny corner of the country into his own hands, using a combination of bribery, psychology and his carefully cultivated network of connections to save as many as he can.

George, who co-wrote "Hotel Rwanda" with Kire Pearson, correctly focuses on Paul's extraordinary story and in doing so never lets Cheidze out of his

If you go ...

• What: The Dilettantes of the Magic Valley will present Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey's musical "Grease."

• Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.

• When: March 18-19 and 24-26 at 7:30 p.m. and March 20 at 2 p.m.

• How much: For the March 18-19 and 25-26 shows, tickets are \$30 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. For the March 20 matinee and the March 24 performance, tickets are \$7. They're available at the Dilettantes booth at the Magic Valley Mall starting today; the booth is open from noon until 6 p.m. Mondays through

Saturday. For information, call 735-8850.

Opening-night gala

The Dilettantes will host their traditional opening-night gala on March 18 at the Tuff Club, with no-host cocktails beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6. Theatergoers will be transported by bus to the show at the CSI Fine Arts Center following dinner, and back to the Tuff Club after the performance for dessert and dancing.

Tickets are \$30. For information, call Richard Deaton at 735-5397, or send check to the Opening Night, Dilettante Group of the Magic Valley, P.O. Box 787, Twin Falls 83303.

sight (although the supporting performances are all terrific, including Nick Nolte as a grizzled colonel and Joaquin Phoenix as an American journalist). But the filmmakers also expertly balance Paul's personal drama with the unimaginable scope and scale of the tragedy that was unfolding around him. "Hotel Rwanda" only rarely departs from the Hotel Mille Collines, but when it does, the camera pulls back to reveal carnage that is stark, sickening and seemingly endless. One of Cheidze's many deeply affecting moments is when Paul returns after witnessing unspeakable horrors while on a supply trip. The epitome of civility even as the world is dissolving around him, he finally breaks down while putting on his hat.

Its of such scenes that "Hotel Rwanda" is composed: small, intimate, wordlessly eloquent. Rather than drag the action down with windy expositions on the history of the conflict and the geopolitical response, George expertly alludes to the long arm of French and Belgian colonialism, the role of the hate-mongering RTML radio station and the shameful equivocation of the Clinton administration in brief references to actual sound clips.

In fact, "Hotel Rwanda" does so much right that it raises a

question: Is there something about the United Kingdom that makes its citizens uniquely suited to dramatizing the big political struggles of our era? Consider Roland Joffe and "The Killing Fields," or Michael Winterbottom and "Welcome to Sarajevo." Or the filmmaker who might be the master of the form, Irishman Jim Sheridan, director of "In the Name of the Father" and "The Boxer."

George, who was also born in Ireland, wrote those two films — both about the Troubles in Belfast — and went on to make an equally gripping movie on the subject in "Some Mother's Son."

With "Hotel Rwanda," George joins the ranks of directors of movies who, for lack of a better term, might be called social humanists. These filmmakers deploy the narrative tension and emotion of mainstream cinema to present otherwise hopeless, real-life scenarios not just with high drama but with hope.

Moreover, they do so without cant, revisionism or false sentimentality. It's a noble tradition, exemplifying the beauty class, and nuanced sensibility that American film doesn't seem to be capable of. It would be nice if Hollywood could learn, but the message we can be grateful for its brethren across the pond.

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# 'NFL Street 2' boasts style over substance

By Jim Scott  
The Associated Press

Minnesota quarterback Daunte Culpepper frantically runs over rooftops, through and up walls — "Matrix"-style — to evade an angry mob of tacklers in an "NFL Street 2" commercial.

The TV spot is flashy, stylized and keeps you interested for a short time, much like the game itself.

"NFL Street 2" is the second try by EA Sports to capture young, hip followers of its popular "NFL Street" series.

It's rated E and is available for Xbox, Playstation 2 and Game Cube for about \$50.

A great sense of visual style is the first thing that grabs you about "NFL Street 2."

The game contains dozens of current National Football League players as well as a handful of legends dressed in endless combinations of street gear.

Games take place in urban settings like train yards and alleys. The music is mostly hip hop and rapper Xzibit serves as your tour guide.

Games are fast-paced. Players can juke, jump and dive off of walls to shake tacklers, make wall passes and gravity-defying wall catches to earn Game-breaker points.

Gamebreakers return along with new Gamebreaker 2 moves. Using the taunt button in random with turbo, juke and jump buttons earns Game-breaker points that fills a Gamebreaker meter. The Gamebreaker 2 meter takes longer to fill and instantly triggers a cut scene of an over-the-top touchdown



This image from the video game 'NFL Street 2' was provided by its publisher, Electronic Arts. 'NFL Street 2' has a great sense of visual style but suffers from repetitive game play.

sequence. "NFL Street 2" boasts a slew of new single-player modes to tackle as well as online play for Xbox and PS2. Create your own player and deck him out in an endless selection of street gear in the new "Own the City" mode.

Build up your created player and recruit talent from local neighborhoods to play against the best local teams of each region to become the ultimate street legend. Like "Own the City," all the new modes are deep, challenging and take a long time to complete.

Unfortunately, the excellent visual style and deep single-player modes are overshadowed by repetitive game play. "NFL Street 2" is a case of style over substance probably best enjoyed as a weekend rental.

# Study: Students see games as harmless

The Washington Post

The assignment seemed almost too simple for a bunch of University of Maryland students. Researchers showed them images from a pair of over-the-top video games, one an "extreme" golf golfing with strippers as caddies, the other a blood-and-entrails affair. Then, they were asked if what they were watching could be harmful.

The answer, by and large, was no. A study by Maryland Prof. Melanie Killen suggests that many young adults are oblivious to the impact of raunch and gore rendered in ever-crisper detail by the current crop of video games. And the more hours they play, the less sensitive they are to the potential consequences.

In the busy field of research on the harmful effects of video games, Killen's work breaks new ground by peering inside the heads of the players, asking students what they think about the games, rather than simply observing their behavior after playing.

"The game doesn't make people violent — it's just a game," said one subject, a 19-year-old woman, in a confidential interview with "Killen's" research team. "If they're violent, it's something wrong with them."

Killen's study also is unusual in focusing on stereotypes in video games: women as sex objects, men as muscle-bound killing machines. This topic, in her view, has been neglected in previous research because its effects are comparatively subtle.

The study has been presented at three professional conferences and will be submitted for publication this month. "Stereotyping very easily leads to discrimination and prejudice," Killen said. "So you start thinking of all women as wanting to be strippers, or you start thinking of all men as violent."

Several years of research on video-game violence have documented a link to impulsive behavior, shortened attention span and low-level aggression in general. More frequent play

leads to greater problems. Adolescents and young adults are seen as especially vulnerable because they are less likely to recognize the source of these impulses.

Much was made of the fact that Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, the 1999 Columbine High School shooters, were obsessive players of the video game Doom. But researchers say the more likely consequences are simple acts of delinquency, such as starting a fight, breaking a window or skipping a class.

Killen is studying how young gamers left right from wrong at a time when the traditional demarcation between good and evil in the games themselves seems to be breaking down. The trend is for the player to be cast as villain, as the traditional Grand Theft Auto franchise, which rewards players for stealing cars and running down prostitutes.

Things that we would never allow on television, and probably not even in the movies, we have them in video games," said Killen, a psychology professor who trained at the University of California at Berkeley and previously taught at Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

Killen's research comes at a time when the visceral impact of video games is greater than ever. In past decades, the bullets looked like blips and the blood and guts were cartoonish. Today, the graphics are of nearly photographic quality.

Not only are they more technologically sophisticated, they're more personal, Anderson said. "Now you're killing aliens one-on-one, and they bleed, and they explode, and their heads explode." Anderson said Killen's research confirms his sense that young players consider themselves immune to the medium. "Any of us who do this kind of research certainly face the wrath of the ubiquitous 14-year-old who doesn't believe there's anything traumatic in anything that they do," Anderson said.

# Supreme Court will consider file-swapping

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In 2002, a young software programmer in Seattle named Bram Cohen solved a vexing Internet problem: how to get large computer files "swapped" — home movies or audio recordings — and concerts to travel rapidly across cyberspace.

Among the benefits of the invention, called BitTorrent, was that millions of users could quickly see lengthy amateur videos documenting the devastation of the December tsunami in the Indian Ocean, helping to spur an outpouring of charitable aid.

But BitTorrent also is widely popular because the technology makes it easier to freely trade Hollywood movies and television shows, putting it in the cross hairs of the entertainment industry.

Increasingly, that same tension between a dazzling new generation of high-tech products and services that help people copy, customize and increase the portability of digital files has become a sharp legal debate: How should courts view technologies that have been useful for illegal acts — as well as legal ones? The U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments on whether a file-sharing service named Grokster should be held liable for the millions of people around the world who use it to illegally trade music, movies and software.

The entertainment industry is asking the court to rule that even though Grokster itself does not engage in stealing files, the service is responsible because it is predominantly used for theft and has no means of stopping that.

The prospect that the court might adopt this legal reasoning is sending shudders through the technology and consumer electronics communities.

Hundreds of existing products could be threatened, they say. And they fear that new products, and early funding for the ones that are, might be co-opted by people wishing to use it improperly.

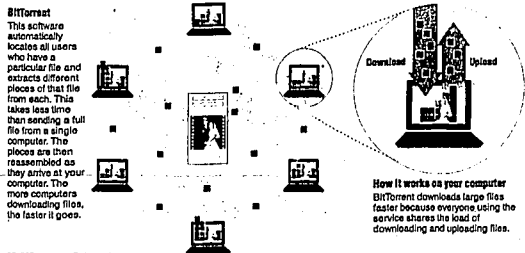
"It's so risky for me to try out new things or put new things on the market, you are really going to devastate people's willingness to innovate," said Elliot Fuetin, chief executive of Time Text Technologies Inc., a Cambridge, Mass., start-up.

His company's hardware and software turn individual songs or entire programs from XM and other satellite radio broadcasts into digital files that can be stored on a computer, burned to a CD or transferred to portable players like Apple Computer's iPod.

Fuetin said his product safe-

## The Peer-to-Peer Family

BitTorrent allows Internet users to share files at a faster clip than its more traditional peer-to-peer cousins.



SOURCE: WASHINGTON POST/REUTERS

falls on the legitimate side of current law and regulations. But he also knows that many users of technology, especially those who are the quickest to latch onto new gadgets and services, may be willing to push legal boundaries.

"The first people who were playing with the technology TimeTax is based on weren't people that I would have ever for dinner with the family," said Fuetin, who does not condone stealing. "But that's the way things happen."

Major technology companies, including Microsoft Corp., Google Inc., Yahoo Inc. and America Online Inc., have urged the court to avoid basing its decision on how much a product is used for nefarious purposes. They argue that courts should look at whether Grokster encourages and helps users to steal, which would be punishable under existing copyright law.

Officials of the Motion Picture Association of America and the Recording Industry Association of America say that approach would make it too easy for companies to avoid prosecution for acts they tacitly approve but never explicitly encourage.

The Grokster case, they insist, is not about creating off new inventions. It focuses purely on file-sharing services — including Kazaa and several others — whose operations the entertainment companies claim are built to encourage, support and profit from piracy, even if the underlying technology has legal uses.

Firms that do not have illegal file-sharing as their primary business model have nothing to

**Typical Approach**  
Peer-to-peer networks like Grokster, Kazaa and LimeWire connect just one Internet sender to one Internet receiver at a time. Downloading large files like movies and TV shows using this approach can take a long time.

feared, said Fritz Attaway, chief policy counsel for the MPAA.

Other small companies are working to steer clear of any confrontation with the entertainment industry. A California company called Grouper Networks Inc. makes file-sharing software for the private use of family members or other small groups, mostly aimed at those wanting to share photos.

The software prevents the copying of music files and imposes restrictions on the size of any group wishing to share photos.

"We know what people want to do" with the software, said founder Josh Felser, "but we are

not going to get embroiled in the controversy surrounding file-sharing."

Some who are concerned about the Grokster case say no matter what the Supreme Court does, the movie studios and recording labels are ultimately fighting a losing battle by trying to bottle up new technologies.

"We are moving into a world where access to information is more democratized," said Brad Burnham, a New York venture capitalist who works with early-stage media companies. "It's too easy to move it around. Value is going to shift from the creation of content to the organization and customization of that content."

# Tickets now available for Cultural Heritage Choir

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Tickets are available now for "Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir," Arts on Tour's fourth performance of the season.


The performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. April 1 in the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and children. No senior discount is offered for individual Arts on Tour event tickets.

With a voice that cries have compared to Mahalia Jackson and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," Linda Tillery weaves myriad musical threads and cultural traditions into a stunning single fabric. Linda and the Cultural Heritage Choir have traveled deep into African-American musical history to weave a tapestry of spirituals,


modern jazz and slave songs, in addition to songs and chants, delivered through such stylistic forms as call-and-response, multi-layered harmonies, and repetitive verse, the choir's repertoire includes intoned sermons, folk tales, polyphonic percussion and dance. For more information visit the Linda Tillery Web site at www.culturalheritagechoir.com.

Ticket outlets include Everybody's Business, Kurl's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Crow's Old Time Soda Fountain, Magic Valley Arts Council and the CSI Community Education Center, all in Twin Falls; Say-Mor Drug in Buhl; Arlene's Flowers in Jerome; and the CSI Outreach Center in Burley, Idaho and Gooding.


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# Spotlight

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 which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkins's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Hip-hop/Idaho Falls**  
 Bone Thugs-N-Harmony and Tech N9ne will play the Idaho Falls Civic Auditorium at 8 p.m. on MARCH 25. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827 or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>. The Idaho Falls Civic Auditorium is located at 501 S. Holmes Ave.

**Classical/Utah**  
 Utah Symphony and pianist Leon Fleisher will perform works written primarily for the left hand, including Prokofiev's Concerto No. 4, at 8 p.m. on MARCH 25-26 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$12, \$20, \$26, \$34 and \$38, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

**Hip-hop/Bolse**  
 Bone Thugs-N-Harmony and Tech N9ne will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on MARCH 26. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com> or at Adkins's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Hip-hop/Utah**  
 G1B of Gab and Lateef will play Eggo's in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. on MARCH 26. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Eggo's is located at 668 S. State S.

**Rock/Utah**  
 7 Seconds will play the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on MARCH 26. Tickets, which are

\$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

**Theater/Sun Valley**  
 The Sun Valley Company's production of Stuart Ross' musical "Forever Plaid" will be staged on MARCH 13, 20 AND 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Beiler Room. Tickets, which are \$12 for adults, can be reserved by phoning 622-2135. Kids 12 and under get in free.

**Rock/Utah**  
 The Decabertists and Oldriver will perform at the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on MARCH 23. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

**Blues/Utah**  
 Chris Duarte will play Eggo's in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. on MARCH 28. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Eggo's is located at 668 S. State S.

**Hip-hop/Bolse**  
 Bone Thugs-N-Harmony and Tech N9ne will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on MARCH 26. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com> or at Adkins's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Rock/Bolse**  
 Modley Crue will perform at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7:30 p.m. on MARCH 25. Tickets, which are \$39.50 and \$65, can be reserved by phoning (208) 442-3232 or online at <http://www.ticket.com>. The Idaho Center is located at 16200 Can-Ada Road on Nampa's east end.

**Rock/Ketchum**  
 Liquid Soul will play Whiskey Jacques at 10 p.m. on MARCH 30. No cover charge.

**Classical/Utah**  
 Utah Symphony will perform works by Barber, Copland and Rachmaninoff at 8 p.m. on

MARCH 30 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$12, \$20, \$26, \$34 and \$38, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkins's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Rock/Bolse**  
 Fall Out Boy and Midtown will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. on MARCH 31. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkins's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Rock/Utah**  
 The Juliana Terrace and Zao will play the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on MARCH 31. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

## NEXT MONTH

**Spirituals/Twin Falls**  
 Magic Valley Arts on Tour will present Linda Tillery and the Heritage Choir, 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 1 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets, which are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children and students, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark. Crowley's Old-Time Soda Fountain, the CSI Community Education Center and the Magic Valley Arts Council office in Twin Falls, at Save-Mor Drug in Buhl, at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, and at CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Halley and Gooding.

**Rock/Bolse**  
 The Spring Cheese Incident will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on APRIL 1. Tickets, which are \$30, can be re-

served by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkins's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Rock/Utah**  
 Fall Out Boy will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on APRIL 1. Tickets, which are \$14, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Venue is located at 219 South 600 West.

**Comedy/Utah**  
 Bill Engvall will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on APRIL 1. Tickets, which are \$29.75, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787.

**Theater/Ketchum**  
 New Theater Company will present Michael Healey's "The Drawer Boy," 8 p.m. on APRIL 1-2 in the heritage Theater. For ticket information, call 726-4857.

**Rock/Utah**  
 Breaking Benjamin will perform at Salt Lake City's Velvet Room at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 2. Tickets, which are \$17.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Velvet Room is located at 155 West 200 South.

**Jazz/Bolse**  
 Chris Botti will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on APRIL 3. Tickets, which are \$32.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkins's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Rock/Bolse**  
 Breaking Benjamin, Theory of a Deadman and Exles will play the Big Easy Concert House at

6:45 p.m. on APRIL 4. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkins's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Rock/Utah**  
 Ash will perform at Salt Lake City's Lo-Fi Cafe at 7 p.m. on APRIL 4. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

**Rock/Utah**  
 Railroad Earth will play The Velvet Room in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. on APRIL 4. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Velvet Room is located at 155 West 200 South.

**Rock/Bolse**  
 Reverend Horton Heat and Superchick will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 5. Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkins's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Rock/Utah**  
 Bone and Silent Drive will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 8:30 p.m. on APRIL 5. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Venue is located at 219 South 600 West.

**Rock/Utah**  
 Ambulance and Autolux will play The Velvet Room in Salt Lake City at 8:30 p.m. on APRIL 5. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The Velvet Room is located at 155 West 200 South.

**Rock/Bolse**  
 Bob Schelder will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. on APRIL 6. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Adkins's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Rock/Utah**  
 All-American Rejects will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on APRIL 6. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Venue is located at 219 South 600 South.

**Rock/Utah**  
 The Reverend Horton Heat and The Superchicks will perform at The Velvet Room in Salt Lake City at 8:30 p.m. on APRIL 6. Tickets, which are \$14, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Velvet Room is located at 155 West 200 South.

**Percussion/Utah**  
 Stamp will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 5-7, at 8 p.m. APRIL 8 and at 4 p.m. on APRIL 9. Tickets, which are \$22, \$30 and \$37.50, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787.

**Comedy/Utah**  
 Jerry Seinfeld will perform in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 7 p.m. on APRIL 7. For ticket information, call Artix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

**Theater/Ketchum**  
 Off Center Stage will present Christopher Durang's "Laughing While Dying" on APRIL 10 and 14-16 at 8 p.m. See page CALENDAR, Page C8

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Calendar

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 p.m. in the neStage Theater. For ticket information, call 726-4857.

**Jazz/Boise**  
 Curtis Sijgers and Charles McPherson will perform at the Gene Harris Jazz Festival at 7 p.m. on APRIL 9 in the Bank of America Center. Tickets, which are \$22, \$44 and \$75, can be reserved by phoning Select a Seat at (208) 426-1494 or the Bank of America Center box office at (208) 331-8497.

**Dance/Utah**  
 Ballet West will present "Spring Sensation," including George Balanchine's choreography of Bach's "Concerto Barocco" and Gershwin's "Who Cares?" at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 8-9 and 12-16 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

**Sacred music/Twin Falls**  
 The Magic Valley Choral will present its spring concerts at 8 p.m. on APRIL 8-9 and at 3 p.m. on APRIL 10 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center Auditorium in Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$5 general admission and \$3 for students and seniors, are available at Arden's Flowers in Jerome, Welch Music, the CSI Bookstore and Everybody's Business in Twin Falls, at the door or from Choral members.

**Rock/Boise**  
 Sing will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 9. Tickets, which are \$32.75, \$42.25 and \$62.25, can be reserved by phoning (208) 422-3232 or online at http://www.ticketmaster.com. The Idaho Center is located at 16200 Can-Ada Road on Nampa's east end.

**Jazz/Boise**  
 The Ramsey Lewis Trio will headline the Gene Harris Jazz Festival at 7 p.m. on APRIL 9 in the Bank of America Center. Tickets, which are \$25, \$47 and \$69, can be reserved by phoning Select a Seat at (208) 426-1494 or the Bank of America Center box office at (208) 331-8497. The Bank of America Center is located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd.

**Rock/Utah**  
 Soilwork, Dark Tranquillity and Hypocrisy will perform at the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 10. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

**Rock/Boise**  
 Elvis Costello will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 11. For ticket information, call (800) 965-4827. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Rock/Utah**  
 Sing will perform at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 11. Tickets, which are \$36, \$46 and \$58.50, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-S24X or online at http://www.ticketmaster.com. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

**Rock/Utah**  
 Burning Brides will perform at the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on APRIL 11. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

**Rock/Utah**  
 Coheed and Cambria will play The Velvet Room in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. on APRIL 11. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. The Velvet Room is located at 155 West 200 South.

**Rock/Boise**  
 Crossfade and Strata will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 12. Tickets, which are \$13.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Folk/Utah**  
 Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 12. Tickets, which are \$24 and \$32, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787.

**Rock/Utah**  
 The Album Leaf will perform

at Liquid Joe's in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on APRIL 12. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. Liquid Joe's is located at 1249 East 3300 South.

**Rock/Boise**  
 Underneath, Hopesfall and Fear Before the March of Flames will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 6:30 p.m. on APRIL 13. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning (800)

965-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Rock/Utah**  
 Acceptance will play the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 13. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

**Rock/Boise**  
 Lamb of God, Shadows Fall and From Autumn to Ashes will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:15 p.m. on APRIL 14. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.smithstix.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**Rock/Utah**  
 Underneath, Hopesfall and

Fear Before the March of Flames will perform at the Lo-Fi Cafe at 7 p.m. on APRIL 14. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

**Rock/Utah**  
 No Means No will play Burt's Tiki Lounge in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. on APRIL 14. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved

by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or also by logging onto http://www.smithstix.com. Burt's Tiki Lounge is located at 726 S. State St.

**Classical/Burley**  
 The Magic Philharmonic will perform its spring concert at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 15 in the King Fine Arts Center. Tickets, which are \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, \$1 for students and \$15 for families, are available at the door.

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“Another study by the same people determined that 97.4 percent of NBA players are tall.”

“Dan Day of the Washington Times, on a North Carolina study suggesting that 36 percent of NFL players are obese by some standards”

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who became the first boxer to regain the heavyweight title? Hint: He knocked out Ingemar Johansson of Sweden in 1960.  
 ...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High School**  
**BASEBALL**  
 Madison at Twin Falls, DH, 12 p.m.  
**TRACK**  
 Skyline, High, Blackfoot at Minico, 3:30 p.m.  
 Idaho Falls, Highland, Burley, Hillcrest, Buhl at Twin Falls, 3:30 p.m.  
**College**  
**BASKETBALL**  
 Region 18 men's and women's tournament semifinals  
**BASEBALL**  
 Dixie State at CSI, DH, 1 p.m.

IN BRIEF

**Filer smoker needs entrants**  
 FILER — The boxing smoker on Saturday, March 19 in the Filer High School gymnasium needs entrants. Call 736-5629 for more information. Or show up at 2 p.m. March 19 at the gym.  
 The event begins at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are \$3 general admission and \$10 ring-side.

**Richfield man cards hole in one**  
 JEROME — It took 30 years, but Kent Piper, 45, of Richfield finally got that elusive first hole in one.  
 Piperaced No. 7 at the Jerome Country Club Feb. 28 from 142 yards out, using a 9-iron.  
 The witnesses were Phil Palmquist and John Hoobey.

**Registration for T.F. Babe Ruth Is Tuesday**  
 TWIN FALLS — Babe Ruth Baseball will be holding registration for players ages 13-19 on Tuesday, March 15 from 8 to 6 p.m. at the Harmon Park Recreation Building.  
 A \$35 playing fee, which includes a release form signed by a parent, and a copy of the player's birth certificate for those new to the league are required at registration.  
 League play begins in May and runs through June. For more information, contact Linda Brittain at 734-2633 or Brent Jussel at 734-6384.

**O'Leary boosters meet Monday night**  
 TWIN FALLS — The O'Leary Junior High School Booster Club will be holding a meeting Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the O'Leary Jr. High Office Team meeting room.  
 Items for discussion are coach wish lists, track sports awards, recruiting parents for next school year.  
 All interested parents are encouraged to attend.  
 For more information call Kathleen O'Leary at 734-7295 or Dawnie Ward 733-5410.  
 Compiled from staff reports

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**  
 Floyd Patterson. He successfully defended his title four times before losing it to Johansson in 1959. Patterson knocked him out 16 months one year later to regain the heavyweight title. However, in September 1962, Patterson lost the championship to Sonny Liston, who knocked him out in the first round.

## Rebels ousted from Region 18

### CSI will face Snow College

By Kevin Colbert  
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The only team to beat the College of Southern Idaho this year is Snow.  
 Dixie State College came out lastest from the start of its game en route to a 67-60 first-round loss to Snow College Thursday at the 2005 Region 18 Women's Basketball Championship at CSI Gymnasium.  
 "It's a case of us not being

emotionally prepared to play a basketball game," Dixie State head coach Dexter Irvin said. "I'm not sure our players know how to beat everybody like to beat Dixie, and that's probably my fault."  
 Snow will now face CSI in the semifinals at 5 tonight. Fourth-seeded DSC (21-10), which defeated CSI 74-71 on Feb. 22, fell behind 54-44 with 6:28 remaining and could never find the energy or emotion to come all the way back against

Region 18 Semifinals	
Women	Men
North Idaho vs. SLCC, noon CSI vs. Snow, 5 p.m.	Salt Lake CC vs. Snow, 2 p.m. CSI vs. E. Utah, 7 p.m.

the fifth-seeded Badgers (13-16). The Rebels cut their deficit to 62-58 with 2:09 left to play on Talita Agular's three-point play. But Dixie scored just one basket the rest of the way on Lindsey Kame's layup with 3.7 seconds left on the clock to make it 65-60.  
 "They just hung right in there," Snow head coach Larry Shurfill said of his team. "There

were times when it could've gotten away from us but they kept their heads up and got the passes where they needed to go. Then, they got to the line and knocked them down."  
 Snow finished 12-of-16 from the free throw stripe, including a 5-for-6 effort from Rana McMurray during the final minute.  
 The Rebels also couldn't over-

come the performance of Snow's Andrea Durrant, who finished with 18 points and seven rebounds. She entered the contest averaging 6.6 points per game.  
 "The three games we've had this year, she hasn't been a factor," Irvin said. "Obviously, in the tournament some people come through and really respond to that. Throughout the year, we had someone to answer that, but we didn't have that tonight."  
 Agular scored 13 points for DSC and grabbed seven rebounds.  
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## West Virginia upends Boston College



Boston College's Sean Williams, center, reacts with teammates as the second half against West Virginia draws to a close during the quarterfinals of the 2005 Big East Men's Basketball Championship at New York's Madison Square Garden Thursday. Boston College lost the game.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — West Virginia made sure Boston College's last appearance in the Big East tournament was brief.  
 Mike Gansy scored 21 points and West Virginia hung on to upset No. 7 Boston College 78-72 in the quarterfinals Thursday, ruining the Eagles' bid for a final conference championship.

"It's a great feeling to come in here, play against a good team and prove that we're a good team," Mountaineers center Kevin Pittsnogle said. "We're having a lot of fun."  
 Pittsnogle added 17 points for the Mountaineers (20-9), who were likely wrapped up at least an NCAA tournament at-large bid by impressing the selection committee with the surprising win over the Big East's top seed, West Virginia, the No. 3 seed, improved to 3-8 in the tournament

### College basketball

ment and advanced to its first semifinals — against Villanova — Friday night at Madison Square Garden. Making this win even more impressive was the fact that the Mountaineers did it without top scorer Tyrone Sully, who missed the game with a stomach ailment.  
 Craig Smith scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds for Boston College (24-8), which leads the Big East for the Atlantic Coast Conference after this season.  
 The Eagles, who shared the regular-season title with Connecticut, sputtered through their last eight games, going just 4-4 after starting off 20-0 and possibly hurting their chances at earning a top-3 seed.  
 West Virginia beat Providence 82-59 in the first-round Wednesday

and looked as though it would run away with another win against Boston College before the Eagles stomped back.

### No. 6 Louisville 85, TCU 61

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Larry O'Bannon scored 18 points to lead five Louisville players in double figures, and the sixth-ranked Cardinals beat TCU in the quarterfinals of the Conference USA tournament.  
 The top-seeded Cardinals (27-1) never trailed in winning their seventh straight game, and 16th in their last 17.  
 TCU (19-13) hasn't advanced past the quarterfinals of any tournament since reaching the semifinals of the Western Athletic Conference tournament in 2000. The Horned Frogs stayed close for the first 11 minutes, then Louisville blew them out just like it has in four of the previous five meetings.

### No. 8 Arizona 88, California 63

LOS ANGELES — Channing Frye scored 22 points on 10-of-11 shooting and No. 8 Arizona routed California in the opening game of the Pac-10 tournament.  
 Frye was perfect until missing a 15-footer with 1:05 remaining in the game. He sat down for good moments later, only because the Wildcats led by 28 points.  
 The game was all but decided at halftime, when they led 42-23.

### No. 12 Connecticut 66, Georgetown 62

NEW YORK — Connecticut, despite making just one field goal, won Tuesday's game.



West Virginia University forward Grant Dykstra, right, goes up for a shot in a game against Central Washington University, Feb. 2, in Bellingham, Wash.

## Despite freak accident, Dykstra excels on court

The Associated Press

BELLINGHAM, Wash. — Genetics and history suggested Grant Dykstra would be a basketball star. The teeth of a grain auger nearly twisted his story — and his arm — in a different direction.  
 Fueled by his love of the game, Dykstra grew into an accomplished player anyway. On Friday night, the 6-foot-4 Dykstra leads Western Washington against Central Washington in the first round of the NCAA Division II tournament.  
 Despite a right arm with inch-wide scars on the forearm, a writer can't fully rotate and a hand unable to make a fist, basketball comes naturally to the junior forward.  
 His effortless play and fluid, left-handed jump also trends many in northwest Washington to his father, Glen, a high school star in the mid-1970s.  
 Grant Dykstra was a freshman All-Great Northwest Athletic Conference selection this season, averaging 17.4 points and 5.3 rebounds per game. He was second in voting for the Division II West Region player of the year, after the

Vikings went 21-6 during the regular season.  
 "I still don't think I'm that good," the 22-year-old Dykstra said. "I'm just out there and it sort of happens."  
 The ease with which Dykstra plays the game hides a young life filled with surgeries and struggles. He was a basketball career that nearly ended before it started.  
 If he ever needs a reminder of what he's endured, Dykstra just looks at his traumatized right arm — which is a hands-length shorter than his left.  
 "I've had that my whole life, where people said I couldn't do it," Dykstra said. "When people said I couldn't do it, that's more fun in the fire for me."  
 On Monday, Feb. 28, two days after his 21st birthday, Dykstra got his arm caught in a grain auger.  
 His family runs a dairy farm in Sumas, Wash., near the Canadian border. Dykstra was playing in a backyard with his siblings. Suddenly, his mother heard screams.  
 "One of them came running down saying Grant was hurt," he said.  
 Please see COURT, Page D2

## CSI hosts Rocky Mountain Rodeo

By Kevin Colbert  
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — There's a lot riding on this weekend's Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo.  
 Not only will the College of Southern Idaho cowboys and cowgirls be looking to impress the crowd during the teams' only home rodeo of the season, but the men's region lead will be up for grabs when the event kicks off at 8 p.m. today at the Eldon Evans Expo Center.  
 The rodeo concludes Saturday.

The CSI men are fighting for the region lead with Utah Valley State College. UVSC is coached by former pro stand-out Lewis Field, who CSI head coach Shawn Davis took under his wing when Field was beginning his career.  
 CSI won both nights of the rodeo at Utah State, Utah Basin last weekend, one which UVSC attended. But the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo could be more influential in the race for first with even more points on the line.  
 "It's real important because we're right within a few points of being first or second in the region," Davis said. "I've heard of it, but I've never been in the mud, but just barely."  
 Bud Mann has been the top cowboy for CSI so far this season. He won the bareback competition last weekend.  
 "It's been doing really well," Davis said. "He's coming back."  
 Please see ROCKY, Page D2

## Eagles look to rediscover winning ways

By Kevin Colbert  
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Just when it appeared as if the College of Southern Idaho baseball team might finally grab the dangling carrot of consistency and success, it was taken away and slipped even further out of reach.  
 The Golden Eagles looked as if they were hitting their stride after winning seven of their last nine heading into last weekend's games at Salt Lake Community College, and maybe they were. But CSI couldn't maintain the momentum in Salt Lake City, dropping three out of four games to a good Bruins squad.

Now, finding that elusive consistency, let alone a few wins, is a tall task with defending national champion Dixie State in town for a pair of doubleheaders. CSI will take on the Rebels today at 1 p.m. and Saturday at noon at Walker Field.  
 The Eagles earned a disappointing split at home against Pressure Valley Community College on Tuesday. It's not time to panic just yet, but CSI (9-10 overall, 5-3 Scenic West Athletic Conference) is in a tight spot.  
 Please see EAGLES, Page D2

**CSI doubleheaders**  
 Walker Field  
 Friday  
 CSI vs. Dixie State, 1 p.m.  
 Saturday  
 CSI vs. Dixie State, noon



SPORTS

Committee says baseball not 'above the law'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of a House subcommittee said Thursday that all major U.S. sports leagues should work toward a single drug-testing plan...

Labor lawyers from the commission of the NFL testified before the panel, which also heard from Donald Hooton of Plano, Texas...

On Wednesday, the House Government Reform Committee issued subpoenas Wednesday calling for Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and five other baseball stars to testify at a March 17 hearing...

Major league baseball and professional baseball players should not be above responsible scrutiny, they said. "Baseball and ballplayers do not, by virtue of their celebrity, deserve special treatment to be placed above the law..."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

T.F. muni plans men's, women's twilight leagues

TWIN FALLS — A men's twilight league will be formed at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course with an entry fee of \$400 per four-person team...

Armstrong affirms 2012 Olympic support for NYC

MONTELEONE, France — Six-time Tour de France winner Laurent Armstrong affirmed his support for New York City as the 2012 Olympic host...

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Table with columns for Baseball, Football, and Basketball, listing various games and scores.

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Table listing TV programs, times, and channels, including Auto racing, Basketball, and Golf.

Area ski report

Table providing details for ski runs including length, difficulty, and snow conditions.

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Table of auto racing results including NASCAR Sprint Cup and Busch Series.

Basketball

Table of basketball scores for various leagues including NBA, AHL, and AHL.

Golf

Table of golf tournament results including PGA, PGA Tour, and others.

T.F. muni announces

men's scramble date. TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course will announce the date for the men's twilight league...

Favre will return for Green Bay in 2005

GREEN BAY — Brett Favre is returning to Green Bay for the 2005 season, Packers coach Mike Sherman told the Associated Press.

Armstrong drops out of Paris-Nice race

CRAPONNE-SUR-ARZON, France — Six-time Tour de France champion Laurent Armstrong dropped out of the Paris-Nice race after the third stage with a sore throat.

Miller increases overall lead on first day of finals

LENZERSHEIDE, Switzerland — Bode Miller led the overall lead in the Biathlon World Cup downhill on the second day of the quarterfinal in Innsbruck.

Favre's wife Deanna diagnosed with breast cancer

It never was a question of diminished ability because even if Favre still near the top of his game. He topped 4,000 yards passing last season and recorded his eighth 30-touchdown season.

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Table showing basketball standings for various leagues including NBA, AHL, and AHL.

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Table listing men's conference tournaments and their dates.

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GOLF

Table listing golf tournaments, winners, and scores.

Baseball

Table listing baseball transactions and player movements.

Griffey back in starting lineup for Cincinnati

SARASOTA, Fla. — With his sweet, familiar stroke, Ken Griffey hit as powerfully as in his first season as Cardinals.

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## Basketball Standings

Region Four-Five-Six	Season Conf.
Twin Falls	25-1 6-0
Highland	15-10 3-3
Idaho Falls	14-6 2-4
Skyline	5-15 1-5

Class 4A	Season Conf.
Jerome	14-11 6-0
Burley	15-10 3-3
Minico	9-14 3-3
Wood River	2-20 0-6

Class 3A	Season Conf.
Century	16-9 4-0
Preston	7-18 1-3
Pocatello	2-18 1-3

Class 2A	Season Conf.
Declo	10-11 7-1
Buhl	13-10 6-2
Kimberly	11-10 4-4
Filer	11-11 3-5
Gooding	3-17 0-8

Class 1A	Season Conf.
Wendell	22-3 3-1
Glenns Ferry	10-13 2-2
Valley	8-15 1-3

Northside Conference	Season Conf.
Richfield	22-4 12-0
Carey	15-9 9-3
Hansen	16-8 8-4
Camas County	11-9 7-5
Community School	7-15 4-8
Dietrich	7-15 4-8
Shoshone	3-20 2-10
Bliss	0-18 0-12

Magic Valley	Season Conf.
M.V. Christian	18-5 13-1
Raft River	19-7 10-4
Hagerman	17-10 8-6
Hagerman	14-10 8-6
Murtaugh	8-12 6-8
Castleford	8-12 6-8
Oakley	7-14 5-9
Lighthouse Christian	1-17 0-14

Southside Conference	Season Conf.
Twin Falls Christian	4-11
ISDB (J.V. schedule)	10-9

Girls	Season Conf.
Highland	22-4 6-0
Idaho Falls	4-18 1-5
Skyline	6-15 1-5

Class 4A	Season Conf.
Burley	11-10 4-2
Jerome	11-14 1-5
Wood River	3-16 1-5

Class 3A	Season Conf.
Preston	9-15 4-0
Century	5-16 2-2
Pocatello	1-19 0-4

Class 2A	Season Conf.
Filer	2-9 3 7-1
Gooding	16-7 7-1
Declo	7-15 4-4
Kimberly	3-18 1-7
Buhl	2-18 1-7

Class 1A	Season Conf.
Glenns Ferry	13-9 3-1
Valley	11-14 2-2
Wendell	6-14 1-3

Northside Conference	Season Conf.
Shoshone	26-1 9-1
Dietrich	14-9 7-3
Richfield	15-9 7-3
Camas County	13-9 5-5
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Magic Valley	Season Conf.
Hagerman	20-7 11-1
Oakley	17-7 10-2
Raft River	17-6 9-3
Hansen	9-12 6-6
Lighthouse Christian	9-10 3-9
Castleford	4-14 2-10
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Southside Conference	Season Conf.
Twin Falls Christian	4-8
ISDB (J.V. schedule)	2-2

# There's nothing soft about area softball

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Could this be the year?  
After three consecutive seasons of two-and-out performances at the Class 5A State Softball Tournament, the Twin Falls Bruins stayed in Pocatello for the first time last year's tournament — defeating Madison before falling to Eagle and Borah.

In 2005, the Bruins are hoping for continued improvement as a deeper team to a state title.  
"Well, it's an interesting thing, but a state championship is what we're looking for," Bruins head coach Nick Baumer said. "I think it's pretty realistic if we have kids in the right places and get a few bounces to go our way at the tournament. At the same time, we'll need to make our own plays."

The first question for the Bruins to answer is how they will cope with life after Belinda Turley. Last year's area player of the year pitched to a 13-7 record with a 1.59 ERA and 43 strikeouts. She was also the Bruins' second leading hitter, batting .349 on the season with 28 runs and 17 RBIs.

"We'll graduate three players, but they were good ones," Nick Baumer said. "But we've had kids step up last summer and be able to fill those holes. We have a big group of young seniors that will fill a big part of what we do."

Toeing the rubber will be Cassie Gonzalez and freshman Amber Petersen. Gonzales pitched heavily in 2004, recording a 0.62 ERA in 72 innings pitched last year, while Petersen joined the Twin Falls Terror under-18 squad during the season, gaining valuable experience against some of the nation's top teams.

"Cassie can step on the rubber and win at any time," Baumer said. "We'll let Amber and Cassie get out and vie for that No. 1 spot."  
The Bruins should be strong in the field, despite the graduation of shortstop Krista Gambrel and outfielder Marcia Hatch. Jenna Hohnbert, Kana Gambrel and Jayme Harrison return to the Bruins solid infield, with Justine Williams returning at catcher. The Bruins outfield rotation is a bit more up in the air.

"We're really going to turn everybody in our outfield if things pan out that way," Baumer said. "Right now, we're letting the kids compete. We told them, 'Who's hot with the bat, that's who will play.'  
The Bruins will be tough at the plate, as Williams returns



Graduated Twin Falls pitcher Belinda Turley tosses a strike for one of her seven strikeouts during the Bruins' 6-0 win over Jerome last season in Twin Falls.

## Spring season previews

Today: 5-4A softball  
Tuesday: 5-4A baseball  
Wednesday: Track  
Thursday: 3-2A softball  
Next Friday: 3-2A baseball, golf and tennis

after hitting 356 with a team-high 25 RBIs and 14 stolen bases last season. Gambrel returns after hitting .278.  
"I think we're still going to run really well," Baumer said. "We have to produce runs throughout our lineup. In our junbore, all of our run production came from the top of the lineup, so that may be one area where we're a little weak."

With Minico's move to the Class 4A level, every Region Four-Five-Six game will be important for the Bruins. Both Highland and Idaho Falls made it to last year's state tournament, while Skyline will be looking to improve and surprise a few teams.

Class 4A  
As it has for the past three years, much of the Minico Spartans' success relies on the right arm of Amber Warth. The senior

is unquestionably the area's top returning pitcher after a 13-7 season last year where she posted a 3.10 ERA with 43 strikeouts. The multiple-time all-conference player is also trouble at the plate and on the basepaths. She hit .302 with 400 on-base percentage last season and stole 24 bags.

The Spartans are a seasoned team that has a sense of confidence and swagger in their first year in the Class 4A ranks. Four-year starters Wendy Makers and Raquel Roberts return as centerfielder and catcher, respectively, while senior Meghan Boettcher is back at shortstop.

First-year head coach Amber Reynolds will manage an experienced Jerome Tigers team that returns a solid shortstop pitcher in Jennifer Burman while junior McKenna Mangum is a steady pitcher with two years of varsity experience. Returning all-area pitcher Kimberley Ward underwent shoulder surgery in the offseason and won't be able to pitch the early going, but will anchor the team at first base.

"She's not quite ready to pitch yet," Reynolds said. "She'll be getting into the windup mode now."  
Reynolds can pick and choose from an experience

outfield corps, led by center fielder Leslie Bingham, right fielder Danielle Mikesell and Jenny Dixon in left. The infield has been shuffled around this season, with Vanessa Ridgway getting the nod at catcher, moving Bamberg to short. Chelsea Craig will start at third, with Christine Petersen at second.  
"I think we have a lot of potential and a lot of talent," Reynolds said. "They just have to learn to communicate out there on the field."

Coach Tim Campbell's Burley Bobcats come off a competitive year and should continue that trend in 2005. Despite the graduation of do-everything player Jaylyn Morris, the Bobcats have a strong infield and a couple of good arms to rely on.

Kandace Dalton is the Bobcats' go-to pitcher, while junior Kelsi Goodfellow came on strong last season and should give Burley a solid one-two punch for their doubleheaders. The big question the Bobcats must answer now is in the outfield. All three starting outfielders from last year's team graduated, leaving room for Burley's junior varsity call-ups to step in. How they handle the grind of varsity play will be very important in the coming months.

The Wood River Wolverines enter their first year of Class 4A play after moving up from the Class 3A ranks, but figure to be competitive after finishing 12-12 last season and narrowly missing a spot in the state tournament. The Wolverines are updating the new direction of first-year head coach Darcee Barber.

Wood River will miss graduation without pitcher Chantia Petersen as well as first team all-area center fielder Emily Smith. The Wolverines will have returning second baseman Alexia Burchard and catcher Jamie Smith to work with, but they still have a number of holes to fill in the field and on the mound.

Maribeth and Catherine Barber get the nod at pitcher, while freshman Dani Stone takes over at shortstop. Sherburne will also play in the outfield in rotation with Genii Venz, Matten Fawson, and Easton. Barber hopes this team's teamwork and chemistry will pay off for their youth and lack of experience at the varsity level.

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## Bruins open season against Madison

By Brad Guiter  
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From midcourt to center field, the spring sports season already is in full swing around the Magic Valley this weekend.

Twin Falls baseball leads off the action, with softball, tennis and track on deck later in the week.

Starting with Madison in a doubleheader at noon today, head coach Mike Federico fields a younger Bruins squad after graduating seven starters in 2004.

Two of his top arms are Nick Carter, right-hander who went 8-1 in 2004 with a 2.76 ERA and 78 strikeouts and Matt Sherman, also a righty who finished 5-0 with a 2.24 ERA and 22 strikeouts.

With Carr and Sherman leading the way, the bullpen, including left-hander Chance Smith and right-handers Tyson Truller, Josh Fisher, Zach Rupp-Smith, Blake Nielsen, Nathan Ramirez, Joey Martin and Mike Tuttle, should be deep. The Bruins return a top hitter in infielder Nathan Robertson. He leads the team in batting with a 530 average, 35 hits, five doubles, two triples, five home runs and 34 RBIs. As a base runner, he stole 10 bases successfully out of 13 attempts.  
Another player who should have a good year at the plate also lives behind the plate. Catcher Drew Bernhart hit a 343 average in 2004, with 23 hits, one homer and 25 RBIs.

Filling out the roster are outfielders Tyler Anderson, Justin Aslett, John Barnes, Nathan Robertson, Marcus Shaal and infielders Todd Cook, Remington Pullin, Zach Schaal, Luke



Shutte and Kenny Steelman. Assistant coaches are Mark Schaal, Tim Stadelmeier and Shaun Walker.

Last season's team won the regional championship and took third place at state for a 27-4 record.

### This week's sports picks

FRIDAY

• Idaho Falls, Highland, Burley, Hillscrest vs Twin Falls track and field, 8:30 p.m.  
Twin Falls High will host the first meet of the season today. According to first-year coach Harry Gindstaff, the girls should be a competitive bunch, while the boys will have to develop young talent to replace many 2004 graduates.

### SAUNDAY

• Madison at Minico baseball, 11 a.m.  
Last year, Minico finished 18-6 and has returning senior infielder Greg Christensen, Justin Bennett, Tyler Mabey, Cory Warburton, senior outfielder Miguel Escobedo and veteran catcher Jarrod Tracy to lead the team. Head coach Ben Purnik credits the bullpen and base running speed, but is concerned about the middle of his batting order.

### MONDAY

• Magic Valley All-Stars Girls/Boys Basketball Game, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m. boys

Twin Falls High will host the District IV Coaches Association All-Star game. Senior Coach Clint Straumann will lead the East Girls team, Joe D. Sheppard of Twin Falls West Girls, Kyla Nichols of Gardiner and the East Boys and Twin Falls coach Matt Hahn heads up the West Boys team. General admission is \$4 and \$10 for senior citizens. Children age 5 and under are admitted free. List of the team rosters run in Thursday's Times-News.

### TUESDAY

• Kimberly at Glenns Ferry softball, 6:30 p.m.  
The Pilots are a young team this year, with only four seniors returning. However, some girls can play as many as three positions.

### WEDNESDAY

• Jerome at Twin Falls softball, 4 p.m.  
The Bruins have some holes to fill after the graduation of four of the team's starters and first teacher Krista Gambrel. Senior catcher Jenna Williams is their top returning offensive threat and averaged 356 with 25 RBIs last season. Senior catcher Cassie Gonzalez is a solid returning pitcher who went 6-1 with a 0.62 ERA in 72 innings pitched last season.

### THURSDAY

• Highland at Twin Falls tennis, 3:30 p.m.  
The Highland Rams' tennis team visits the Bruins on Thursday. Last year, Twin Falls finished third overall behind Boise and Capital while the Rams tied with Timberline in fifth place at state.

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## Jerome girls golf wins opener

The Times-News

BURLEY — Jordan Burnham carded an 84 to lead the Jerome girls to a first-place finish at the season-opening Region 4A girls' golf tournament Thursday at the Burley Municipal Golf Course.

Burnham won the individual title by eight strokes over Tigers teammate Christina Paulos. Pocatello's Emily Evans took third with a 83 followed by Burley's Jenna Williams with a 99. Minico was paced by Kim Arce and Abbie Haynes with 107s.

### Results

Team scores — Jerome 62, Burley 67, Pocatello 72, Declo 78, Idaho Falls 80, Kimberly 83, Declo 87, Burley 92, Declo 95, Pocatello 100, Declo 102, Declo 104, Declo 106, Declo 108, Declo 110, Declo 112, Declo 114, Declo 116, Declo 118, Declo 120, Declo 122, Declo 124, Declo 126, Declo 128, Declo 130, Declo 132, Declo 134, Declo 136, Declo 138, Declo 140, Declo 142, Declo 144, Declo 146, Declo 148, Declo 150, Declo 152, Declo 154, Declo 156, Declo 158, Declo 160, Declo 162, Declo 164, Declo 166, Declo 168, Declo 170, Declo 172, Declo 174, Declo 176, Declo 178, Declo 180, Declo 182, Declo 184, Declo 186, Declo 188, Declo 190, Declo 192, Declo 194, Declo 196, Declo 198, Declo 200.

### Minico boys golf team prevails in Rupert

RUPERT — The Minico boys claimed three of the top four individual finishes to claim the team title at the season-opening Region 4B boys' golf tournament Thursday at the Rupert Country Club.

Minico's Mike Konrad won with a 68, followed by teammate Zach Sanford with a 72.

## Local sports

Zachary of Jerome took third with a 73. Phillip Tooleton of Minico took fourth with a 76.

The boys finished in third behind the Spartans and Pocatello.

### Baseball

Nampa Christian 12, Glenns Ferry 2

Nampa Christian slowly pulled away from Glenns Ferry in the high school baseball season opener for both teams.

Case and David Zito each drove in 1-for-3 for the 0-1 Pilots.

"Defense want to bad," said case coach Dennis Uhl. "We just couldn't hit the ball."  
Glenns Ferry next hosts Tuesday's game at Kimberly.

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# Longtime NASCAR star Wallace gives it one last effort

NEW YORK (AP) — Rusty Wallace never said he wouldn't race again. He even wonders at times if he's making the right decision to retire from full-time NASCAR competition after the 2005 season.

"When he can't sleep, Wallace stares at the ceiling in the middle of the night thinking about things he did in the past, or what he'll do when he's not racing 10 months a year."

"I'm all over," he said of his thoughts. "Honestly, I'm not content at all."

But the 48-year-old Wallace is sure about one thing: He's tired of the week-to-week grind.

"I'm retiring because I'm just burnt out in the schedule," he said. "If I get through the end of 2005, and I feel like, 'Man, I'm running 3,000 mph and now they're making me go to the pits, I'm probably going to say let's run about 10 (races the next year). But for sure, my days of running the full schedule are over.'"

Wallace began this season with a 14th-place finish at the Budweiser Shootout, his 22nd Nextel Cup campaign, which has been dubbed "Rusty's Last

Call," officially got underway with a 10th-place finish at the Daytona 500, the race he can't claim among his 55 wins and the one he wanted the most.

"I wanted to win this race, but that's OK," said Wallace, who started 36th and advanced all the way to fifth before dropping back. "It really isn't OK, but I told everybody if I didn't win, it wouldn't be the end of the world. ... I'm done with it. I've had a lot of fun, and I enjoy it."

Wallace, who wrecked during Daytona qualifying and had to switch to his backup car, finished in the top 10 nine times in 23 Daytona 500s.

His best finish in NASCAR's most prestigious race was third in 2001. He led another time with 10 laps to go, and in 1993 was third "with me, Dale Jarrett and (Dale) Earnhardt going for the win" when he was hit by another car and barreled round the backstretch.

"I haven't won the Daytona 500 and I doubt there's too many times,"



Rusty Wallace climbs from his burning car after blowing an engine in the NASCAR GFS Marketplace 400 at Michigan International Speedway, Aug. 17, 2003 in Brooklyn, Mich.

"Still, his farewell season is about more than that: elusive Daytona win. And forget nostalgia, Wallace wants to approach

2005 like any other year.

"I'm real intent to try to win more races," he said. "I want to go out on top. I don't want to go out fading. ... I'm going to be

rockin' and rollin' and go wide open all year."

Wallace has finished top 10 in season points 16 times. He ended a 105-race winless streak

last year but was still 16th, two spots lower than in 2003 when a streak of 10 straight top-10 seasons ended.

"You always hear about the importance of making first impressions," he said. "But for us, we're determined to leave some great last impressions."

Once full-time driving is done, Wallace won't be bored. He hopes the NASCAR Busch Series team he owns, running its first full schedule this year, will be a championship contender by 2006. He also will spend more time on his car dealership business and with 17-year-old son Stephen, an aspiring NASCAR driver who will race in the Hooters Pro Cup Series this year.

Not to mention more time with his wife, Patti, playing golf and his duties as part-owner of the Penske team.

"What I'm going to have to do is just get in and go, and figure it out as I go," Wallace said. "We'll adjust as the year goes on. I've never gone one year in my life where I've been able to plan two years ahead."

"There will be a lot of excitement. Sometimes there will be tears in your beard."

## Kenseth not confident of a Vegas three-peat

By Jenna Fryer  
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — Roush Racing drivers have won five of the seven Nextel Cup races at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, including two in a row by Matt Kenseth.

With his team's proven record of dominance at the track, it would seem that Kenseth would head into this weekend's UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 confident he can pull off the three-peat.

Not so.

"Just because you've had success in the past definitely doesn't guarantee it for this time of the year," Kenseth said.

In fact, Kenseth thinks that luck is a large reason the stable of Roush cars have performed so well in Las Vegas, beginning with the inaugural 1993 race won by Mark Martin. Former Roush driver Jeff Burton then added back-to-back wins in 1999 and 2000.

"Matt Jack has had a lot of success there," Kenseth said. "I think some of it is circumstances and having good cars, but having good fortune at the same time and not having an amount of bad luck and bad things happening."

Luck has definitely not been on Kenseth's side at the start of 2005.

Known for his steadfast consistency and his knack for being near the front of the pack at the end of most races, Kenseth has instead found himself way back in the field in the season's first two events.

A blown motor led to a next-to-last place finish in the season-opening Daytona 500, and he was 26th at California the next week.

Now Kenseth, who had been in the top 10 in points for 71 consecutive weeks at the start of the year, sits back in 36th place in the standings.

"I think we all understand that this deal works in cycles sometimes," he said. "Sometimes you can't get anything to go wrong and no matter what you do you can't mess up. Then at other times you really can't get anything to go right, so the last couple months of last season and the start to this one have been a time where we can't seem to get things to go right."

The 2003 series champion never contended for the title last season under NASCAR's new 14-race playoff format. Driver error in the second round of the playoffs knocked him out of contention and he finished eighth in the final standings.

Now he's the only Roush driver

**UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400**  
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off to a slow start this season. Kurt Busch, the defending Nextel Cup champion, heads home to his native Las Vegas as the current points leader. Martin is in third in the standings, rookie Carl Edwards is fourth and Greg Biffle is fifth, all coming off a win two weeks ago at California.

It would be natural for Kenseth to be angry at the equipment failure and circumstances that have separated him from his teammates. He's not.

"I mean it's always disappointing when you don't get the result," said Kenseth. "But I'd rather be running good and leading laps and feeling like we're capable of winning races and not getting the finishes due to circumstances than to be running bad all day and then luck into a 10th or 15th-place finish."

So while Kenseth heads into Las Vegas at the back of the pack, Busch heads home as the points leader and a sort-of celebrity. Sports heroes aren't really a big deal in Vegas, so Busch doesn't really feel the red carpet treatment he would if he were from, say, a small town in Wisconsin like Kenseth.

Still, Busch and younger brother Kyle, a Nextel Cup rookie, are feeling a few of the perks of fame at some of the local spots they frequented as teens.

"Vegas is a celebrity-driven city, so it takes a lot for people to get excited," Busch said. "But the times I have been back, there have been some spills and it's nice to be able to enjoy them and for my friends and family to get some of that special treatment."

But the track hasn't been that good to Busch, whose ninth-place finish last season is his only Top 10 in four career starts. It could be the pressure.

"Every time we go to Las Vegas it's like my own Daytona 500 with all of the media and family and friends and the sheer excitement of the city and being back at home," Busch said. "But crew chief Jimmy Fennig is determined to help his driver leave Vegas a winner."

"It means a lot to Kurt and the whole team is excited about going back out to Vegas," Fennig said. "We've never run as well here as we've wanted to, and we came out here to test last month and learned a few things that hopefully can pay off for us this weekend."

## Vickers' strong start slips under the radar

LAS VEGAS — There's a lot of excitement this year about the arrival of Kyle Busch in the Nextel Cup series, a situation very similar to what Hendrick Motorsports teammate Brian Vickers faced a year ago.

Vickers started last season with great expectations after winning the Busch Series title in 2003. But his No. 25 Chevrolet team struggled through most of a disappointing Cup season, fin-

ishing no better than seventh. Vickers wound up 25th in the points.

With the spotlight focused elsewhere, he is off to a stronger start than in his rookie season.

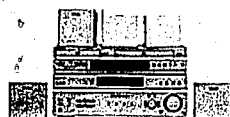
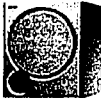
"If you look at Daytona, we were running inside the top 10 when we were caught up in an accident that wrecked our front end. But we managed to finish at the lead lap, damaged car and all," Vickers said.

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### Economic efforts may soon pay off

**TWIN FALLS**—The Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization has been busy all winter recruiting companies interested in locating in Magic Valley, and those efforts should pay off soon, the group's executive director told its board Thursday.

In Rogers, SIEDO's executive director, said two companies are "high up in the pipeline" to the Mini-Cassia area, and a locally based company is looking to expand there as well.

"We do have some things in the pipeline," Rogers said. Also at Thursday's meeting, the group welcomed new board member Mitch Watkins of Watkins Distributing. Watkins, who represents the Business Plus III job creation campaign, replaces former *Times-News* Publisher Stephen Hartgen, who resigned last year from SIEDO's board.

SIEDO also voted to change its full-board meeting schedule from bimonthly to quarterly, pending a review of the organization's bylaws. SIEDO's executive board will continue to meet monthly.

### Local advertising group will meet

**TWIN FALLS**—Magic Valley Advertising Federation will feature a national advertising expert at its upcoming meeting.

The group will meet March 30 at Garden Cafe & Bakery, 2221 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

George Parker, a freelance advertising copywriter and creative director who has created ads for companies including Apple Computer, Intel, Dell Inc. and IBM, will speak at the meeting.

The meeting starts with a social and no-host bar at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 for MVAF members and \$35 for nonmembers.

For information and reservations, call Debbie Currier at 736-0823.

### McDonald's says it will increase sales

**DES MOINES, Iowa**—McDonald's Corp. on Thursday said it has the right strategies to revive European sales, but cautioned investors not to expect a repeat of the "amazing turnaround" achieved in the United States.

Admitting disappointment at the 3.4 percent decline in the third quarter of the European same-store sales in February, Chief Financial Officer Matthew Paul told an investors' conference in New York "We think we've headed in the right direction."

Paul added, "It is unrealistic to expect that a turnaround in Europe would be the same as in the U.S., because the macro environment there is different. The sales of McDonald's were battered after the fast-food giant reported negative same-store sales for Europe earlier this week, even as its U.S. momentum continued."

Shares of McDonald's closed Thursday up 22 cents, or 0.7 percent, at \$32.75 on the New York Stock Exchange, still off from its 52-week high of \$34.56 set Monday.

### Network will add stations in markets

**SUN VALLEY**—Sorpreal, a digital cable television network that entertains Spanish-speaking children and teens, said Thursday it is adding its programming to 23 more Cox Communications Inc. markets, including Sun Valley.

Dallas-based Firststone Communications Inc., a privately held media company, owns and manages Sorpreal.

The network, offered throughout the United States through affiliate agreements with cable TV companies, broadcasts 24 hours a day, offering young Hispanic viewers animated, educational series, variety and special events programming.

The channel's late-evening schedule aims to appeal to tweens with comedy, talk, games, music and movies.

—compiled from staff and wire reports

## CPA: Filer Mutual looks solid

By John E. Swartz  
Times-News correspondent

**FILER**—Filer Mutual Telephone Co. is in solid financial shape.

That's what certified public accountant Bob Valentine told the board of directors and an audience of subscribers this week during the annual audit review for fiscal 2004.

Contributing factors in his assessment include:

- Owners' equity in the company is \$3.7 million.
- Net operating revenue increased from \$3.6 million in 2003 to \$4.3 million in 2004.
- A \$1 million line of credit with Rural Telephone Cooperative has been paid down to \$448,000.
- An additional \$400,000 line of credit with D.L. Evans Bank leaves a balance of \$848,000 in notes payable.
- "They're a strong company with very little debt," Valentine said.

However, he did point out that operating expenses increased from \$3.6 million in 2003 to \$4.1 million in 2004.

General Manager Jon Lantz said the company has set up a budgeting tool system so that patrons with unfavorable credit can come in and renegotiate for additional funds," he said.

"We can set up on a budget and when they reach that limit, they can come in and renegotiate for additional funds," he said.

Filer Mutual has also adopted a policy that provides financial assistance to the families of soldiers serving in Iraq or Afghanistan can get phone service at a reduced rate or free.

Last summer, the company purchased four ground lots north of the main office. These could be used for future expansion of equipment facilities.

"We thought this would be a good asset and a good means to manage our fleet and equipment," Lantz said.

In other business, Joe Allison and Carl Jones were re-elected for additional three-year terms on the board of directors. Allison has served on the board for 11 years, and Jones has been a member for the past four years.

## Firm lets farmers pick animal gender

The Associated Press

**FORT COLLINS, Colo.**—Since humans were hunters-gatherers, they've dreamed of picking their offspring's sex. Shamans looked to the moon, time of the month and sexual position. Nothing worked.

So modern scientists were skeptical 10 years ago when an Australian doctor claimed he could fulfill that dream with lasers, dye and artificial insemination.

"In science, never say never," said Dr. Maryn Jacobson, 74. You can say I, up until now, we've never been able to do it," Jacobson's company, XY Inc.—based in Fort Collins, about 65 miles north of Denver—can take credit for the birth of 500,000 sex-selected horses, cows, sheep, goats and pigs. The company is exploring new applications with endangered animals. And its sperm-sorting technology has proved an economic and humanitarian boon, the first catter in an estimated \$6 billion market.

"It could have a great impact on the gorilla population. ... Certainly, within zoos, we need to have more females," said Beth Crichton, a research scientist, XY.

"It's a big benefit to the cattle industry like you can't imagine," said Maurice Rosenstein, president of XY licensee Sexing Technologies in Novato, Texas.

More than a third of dairy heifers are replaced every year. Dairy farmers can either buy a replacement heifer for about \$2,000, or raise one for \$1,000. Breeding your own makes sense, if farmers can guarantee a female calf. For somewhere under \$100, they can buy sex-selected sperm that's 69 percent female.

"Especially today with heifer prices as high as they are and milk prices what they are," Rosenstein said. "A prudent breeder has no choice, if he just sits down for one minute and figures out the value."

XY's best-selling happy accident, was anything but predetermined, as Jacobson loves to pick apart conventional wisdom.

"I have a very deep respect for science, and science is in fact the continuing search-for-the-truth," he said.

So in 1990, he took a hiatus from the medical practice to find a way to diagnose fetal illness by looking at the mother's blood. He theorized that a few of the human embryo's cells would enter the mother's bloodstream, enough to test for genetic diseases.

The questions—how to sort



Dr. Maryn Jacobson, CEO and President of Fort Collins-based XY Inc., a company devoted to sex selecting animal offspring, poses with a filly at his Colorado ranch on Jan. 4.

the cells? So he bought a controlling interest in Cytomation, an Australian firm that sold software for high-speed cell sorting, or flow cytometry. Long a fan of northern Colorado's rustic beauty and the nearby mountains, Jacobson moved the company to Fort Collins.

Ten years earlier, scientists at the most sophisticated weapons labs in the world—California's Lawrence Livermore Lab—were monitoring their employees' health. That included examining employees' sperm, and sperm comes in X's and Y's.

Dr. Larry Johnson, at the USDA lab in Beltsville, Md., said about sorting those X's and Y's. The sperm in early experiments died. But he kept trying, increasing the number of survivors.

At the same time, Dr. George Seidel, a professor of biomedical sciences at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, observed that small numbers of sperm, combined with sophisticated low-dose artificial

inspermation, could result in a pregnancy. Eventually scientists figured out how to get a rabbit pregnant.

XY Inc. was born of these three separate discoveries—low-dose artificial insemination, flow cytometry to sort sperm and sexed sperm.

"Things worked out frankly better than I expected," Seidel said. "A whole lot of synergisms went in there with a lot of people contributing."

At XY's research lab in a Fort Collins industrial park, the \$300,000 flow cytometers fit atop a dining room table. Sperm, suspended in a solution, are treated with fluorescent dye that binds to DNA. In some species, female sperm have as much as 4 percent more DNA—genetic material—than male sperm, making them slightly brighter.

A laser measures the small color difference, and the cytometer splits the sperm into male and female cups. The technique is 90 percent accurate.

Here, the work is experimental. XY licenses the technology to veterinarians in England, Germany, Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, China and Japan, who then work with farmers and ranchers.

And there's strong interest from Russia, Ukraine, Estonia, Finland, New Zealand and South Korea.

As XY's technology spreads across the globe, Jacobson finds himself spending more time in Fort Collins and visiting partner countries. (Jacobson also chairs a publicly traded company in Australia called Genete Technologies Ltd.)

So he's come toavor his time on Moonrind, the 50-acre farm that serves as XY's corporate headquarters. The fir and pine-dotted farm also is home to a dozen sex-selected mares and stallions.

"The older I get, the more I like animals," Jacobson said. "My heart goes out to them. I'm very much interested in how we can use our technology from an animal welfare point of view."

## Delta warns about loss

The Associated Press

**ATLANTA**—Delta Air Lines Inc.'s warning Thursday that it expects another substantial loss this year and that it could be forced into bankruptcy if things get worse may put more pressure on the company to sell one or more of its regional feeder carriers. The nation's third-largest airline said in a regulatory filing that its cash reserves will be much lower at the end of 2005 than last year unless it can sell assets or raise money in other ways. Its ability to borrow more money, however, is limited because it has already pledged most of its assets as collateral on previous loans.

While the company did not specifically say that it plans to sell subsidiaries Comair Inc. and Atlantic Southeast Airlines, which handle flight connections for Delta, the warnings in the Securities and Exchange Commission filing suggest it may have to—quickly, analysts say.

"I think it's clearly one of the last options left for them in terms of raising cash," said Bill Warrick, an airline analyst with Fitch Ratings in Chicago.

Even before the filing, speculation over Delta shedding the feeder carriers increased earlier this week when the chief financial officer of SkyWest Inc., Bradford Rich, told an investor conference in Florida that his company was discussing with Delta the possibility of it selling Comair and ASA.

"We know that they have this interest," Rich said, according to an audio recording of the conference. "By the way, I think it's more in the 10k stand as they are," Wilson said.

Delta has refused to comment on the Rich sale, and on Thursday spokeswoman Benet Wilson declined to comment on the language in the SEC filing or answer any questions. "We let the comments in the 10k stand as they are," Wilson said.

Delta has not said how much it could fetch for Comair and ASA. However, it did say in January that it took hefty charges in the fourth quarter of 2004 because of reductions in the fair value estimates of the two feeder carriers.

The Atlanta-based company said its annual report is filled with the SEC that it doesn't believe the company's cash flows from operations will be sufficient to meet all of Delta's money needs. It said it would have to tap available cash and the final \$250 million it borrowed late last year from American Express Co. to meet those needs.

But the company, which has \$3.4 billion in obligations in 2005 related to leases, interest on debt, debt maturities and funding of operations, said its late filing is uncertain, adding that it will be forced to file for bankruptcy if it can't further reduce expenses and continues to suffer losses.

"A restructuring under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code may be particularly difficult because we pledged substantially all of our remaining unsecured assets as collateral in connection with transactions we completed in the December 2004 quarter as part of our out-of-court restructuring," Delta said in the filing.

## Woman serves up customer delight

By Loretta Burkhardt  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS**—Kori Ward, 35-year-old mother of four, is delighting customers while waiting tables at Senor Ceseas, and she does it with a smile.

"Great CUSTOMER SERVICE. A smile helps your customer be cheerful," said Ward, who began working at the Filer Avenue restaurant four years ago. "And I'm always concerned about the customer."

The positive attitude Ward displays enhances customer relations and is a perfect example of "customer delight," said Trina Sego, associate professor of marketing at the College of Business and Economics at Boise State University.

When customer relations are concerned, Ward fits the bill.



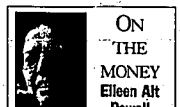
Kori Ward, a server at Twin Falls' Senor Ceseas restaurant, has an innate ability to read customers, co-workers say. Ward was given the nod for this month's *Times-News* Customer Service Award. The establishment's customer service award is presented annually. Please see SERVICE, Page D8

## ARC – The case of the disappearing check

**NEW YORK**—Call it the case of the disappearing check. It used to be that when Georgia State University law professor Mark E. Budnitz mailed a check to pay his *American Express* bill, the check would come back with his monthly bank statement. These days when he sends his check, the bill is paid and the transaction is duly noted on his bank statement—but the check itself is gone.

Budnitz and a growing number of Americans are experiencing what is known as ARC, or accounts receivable conversion, which basically involves turning a check into a debit transaction.

Such electronic conversions involve just a fraction of the more than 35 billion checks written every year. But a trade group known as NACMA—the



Electronic Payments Association says they are "the fastest growing payment application" in its three-decade history.

NACMA estimates some 1.25 billion consumer checks sent to pay credit cards, mortgages, insurance premiums and telecommunications bills were converted into ARC payments in 2004. The projection for the total could hit 2 billion this year.

Budnitz, who specializes in consumer law, said that even

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Stocks mixed on inflation concerns Check

NEW YORK (AP) — Conflicting signals in inflation key stocks mixed Thursday as investors abandoned riskier stocks and moved to safer blue-chip companies.

A surprising increase in first-time jobless claims unnerved the market but also eased fears among some investors that inflation would rise as more workers enter the job market.

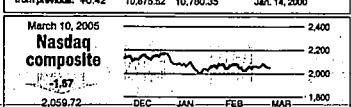
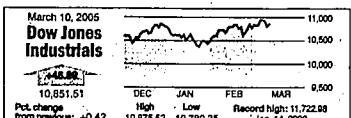
The Labor Department reported a jump of 17,000 claims last week to 327,000 — the highest level in two months.

Inflation worries were bolstered, however, as the dollar fell to a nine-week low against the euro.

Broader stock indicators were narrowly mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose under 1 point, or 0.19 percent, to 1,209.25, and the Nasdaq composite index lost 1.57, or 0.08 percent, to 2,059.72.

The bond market made modest gains. The 10-year Treasury note fell to 4.47 percent from Wednesday's 4.53 percent.

"It's surprising bond yields haven't been this high before, having with seven interest rate hikes from the Fed," said



Michael Palazzi, managing director of equity trading at J.P. Morgan Securities. There are inflationary pressures, certainly, but they're good inflationary pressures because there's economic growth.

The technology sector was under scrutiny as investors looked at news from two major semiconductor companies.

Microsoft Corp. announced it was purchasing privately held Groove Networks, which makes software for online work collaboration, for an undisclosed amount.

Lotus Notes in the 1980s, will become a financial tool. Technical officer, reporting to chairman Bill Gates.

Delta Air Lines Inc. said it would expect a substantial loss for 2005, according to a regulatory filing.

Retailer Urban Outfitters Inc. said its fourth-quarter profit rose 15 percent from the same period last year.

He said a recent survey conducted by the group found that just 4 percent of check writers have called their financial institutions in the past six months with questions about check conversion payments.

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than most banks give for paper checks," McEntee said. Banks and checkers also must allow consumers to opt out of ARC processing, though most consumers have done so, he said.

Fox said consumers should review their statements carefully when they arrive.

"I think the market is still jittery about inflation, there are no real drivers to push us solidly in any direction."

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WVWZY

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Senior Caesar's front-of-the-house manager, Kim Rankin, agreed.

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Did a sales person surprise you

Did a sales person surprise you with his or her efforts? The next time you are the beneficiary of outstanding customer service, note the worker's name and contact Southern Idaho Business, a Times-News publication for business owners and managers.

Have you been well-served?

Have you been well-served? Not merely on the occasion of a party? The winning nominees for each month were recognized in a Southern Idaho Business article like the one reprinted here and will receive a plaque for his or her efforts.

Large table listing various mutual funds with columns: Name, Fund, and other details.



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Section E

## Subaru lands atop quality rankings

## Fluid leaks ought to be checked out

By John O'Dell  
Los Angeles Times

Subaru, the Japanese automaker known for its all-wheel-drive vehicles, won the top spot for the highest quality brand among new cars in Consumer Reports' annual automotive issue.

The magazine's annual survey of product quality and performance, which hits newsstands Tuesday, has already gone to subscribers, ranks Japanese and South Korean automakers top for quality. U.S. brands are second, but fall below the industry average, and Europeans rank a distant third.

Subaru jumped 16 places to become the most reliable automotive brand overall for 2004 models. It's the first time Subaru finished in the top spot in the 26 years Consumer Reports has conducted the survey.

Subaru owners reported eight problems per 100 cars and SUVs sold — an 8 percent problem rate. Honda was the second-highest-rated brand at 9 percent and Toyota took third at 10 percent. Lexus, last year's leader, fell to fourth with an 11 percent rate.

In another surprise, the magazine found South Korean automaker Hyundai Motor Co.'s midsize Sonata Sedan to be the most reliable car in the United States last year, with just two problems reported for every 100 cars sold.

"That's quite dramatic, and shows that Hyundai has really made a big effort," said David Champion, Consumer Reports' auto testing director. "It used to be a joke to have Hyundai and reliability in the same sentence."

Last year's reliability champ was Toyota Motor Corp.'s Lexus GS sedan.

"With Subaru and Hyundai doing so well, we have two newcomers pushing the others to do even better," Champion said. The magazine's quality ratings are based on surveys from 810,000 vehicle owners. Subscribers were asked to report problems in 17 areas, such as



The new 2004 Subaru B9 Tribeca is the first-ever Subaru SUV with available seating for seven passengers and with Subaru Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive as its core technology. Subaru earned the distinction of being highest quality brand according to Consumer Reports. In their automotive edition.

engine or bodywork troubles, for vehicles up to 8 years old.

As for the U.S. automakers, they keep drawing closer to their Asian rivals, but never quite catch up. The best U.S. brands — Ford, which ranked ninth, and Pontiac, 10th — had 15 problems per 100 vehicles for 2004 models, more than twice Subaru's rate. Audi was the best from Europe with a 12 percent problem rate.

The industry average for 2004 model vehicles was a 16 percent problem rate, compared with 17 percent a year earlier.

As a group, Asian brands averaged 12 problems per 100 vehicles, a score unchanged for three years. It wasn't all glory, though. Nissan Motor Co., hobbed by glitches with the Titan

pickup, Armda SUV and Quest minivan built at its new Mississippi plant, fell well below the average with a 19 percent problem rate.

Several brands were not rated because of insufficient responses, the magazine said.

Domestic brands fell just below the industry mean, averaging 17 problems per 100 vehicles, an improvement from 18 last year. "They've been getting a little more reliable year after year," Champion said.

European passenger vehicle brands continued dragging the bottom with a 21 percent problem rate, slightly worse than the previous survey's 20 percent.

Of 160 models surveyed, the worst reliability scores, with 49 problems per 100 vehicles, were

filled by two behemoth vehicles: Ford Motor Co.'s Lincoln Navigator SUV and the Nissan Quest minivan.

This is the second consecutive year U.S. brands outscored European makes. The European automakers, long plagued by problems with complex electrical systems, have been further hurt by quality problems with their SUVs, Champion said.

Volkswagen's Touareg, for instance, was one of the worst results in the survey, with 48 problems reported per 100 vehicles. Porsche's Cayenne, which shares the same vehicle platform, had 41 problems per 100. BMW's X5 and Mercedes-Benz's M-Class SUVs, the Mercedes E-Class sedan and Volkswagens

New Beetle also scored far below average in reliability.

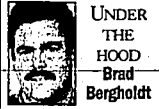
In a separate satisfaction survey, Consumer Reports asked subscribers if they would buy the same car or truck again. The magazine said it received more than 250,000 responses.

In this category, the Toyota Prius gas-electric hybrid topped the list — a first for a hybrid — with 94 percent of owners saying they would repeat. Last year's leader, the Lexus LS430 sedan, dropped into second place with a 92 percent positive response.

Of 32 vehicles on the magazine's "most satisfying" list, 25 are Japanese models, six are European and only one, the Chevrolet Corvette, is a domestic model.

Q. I have a 1990 Geo Tracker with 77,000 miles, and only drive it a couple of times a week, at the moment I've had a problem with a small, intermittent leak... one or two drops showing up on newspapers under the car roughly every other day.

I recently had the oil changed, and the shop tells me that the leak is a minor transmission fluid leak at the pan gasket. They say it's nothing to be worried about at this point.



UNDER THE HOOD  
Brad Bergholdt

The shop claims that I can wait until the next oil change to have this leak taken care of. How the heck does one know when to let a leak go vs. when it requires immediate attention?

—Zoe Carment, Redmond, Wash.

A. Zoe, it's great you take your Geo's health so seriously. Detecting and fixing an oil or coolant leak can protect your vehicle from potential damage, avoid messy cleanups, and it helps the environment, too.

Oil can seep or leak from a vehicle's engine, power steering system, transmission, or differential via faulty seals or gaskets. A worn/leaky seal can really make a mess, as there's often pressurized fluid just behind it. A cracked or shrunken gasket usually results in something from slight seepage to an occasional drip.

Observing the fluid color and location of the driveway spotting can help identify the general area of the leak.

Honey brown to dark brown fluid is usually motor oil or manual transmission fluid. Red fluid is either automatic transmission or engine steering fluid.

Engines frequently seep oil from the valve cover gasket (top of the engine) or the oil pan gasket (bottom). A higher rate of leakage might be caused by a leaking cam or timing cover seal (front) or rear main crankshaft seal (rear).

A real gusher is often caused by a leaking engine oil pressure sending unit, power steering pressure hose or transmission pump seal.

When does seepage or a leak go from an annoyance to a hazard? Assuming one maintains the correct fluid level in the leaking component, minor leakage usually isn't a danger, other than the mess it makes and threat to the environment.

On the other hand, if leaking oil or transmission fluid comes into contact with the exhaust manifold or catalytic converter, there is a chance of fire. If you notice a burning odor, the fault should be investigated and repaired promptly. Some oil leaks are expensive to fix, such as a leaking valve cover or transmission pan gasket, while others can be quite costly.

## AUTO REVIEWS



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### Dodge Grand Caravan SXT

Base price: \$20,245. Engine: 3.5-liter, 200-hp V-6. Fuel economy: 18 m.p.g. city/25 highway. **Big news:** In the '05 feature show in Grand Caravan driveways seats that flip, fold, and help in the move to provide the cargo capacity of a pickup truck — with an overhead roof. Only on sale since May, Grand already exceeds supply. **Highways:** seat compartments double as lockers for laptop computers, briefcases, papers or whatever you need to keep from the kids. Also offers power sliding doors, 17-speaker adjustable stereo/gas pedals, and 14, count 'em, 14 speakers, along with 100-hour water-bottle holder, DVD entertainment system, a must for travel with kids.

### Pontiac G6 GT sedan

Base price: \$23,300. Engine: 3.5-liter, 200-hp V-6. Fuel economy: 21 m.p.g. city/29 highway. **The longer, wider replacement for Grand Am:** adds the plastic body cladding, Poppy 145, very pleasing by sports suspension, and nice features, such as power ad-

justable pedals, remote engine start, side-curtain air bags and a new Panoramic sunroof with four glass panels. Sedan first, with coupe and retractable hardtop convertible next year — along with high performance GTP version and high mileage, price leader, 4-cylinder sedan.

### Ford Five Hundred Sel AWD

Base price: \$24,145. Engine: 3-liter, 203-hp V-6. Fuel economy: 19 m.p.g. city/26 highway. **The premium, widest body:** is 12 inches longer than Temuc and 12 inches shorter than full-size Crown Victoria. Choice of front or all-wheel-drive, one of the strongest points for Bow-Bell, though styling proved to be

climb sand and gravel hills too. Good handling for family sedan. Though fuel economy (including you need 40-mpg miles only) seems on par with the model. Some will question V-6 muscle. Cabin room excellent. Rear seat line, and massive trunk able to hold eight bags of golf clubs. Trip meter indicates miles to fuel.

### Chevrolet Cobalt

Base price: \$16,195. Engine: 2.2-liter, 148-hp. Fuel economy: 24 m.p.g. city/32 m.p.g. highway. **Successor to the Cavalier:** offered in coupe, sedan and sporty supercharged SS version in a \$14,000 to \$22,000 price range. Shares platform with the Saturn Ion. Slightly smaller outside dimensions than Cavalier. **Big news:** In the '05 feature show, retaining strength in fit and finish, emphasis, though the 4-cylinder engine is a bit lacking off the line. The ride and handling benefit from the upgrades. **Cons:** side-curtain air bags, over-engineered interior, comfort, features and performance.

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Part-time BUS DRIVER-Kimberly School District needs you! Rate pay \$10.50 per hour.  
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Journeyman electrician, with Idaho license or reciprocal, full-time year round employment. High end residential, some commercial. Knowledge of autocad required, micro station beneficial. Salary DOE. Send resumes to: 208-788-3273 or Phone 208-788-3238 for application.\*

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Mechanical Flush Structural Director needed full-time. Knowledge of autocad required, micro station beneficial. Salary DOE. Send resumes to: PO Box 1404 Twin Falls, ID 83303 or e-mail [mrjand@structure-engineering.com](mailto:mrjand@structure-engineering.com)\*

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Custom harvesting/transporting grain/machines/repairs. CDL, must provide current driver's abstract showing acceptable driving record; 3 mon. exp. req. Tools equipment, room & board provided free. Transportation expenses to work period: \$7.69/hr 3/4 work period guaranteed from 4/01/05 to 11/15/05. Contact The Local Workforce Agency at Idaho Department of Labor, Foreign Labor Certification, 317 West Main Street Boise, Idaho 83702.

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Laborer needed for landscaping company. Job Duties are as follows: digging holes, spreading topsoil, watering, raking, weeding, lawn plants, building concrete forms with lumber, pouring concrete for garden borders, installing concrete sidewalks & pavers, other general landscape duties. The positions requires applicant to work outside in all weather. No agricultural experience is needed. Construction experience is needed. Must be hard-working, very eager to learn and willing to take on all duties also require snow removal on an as needed basis. Must have valid drivers license. Minimum pay rate is \$8hr. Application and resume must have application number printed on it. Please email resume to Idaho Commerce & Labor Att: Lou Dixon 317 W. Main St. Boise, ID 83726-0910 Job Information person@lawenforcement.com  
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5 hr/wk. opening for a maintenance person, working in 2 group homes for disabled. \$13 an hr. If interested please call Teresa at 208-536-2042, EOE.\*

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43 Customers Approx. Earnings \$1,100/Week

**RT. 741 Avail. 4-3-05**  
2400-2500's Ironwood  
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48 Customers Approx.  
Earnings, \$1100.00

**RT. 729**  
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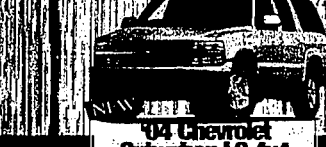
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Many a little makes a mickle." —Aron

On the first deal of the finals of the National Swiss teams from the Reno Spring Nationals, Chris Wilken put his side on the road to victory by assuming a number of clues to bring home a difficult three-no-trump contract. When the spade two was led, South won East's nine with the king and knew that the lead indicated a four-card suit. West would surely have led from a five-card heart suit, and might well have led from a four-card heart suit rather than opening up a four-card spade suit headed by the ace. Accordingly, East was the most likely defender to hold five hearts.

Declarer now assumed that he would only be struggling if the diamond king was on his right. That would give East four spades, five hearts and the diamond king; 10 cards known and three unknown. Then West would have four spades and three hearts; seven known and six unknown. The Law of Vacant Spaces (no, it does not deal with what partner has between his cards) states that a significant missing card is likely to be with the opponent who has more unknown cards. South therefore played for West to hold the club queen and to play the heart suit. His lead gained 10 IMPs when the rival declarer failed by playing for the club queen to fall.

Regardless of the size of the clues, there were a series of small indications pointing; to the right answer, and Wilken put them all together to produce a game swing.

- NORTH ♠ 5 4 ♥ A 3 ♣ Q 6 ♦ K 10 9 7 4 2
WEST ♠ A J 8 2 ♥ K 7 5 ♦ K 10 2 ♣ Q 6 3
EAST ♠ 10 9 7 6 ♥ K 10 8 4 2 ♦ K 10 2 ♣ 5

- SOUTH ♠ K Q 3 ♥ A 9 6 ♦ A 9 7 3 ♣ A J 8
Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East 1NT Pass 3NT All pass
Opening lead: Spade two
BID WITH THE ACES 03-11-B
South holds: ♠ K Q 3 ♥ A 9 6 ♦ A 9 7 3 ♣ A J 8
South West North East 1NT Pass 2♦ Pass 2♥ Pass 2NT Pass

ANSWER: Pass, rather than going back to three hearts. Although you have a dead-minimum hand, it includes decent length and strength in all three of the side suits. So stay a level lower rather than exploring at the three-level and showing spades, not hearts, it would make sense to go back to the major, though.

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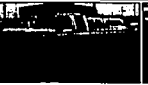









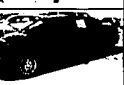













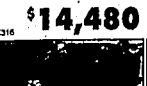






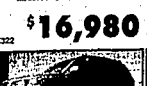


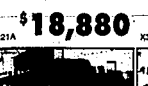

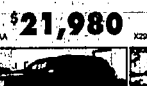



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**HOPE YOU'RE INTERESTED**  
 SWF, 19, 5'8", 150lbs, blond/blonde-tan, smoker, enjoys camping, music, movies, hanging out. Seeking WM, 19-28, who enjoys travel. Hollister 72517037

**FROM HERETO FOREVER**  
 SWF, 38, 5'8", 135lb, blonde/blue, into nice cars, football, fishing, camping, romantic night evenings. Seeking honest, sincere SWM, 30-44, possible relationship. Hollister 72772555

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**KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR?**  
 ISO SM, 18-21 year old guy who enjoys to party but also enjoys a quiet night home cuddling. I'm a SHF, 18 years old college student looking for LTR. Burley 72437137 @ sweet\_gurlz

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 Genuine, honest, loving, fun, spontaneous SWF, 48, enjoys the outdoors, dining, movies, friends, more. Seeking down-to-earth SM, 40-55, for friendship, possible relationship. Hollister 72482779 @ twiddle\_doe

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 Separated woman, 34, with 8-year-old son, enjoys family activities. Seeking a family-oriented man, 30-42, for friendship first. Appleton 72520156 @ Blarsheta

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**NO HEAD GAMES**  
 SWF, 37, strong-willed, loves being herself and won't change for anyone. Seeking like-minded SM, 36-45. Hollister 72582222 @ palmettabe1

**BE MY BABY**  
 SWF, 33, likes to camp out under the stars, try new restaurants, go on dates and long drives. If you like the same, give me a call. Hollister 72529416 @ luccy321

**BE YOURSELF!**  
 SWF, 30, looking for a man who is honest, not afraid to be himself, a lot of the outdoors as well as staying in. Hollister 72508862 @ gr424

**MAKE IT LAST**  
 SM, SWM, 70, 5'9", N/S, likes to camp, fish, and attend rodeos, seeks SWF, 50-70, N/S, for possible long-lasting romance. Key 7271818

**LOOK FOR LOVE**  
 SHM, 21, Vego, N/S, likes to work on cars, and spend time with friends. Seeks HF, 18-24, who likes to party and enjoy quiet nights at home. Kimberly 7259131

**SM SEKS SF**  
 Kind, sexy WM, 44, no children, seeks friendly with a SWF, 58-62, Drop me a line. Burley 7250078 @ wonderdog

**HOPE TO FIND YOU**  
 SWF, 47, tech/operator, enjoys wks, camping, quiet evenings in or out. Seeking nice, good-hearted, honest man who enjoys the same. Hollister 72583994

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 Separated male, 38, wants to meet a nice SW/HF, 35-39, for movies, concerts, cuddling all the time. Buhl 7260822

**LOVE TO TRY IT**  
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**SOUND LIKE YOU?**  
 DHM, 37, father of 2, enjoys Italian food, cooking, travel, skiing (snow/water), road trips. Seeking outgoing, sincere SF, 27-43, interested in having fun, lasting friendship and possible romance. Hollister 72607042

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
 HM, 5'10", 130lbs, svr build, likes working on cars and the outdoors. Seeking SF, 25-35, who likes to have and go out. Applegate 72425695

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
 SM, 24, just your average guy like to have fun, hang out, talk, occasional city hip-hop/rap trips, exploring life. Seeking similar SF for friendship, fun, maybe more. Caldwell 72510001 @ cowboyy44099

**THERE FOR YOU ALWAYS**  
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 SM, 25, seeking to find a pretty, honest, easygoing, non-judgmental lady, with a kind heart and sweet nature, for friendship, like and possible LTR. Lone Star 7254294

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**WORTH A CALL**  
 Outgoing SM, 19, farmer, enjoys horseback riding, shooting pool, time with family and friends, camping, hiking, jogging, reading. Seeking like-minded lady up for a strong friendship and more. Haley 72532218 @ 52529

**AGING GYPPY...**  
 55, light smoker, getting tired of talking to nobody but my dog! Looking for slender/average-build lady, 35-60, to spend some time with. Dietrich 72608942 @ cealbie

**AVOID A U**  
 SWM, 49, 5'10", N/D, N/S, 160lbs, self-employed, easygoing, looking for low baggage, seeks SF, 40-62. Call me. Appleton 7262647

**GIVING IT A SHOT**  
 Self-employed, energetic, sociable SM, 31, father, enjoys family time, action films, hunting, fishing, camping. \*Lion's Park\*, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, jogging, reading. Seeking like-minded lady up for fun and adventure. LTR? Curry 7243225

**OOH, LOOK, IT'S ME**  
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**GOING FISHING**  
 SWM, 38, 6'0", blond/green, positive, idealist, likes trying to make people smile, family times, BBQs, country/farmy films, camping, fishing, BBQs. Seeking outgoing, open-minded, light-hearted lady to share and explore life with. Appleton 7263310

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 Handsome, SM, 26, seeks W/M, late 20s, single father, loves to play sports. Seeking woman, under 45, who likes to travel. Hollister 72578004 @ atriker1995

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 SM, 38, with good job, likes exploring the country, travel, dining, movies, playing cards. Seeking SF, 25-40, similar interests. Heytrem 7258047

**LET'S MEET!**  
 SM, 19, 5'11", brown/blue, chef, seeks SF, 18-22, who enjoys sports, ice-skating, fishing, camping, outdoors. Curry 7258172

**HERE I AM...**  
 Just so y'all know, SHM, 37, love, works, plays, likes to have fun, and love to travel. Seeking the right SF, 45-45. Hollister 72655307 @ averagejo

**SMILE FOR ME**  
 Fun-loving SWM, 21, loves to hike, fish, and watch sports. ISO active female, 19-23, who isn't into playing games of the heart. Buhl 7261567 @ skipdog972

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 Outgoing SWM, 31, likes to go to the movies, into fishing, football, music cars, loves to make people happy. ISO SF, 28-35, who loves to cook. Hollister 7251328 @ roose1072

**LET'S GET TOGETHER**  
 SM, 35, enjoys outdoors, will try anything once, isn't afraid to take chances. Seeking SF, 18-30, for possible relationship. Heppner 72672426 @ Bobbiedriver

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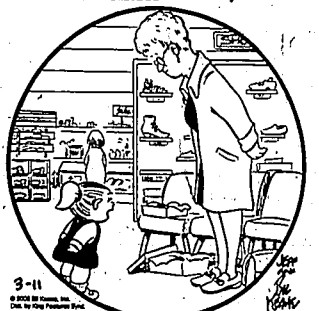
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