

## GOOD MORNING

### WEATHER

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Numerous rain and/or snow showers. High 46, low 29.

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Dodging a bullet: Twin Falls man survives drive-by shooting.

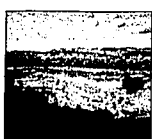
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# Water bills move forward

By Julie Ponce  
Times-News writer

BOISE — As the 2005 Legislature winds down, lawmakers geared up Wednesday to shove through water legislation in as few as three or four working days.

Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, introduced three bills that further define water-user groups and enable them to more easily finance aquifer-improvement projects and mitigation plans.

"We're doing this now because of the extreme situation we find ourselves with the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer,"



Stevenson said. But one member of the House Resource and Conservation Committee that Stevenson chairs objected to the haste with which the legislation is being processed.

"Toll me, is this rapid pace because of a call?" asked Lenore Barrett, R-Challa. "Is it because we're afraid there's going to be a water call? Why can't we take

more time?" She discussed the issue later, after the committee had voted to send the bills straight to the House floor for amending. Barrett, known for her contrariness but also her intelligence, was the only member who dissented. Usually, bills requiring amendments are scheduled for a second committee hearing to allow for more time to study them. But with legislators wanting to leave Boise as early as March 30, resource committee members spent a good share of Wednesday's meeting discussing the most efficient way to move the bills through.

Barrett comes from a part of

Idaho that isn't faced with the pressing problems of the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer. That's why she's asking for more information on the subject. But she's not the only one who doesn't understand the legislation, she said.

"Half the people here don't know and won't have the time and energy to find out what these are about," Barrett said. "Now that's a helluva way to run a Legislature, if you ask me."

Vice chairwoman of the House Resource and Conservation Committee, Rep. JoAnn Wood, R-Rigby, said, "These might be the best bills that ever please see WATER, Page A4

## Rumors of wolves in the South Hills persist

By Terry Smith  
Times-News correspondent

OKLEY — Reports of wolf sightings in the South Hills are on the rise, wildlife officials say, but none of the sightings has been confirmed.

While the presence of wolves remains officially unverified, several area ranchers near Oakley say they've seen them.

"We've seen wolves just within the last month," said Carl Austin, who with his family runs a cattle ranch along Goose Creek 12 miles south of Oakley.

"By color patterns we can actually identify five individuals. We haven't seen them in a pack yet, but we've seen their tracks," he said.

Don Pickett, an owner of Pickett Ranch and Sheep Company said a wolf was reportedly seen near Trout Creek, some 20 miles west of Oakley.

"All I know is what one of my herders told me," Pickett said. "He thought he had seen a male wolf. He seemed pretty sure of it."

Tim Ferguson, an area conservation officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, confirmed that authorities have been told of the sightings.

"There's been nothing verified, but we have had several reports of people seeing them," Ferguson said.

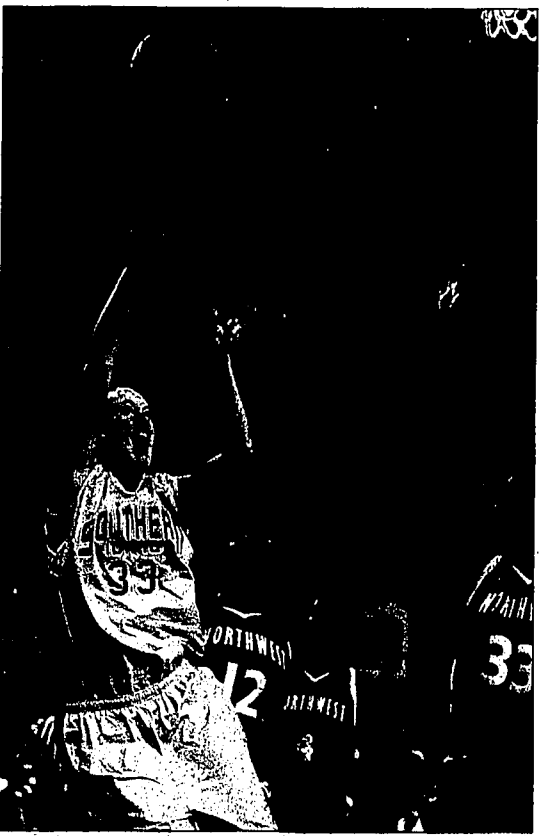
Chuck Carpenter, the central Idaho district supervisor for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services, said wildlife officers don't have the time to examine every track.

Nevertheless, he said, "The way wolves are increasing and spreading around, it wouldn't surprise me."

The South Hills generally refers to the mountainous areas in south Cassia and Twin Falls counties. It's a mix of federal, state and private land. The area harbors mule deer, elk and bighorn sheep and is used widely for cattle and sheep grazing.

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## EVERY SHOT COUNTS



College of Southern Idaho freshman forward Tanya Lattaker takes an off-balance shot around Northwestern defender Candy Hall (12) and Rakonya Heynes (33) during Tuesday night's 61-49 win in Round 3 of the 2005 NCAA Women's National Basketball Championship tournament. The Golden Eagles face Southeastern Illinois at 5 p.m. MST on Thursday. For the details on that game and the men's quarterfinal match-up, please see page B-1.

## Leaders make push to extend cigarette tax

By Chuck Ooley  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Leaders from both parties on Wednesday agreed to consider a bill that would extend the current surcharge on cigarettes for two years and provide the lawmakers with one of the keys to ending the 2005 legislative session.

The current 29-cent per-pack tax on cigarettes was scheduled to expire on July 1 of this year, returning the state's tax to 28 cents per pack.

But the bill introduced late Wednesday afternoon in the House Ways and Means Committee would extend the surcharge, generating an estimated \$25 million next year.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said the money is not absolutely necessary to balance the state's budget in the 2005-2006. But it would provide a much greater comfort level for budget writers, who have had to provide an extra \$25 million for water projects around the state this year.

Any money left over at the end of the 2005-2006 fiscal year would be rolled over to the 2006-2007 fiscal year, which is expected to be even leaner than this year.

Newcomb said he believes the bill is needed to bring the session to an end.

"I think getting out of here would be extremely difficult, a lot more difficult than just achieving a compromise," on the cigarette tax extension, Newcomb said.

By starting the bill in the House Ways and Means Committee, Newcomb circumvented the normal route, which would be through the Revenue and Tax Committee.

Earlier this week, Tax Committee chairwoman Dolores Crow, R-Nampa, said she would oppose any move to pass a cigarette tax extension through her panel. Crow said the Legislature's promise to let the tax expire on schedule when they first established it in 2003 should be upheld.

A promise made needs to be a promise kept," Crow said.

Crow's position on the bill puts Newcomb in a tenuous situation.

Under House rules, he could run the bill through some other committee. However, that happens rarely because it skirts the intent of having a tax committee in the first place.

There has been some disagreement among top budget lawmakers about whether the money is truly needed to balance the budget. Rep. Madine Neenan, D-Teton, said the state could squeak by without it; but she would feel much more confident about the state's fiscal picture if there was some action for error.

## Idaho man says shroud was easy to create

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Nathan Wilson is an English teacher with no scientific training, but he thinks he knows how the controversial Shroud of Turin was produced.

Wilson believes that all it took was some glass, paint and an old piece of linen to produce Christ's alleged burial cloth, whose authenticity has been in dispute for hundreds of years.

On the brink of Easter, his theory has set the world of so-called "Shroudians" ablaze.

"A lot of religious people are upset," said Wilson, 26, an evangelical Christian who teaches at a small private college in Moscow.

While he believes in the resurrection of Christ that is celebrated at Easter, he does not believe that the shroud is proof of that resurrection.

"We should hate lies whether they help us or not," Wilson said. "While many have dismissed the Shroud of Turin as a medieval fake, some devout Christians believe it is a physical sign of Jesus' resurrection. Wilson believes that a medieval forger could have painted the image of a crucified man on a pane of glass, laid it on the linen, and then left it outside in the sun to bleach the cloth for several days. As the linen lightened, the painted image of the Shroud, 41, has been without



Nathan Wilson holds a piece of glass with a face painted on it by his friend David Beauchamp Tuesday in Moscow. Wilson believes the Shroud of Turin is a fake.

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## Appeals court rejects efforts to save Schiavo

Knight Rider News Service

—PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — The battle over Terri Schiavo appeared to be entering its final stages Wednesday as a U.S. appeals court refused twice to order her feeding tube restored and a Florida judge issued an emergency order barring state officials from taking the brain-damaged woman into protective custody.

Late Wednesday night, Schiavo's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, filed an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court. But the step seemed a long shot — the court has ruled against them four times previously — and there was a growing sense of dismay among their supporters.

"When I close my eyes at night, all I see is Terri's face, dying, starving to death," said Mary Schindler from outside the hospice where Schiavo resides. "Please, someone out there stop the cruelty, stop the insanity. Please let my daughter live."

Schiavo, 41, has been without food and water since her feeding tube was disconnected Friday. Experts said her organs were beginning to sustain injury and she could die within days.

At one point, Florida officials appeared prepared to take Schiavo from the hospice and have her feeding tube reconnected. During a news conference in Tallahassee, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush announced a new and more optimistic diagnosis by a doctor who spent less than an hour at Schiavo's bedside and didn't fully examine her.

"Terri may have been misdiagnosed and it's more likely she is in a state of minimal consciousness rather than in a persistent vegetative state," Bush said. "If there is any uncertainty, we should err on the side of protecting her."

Other state officials filed a court motion that could be a precursor of an attempt to place her under state custody. They acknowledged that an appellate court decision that a

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Numerous rain and/or snow showers. Highs 40s. Tonight: Cloudy with shower chances tapering off. Lows near 30. Tomorrow: Slowly decreasing clouds and shower chances. Highs 40s

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and breezy with a chance of rain mixing with snow at times. Highs 40s. Tonight: Rain showers changing over to, or mixing with snow. Lows 20s. Tomorrow: Breezy to windy with periods of rain, freezing rain and/or snow possible. Highs 40s.

IDAHO FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Wet spring snow will fall at mountain top with valley rain and snow showers likely today. Travel may be slow and messy at times. Wet weather will persist through Friday.



Weather by latitude: 50 at Caldwell, 40 at Boise, 30 at Burley, 20 at Twin Falls. Weather key: B: Battered & cloudy; L: Fog; H: Heavy snow; H+L: Heavy snow, moderate rain; S: Snow; D: Drizzle; W: Wind; R: Rain; SH: Shower; SN: Snow; S+SN: Snow and rain; S+SH: Snow and shower; S+SN+SH: Snow, rain and shower.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

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Moon Phases

Table showing moon phases for March 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

Moonrise and Moonset

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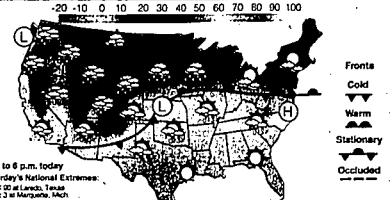
NATIONAL FORECAST

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Schiavo

Continued from A1. To remove her from the Hospice House Woodside in Pinellas Park could do so at any time. "We are looking at every potential opportunity to be of assistance," said Lucy Hadl, the secretary of Florida's Department of Children and Families.

you or 1 or a person walking in the street to come in and say we have rights to take Terri Schiavo or feed her," George Fros said. Late Wednesday, Florida Circuit Judge George Greer issued an emergency injunction, saying it appeared state action was warranted.

minister nutrition or hydration artificially or otherwise interfere with this court's final judgment," Greer said. "It was unclear if DCF would appeal the ruling. The drama over the possible seizure of Schiavo came against a backdrop of legal setbacks for the Schindlers, who've fought bitter court battles for years against her husband, who says Schiavo should be allowed to die.

Shroud

Continued from A1. man remained dark on the cloth, creating the equivalent of a photo negative. Wilson wrote his theory in a magazine for Christian intellectuals called Books and Culture. It was picked up by numerous Web sites, including ChristianityToday.com, and is being debated in shroud circles. Wilson's web site www.shadowshroud.com receives more than 100,000 hits from 46 countries in the first week of his article's publication.

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Wolves

Continued from A1. In 1995 and 1996, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released 35 Canadian wolves in central Idaho as part of a program to re-establish wolf populations in the Northwest. Since that time, the number of wolves in Idaho has increased to somewhere between 420 and 500, according to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Wolves have spread throughout the state and have been reported as far north as Bonners Ferry and as far south as northern Utah.

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Report says Social Security will go broke earlier than predicted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Social Security will begin paying out more in benefits than it receives in taxes in 2017, twelve years from now and a year earlier than previously estimated, trustees said Wednesday in a forecast adding fuel to the debate over changes President Bush wants.

trustees' report undercut the president's efforts to portray the program as an immediate crisis. That label would appear to apply to Medicare, the health care program for the elderly and disabled. The trustees, who also oversee that Great Society program, noted that Medicare began paying out more in benefits than it received in taxes as of last year.

The Bush administration said both findings underscored the urgency of its effort to overhaul Social Security this year, in part by creating retirement investment accounts for younger workers. Democrats said the

It also predicted it would go broke in 2020, one year later than they estimated in 2004, but more than two decades before Social Security.

"The numbers leave nothing to doubt about the financial condition of the Social Security system," Treasury Secretary John Snow, chairman of the six-member trustees' board, said during a news conference. "The report underscores the fact that

we need to do something." Mike Leavitt, the new Health and Human Services secretary and another trustee, said that Medicare and Medicaid — the health insurance program for the elderly at the state level — face daunting financial problems.

The trustees estimated that the program's Medicare beneficiaries pay for doctor visits will increase about 12 percent next year — from \$78.20 a month now to \$87.70 in 2005.

This year's premiums are 17 percent above what they were in 2004. Leavitt said the administration had begun to address Medicare in 2003 with new performance standards for doctors, as well as programs that encourage better health through things as simple as an annual physical.

U.S., Iraqis kill insurgents in raid

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. and Iraqi forces killed 85 militants at a suspected training camp along the marshy shores of a remote lake, one of the highest guerrilla death tolls of the two-year insurgency, officials said Wednesday. They said citizens emboldened by the January elections are increasingly turning in intelligence tips.

deadlocked on these changes during 2.5 days of deliberations. One of those charges also carried the death penalty.

The mid at Lake Tharthar in central Iraq turned up booby-trapped cars, suicide-bomber vests, weapons and training documents, Iraqi Maj. Gen. Rashid Felehi told state television. He said the insurgents include Iraqis, Filipinos, Algerians, Moroccan, Afghans and Arabs from neighboring countries.

Williams, who smiled when he learned he would not face the death penalty, could get life in prison.

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that the citizens this time really took the initiative to provide us with very good information," Felehi said.

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Whether that boosts enlistment numbers or not, Harvey said he sees no chance of a military draft.

"The 'D' word is the farthest thing from my mind," the former defense company executive told a Pentagon news conference, his first since becoming the army's top civilian official last November.

Because of the military manpower strains caused by simultaneous wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, some in Congress have raised the possibility of re-instituting the draft, although there is a strong consensus against it among Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and the military chiefs.

This is the first time the United States has been in a sustained period of combat since the all-volunteer force was introduced in 1973. The Air Force and Navy, which have relatively smaller roles in Iraq and Afghanistan, have no recruiting problems, but the Army and Marines are hard pressed.

The Army missed its recruiting goal for February by 27 percent, and that was the first time it had missed a monthly goal since May 2000. The last time it missed its full-year goal was 1999.

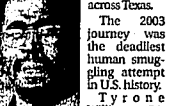
In three days, according to Iraqi and U.S. officials' accounts, troops have killed at least 128 insurgents nationwide, culminating in the announcement of Tuesday's attack by Iraqi commandos, backed by U.S. air and ground fire. On Sunday, U.S. soldiers killed 26 insurgents south of Baghdad, while a fight during an ambush on an Iraqi security convoy killed 17 militants on Monday.

Driver convicted in fatal smuggling attempt

HOUSTON — A truck driver was convicted Tuesday for his role in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants who clung to the walls of his sweltering tractor-trailer and screamed for air as he smuggled them across Texas.

The 2003 journey was the deadliest human smuggling attempt in U.S. history. Tyrone Williams, 34, was found guilty on 38 counts of transporting illegal immigrants but was spared the death penalty because the jury could not agree on whether he bore direct responsibility for the deaths.

The judge also declared a mistrial on 20 counts of conspiracy and harboring after the jury



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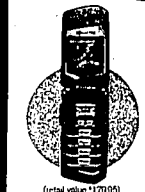
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MORNING BREAK

Teen worries anger may escalate

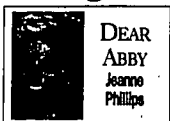
DEAR ABBY: I really, really need your help. I have serious anger issues. Almost every day I lash out at my mother, and it makes her very sad. Recently my mom went through a bout of depression. She has relapses sometimes, yet I am unable to control my anger. I am 13, but I know that I am already an abuser and I don't know how to stop. Little things set me off on a screaming frenzy at my poor mother.

Please help me. I'm afraid I will hurt her one day because of this, and I would never forgive myself. And please don't print my name and address. We live in a small town, and I don't want people to know.

— 13 AND SCARED IN VIRGINIA

DEAR SCARED: It is important that you pinpoint exactly what is making you so angry. If it is something other than your mother, then you're making her a scapegoat for what is really bothering you. If it is your mother, you must find healthier, more constructive ways of expressing your anger than screaming at her because, as you have pointed out, it may escalate her anger.

I have a booklet that could help you to understand and control your outbursts. It's called "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." I can be ordered by sending me a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus a check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds).



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

Among the suggestions I offer in the booklet are:

"Recognize that you are getting angry. Admit that your buttons are being pushed and that you're about to 'lose it.' (By losing it, I mean expressing yourself emotionally without control.)

"Some healthy, acceptable ways to express anger:

"Express it calmly without being abusive or calling names. Say 'When you do ( ), it makes me angry.' And then explain why."

"Take a walk. Remove yourself from the source of your anger until you cool off."

"Write a letter to the person who has angered you, expressing your feelings. You never deliver it. In fact, you probably shouldn't — but you'll feel much better once you get your emotions down on paper and out of your system."

"When all else fails — have a good cry. That, too, will lessen the tension."

But whatever you do, do not

raise your hand in anger against your mother. If your anger is truly out of control, ask your mother to make an appointment for you to discuss it with a psychologist so he or she can help you form the tools to control it or channel it in a constructive way.

DEAR ABBY: My brother has inherited a very old quilt from our grandmother. Her great-grandmother made it in 1852, when she was 18. We are thrilled to have such a wonderful piece of family memorabilia; however, we don't know what to do with it.

It appears to be in good condition, but I can't imagine putting it on a bed and raking spills or pet fur getting on it.

At present, the quilt is wrapped in plastic and sitting in a box. I'd love to find a way for my brother to display it or use it, but he is 19 and doesn't really care about things like this yet. Any idea you might have would be welcome.

— KRISTA IN SALT LAKE CITY

DEAR KRISTA: The quilt should be stored until your brother has a place to display it. A cleaner that prepares bridal gowns for storage can help you do it so the quilt isn't damaged. When your brother is ready, consider having the quilt mounted in a large "shadow box" frame. However, make certain it is not exposed to direct sunlight.

Water

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bit this place, but we won't know."

People who spoke to committee members had a number of concerns, many of which they began working out with government attorneys and other lobbyists in the hall outside the committee room. Only two hours after the meeting, Stevenson said the issues had been addressed and that the entire body will vote on amendments as well as the three bills on Tuesday.

He also disputed Barnett's complaints, noting that when bills get to the floor, lawmakers who haven't had time to learn about a piece of legislation rely on the germane committee's recommendation. And he pointed out that one-third of the Legislature was involved over the past year around the state on aquifer problems. When meetings were held on the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer, often between 15 and 18 legislators would attend those meetings, he said.

As a result, "They'll know enough to make an informed decision," Stevenson said.

Here's a rundown of the legislation:

- Mandatory groundwater district membership: Any irrigator, city or industrial or commercial water user living within the boundaries of a groundwater district, which is a water mitigation district, would have to join and pay the assessments required by its board. When members get in return is protection from wells being shut down if the Department of Water Resources has approved a plan to make up for water losses. There are two groundwater districts in Magic Valley: the Magic Valley and the North Snake groundwater districts.

Small cities oppose the bill, said Don Munkers of the Idaho Rural Water Association. They can't afford more regulation,

plus cities with populations under 10,000 have taken a position that it's the state's responsibility to pay for aquifer problems, he said.

One possible amendment would be to allow a business or a city to opt out if it had a mitigation plan approved by Water Resources. Brent Olmstead, executive director for Milk Producers of Idaho, said his group of owners of large dairies are working on a mitigation plan and would like to be able to opt out. One thing they want to avoid is being taxed twice, he said. They wouldn't like paying for their own mitigation plan and then a second one for the entire district in which they are located.

Expanded bonding authority for the Idaho Water Resources Board: If the bill passes, the water board would be able to sell bonds to buy water rights, such as those from Bell Rapids. In addition, the board would be able to bond to pay for projects such as recharge, mitigation plans and refurbishing canals. Water Resources Director Karl Dreher said. But the bonds would always be paid back by the parties that received the benefits, he noted.

Provisions for collecting annual assessments for all irrigators and industrial and commercial water users on an aquifer. The money collected from water users on the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer would go to maintain the water model that maps out the underground water. It would also be used to administer water rights on the plain.

But Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, asked why domestic and livestock water users weren't included in the assessment.

"We heard this all summer long in meetings," Stevenson said. "But frankly, right now I don't think we have the muscle to push it."

Looking for more Morning break? Horoscope and Random Facts are on page C-8 today.

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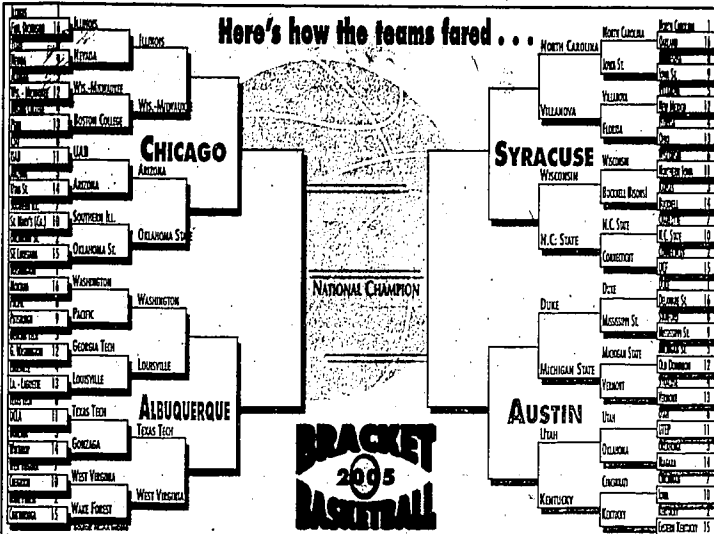
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## EDITORIAL

### Don't hold legislators' feet to the fire on cigarette tax

**B**arring any unforeseen disasters in the next week or so, Idaho legislators will go home with the knowledge that they lived up to their promises.

Two years after passing a one-percent increase in the sales tax, they honored their word and will allow it to expire come this July. The move is also a historic one for Idaho. The July tax sunset will represent the first-ever reduction of sales taxes in Idaho history.

Idaho ranks 33rd in the country for cigarette tax rates and is dead last among neighboring western states (see attached chart).

And yet, Crow wants to lower the cigarette tax back to 27 cents a pack? How generous can Crow get?

Rather than fight with Crow, legislators will go around her. They're now pushing a bill to extend the cigarette tax through the House Ways and Means Committee.

Remember, this is an optional product, unlike food, clothing or other necessities. If cigarette smokers are fed up with paying higher taxes on smokes, they're free to give up the habit.

**A smoking bargain**

Idaho's cigarette tax went up to 57 cents a pack in 2003, but it still ranks well below other western states.

State	Cigarette tax (per pack)
Montana	\$1.70
Washington	\$1.42
Arizona	\$1.18
California	\$0.87
Nevada	\$0.60
Utah	\$0.60
Wyoming	\$0.60
Idaho	\$0.57

Source: Federation of Tax Administrators

Perhaps Idaho lawmakers should remember that next year, when the topic of alcohol taxes resurfaces. After all, taxes for beer and wine have been left untouched for decades.

Water solutions are another reason for leaving cigarette taxes as they are. State budget writers want to use anywhere from \$25 million to \$30 million of cigarette revenue to help pay for key water projects, including part of the Nez Perce agreement, and two other projects involving southern Idaho water buy-outs.

The answer is rather easy. Why reduce a tax that's cheaper than other states' taxes, when it could help Idaho out of another financial crisis?

State leaders should honor the promises they made to all Idaho taxpayers and reduce the tax paid by all Idaho consumers. Otherwise, they're letting Idaho's fiscal future go up in smoke.

## A choice for politics over principle

**I**f there is one constitutional principle that has animated and energized conservatives during the last five decades, it is the notion of judicial restraint. Philosophers and politicians of the right have lectured Americans repeatedly about the dangers of "legislating from the bench."



DAVID BRODER

This is no idle chatter. Many of us who may be skeptical of other tenets of conservative faith — the aversion to taxes, say, or the priority of national security over individual rights — respect and share the belief that the judicial branch with its unelected judges should not usurp the functions and prerogatives of those in the legislative branch who hold their seats by vote of the people.

This is a principle which has been given eloquent expression by the chief of the conservative movement.

Take, for example, the words of President Ronald Reagan in a 1987 radio address explaining his nomination of Judge Robert Bork for the Supreme Court. Reagan described Bork as "a man who would be faithful to the kind of judicial restraint envisioned by our Founding Fathers, a judiciary that was independent and strong, yes, but one whose power would be confined within the boundaries of the Constitution and the laws of the land. ... That's why over the years both progressive and conservative judges have understood the importance of judicial restraint — the principle that says the highest exercise of judicial duty is to subordinate the judge's private views to what the law permits or determines."

"But now," Reagan continued, "liberal special interest groups seek to politicize the court system, to exercise a chilling effect on judges, to intimidate them into making decisions, not on the basis of the law or the merits of the case, but on the basis of a litmus test or a response to political pressure."

Despite that warning, Judge Bork was rejected by the Senate — the starting point for the unseemly and dangerous pattern that saw a Republican Senate majority block many of President Bill Clinton's judicial appointments and the current Democratic minority use the threat of filibusters to hold up a number of President Bush's judges.

The fault here is not in the judiciary. The fault lies largely in the legislators, whose actions are heedless of the damage these bitter partisan controversies wreak on the independence of the judicial branch.

In a properly functioning system of representative government, with divided powers and an independent judiciary, judges are obligated to avoid legislating from the bench and the legislature should exercise



great restraint in intervening in judicial proceedings.

That is a principle which has been grossly violated in the Terri Schiavo case. As a parent, I can certainly sympathize with the anguish of her mother and father and their desire to give her every possible chance to extend her life, meager as it is.

But for Congress to substitute its own opinion for the considered judgment of Florida courts that have invested hundreds of hours in weighing this tragic case is unconscionable in constitutional terms.

No one in the truncated congressional debate suggested that the Florida judges had been biased or negligent or anything but conscientious in weighing the conflicting claims of Schiavo's parents and her husband, and in evaluating the medical evidence about the poor woman's condition.

The majority simply did not like the result of the case, and decided to intervene.

The shift of jurisdiction from the state courts to the federal courts violated yet another conservative principle, the respect for the autonomy and

diversity of states in the federal system.

The Republicans implicitly acknowledged that this intervention was a violation of several of their avowed principles. Instead of writing legislation that would affect similar cases, they passed a bill for the relief of this one patient.

But principles are brittle, and every time one is violated, it is weakened. This is not the first time that Republican leaders such as Sen. Bill Frist and Rep. Tom DeLay have cast aside sound conservative principles and precedents in order to achieve a short-term political objective. Principled conservatives should be calling them — and the president who cheered them on — to account. When Congress overrules a state court judge, it is hard to argue with a straight face that a Senate minority has no right to block a federal judge's confirmation.

Restraint is a virtue for all involved.

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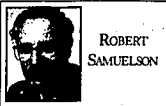
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## Face reality and cut Social Security benefits

**W**e are a nation of closet welfare junkies, which helps explain why we can't have an honest Social Security debate. Social Security and Medicare are our biggest welfare programs, but because Americans regard "welfare" as shameful, we've found other labels for them. We call them "social insurance" or "entitlements." Anything but welfare. Democrats and Republicans alike embrace the deception. No one wants to upset older voters. Well, if you can't do something by its real name, you can't discuss it honestly.



ROBERT SAMUELSON

Welfare is a governmental transfer from one group to another for the benefit of those receiving. The transfer involves cash or services (health care, education). We have welfare for the poor, the old, the disabled, farmers and corporations.

Social Security is mainly welfare. Workers' payroll taxes pay today's retirees' benefits. The taxes aren't "saved" for the workers' own retirement. There have been huge disparities between taxes paid and benefits received.

Ida May Fuller, the first retiree to receive benefits in 1940, paid \$24.75 and got almost a thousand times that (\$22,888.92). In the 1950s and '60s, many beneficiaries received 10 or more times the amount their payroll taxes would have returned if invested in U.S. Treasury bonds and kept for retirees (if they weren't). Indeed, most beneficiaries were retired before 2000 have received — or will receive in

public purpose and not just enrich the recipients. By admitting that Social Security and Medicare are welfare, we allow relevant questions to be raised. Do all beneficiaries "need" their welfare? Is the cost "unfair" to taxpayers or burdensome to the economy? Have the conditions that originally justified the welfare changed?

For Social Security, they have. In 1935, Americans 65 and over were 6 percent of the population. They're now 12 percent and by 2030 are projected to be 20 percent. Most Americans can now save for their own retirement. The Social Security debate ought to involve moral values and economic realities.

"How generous a 'safety net' for the elderly can decent society afford? How can changes be made without being too disruptive? Instead, the debate has focused on baffling accounting concepts (trust fund "solvency," "unfunded liabilities")."

Despite what you've heard, the real issue is not Social Security's "solvency." It is the total cost to the government of baby boomers' retirement, including Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid (which covers much nursing home care). It is to prevent those costs from becoming economically oppressive and politically poisonous. Even if the Social Security trust fund is made permanently "solvent" — in the sense that taxes cover benefits — the costs of all federal retirement programs may still become undesirably high. In

2004, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid were 8 percent of national income. Left alone, they'll reach 14.5 percent by 2030, projects the Government Accountability Office.

If these costs are too high (and I think they are), the only way to curb them is to cut benefits. Neither Democrats nor Republicans want to face that reality. Bush's proposal for "personal accounts" diverts the debate. To enhance their appeal, he promises to exempt anyone 55 or older (anyone born in 1950 or earlier) from any benefit cuts. Some other proposals would lower the exemption to 45 (anyone born in 1960 or earlier). Well, that covers most of the baby boom, which stretches from 1946 to 1964. If the real problem is the baby boom's retirement costs and you exempt baby boomers from benefit cuts, then (by definition) you ignore the problem.

On these issues, we can't think straight unless we talk straight. We can't control our welfare habit unless we admit our addiction. Don't hold your breath.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

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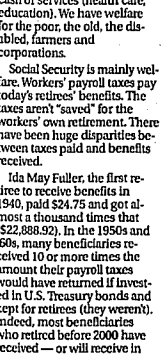
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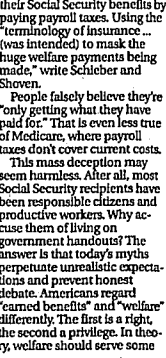
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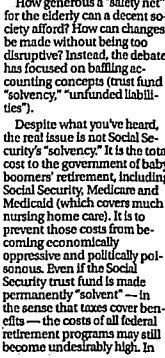
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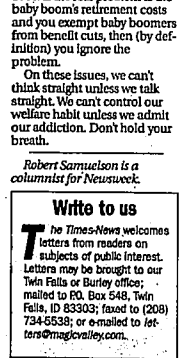
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OPINION

EMT efficiency serves Gooding County well

Over the past three weeks, The Times-News has printed letters from Gooding County residents who have been led to believe that their local ambulance company is somehow inferior to Fernley County. The argument revolves around the issue of whether Gooding's well-trained and experienced emergency medical technicians can provide services comparable to the more highly trained (but not necessarily experienced) paramedics who staff Jerome's ambulance service.

Most of us are familiar with this concern, since every few years the latest and greatest paramedic-staffed (i.e., very expensive) ambulance service in Jerome goes financially defunct and then is replaced by another.

Like the previous ones, the new one has begun to share its belief that only paramedics can seriously respond to emergencies. As in the past, some people will begin to ask to be directed to "paramedic level care" and then will, inevitably, experience significant delays in getting to a definitive hospital care. In some cases, residents have waited 20 to 30 critical minutes longer than if they had been transported by the existing emergency medical service.

Part of what the paramedics are saying is absolutely true. They do have advanced training and are, therefore, certified in additional medical procedures in the field. The insulation that their outcome (survival rate, etc.) is any better, however, is difficult to prove.

Emergency medicine literature continues to show that, with very few exceptions, how fast a person can get to definitive care is more important to survival than which variety of emergency health-care responder came to their rescue. The literature also reflects the fact that, on average, paramedics take longer getting patients to definitive care than do EMTs.

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We appreciate the hard work and dedication of EMTs and paramedics alike — as they are all "unsung heroes" — far as we are concerned.

We wish them all the opportunity to work in an environment of mutual respect where their common goal of helping fellow citizens transcend the realities of life.

We have firsthand experience with the EMTs from Gooding, Elmore, Camas and Lincoln counties and know they to be highly dedicated, competent and compassionate people who have saved countless lives.

DR. E. JOHN GIES  
Gooding  
Special note: John Gies is a physician in Gooding. The letter also was signed by physicians Keith E. Davis of Shoshone, Samantha A. Marshall and Thomas J. Pryor, both of Gooding, and Mark D. Spencer of Wendell, certified physician's assistants Robert Anderson, Jay Blacksher, Ian Kims and Thomas White, all of Gooding, and John Echeo of Shoshone, a family nurse practitioner Fred Miller of Gooding and osteopathic physician Reid Lofgren of Gooding.

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After reading the biased statements made by Fran Tanner and Barbara Robinson about Wal-Mart ruling their little downtown area and selling Chinese made goods, I think they need to open their eyes and take a good look at the nice little downtown area. We live at the south end of town and have to drive all the way down the Blue Lakes circus freeway to do any shopping.

Along with being heavily

congested, we get to see a sickening display of Jurassic Park and Japanese and Korean cars and, in case you have forgotten, these two countries have done more to hurt this country and killed Americans than China has.

The little downtown area that you speak of is Old Towne. Places like Target, Costco, J.C. Penney, Rex, Macy's, Best Buy, Shopko, Michaels — all of which sell a load of Asian products — have forced the demise of Old Towne.

If a Wal-Mart is put on Washington Street, at least folks like

us will be able to get to affordable shopping a whole lot easier by going north on Washington and bypassing Blue Lakes.

So when you two ladies had mouth Wal-Mart, try and think of your less fortunate neighbors who have to shop as frugally as possible to survive. My wife and I are retired on a modest income and do not have money to throw away at expensive malls.

With the high cost of gasoline, we find it very expensive to drive to Jerome to shop, and this local Kmart definitely is

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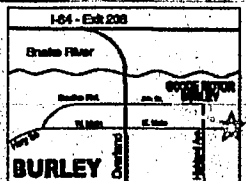
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IN BRIEF

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IDAHO FALLS — The 9th Annual TKO Boxing Classic will be held Friday, May 6 at Hillcrest High School in Idaho Falls. Sign-ups for the boxing are being held Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m. to noon and Wednesday, April 20, from 7-9 p.m. Boxers will need a copy of their birth certificate, signed insurance waiver, and \$35 to cover cost of insurance, USA Boxing Card, and pictures. Admission to the event will be \$5 and up. For any questions, contact Bob Neal at 525-4429 days, or 522-8942 evenings.

Registration for Babe Ruth is next week

JEROME — North Side Baseball is registering players ages 13-15 (ages as of July 31, 2005) for their Babe Ruth baseball league. Players from Jerome, Lincoln, and Gooding counties are invited. All players wanting to participate must attend one of the following registrations at The Jerome Recreation District located at 2030 S. Lincoln in Jerome: Tuesday, March 29 from 5-8 p.m. or Thursday, March 31 from 5-8 p.m. Sign-ups must bring a birth certificate (if new to league), parent or legal guardian, and \$65 registration fee. For more information, call Larry or Debbie Bos at 324-8104, Darcie Bohrowski at 324-2346 or Charlene Stouder at 536-6237. Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

It was the longest game in NHL history, going six overtimes and lasting 116 minutes, 59 seconds.

TOUGH TEST AHEAD



College of Southern Idaho teammates Nick Hansen, left, and Abdoulaye Ndoye, right, joke with each other after Hansen pulled down a rebound over Ndoye during practice Wednesday in Hutchinson, Kan. CSI center Mohamed Kone is in the background. The Golden Eagles play Midland College of Texas in the 2005 NJCAA men's basketball quarterfinals at 5:45 p.m. MST.

Golden Eagles prepare for quarterfinals

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — There was no sigh of relief coming from the College of Southern Idaho camp on Tuesday evening after Arizona Western College, the No. 1 team in the country, lost to unranked Midland College (Texas) in the first round of the NJCAA Men's Basketball Championship.



Hutchinson, Kan. Midland defeated the Matadors 76-69 in a back-and-forth affair before opening up the game late with clutch outside shooting.

CSI head coach Gib Arnold knew there was a possibility Midland could be his team's next opponent. In fact, he expected it. "I think they can win a national championship," Arnold said. "I thought that coming in, even though they were playing Arizona Western, and Arizona Western was ranked No. 1. But from all the film and everything we'd seen, I thought Midland would win that game. I'm not surprised we're playing them at all."

The Golden Eagles (31-2), coming off a 72-56 victory over Northwestern Junior College (Colo.), will get their chance to see just how good the Chaparrals (26-8) are when they meet at 5:45 p.m. MST today at the Hutchinson Sports Arena in

The leading culprit from long range is 6-foot-2 shooting guard J.D. Lewis, who averaged 18.0 points per game in the regular season and is a deadly shooter from 3-point range when he gets his feet set.

"He is the most active kid we've played all year," Arnold said. "It doesn't look like he gets tired. This is a team that's very similar to Snow College (Utah) in that they run a lot of action on you. You've got to be very disciplined because they're going to set a lot of screens and you have to communicate."

2005 NJCAA Men's Basketball Division I Championship

Table with 2 columns: Hutchinson, Kan. All times MST and Thursday's games. Lists first round, consolation round, championship quarterfinal, and fifth-place round games.

Freshman Tim Crowell, at 6-1, is a gutsy point guard averaging 7.7 ppg. Tistan Martin, an athletic, undersized small forward at 6-2, will be a good matchup for CSI's own smallest wing, the 6-2 Dant Hazut. Martin averages 10.8 ppg.

"The Chaps are also strong inside with 6-8 jumping bean Ivory Clark at center and 6-9 Arturo Valeika at power forward. Clark averages a team-high 13.6 points per game while Valeika adds 4.9. Their greatest strength is rebounding. There the two combine for 15.8 rebounds per game.

Forget the seed, CSI women face stiff challenge

Eagles take on SE Illinois in Round 2

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

SALLINA, Kan. — Think there's a chance that the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team will understate its No. 8 seed Southeastern Illinois today? Not likely.

"That's one of the top three teams I've seen at the tournament," CSI head coach Jurney Rogers said. "Neither team is going to win this one by a blowout. It's going to be a good battle, but to get to the championship you have to go through the best."

The Falcons looked extremely formidable Wednesday, cruising to a 61-36 victory over an athletic, ninth-seeded Chilopila, Fla. team on Wednesday while Rogers' Amninta Dlop of Drake, Sengul Dlop is an athletic post, but is prone to picking up early foul trouble due to her aggressive rebounding. She fouled out with 14:18 left in the second quarter Wednesday, after scoring four points and collecting four rebounds.



College of Southern Idaho center Denisa Svarova battles for a rebound with Northwest Mississippi's Raylene Haynes (left) and Candy Hall during the Golden Eagles' 61-48 Round 1 victory Tuesday night. CSI faces Southeastern Illinois in Round 2 of the 2005 NJCAA Women's National Basketball Championship at 8 p.m. MST today in Sallina, Kan.

has two more talented posts in freshman Amber Holt and sophomore Andrea Roberson. Holt led the Falcons with 23 points Wednesday while Roberson added 17 points and 12 rebounds.

"(Roberson) loves to post up strong and she's good down there," Rogers said. "If we can't use our bigger bodies, we're going to be at a

big disadvantage." Zimova and Svarova combined for 24 points in Monday's Round 1 61-48 win over Northwest Mississippi, but combined for 13 rebounds against a vastly smaller team than the one they face tonight. Southeastern Illinois' starting guards:

Pullana Fernandes and Isabelina Camelo — both of Brazil — combined for 14 Wednesday.

Fernandes is a physical 5-10 point guard, while Camelo is the Falcons' most versatile player at 6-1. She called 12 points, eight rebounds, three blocks, and three steals in Wednesday's win and is a dangerous outside shooter if left with space.

"They have tall guards, but I think we actually match up better against them than we did. Please see CHALLENGE, Page B2

Eagles' perimeter 'D' locks down

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Things were coming relatively easy from long range for Northwestern Junior College (Colo.) on Tuesday.

The Plainsmen hit four 3-pointers, mostly on open looks, in the first 11:37 against the College of Southern Idaho en route to a 20-17 lead in a first-round game of the 2005 NJCAA Men's Basketball Championship at the Hutchinson Sports Arena in Hutchinson, Kan.

Northeastern didn't hit another 3 the rest of the night as CSI opened up a large lead in the second half before securing a 72-56 victory.

What started out as uncorrected jump shots for standout shooters Ted Krauber and Neal Zumwalt became difficult, long-range shots from seemingly far away as Topicka Zumwalt hit 83 percent shooter from 3-point range during the regular season, and the rest of his teammates went 0-for-9 from deep after making four of their nine attempts in the first half.

"Whatever they did in the first half that they probably hoped they were going to do in the second half, we just ruined it for them," CSI guard Shaun Davis said. "... Not to be arrogant or anything, but I knew we were going to win the game. I just didn't know we were going to win by that much."

The defensive play of the Golden Eagles' guards wasn't the only reason. The tournament statistics keepers do not keep record of blocking shots, but 6-foot-11 posts Abdoulaye Ndoye and Mohamed Kone blocked several and altered even more to allow the perimeter defenders to apply more pressure.

"I think our perimeter guys did a nice job of putting more pressure on," CSI head coach Gib Arnold said. "But our bigs did a much better job of getting blocks, going after shots and controlling the paint. Their guys couldn't drive anymore. When they only become perimeter shooters they become a lot easier to guard."

CSI will have to lock down on the perimeter once again today against Midland College (Texas) in the quarterfinals. Midland features 6-2 shooting guard J.D. Lewis, who averaged 18.0 points per game in the regular season and is one of the best deep threats in the tournament. "We play a great one in Lewis tomorrow who is as good of a guard as we played all year," Arnold said. "We'll see exactly how good we are defensively."

Tournaments kick off slow sports week

By Brad Guira Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The end of spring break marks the beginning of tournament season. The Twin Falls baseball team competes at the Buck's Bag Spring Classic this weekend, which features many 5-A baseball teams around the state. Tournament play starts today at various Boise area high schools.

Twin Falls faces Bonneville at Centennial High School today at 4:30 p.m. in the Division I, Fed B bracket. Junior Jeff Chance Elan will start the game.

"(Chance) threw well in relief in his last outing," Bruins head coach Mike Fedorick said.

Fedorick said that he didn't know much about the Bonneville squad, but he knows he Please see WEEK, Page B2

Magic Valley SportsWeek logo and graphic.

SPORTS

Pure Sport and Excitement: That's NCAA Tourney

The best thing about the arrival of the NCAA basketball tournament this year is when you listen closely...

JOHNETTE HOWARD Newsday

capture a few seconds of fame. No one here is shilling a tell-all book. But, the pep bands are as wonderfully shrill as ever...

You can debate whether March Madness is the best event in sports, but can we agree the tournament is exactly what American sports need right now?

In the NCAA Tournament, the game remains the same. There has been too much lately when it's been easy to think if big-time sports isn't careful...

Nov. UWM Coach Bruce Pearl is what qualifies as a "connoisseur" in this year's tournament because his team plays top-ranked Illinois...

So let's get this straight: Pearl is in the news because he refused to cheat? And our objection to that would be... Nothing!

THURSDAY, MARCH 24 Men's Sweet 16 matchups. Illinois (24-1) vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee (26-5)...

FRIDAY, MARCH 25. North Carolina (24-9) vs. Villanova (24-7)...

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Time to get serious at Sweet 16

By Alan Schmadtke The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — What's left in the tournament after the sweetest 16, and only half of them were seeded to get here...

State a high hurdle. Since the NCAA began using seeds in 1979, only one double-digit seed reached the Final Four...

Why Wisconsin-Milwaukee will line up its 1-2-1 full-court press against any team in the country, including ranked Illinois...

Why Louisville Coach Rick Pitino, despite his NBA roots and loaded starting lineup, will carry through to the Final Four...

How Bob Knight finds ways to squeeze points from Texas Tech's offense and win games with a mediocre defensive unit...

Week

Continued from B1

He wants his boys to face good pitchers who will give them a challenge at the plate...

At last season's Buck's Bags, the Bruins went 4-0, defeating teams like Ontario, Ore. and Meridian...

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Phoenix sets franchise record

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Shawn Marion had 26 points and seven rebounds to help Phoenix win a franchise record 28th road victory...

beat Toronto for the eighth straight time. Rookie Andres Nocioni added 10 points and eight rebounds for the Bulls...

Knicks 107, Celtics 82

NEW YORK — The New York Knicks were in no mood to be swept in the season series by the Boston Celtics...

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Pacers 100, Spurs 93

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This week's sports picks

FRIDAY • Baseball and softball tournaments. Twin Falls softball travels to Boise for the Borah Tournament...

Challenge

Continued from B1. Last night, Rogers said, "We'll probably zone them some, but we'll start with man. They're good off the dribble, but they're not extremely quick. I think our guards can stay in front of them..."

2005 Buck's Bags Spring Classic

Division I Thursday, March 24. Pod A: Hillcrest vs. Baker City, 4:30 p.m. Pod B: Capital Hillcrest vs. Madras, 4:30 p.m. Pod C: Capital vs. Skyview, 7:30 p.m.

Division II Thursday, March 24. Pod A: Mt. Home vs. Mt. View, 4:30 p.m. Pod B: Centennial High School vs. Emmett, 4:30 p.m. Pod C: Centennial vs. Emmett, 7:30 p.m.

Division III Thursday, March 24. Pod A: Wood River vs. Idaho Falls, 4:30 p.m. Pod B: Eagle High School vs. Rigby, 4:30 p.m. Pod C: Eagle vs. Kuna, 7:30 p.m.

for Day 2 of Buck's Bags, Junior Blake Nielsen will start against Boise, while senior Nick Carr will face Meridian...

Baseball and softball tournaments. Saturday is the final day at both the Buck's Bags and Borah tournaments...

High school baseball. The Indians baseball team will also appear in Kimberly to face its conference rival for a 3:30 p.m. doubleheader...

2005 NJCAA Women's Basketball Division I Championship

Wednesday's results. First round: No. 8 Southeastern Illinois 61, No. 4 Chicago (R) 39. No. 4 Arkansas (R) 63, No. 13 Lake Region (R) 68.

Western Nebraska 45, South Plains vs. Cincinnati State, 10 p.m.

No. 13 Lake Region (R), 1 p.m. Fifth-place round: No. 6 W. Nebraska vs. Cincinnati State, 5 p.m.

Isabell on the floor. With W. Nebraska's dribble penetration, CSI should be able to find open perimeter shots for Delicia Ferguson and Sidney Ordorff...

It's going to take a tremendous effort to beat Southeastern Illinois, Rogers said.

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SCORES AND STATS

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Basketball
NCAA Div. I Tournament regional semifinals, Washington vs. Louisville or Illinois vs. Wis.-Milwaukee, CBS, 8:30 p.m.
Lakers at Nuggets, NBA TV, 7 p.m.
NCAA Div. I Tournament regional semifinals, Texas Tech vs. West Virginia or Oklahoma State vs. Arizona, CBS, 7:40 p.m.
Golf
European PGA Tour, Indonesia Open, first round, TBC, 7 a.m.
PGA Tour, The Players Championship, first round, ESPN, 3:30 a.m.
LPGA, Kraft Nabisco Championship, first round, ESPN2, 3 p.m.

BASEBALL

Table with columns for MLB Spring Training, American League, and National League. Lists teams and their records.

Baseball Scores

Table of baseball scores for various games, including dates, teams, and final scores.

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Roses in May favored to beat international field

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SPORTS

# Bonds may have bigger problems

Barry Bonds is tired. More accurately perhaps, he's sick and tired. We know of Bonds' fatigue because he said so. No less than 14 times, he said he was "tired" and at No. 10 or 11, you can imagine folks were starting to say, well, you know what, maybe...he is tired.

**JON HEYMAN**  
Newsday

Bonds has to repeat himself these days to have a chance to convince anyone of anything. His credibility is in worse shape than his oft-repaired knees. What he needs now is flaxseed oil.

That's a miracle drug from what I hear. Bonds is so tired he claimed he might miss a half week of baseball. But it's true, that's the sort of exhaustion never before seen in big-league baseball. A nap may be in order, or a vacation or cruise. But a year away? That seems extreme.

We'd suggest a little getaway with the missus. But that might not make for a very relaxing holiday right now.

Bonds limped around Giants camp Tuesday and told the media about his annoyance with the media. It's the articles, yes, those damned articles. Pain and truth have teamed up yet again.

"You guys wanted to hurt me bad enough," Bonds said. "You finally got there."

"You wanted me to jump off the bridge," he said. "I've finally jumped."

The blame-the-messenger play may work, especially with the media ranking somewhere between congressmen and car salesmen in terms of respectability and believability. What will be harder are his Hall Mary efforts to paint himself as sympathetic, a stretch Willie McCovey couldn't negotiate.

He tried, though. With teenaged son Nikolai at his side, Bonds said, "Me and my son are going to try to enjoy each other. It's all we got. Everyone else is trying to destroy everything that's supposed to be positive or good."

The fact is, Bonds does not deserve our sympathy. The reality is, it's hard to believe anyone who tells a grand



With his son, Nikolai, at his side, Barry Bonds speaks with the media at Scottsdale Stadium in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Tuesday. Coming off knee surgery and caught up in baseball's steroids scandal, Bonds said he mentally may play at all this season. He also said he was physically and mentally 'done' and blamed the media for at least part of his troubles.

jury he doesn't know flaxseed oil from steroids.

The truth is, nobody skips an entire season for arthroscopic surgeries. Nobody with this much fight suspends the chase at history for these nothing reasons, either. Nobody skips out 11 home runs short of Babe Ruth or 52 home runs shy of Hank Aaron because they don't like the coverage. Hell, do like the others, don't read it.

One thing about Bonds is that he not only thinks he's a better baseball player than everyone else, he also thinks he's smarter than everyone else. He thinks everyone's evaluating his every word. He thinks we're all dummies.

Before the BALCO investigation is done, Mark McGwire may look like a hero compared with Bonds. According to the Chronicle, Bell testified that Bonds gave her \$90,000 in funds from what he said were memorabilia proceeds in lots of as much as \$9,000. If true, the \$9,000 figure may raise suspicion because only sums of \$10,000 or more are regulated by the government.

Bonds looked slightly depressed Tuesday, even as he lectured and chided reporters. But anyone who thinks it's his injury that pains him most isn't really paying attention. There is enough reason to believe now that the feds may try to make a perjury or tax-avoidance case.

If Bonds is emotionally drained now, it may only get worse.

According to a San Francisco Chronicle report last Sunday,

# LSU star heads women's All-America team

NEW YORK (AP) — Selmonie Augustus plays with dazzling skill, a crowd-pleasing flair and, according to her coach, plenty of smarts.

With that combination, it's no wonder she is the first star was a unanimous All-American.

Augustus led The Associated Press women's basketball All-America team, which was announced Wednesday. She was the only player picked for the first team by all 45 members of the national media panel that also votes in the weekly AP poll.

"People marvel at her mid-range jumper. I marvel at the fact she's always wide open when the opposition has practiced all week (to stop her), LSU coach Pokey Chatman said. "That's because she's cerebral. She understands what cuts to make and when to pick up the basketball."

Augustus, a 6-foot-1 junior, received the maximum 225 points in the voting and was named to the first team by Kansas State's Kendra Wecker (192), Duke's Monique Currie (180), Ohio State's Jessica Davidson (163) and TCU's Sandron Irvin (153).

Wecker received 36 first-team votes, Currie 29, Davenport 22 and Irvin 20.

Augustus and Wecker were third-team selections each of the past two years and both were on the preseason All-America team.

"It means a lot to me to be picked and have everybody select me to be the first team," Augustus said. "I am very appreciative of this honor."

Chatman and the rest of the Lady Tigers certainly appreciate having Augustus around. A year ago, Augustus led LSU to its first Final Four. This season, the Lady Tigers were ranked No. 1 longer than anyone, won the Southeastern Conference regular-season championship and earned the top overall seed in the NCAA



Selmonie Augustus

tournament. And it all started with Augustus. She averaged 20.1 points and 4.5 rebounds a game while shooting 55.4 percent in the regular season, complementing that mid-range jumper with an ability to take the ball to the basket, post up and find an open teammate when double-teamed.

LSU and Baylor were the only schools with two players on the three All-America teams.

Tenika Johnson, LSU's feisty 5-3 point guard, was a second-team pick. Baylor had Sophia Young on the second team and Stefanie Blackmon on the third.

Also on the second team were Minnesota's Janel McCarville, Stanford freshman Candice Wiggins and Mississippi State's Tina White. The other third-team selections were Notre Dame's Jacqueline Batteast, North Carolina's Ivory Latta, Texas' Tiffany Jackson, DePaul's Kham Smith and Penn State's Tanisha Wright, who tied Blackmon for the final spot.

Wecker has been such a key figure in the women's basketball resurgence at Kansas State that her jersey number already has

been retired. The 5-11 senior led the 123 career scoring leader, averaged 20.6 points and 10.1 rebounds in the regular season.

Currie, a 6-foot junior, had to become the go-to player at Duke following the departure of three-time All-American Larry Beard and Tacia Tillis. She responded to that calling by averaging 17.6 points seven rebounds and 3.3 assists in leading the Blue Devils to a share of the ACC regular-season championship.

Davenport didn't receive a single vote for the preseason All-America team, but made herself known while leading Ohio State to a share of the Big Ten title. The 6-4 sophomore averaged 19.3 points and 9.1 rebounds, shot 59 percent and blocked 109 shots.

She scored 36 and 32 points in back-to-back games in late January and was durable, playing the full 40 minutes in five straight games in February.

When it comes to blocking shots, Irvin has no peer. The 6-3 senior, the niece of former NFL star Michael Irvin, broke the NCAA's single-game and career records for blocks and averaged 20.1 points and 12 rebounds.

Irvin set the game record while putting up an eye-popping triple-double: 20 points, 16 rebounds and 16 blocks against UAB. She is TCU's first All-American in women's basketball.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Buhl woman dies in car accident

TWIN FALLS — A Buhl woman was killed Wednesday afternoon after colliding with an oncoming vehicle on Pole Line Road. At approximately 2:45 p.m., Barbara Surber, 66, was driving a 1993 Lincoln Town Car eastbound near 2700 E., said Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department. A 1996 Chevy Suburban, driven by Karl Harvey, 54, of Castleford, was traveling in the opposite direction. Surber drove off the road onto the grass, overcorrected and went into the westbound lane. Her car slid sideways into the path of the SUV, which hit her on the driver's side, killing her, Howell said. She was wearing a seatbelt. Karl Harvey and a passenger, Eric Harvey, 34, of Castleford, were taken by ambulance to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The injuries were not believed to be life-threatening, Howell said. A hospital spokeswoman said Wednesday evening that a list of admitted patients did not include the Harveys.

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Filmmaker seeks local talent for movie

TWIN FALLS — Local filmmaker Wes Malvini has scheduled two auditions for his upcoming independent movie, "The Seven Sins of Daniel Tucker." The first audition will be for technicians and members of the crew. It's scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Lamphouse Theatre. A second audition, for actors in the film, is slated for 9 a.m. on April 2 at the Lamphouse. No experience is required. Technical positions available include production assistants, boom microphone operators, grips, assistant directors, script supervisors, hair and makeup designers, set designers, continuity supervisors, lighting technicians, sound technicians and behind-the-scenes coordinator.

The actors will be chosen on the basis of the April 2 audition. There are more than 40 characters to be cast. Auditions bring a recent photograph and have two contrasting monologues ready to perform, varying from 10 seconds to 2 minutes. Those who audition will also be asked to do a reading. Those unable to audition on the scheduled dates should contact Malvini at 734-8268 and schedule another audition time.

Basketball tournament will benefit youth

TWIN FALLS — Entries are being taken for the sixth Annual Boys and Girls Club Basketball Tournament to be held April 1-2. The games are held in seven Twin Falls gymsnasiums, located at Robert Stuart Junior High, O'Leary Junior High, Twin Falls High School and the Magic Valley Boys and Girls Club. The tournament is open to both boys and girls teams with grade through seventh. The entry fee is \$190 per team with a three-game guarantee minimum. Entries are due by noon Friday. The tournament starts at 8 a.m. April 1. Entries are being taken at the Boys and Girls Club, 999 Frontier Road. For more information, call Wanda Luna at 733-0740 or 280-0409 or Graydon Stanton at 326-4109. — compiled from staff reports

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Krumm faces new charge

Officials accuse former T.F. football coach of violating probation

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer  
TWIN FALLS — A former Twin Falls High School football coach who pleaded guilty to misdemeanor counts of domestic battery and driving under the influence last summer has been charged with violating his probation. An anonymous tip led to prosecutors' allegation that Gary Dean Krumm, 42, consumed alcohol, violating the terms of his probation. An admit/deny hearing was scheduled in 5th District Magistrate Court for Wednesday, but the hearing was canceled; Krumm's attorney submitted to

the court a denial of the probation violation, and an evidentiary hearing was set for May 5. According to a Magistrate Probation Department document, Krumm admitted to consuming part of a beer. "Playing golf in 3 groups of 4, hotter day — took a few drinks of golf partners (sic) beer. That's it," Krumm wrote in the document, signed March 16. On March 14, State Probation and Parole received an anonymous call regarding information on Krumm, according to an affidavit and petition of probation violation, written by Probation Officer Douglas Elam. The affidavit says the caller ob-

served Krumm at a golf course drinking "copious amounts of alcohol." On July 4, 2004, police were called to the home Krumm and girlfriend Britney Campbell shared in Twin Falls on a domestic battery report. Krumm pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts of domestic battery and one count of driving under the influence. In exchange, the state agreed to amend a felony domestic battery charge to a misdemeanor and dropped a charge of interfering with a 911 call. On Aug. 11, Magistrate Judge Randy Stoker sentenced Krumm to 365 days in jail on one of the domestic battery counts, and

180 days in jail on both the DUI charge and the other battery count. The judge suspended those sentences in favor of 24 months' supervised probation. Terms of his probation include completion of a 52-week domestic violence program and a prohibition on drinking. Krumm started coaching at Twin Falls in June 2003 on an interim basis. The school board gave him a permanent position in April 2004. The school board accepted Krumm's resignation from his coaching position at its July 19 meeting but he retained his teaching job on paid suspension. The board dismissed him in September.

A near miss

T.F. family continues healing after bullet enters home

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sleepless nights persist for a man who dodged a bullet. Geraldo Pedraza was curled on the couch Saturday night at his Alexander Street home. The TV was on and his head lay on a pillow. The curtains were drawn to keep out the night. Pedraza sat up for a few moments. Then, rising from his position, he moved around the couch and began to go into the kitchen. "That's when some idiots come buzzing by shooting," he said. A bullet pierced a north-facing wall, traveled through a space heater and plunged into



Top, the 40-caliber round passed through this space heater before hitting a sofa. Below, Geraldo Pedraza stands next to a wall at his home in Twin Falls, where a 40-caliber bullet crashed through it Saturday night during a drive-by shooting. Pedraza was resting on a sofa minutes before the round hit a pillow where he was lying. The throw pillow Pedraza had been resting on. "It sounded like an explosion," Valencia said. "It was really loud. At first he thought the heater had burned up. Once the family realized what happened, confusion turned to terror. "He turned white," Valencia said. "He turned really white." The near-miss caused the whole family to shudder. "I moved a couple of minutes right before," Valencia said. "Thanks to God I moved." Police were still looking for suspects this week in the incident, said Staff Sgt. John Wilson. They aren't sure if it was a targeted shooting or the result of gang activity or something else entirely. One of them could have been some body shooting at the wrong house," Wilson said. Three shots were reported. Wilson said, but officers found evidence of only two. One bullet went through the wall and into the house. Another hit a cement wall and didn't penetrate. A third reported shot was never found. Residents of another Twin Falls neighborhood learned that small town life doesn't come without big city problems. On Nov. 5, two vehicles chased each other around the residential streets, with one driver shooting out the window at the other. A bullet entered the home of



Gary Loomis, piercing his body while he slept. He survived. David S. Ruckdaschel of Pocatello was arrested in connection with that incident. Police encourage people to report noises they believe might be shots. "We certainly don't want a shooting to go unreported because people think, 'I don't want to bother police,'" Wilson said. At the same time, he added, they hope people will leave the investigations to authorities. "We certainly don't want people running to the windows or sticking their head out the front door," Wilson said. Please see MISS, Page C2

City of Rocks managers give Cassia County \$8,000 for road maintenance

By Renee Wells For The Times-News

BRULEY — City of Rocks National Preserve remained relatively quiet as spring break began, but reserve officials say they are merely waiting for the first good-weather weekend for the summer climbing rush to begin. "We are not obligated, but we try to help."

Keck said bad roads create safety issues that reflect poorly on the park. "One of the ratings of our success as managers of the park is the visitor satisfaction ratings," Keck said. "In surveys, visitors are almost always happier if they have clean restrooms and good roads. We can't reach our best ratings if we don't have good roads." Please see ROCKS, Page C3

Journalist warns against space battery project

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Karl Grossman thought it would be a simple story. Instead, he stumbled upon the story of his lifetime — or, at least, one that has occupied the past two decades of his life. Working as an investigative journalist in New York, Grossman began researching the nation's ambitions to fuel space missions with nuclear power. "I'm driving to work on Jan. 26, 1986," Grossman said. "I hear on the radio the Challenger blow up." Shortly afterward, Grossman broke the story in The Nation that the space shuttle's next mission would have been a nuclear one. A similar explosion of a space shuttle carrying nuclear material such as plutonium could have proven deadly for thousands, if not millions of citizens, according to nuclear researchers. Grossman has been chasing the story of space nuclear matters ever since. That same topic has been a major focus of his Theatre in Twin Falls on Wednesday evening. Last November, the Department of Energy announced its intent to consolidate programs that uses plutonium-238 to produce batteries used in space and national defense applications at the Idaho National Laboratory. Grossman warned an audience of about 15 people that the DOE may not stop with this consolidation. INL has a history of working on nuclear applications intended for space projects, he said. And, NASA and the DOE intend to begin work on a nuclear-propelled rocket — a project Grossman says is intended for INL. If the plutonium consolidation is approved. "As remote as you might think you are — you're on the front lines of it at ground zero," Grossman said. "This is wrong for Idaho." "This is wrong for Idaho." Other areas of the country have already caught on to the risks of plutonium production and nuclear space projects, he said. In Florida, groups protested the 1997 launch of Cassini, a space probe that carried 72.3 pounds of plutonium. "One of the reasons I think Idaho is eyed for this is down in Florida, they're all over this," Grossman said. "Maybe they

ISU president may retire at end of school year

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

POCATELLO — The president of Idaho State University may retire, which could leave the College of Southern Idaho without an influential ally in its efforts to bring advanced-degree programs to Magic Valley. Richard Bowen, ISU's president for 20 years, might leave at the end of the school year, according to The Associated Press. He is negotiating with the state Board of Education about when that would be, said Libby Howe, director of university relations for ISU. "It's been suggested to me that there's a concern about the need for a change," Bowen, 71, told The Associated Press. "That's understandable after 20 years." "I'm leaving your university because I've been told to," he said. Bowen declined to talk to The Times-News. Laird Stone, the board's vice president, said Bowen indicated he plans to retire of his own accord.

"There's no hidden agenda or any animosity that I'm aware of toward Dr. Bowen," Stone said. Lucil Willis, a spokeswoman for the board, said university presidents typically serve about five to six years. It's a credit to Bowen that he's been there so long. "There's been a lot of success under his leadership," Willis said. Willis said Bowen has not given any official notification of his intention to retire, although he has talked with some board members. One of the hallmarks of Bowen's presidency has been cooperation between ISU and the College of Southern Idaho. ISU has offered classes in Twin Falls since the 1960s, said Jennifer Fisher, the university's dean of enrollment and outreach. Under Bowen, ISU's Twin Falls center was created in 1992. It now offers 11 degree programs. Jerry Beck, the college's executive vice president and chief academic officer, said he'll miss Bowen and his willingness to work with CSI.

"President Bowen has been very supportive of the Twin Falls community," Beck said. He hopes the two institutions will continue to work to bring more four-year and advanced programs to CSI. Stone said he expects the relationship between the two institutions to continue even if there is a change of leadership. In the same way, CSI's relationships with Boise State University and the University of Idaho have not been hurt by turnover in those institutions' top positions. "I think it's been tremendous," Vargo said. ISU's classes are delivered through a locally based instructor, through instructors who commute and via telecommunications equipment. ISU has one full-time professor at CSI and Vargo hopes to hire another. Vargo hopes to add three new degrees in the fall, including a bachelor's in psychology and two others.

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    - Instructional technology and educational administration
  - Doctorate degrees
    - Educational leadership
- ISU has 276 students — both full and part time — at CSI right now, Vargo said. The majority of them are non-traditional students — about three-quarters are female and the average age is about 40.

Times-News writer Karin Kowalski can be reached at 735-3231 or kowalski@magvalley.com. Please see PROJECT, Page C4



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**Arlene B. Garner**



Arlene was born April 5, 1920, in Ogden, Utah, the daughter of William and Dorothy Barnes. Arlene was the second child of 12 children. Her mother was ill, so Arlene assisted in caring for her younger brothers and sisters. She married Archie Garner, Aug. 31, 1940, in Arco, Idaho. Together they had six children, five sons and one daughter. She took great pleasure in keeping her home clean and organized. She loved people and always made sure that everyone who came to her home was well-fed and given a bed to sleep in. She was a quiet person, never wanting to be in the spotlight, but she was the strength behind the scenes.

She belonged to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served in many organizations, the Relief Society, Primary, Young Women and she served a Stake mission with her husband, Archie. She also belonged to the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

She is survived by her children, Gordon B. Garner, Oakville, Wash., Barry B. Garner, Leona, Wash., Arch B. Garner, Alexandria, Va., Robert B. Garner, Salt Lake City, Utah, James B. Garner, Riverton,

Utah, and Martha Callahan, Salt Lake City, Utah. Her sons, Beyer, Carl, Idaho, Donna Terry, Burley, Idaho, and Joanne Mecham, Garland, Utah; brothers, William Barnes, Armon, Idaho, Lynn B. Barnes, Lindon, Utah, John P. Barnes, Rexburg, Idaho, Larry P. Barnes, Arco, Idaho and Arthur P. Barnes, Bellingham, Wash.; 25 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Archie Garner; her parents, William and Dorothy Barnes; brothers, Marvin P. Barnes, Grant P. Barnes and Robert B. Barnes.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 25, 2005, at the Burley 7th Ward LDS Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave., with Bishop Mark Fillmore officiating. Burial will follow at the Park Cemetery. A visitation will be placed one hour before the service. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

**Kay 'Katie' Sandra Fleming Vanhoover Noel**

JEROME — Katie Noel, 69, of Jerome, passed away March 22, 2005, at home with her family by her side after a long and courageous struggle with cancer.

Katie was born Oct. 16, 1935, in St. Paul, Minn., the first of four daughters born to Larry and Louise Fleming. She moved with her family to Ketchum, Idaho, in 1941. In 1951, the family moved to Jerome where Katie was graduated from high school in 1953. During her high school years she worked in the family business at the Dew Drop Inn and at the Varsity Theatre. She was a nursing candidate in 1953. In 1955 she married George Vanhoover. They had five children. Katie followed in the footsteps of her parents by maintaining a business in the restaurant business all of her life. In 1964 she and her husband, George, took over the management of the Woods Cafe. Later she was active with her son, Gregory, at The Little Bit Cafe in Hagerman. She operated the Lava Beds Cafe in Shoshone for many years and most recently was associated with the Redd House.

In Jerome, she entertained all who passed through the doors with good food, good conversation, a good ending with a good ending that kept everyone coming back for more. One of her most endearing qualities was her laughter and warmth and the ability to remember your name and accompany that with a big hug and a wise-crack. She was a multi-talented craftswoman. Her hobbies were busy creating. She crocheted, knitted, did needlepoint and copper tooling. One of her needlepoint creations of an eagle and the National Flag was displayed in the old Woods Cafe and purchased by the U.S. Army in 1976. She inspired all of her children the joy of creating with their hands and each of them has contributed and adorned their homes and hers with this talent which was a never-ending source of pride for her and them. To visit her home was to be blessed with tour of her love of collecting and displaying artifacts, family drawings and pictures. Items she made from bits and scraps of lumber or driftwood. Her dreamcatchers were a favorite, which were made with turkey feathers.



Katie was the proud mother of and is survived by her five children, Jeffrey Lawrence (Paula) Vanhoover of Meridian, Lynn Sidney (Carol) Vanhoover of Buhl, Sandra Louise (Phil) Herink of Eagle, Kevin Lee Vanhoover of Wendell and Gregory (Eric) Vanhoover of Boise. She is also survived by 25 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; sisters, Susan Williamson of Jerome, Jacki (Lupel) Roggenbush of Blackfoot and many nieces and nephews.

**Marcella L. Walhof**

basketball. She later attended Iowa State Teachers College and taught school in rural Iowa districts for eight years. She married John L. Walhof Sr. in July of 1936. Later that year they moved to Twin Falls, Idaho. In 1952, after 16 years in the Magic Valley, Marcella, Betty and family moved to Boise. Marcella was a charter member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church Art Society, and a life-time member of the Sacred Alphonsus Hospital Auxiliary. She also attained a great deal of satisfaction from assisting her children in scouting activities. In earlier years, Marcella enjoyed playing pinocle, gardening and traveling. Particular highlights included her meeting with Pope John Paul and her travels to Ireland.

Survivors include two daughters, John A. Walhof and Rutherford of San Diego, Calli and Nancy and Jon Updeall of Anchorage, Ark., a daughter-in-law, Ramona Walhof of Boise, and a son, John and Julie Walhof of Boise. Her seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren provided Marcella with much love and enjoyment during her time on earth.

Marcella was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a son, Charles A. Walhof; a grandson, Brian Rutherford, five sisters and a brother.

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The best action to take is to gather up family members and go into a basement, he said. "Make your own safety your primary concern," he said.

Despite the two recent incidents, officials aren't ready to call such shootings a crime on the increase. "I don't know that we're having a spate of them. You always look at (the gang) angle because it's so common for gang members to carry on that way."

Whoever is responsible for the Alexander Street shooting, Pedraza and Valencia want them to know how their actions affected their family.

"The way I feel right now, I don't feel too good," Pedraza said. "I feel nervous. We sit down, every car passing through here, every car we hear, we feel nervous. Like I say, it's a good thing nothing happened this time. But you never know."

Pedraza has lived in the house for 11 years, but now he has thoughts of relocating. "We're talking about it now," he said. "Maybe try and sell this place and move."

Anger overcomes his ex-wife as she talks about the crime that hit so close to home. "Why should we have to move?" she said. "He has worked so hard to process the house, to make it (nice) to live in. We have never done anything to nobody. I just pray to God they can find the people who did this. If there's justice, then let justice be done."

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Idaho judge sentences man to 15 years in prison for beating death of transient

POCATELLO (AP) — A southeastern Idaho judge has sentenced a transient to the maximum of 15 years in prison for beating another homeless man to death in a parked van.

Raul Espinoza, originally charged with second-degree murder in the death of Rene Morales, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of felony voluntary manslaughter in December.

Espinoza had previously been convicted of robbery in North Dakota in the 1990s and served a prison term there before being deported to Mexico, his home country.

He returned to the U.S. illegally before killing Morales, a legal alien from El Salvador. The two had been drinking Nov. 24, 2003, in a parked van when the altercation started.

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BOISE — Marcella L. Walhof, 95, of Boise, passed peacefully to the Lord on Monday, March 21, 2005, at Sacred Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 24, 2005, at Morris Hill Cemetery, 217 N. Latah, Boise, with the Rev. Mel Sprute officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home, 2001-375-2212.

Marcella, a triplet, was born Dec. 6, 1909, at Rock Valley, Iowa, one of eight children of Peter Edward and Hannah Rielley Tynman. She graduated from Rock Valley High School where she lettered in loved going to yard sales. D.L. the youth ranch and anywhere he could find stuff to buy. He loved being with family and friends, of whom there were many... And all who knew him loved him, because he loved everyone. He loved the parties, dancing, camping and eating chicken with potatoes and gravy... He is survived by two brothers, Danny (Joanne) Harris of Boise, Idaho, and Leonard (Gaye) Ingals of Rupert, Idaho; a sister, Lilly M. Castee of Stanton, Iowa; and numerous nieces and nephews; and friends galore everywhere.

**Jimmy Ray Ingalls**

RUPERT — Jimmy they Ingalls, age 69, died March 22, 2005, peacefully at Valley Vista Care Center, Rupert, Idaho. Jimmy was born Dec. 29, 1935, in Ely, Nev., to Lyle and Nevada (Gusti) Ingalls. He was raised in Hawthorne, Nev., until 1969 and lived in Spencer, Ind., until he returned to be close to family. He was a member of the Methodist church in Indiana for 30 years without missing a Sunday. He loved going to church and hearing the word of God, and singing about Him. The old songs were his favorite. He was an avid shopper, he

He was preceded in death by his mother, stepfather, father, sister and a brother-in-law. A service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2005, at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Burial will be at the Rupert Cemetery. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the service. The family wishes to thank the staff and all the residents of Valley Vista, MDC of Burley, independent Growth and all those who showed him love on his camping trips. He was so special to so many and you were so very special to him... "THANK YOU"...

DEATH NOTICE

**Andrew 'Andy' Gordon Venn**  
TWIN FALLS — Andrew "Andy" Gordon Venn, age 54, of Twin Falls, died Tues-

Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26, 2005, at Lawn Memorial Gardens in Boise. A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.

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## Heyburn council rejects ordinance

Proposal would have given mayor greatly expanded powers

By Renee Wells  
For The Times-News

HEYBURN — It took the Heyburn City Council about five minutes to reject a proposed ordinance that would have given the mayor greatly expanded powers.

The city's attorney, Steve Tuft, introduced the ordinance at a special council meeting called Tuesday evening. The ordinance would have allowed the mayor to hire and fire employees, create or discontinue departments and appoint or remove department heads without council approval.

Tuft told the council the ordinance was his brainchild and said Heyburn's city ordinance requiring council approval on such matters was antiquated.

"This is not an effort to curtail

the council's authority," Tuft told the council. "Most cities don't have the entire council making those decisions. It is left to the mayor or a city administrator."

Tuft's explanation did not sway the council.

Councilman Rocky Baker asked whether the idea for such an ordinance came from him and Councilwoman Cleo Gallegos said the plan would be a disaster.

"I have a problem with one person being able to create or destroy departments and just get rid of someone without any input from others," Gallegos said. "In protection of the city's employees, I am opposed to such an idea."

Councilman Dee Ray Bailey agreed.

"It might not be a problem

with our present mayor, but what about eight years down the road?" Bailey asked. "I can see a disaster happening if someone comes in and goes on a spree, firing all your staff."

Tuft stressed to the council that his bringing the proposal before them had nothing to do with Heyburn's current mayor, George Anderson, who sat quietly through the exchange. Council members agreed that Anderson may not be a concern, but said the future was left too undefined by such a law.

"I'm adamantly opposed and concerned about what it could do to our city," Gallegos said, suggesting that no motion be entertained for the proposal.

The silence of all four council members put the issue to rest.

## Refinery explosion kills at least 14

TEXAS CITY, Texas (AP) — A thunderous explosion tore through a BP oil refinery Wednesday, shooting flames and billowing smoke into the sky and scattering the area with ash and chunks of charred metal. At least 14 were believed dead and more than 100 were injured.

The cause of the explosion was not immediately known. Workers searched through rubble for survivors or bodies into Wednesday night, several

hours after the 1:20 p.m. blast. An undetermined number of workers were unaccounted for; most of the injured suffered broken bones, cuts, concussions and other injuries.

Refinery manager Don Pirus said BP was waiting on an official death toll confirmation from the medical examiner's office, but added, "It's my deep regret that we believe we have 14 losses of life."

The blast left a gaping hole in

the earth, mangled nearby offices, and was so powerful that witnesses said it rattled homes as far as five miles away. Cars and trucks in an employee parking lot were coated with soot and debris.

"It was real scary. Have you ever heard the thunder real loud? It was like 10 times that," said plant worker Charles Gregory, who was with several co-workers inside a trailer tank when the floor started rumbling.

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think they're not going to have this kind of outpouring in Idaho Falls.

The Snake River Alliance, the nuclear watchdog organization that brought Grossman to Idaho, hopes to organize an outpouring of opposition to the

DOE's consolidation proposal when the group hosts informational meetings in the near future. After the DOE releases its environmental impact statement, the agency will hold public meetings in mid-May.

"Our goal is to get as many people as we can," said Alliance

spokeswoman Ester Ceja. "We want to send the message loud and clear — we want potatoes not plutonium in Idaho."

Times-News reporter Michelle Dunlop can be reached at 735-3237 or by e-mail at mdunlop@magvalley.com.

## SERVICES

Bonnie B. Dayley of Twin Falls, reception and meal at 11 a.m. today at the Seventh Day Adventist School cafeteria on Grandview Drive, followed by funeral at 12:30 p.m. at the Eagle Creek Community Church/Seventh Day Adventist Church on Grandview Drive (Serenity Funeral Chapel).

Harvey E. Tate of Hagerman, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Demaray's Wendell Chapel, 164 E. Main.

Richard "Dick" W. Haines of Filer, funeral at noon today at Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Wylene Slade of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the LDS Stake Center, 605 N. Idaho in Wendell. Viewing from 10 a.m. until service time today at the church (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Virginia Ruby Jones, funeral

at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 18th St.; viewing one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Beulah Irene (Jackie) Thompson of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N.

Erard C. Glibby of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the View First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 550 S. 490 E., Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Herman August Nofe of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St., Rupert. Friends may call during the day today at the mortuary and one hour before

the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Pauline Elizabeth (Betty) Taylor Jameson of Walla Walla, Wash., formerly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley. Friends may call from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Friday before the service at the mortuary.

Dorothy M. Green of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E.

Robert G. Moncur of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Unity First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 275 S. 250 E., Burley. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from noon until 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Monsanto finishes purchasing Seminis

ST. LOUIS — Agrilusiness Monsanto Co. said Wednesday it has completed its billion-dollar cash purchase of Seminis Inc., the world's largest developer, grower and marketer of fruit and vegetable seeds.

Seminis has a research and customer-service facility between Filer and Twin Falls. As part of the deal announced in January, Monsanto will assume \$400 million in debt by Seminis, supplier of more than 3,500 seed varieties to commercial fruit and vegetable growers, dealers, distributors and wholesalers in more than 150 countries.

St. Louis-based Monsanto has said it also would make a "performance-based payment" of up to \$125 million by the end of fiscal year 2007, if Seminis achieved certain revenue-growth targets.

Seminis will be a wholly owned Monsanto subsidiary — headed by Bruno Ferrari, its existing president and chief operating officer — and remain based in Oxnard, Calif.

With competition continuing to erode Monsanto's dominance in herbicides, the maker of Roundup increasingly has focused on seeds — including genetically modified offerings able to withstand weeds, insects and disease seeds — for future profits.

### GameStop reports record sales for 2004

TWIN FALLS — Grapevine, Texas-based GameStop Corp., a video game and entertainment software retailer with a store in Magic Valley Mall, reported record sales for the fourth quarter and the year ended Jan. 29.

Driven by video game software sales growth, GameStop sales climbed 16.7 percent to \$1.84 billion for the year, while comparable-store sales grew 1.7 percent.

Fourth-quarter sales increased 13.3 percent to \$707.7 million, while comparable-store sales inched up 0.2 percent during the quarter.

Before special charges, 2004 earnings per diluted share were \$1.17, up from the year-ago \$0.97.

For the fourth quarter, earnings per diluted share were 70 cents, up from 67 cents.

Earnings after special charges were \$34.5 million, or 64 cents per diluted share, for the fourth quarter and \$50.9 million, or \$1.05, for the year.

"2004 was a superb year for GameStop with record sales, outstanding the severe, and unusual, shortage of hardware for all systems throughout the important fourth quarter," said R. Richard Fontaine, chairman and chief executive.

### Many inflation gauges jump significantly

WASHINGTON — It might be time to readjust your family budget.

With inflation picking up, bargains probably will be harder to find.

Consumers shelled out more in February not only to fill up their gasoline tanks and heat their homes, but also to pay for a variety of other things, including lodging, airfares, shoes, health care and education.

All told, consumer prices rose 0.4 percent, the biggest increase in four months, the Labor Department reported Wednesday.

The increase in the consumer price index was a fresh signal inflation is gaining momentum now that the economic expansion is firmly entrenched.

"Folks who live paycheck to paycheck have seen the biggest impact of these price hikes," said Chris Burkhardt, director of economic analysis at the Schwab Center for Investment Research.

The latest snapshot of inflation has changed the chances that the Federal Reserve might have to be more aggressive in its interest rate-raising campaign, economists said.

## Gas thefts cost deputies time

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

JEROME — On any given day, two or three deputies are out patrolling the 605 square miles that make up Jerome County.

Car accidents, livestock on the road, burglaries and other problems big and small make up the calls for service that keep law enforcement busy.

But one issue said Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver, is taking up more time and money than it should: gas drive-offs at the Flying J Truck Stop on U.S. Highway 25.

"It's a massive problem," he

said, adding that gas theft isn't an issue at the other big truck stop in Jerome County because of a prepay policy.

Between March 2003 and March 2005, Jerome County dispatch received 536 calls for service at the Flying J, 145 of those were for gas drive-offs, Weaver said.

"That's about one every fifth day," he said. "It appears high to me."

To the Flying J, however, theft is something that comes with doing high-volume business.

Jim Baker, vice president of interstate operations with Ogden, Utah-based Flying J, estimated that the company loses \$500 in gas theft per month at the Jerome location.

"That may sound big, but consider the volume we do," he said. "It's not very much as far as the rest of our plazas go. It's not a big deal."

The company's sales in 2003 topped \$5.6 billion, including fuel and excise taxes, according to its Web site.

For Weaver, though, it is a big deal.

"You and I end up paying for this," he said. "The time, gas, wear and tear ... it comes out of the county budget."

The Jerome County Sheriff's

Department is allotted \$40,000 per year for the fleet's fuel.

"By the time we get there, do the paperwork, it can be an hour per call," Weaver said.

"That's on the patrol end. Then it goes to the deputies. They have to spend 30 minutes to an hour if we have a vehicle description (to do research). I can understand why Twin Falls did what they did."

Last November, the Twin Falls City Council passed an ordinance that requires service stations to enforce a prepay gasoline policy for all cash-paying customers.

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## State guards unclaimed property

The Times-News

BURLEY — The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for hundreds of people and businesses whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley. The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and they'll call to claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax returns, stocks, dividends, worker's compensation benefits and the like.

The Idaho Legislature in 1997 passed a state law governing unclaimed property. Now after property that's safeguarded by the tax commission remains unclaimed for 10 years, it will transfer to state ownership and be deposited in Idaho's general fund.

The first time that will happen is 2007. Before the 1997 law, the tax commission held unclaimed property for its rightful owners in perpetuity.

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities.

Today's list is from Burley and Ketchum. The tax commission — said each person or business listed today — or the person's heir — own unclaimed property worth more than \$100.

Watch for other towns in coming weeks.

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**What to do**

See your name on Idaho's unclaimed-property owners list? To claim your property, do one of these:

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- Log on to [www.tax.idaho.gov](http://www.tax.idaho.gov) and click on the Unclaimed Property link for instructions on forms that can be printed and mailed to the commission. The site also provides a search link for other names and a link to "other states' unclaimed-property listings."

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## HIGH AND DRY



Dal Crisp, vineyard manager for Temperance Hill Vineyard, stands in a plot not planting from 2000. In July of 2002, northwest of Salem, Ore. Hot, dry weather worries Oregon grape growers early in the season.

## Oregon's vintners turn to unconventional tricks

The Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. — Oregon's grape growers are starting the 2005 season the same way they ended the last one — worrying about the weather.

Last year's problems were caused by too much rain in early summer, but this time the prospect of unseasonably warm temperatures and too little moisture has growers concerned.

Oregon vineyards are often muddy and wet in early March. Not this year.

"We can already drive tractors on every slope," said Dal Crisp, who manages Temperance Hill Vineyard northwest of Salem. There's even dust out there. It's just nutty."

Unlike the past half-dozen years, when almost ideal conditions put a cork in weather worries, growers are looking

anxiously to the skies. Unless Oregon gets drenching rains or an unlikely cooling trend soon, wine grapes, the state's fastest-growing agricultural commodity, could take a significant hit.

That threatens to drive consumer prices sharply higher and dent Oregon's effort to establish itself as a force in the international market for fine wines.

Vineyard managers across the state are responding by dipping into bags of tricks they haven't employed for years.

Some, for example, are removing soil-protecting cover crops that would otherwise compete with grapevines for moisture. Others are changing their pruning techniques to leave extra canes — the offshoots that grow out of wine trunks and bear the current year's fruit — in the event that a late, bud-killing frost sweeps the

state. "No one likes to see this much heat this early," Crisp said. "It changes everything you have to do and think about out in the vineyard."

Until extended rains hit last June, right when the crop's new blooms were getting ready to pollinate, Oregon wine makers scarcely had become immune to the vagaries of weather. Starting with a 1998 vintage that was widely acclaimed in the wine world, and running north to 2003, Oregon vintners pretty much had the luxury of picking when they pleased.

Two weeks of unrelenting rain last summer changed that. Average August yields dropped by 15 percent across the state, and growers in the hardest-hit regions lost upward of two-thirds of their crop.

"It got really cold and wet," said John Paul, owner of

Cameron Winery in Dundee. "That did something to the vines, and they started aborning their flowers. The vines, especially the older ones, really took a hit."

Unseasonable weather led to the state's fourth-driest February on record, and forecasts predict March, at least, will not be much wetter.

The warm, dry winter has left its mark on grapevines by accelerating bud break — the emergence of the buds that eventually lead to grapes — by at least two weeks.

"Everything needed to develop this year's crop and even the next year's crop is on those shoots," said Greg Jones, an associate professor of geography at Southern Oregon University. "The reason so many growers are concerned right now is that the early growth creates a much greater risk of frost damage."

## Delta CEO: More cuts needed due to fuel prices

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines Inc. will have to cut more costs to deal with increases in fuel prices because raising ticket fares alone will not do the job, the struggling carrier's chief executive said Wednesday.

CEO Gerald Grinstein said he believes the nation's third-largest airline can avoid a bankruptcy filing, though he indicated at an investor conference in New York that it hasn't ruled out such an option.

"There are always a lot of surprises in the airline industry," Grinstein said in response to a question about the possibility of a bankruptcy filing. "Some companies live on in Chapter 11 much longer than you thought they might. If you make that decision that you're going to do it, there are a lot of things you can explore in order to get out of it."

He added, "We will take all of the essential steps."

At the same time, Grinstein said the airline is not conceding defeat.

"We are looking at other liquidity opportunities in order to provide that liquidity cushion that will get us through '05 and '06 and we believe by '07 we will become cash positive," he said.

Grinstein added that he believed the company will be able to make it through, but then paused and said, "I hope."

Delta's Salt Lake City hub is air travelers' only nonstop destination from the Twin Falls airport.

Grinstein said Delta is examining every part of its business to find more cuts, though he did not specifically say whether Delta will shed more jobs or lower wages further.

"It is very clear to me that fuel price where it is, we have got to get additional cuts and we are going to do that," Grinstein said.

The Atlanta-based airline announced last September that it would cut up to 7,000 jobs over 18 months, which was on top of 16,000 jobs it slashed since 2001.

In October, it won \$1 billion in concessions from its pilots,

## Leaders of Verizon, Qwest struggle to acquire MCI

The Washington Post

In 1969, when others in his generation were taking to the streets and hilding to Woodstock, Richard C. Noyesbert went to work for the phone company. Three years earlier in that decade of emerging social turmoil, Ivan G. Selendberg had done the same.

Ma Bell, a solid corporate citizen of the day, nurtured each of them. Noyesbert started with Wisconsin Bell on a summer job washing trucks and Selendberg with New York Telephone Co. as a cable splicer's assistant. They lived through the dismantling of the AT&T Corp. monopoly in 1984 and they prospered.

Noyesbert eventually became chief executive of Qwest Communications International Inc., which includes the old US West Inc. Selendberg worked his way through a slew of mergers and became head of Verizon Communications Inc.

Today, they have emerged from these similar backgrounds with remarkably different leadership styles, which they are bringing to bear in a high-stakes struggle to acquire MCI Inc.

The telephone company of their youth was predicable, a closely regulated monopoly used by customers who had no choice and who often hesitated to make what was an expensive, long-distance call. Today it is a business fraught with risk and competition.

Their fight over Ashburn, Va.-based MCI is more than just territorial skirmish for a bigger piece of the telephone business. For each executive, it is a critical battle to solidify his Bell empire and secure a place at the ever-shifting frontier of technology by acquiring the Internet backbone and corporate customer base of MCI.

Those who know Noyesbert say the chief executive of Qwest is not afraid to put himself in the center of public fights, making himself the spokesman for his company's interests — as he has done by offering ready access to the press and providing high-profile public statements.

Those who have worked for Selendberg say the chief executive of Verizon prefers to make his moves from behind the scenes, exerting his influence quietly

MONEY

Stocks end mixed as oil offsets inflation

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks wobbled to a mixed finish Wednesday as a report of lower oil prices offset a government report that offered new evidence of rising inflation.

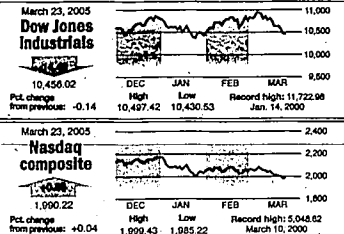
The Labor Department's reading of its Consumer Price Index was the last thing investors wanted to see, but the sharp drop in oil and the fact that much of Wall Street's inflation fear had been priced into stocks during the previous session kept the market from posting precipitous declines, analysts said.

"Probably the most important factor today is energy," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Sun Life of Canada. "The move in the commodity in a vacuum, I think we would have a market that was up a couple hundred points. The CPI is keeping that from happening, but the good news is we're not selling off."

The Dow Jones industrial average finished down 14.49, or 0.14 percent, at 10,856.02, after edging in and out of positive territory for much of the day. The Dow fell 94.88 Tuesday amid growing inflation concerns.

The broader gauges eked out small gains. The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed up 0.82, or 0.07 percent, at 1,172.53. The Nasdaq composite index added 0.88, or 0.04 percent, to 1,990.22.

One of the brightest spots in the market was the oil market. The Philadelphia Semiconductor Index rose 1.16 percent. Oil dropped \$2.22 to \$53.81 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, as a weekly report showed a decline in demand larger than expected build in crude supplies. Gold dropped more than \$6 to \$425.20, and the U.S. dollar rose sharply against



other major currencies following the Fed's decision Friday to raise short-term interest rates by another quarter-point to 2.75 percent. Bonds were mixed, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note at 4.53 percent, from 4.63 percent late Tuesday.

The increase in the consumer price index, the government's most closely watched inflation barometer, came after prices edged up by just 0.1 percent in January. Economists had forecast a 0.3 percent rise. Although sharp increases in energy costs, including oil, helped drive the way in February, many other prices, including those for airfare, medical care, and education, also went up. The Fed's report also noted that food and food, rose 0.3 percent, its largest increase since September.

"I think the Fed got a chance to renege on its commitment yesterday so I think that was baked into their actions already," said Jack A. Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank. "Still, this is the first (CPI) report we've seen in six months. Core is up 2.4 percent year-over-year, and it's reaching higher and creating concern."

General Motors Corp. de-

Plant considers expanding in Pocatello

POCATELLO (AP) — A Pocatello manufacturing company that produces materials used in nuclear waste handling is looking to expand.

Preuier Technology may build a \$7 million, 100,000-sq-ft facility in Pocatello. — If the city offers a desirable economic package, said Arden Witroek, director of public affairs and communication. He said the new facility would be about double the size of what the company has now.

But he said the company is also considering locations in Blaine, Texas, or Niles, Ill. Premier's products include protective isolation barriers,

shielding windows and environmental storage containers for nuclear waste. Pocatello sales have grown from \$5 million in 1997 to \$30 million.

The company is considering building in the long-planned industrial park at the Pocatello Regional Airport, but Witroek said the company is concerned about high property taxes.

State Rep. Ernie Martínez, D-Pocatello, has been asking the city developer incentive packages to offer the company.

"If we're going to do an economic incentive thing for a large company like Albertsons, we should try to do some type of job incentive for startup

companies in similar communities all across the state," Martínez said. "One of the maxims is to protect what you have."

Witroek said that if the new plant were built, the company would add about 125 high-paid employees to its staff by 2010 — more than the proposed coal gasification power plant at the former FMC site. However, if Pocatello loses the construction revenue and property taxes than the coal plant.

Premier's proposed airport site in Power County, so Blaine County would not get a share of the property taxes from the building.

MCI

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but forcefully through critical members of his management team. His demeanor is quiet and generally respectful, but he can also cast withering, condescending looks.

MCI's board of directors is weighing the merits of competing deals from the two companies. Verizon, the largest and most profitable telephone company, approached MCI for \$6.75 billion in cash and stock. But last week Qwest offered more than \$8.45 billion, offering more cash to MCI shareholders to make up for the fact that it is a smaller and financially weaker company.

MCI board has said it will make a decision on Qwest's latest offer by the close of business Monday. Verizon has not disclosed whether it would raise its bid.

In the meantime, the two executives continue to exchange jobs.

For the reserved Seidenberg, the toughened letterhead has served as a matter of choice. Earlier this week, he sent out another one, characterizing Qwest as pathetic and pointing to its weaker financial situation. "While we certainly sympa-

thize with Qwest management's plight and understand their desperation given Qwest's circumstances, we nevertheless still compelled to express our disappointment that its proposal is profoundly flawed and its claims unsubstantiated," Seidenberg wrote in the March 21 letter sent to MCI's chairman and chief executive.

Notbechtel took back with his own letter to MCI's board of directors, and his spokesman e-mailed a statement to a reporter saying "The fact of the matter is, Qwest has submitted a clearly superior offer for MCI."

The fight is full of evidence of their leadership styles, those switching from the sidelines. "What Seidenberg represents is the mega-size of this industry. He represents it in both substance and style — he's relatively new to the industry," Juruch, director of the Labor Relations and Research Center and professor at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst who studies telecommunication.

"Notbechtel represents the opposite. He represents the smaller, more entrepreneurial side of telecom," because Qwest is much smaller and

weaker, he said. "He's saying, 'Gimme a chance'; he's playing the outsider."

Whereas MCI chief executive Michael D. Caples stands to benefit from selling his company, neither Notbechtel, 57, nor Seidenberg, 58, stands to gain personally from completing a deal.

But analysts say the stakes are high for both Verizon and MCI's network and its roster of corporate customers to compete with the recently announced combination of AT&T Corp. and SBC Communications Inc. However, if Notbechtel has staked a big part of Qwest's future on getting the deal done.

"For Verizon, it's about having a set of assets that allow them to compete with other telecommunications companies, with assets symmetrical with SBC and AT&T," said Blair Levin, an analyst with Legg Mason Wood Walker.

For Qwest, it is a chance to reduce its \$1.29 billion in debt by acquiring MCI's plentiful cash, Levin said, as well as stay in the contest against its much bigger rivals by acquiring MCI's corporate customer base.

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PlayStation releases new portable system

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Sony Corp.'s new PlayStation Portable is getting the mid-night-release treatment reserved for the most hyped of pop culture products.

By the middle of the year, the company plans to increase production to 2 million units per month.

Both storefront and online retailers have taken pre-orders for the system since it was announced in September.

With all the million units on store shelves starting tonight at midnight, and expected to sell 1 million units by the end of the day.

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MORNING BREAK

# World's bugs outnumber humans approximately 10,000 to 1

Entomologists estimate that there are about 10,000 bugs for every human being in the world. This day in history Private No. 5310761 (Elvis Presley) joined the army on March 24, 1958. On the same day in 1989, the Exxon Valdez tanker spilled more than 11 million gallons of oil into the waters of the Alaskan coast. The White House's annual Egg Roll has been a tradition since 1878. The original game was to roll real eggs down hills.



The one that got the farthest before breaking fun. But in recent times, the only eggs allowed on White House grounds are wooden ones.

Easter is the pagan goddess of Spring. Her springtime ceremonies were so popular in Europe that early Christian missionaries decided to keep much of the trappings of her holiday but simply redefine what it meant. Why eggs and rabbits for Easter? Again, it's a leftover from Easter's spring celebration. Both rabbits and eggs were symbols of spring, fecundity and new beginnings.

The term "neon" comes from the Greek "neos," which means new. All it meant was that neon was a new gas when discovered and named back in 1898. Elder down, used as insulation in jackets and comforters, is collected from the left-over nests of elder ducks. It takes about 85 nests worth of down to fill one comforter. After Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox, Union soldiers began firing off rounds

in celebration. Gen. U.S. Grant stopped them from publicly gloating, reminding them that "the robots are our countrymen again." "Frobisher" is another job your guidance counselor probably never mentioned. It means someone who polishes metal for a living. That hardy bear known as stout isn't called that because it stout isn't fat but because stout used to mean "strong."

"The GI Bill" is a nickname; its real name is the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944. Reader J. White asks how Mountain Dew's caffeine compares with the popular colas. It's higher: 54 milligrams for 12 ounces compared with 45 mg (Coke) and 38 mg (Pepsi). You can reach Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo at factmongers@mingo-barrett.com.

## Friends put spark back in Gemini

IF MARCH 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Early in 2006 you may find your soul mate if you are currently unattached—but in the meantime you must get all your ducks in a row and lay out strategies to have a partner and make your mark in the business world. In August and October it is important to demonstrate your organizational skills and be at your best when a critical eye will be on your every mood. Cut expenses and learn to manage your life well and by this time next year you will a sterling example of success.

## HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Eat your spinach. Even though business ambitions require working extra hours to finish up a brimming plateful of duties, there are loving arms waiting in the wings. Save some energy for love.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** A bit of gently flirtatious horsing around can spice up a dull day and warm up chilly atmospheres. Take time out from mental labors to have a congenial meal with friends or a lover.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** If a depressing feeling takes hold midday and the piggy bank seems to be temporarily empty, console yourself by touching base with cheerful friends. Recharge energies by spending time with positive people.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** All work and no play can make Jack (or Jill) a dull boy (or girl). Take care of necessities, but make time for relaxation with pleasant companions. Get out in public where even a minor triumph makes you a star.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Fight off a brief downswing in the mood by sharing your philosophy with admirers or cohorts. Some exciting verbal sparring over interesting subjects can recharge your enthusiasms.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** The short time out from the relentless pressure of goal-oriented activity. Some schmoozing with coworkers or friends can be the breath of fresh air you need to invigorate dull routines.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Work hard and play hard. Others could be exacting and expect precise results. A tantalizing love interest could draw you closer, but you may have to fit romance in during a slow moment.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Laboring doggedly under a strict work ethic leaves little time for play. If you are resourceful, time can be found for pleasant socializing. Look forward to loving moments with romantic partners.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Fear of criticism may place you in a virtual straitjacket and curtail enthusiasm. However, your plentiful creative juices can be in full flower, but you may be a fountain of grand ideas.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Tough schedules require careful planning so that key romantic alliances aren't neglected. Be prepared to yield to amorous impulses that strike within the confines of your own home.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You are the Energizer bunny in more ways than one today, so get hopping and beat your own drum during important phone calls. Set the groundwork for upcoming financial deals.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Past indiscretions could cause you a few unpleasant moments, but you can win out against any opposition by adhering to a set of high standards. It may be wise to be cautious with money.

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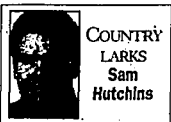
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## Hosting those tiny intruders

There's an unforgettable scene in the old movie, *The African Queen*, in which Humphrey Bogart's character climbs aboard his boat and wanders in an African swamp and discovers that his body is covered with leeches. According to some movie lore I ran across, those slimy bloodsuckers were real, and Bogart's horrified shudders not that that contrived.



COUNTRY LARKS  
 Sam Hutchins

I suppose there is something of a universal repulsion toward all things parasitic but for most of history there really wasn't a whole lot that could be done about it. Mosquitoes bit freely, leeches drank their fill and lice pretty much had their way with the greater part of humanity. We can all be glad that we don't live in those good old days when chiggers and fleas reigned free, but I wonder sometimes if our aversion to getting mooched off of by the lower life forms hasn't gone a little overboard. I'm not suggesting there's any bright side to being sack lunch to some invertebrate, but I also realize that for those of us who love the great outdoors, that's just a fact of life.

Let's consider the tick. Imagine a flea seed with eight tiny legs and a whole lot of dagger determination and you've got the picture. Like the leech and the mosquito, these parasites require a meal of warm blood and that's never a commodity that comes easy. They are determined to stand up under rough treatment. I think it's the tick's pure, diaphanous tenacity that makes it so unerving.

I don't like ticks, but neither do I consider the sight of one a national crisis. My wife does, as I well learned on a memorable outing we took several years ago. It was springtime, our anniversary, and we were enjoying the spending the day exploring the canyons and abandoned old settlements out in the Three-Creek area. The birds were singing, the sun was shining and we were enjoying all the special sights — until she noticed the ticks.

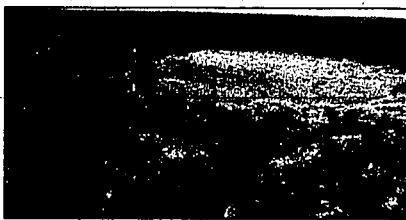
She saw the first one on me. That was bad enough and necessitated an immediate inspection. Unfortunately, her search revealed five more, three of which were clambering about in the folds of her clothing. What followed was an amazing thing to witness. The beauty of the day, the singing birds, the warm breeze — all that evaporated as far as Tammy was concerned. I tried to reassure her.

"Don't panic, Honey, they don't bite," I said immediately. We've got plenty of time to enjoy the day and check for ticks tonight. It's not a big deal."

That suggestion went nowhere. Tammy was headed for the car, and we had quite some distance away. Every minute that passed en route was pure torture. Her imagination began to manufacture ticks for every thistle she felt. She stopped every 30 feet or so to check again and, much to her detriment, each search uncovered more ticks.

Now I must say that, in general, my wife is a very modest woman but those ticks were affecting her in a powerful way. She was completely consumed with a drive to seek and destroy every one of the 17,000 ticks she could feel scurrying about her body. For a while there it was all I could do to keep that young lady decent.

I mention this incident only to illustrate the point that our enjoyment of the outdoors can be greatly diminished when our 21st-century sensibilities meet head on with the age old fact that nature is swarming with tiny bloodsuckers. I'm not saying that's a good thing or that let's look on the bright side. At least they're tiny. Imagine if ticks were as big as housecats. Now that would be a national crisis!



Warren Wehling prepares to descend to the west crater.

## Remains of fire



Photo by MIKE COLEMAN

Eureka Cave reveals the location of an underground lava tube.

## Links to Idaho's volcanic past near Mountain Home

By Mike Cothem  
 Times-News correspondent

How often has the term "boring" been used to describe the desert around Mountain Home? How many of us have gritted our teeth, clenched the steering wheel a little harder, and vowed to stay alert while driving that last stretch of Interstate 84 to Boise?

Some recent discoveries near Mountain Home have changed my attitude about this oft-maligned piece of arid Idaho. Ardent volcanic activity that dominated the area produced some remarkable features. Many of these can still be seen today.

The main attraction lies only a few miles from the interstate. Just north of Mountain Home, known as the Crater Rings, these twin circular de-

pressions mark the summit of one of the many low-rise shield volcanoes found in the area.

John Shervais, a geologist at Utah State University, describes the mile-wide craters as the remnants of lava lakes that formed over one million years ago. Lake levels rose and fell several times during periods of energetic activity. In addition, "fery fountains" from the east lake pro-

elled material up and away from its surface, landing around the sides of the crater. These deposits are easily seen from the interstate as three small hills.

Significantly important from a geological standpoint, the craters received National Natural Landmark status in 1980. From a recreational point of view, they provide a good combination of easy access and a stunning scene.

Noted Idaho author Vardis Fisher wrote about the Crater Rings in the early 1930s, saying that they were "regarded by some Idahoans as the most phenomenal spot in Idaho." He described the rings as "two great volcanic cones that look like ancient amphitheatres from which all benches have been removed."

Nothing has changed about the Crater Rings themselves in only the last 75 years. On a recent visit, they still filled fellow hiker Warren Wehling and myself with awe. It's strange, however,

### If you go:

To reach the Crater Rings, access the Dito Creek Road (old Highway 30) just off Interstate 84, Exit 90. Drive north for 5.5 miles. Turn left onto Main Cinder Butte Road and drive 1.9 miles. Turn left onto a two-track and proceed south 1.4 miles to the east crater.  
 To find Eureka Cave, take the Hot Creek Road (off of Highway 20) on the outskirts of Mountain Home and drive east 4.8 miles. Turn right onto a two-track and drive less than a mile to reach the cave.

sharing the presence of this great earthwork with modern civilization just a few miles away. From viewpoints on the east crater's surrounding rises, the sights and sounds of interstate, train, and airbase traffic consistently battle for attention.

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## Olympians share recollections of medal magic

By Karen Bosselck  
 The Wood River Journal

Twenty-one years ago and Olympic watchers held their collective breaths as they watched Sun Valley racer Christina Cooper and Colorado skier Deb Armstrong battle it out for Olympic gold and silver in Sarajevo.

This past weekend, the two were back together on the snow at Sun Valley as part of the Janss Pro Am Classic.

The Pro-Am, a benefit for the 450 ski and snowboard team members in the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation, brings together dozens of former Olympians and others to ski and hobnob over four days of racing, dancing, eating and playing cards for such prizes as a Sun Valley Hell-Ski trip and a Hermes of Paris watch.

Cooper, an alumna of Sun Valley's ski program, said it's hard to believe that 21 years has gone by since she stood atop the metals podium in Yugoslavia, wearing a salmon and white striped ski suit that fit so snugly that she had to rip a hole under the armpits.

Europe's heaviest snow in 50 years had delayed the women giant slalom race, as well as other alpine ski races, forcing stager John Denver to do a couple extra songs for the TV cameras and

sending the favored European contenders into a tizzy.

But the American team had stayed ready and relaxed — thanks to French Bordeaux, quipped Ketchum restaurateur Michel Rudgoc, who coached the U.S. Olympic women's team that year.

The soft snow required a light touch unlike the hard-packed icy conditions racers are used to, Cooper recalled.

"It was amazing to see my name on top since I'd never won a GS before," she said. "But I remember the two hours between feeling like a wreck. Too much pressure. I felt sick to my stomach."

Armstrong, meanwhile, had finished second in the first run. Five years younger than Cooper, she had looked up to Cooper since joining the Olympic squad.

Back in the starting gate for the second time, Armstrong didn't dare think of actually beating her more experienced teammate.

"She was the hot racer. More experienced, very independent, a fierce competitor. And I had a lot of respect for her," Armstrong recalled.

In her stomach, shut out her fears and focused on just being in the moment.

"Being in the Olympics was a unique experience and I wanted to feel the uniqueness in the starting gate," said Armstrong, who says she has blacked out the hours between her first run and second. "Trying to do that kept me very much in the moment — it was kind of a dreamy moment. I think that really helped me stay loose."

Just over 50 seconds later Armstrong was at the bottom of the course, a big grin on her face. "I didn't want to get to the bottom wishing I had a second chance. I wanted no regrets and that's what I got."

In contrast, Cooper lost her focus for a split second as she jumped out of the starting gate. She fell onto her hip going around the third gate again and then had to work to regain the speed she had lost on a relatively flat area of the course.

"Huge mistake," she said. "I was yelling at myself for having blown it. Then, 'Make it up. Make it up.' I knew I couldn't make it all up at once, but I was trying to make it up best I could give by gate."

She fell a half second short in her endeavor, finishing with a combined score of 2:21.38 to Armstrong's 2:30.99, but good enough for second place and a



Karen Bosselck/The Wood River Journal

Christina Cooper and Deb Armstrong shared some laughs together this weekend at the Janss Pro Am Classic.

silver medal.

Perrine Felon of France was right on her ski tips with a combined time of 2:21.40 to show for her two races.

"The mistake that cost her the gold medal burned in Cooper's mind — for years — afterward, obscuring all the successes she'd had in the years leading up to that Olympics moment. "It took time to let it go, to say 'I was one of those people who'd won one of thousands who would have liked to have been there,'" she said. "Now I feel honored and lucky to have gotten that medal."

Cooper and Armstrong didn't get a chance to race head to head this weekend, even though it would have been strictly for fun. Armstrong, now the Ski Ambassador for Ross Ski Valley in New Mexico, has spent the winter in Seattle recovering from a respiratory illness.

Cooper, the stepdaughter of the late Sun Valley Resort owner Bill Janss, said she and Armstrong rarely talk about their Olympic moment when they get together. In fact, the first time they had a significant discussion about it was just a

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OUTDOORS

CSI holds scuba, BASE jumping classes

TWIN FALLS — Scuba and BASE jumping classes will be offered this spring by the College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program.

Scuba classes will begin at 7 p.m. April 4 with an informational meeting in the Outdoor Program office next to the Eagles Nest in the Student Union Building. A total of six classes will be conducted at the Twin Falls city pool on Locust Street. The course will follow the curriculum of the Professional Association of Diving Instructors, whose certification is a recognized worldwide. The instructor will be Bing Parkinson of Rocky Mountain Water Sports. Cost is \$250, which includes all equipment.

BASE jumping classes will be taught by professional BASE jumper Tom Aiello of Twin Falls. An organizational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. April 5 in the Outdoor Program office. Classes will be conducted at the CSI campus and at the Perrine Bridge. The Outdoor Program believes that CSI's is the only BASE jumping class available

Outdoor in brief

besides a program offered at a school in Norway. Cost is \$35, which can be paid at the informational meeting. Aiello is a veteran of more than 1,000 jumps worldwide, including objects from 93 to 3,300 feet high. (The tower in the center of the CSI campus is 107 feet high, for comparison.) For more information, contact the Outdoor Program at 732-6656.

Mule Deer Foundation barbecue is April 30 TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Chapter of the Mule Deer Foundation hosts its 9th annual fundraiser and barbecue on April 30 at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 2 p.m. with games and activities for the whole family. Fundraiser profits are sent to the Mule Deer Foundation for future projects on mule deer populations. Idaho proffers have

funded projects such as the bitternest plantings in areas of the South Hills. The chapter will host another bitterbrush planting on April 2 on public lands near Almo.

This year's banquet includes an early-bird drawing on April 9, for a Henry Golden Bow 220-caliber rifle. You must purchase your dinner tickets and \$40 in rifle tags to be eligible for the drawing. Regular membership and single dinner tickets are available for \$45; two dinner tickets go for \$65. Young dinner tickets are \$10 each. For more prizes and information on Mule Deer Foundation events, call chairman Dan Hansen at 731-7270 or 536-1655.

Twin Falls Parks and Rec will sponsor scuba class TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering a scuba class from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 26 at the Twin Falls Community Pool. The class is designed to intro-

duce participants ages 8 and up to the basics of scuba diving. Cost is \$15 per person. To register or for more information, call 736-2265 or stop by 136 Maxwell Ave.

Pomerele will hold final event on Saturday

BURLEY — The 2005 Spring Fling Boarder-Skier Triple Cross will be held at noon March 26 at Pomerele Mountain. Everyone is invited to come celebrate the end of winter and the beginning of spring with the boarder x-style race. Competition is open to all ages. Those under age 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent. The entry fee is \$5 per person, plus \$5 bib deposit.

All entrants will be eligible for prize drawings. Trophies and medallions will be awarded to the top three places in each division. For more information, call (208) 673-5599 or visit the Web site at www.pomerele-mtn.com. — compiled from staff reports

'ice began to brake' Lewis and Clark Expedition began to get serious about preparing for the spring departure. The Missouri River was beginning to break up and the ice flow free. It would only be a couple of weeks before the explorers could launch themselves on the next leg of their journey. Includes a map of the expedition route and a quote from Lewis and Clark's journal.

March 20, 1805 — I with all the men which could be speared from the Fort went to [Perogues] Canoes, there I found a number of Indians the men carried 4 [canoes] to the River about 1\_ miles thro the Bottom. — William Clark

March 21, 1805 — on my return to day to the Fort I came on the points of the high hills, Saw an emence quantity of Pumice Stone on the Sides & foot of the hills and emence beds of Pumice Stone near the Tops of the [hills] with evident marks of the Hill having once been on fire... — William Clark

March 25, 1805 — The Ice began to brake away this evening and was near destroying our Canoes... — William Clark

Minidoka offers group camping reservations

The Times-News BURLEY — Campers in the Minidoka Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest who wish to reserve campsites for large groups may do so now through Reserve USA.

Advance reservations may be made for group camping sites in the Thompson Flat Campground (Mount Harrison area) and Lower Penstemon and Porcupine Springs campgrounds near Rock Creek south of Twin Falls. Advance information is available at Thompson Flat, one at Lower Penstemon and three at Porcupine Springs. Group sites can accommodate from 25 to 75 people depending on the site. Reservations may be made by

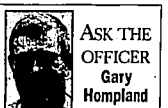
contacting Reserve USA toll free at (877) 444-6777 or online at www.ReserveUSA.com. A \$1.50 reservation fee will be charged for each transaction, in addition to the group fee. Reservations can be made up to one year in advance. "We think that using this national reservation system will be very convenient for people seeking to reserve group sites for family reunions and large groups of friends," said Scott Nannenga, Minidoka District manager. Making a reservation in advance will save a lot of time, trouble and disappointment for the people. When they arrive, the campsites they have reserved will be waiting for them. Only group sites are available

for advanced reservations at this time. Future plans include the possibility of reserving a portion of individual, family campsites at the new Porcupine Springs Campground and Lake Cleveland. "The transition to the reservation system has been a bit challenging," Nannenga said. "We want to apologize to those people who have been patiently waiting for the new system to go into effect. We received a number of calls in the last few months from people wanting to make reservations, but we had to tell them that the system was not yet operational. This delay has been very frustrating for us as well as our customers. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience.

In the long run, this new system will be a lot more convenient for people to use." Reservations for group sites in the Minidoka Ranger District were previously handled by the local Forest Service office. The move to the national reservation system is being done to comply with national direction. Some group and individual campground sites in the northern portion of the Sawtooth National Forest have been on the national reservation system for a number of years. Reserve USA is the national reservation system that handles recreation site-reservations for the Forest Service, National Park Service and Army Corps of Engineers.

Hunters must be aware of borders

Question: "If I shoot an elk in Idaho and it runs across the border can I pursue it into Nevada or another state?" Answer: The short answer is no, but there may be some things you can do to help you recover the animal.



hunter to locate and dispatch the injured animal. Be aware the time spent consuming for officers and during the busy fall they may be unable to meet with you on short notice.

The issue of hunting or shooting game near boundaries should be a significant concern for all sportsmen because your options to recover dead game or sports injured animals may be severely restricted. Some shots should be passed up because of the increased risk of losing the animal into a protected area. In the above example, since you are not licensed to hunt in the other state, any effort by you to follow up the animal into the next state puts you into a violation. Conversely, if the animal is shot in another state and crosses into Idaho, the hunter can not enter Idaho. Your only option is to call the state fish and wildlife agency in that state and ask them if there are any op-

tions for you to recover the animal. Your best guidance would come from the conservation officer in the area of your injured animal. If the animal is dead you request may grant if you leave your firearm in Idaho. If the animal is only injured and requires a follow-up shot to dispatch it, it's unlikely you'll be allowed to pursue it. I know of conservation officers or park rangers that have met with hunters and verified their injured animals crossed park or unit boundaries by tracking the blood trail and hoof and boot prints. Officers may accompany the

As with private property, you are obligated by law to make every effort to recover and retrieve your game animal. If your access is denied by a landowner or another state you've met that obligation. Ducks, geese and wild birds that are shot and fall inside refuge boundaries can usually be retrieved as long as hunters leave their firearms outside the refuge boundaries. Hunters should always check refuge rules to know if this rule applies to the refuge they are hunting.

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Continued from D1 few years ago. "When we get together, we talk more along the lines of, 'So what are you now?' What have you turned into?" Cooper said. In Cooper's case, the Olympic s have remained a definite part of her DNA — right down to managing the dozen Mackenzie River Pizza Company restaurants she owns with her husband Mark Tache, who also raced on the World Cup circuit. "One of the fun, consistently thinking of my Olympic story. But it's very much a part of my

being," said Cooper, who has been an analyst for CBS and NBC for the last four Olympic games. "I'm told the way I manage my daughter, it's really clear that I have a champion personality. I probably never lose my intensity or my ability to lose focus. I don't always consider that a trait I value in myself. But it is something I can use in my job, motivating young people and teaching them how to work well. At the same time, our employees are teaching me a little bit about reading. So, in the end, hopefully we all end up more balanced people."

Today Cooper can truthfully say she has no regrets about that one split second in that made a difference between a gold and silver medal. "I just feel so fortunate to have landed in a world where I got to play and play at such a high level. I've gotten to live my life with a lot of great fun people and I just can't imagine another life." Karen Bostick is an outdoors writer for The Wood River Journal in Halley. For more stories about Wood River recreation, go to www.woodriverjournal.com.

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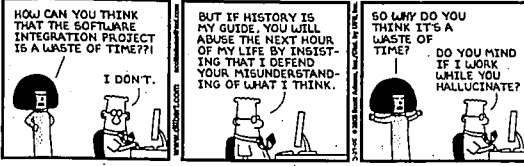
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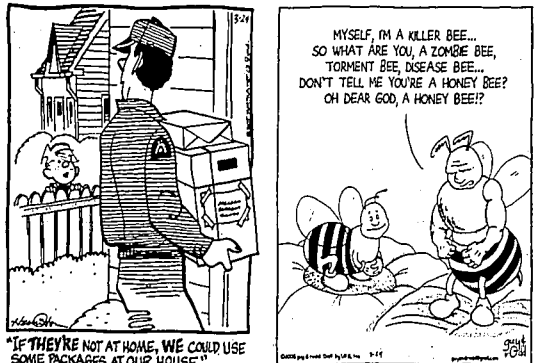


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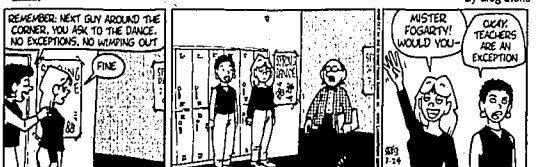
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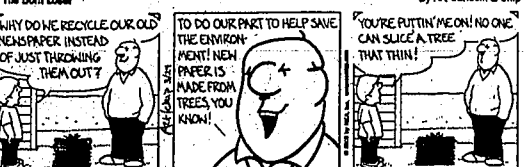
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OUTDOORS

# Ski industry hopes for decent season despite drought

DENVER (AP) — University of Washington student Seung Hwang had been waiting to snowboard all season when he and some friends drove from Seattle to nearby Stevens Pass over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.

When they pulled up, they found not snow on the mountain but heavy rain. The lifts were closed.

"It wasn't very cool," said Hwang, who still hasn't used a \$59 discount card he bought for lift tickets. "We actually stuck around for a couple hours in case they opened."

A slow start to the ski season in the East and hardly a winter at all in the Northwest may keep the nation's resorts from setting a record for skier visits this year. But a wet spring in the East and one of the best winters Arizona and New Mexico have seen in years are expected to keep the multibillion-dollar industry close to the nearly 57 million skier-visits recorded last year, National Ski Areas Association President Michael Berry said.

Still, the news has been grim in some places.

Many resorts in Washington state are missing out on the spring break traffic; a warm, dry winter has left slopes with thin bases and few resorts are equipping for snowmaking.

The Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association expects visits to be significantly down from its

typical 4.5 million, though resorts in Idaho, Oregon and Alaska are still running, association head Scott Kaden said.

Northeast resorts, meanwhile, are enjoying recent snow after a sluggish beginning to the season.

"A slow start but a strong finish," Berry said. "This won't be a record year in the industry, mostly because of the off year in the Pacific Northwest, but it will be consistent with what we've seen the last several years. That's 55 (million) to 56 million visits. A lot had to do with the strong finish."

After an average Christmas season and sporadic snow through January, some Vermont ski areas have seen 9 feet of snow since Feb. 1, Vermont Ski Areas Association President David Dillon said.

Killing operator American Sking Co., for one, saw skier visits drop about 3 percent through the first few months due to a warm, dry early season and high winds over the Christmas holiday. Five of the company's seven resorts are in the Northeast.

However, the company reported a 10.6 percent increase in revenues for February, and hotel bookings were up about 4 percent amid plentiful snow.

In the West, Vail Resorts CEO Adam Aron said the company's Heavenly Mountain Resort in California and Beaver Creek in Colorado were on track for

record skier visits.

Colorado resorts have seen more than 11 million skier visits each season and started 2004-2005 strong with an 8 percent jump in visits through December. Through February, the trade group Colorado Ski Country USA's season-to-date figures put the season at about 2.3 percent above last season's numbers.

Some resorts will stay open for a few more months, rather than weeks.

Cheering the loudest may be Utah resorts and particularly Snowbird, which expects to top last year's record for skier visits by 15 percent to 18 percent, spokesman Dave Fields said.

"It would take a shocking turn of events for us not to have an all-time record at Snowbird," Fields said.

The resort does not release specific numbers, but Fields said it broke attendance records for four straight months after its earliest opening day ever, Nov. 5.

Utah resorts, hitting their stride after a boost from the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics, increased national print advertising this season.

The lodging industry also is doing well. In Park City, home of The Canyons, Deer Valley and Park City Mountain resorts, lodging is on pace for a third straight record year. Numbers so far are up almost 7 percent from last season, said Mark Bennett of the Park City Cham-

ber/Bureau.

"This is the perfect storm in terms of ski attendance with the combination of snow, increased marketing efforts and the possibility that low snow in other parts of country helped us out," said Nathan Rafferty of the industry group Ski Utah.

This year a discount pass that's good for the Salt Lake County resorts Snowbird, Alta, Brighton and Solitude has had sales of 66,000 — up 66 percent year to date from last season, according to the Salt Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau. The pass is aimed at out-of-state visitors, who are likely to splurge on dining and lodging during ski vacations.

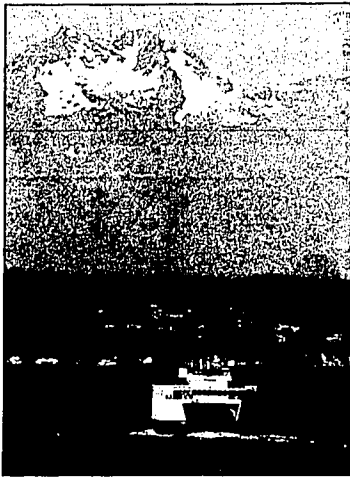
Ski Utah was predicting to beat the typical 3.3 million skier visits it records each year by at least 5 percent before the season began. Resorts should meet that target easily, Rafferty said.

Back in Washington, Hwang said he wasn't sure about his snowboarding plans after this season.

"It was the worst I've ever encountered," Hwang said of this season. "Hopefully it can only get better from here."

Kaden said skiers need to be reminded that the Northwest gets adequate or more than enough snow nine winters out of every 10.

"One out of 10, we don't," Kaden said. "So we've got that out of the way."



A Washington state ferry heads for Bremerton, Wash., below the bare peaks of the Olympic Mountains on Sunday. This winter has been the worst dry spell in three decades, forcing Gov. Christine Gregoire to order a state drought emergency.

## Volcanic

Continued from D1

Our solution to the time-warp problem was an easy hike down into the 300-foot deep west crater. In the bottom of that great pit we were isolated momentarily from the outside world. Surrounded by a perfectly circular rim, only a few welcome birds of prey shared the experience.

A few miles west of the Crater Rings sits a less introverted volcanic feature, Cinder Cone Butte, according to geologist Shervais, represents the area's last volcanic phase and is exceptionally well preserved. Erosion has had little time to degrade the butte's steep slopes or, at the vent area, weather the unique rock into soil.

On a much smaller scale, Eureka Cave is found east of Mountain Home. With no

warning, this 40-foot wide hole in the earth materializes at the end of a two-track road. Too near the surface, an empty lava tube collapsed to produce the open cave. The tunnel runs periodically for many miles and once conveyed a large amount of molten material.

While the volcanic activity around the Mountain Home area is much older, more weathered, and less exposed compared to its more easterly counterparts, a variety of features remain. Easily accessible with all but low-clearance vehicles, they are visually inspiring and give a good feel for some of the area's geological history. And after visiting any of them, it becomes much harder to complain about the area not containing anything noteworthy.

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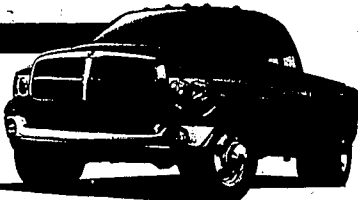
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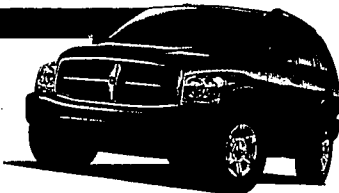
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## REACHING A MILESTONE

### Rotary Club International celebrates 100th birthday

TWIN FALLS — Rotary Club International celebrated its 100th birthday Feb. 23.

The Blue Lakes Rotary Club joined the Twin Falls Rotary Club for a birthday celebration at the Turf Club, and several members received recognition. Among them were Carl Snow, the Twin Falls Rotary Club Rotarian of the Year, Theresa Galbraith, Blue Lakes Rotary president, received the Paul Harris Fellowship.

Alan Homer also received a Paul Harris Fellowship from the Twin Falls Club for his dedication to and promotion of Rotary, as well as the region. Homer and First Federal have been sponsors of jazz in the Canyon, the proceeds of which both Twin Falls clubs have used to support community projects, reported Mary Shaw, Twin Falls Rotary Club president.

In other events, the Twin Falls Rotary Club awarded the YMCA a \$500 check to go to scholarships for families that could not otherwise enjoy the facility.

The Twin Falls Rotary Club also presented a check to Diane Van Engelen and Cheryl LeForgee for the Twin Falls Library Foundation.

The club also has donated to the Valley House homeless shelter, Boys and Girls State, Rock Creek Park, College of Southern Idaho Fitness Trail, youth sports and school district programs, Centennial Park, the Salvation Army, Magic Valley Arts Council and several international programs.



Mary Shaw, Twin Falls Rotary Club president, presents an award to Carl Snow, the club's Rotarian of the Year.



Theresa Galbraith, left, Blue Lakes Rotary president, received the Paul Harris Fellowship, With her is Mary Shaw, Twin Falls Rotary Club president.

## Wood River HS releases honor roll

HAILEY — Wood River High School has released its second trimester honor roll:

3.25 to 3.49 grade point average  
 Tawnee Anderson, Kaitlyn Anderson, Phillip Bradshaw, Dustin Brillenbeck, Brittany Jones, Gavin Kasmir, Geni Viter, Craig Wesley, Kibbi Brown, Barbara Coleman, Caroline Ellis, Ellen Reese, Leslie Rieman, Ryan Rubenstein, Gina Thomas, Laura Vincetta and James Williams.

Eleventh grade: Ryan Cincotta, Terion Ellison, Thomas Gappmayer, John Hill, Austin Keys, Lauren Webb, Andrew Grimaldo, Corney Woodall, Kelsie Barrow, Aubrey Bradford, William Dankanyin, Sophia Dill, Katelyn Dougherty, Abigail Fairman, Brooke Hand, Ken Mauro, Brian McGinley, Jose Palomera, Edward Petrenyik, Jackie Safian, Andrew Tormech and Joshua Vandyck.

Tenth grade: Stephanie Carter, Kacie Fackler, Kacie Truitt, Kaitlyn Bloom, Laura Carrera, Kyle Cole, Erin French, Brianna Hill, Mollie Finley, Stephanie Jensen, Emma Johnson, Jennifer Kaul-Villanueva, Allison Nilsen, Pike Nuerksenjan, Leigh-Anne Roberts, Kaitlyn Smith, Candace Weaver, Paul Villanueva.

Ninth grade: Gerardo Garcia, Michael Morrell, Jani Ballantyne, Kaitlyn Keston, Kase Nelson, Alyson Emily Daniels, Johnny Dill, Elizabeth Garcia, Curtis Goringe, Gretchen Hale, Stephanie Jensen, Amanda Rieck, Chyna Kerterman, Caitlin Lee, Samantha Moldenhauer, Pedro Monica, McKenna Murphy, Erica Ray, Jennifer Spiller and Kyle Wynn.

8.5 to 8.99 GPA  
 Twelfth grade: Jennifer Andriew, Trista Ballou, Kelly Cabree, Seth Curran, Jonathan Dittmer, Brady Fennling, Ireland King, Zoe Strobel-Halt, William Meyers, Ben Parker, Lucia

Fletcher, Jessica Rice, Rachael Richards, Yvett Thiede, Barbara Tauwelein, Britt VanPargpeghem, Kaiti Vermillion, Armeti Wertz, Gillian Augustus, Estee London, Dawn Davis, Maxwell Kessler, Laura Maroldi, Laura Pucier, Daniel Parnes, Spring Sack, Nora Ambriz, Marissa Swans, Hilary Field, Traci Kerny, All Sherbine, Lauren Sane, Kaiti Zuk, Poyshompu Bhanichkul, Ty Cannon, Theodore Bankyria, Lisa Feldhusen, Sydney Leopold and Travis Riser.

Eleventh grade: Ransney Copeland, Margaret Discoli, Robbie Hamlin, Kertee King, Dinty Springs, Scott Bartlett, Anna Borodach, Michael Dale, Spencer Hude, Anna Curren, Audrey Goodenough, Alexis Greenwood, Andrew Hill, Daniel Heed, Kaiti Jensen, Kelsey Lant, Carren Lee, Kjell Ooms, Antonio Reyes, Josue Ricci, Hayden Seiler, Alyse Staik, Jamie Stone, Hailey Tucker, Alycia Djanran, Rachel Pace, Maura Powell, Kaitlyn Rapp, HHH Howard, Ryan Lafawold, Robert Olson, April Pina, Sinjin Thomas, Morgan Uhrig, Anthony James, Casey Lane, Robert Laschek, Stephen Rosso and Nicole Shull.

Tenth grade: Ashley Bondar, Tara Cappadonna, Danyel Davidson, Benjamin Gault, Alexander Mills, Reuben Wagner, Elissa Baker, Tracy Beckman, Kaitlyn Bickel, Kaitlyn Chavira, Guberto Colis, Whitney DeBree, Kira Gardner, Scott Krunkkala, Eliza Gannon, Ryan McLaughlin, Francisco Romero, Joyce Smith, Derek Blah, John David Davidson, Audiana Manera, Maereva MOES, Taylor Sundall, Chelsea Vandercamp, Kaiti Fennling, Jay Johnson, Robert Wynn, Kelsey Lidstrom, Leah McIlhenry, Nita Bowers, Steven Pilsetz, Jordan Scanlon, Daniela Telega, Georgia Thies, Solce Urzua, Jack VanPargpeghem and Brian Ward.

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10 GPA  
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## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION



From left, Rebekah Middleton, Jacob Coats and Elizabeth Middleton were awarded volunteer recognition awards during the volunteer recognition banquet sponsored by HealthNet on Feb. 23. They were nominated for the award by the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department for their efforts during Urban Wilderness Day. Rebekah and Elizabeth also helped with planting tulip bulbs at the Parks and Recreation office during Plant the Promise Day. Jacob also was a volunteer for the department's K-Ball program.

## LETTERS OF THANKS

### Resident appreciates Cabin Fever Day activity

Thanks to all who organized Cabin Fever Day I had a very good time at Paintball Ink. SPENCER STACEY  
Twin Falls

The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:

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### Buhl family gives thanks to MVRMC hospital staff

We would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for all their help during Darrel's stay at the hospital. Everything was appreciated. Thank you. DARRYL AND CHARLENE  
LOS  
Buhl

To express gratitude of a personal nature than public nature, call The Times-News Classified department at 733-0931, Ext. 270.

### Wendell gives basketball team great support

To the Wendell Community: I wanted to publicly thank the Wendell people who gave our boys basketball team such a great support this year. It was quite a sight to see all of you up at the state tournament. Your encouragement and enthusiasm really helped our team. I know I speak for the boys in letting you know how much it was appreciated. People like you make Wendell and wonderful place to live and work. ALLEN KELSEY  
Coach  
Wendell

to give you my most sincere thank you. Thanks to my sponsors: Conrads, Coshin Vinyl, Wayside, Larry Chirch, Key Bank, Boise Paper, Cooper Equipment, Pacific Steel of Idaho Falls, Patio Pleasures, J&J Construction, Snake River Hydraulics, Rock's Cycling, De Michaelson, Cooper's, Cones, Craig Crawford and Carsons.

benefit becomes a success thanks to support

On behalf of the J.B. Knutson benefit, we did it! The benefit was a great success! A big thank you to all who participated. Whether you donated your time, a gift, spread the word or just showed up, this participation helped in every way that could possibly count. I couldn't have done it without you! Thank you so much for being you and living in this great community of ours that we call home. SANDRA I. SIEBERT  
Jerome

### Businesses donate to Scout pancake supper

We would like to thank the businesses that donated to Troop and Pack 65 and Girl Scout Troop 640 for the 32nd annual Pancake Supper. United Daughters of Idaho, American Legion, Falls Brand-Independent Meet, Lamb Weston, Perkins, Norms Cafe, Buffalo Cafe, Joe Olivia, Merrill's Eggs, Costco, Fred Meyer, Treasure Valley Coffee, Winco, S&G Produce, Swensen's, Renter Center, Swann Street, Smith's, Gem State Paper, Solo Cup, Sizzler, P&W Longview Fiber, McDonald's, Landgolds of Buhl, Bill Printers.

### Student says 'thanks' for people helping him

I just wanted to say thank you to all the people who donated and helped me get to Fargo, N.D., for the USA Greg Roman and Freestyle Championships. I received an All-American status at the tournament. I also had a very successful high school season this year. My record this season was 42-1. My only loss was in the state championships. In the state tournament, I received second place. I believe that my success this season is due to the wrestling I did this past summer. I thank you for helping me achieve this. Everything donated, I want to thank you and I want

### Rupert Elks thanks community for support

Mini-Cassia community supports Rupert Elks fund-raising auction I would like to send a heartfelt thanks to our Mini-Cassia community for its support of our Rupert Elks fund-raising auction on March 12.

Your support and participation is greatly appreciated. Thank you. MIKE L. ZEMKE  
Co-chairman, Auction Committee  
BPOE No. 2106  
Rupert

### Minico Spartan Dance Force takes trip to bowl

We would like to thank everyone who assisted with our trip to perform at the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. This opportunity would not have

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

or Loretta Darcy at 934-4366.

### Resident will receive Eagle Scout Award

TWIN FALLS — Timothy James Jolovich, son of Anthony and Dorothy Jolovich of Twin Falls, will receive his Eagle Scout Award at 7 p.m. Monday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave. E. The 18-year-old has completed 21 merit badges. For his project, Jolovich and six others built three picnic tables for the state fish hatchery. He is in Troop 68 under the lead of Rob Werner.

The senior at Twin Falls High School is involved in the Twin Falls Chapter of Commerce Junior Ambassador program and plans a major in pre-dentistry at college this fall.

### Square dance club holds regular dance Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The Buttruts and the Bowers Square and Country Dance Club will have a regularly scheduled square and round dance Saturday at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave. Pre-requests start at 7:30 p.m. and squares at 8 p.m. Dancers bring finger foods. All those interested are invited.

### Jerome class of 1945 holds 60th reunion

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### Owners can have pet's photo with Easter bunny

BURLEY — Pet owners can have their pets photographed with the Easter bunny alone or with their owners from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the FFA Building, 2100 Airport Road. The cost is \$7.50 per photo. The event is a fund-raiser for Therapy Pets, a local group of volunteers that take their pets and visit care facilities.

### Art guild gathers art supplies for Iraqi children

GOODING — The Sage Brush Art Guild is collecting art supplies for children in Iraq. Crayons, paints, pencils and paper are needed. The guild will be taking the supplies to the art supplies. Collection boxes are located at Kings, 1455 Main St.; Ridley's, 1427 Main St.; and Coops, 501 Main St. For more information, call Gaydita Kuhn at 934-9427

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## FOR ADVENTURERS ONLY Journey to Calakmul is not for faint of heart

Alarm clocks are not necessary when you spend the night in a remote eco-lodge in the jungles of Mexico.

As morning approaches, birds and monkeys sound off in beautiful harmony to awaken all the creatures of the earth.



**BUENAS VISTAS**  
Karla Barnes

Thanks to those calls, my husband and I were by a.m. and on Highway 186 (the main highway between Chetumal and Escaregea), embarking on another Mexican adventure. Our goal was to visit the once powerful kingdom of the Maya known as Calakmul.

The journey to the ruins of Calakmul is not for the faint of heart. Most tourists don't traverse these roads as the ancient cities are buried deep within the jungle and difficult to access. We drive for almost two hours on remote highways and then on a one-lane road through the Calakmul Biosphere Reserve to reach our destination.

The reserve encompasses more than 1.5 million acres of protected territory. Forest swamps, savannas and pastures are just a handful of the environments that are included in the reserve. More than 800

plant species and 250 varieties of birds have been identified here, as well. On our drive, we enjoy chattering parrots, spider monkeys, wild turkeys and butterflies of every color. Howler monkeys, foxes and coatiundi are also on the list of easy to spot creatures that live in this tropical zone.

Once we reach the ruins, our excitement mounts as we walk the trail that cut through the jungle and into the central plaza. This ancient city was once home to more than 50,000 people and today, we are alone to explore the past with the exception of a few workers. The site covers more than 11 square miles, though much of it remains covered by vegetation. We walk for miles exploring and climbing many of the exposed structures, including the massive Structure II.

Structure II is 175 feet tall with a base that covers five square acres. Once you reach the summit, you can see what seems to be an endless sea of jungle. The Maya Mountains of Belize are in view to the southeast. Beautiful trees covered with yellow flowers are like scattered polka dots in the emerald forest that fills the horizon. If you look closely you can spot the ancient city of El Mirador just over the border in Guatemala.

Calakmul was discovered by Cyrus Lundell in 1931. He was also responsible for naming the site. He wrote, "In Maya, 'ak' means two, 'lak' means adjacent, and 'mul' signifies any artificial mound or pyramid, so



Stelae in the central plaza at Calakmul.

Calakmul is the City of the Two Adjacent Pyramids." After exploration by Lundell and S.C. Morley, the site was left unexplored until the 1980s when William Folan and a team from the Universidad Autonoma de Campeche made world-renowned discoveries.

More than 6,250 structures have been located, as well as 117 stone monuments, the most located at any Mayan site so far. The monuments, which

are known as stelae, have been dated from A.D. 435 to A.D. 803. The stelae are covered with beautiful carvings commemorating the lives of rulers that once reigned over this powerful Mayan stronghold.

Tombs have also been discovered, the most notable being one thought to belong to a ruler from the fifth century. The body was found lying on ceramic vessels, coated with the red pigment cinabar. Three jade

mask, beads, earrings, shells and a stingray spine were also discovered in the tomb.

The land of the Maya never ceases to amaze me. As we follow the trails out of Calakmul, I think of the people who once thrived in this paradise and feel fortunate that I am able to capture a glimpse of this fascinating history.

Karla Barnes of Burley and her husband are frequent travelers to Mexico.

## Center plans Easter egg hunt on Saturday

**TWIN FALLS**—An Easter egg hunt will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at El Milagro Housing Community Center, 1122 Washington St. S.



## Noticias

The egg hunt will begin at 1 p.m.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. Face painting, prizes and music will be featured. The egg hunt begins at 1 p.m. People who have baskets should bring them.

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## Zihuatanejo: Local traditions abound in laid-back town

The Associated Press

**ZIHUATANEJO, Mexico** — It has been many decades since this medium-sized resort town was best known for its coconut groves. These days, visitors can walk along Zihuatanejo's principal waterfront without being stopped by basket vendors or hailed by waiters.

Cruising ships can carry thousands of people regularly anchor in the harbor, but buses sometimes clog the narrow streets. But low-key Zihuatanejo, a neighbor to the larger and

more polished resort town of Ixtapa, is still a useful place for travelers seeking low-rise hotels and long, tranquil days on the beach. The vendors who ply the city with jewelry and T-shirts are generally more polite than their brethren in larger resort cities like Mazatlan; the beaches are usually uncrowded.

Zihuatanejo's culture is gentler by the standards of Mexican resorts. Civil leaders encourage traditional Mexican behavior — such as the wearing of clothing not bathing suits, downtown.

"Here, the powers that be want to retain the modesty; they discourage nakedness by looks and frowns," said Pedro Antu, who runs a cafe in town.

But local officials also strive to keep the large colony of Canadian and U.S. expatriates content. "That's why our garbage gets picked up seven days a week," said Antu. "They finally realized American tourists don't like garbage."

After many decades of tourism, Zihuatanejo has also retained its identity as a Mexican town. Weekday mornings, the sidewalks are alive with children in school uniforms heading to class. You can hear the musical notes of the traveling knife-sharpeners' whistles as they wheel their sharpening contraption through the streets. Small girls sell fresh traditional pastries from spottless stainless-steel stalls. Fishermen still pull their boats onto the town's main beach to sell their catch.

On Sunday night, the town offers traditional entertainment such as music or dancing at the zocalo, a large beachside plaza. As in many Mexican towns, vendors sell affordable, excellent traditional food at these events, and small children play as their parents chat with neighbors. Visitors and locals mix easily in this setting. Zihuatanejo's main streets are laid out on a grid and are easy to navigate, and even though two large grocery stores — one owned by Wal-Mart — recently opened outside of the downtown area, the town still has a large, bustling, traditional covered market crammed with stalls selling everything from fruit and baked goods to blender parts and doll clothes.

## A star emerges from the goofiness of Monty Python's 'Spamalot'

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Sara Ramirez subvert look like a comedian. Dressed in jeans and a long-sleeved T-shirt with her hair swept up in a pony tail, the 29-year-old actress and singer resembles more a laid-back beauty contestant than a woman capable of theft.

But according to the buzz around Monty Python's "Spamalot," Ramirez has not just stolen the show from David Hyde Pierce, Tim Curry and Hank Azaria. What she's done is grand larceny.

No, no, Ramirez isn't she's not plying. "I'm kind of like the filter in between the Monty Python bits," she says in her small Shubert Theatre dressing room, still piled with moving boxes. "I'm just sort of filling in the gaps."

Never has mere filling been so praised. Reviewers have left the theater drooling over Ramirez' "Smashing" the New York Daily News cheered, while The New York Times hailed her as "a toothsome devourer of scenery" who "knows how to serenade vintage performance styles until they go into orbit." For its part, The Associated Press called Ramirez "a voluptuous, vocally powerful siren" who "seems to be channeling Liza Minnelli by way of Cher. And, of course, there's talk about a Tony nod."

Ramirez, however, just laughs at "Such award predictions."

"It's almost like talking about a wedding; I don't know if I'm going to get married," she says. "But if it happens one day, great. And if not, life will go on."

Born in Mexico and brought to San Diego by her Mexican-American mother after her parents divorced, Ramirez won



Sara Ramirez, who plays the Lady of the Lake in the Broadway musical "Monty Python's Spamalot," appears on stage during the opening-night curtain call at New York's Shubert Theatre on March 17.

her role in "The Capeman" before even graduating from The Billard School's drama department. She followed with two more short-lived Broadway shows — "A Class Act" and "The Gerbilwings." Fascinating Rhythms. Her TV credits include "NYPD Blue," "Law & Order: SVU," "Third Watch," "Spin City" and "As the World Turns."

Ramirez, after all, has been in the vortex of hype before. Her Broadway debut came in 1998 with a part in "The Capeman," Paul Simon's \$11 million musical that closed after just 68 performances.

This time, Ramirez's role as Lady of the Lake is pure goof ball, a part substantially en-

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR 2005 - CANYON SPRINGS BROWSE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Sealed proposals will be received in the office of the Deputy City Clerk at 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho until 10:00 A.M., on April 1, 2005, at which time they shall be publicly opened and read in the City Hall Conference Room of the Twin Falls City Hall. Bids will be received for the sewer line replacement project.

TAKE NOTICE THAT on Wednesday, the 4th day of May, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., in and on thereafter as counsel can be heard in this court, the undersigned will call up for hearing its Petition for Appointment of Guardian.

Any person wishing to contest the proceeding must file a written response to the undersigned's petition for appointment of guardian with the undersigned's attorney at law, William L. Williams, Williams Law Office, C/O, PO Box 282, 401 Taylor Street N, Suite 101, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0282, 208-738-0064.

ADVERTISING FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Division of Public Works, State of Idaho, at DPW Field Office, 615 W. 8th Street, Moscow, Idaho, until 2:00 P.M. prevailing local time on April 7, 2005, for DPW Project No. 02262, University of Idaho, Continuing Education Building Elevator Addition, Moscow, Idaho.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Case No. 0231718

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Notice of Trustee's Sale Idaho Code 45-1508 Today's date: January 14, 2005

Today's date (and local time) may be 18, 2005 at 10:00 AM. Sale location is the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Property address: 3574 South 4200 East, ID 83329. Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 697 Bellevue, WA 98009-0697 (425) 556-1000. Docket number: 02002-02314944. Recordation date: November 8, 2002. Recorder's Instrument number: 2002-02314944. County: Twin Falls. Sum of money due: \$585,607.77. Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the check for the sale may be for less than \$585,607.77. If you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For more information, call 1-800-999-9999. Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder (or certified funds or equivalent) the property described above. The property described above is subject to a mortgage which is not wanted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Township 10 South, Range 16 East, Section 32, the portion of the original plat thereof recorded in Book 3 of 1st Plate, page 11, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, and described as follows to-wit: That part of Lot 3, Block 1, ABERTRACHT, Twin Falls, Idaho, as a portion of the original plat thereof recorded in Book 3 of 1st Plate, page 11, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-04-6122 IN THE MATTER OF JAMES ROBB KELLER, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims to the undersigned within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice of said claims. Notice of said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 23rd day of November, 2004. JAMES ROBB KELLER, Personal Representative 4143 South 6th West Idaho Falls, ID 83404 208-322-0274

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-05-9152 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of JANE BERTH DEVOE, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Leland R. DeVore has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims to the undersigned within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice of said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 4th day of March, 2005. LELAND R. DEVOE, Personal Representative 112 Shoshone Street E PO Box Z Twin Falls, ID 83303-0990

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Case No. CV-05-1034 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of JEAN M. BUTCLIFF, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims to the undersigned within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice of said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 23rd day of March, 2005. JEAN M. BUTCLIFF, Personal Representative 112 Shoshone Street E PO Box Z Twin Falls, ID 83303-0990

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-05-9582 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of BARBARA HOLENICKI, Deceased. CLEAR LAKE DAIRY SUPPLY Plaintiff. TERRY HALEY, Plaintiff. YOU have been sued by BARBARA HOLENICKI, Deceased, CLEAR LAKE DAIRY SUPPLY, Plaintiff, in the District Court of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Case No. CV-05-9582. The nature of the claim against you is a debt due and owing to Plaintiff. Any time after 20 days following the date of publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you.

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Case No. CV-04-5439 SUMMONS MAGIC VALLEY COLLECTIONS & DEBT SERVICES

NOTICE INVITING BIDS OWNER: Jerome County, Idaho... SCHEDULE A: Rehabilitation Runway 8-26, 9-10 and 11 at Jerome County Airport, Jerome, Idaho

Associated General Contractors 1415 N. Filmore Street, Suite 703A... Associated General Contractors 124 Blue Lakes Boulevard, Suite 6

THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS are available for examination at the office of the ENGINEER... CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be sent by regular mail upon receipt of the required payment

A PREBID CONFERENCE will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 31, 2005 at the Jerome County Courthouse... ATTENDANCE is highly recommended, not mandatory.

BID WARRANTY of 5 percent of the BID AMOUNT is required... PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS each in the amount of 10 percent of the CONTRACT AMOUNT will be required from the bidder

Prospective Contractors are notified that the work under this CONTRACT is funded in part by the Federal Aid Works Project is financed in part by Federal Aid. No contractor, subcontractor, or specialty contractor shall be required to have a contract with the FEDERAL AID WORKS PROJECT

Where the bid of the apparent low responsible bidder is in the amount of \$1 million or more, the bidder is to be notified (first-tier subcontractor which will be awarded subcontract of \$1 million or more will be subject to full, on-site, pre-award bid review by the project administrator

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Thursday, March 24, 2005

# THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"The quest for certainty blocks the search for meaning. Uncertainty is the very condition to impel man to unfold his powers."  
— Erich Fromm

Sure-trick problems reward the patient solver. If you met today's deal at the table, you might put your faith in a finesse or two, but that line could lose out to a very hostile break. Can you instead find a sure line for the six-spade contract? (The overtrick is 100-0.)

The secret is to take the diamond ace, draw trumps, and cash the heart ace.

Next, play a trump to hand and lead the heart nine. If West follows, finesse the queen. If the finesse loses, the suit has split at worst 4-2 and you can establish dummy's fifth heart. When West shows out, as will happen here, let the nine ride to East's jack. Win the club return and win the heart queen. East will cover with the king, but dummy's 10 is now good for a club discard.

This line of play combines establishing length winners with a ruffing finesse. The key is to cash the ace on the first round so you can be warned of bad splits on the second round.

No other line of play guarantees to succeed against every single lie of the hearts. For example, if you finesse the queen on the first round and take the ace on the second, you will lose to a singleton king in the East hand. Similarly, if you run the nine of spades on the first round and take the ace on the second, you will lose to a bare heart jack with East.

**NORTH** 03-21-A  
♠ A 10 7 4 3  
♥ A 10 K 10 4 2  
♦ A 6  
♣ A 6

**WEST**  
♠ J  
♥ 5  
♦ Q J 8 6 2  
♣ Q 9 8 7 5 4

**EAST**  
♠ K 8 7 3  
♥ K 10 5 3  
♦ K 3  
♣ K 3

**SOUTH** 03-21-B  
♠ Q 9 8 6 5  
♥ K 6  
♦ Q 7  
♣ 10 2

Vulnerable: Both  
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East  
2 ♠ Pass 4 NT Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ All pass  
"Two of the five" aces" (the trump king counting as an ace) plus the trump queen

Opening lead: Diamond queen

### BID WITH THE ACES

03-21-B

South holds:  
♠ K Q 9 8 6 5  
♥ 9 6  
♦ A 9 7  
♣ 10 2

South West North East  
? ♠ Dbl. Pass

**ANSWER:** Jump to five spades as a general try for slam in spades. Facing a takeout double, you have a huge hand — far too good for a simple four-spade call. Your best exploratory bid (which also serves to transfer the blame!) is to invite slam and let partner make up his own mind, knowing you would like good sluffs.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbyw@midwest.com.  
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