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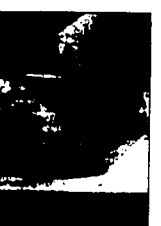
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# Group wants T.F. in on Sempra talks

**By Terry Smith Times-News writer**  
**TWIN FALLS** — A newly formed group of influential local citizens told the City Council on Monday that it opposes the proposed Sempra coal-fired power plant in Jerome County.  
"We all understand there needs to be more power," said Bill Block, a Twin Falls engineer. "Our major concern is the selection of this site."

City Council took no action on the matter, but will likely take a position after it hears all sides of the issue.  
"We have a responsibility to our citizens to listen to Sempra too," said Councilman Shawn Barigar.  
Block served as a spokesman for the group that includes local medical doctors, lawmakers, engineers and other well-known or influential citizens.  
California-based Sempra Generation has proposed build-

ing a 600-megawatt power plant on a 640-acre site nine miles northeast of Jerome. Earlier this month, the Jerome County commissioners approved allowing the company to build and operate a meteorological station at the site.  
Sempra still requires zoning changes and permit approvals from Jerome County to proceed with construction, which company officials say could start in 2008 at the earliest. Also, an air emission permit is needed from

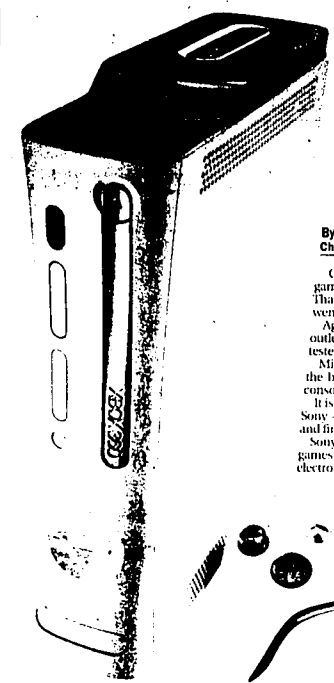
the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.  
"Block said the group is opposed to the Sempra plant because of potential health effects to Magic Valley residents, air quality impacts from plant emissions, quality and quantity impacts to ground and surface water and adverse effects on the economy."  
"I personally think that we don't want to go there," he said. Retired state Sen. Laird Noh, a Republican from Kimberly who

headed the Senate Resources and Environment Committee, said the state is in a vulnerable position because there is "no state-siting legislation" and major decisions regarding the plant are in the hands of county commissioners.  
He said Idaho citizens are "sitting ducks in the process."  
State Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, wrote draft legislation that would have established state oversight of projects such

## Judge says treatment centers may ease prison crowding

**The Associated Press**  
**BOISE** — The lack of long-term residential drug treatment centers in rural Idaho is leading to prison overcrowding and forcing some judges to send offenders out-of-state for treatment, a judge said.  
"The need is incredible," 2nd District Court Judge John Bradbury told The Associated Press on Monday. "Why are we giving the responsibility for mental health treatment to the criminal justice system? It's a disgrace."  
Idaho Department of Corrections Director Tom Beuchler told lawmakers earlier this year that the two biggest problems facing the department are drugs and mental health issues. Bradbury said they're the two biggest issues in his courtroom as well, saying many offenders turn to drugs such as methamphetamine as a way to self-medicate their untreated mental illness.  
Yet the state has no facility designed to provide treatment for people suffering from both drug and mental health problems, and he leaves judges such as Bradbury forced to send those offenders to facilities such as Genesis House or Seadrumar in Seattle, Wash.

And after the offender pays for his or her treatment for one month in Washington, those out-of-state centers often start picking up the bill, Bradbury said.  
Sometimes offenders are so badly addicted to drugs and have so many other issues that they must undergo treatment for several months, Bradbury said.  
Judges have been asking state lawmakers for more residential treatment facilities for years. A 1996 report to the governor from district judges asked for state-sponsored drug and alcohol treatment centers. Similar requests were made in 2000 and in 2004.  
"We've criminalized mental illness because you only get treatment when it gets so bad it results in a criminal offense," Bradbury said. "It's a sad commentary on our priorities."



## It's an early Xmas for Xbox fans

### Latest model of popular video game system hits stores today

**By Mike Hughlett Chicago Tribune**  
**CHICAGO** — Robert Aguirre planned to be waiting in line at a video game store late Monday night, waiting for the clock to strike midnight. That's when the next generation of Microsoft's Xbox — the Xbox 360 — went on sale.  
Aguirre has already ordered the new game console from a GameStop outlet. "This is even better than the original Xbox," said Aguirre, who's tested the 360 at GameStop. "It's like night and day."  
Microsoft Corp. is banking on such sentiments to help it win a war: the battle to dethrone Sony Corp. and its reigning PlayStation game console.  
It's a high-stakes affair. Microsoft is hoping that by getting a jump on Sony — the PlayStation 3 isn't due for several months — it can gain share and finally put the money-losing Xbox on the path to profitability.  
Sony, meanwhile, is defending a profitable and important niche: Video game fans have been a buffer against hard times in Sony's other consumer electronics line — including televisions.  
Microsoft "has a good chance with this system," said Aguirre, who also has a PlayStation 2 and plans on buying Sony's next edition. "It all depends on what Sony has up its sleeve. We'll have to wait and see."  
Sony's PlayStation 2 has dominated the console market since its introduction in 2000. It had about 43 percent of the U.S. market last year, compared with 19 percent for the Xbox and 14 percent for Nintendo's GameCube, according to JupiterResearch.  
Nintendo, too, has a new console coming out next year, dubbed "Revolution."  
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### How to get an Xbox 360

- Best Buy:** Opens at 9 a.m. First-come, first-served. No vouchers.
- Costco:** Opens at 10 a.m. First-come, first-served. No vouchers.
- Fred Meyer:** Opens at 7 a.m. First-come, first-served. Line to form at designated door, and vouchers will be distributed.
- GameStop:** Opened at midnight Monday. All systems spoken for.
- Hastings:** Opens at 9 a.m. All systems spoken for. Discount coupons available for Xbox 360 games.
- Kmart:** Did not receive shipment.
- ShopKo:** Did not receive shipment.
- Target:** Opens at 8 a.m. Vouchers to be distributed as early as 7 a.m.
- Wal-Mart:** Open 24 hours. All systems spoken for. Can sign up for future shipments.

**XBOX 360**

**With a limited supply in stock, Target will hand out vouchers today for the Xbox 360 gaming system. Prices ranging from \$299 for the basic model to \$399 with all the bells and whistles. Target Manager Greg Cordero says, 'First-come, first-served.'**

## Mall hostages talk shooter down

**The Associated Press**  
**TACOMA, Wash. (AP)** — After hours as a hostage in a suburban shopping mall, Jon Black saw the distraught young gunman working the action of his assault rifle.  
"I was thinking, 'Oh, he's either flipped — or we're getting out of here,'" Black recalled Monday.  
Then the gunman, with tears in his eyes and the look of "a scared kid," removed the clip and emptied the chamber. Black and another Army man Joe Hudson, stepped in to help end the ordeal.  
"That's when me and Joe went forward and helped him do the rest — take the weapons away from him, put them off to the side," Black said. "Me and Joe stayed with him, talked to him, and then walked him out."  
It was the end of a shooting rampage that erupted Sunday



Jon Black, left, stands with his wife Desiree, and talks Monday about being held hostage by Dominick Maldonado in the Tacoma Mall.  
during a busy shopping weekend at the Tacoma Mall, leaving six people wounded, one critically.  
Dominick Sergio Maldonado, 20, of Tacoma, pleaded innocent Monday to charges of first-degree.  
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## Koppel approaches his final 'Nightline' deadline

**By Gail Shister Knight Ridder News Service**  
**WASHINGTON** — Ted Koppel will work for cookies.  
Not ordinary cookies, of course. Apricot-granola biscuits, from Starbucks. "Nightline" staffers slip him a couple late in the afternoon, as he waits for the Muse to appear and they begin to sweat.  
"I'd puts off writing his copy until the very last second," says executive producer Tom Beatty. "He has the slowest Muse we've ever seen. If we put a cookie in front of him, it seems to help."  
The sugar-fueled Koppel, 65, anchors his final "Nightline" today, bringing to a close a stellar run of 25 years with the late-night newsmagazine he helped launch as well as his 42-year career at ABC.  
It may also signal the end of serious, long-form journalism in late-night broadcast television.  
With NBC's Jay Leno and

CBS's David Letterman drawing younger, advertiser-friendly viewers, ABC's news division must prove to network owner Disney that it can serve to continue at 11:35 EST weeknights.  
It won't be easy. Had Disney had its way, Letterman would have taken over that real estate in 2002. But he turned down their secret offer, saying he didn't want to be known as the guy who replaced Ted Koppel.  
In an effort to keep the entertainment barbarians outside the gate, ABC News will launch a younger, faster, all-live "Nightline" on Nov. 28.  
Based in New York, it will feature multi-rep and multi-anchors — Cynthia McFadden, 49.  
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**TWIN FALLS FORECAST**

**Today:** Sunny, skies and warmer than normal temperatures. Highs in the lower 50s.  
**Tonight:** Clear, dry and cool. Lows in the middle 20s.  
**Tomorrow:** High pressure keeps conditions mild, sunny and dry. Highs, middle 50s.

**BURLEUP/RUPERT FORECAST**

**Today:** Possible morning fog, otherwise mostly sunny, mild and very nice. Highs in the lower 50s.  
**Tonight:** Patchy fog possible, otherwise mostly clear. Lows low 20s.  
**Tomorrow:** Partly cloudy and mild. Highs in the middle 50s.

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
 Valley fog will continue to be possible for the next few nights and early mornings. Otherwise, skies will be mostly sunny and temperatures will be mild.

**BOISE**

**Today:** Sunny 60 to 80  
**Tomorrow:** Sunny 60 to 80  
**Day after:** Sunny 60 to 80  
**Next 5 days:** Sunny 60 to 80

**NORTHERN UTAH**

Mild, mostly sunny days and clear, cool nights will be the rule of thumb through Thanksgiving. This weekend also looks to be mild.

**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunny skies and mild temperatures	A clear and cool night	A terrific day for Thanksgiving	A mostly sunny and mild Thanksgiving	Continued dry with increasing clouds	Partly to mostly cloudy
High 53	Low 24	55 / 25	54 / 23	56 / 25	52 / 27

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's Low: 20	Month to Date: 0.45"	Yesterday's Minimum: 4%	Yesterday: 30.7 in	Wednesday Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 5:09 PM
Record High: 87 in 1964	Year to Date: 0.85"	Today's Maximum: 31%	Today: 30.7 in	Thursday Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 5:09 PM
Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 pm yesterday				Friday Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 5:06 PM

**Moon Phases**

Last Day	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15
Nov 22	Full	Waxing Gibbous	Full

**Moonrise and Moonset**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Moonrise: 4:27 PM	Moonrise: 4:27 PM	Moonrise: 4:27 PM
Moonset: 1:27 PM	Moonset: 1:27 PM	Moonset: 1:27 PM

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**REGIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	53-73	54-74	55-75
Idaho Falls	51-71	52-72	53-73
Pocatello	50-70	51-71	52-72
Rupert	52-72	53-73	54-74
Twin Falls	53-73	54-74	55-75

**NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Atlanta	51-61	52-62	53-63
Boston	42-52	43-53	44-54
Chicago	44-54	45-55	46-56
Denver	42-52	43-53	44-54
Houston	68-78	69-79	70-80
Los Angeles	68-78	69-79	70-80
Miami	78-88	79-89	80-90
New York	44-54	45-55	46-56
San Francisco	54-64	55-65	56-66
Seattle	44-54	45-55	46-56
Washington DC	44-54	45-55	46-56

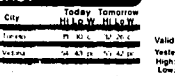
**WORLD FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
London	44-54	45-55	46-56
Paris	44-54	45-55	46-56
Tokyo	54-64	55-65	56-66
Sydney	64-74	65-75	66-76
Auckland	74-84	75-85	76-86
Wellington	74-84	75-85	76-86
Christchurch	74-84	75-85	76-86
Dunedin	74-84	75-85	76-86
Hamilton	74-84	75-85	76-86
Wellington	74-84	75-85	76-86
Christchurch	74-84	75-85	76-86
Dunedin	74-84	75-85	76-86
Hamilton	74-84	75-85	76-86

**CANADIAN FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	44-54	45-55
Edmonton	44-54	45-55
Regina	44-54	45-55
Saskatoon	44-54	45-55
Winnipeg	44-54	45-55

**TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP**



**FRONTS**



**OREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"It is a waste of energy to be angry with a man who behaves badly, just as it is to be angry with a car that won't go."  
 — Ben Franklin

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**Shooting**

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 gresssual, kidnapping and unlawful firearm possession. He was ordered held on \$2 million bail after his hearing in Pierce County Superior Court.

Authorities said a police dispatcher received a call seconds before the shooting began, saying "there was a shooting about to start. To find him, the male caller said, police should "just follow the screams."

Plans for making bonitas and the woman may be later found in Maldonado's room, prosecutors said. In charging documents released just before the initial court appearance, prosecutors said Maldonado denied intending to actually shoot anyone, but was trying to draw media attention. Deputy Prosecutor Phil Sorenson said he doubted that story.

"I'm surprised we're not looking at multiple fatalities," Sorenson said after Monday's court hearing. "I don't believe he was trying to injure anybody."  
 Defense lawyer Sverre Sausrud said he was eager to find out what he and Maldonado told to the mall with guns.

"The thing to try to figure out here is, how does an otherwise attractive young man, 20 years old, end up on a Sunday after a mall with a gun? Something like this has got to have a genesis," Sausrud said.

According to court documents, Maldonado told detectives he had been humiliated during a difficult childhood and that recent problems made him want to "hate" anyone. A text message to an ex-girlfriend minutes before the rampage said he was about to shoot the woman he loved.

Of the six people wounded in Sunday's attack, only one remained in the hospital Monday afternoon, police said. Two others were in critical condition, and four individuals were taken to hospital prosecutors said.

Police said Maldonado fired more than 20 shots. He surrendered to law enforcement after ducking into a music store and taking the hostages, all of whom were released unharmed, authorities said.

One hostage, a boy about 10 years old, was released early in the standoff. Two music store employees — Hudson and Katherine Higgins — and Black remained for hours, talking with Maldonado and attempting to

get him to surrender. "The look in his eyes toward the end was a scared kid," said Black, 32, an active duty Army soldier. "He had tears in his eyes when we were taking the weapons away from him and he was in tears as we were taking him out."

Black also gave credit to Higgins and Hudson for helping to calm the gunman and end the standoff peacefully. Court papers said Hudson, who had served as an Army medic in Iraq, told police "that he was more frightened inside the store than he ever was in Iraq."

Theresa Robinson, 20, Maldonado's former girlfriend, said in an interview broadcast Monday on ABC's "Good Morning America" that she sent her a text message shortly before the mall reading "Today is the day that the world will know my anger."

"I think honestly that he just wanted attention. It's the sick attention that he wanted," Robinson told ABC. She said they broke up months earlier "because of an issue with a drug."

Theresa Robinson, 47, of Tacoma, said she thought the message was just an attempt to get attention. But Robinson never doubted the violent implications.

"When she got the message, she freaked out and took it very seriously," Simon told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from her home Monday. "And then when she heard about the shooting, she knew in an instant that it was him."

Later, Robinson got a call from Maldonado at the mall during the hostage standoff. "He just said, 'Well, I just shot up the mall, and I'm busy now. I'm still in the Sam Goody,'" Simon said.

The youths dated for a time, but Simon said her daughter ended the relationship when Maldonado's behavior began to change, she said. Maldonado was charged with eight counts of assault, four counts of kidnapping and two counts of unlawful possession of a firearm.

**Koppel**

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 Jerry Moran, 45, and Martin Bashir, 42, best known for his BBC interview with Michael Jackson in '04.

"I can fully understand why ABC News' president David Weston might be salivating a little at the notion of putting younger, cheaper, more ambitious anchors into that job," Koppel says. "They're going to work five days a week, and do it for a lot less money than I cost."

Koppel makes an estimated \$10 million a year. As part of his last contract, in 2004, he cut his workload to three nights a week. He stopped going live every night in '93.

"I'm still just as eager to cover

a good story as I ever was," he says. "I'm just not as eager to work 14-hour days, five to six days a week, as I was when I was 40."

Bettag, 61, Koppel's best buddy and tennis partner, will leave with him. Industry buzz says they'll produce documentaries for HBO.

With NBC's Tom Brokaw, ABC's Peter Jennings, and CBS' Dan Rather all gone from their anchor desks after more than 20 years, many are trumpeting Koppel's exit as the end of an era. He doesn't see it that way.

"All this hair-pulling and chest-thumping is silly. I remember when Jennings, Brokaw and Rather started, people said young pretty boys were taking

over from serious old newsmen. "That's what happens. Serious, old newsmen give way. I fully expect some really powerful personalities will emerge. It's just the end of one era and the beginning of another one."

Koppel says he has faith in Disney's commitment to "Nightline." If the broadcast maintains its editorial standards, he says, it will survive.

Still, some critics argue that "Nightline" no longer commands the respect it once did. Under the leadership of executive producer Steve Kroll, the show has lost its relevance in a world of 24/7 cable news and the Internet. Nielsen figures support that argument. "Nightline" averages 3.5 million viewers, down from 3 million in 2000-01 and 3 million from 1992-93.

**Sempra**

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 as the proposed Sempra plant. Its proposal was not adopted by county voters and is unlikely to be held by the legislature. In July's story in The Times-News, Stennett also said Idaho statutes allow for joint planning and zoning commissions.

"There is an ability to form a joint agreement between counties," Stennett said. Joint committees have been formed in siting landfills, Stennett said. The project also has been used to encourage cooperation between government entities over 911 dispatch services, he said.

The group Monday night did

not talk about advocating for a joint planning and zoning commission.

Joe Buschetti, a retired power plant engineer, said Sempra's offer for jobs and tax revenues, "in return giving them the legal right to pollute what we have here." He said the plant will produce 21 million tons of pollutants.

"Burning millions of tons of coal each year will produce a staggering amount of pollutants in our air and in our water," he said. In addition to Black, Neuh and Buschetti, other members of the group are Dr. David McClusky, Dr. Harry Brumback, veterinarian Dr. Charles Lenaker, attorney Mick Hodges, former Twin Falls

Mayor Gale Kleinkopf, retired banker David Mead and Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls.

Sharon Block told The Times-News after the meeting that the group is trying mainly at this point to inform and involve the public. She said lawmakers are discussing legislation that could allow 21 million tons of pollutants in the regulatory process.

Block said she favors balanced development, but "this project is not balanced. The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has no oversight or regulation over these plants," she said. "I think Idaho should be controlling our own destiny for the state."

**XBox**

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 Each console maker knows that new hardware cycle levels the playing field, at least temporarily. And they know that enthusiasts like Aquire determine whether their wares will get off to a fast start.

There are the ones who'll drop coins on the Xbox 360, or \$299 for the stripped-down Xbox 360 Core. (The former includes a wireless controller and 20-gigabyte drive.)

"It's pretty much the hardcore enthusiast crowd that will go for it this holiday season," said David Gole, an analyst with video game research firm IDC, in California.

"It's always exciting when a new system comes out," said Aguirre, a 36-year-old carpenter who lives in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood. "You get

ways to see what they really make better, and they always make me love them more."

The new crop of consoles goes beyond gaming, featuring music, movie and photo capabilities. But for gamers, what counts is that they have more computing power, which makes for splashier games with sharper graphics.

"It looks pretty crisp, pretty real," said Kevin Smith as he watched another GameStop customer, Ambrose Jackson, play an Xbox 360 demo model.

On the screen before Jackson, soldiers shoot it out in a desert setting in "Call of Duty 2." Smith pointed at wafing smoke.

"The smoke effect is great," he said. "It's just like the real thing. It takes a while for it to disappear."

Smith, a 22-year-old box store at UPS, said the new Xbox's controller is better, too —

less clunky than the current version. "It's much sleeker," said Smith, who lives in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood. "And I like the response I get from it."

Smith has already ordered an Xbox 360 and he says he'll buy a PlayStation 3 too.

But Jackson is going to stick with Sony. "Xbox 360 is cool and all," he said to be blasted away on "Call of Duty 2." "But I'm going to be really hyped when PS3 comes out."

A 23-year-old student at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Jackson has about \$2 billion in U.S. sales, according to Jupiter. Second, gaming is important for Microsoft's goal of becoming a hub for home entertainment, said Chris Kvasik, an analyst at Susquehanna Financial Group in Pennsylvania. "They own the PC, but they have to get into consumer electronics."

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WORLD

# Sharon's departure from Likud party shakes Israel's landscape

Knight Ridder News Service

**JERUSALEM** — With his dramatic decision to hold the right-of-center Likud Party he co-founded in 1978, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon chose the riskiest of the difficult options open to him after his ruling coalition fell apart this week.

His choice has strong overtones of the recent Gaza pullout, in which Sharon, an architect of the settlement movement, turned around and ordered set-

lements removed. First he builds it. Then he tears it down. You could call it Sharon's leitmotif.

Sharon's main political problem is that while he is hugely popular in Israel, there is a hard-line faction within his party that feels betrayed by the Gaza pull-out and has obstructed Sharon's ability to govern.

The unprecedented events playing out this week are the culmination of the months of tension between Sharon and his

own party. Faced with the choice between running again as head of Likud and likely winning but getting nowhere with his agenda because of internal opposition, or risking everything on a new party with the chance to achieve his goals, Sharon opted for the latter course.

"That's an interesting choice. It means the substance is more important to him than the politics," said Yair Hirschfeld, an initiator of the first back-chan-

nel, Israeli-Palestinian contacts in the 1980s that eventually led to the interim peace agreement known as the Oslo Accords.

And the substance of what Sharon wants to achieve, Hirschfeld said, is nothing less than the ultimate definition of Israel's future borders, either through negotiations with the Palestinians or through unilateral moves.

Sharon's flight from the Likud comes as a shock because there is a whole generation of Israelis

who do not know an Israel without the party said Israeli author and political commentator Tom Segev. "Now that it is broken up it is a dramatic moment. It's an earthquake, a tsunami, all of those things, and it has an element of daddy leaving home," Segev said.

Now 77, Sharon spent years as a military technician. On Monday he proved again that as he has gotten older, he has also gotten bolder.

Never one to play defense, the

man nicknamed "the bulldozer" charged ahead with a beaming smile, sweeping aside the traditional rules of the game by founding a new, centrist "National Responsibility" party that will test the sentiments of the Israeli electorate in snap elections that will take place no later than mid-March.

Sharon's new party is expected to be made up of about a dozen breakaway members of Likud, including prominent Finance Minister Ehud Olmert.

## Bush wraps up Asia trip with taste of Mongolia

The Washington Post

**ULAN BATOR, Mongolia** — No wonder President Bush wants the Mongolians to stay in his coalition in Iraq, even though the fierce-looking, armor-clad, horseback-riding Mongol warriors who greeted him on Monday.

Bush visited this country, the home of Genghis Khan, on his way home from a week-long trip to Asia to thank the government here for maintaining a military contingent of about 130 men in Iraq. He became the first American president to visit Mongolia and probably the first to drink fermented mare's milk in a felt tent guarded by the latter-day Golden Horde and a herd of camels and yaks.

"Really special," the president said after examining the yaks.

"Really special."

He offered no assessment of the fermented mare's milk. With this unlikely stop, Bush showed the world just about anywhere to enlist or retain partners in his shrinking coalition of the willing. The president received a warm welcome here, days after the South Korean government embarrassed him during his visit by announcing the withdrawal of one-third of its forces from Iraq.

"The Mongolian armed forces are serving the cause of freedom and the United States forces are proud to serve beside such fearless warriors," Bush said in a speech at the government headquarters in Ulan Bator, the Mongolian capital. He cited the country's embrace of democracy 15 years ago, when its communist government was overthrown. "Now because of the courage of Mongolian and coalition forces, the people of Iraq know this feeling as well."

While Mongolia's troop deployment in Iraq is small, State House officials were quick to point out that in terms of its deployment as a share of its population, the country ranks just behind Britain and Denmark.

Bush praised two Mongolian soldiers who shot a would-be suicide bomber trying to ram a truck full of explosives into a military base in Iraq.

After his four-nation trip, Bush returned to Washington on Monday night.

Mongolia, sandwiched between Russia and China, is remote, with steep, jagged mountains and the Gobi Desert, far from the byways of global politics. It is slightly smaller in area than Alaska, but with a population of 2.8 million, it is the least densely populated nation in the world. Many Mongolians are farmers and semi-nomadic herders.

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# U.S. troops mistakenly kill Iraqi civilians

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. forces mistakenly killed an civilian vehicle outside an American base in a city north of Baghdad on Monday, killing three people, including a child, the military said.

Iraq's foreign minister, meanwhile, was quoted as saying that tests were under way to determine whether the leader of al-Qaida's wing in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was killed in a weekend raid in Mosul. The U.S. ambassador, however, said it appeared al-Zarqawi was not among the dead.

In the largely Shiite southern city of Basra, insurgents killed a Sunni cleric, Khalil Ibrahim, outside his home, police Capt. Muehri Tabb said. Ibrahim was a member of the Association of Muslim Scholars, a group of influential Sunni clerics that has been sharply critical of the Shiite-led government.

In the shooting of the three civilians, a U.S. soldier thought the vehicle was moving erratically outside the base in Baquba and fired warning shots, said Maj. Steven Warren, a U.S. spokesman.



A hooded Iraqi policeman secures the area in front of a burned truck in Baghdad on Monday. According to Iraqi police the truck was carrying equipment for the U.S. forces when it was hit by a roadside bomb. Nobody was killed in this particular attack.

"It was one of these regrettable tragic incidents," Warren said.

Dr. Ahmed Fouad of the city morgue and police officials gave a higher death toll, saying five people driving home from a relative's funeral had been killed, including three children.

than 150 people in the last four days.

In the nearby city of Irbil, four policemen were killed and another wounded by gunmen, police Lt. Ali Hussein said.

Earlier Monday U.S. forces left a house in the northern city of Mosul where eight suspected al-Qaida members died in a weekend gunfight, and the White House said it was "highly unlikely" that al-Zarqawi was among the dead.

During the intense gunbattle with suspected al-Qaida members in Mosul on Saturday, three insurgents detonated explosives and killed themselves to avoid capture, Iraqi officials said. Eleven Americans were wounded. The U.S. military said.

On Saturday, police Brig. Gen. Said Ahmed al-Haboub said the raid was launched after a tip that top al-Qaida operatives, possibly including al-Zarqawi, were in the two-story house.

However, Brent Duffy, a White House spokesman, said Sunday that reports of al-Zarqawi's death were "highly unlikely and not credible."

"Unfortunately, we did not get

him in Mosul," said U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, answering questions from reporters about whether al-Zarqawi had been killed in Mosul. Lt. Col. Barry Johnson, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, said there was "no indication" the terror leader had been killed.

However, Foreign Minister Iyad Zuhairi told Jordan's official Petra news agency during a visit to Moscow that authorities were testing DNA samples from several corpses of insurgents killed in a weekend gunfight in Mosul.

"American and Iraqi forces are investigating the possibility that Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's corpse is among the bodies of some terrorists who died in the special military operation in Mosul," he said, according to Petra.

In Mosul, Shaiwan Fadhil Ali, who lives near the scene of the raid, said eight Arabs — four men, a woman and a child — had been living quietly there since last year.

"They might have been Syrians or Jordanians but not Iraqis," he said.

# Japanese probe will try landing on asteroid again after aborted attempt

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese space probe is heading back toward an asteroid for a second landing attempt after failing to touch down over the weekend, officials said Monday.

Communications between the Hayabusa probe and Japan's space agency, JAXA, have returned to normal after the vessel unexpectedly stopped short of the asteroid and lost contact with ground control Sunday, the officials said.

The probe is on a mission to land briefly on the asteroid Itokawa, which is about 2,300 feet long and 1,000 feet wide and located almost 180 million miles from Earth. The spacecraft will then collect material and return to Earth.

Officials Tuesday will analyze data transmitted by the spacecraft to find out what went wrong over the weekend. A second landing attempt is planned for as early as Friday, JAXA spokesman Toshitsugu

Horiguchi said.

On Sunday, the probe dropped a small object as a touchdown target from 130 feet above the asteroid and then descended to 56 feet, according to JAXA.

At that point, ground control lost contact with the probe for about three hours, JAXA officials said.

"We're not so discouraged," JAXA Associate Executive Director Yasunori Matogawa said. "The fact that the probe went so close to itself is a major achievement, and it also showed we've overcome the past problems."

The probe's current distance from the asteroid was not immediately known, Horiguchi said. Officials said earlier the probe was believed to have retreated as far as 62 miles from the asteroid.

The Hayabusa mission has been troubled by a series of glitches.

A rehearsal earlier this month

was aborted when the probe had trouble finding a landing spot and a small robotic lander deployed from the probe was lost. Hayabusa also suffered a problem with one of its three gyroscopes, which has since been repaired.

Hayabusa was launched in May 2003 and has until early December before it must leave orbit and begin its journey home. It is expected to return to Earth and land in the Australian Outback in June 2007.

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## EDITORIAL

### Start conserving before water supply evaporates

It's been a straightforward equation for Magic Valley municipalities over the past 100 years:

Dig a deep enough hole and find a long enough drinking straw, and you'll get all the water you need. Not anymore. Even southern Idaho cities that still have a relative abundance of water supplies — Buhl, Filer and Wendell, to name three — would be foolish to assume that's going to be the case in the foreseeable future.

They need look no farther than Twin Falls, which is awash in growth, and Rupert, which isn't.

It was only a couple of years ago that Twin Falls city officials believed they would have a dependable municipal water supply well into the second decade of the 21st century. But that was before a fifth and then a sixth year of drought across southern Idaho — and new concerns about federal regulation of the relatively high levels of arsenic in the city's water supply. Now projections are for water shortages within five years.

Rupert, located in the heart of groundwater-pumping country, isn't facing a timetable quite that dire, but it is dealing with the fact that city residents haven't adjusted their usage patterns to reflect the new realities of water supply in Minidoka County.

It's not difficult to foresee the same thing happening to smaller communities on the south side of the Snake River, where water supplies are drier. Water usage in Buhl, which still allows lawn sprinkling on demand because it would be the practice for city residents who work in Twin Falls to come all the way

home during the day to turn off their faucets, continues to rise, as it does in Filer and Kimberly. Factor in three or four more dry years, and all three communities could be facing a water crisis and the aquifers continue to shrink.

The tried-and-true virtues about water usage in southern Idaho just don't apply any more. Now it's every-

body's

problem. Complicating matters is the ongoing legal argument over how scarce water supplies should be managed. Fifth District Judge Barry Wood's ruling earlier this month that challenged

**Our view: Magic Valley towns with a promising water outlook should revisit their conservation strategies. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

the basis for the Idaho Department of Water Resources' handling of the water dispute between Hagerman Valley fish producers and groundwater pumpers could potentially have widespread ramifications for anyone — farmer or municipality — who relies on wells.

The smart approach for small towns, we think, is the one that Kimberly is taking. Kimberly finds itself in a box — rapid growth and limited water supplies — so it's considering measures such as pressurized irrigation so that residents can water their lawns with canal water.

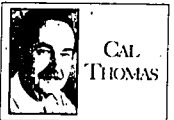
Other Magic Valley cities, including Twin Falls, use pressurized irrigation to some extent, but that single step could put Kimberly ahead of the curve when it comes to staving off a future water crisis.

The new reality of life in south-central Idaho, is that nobody can make comfortable assumptions anymore about whether there's going to be enough water available to cities in five years or 10. The party's over.

It's time we all took a sobering look at using municipal water wisely.

## Sounding the trumpet of retreat

We now have a legitimate comparison between the Vietnam War and what is taking place in Iraq. That comparison was summed up nicely in a Wall Street Journal editorial last Friday about the untimely call by Rep. John Murtha, Pennsylvania Democrat and decorated Vietnam veteran, for the withdrawal of American forces from Iraq. The Journal recalled a comment made to historian Stanley Karnow in a 1990 interview by North Vietnamese General Vo Nguyen Giap: "We are not strong enough to drive out a half million American troops, but that wasn't our aim. Our intention was to break the will of the American forces and to continue the war."



CAL THOMAS

Vietnam and Iraq are significantly different, but Iraq could resemble Vietnam, if Murtha's advice is taken. We lost the war in Vietnam when we lost our will and failed to implement a plan for victory. There were no lasting negative effects on the United States. We lost a war in Vietnam when we lost our will and failed to implement a plan for victory. There were no lasting negative effects on the United States. We lost a war in Vietnam when we lost our will and failed to implement a plan for victory. There were no lasting negative effects on the United States.

If we lose the peace in Iraq, it will strengthen the resolve of the terrorists to commit new atrocities, possibly again on our own soil. It would be nice if Murtha and others who have called for a fast pullout would say what they believe will be achieved. Do they foolishly believe we can win, or are they just our hands of the metaphor and not attacked again? One indication that Murtha's comments can only encourage



the enemy not to quit is that they flashed around the Arab world on al-Jazeera TV within moments of his making them. What must Abu Mousab al-Zarqawi, head of al-Qaida in Iraq, and Osama bin Laden think of this? Just that their prophecy is coming true: America doesn't have the stomach for war and if the terrorists can hold us off for a while, we will give up.

Those who would impose a timetable rather than seek victory have an obligation to say what they believe will follow precipitous withdrawal. If it's disaster for the Iraqis and for us, will they take full responsibility? Quitting before a stable democracy and self-sufficient Iraqi military is in place isn't a strategy. It is surrender. Some of the same House Democrats calling for a pullout didn't have the guts to vote on a House resolution proposing exactly that course of action. The GOP majority forced an on-the-record vote last week. Rather than voting their support, "consciences," most Democrats ran for cover and voted against the measure, which was defeated 403-3. Democrats, who have

been playing nothing but politics since President Bush's approval numbers began to sink, accuse Republicans of playing politics. No they don't. Republicans simply gave Democrats an opportunity to put their votes where their mouths have been. That they didn't do so exposes their political motives.

The biggest turncoat is former President Bill Clinton, who not only spoke out against the war and a sitting president, but also did it on Arab soil. He's usual. Clinton tried to have it both ways, telling students at the American University in Dubai, it's a "good thing," Saddam is gone, "but I don't agree with what was done." Does Clinton think his former president and countless resolutions would have done the job? He didn't when he was president. On Oct. 31, 1998, President Clinton signed the Iraq Liberation Act, saying, "The United States favors an Iraq that offers its people freedom at home. I categorically reject arguments that this is unattainable due to Iraq's history or its ethnic or sectarian makeup. Iraqis de-

serve and desire freedom like everyone else."

It sounds like President Bush, who has adopted similar language. The hypocrisy of it all has escaped Bush-bashing Democrats.

Iraq isn't a political heanbag. This is a world war, the results of which can only end in defeat for one side. There is no "cutting home" from this war. We are engaged whether we like it or not. Religious fanatics aren't going to participate in a U.S.S. Missouri moment, signing documents of surrender. They must be crushed and demoralized so that they will have no hope in this life or the next of achieving their dreams of a worldwide caliphate. Those are the stakes. Democrats had better ask themselves whether politics or national survival means more to them and what actions they will take to help or harm America and our troops.

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## Others besides Howard deserve credit

In a recent editorial, your newspaper discusses the perceived contributions of Marilyn Howard to the education of Idaho's schoolchildren. As one who has been involved in education throughout my adult life, I appreciate and support any and all efforts made that improve education opportunities for our children. However, there is something of a revisionist history in your commentary.

While Dr. Howard certainly deserves credit for her tenure as superintendent of public instruction, there are plenty of others who pushed to improve education in Idaho, rather than endorse the status quo. Those improvement efforts started well before Dr. Howard took office in 1999, and the names behind those efforts include Fred Tilman, Jack Barrocalough, Tom Lama, Darrell Deide and more.

In 1997, business leaders approached the Legislature and asked for measures that would improve education outcomes in Idaho. Boise Rep. Fred Tilman, then House Education Committee chairman, accepted the challenge and was named in charge of education reform. His efforts are directly responsible for implementation of state

### READER COMMENT

Randy Thompson

education standards, school choice and the beginnings of the state accountability plan. Because of his leadership, we began developing its accountability plan prior to the passage of No Child Left Behind.

Rep. Tilman and a number of other legislators, including Sen. Darrell Deide of Caldwell, were involved in developing the Idaho Reading Indicator. That happened in 1998, before Dr. Howard took office. Gov. Kempthorne endorsed the reading initiative and signed it into law.

In 1999, at the direction of the Legislature, the State Board of Education formed the State Accountability Commission. Tom Lama, now a candidate for superintendent of public instruction, chaired this commission, which included citizens such as Ken Sheppard from Idaho Falls, Karen Vauk from Boise, Professor Tom Bitterwolf from Moscow and a number of other dedicated Idahoans. These individuals volunteered hundreds of hours

to this effort. Because of their work, Idaho parents and children now enjoy the benefits of the Achievement Standards and the ISAT.

In 2002, as the state was creating a response to the challenges of No Child Left Behind, Rep. Jack Barrocalough, the new House Education chairman, took the lead as the Legislature grappled with formalizing accountability standards, high school graduation requirements and improving school choice legislation.

Because of his efforts, the Legislature has adopted a state accountability plan that goes far beyond No Child Left Behind. It's a graduation standard that assures that all graduates of Idaho high schools have met a common set of education expectations.

From 2002 to 2004, Carrissa Moffat Miller and Bill Feltman, staff members at the Office of the State Board, spent literally thousands of hours, coordinating the efforts that brought together hundreds of Idaho educators to write items for our state tests, thus assuring that we had an accountability test that was written for Idaho students, by Idaho teachers that measured Idaho standards

In 2004, Gov. Kempthorne stepped forward to assure that school choice legislation was improved and expanded. Due to his leadership, we now have a charter school commission to provide consistency and guidance to Idaho charter schools.

But maybe even more important is the work of superintendents, principals and teachers throughout the state who have accepted the challenge of higher standards and expectations and are creating the components needed to help students meet those standards.

It is good to recognize the contributions of all the people who have made and continue to make the difference for public school children in Idaho. It would hope that the writers of editorials and stories in Idaho media will take the time to identify all the contributors and afford them the recognition they so rightfully deserve.

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## LETTER

### Sempra issue should go before voters

Citizens need the opportunity to vote on Sempra. I am writing to request the citizens of the Magic Valley to unite in our efforts to protect and preserve our community, resources, and quality of life by insisting that the Lett County commissioners grant voters the opportunity to referendum regarding the proposed coal-fired power plant in Jerome County. By doing this, the citizens who will be affected by this operation will have the opportunity to decide their own fate and vote whether or not we want this coal-fired power plant in our backyard.

This monumental decision should not be left in the hands of a few Jerome County commissioners. More than 30 days ago, I mailed Commissioner Lett and Commissioner Howell, asking for a referendum to allow the citizens the opportunity to make this decision.

Needless to say neither Charles Howell nor Veronica Lett found time in their civic schedule to respond to my request. Is this the same level of concern and commitment they have for the future of Lett County? I hope not. I hope it was just an oversight on their part.

Due to the enormous impact that this industry would bring to our community, we need to consider the legacy we want to leave for our children. I urge and challenge everyone who claims to maintain the quality of life in Lett County, the Magic Valley — our livelihood, water, and clean air — you must do everything you can to make an informed decision regarding Sempra.

To do this, the people need to unite and make their wishes known and honored by insisting on a referendum and the opportunity to decide the future for ourselves.

PANTHOMSON  
Jerome

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### Bush must start anew to be successful

After almost 60 years, a sergeant's cadence still resonates in memory: "It's mind over matter. I don't mind and you don't matter. Sound off!" President Roosevelt sounded off: "I announce that there must be no criticism of the president or that we are to stand by the president, right or wrong. It is not only unpatriotic and servile but it is morally treasonous to the American public."

His observation would equally apply to executives who say, "My country right or wrong." George White, jingoistic dingbats report to the FBI or Secret Ser-

vice letters to the editor or bumper stickers they find politically offensive. Crazed bosses fire employees for sporting "wrong" bumper sticker or sipping a "wrong" beer.

And more seriously, presidential personnel allegedly punished former diplomat Joseph Wilson by making known to the press that Wilson's wife was a secret agent of the CIA. Why? Because Wilson corrected the president for wrongly saying Saddam bought "Yellow Cake" from Niger, one of Bush's predetermined justifications to attack Iraq.

What should happen? The president should put aside all theatrical posturing, contrived by Machiavellian genius Karl Rove, clean house

and begin anew.

The could begin by distributing equally the burden of the Iraq war. After all, the honor and glory of fighting, bleeding and dying in Iraq goes to recent high school graduates, National Guards and reservists. Entirely too limited! Needed are more of private prep school student graduates and those of prestigious universities such as Yale, the home of presidents.

Another change would be to stop borrowing money from Communist China and others to finance the Iraq war, making us in the process a debtor nation. If we do not pay the debt now, our progeny will be paying the debt for generations to come.

Let's uphold immigration laws; close borders; bring jobs home; halt fuel gouging; stop "filing" Social Security; produce public health and prescription drug benefits; stop killing people and nations. "You're either with us or you're against us," give our warriors more than a bumper sticker plan. "When they stand up, we will stand down." Americans not mesmerized by capital's cadence do "mind" and do "matter" that government ignores the people's will, hides its agenda, black holes money and tries to demoralize and destroy those who shine light on its shame. Americans must sound off: one, two, three, four ... GRANT UPTAIN Hagerman



## LETTERS

### People need to weigh the risks, reject Sempra

**Of the people! By the people! For the people!**

These are wonderful words that speak volumes about our government system. It has worked (usually) for years and, prayerfully, it will continue to be so.

As time goes on, many of the people wonder whether those that sit on government seats (federal, state, city, etc.) really care about what this "motto" stands for. I have trusted this to be so, but as time goes on, I lose heart in our government.

I do believe that the "seats" are filled by the people. Are the government officials really of the people? My bigger question is: Are the government officials really for the people? I feel that if they are for the people, they would consider not just what the majority wants but, is this decision in everybody's best interests?

Consider the coal plant. Is this really in everybody's best interests? Or are you just greedily looking at the money this could generate for a short time? Is the money worth the long-lasting effects this plant would have on our environment (our agriculture and the people — your people)?

I feel that part of your job is to look out for your community's best interests. Kinda like a father or mother looking out for their children. Would you intentionally put your children in harm's way for the sake of generating a few more dollars? I pray that you are better parents than that.

If you decide to let Sempra come into our community, then this will speak volumes about where your heart really stands. It would reflect you are not for the people. I pray that you will care for this community like a parent cares for their children.

Please tell Sempra not!  
**CHERIE WELLS**  
Jerome

### Holiday shopping is about Christmas season

I am amazed that our stores in Twin Falls are giving in to a small group of minorities and want to change "Merry Christmas" to "Happy Holidays." It will always be Merry Christmas to me and, I am sure, others as well.

What has happened to our society to want to leave Christ out of our schools, government and now our holidays cannot be recognized with Christ in it?

We Christians should boycott these stores. I don't think these minority groups will keep them in business.

**JEAN E. FOSTER**  
Kimberly

### County spends tax funds in questionable manner

What happened to the day when a job with a fair employer at a fair wage was benefit enough and jail was jail?

Two issues became apparent at last week's Mindoka County commissioners meeting. The first being the floating paid day off and the second the money appropriated to reward good-

behaving inmates at the Mini-Cassia Detention Center.

First, kudos to Cassia County Commissioner Clay Handy. He represented the taxpayers there with level-headed judgment, recognizing that even 10 paid holidays is not status quo in the private sector and some in the public sector. As a taxpayer and business owner in this county, I cannot compete with county benefits but, moreover, I am concerned that the commissioner elected to represent Mindoka County citizens might be mispending tax dollars. Bottom line is county government services and efficiency is compromised and taxpayers' dollars are not appropriately used.

Second, it is my opinion that jail is called jail because that is what it is. It should not be a place where benefits are given to inmates because they follow the rules. I agree with prosecutor Jason Walker that many law-abiding, tax-paying people in this county cannot afford to see a movie with popcorn and pizza every Friday night. Is it prudent government that spends tax dollars to entertain people in jail because they behave? I don't think so. Even by their own admission, the commissioners agreed that it might not be the best use of tax dollars.

It seems to me that the commissioners need to be more accountable and better stewards of our money. These issues certainly beg the question as to how wisely the rest of our tax dollars are being spent.

**RICHARD SCHAFER**  
Rupert

## Who invented hockey?

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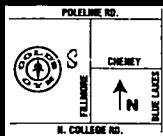
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# Bitterly divided Kenyans vote in referendum on draft constitution

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Kenyans voted Monday whether to approve a new constitution in a referendum officials said went relatively smoothly, despite minor clashes in Nairobi's largest slum and allegations of vote buying.

The draft charter had bitterly divided the nation and caused pre-election violence that killed seven people, leading election officials to deploy riot police to various parts of the country for the vote, including Nairobi's sprawling Kibera slum.

Kibera residents angry over the presence of the police chased officers out of the slum and attacked a truck driver they thought was ferrying stuffed ballot boxes. The man suffered minor wounds, but there were no immediate reports of other clashes in the country.

Jack Tunoi, a member of the Electoral Commission of Kenya, said officials received some reports of vote bribery. He declined to say what action was taken.

Police spokesman Jasper Ombati said in a statement late Monday that 20 people had been arrested in connection with different election offenses and police were continuing investigations.

In a country where a third of the citizens can't read, voters marked a banana for a "yes" vote and an orange for "no" vote.

Opponents of the constitution won two out of the first three constituencies announced late Monday according to first provi-

sional results announced by the chairman of the Electoral Commission of Kenya. Another 207 constituencies still have to report their results.

Both supporters and opponents of the proposed charter agree that Kenya needs a new constitution to curb decades of abuse of power by its leaders. But they have disagreed on the draft.

Critics argue it fails to curb presidential powers because it rejects proposals to share the executive authority between the

head of state, vice president, prime minister, the Cabinet and regional governments.

Some are also opposed to a provision that gives women the right to inherit family land, which critics say goes against the

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Supporters say the charter introduces land reforms, including banning foreigners from owning land and reducing the term for which foreigners can lease land — from 99 years to 99 years.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Wood River group will meet today

**SHIOHONE** — The Wood River Watershed Advisory Group will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. today at the Big Wood River Canal Co., 112 S. Apple St.

The local working group works with the Department of Environmental Quality to improve water quality on surface waters in the area.

### Judge will hear T.F. police case today

**BOISE** — A hearing to determine the employment status of three Twin Falls police officers is set for today in Jerome County 5th District Court.

The three officers — Cory Bannert, Thomas Fleming and Brad Vickhammer — were reinstated to the Twin Falls Police Department on Friday following issuance of a temporary restraining order that prohibits the city from terminating or enforcing termination of the three officers.

Their employment with the Twin Falls Police Department was originally ended Nov. 10, the same day they received written job offers from the Boise Police Department.

Bannert, Fleming and Vickhammer have filed court papers that allege their termination is in violation of city policy. Court documents filed by the city allege that the three had taken "abnormal" sick leave prior to Nov. 10.

The three officers are currently on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of court proceedings.

The matter is scheduled for 9 a.m. today before Judge John K. Butler.

### CSI tournament will collect food for needy

**TWIN FALLS** — Fans who come to this weekend's Wolverton Challenge men's and women's basketball tournament at the College of Southern Idaho are being asked for a donation to put in one of the bins that will be located in the CSI gym.

CSI residence assistants are gathering food and other donations to provide to a local family in need as commemorated by Valley House.

The collection will take place at games on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Donors will be entered in a raffle for a prize that will be awarded at the following weekend's home games.

For information about donations that can be made privately, call Brock Nelson at 260-0255.

### Salmon Falls docks pulled due to weather

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways Department has pulled the docks at the Salmon Falls Reservoir due to the weather.

For more information, call 734-9491.

### Bruneau observatory closed for season

**BRUNEAU** — The astronomical observatory at the Bruneau Dunes State Park is closed for the 2005 season. Public operations will resume in March 2006.

Future plans include offering additional public and private viewing nights and a variety of natural science daytime programs in the Steele-Reese classroom.

A complete schedule of programs, classes and events will be published in the spring.

— compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	30 Day Avg.	1 Year Avg.
Salmon	129%	109%
Big Wood	119%	177%
Little Wood	89%	111%
Big Lost	106%	155%
Little Lost	96%	161%
Henry's Fork/Teton	118%	177%
Jupiter Snake Basin	108%	176%
Galley	115%	125%
Salmon Falls	126%	176%

As of Nov. 21  
\*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average.  
\*\*An indicator of basin snowpack for the year.

# Planners look at dairy reporting

By Marie Michel  
For The Times-News

**BURLEY** — The Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission took a step back in its requirements for new dairies' waste management plans.

In October, the commission instituted a new requirement that dairies legally record contracts for land used in their waste management plans. At the time, commissioners thought the legal record would allow them to map what land was being used for waste management to prevent overloading. In addition, they

said the record would protect dairymen from having farmers sell land contracted for waste management, leaving the dairies without acreage to spread waste.

The record also would alert potential property owners that the land was contracted for that use, commissioners said.

However, at last week's regular zoning commission meeting, about a dozen dairymen and bankers told commissioners that legally recording the contracts would cause financial problems because doing so would effectively create a lien on the property.

"Farmers don't want to limit themselves by putting a lien on their property," said Russell Vessler of Big Sky Dairy of Gooding, which also has a dairy permit in Cassia County.

Such a lien prevents banks from giving a loan, two bankers told the commissioners, because it creates a prior circumstance on the property. County Administrator Kerry McMurray recommended that dairies be required to file the contracts with the planning office rather than legally record them.

"I don't think we need to have

a lien; we just need to know where the waste is being applied," he said.

After about 30 minutes of discussion, commissioners agreed with McMurray's recommendation. The vote was split: Commissioners Joyce Ward, Clayne Zollinger and Rod Lake voted in favor, Commissioners Dede Beck and Jim Grisetti abstained because they said they didn't understand the financial aspect, and Commissioners Jim Baskett and Rick Hawker were absent.

The dairymen also spoke with commissioners about concerns

over possible changes to animal densities in the proposed amendments to the Confined Animal Feeding Operation ordinance.

Commissioners say they plan to continue their discussion of the proposed changes to the ordinance on Dec. 1 at their next meeting.

Also at last week's meeting, commissioners gave tentative approval to a request for an extension of time for permitting Mountain View Dairy at 1300 S. 900th Ave.

The permit would allow a 9,500-head operation.

## RAISING RAMPS



Members of the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, from right, Bill Evans, Jim Ficker and Vaughn Phelps, build a wheelchair ramp Friday morning at a home on Jefferson Street in Twin Falls.

## T.F. man keeps busy by helping others get around

By Jani Whited  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — After retiring in 1992, Bill Evans said he needed something to take up his time.

He started by volunteering with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

when it got involved with renovating the Valley House, a transitional shelter for families.

He helped members build the first new building.

His community service ventures took off from there.

He was the job overseer at the new Twin Falls Senior Center and helped remodel United Way.

Through Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Magic Valley, A Faith in Action Program Inc., Evans also builds ramps for disabled people.

"He loves people," said Tracey Godby, director of IVC.

"He's never boastful, just a

### Have a need?

If you need a ramp, call Tracey Godby, director of Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Magic Valley, A Faith in Action Program Inc., at 733-6333

truly, truly caring man."

Evans had worked at Idaho Power and with the Bechtel Corporation. He helped with the Jim Bridger Power Plant and the Alaskan pipeline.

With all his experience, it was a natural fit to help with IVC and work with his church.

He has a makeshift shop at his home, where he makes the wooden pieces and then he gets people to help put the ramp together at an elderly or disabled person's home.

Sometimes he even uses men from the work center to help him.

One man he just wants to help his community," Godby said, "gives a wonderful man, very giving."

Even if IVC doesn't have enough money for a ramp, Godby said Evans will find the

materials needed.

"We wouldn't get half of the things done without Bill. He'll fix people's stairs, put traction on them, he's fixed rails ... I know he does stuff I don't know about."

— Tracey Godby, director of IVC

Evans has built about 100

## Carlson left his mark on Mini-Cassia

By Laurie Welch  
For The Times-News

**BURLEY** — One of the men who helped build Mini-Cassia has passed away at age 83.

Earl (Stub) Ben Carlson was born Jan. 29, 1922, in Salt Lake City. He spent his life building things out of wood. His love of the craft led him to build many of the landmark buildings and homes in the area and his intricate wood carvings can be seen throughout Mini-Cassia in private collections as well as on display in public buildings.

Carlson graduated from Burley High School with the class of 1940 and went on to serve his country in the National Guard during World War II in the Pacific Theater as a combat engineer.

After the war, Carlson and his late brother Vern formed a construction company and spent the next 30 years building many

of the homes on the west side of Burley as well as commercial buildings throughout the area.

His building credits include the original box factory, the Ore-Ida factory, the old Safeway building, now John's Market, the Coachman's Inn, later the site of the Ponderosa Inn, and the old Greenwell Motel, where Rita Aid now sits.

One of his most cherished works may be the carved wood monkey that holds open the door at the Burley Public Library. He also carved the 40-log display that was presented to a Boy Scout troop and is housed in the library. The display features 36 different kinds of wood.

"He was a big man with a heart as big as he was," says Carlson's adopted son, Larry. He was an inventor in his own right, and if he needed something special, he built it whether it was out of wood, metal or plastic."

Larry said his father took him and three sons on a trip and treated them like his own.

"We loved him as our dad from day one," he said. "All of us in the family have total respect for him. He was exceptionally loving and kind."

Caretaker and longtime friend Thomas Trau said he first met Carlson when he drove him home from the hospital. He said whenever he drove Carlson somewhere he always pointed out buildings that he helped build.

The pride was always evident in his voice.

"He was a real nice person," Trau said. "He was also very talented. He should have been an engineer."

Laurie Welch writes for the South Idaho Press. She can be reached at 677-8767 or by e-mail at luelch@southidahopress.com.

## Decorations delivered

### WWII veteran receives medals 60 years later

By Marie Michel  
For The Times-News

**BOISE** — Nine months after joining the National Guard, John "Boo" Firth found himself in a war in which a bullet parted his hair and he was burned alive.

After four years, seven months and 23 days in a grueling uniform, including three years overseas, he was discharged. He was in such a hurry to return to civilian life that the medals he earned but had never been given just didn't seem important.

"They said we could go over to the PX to buy them, but I wasn't my way out," Firth said. "We wanted to go home."

Sixty years after his World War II service, Firth can still rattle off his Army serial number without hesitation and remains firm enough to fit into his old uniform. Last week, he received the medals and ribbons he'd earned the night he swapped the American flag for a Green Beret with the American Campaign medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign medal with a bronze star and bronze arrowhead, the World War II Victory Medal, a Green Beret medal, a Philippine Liberation ribbon with two bronze stars and a rifle marksmanship ribbon.

The decorations were presented by Rep. John "Butt" Stevenson, Jr. Rupert, at Firth's home.

The presentation surprised Firth, who thought his children and grandchildren were going only to celebrate his 80th birthday. After the medals were presented, Firth's grandchildren sang "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"He never talked about the war," said Connie Smith, one of Firth's daughters. "It's only been in the last couple years that he's talked about it."

He began his career on March 3, 1941, as a private in the 22nd Infantry, 8th Airborne Division of the 11th Airborne Command and Control Group. He was discharged Oct. 26, 1945, with the rank of staff sergeant. During the invasion of the Philippines, he was assigned to the 11th Amphibious Tractor Company. He was among the first eight waves of assault and drove an amphibious truck to supply the troops with sea-powder, food and other supplies.

"I feel quite good about what our unit accomplished," Firth said.

## Road work will be suspended to accommodate holiday travelers

The Times-News

**SHIOHONE** — Following is the construction update for south-central Idaho for this week. Motorists are reminded to slow down on highway construction zones.

All work will be suspended Thursday through Sunday to accommodate holiday travelers.

**U.S. 93 Twin Falls Alternate Route Stage 1:** Utility trenching continues at the intersection of Pole Lane Road and Fillmore Street. Flagger will direct traffic through the intersection. Some lane closures should be expected along with delays of up to 10 minutes. The use of alternate routes is encouraged.

Crews are paving the new eastbound lanes from west of Grandview Drive to just west of

Washington Street. Aside from increased traffic, in the area, traffic impacts should be minimal.

Access to the south entrance of Grandview Drive from Pole Lane Road is closed. These closures will be in effect through the end of November during concrete paving. Motorists can access Grandview Drive by using North College Road and Falls Avenue.

**Idaho 77, Declin to Albion:** Roadwork reconstruction project begins five miles south of Declin and continues to Albion (mileposts 18-24). A width restriction of 12 feet is in effect. Any vehicles exceeding that will be required to detour using Idaho 81 from Declin to Malta, and then Idaho 77 from Malta to Albion.

Please see **ROADS**, Page B3

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Former auditor sentenced in insurance scheme

BOISE (AP) — A former auditor for Owyhee County who manipulated the county's payroll computer system to obtain dental coverage for her family members without paying premiums is going to jail.

Former Owyhee County Deputy Auditor Christina Agnew, 39, was sentenced Monday in 3rd District Court to

as long as five years in prison after pleading guilty in August to one felony count of computer crime.

But she won't have to serve much of the sentence.

Judge George M. Culet suspended all but 45 days and ordered her to pay restitution to the county.

Investigators for the Idaho

Department of Insurance and the Idaho attorney general's office said between March 2002 and May 2004, Agnew had entered false information into the county's computerized payroll system to illegally obtain dental insurance for family members who were not covered by her employee benefit plan.

Carson Warren McNutt Jr. of Heyburn, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Eagle Point VA Cemetery in Eagle Point, Ore. (Parks's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

William Edward Pederson Sr. of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Halley LIDS Church (Wood River Chapel).

Stuart L. Murrell of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 E. Ave. H, Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Lols Joy Erwin Riedeman of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Heather Kaylene (Caram) Condon of Lebanon, Mo., memorial service at 6 p.m. today at the First Assembly of God Church in Lebanon, Mo. (Winfield Funeral Home, Albion, Iowa).

Timothy Eugene Jones of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E.

John Franklin Molyneux of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m.

SERVICES

Wednesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Jeanne Kincheloe of Jerome, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Field Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln Jerome, one hour before the service at the church.

Peggy Lynn Willman (Zelmer) of Shoshone, memorial service and celebration of life at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Shoshone Senior Center.

Alan Schwendman at Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Rupert Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 324 E. 18th St., Rupert.

Visitation from 6 until 8 p.m. today at Bassussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

**Juana G. Estrella** — Juana G. Estrella, 31, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Nov. 11, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005, at St. Edward's Catholic Church, with Father John Koelsch officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

**Fred H. Jones** — Fred H. Jones, 67, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Nov. 20, 2005, at Cedar Draw Living Center in Filer.

Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

**Priscilla Hann** — Priscilla Hann, age 81, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Nov. 21, 2005, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

OBITUARIES

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

Charles Raymond Reis

BURLEY — Charles Raymond Reis, a 60-year-old resident of Burley, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005, at his home.

He was born Jan. 19, 1945, in Hawthorne, Nev., the son of Ralph Emmett and Mabel Olive Holden Reis. He attended elementary school in Hawthorne and graduated from Filer High School. Following graduation, he joined the United States Army. Upon his honorable release, he continued his military service with the National Guard.



Chuck Reis II, both of Burley; and Kellie Davis of Heyburn; his grandchildren, Logan J. Price and Kaitlyn Price, both of Burley (whom he raised as his own children) and Bill Lee Davis, serving our country in Iraq, and Maegan Davis of Heyburn; one brother, Gerald Reis of Twin Falls; and one sister, Peggy Huser of Sun Prairie, Wis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Francis F. Reis; two sisters, Marie Farnsworth and Connie McMahon; and a son-in-law, Mark Davis.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005, at Bassussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, with the Rev. David L. Powers officiating.

Arrangements and cremation have been entrusted to the care of Bassussen Funeral Home.

Chuck worked at Bryant's Meat Packing Company for more than 25 years and for the last 10 years has been the maintenance supervisor at Waldman in Burley.

He enjoyed life and enjoyed being around those he loved and who loved him. He lived a simple lifestyle, but was the most dedicated, hardworking man with great integrity. He

Francis H. 'Bob' Walker

HEYBURN — Francis H. "Bob" Walker, 76, peacefully passed away on Nov. 19, 2005, surrounded by his family that he loved and supported dearly.



He is survived by his wife, Parolee M. "Dixie" Walker, of 52 years.

Bob was born in Rupert, Idaho, in Vernal Craven and lived in Burley from March 28, 1929.

He grew up in Minidoka County, attended Rupert schools and graduated in 1947. He attended ISU for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Army in December of 1950. He served in Korea until November 1952. He retired from the National Guard as a master sergeant in 1980, serving 23 years. After working for 21 years for the State Department of Agriculture, Bob retired in 1988.

Bob was active in the National Guard and American Legion and he enjoyed farming, traveling, hunting, fishing

and motorcycling with his family.

Besides his wife, Bob is survived by a brother, Wallace O. Walker of Paul, Idaho; a sister, Loralee Anderson of Malla, Idaho; and his sons and daughter, Irvin R. Walker (Bonnie) of Casper, Wyo., Ricky L. Walker (Karan) of Coonk,

Wash., Iolyn R. Watson of Paul, Idaho, and Loren E. Walker (Amber) of Heyburn, Idaho.

Surviving grandchildren are Charles, Chester, Levi, Callic, Zackery, Dillon, Chalyce and Sydney; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will be holding a viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls. A graveside service with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005, at the Chapel Cemetery.

Bob and Dixie's son, Ricky Walker, will be the presiding minister.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations be given to the Rupert American Legion for the Rupert Cemetery Chapel Fund, through the D.L. Evans Bank (418 S. Oneida, Rupert, ID 83350). Bob passionately supported the proposal of building this chapel honoring veterans.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Morgan; her father, Jack Tiffany; her mother, Erma Gaster; a brother, Clyde and a sister, Lorrian.

Cremation is under the direction of White Mortuary & Crematory.

A memorial service will take place at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the Shilo Inn in Twin Falls, Room 10van falls A.

The family suggests memorials be made to the St. Luke's Mountain States Lumber House, 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

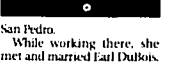
They lived in Lemita, Calif. After the war she worked at El Camino College until she retired at 65.

Zada is survived by her daughter, Lois Clifford (Jack) of Twin Falls; two grandchildren, Cathie Deltett (Dave) of Twin Falls and Linda Doss (Richard) of Little Rock, Calif.; four great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She will always be remembered in their hearts.

Zada's daughter and grandchildren would like to thank the staff at Sunridge Care and Rehabilitation for the loving care they gave her while she was there.

Zada DuBois



Zada DuBois died Nov. 17, 2005, at Sunridge in Twin Falls.

She was born in Albion, Idaho, on Christmas Day 1906 to Charles Henry Roper and Hope Wayne Dack Roper.

She was raised and went to school in Burley, Idaho.

Zada was the last of 11 siblings.

When she was 17 she went to California to live with her sister Ethel that.

While there, she met and married Everett (Pat) Murphy. Later they were divorced.

They had one daughter, Lois. During WWII she was a "Rosie the Riveter" and worked in the Ship Yards in

San Pedro.

While working there, she met and married Earl DuBois.

Wanda Lierman

ONTARIO, Ore. — Wanda Lierman, 93, passed away Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005, in her care home in Ontario, Ore.

Wanda was born Dec. 13, 1911, in Farnam, Neb. She grew up in Filer, Idaho.

Wanda married Ehardt Lierman in Clover, Idaho, in 1934.

Wanda is survived by a daughter, Lorene (Crick) Gary-

son of Weiser, Idaho, and two brothers, Kenneth Patterson, Twin Falls, Idaho, and Glen Patterson, Hubbard, Ore.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Alice Patterson; three sisters, Venita Jessen, Arthur Kibberell and Leona Jessen; three brothers, Clayton Patterson, Paul Patterson and Dale Patterson.

A memorial service will be

held in Reedsport, Ore., at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. Burial will be later in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lutheran Hour Ministries, 660 Mason Ridge Center, St. Louis, MO 63141.

Psalm 116: 115 Prayers in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

U.S. Highway 20 will get new interchanges

THORNTON (AP) — A highway popular with tourists wishing Yellowstone National Park will get two new interchanges as part of the state's 20-year plan to make roads safer.

Officials with the Idaho Transportation Department have announced the location of two interchanges to be built on U.S. 20 in eastern Idaho. They replace intersections that have led to five serious accidents between 1996 and 2000.

"The Thornton interchange will complement the commercial corridor in the area, said Madison County Commissioner Brooke Passy.

"The location was my choice, the one I've been supporting from the very start," he told the Post Register for a story published Monday.

With the decisions, the

Transportation Department can move forward with design plans for the interchanges.

"The public's been anxious to get the answers," said Cathy Koon, a Transportation Department spokeswoman.

Koon said a record number of people, more than 200, offered comments on the proposed interchanges. For some, the location could make or break their businesses.

"I'm just glad they're putting (the Thornton interchange) here," said cafe owner Mary Kay Na Farrer. "If it didn't come off (here), we'd be done."

A group of customers of her cafe, Thornton Merc, traditionally come from Highway 20 every Thursday. But Farrer wasn't sure the food would be worth an extra 15 miles of driving.

Val Moss, owner of Sheffield Hometown IV park and bed and

breakfast, said about 500 travelers pull off the highway to stay at his RV park during the summer.

"(The other location) would have wiped us out entirely," he said. "Ninety percent of our business would be gone."

But Farrer isn't the owner of Thornton Shell, will likely see business drop off as the new interchange will bypass his business by three-quarters of a mile. But he said the department's decision will help most people in the area, and that the majority of those he spoke with wanted the selected location.

The Menan-Lorenzo interchange will connect 700 North and Lattie Road. Construction is set for 2008. The Thornton interchange will be at 3300 W. and 4700 S. A starting date for that project hasn't been set.

East Idaho lawmaker says he will run for superintendent

POCATELLO (AP) — Bannock County lawmaker Bert Marley has announced plans to run for Idaho superintendent of public instruction, a position he is currently holding as legislative seal to seek statewide office.

Marley, a Democratic senator from McAdams, is one of five candidates vying to replace retiring superintendent Marilyn Howard. Hers is the only state post currently held by Democrats.

Schoolteacher, Marley will face off against Jana Jones, Howard's chief deputy in the Democratic primary next May.

"I've been on the ground in the classroom at Slark Valley High School for 23 years, as well as the Legislature, so that's what I'll be stressing," Marley told the Idaho State Journal on Monday. "But we don't want to attack each other because obviously the person that wins is the one we want as superintendent."

Howard has endorsed Jones, an Idaho Falls native who announced her candidacy on Oct. 27.

Marley has spent the past few weeks getting the backing of former governors Cecil Andrus and John Evans, Bethune Clark, widow of former Sen. Frank Church, is also supporting him.

Marley will begin his ninth year as a state legislator in January.

"You always want to do the best for the state, but you chiefly have to do what's best for your district," he said.

He said giving up his spot in the state legislature was a difficult decision.

"We would really hard to hold onto that seat and that is a concern, but I think we'll be fine," he said.

The Republican candidates are Nampa businessman Tom Luna, Rep. Steve Smylie of Boise and Coeur d'Alene High School Principal Steve Casey.

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# Charges dismissed against gang members

## Prosecutors need cooperation from victims to win

CALDWELL (AP) — Southern Idaho prosecutors have had a tough time putting suspected gang members from cities including Nampa and Caldwell behind bars because authorities have struggled to convince victims and witnesses to cooperate.

Case in point: Canyon County last week dismissed attempted murder charges against Michael Alfaro, a suspected Caldwell gang member accused of shooting a 20-year-old man in the leg and firing a bullet that grazed another man's head in a May 15 incident.

Ada County prosecutors have also dismissed charges against Martin Castillo, who police believe was Alfaro's accomplice.

In addition, murder charges against two additional suspected gang members, Ismael Ivo and Lucho Esparza, both of Caldwell, were dismissed in late August in part because prosecutor witnesses changed their testimonies in the trial

over the killing of 21-year-old Sigmund Gnoke.

Southern Idaho law enforcement agents who've grappled with escalating gang violence since 2004 are discovering something: police in larger cities such as Los Angeles have known for years: witnesses often fear retaliation for testifying against criminal organizations, which are well-organized, well-armed and difficult to infiltrate. And with gangs, sometimes members would prefer to meet out their own justice.

"It's incredibly frustrating to be in a situation where we can't go forward because we don't have the cooperation of people who were involved," said Canyon County Deputy Prosecutor Nicole Schaefer, who was styled in the Castillo case when the 20-year-old victim, whose name hasn't been released, refused to cooperate.

"The victim told the detective he was getting his life together and at this time he wasn't willing to help with the prosecution," Schaefer said. "In this case, the only thing we had putting a gun in his hand and shooting it" was the victim's testimony.

Despite the failure to prosecute many cases, federal agents

in Idaho have recently had some success in targeting gang members.

In early November, Richard Alaraz, 27, received a nine-year prison sentence after pleading guilty to drug and weapons charges. Alaraz claims to have helped found the "East Side Locos" gang, one of Caldwell's most notorious gangs.

These criminal justice victories are important in deterring gang activity, federal agents said following the sentencing in U.S. District Court in Boise.

"Hopefully, (the sentence) sends a shock wave through the gang community that even someone like Richard can be arrested and prosecuted and sent to a federal prison," said Mark Leiser, a leader of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agent, at the time.

Still, local law enforcement agents aiming to shut down gangs led their authority is undermined each time charges are dropped.

In November, when charges against Ivo and Esparza were dismissed on Aug. 31, the courtroom erupted in gleeful applause from supporters of the two men who were attending the hearing.

A string of failed prosecu-

tions is taking its toll: Dismissals of charges in high-profile cases have, at least in part, fueled frustration in the community over the way Young's office has handled criminal cases, and he's the target of a recall effort aiming to put the issue before Canyon County voters next year.

"If witnesses do not participate fully in the investigation and prosecution of a case, the case's strength and its likelihood for success are affected," according to 199 U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. report.

"Victim/witness intimidation also can damage the community's confidence in law enforcement."

Some Idaho police officers including Caldwell Police Chief Bob Sobba have said Young has been too quick to order deaths "in the full extent of the law" when evidence is pivotal.

"I am extremely proud of the fine men and women that have chosen to work in the Canyon County prosecutor's office," Young said in a statement last week responding to the recall effort, adding his staff prosecutes "to the fullest extent of the law" when evidence is pivotal.



John Pendergast, a climber for Running Tree Fire Hazard Reduction works his way up a ponderosa pine tree, during a thinning operation to remove unsafe limbs Sunday in Bend, Ore.

## Report details harmful effects of ocean noise

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Increasing levels of ocean noise generated by military sonar, shipping, and oil and gas exploration is threatening dolphins and whales that rely on sound for mating, finding food and avoiding predators, according to a new report.

The "Sounding the Depths II" report released Monday by the Natural Resources Defense Council found that ocean noise has impacts on marine life that range from long-term behavioral change to hearing loss, and death.

The 76-page report, a follow-up to a 1999 study, included details from necropsies performed on beached whales suspected of being exposed to U.S. Navy sonar.

Scientists who examined more than a dozen whales that beached in the Canary Islands in September 2002 found bleeding around the brain and ears and lesions in the animals' livers and kidneys.

"It is a set of symptoms that has never before been seen in marine mammals," said Michael Lasny, the report's principal author.

"That physical evidence has led scientists to understand that the sonar is injuring the whales in addition to causing them to strand."

Researchers believe that whales are suffering the same type of decompression sickness that is known as "the bends" among humans.

The leading theory is that sonar either causes them to panic and surface too quickly or forces them deeper before they can expel nitrogen, leading to nitrogen bubbles in the blood.

A federal probe into the mass stranding of 17 whales in the Bahamas in March 2000 cited the Navy's use of mid-frequency sonar as one of the contributing factors.

The NRCSD used the Navy last month in federal court in Los Angeles in an attempt to curb its use of mid-frequency sonar, which is the most common method of detecting enemy submarines. The environmental group wants limits on sonar during training exercises, not in war.

In the report released Monday, the NRCSD urged the National Marine Fisheries Service to better enforce the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act and suggested the service's funding should be increased.

The service should also require the Navy to obtain permits for its sonar exercises, according to the report.

A fisheries service spokeswoman said the agency had not seen the report and could not comment on it.

Lasny said oil and gas exploration has also been linked to lower catch rates of halibut, cod and other species of fish.

"It's been shown that some species of fish suffer severe injury to their inner ears, which can seriously compromise their ability to survive," he said.

The NRCSD recommended year-round restrictions of excessive ocean noise in critical habitats and seasonal restrictions on migration routes.

As an example, the group suggested that oil and gas companies avoid seismic surveys in the winter off the west coast of Africa when baleen whales are breeding offshore.

It also called on the National Marine Fisheries Service to increase oversight of oil and gas surveys, which rely on shooting high-intensity air guns at the ocean's floor.

The true impact of ocean noise remains unknown but some strandings likely represent just a small portion of marine life effected by excessive noise, Lasny said.

## Oregon senator introduces new bill on salvage logging

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., said Monday he has introduced a bill aimed at improving federal response to damage caused by fires and other catastrophic events. Smith's bill builds on legislation introduced this month by Reps. Greg Walden, R-Ore., and Brian Baird, D-Wash.

Both are aimed at speeding projects of log dead timber and plant new trees after storms and wildfires — particularly in the wake of the 2002 Biscuit Fire in Oregon, where delayed logging has set off an ongoing controversy over what to do about dead and burned trees in national forests.

Recent experiences in Oregon demonstrate that we need a new approach to restoring our forests from the ashes," Smith said in a news release. "Black forests do not hold wildlife, water quality or recreation. To achieve these goals, we need to keep Oregon's forests green."

Environmentalists said the bill offers little improvement over the Walden-Baird measure — which they said would weaken public participation and oversight of logging following fires and other natural disturbances.

"It's clear that the Forest Service has all the authority they need to do responsible fuel reduction" after a fire, said Sen. Cosgrove, a forest policy specialist for the Sierra Club.

"They just need to have the direction from Congress to do that, and they need to place their money where it will do the most good — which is reducing fuels (such as small trees and underbrush) around communities," Cosgrove said. "Trying to create new avenues for salvage logging where trees are just going to create more controversy and leave good projects undone."

Smith said his bill, dubbed the Forests for Future Generations Act, would hasten the federal response to catastrophic events by requiring prompt evaluations of forest damage and providing quickened timelines for rehabilitation projects.

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bion. Delays of up to 10 minutes are possible. The speed limit is 35 mph and traffic is reduced to one lane. This project is expected to be complete by mid-December.

U.S. 93, Salmon Falls Creek Canal Bridge Crews are working on the U.S. 93 Salmon Falls Creek Canal Bridge near Hollister. This is the second phase of a project to replace the existing bridge in conjunction with a future widening of U.S. 93 in the area.

Motorists can expect intermittent delays of up to 10 minutes. Flaggers will direct motorists through the work zone milepost 25 about two miles south of Hollister. The speed limit will be reduced to 50 mph. Vehicles will be limited to

a maximum width of 14 feet through the construction zone. This stage of the \$1.6 million reconstruction project is expected to be completed by February.

Idaho 81, bridge reconstruction Crews are repairing the J&H Canal Bridge on Idaho 81 (milepost 23-25) one mile east of Declo. Vehicles traveling through the work zone are limited to a maximum of 12 feet wide and 45 feet long. Vehicles exceeding those restrictions must detour using Idaho 77 from Declo to I-84 at exit 216, and I-84 to Idaho 81 at exit 228. Flaggers will be used periodically. Motorists should expect delays of up to 10 minutes.

The \$1.4 million project to extend the life of the bridge is expected to complete in May.

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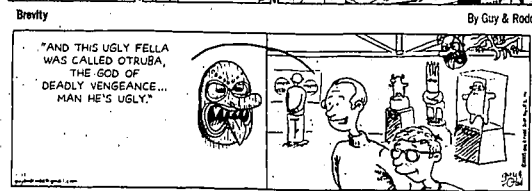
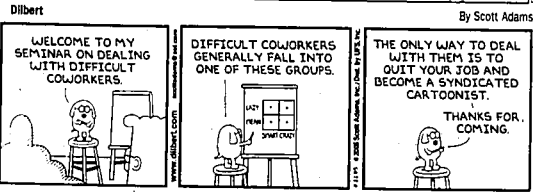
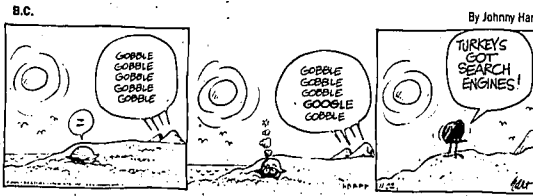
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Pisces: Rejoice in your blessings

IF NOV. 22 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Surprises and upssets are a thing of the past and a new romance or career may have your complete attention, so starting planning now. In February and June, you have more energy than usual to get things accomplished and to take the lead within your circle. Storm clouds that threaten in March and April will mostly blow away quickly without causing any damage, but to be on the safe side, avoid starting new projects during that time. By the end of 2006, some unexpected opportunity should reward you with prosperity or improved happiness.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** With a national holiday on this week's schedule, you could have several deadlines to meet. Some business matters may end up on a long hiatus and need to be jump started later this year.

**AURUS (April 20-May 20):** There is plenty of vigor on hand to complete necessary projects before the holiday break. Don't take others for granted or make costly agreements, as money might fly out the window.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Sincerity might not ring true. You may be bright, wise and generous — but others could

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

be bent on taking advantage of these traits. Don't let misunderstandings spoil your upcoming holiday.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Thoughtfulness and kindness are in the air for several hours early today. Make headway on plans for family gatherings while you are in the mood to pick out the most scrumptious goodies.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Saturn turns retrograde in your sign today. Unfinished business may require a timeout, but the stars might be right to launch a totally new endeavor before Thanksgiving rolls around.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Remain reasonable. Act on an inspiration to treat family members to something special, but don't stretch your wallet too far in an effort to impress them. They love you just as you are.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** With lots of feel-good energy in the air, you could always plan a holiday shopping spree. Treats might be on your shopping list, but don't go overboard with unnecessary spending.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** The enhanced ability to forge forward with ambitions will help you meet deadlines or fearlessly put new irons in the fire. Just don't take promises at face value, since others might not be as dedicated.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Be reliable and true blue. Laziness is the enemy of productivity. You may get away with taking a long lunch today — but tomorrow you may have to make up for it with extra effort.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** An inspired act of kindness can brighten your day. Your sign ruler, Saturn, turns retrograde today. Circumstances may force you to reexamine key goals in one area of your life.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** If you have made mistakes, even serious ones, there is another chance to make things right. While it might not be the time to ask for forgiveness, it is the time to put your best foot forward.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Don't worry about the things you don't have. Instead, rejoice for those blessings you do have. Do something nice for a loved one or show appreciation for the small gesture of affection you receive.

# Public cell phone conversations require using some etiquette

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm writing about cell phone conversations in a public place. Granted, most of the time it can be avoided — and should be. However, there are exceptions, and bystanders should not be so judgmental.

I'm a hospice nurse and am often on call, yet not at the office.

I must take the calls I receive and often work through complex problems on the phone, no matter where we are or what we are doing.

Sometimes the calls are quite lengthy; sometimes there are none at all.

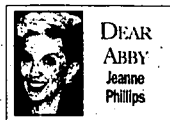
Bystanders who might judge my cell phone use as being a great disservice, and likewise people in other professions. My family is just glad that I can go out and enjoy time with them, even when I'm "working."

They appreciate what I do and are proud that I give these worthy patients attention when they need it. Please consider that when you are a bystander, you might not know the "rest of the story."

**NURSE IN ADA, OKLA.**

**DEAR NURSE:** While your cell phone use in restaurants might be necessary, you know as well as I do that most conversations aren't. You are the exception. Read on.

**DEAR ABBY:** After reading about obnoxious cell phone use in your column, I had to share something I saw. I was waiting in line at a bank while a mother on a cell phone



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

was doing her transactions. Her 10-year-old daughter was at her side.

The mother was in not one, but two conversations: "Yeah, yeah, that's right. No, no, I was talking to him. OK, fine! No, no. I was talking to my son."

Finally finished and still talking, the woman walked outside, and I went to the teller's window.

I quickly finished my business and noticed the daughter was still standing next to me. I took her aside and found the mother getting into a convertible, still on the cell phone, as was the (mother) driver.

As the child and I neared the car, I realized the two adults were talking to each other!

**— ANDY IN TUCSON**

**DEAR ABBY:** I informed my 17-year-old daughter that when we are together, it's offensive and rude for her to be on a cell phone. I don't mind a quick, "I'm having dinner with my mom. I'll get back to you later."

I give her the same respect, even when her father calls me. In other words, all members of this family extend the same courtesy to each other.

**— THERESA IN SUGARLAND, TEXAS**

**DEAR ABBY:** I work in retail, and this has happened to me. When a customer approaches me while talking on a cell phone and tries to hand me the merchandise, I smile and say, "No, don't give it to me yet. Finish your call. It must be important."

Then I just stand there. I'm always polite and cordial, and you'd be amazed how quickly they get the "hint."

**— LOVES MY JOB**

**DEAR ABBY:** An old boss invited me out to lunch; however, within only a few minutes of our being seated, he took a cell phone call.

After three or 20 minutes trying not to listen in, then finally I got up, walked out and went home.

He called me later, upset that I had "abandoned" him. My response was, "I thought we were having lunch together, but you were busy." We've had lunch several times since, and he always turns his cell phone off as we take our seats.

**— READER IN THE SOUTHWEST**

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a suggestion.

If you notice someone ignoring his or her dinner companion and talking at length on a cell phone, it might be a kindness to invite the ignored person to join you.

Not only could you make a friend, the rude person might get the hint that such behavior is unacceptable.

**— TERRI IN LYNN, MASS.**

# Don't try to pet the cute camels

A camel's eyes look soft and sweet because of the double sets of eyelashes that actually help keep desert sand out. These double as a sunscreen, along with a large and protruding eyebrow. Don't be fooled into trying to pet them.

**This day in history:** Nov. 22, 1928, marks when Maurice Jacob's "Bolero" was first published. Parisian audiences were shocked at the unconventional piece. One critic at the time boldly commented that it had, "departed from a thousand years of tradition," and a woman in the audience reportedly shouted, "He's mad — he's mad!"

Hey gramps, want a Pop Tarts? Mark Langan's board noted that people over 50 don't consume very many toaster pastries.

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the basic game of ice hockey while stationed in Canada in the 1850s. McGill University students worked out the rules and fine points in the 1870s.

John F. Kennedy's favorite book as a child was "King Arthur's Knights." A well-worn copy was in the nursery of his childhood home in Brookline, Mass.

Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev's reaction to the auto tail fins of the 1950s was probably more critical than inquiring: "What do these things do, anyway?"

**Remember, you are lighter than quicksand and will**

float to the top if you stay still and calm.

Other states have wimpy butterflies and ladybugs as their state insects, but New Mexico has the tarantula hawk wasp. When ready to lay eggs, the wasp stings and paralyzes a tarantula, drags it down a hole, and lays its eggs on top of it. The hatching larvae then slowly devour the still-living tarantula.

**Basketball** couldn't be "hoxball." The game's inventor, James Naismith, had wanted to use boxes, but the janitor he asked couldn't find any. He did have some bushel baskets, though, and Naismith decided they'd do.

**Legal-speak:** the term "infant" is still sometimes used to refer to any minor child under the age of 18.

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# Casino patrons receive \$525 coupons

**JOLIET, Ill.** — About 11,000 patrons of Harrah's Joliet Casino got a big surprise in the mail — a coupon for \$525 in wagering.

Perhaps most surprising were casino officials.

The casino's direct marketing vendor mistakenly made the coupons for an amount much higher than the usual \$15 to \$20, the casino said.

The company will honor the coupons, which were sent out last week, said Harrah's Illinois regional president Joe Domenico.

The announcement came after the Illinois Gaming Board was deluged by complaints from people who said they were told by casino workers the coupons were no good, said gaming board spokesman Gene O'Shea.

There were a lot of customers who went to Harrah's expecting to be paid," O'Shea said.

There were a lot of angry patrons. The casino, owned by Las Vegas-based Harrah's Entertainment Inc., has not said how much money it could lose from the coupon error.

The coupon's total value is about \$5.8 million.

**Snake charmer catches snake chaser catches**

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** — A 17-foot poisonous King cobra hiding in the bushes at a juvenile delinquent center eluded firefighters for more than a hour, so officials called in an expert: a snake charmer. Mohamad Shaiful Abdul Aziz, 21, caught the snake in just 10 minutes, using only his hands.

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such a big King cobra," he told the Star newspaper.

The snake, which weighed 33 pounds, was handed over to the wildlife officials.

A ranger at a Penang national park declined comment and would not reveal the snake's fate.

Dwindling habitat and deforestation in Malaysia can force wild animals to venture into areas populated by humans, environmentalists warn.

About two months ago, a 16-foot-long king cobra was discovered draped around a statue at a Hindu temple in a Kuala Lumpur suburb.

Thousands who considered the spectacle sacred brought offerings of milk, eggs and cash.

The king cobra is depicted as powerful in Hindu scriptures. It is the longest venomous snake in the world, growing up to 18 feet in length, and can rear itself upright to about a third of its body length — about the height of a grown man.

**Thailand's prime minister waits for planets to favor him**

**BANGKOK, Thailand** — Thailand's Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra says he won't answer questions from reporters until next year because of the alignment of the planets is not in his favor.

"Right now Mercury ... is in a corner perfectly aligned with my star Mercury. It's too good, so if it's not good, I am going to request not to speak," Thaksin told reporters Sunday.

Mercury moves slowly and will not steer clear of his star until next year, he said.

Thaksin has shown hostility toward the media since taking office in 2001, and critics accuse him of trying to restrict press freedoms by manipulating coverage, canceling TV and radio shows, and using media to attack his political and business allies.

**Competitive eater keeps title after 67 hamburgers**

**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.** — Competitive eater Jakeru Kobayashi swallowed 67 hamburgers in eight minutes to win \$10,000 and retain his title as King of the World.

The Japanese contender fended off San Diego State University engineering student Joey Chestnut, who was tied with Kobayashi at 60 burgers with 37 seconds left.

"If I didn't have Chestnut pushing me, I wouldn't have eaten so much this year," the 172-pound Kobayashi said through a translator. "I'm sure we won't be moving as fast as I wanted them to."

Chestnut, 21, said his failure to dunk one of the 2.5-square-inch burgers in water slowed him.

"His experience carried him," Chestnut said of his rival. Kobayashi finished 69 Krystals in the 2004 contest.

He also holds the title of hot dog-eating champion, after eating 49 hot dogs in 12 minutes at the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest at Coney Island, N.Y.

Saturday's event was sanctioned by the International Federation of Competitive Eating.

**— compiled from wire reports**

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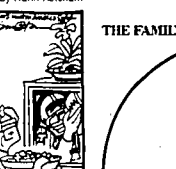
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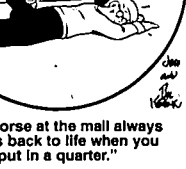
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"The horse at the mall always comes back to life when you put it in a quarter."

"I have never come across

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Nike CEO Bill Perez, a passenger on the Nike corporate jet that developed a problem with its landing gear, speaks after the plane made a safe landing Monday in Hillsboro, Ore.

# Nike execs survive plane scare

HILLSBORO, Ore. (AP) — Nike CEO William Perez and other company executives went through a six-hour drama in the skies over Oregon on Monday as a wheel on their jet got stuck in a partially extended position — but the pilot was finally able to get the wheel to pop into place. Portland International Airport and Hillsboro airport — where the Gulfstream V plane took off at 6 a.m. on a flight for Toronto — had both prepared for an emergency landing. But the crew was finally able to get the right main landing gear fully extended and locked into place after talking with Gulfstream officials. The plane landed at Hillsboro at 12:11 p.m.

The drama was carried live on national TV news, with live footage from Hillsboro airport. In addition to Perez, two other executives, one of their assistants, and a crew of three were on the plane. The plane circled to burn off fuel. In order to reduce the risk of a fire if it had to perform an emergency landing. In addition, the Gulfstream performed two "touch and go" maneuvers at the Hillsboro airport, touching down briefly on the extended left landing gear, apparently to try to jostle the right one into place. After landing, Perez walked over to reporters who were waiting at the Hillsboro airport. "Gulfstream troubleshooting was terrific. They were on the phone with us for probably four hours or so," Perez said. He said the pilot tried various things to try to get the right wheel unstuck, including "some zero gravity maneuvers." Perez said he believes the pilot was able to get the main right wheel fully extended after going to an altitude of about 20,000 feet, turning off the left engine, and putting "all the hydraulic force into the right engine." "I wasn't at all worried the whole time. I wasn't worried one bit. You're dealing with professionals in the cockpit and you shouldn't worry," Perez said.

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# Nampa mother files claims for \$6 million

The teen, now 18, has given birth to three children of her stepfather

NAMPA, (AP) — A teenager who had three children by her sexually abusive stepfather is seeking \$6 million from city, county and state agencies alleging that they failed to protect her, according to tort claims filed by the girl's lawyer.

The claims, filed with the agencies, are a precursor to a lawsuit. They allege that officials did nothing even though reports of abuse began when the girl, now 18, was 5 years old. She eventually had three children by 39-year-old Michael Jerome Young. She had her first child at age 14 and two more children when she was 15 and 17. Kathy Edwards, the girl's guardian and attorney, told The Idaho Statesman. All were delivered by C-section.

guilty last August to two federal counts of interstate transportation of a minor for unlawful sexual activity. The former truck driver is serving 13 years in prison.

The teen's mother is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to a charge that she knew about the abuse and did not report it. The teen lives with her three kids and her mother in Nampa.

Federal prosecutors have described the victim as "mentally disadvantaged," but Edwards said that is not accurate. She said the girl had trouble in school because of the trauma at home, and would like to go to college.

"She's not slow or challenged," Edwards said. "She just had real extra challenges as a child, that's why she had specialized education programs."

She remains married to her former stepfather and has no plans to divorce him, Edwards

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# Fire in California's Ventura County nears containment

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) — A wildfire that burned nearly 3,900 acres of hillside brush near expensive homes was nearly surrounded Monday as favorable weather helped firefighters.

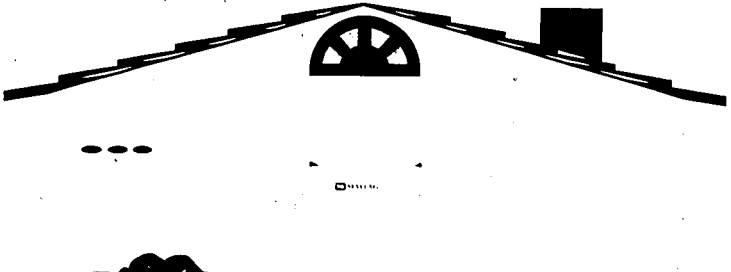
The 3,891-acre fire was 95 percent contained, with only two outbuildings burned. "The fire is looking a lot better," said Joe Luna, a spokesman for the Ventura County Fire Department. "Basically, the fire is pretty much a done deal."

The blaze erupted Friday in School Canyon and initially threatened 200 homes as it was stoked by dry Santa Ana winds. The winds died down, then returned Sunday with gusts of nearly 50 mph. Firefighters had

strong containment lines and made progress despite the resurgence of the winds. Wind was no longer a factor Monday and cooler temperatures also helped crews, Luna said. More than 900 firefighters remained on the scene 60 miles northwest of Los Angeles. Crews, along with a water-dropping helicopter, were completing the containment line and stamping out hotspots, Luna said. Full containment was expected by 6 p.m. Tuesday, he said. Firefighting costs approached \$2 million and two firefighters suffered minor injuries. The cause of the blaze remained under investigation.

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Section C

## BAZAAR TRADITION

### Ladies guild celebrates 40 years of holiday event

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — Among the holiday traditions in town is the Ladies Guild of the Christ Episcopal Church Holiday Craft Bazaar. At 40 years, it may be one of the oldest holiday craft events in the Magic Valley.

This year the show was held Nov. 5 in the Jennings House at 102 West Ave. B.

During a recent remodel of the Jennings House, guild members came across records from the first bazaar which was held in 1965.

The papers were planning notes and did not contain financial information or how much the first bazaar grossed, which would have been interesting to know, Guild President Violet Eaton said.

Donna Ross, a longtime guild

member who helped with that first bazaar in 1965, said that over the years the bazaar has been a reliable financial resource for the church. The vicarage was built from scratch and the guild paid off the construction loan with proceeds from the annual bazaar. Once the new vicarage was built, the old vicarage (Jennings House) became the parish hall.

In addition to the vicarage, past bazaar proceeds have been used to putting siding on the church and the Jennings House.

"We also set aside funds to send kids to summer camp and donate to various charities," Ross said.

Last year, the bazaar financed a complete remodel of the kitchen in the Jennings House, Eaton said.

"They were unwilling to say how much the recent bazaar grossed, but this year the proceeds will fund

the food pantry.

The church would have a hard time without the help of the Ladies Guild, Ross added.

Typically, the bazaar features baked goods — cinnamon rolls, cakes, cookies, pies, cream puffs, pumpkin and zucchini breads, as well as homemade jams and jellies.

In the last five or six years, the bazaar has featured a raffle of cross-stitched pictures, knitted and crocheted afghans and tree skirts. The raffle has become very popular.

Many of the women start working on crocheting, cross stitch and knitting projects early and work on them all year long. That way, there is a wide variety and lots of items available for sale at the bazaar, Ross said.

"Our bazaars are well received by church members and the community at large," she said.



Hope Freeman, left, and Shirley Sanchez show baked goods that were sold at the 40th annual Ladies Guild of the Christ Episcopal Church Holiday Craft Bazaar.

## CHRISTMAS COUNCIL DONATION



Youth groups in the Paul Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints made a variety of gift items to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council to distribute to needy families in the area for the holidays. From left are, back: Verlee Frost of the Christmas Council, Aaron Fith, Heidi Brownin, Vanessa Harper, Chris Murdoch, Eric Baumgartner, Ainslie Gillette; front: Crystal Barson, Alicia McCurdy, Sarah Crane and Amanda Vandave. Donations will be accepted from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays or 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays (except the Saturday after Thanksgiving) at the former Valley Wholesale building, Almo Avenue and 10th Street, Burley. Donations will be accepted until Dec. 6. For more information, call Dottie Freuburger at 436-4057 or Frost at 878-7940.

## STORK REPORT

### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Grace Anne Williams, daughter of Jamie Elizabeth Palaski-Williams and Erick Benjamin Williams of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Nov. 11, 2005. Gordon Christopher Tatton, son of Emily and Christopher James Tatton of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005. Kasen Clinton Christensen, son of Stephanie Nichole and Clinton Taylor Christensen of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2006. Clara Mae Heiken, daughter of Jennifer Lynn and Richard Shaun Heiken of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005.

Khianna Marie Barnes, daughter of Kandice Marie and Dustin Lee Barnes of Jerome, was born Monday,

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Jami Whited, The Community Page, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: Noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Jami at 735-3278.

Nov. 14, 2005.

### Cassia Regional Medical Center

Daniel Christopher Scott Ewell Jr., son of Daniel and Michelle Ewell, was born

Monday, Nov. 7, 2005.

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

Hannah Marie LaCroix, daughter of Jennifer and Robert LaCroix of Halley, was born Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2005.

Kylie Jade Lewis, daughter of Melissa and Brian Lewis of Shoshone, was born Monday, Oct. 31, 2005.

Mariana Rodriguez Delacruz, daughter of Claudia Delacruz and Pablo Rodriguez Gutierrez of Halley, was born Monday, Oct. 31, 2005.

Braun Paul Dale, son of Heather and Jordan Dale of Halley, was born Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2005.

Lisbeth E Ayala, daughter of Veronica and Jesus Ayala of Halley, was born Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005.

## HELPING CHILDREN



Bob Newby, a member of the Bowers Trust committee, a trust managed by the Masonic Bodies of Twin Falls, presents a \$5,000 check to Melody Allen Laneker, director, and Fred Decker, one of the founders of the Southern Idaho Learning Center and chairman of the Scholarship Committee. The center, located in Twin Falls, is nonprofit and provides assessment and remediation for students with learning difficulties ages 5 to 21. The donation will be used to provide scholarships for students with learning difficulties from low-income families.

Photo courtesy of Southern Idaho Learning Center

## Music group names festival winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Chapter of the Idaho Music Teachers Association has announced its winners of the Sonatina/Sonata Festival Nov. 12 at the College of Southern Idaho.

Fifty-one piano students from around the valley participated and judges selected the top two performers at each of the 15 levels. Some levels had no entrants.

Winners were: level one, first, Ethan Alexander, and second, Madeline Ko; level two, first, Hannah Wisniewsky; second, Samantha Walker; and honor-

able mention, Nannu Debaene; level three, first, Alex Schneider; second, Lauren Smith; and honorable mention, Sydney Snead; level four, first, Micah Schneidemann; second, Jaci Rasmussen; and honorable mention, Taylor Long; level five, first, Tiffany Long; second, Elizabeth Papac; and honorable mention, Jason Walker; level six, first, Nicole Allen; second, Asa Schneider; and honorable mention, Melissa Kunkel; and level seven, first, Merri-Grace Jones; and second, Melodee McGire; level eight,

first, Benjamin Papac; level nine, first, Ian Schneider; second, Lauren Smith; and honorable mention, Sydney Snead; level 10, first, Rebekah Papac; second, Emily Nusbaum; and honorable mention, Kristen Miller; level 11, first, Tamara Downs; and second, Megan Young; level 15, first, Patrick Souza; and second, Emily VandenBosch.

The judges were Nancy Galvin, David Tacher and Corinne VanDyk. For information on entering next year's event, call 326-5365.

## BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

RUPEERT — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced the results of American Contract Bridge League-sanctioned open pairs play for Tuesday.

North/south: First, Vera Mal and Nanette Woodland; second, Joe Blackford and Riley Burton; and third, Ella Annett and Lola Moorman. East/west: First, Chuck and Shirley Hunter; second, Peggy Payne and Dona Kunaw; and third, Nancy Gibson and Trudy Carver.

The club plays bridge at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Rupert Elks. Refreshments are served. The club invites all area duplicate players. For more information, call 878-3997.

## Caring and Sharing Tree Festival Kicks off

RUPEERT — The Caring and Sharing Christmas Tree Festival, "Love at Home," will be held Friday through Monday at the Rupert Civic Center, 505 Seventh St.

The festival supports the Minidoka Health Care Foundation and features more than 50 Christmas trees, non-stop entertainment, a Teddy Bear Breakfast with visits with Santa on Saturday, a gala opening luncheon, Senior Citizens Day

and Social, a gift shop and food court.

Beginning its seventh year the festival has raised more than \$135,000 for a variety of health-related needs in the community, organizers say. Scholarships, awards, program grants and assistance in purchases of medical equipment are a few of the areas the foundation funds.

For more information, call Pattie Hansen at Minidoka Health Care Foundation at 436-0481. Ext. 255.

## Burley man celebrates 80th birthday Friday

BURLEY — Ken McAlester of Burley will celebrate his 80th birthday Friday.

Birthday greetings and well-wishes can be sent to him at 2888 Lora Lane, Burley, ID 83318. He was born Nov. 25, 1925, and raised in the Mini-Cassia areas. He moved to California where he retired from Douglas Aircraft. He has traveled and volunteered at the Cassia Regional Medical Center and the King Fine Arts Center. His children live in California

and Arizona. Three sisters reside in the Mini-Cassia area and one in California.

## Santa lights up Rupert Square at Friday event

RUPEERT — The Christmas City USA annual chili feed will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday on the Rupert Square.

The chili feed begins at 5 p.m. Chili and cinnamon rolls are \$1.50 each, and coffee and hot chocolate are 50 cents each. Santa lights up the square at 7 p.m., followed by fireworks at Renaissance Park. Santa will be in his house in the park throughout the remainder of the evening and horse-drawn wagon rides will be available. Children wishing to send letters to Santa can leave them in Santa's mailbox outside his house on the square. No postage needed. Letters received by Dec. 21 will receive a personal reply from Santa.

## Luncheon benefits Christmas kids charity

TWIN FALLS — The Outback Steakhouse will hold a fund-raising luncheon for Christmas for Kids from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday. Those attending have a choice of steak or chicken dinner for \$12. All proceeds will be given to buy new toys for needy children in the area.

## Revival will be held in Rupert this weekend

RUPEERT — A revival will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday at Community Oasis Outreach, 102 Second St.

Pastor Pam Rose will speak each night. Rose has lived in Jerome for more than 14 years.

There will be presentations by the Community Oasis Judah Praise Dance Team, Community Oasis Flag Team and Lorraine Durning. For more information, call 436-4969 or 679-2477.

## Thanksgiving dinner is served up on Saturday

BURLEY — Thanksgiving dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Rosetta Assisted Living, 1919 Hilland Ave., Burley. The dinner is open to the public. Family members eat free with residents. The community is also invited. The cost is \$2 for non-family members. For more information, call 677-5451.

## Santa arrives on fire truck at Centennial Park

BURLEY — Santa Claus will arrive aboard a fire engine at noon Saturday at Centennial Park. Santa will give each child a little treat bag. Free music tickets will be given to children age 10

and under for the 2 and 4 p.m. Christmas movie "JL" at the Burley Theatre. Tickets for anyone over age 10 will cost \$3. Capacity is 300 for each show.

## Free Thanksgiving dinner served at Hansen church

HANSEN — A free community Thanksgiving dinner will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Hansen Assembly of God Church, 319 Second St. E. For more information, call Kim Johnson at 423-6078.

## Holiday lights displayed near Curry Crossing

TWIN FALLS — A holiday light display will be held from Wednesday through Jan. 1 at 2500 E. 3800 N., 1.4 mile south of Curry Crossing. A nativity, holiday and patriotic scenes with animated figures and traditional decorations will be on display.

## Letters to Santa deadline is Dec. 1

TWIN FALLS — Letters from Santa will be available if requests are received between Friday through Dec. 1. Call Rebekka at 732-8202 with the recipient's name, gender, age, new skills they've learned and a phone number. The cost is \$2 and a stamped envelope

addressed to the receiver must be supplied.

Information may be mailed to Santa's Workshop in care of 431 Knottingham Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83401. Proceeds will help the Xi Alpha Tau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi support a needy family Christmas.

## Store accepts gift-filled shoe boxes for needy

TWIN FALLS — Operation Christmas Child is in need of donations for gift-filled shoe boxes.

The program of Samaritan's Purse will provide shoe boxes filled with gifts to needy children all over the world. Shoe boxes filled with school supplies, toys, hard candies and clothing can be dropped off today through Saturday at Furniture and Appliance Outlet, 127 Second Ave. W. and between 10 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the back entrance.

For more information about the fundraiser, call (800) 533-5949 or 731-5363 or visit www.samaritanpurse.org.

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# DISPARITY OF RELIEF

## Distribution of tsunami aid is far from equitable

By Ken Hottel  
Knight Ridder News Service

**THIRANGAMBADI, India** — From fishermen cleaning nets to women sorting fish, the tsunami-hit shoreline of this town in south India bustles with activity. More than 300 fishing boats, brightly painted with the names of donors, blanket the beach.

A mile away, the scene couldn't be more different. Only minimal aid has reached the dusty, almost abandoned village of Pudukpalayam. Residents have struggled to eke out a living since salt from the tsunami spoiled the fields where they worked as laborers.

Nearly a year after the tsunami raged across the Indian Ocean, bringing devastation to 13 countries and killing an estimated 225,000 people, international aid agencies have learned a bitter lesson: Not everyone can be helped equally.

What happened here also has happened elsewhere. Those who already were relatively well off are doing better with assistance from international donors, while those who were struggling before the tsunami often still are struggling.

Former President Clinton, meeting privately with aid groups last month at the United Nations special emergency fund recovery, underscored the importance of reaching the regions poorest. "A successful reconstruction effort should ensure the protection of vulnerable populations," he was quoted as saying in a U.N. news release.

"The hope is that at the end of it, there's a better infrastructure, there's a more equitable social pattern," said Steve Hollingworth, the India director for CARE, a development agency that's active in the region since 1947.

"But the fact of the matter is that an emergency like this is an opportunity for some and for others, and it makes vulnerable groups much more vulnerable than they were before," he said. "There's no way around it."

The plight of villages such as Pudukpalayam is pronounced poo-doo-PAH-lay-ahm) is especially challenging in a country such as India, where a decade of economic growth has been offset by a burgeoning middle class, but still hasn't overcome a social system that remains divided largely along gender and caste lines.

All the aid agencies and even the government are only looking after the fisher-folk," complained Shivalingam, a young and outspoken community leader who like many here uses only one name. "They get their boats and their nets. We don't have any work."

The farm laborers of Pudukpalayam come from the lowest caste in India society. They are considered as untouchables, today they're known as Dalits, a name that means "the oppressed."

Tsunami relief efforts initially neglected them, many aid agencies weren't even aware the Dalits existed, let alone needed help. Now, a growing number of groups are diverting resources to the Dalits in hopes of keeping them from sliding farther down the socioeconomic scale, though the efforts come late.

It was only natural that the focus would fall on helping the fishing families of Thirangambadi (Tah-rahm-gahm-PAH-dee). About 400 people died here in the Dec. 26 tsunami, which claimed 16,000 victims in India. The village, about 50 miles south of Chennai, the city formerly known as Madras, suffered major property damage as the sea flooded inland, sweeping away boats, houses and shops.

Rescue workers arrived here within hours to assess the damage and begin the rebuilding process, aided by a tightly knit community that organized quickly to capitalize on multiple offers of reconstruction aid.

International aid agencies — flush with more contributions than ever before in response to a natural disaster — tripped over one another in the rush to build new boats for the town. The Indian government also reimbursed fishermen for lost boats. Anyone who received both a donated boat and government reimbursement was required to make a payment to the local village council, which presumably spent it on other needs.

The story has been very different for the Dalits of Pudukpalayam and elsewhere. It

was weeks before rescue workers visited most Dalit areas, and then only because some aid workers decided to see what was down a dirt turnoff they passed every day en route to a fishing village.

Even today, few relief groups seem to be aware of Pudukpalayam. Aside from government food handouts, virtually the only assistance has come from an Indian organization that works with Dalits.

The group, NESA, or New Entity for Social Action, is desperately short of money, said Peter Fernandes, who's overseeing efforts to help 600 families from seven Dalit hamlets.

The lack of money shows. Other temporary housing shelters have thatched roofs to provide relief from the heat. At the camp built for Pudukpalayam, a few palm fronds have been thrown on the tarpaper roofs, to negligible effect.

NESA hasn't been able to pay the \$2500-rupee (550 dollars) rent for the land for the past six

months. Now the owner, himself a Dalit, has asked NESA to vacate by January, because he wants to sell the property. Fernandes said the 40 families aren't expected to be ready by then.

Meanwhile, the fishermen of Thirangambadi are back at sea. So much money was donated for tsunami relief that Thirangambadi, like many Indian fishing villages, is awash in boats. The community has 490 today, up from 155 before the tsunami, according to the South Indian Federation of Fishermen Societies.

The fishermen couldn't be happier. Many used to venture out to sea in primitive vessels, little more than four or five logs lashed together to form a short, shallow craft. Now they're plying the waters in 28-foot-long fiberglass-reinforced shells that run \$1,900 apiece.

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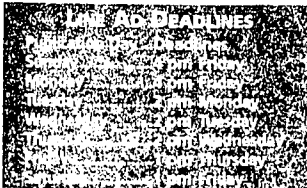
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The North Snake Groundwater District will be holding its Annual Meeting Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be held at the El Sombrero Restaurant located at 143 West Main Street in Jerome, Idaho.

ATTENT: Angelina M. Leavitt  
Secretary/Clerk

PUBLISH: November 15 and 22, 2005

### NOTICE

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### SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

**TO: P.J. NIELSEN**  
You have been sued by L.E. Nielsen, the plaintiff, in the District Court in and for Twin Falls County, Idaho, Case No. CV-05-4504. The nature of the claim against you is for divorce. Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this Summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless you or the plaintiff, if you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you on this matter.  
Date: October 27, 2005  
Twin Falls County District Court  
By: J/T Halstead, Deputy Clerk

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME**

Case No. CV-2005-798  
**ERIKKA LYN GARCIA**, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**LUIS MANUEL ZAMUDIO-RANGEL**, Defendant  
**NOTICE:** You have been sued. The court may enter judgment against you without further notice unless you respond. Read the information below.

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If you do not file a written response the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice. A letter to the Judge is not an appropriate written response.

The written response must comply with Rule 10 (a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and include your name, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney's name, mailing address and telephone number, and the title and number of the case.

If your written response is an Answer, it must state the things you agree with and those you disagree with that are in the Complaint. You must also state any defenses you have. You must mail or deliver a copy of your response to the Plaintiff or Plaintiff's attorney and prove that you did.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the District Court.

If you are considering talking to an attorney, you should do so quickly to protect your legal rights DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005.

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### BIRTHDAY PHOTOS

Have you forgotten to pickup your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you don't want us to toss. These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept

### 101 Lost and Found

**FOUND** black and white kitten in front of Lynnwood Market 11/15. Call 734-4987.

**FOUND** dog, 11/16 in Jerome, S.W. side of Hwy 20. Call 208-539-5275 to identify.

**FOUND** dog, black & white, northeast of Acapulco, Call 208-438-2278 or 870-2596

**FOUND** puppy in the area of 8<sup>th</sup> & Normal, Burley. Call to identify. 208-878-6500

**FOUND** spare tire on Baker Cave Road 265 x 17, 5 hole rim Call 208-431-4487

**FOUND** Spanish Spangol female at the Malverck in Jerome. Please call to identify 208-324-0126

**FOUND**, Pit Bull puppy, female, black with white on chest Call 208-737-1456

**LOST** cash box on Saturday afternoon with cash, check and harmonica. Lost behind the Methodist Church after the Bazaar. Please return! REWARD! 733-8218

**LOST** Chihuahua X, white female w/purple collar & tags. Daughter very upset, reward offered 404-3057

**LOST** Red Miniature Pincher on 11/13 in vicinity of 16<sup>th</sup> and A St., Heyburn. Missing very much! Please call 208-679-3131

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Behave the Jabberwock, my son! The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!" - Lewis Carroll

This was my favorite hand from the Orlando 2004 Fall Nationals. David McLellan had heard the penalty double of his four-spade contract, so he knew that he might run into some problems, especially in the trump suit.

West led the heart eight to McLellan's king, and declarer crossed to the heart ace and ruffed a heart. He finessed the diamond queen, then cashed the diamond ace before ruffing dummy's last heart with his queen. It looked natural, but turned out fatal, for West to overruff with the king. That player exited with a diamond for the ruff and discard, South pitching a club from dummy and ruffing low in hand.

Now declarer advanced the spade jack to find the expected bad news. Having taken seven of the first eight tricks, he led a club, and West correctly discarded rather than ruff a loser. McLellan won the ace in dummy and exited with a club to East's king. In the three-card ending, dummy had the A-B-6 of spades over West's 10-9-7 of trumps. When East led a plain card, West ruffed with the 9 and dummy underuffed: West was employed -- he had to lead a trump and give declarer the last two tricks for his contract.

Even after West's revealing double, the defense could still have prevailed if West pitches a diamond on the fourth heart instead of overruffing. West will subsequently be able to ruff a club and exit with the spade king, ensuring three trump tricks and a club winner for his side.

NORTH 11-2-A
A 8 6 2
K 9 8
A Q
A 7 5

WEST
K 10 9 7 5
Q 9 8
K 10 7 5 2

EAST
J 10 4 3
9 8 6 3
K J 9 8 6

SOUTH
Q J 4 3
K 4
Q 10 4 3 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 3 Pass
1 Pass 3 Pass
4 Dbl. All pass

Opening lead: Heart eight

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
A 8 6 2
K 9 8
A Q
A 7 5

South West North East
1 Pass Pass Pass
2 Pass Pass Pass

ANSWER: Reopen with one no-trump, which shows 18-19 and a balanced hand. You should not bid one spade (which would show five clubs and four spades). Doubling would risk getting your side to a minor-suit contract with an unsatisfactory trump fit.

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TRIVIA

**QUESTION:** What team was then-Philadelphia 76er Darryl Dawkins playing against the first time he shattered a backboard in 1979?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College VOLLEYBALL**
- NCAA National Tournament, West Plains, Mo.
- High School GIRLS BASKETBALL**
- Raft River, Rockland, 6 p.m.
- Treston at Burley, 6 p.m.
- Wendell at Buhl, 7 p.m.
- Pocatello at Minico, 7:30 p.m.
- Twin Falls at Century, 7:30 p.m.
- Jerome at Declo, 7:30 p.m.
- Valley at Filer, 7:30 p.m.
- Hagerman at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.
- Sho-Ban at Hansen, 7:30 p.m.
- Wood River at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
- Shoshone at Gooding, 7:30 p.m.
- Twin Falls Christian at Bliss, 7:30 p.m.
- Richfield at Camas County, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

- CSI board approves women's softball**
- TWIN FALLS — The executive board of the College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees voted Monday afternoon to begin a women's softball program. The search for a coaching staff will begin immediately. The team is expected to compete this fall.
- Kimberly volleyball fund-raiser planned**
- KIMBERLY — The Kimberly volleyball team is selling Christmas pennants as a fund-raiser for camp. If interested, contact any volleyball player or Jan Hall at 423-4170 ext. 3125.
- Lighthouse plans booster breakfast**
- TWIN FALLS — The Lighthouse Christian High School Booster club is sponsoring its annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 8 a.m. to noon at the school, 259 Main Avenue East in Twin Falls. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Children age 5 and under eat free.
- All proceeds go to support the athletic department. For more information, call 737-1425.
- T.F. wrestling parents meeting is tonight**
- TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High wrestling program will hold its parents meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the school's faculty lounge.
- Charity volleyball tournament announced**
- FILER — A co-ed volleyball tournament to benefit the Toys for Kids program has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Filer High School Gym. The entry fee is \$80 per team and a new toy from each team member. For more information, call 324-0354 or 404-6014.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The Kansas City Kings

## CSI volleyball clobbers Cape Fear 30-8, 30-11, 30-11

By Eric Larson Times-News writer

WEST PLAINS, Mo. — The Cape Fear Community College Sea Devils left Wilmington, N.C. expecting to be out-matched. Their expectations were met Monday.

The College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles volleyball team won quick and convincing during Monday's National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 National Tournament opening round, trouncing the Sea Devils 30-8, 30-11, 30-11.

Led by 16 kills each from Christine Manaut and Anneli Cubi. Other, the Eagles got up, thrice got to 30, and got out quickly.

"That's what we were hoping to do," Manaut said. "Just kind of get in and out quickly, but still tell all the rest of the teams that we're back. I'm sure everybody heard that we had a lot of injuries, so I just wanted to show that we were still all together, still No. 1. Hopefully we proved that on the court. It was kind of rough with the first game, but it's nationals, and I think a lot of girls wanted to get used to it, including myself. I was nervous."

Meanwhile, the 21-3 Sea Devils did get to 30 points — total, that is. The seven outgunned Sea Devils players hit a collective minus .110 attacking percentage and were all but bottled up by CSI's 39 digs and 23 blocks.

Cape Fear managed 11 kills on the match, four of them coming from freshman outside hitter Bailey Post. The Eagles made No. 1 sophomore Heather Abrego a non-factor, limiting her to two kills on 10 attempts.

"It's just a next experience to get seeded against the No. 1 team and see what they can do," Cape Fear head coach Kins-



CSI freshman setter Kaylene "Pudge" Finau smiles while being replaced by teammate Pohal Nu'uhiwa during Game 3 of the Golden Eagles' 3-0 sweep of Cape Fear. Finau played for one serve, earning one assist on one attempt.

Maughan said. "I think they hung with them for half the game, but it's just hard. I'm proud of them for hanging in there. I'm not looking at the score. I'm looking at how they competed and how they hung in there against them."

With a University of Southern California scout in attendance expressly to watch CSI's Ja'Anna Kaczor and Marta Siemiakowska, the two Polish imports played as well as they had to. Kaczor finished with nine kills, four aces, and 10 digs, while team captain Siemiakowska added seven kills, three aces, four digs, and seven blocks.

"I felt sorry for them. I really did," CSI head coach Ben Stroud said. "I felt better about the way we came out ready to play on the floor. They were ready. It's different against a team like that because they don't get many swings, but the girls did a good job."

Pohal Nu'uhiwa finished with a match-high 29 assists, while Cubi-Ontario added 13. Freshman setter Kaylene "Pudge" Finau made her first

appearance since tearing the anterior cruciate ligament of her right knee during the Eagles' Oct. 31 loss at North Idaho College. She played one point, earning an assist before being replaced by Nu'uhiwa.

"You know, she may get into that situation that one rotation because as you saw, when Pohal's in front, we get stuffed," Stroud said. "If they happen to bring it, we're in trouble. It's possible we may use her a little bit more."

The Eagles will next meet moon today to play Blinn College's Texas. The Blinn A

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## Wikings keep pace in NFC North

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Minnesota's offense went with the steady hand of Brad Johnson, neither is the Vikings' season.

For the second time this season, Paul Dinger kicked a winning field goal against Green Bay, a 27-yarder as time expired that gave the Vikings a 20-17 win Monday night and kept their playoff hopes alive.

After struggling mightily on offense since quarterback Daunte Culpepper was lost for the season, the Vikings put together a solid showing behind Johnson with 196 yards passing and running back Mewelde Moore, who had 122 yards in 22 carries.

The 37-year-old Johnson set up Edinger's kick with a nine-play, 58-yard drive in the final 3 minutes and three seconds after Green Bay tied it at 17.

Minnesota coach Mike Tice shuffled his offensive line this week to insert some life into the offense that struggled to just 137 yards last week against the Giants. He started 380-plus-pound Tomiu Fonoti at left guard and Cory Vitaruz at center. It worked, for the most part.

Johnson was sacked five times, fumbled twice, and Minnesota couldn't muster much offense in the first half.



Minnesota quarterback Brad Johnson throws a short pass to Vikings tailback Mewelde Moore during the first quarter Monday against the Green Bay Packers at Lambeau Field.

But just like last week — when the Vikings returned a punt, kickoff and interception for touchdowns — they found other ways to score.

With Green Bay driving, Doynte Edwards intercepted Brett Favre's pass and returned it 51 yards for a touchdown with just more than a minute left in the first half.

"It was exciting," Edwards

But officials ruled Edwards was not down by contact before he got up and scored.

Latrez-attened for the mistake seconds later, hitting Donald Driver for a 53-yard touchdown pass after the receiver beat defensive back Antoine Winfield and outran safety Darren Sharper — who spent his first eight years in Green Bay but was not resigned, Green Bay led 14-7 at the half.

Green Bay couldn't capitalize on Johnson's fumble early in the third quarter and was forced to punt, punting the Vikings at their own 12. But Minnesota put together its best drive of the game, aided by two defensive penalties inside the Green Bay 10-yard line.

The second, a pass interference call in the end zone, put the ball at the 1-yard line. Andre' Thurman crashed into the end zone on his second attempt — Minnesota's first offensive touchdown in nine quarters.

Latrez finished the game 20-for-41 for 227 yards and two touchdowns.

The win keeps the Vikings (5-5) aloft in its hunt for the postseason, two games behind NFC North leader Chicago (7-3). Meanwhile, the loss puts the Packers (2-8) on the verge of ending an impressive streak — they haven't had a losing season since 1992.

## Will Colts empty the Dolphins' glasses?

Full for the Indianapolis Colts for all the right reasons: A state-of-the-art offense, a quarterback who combines 21st-century skills with a old-school mind set, and a quick-witted coach and brass team president whose consistent excellence should have been rewarded long before now.

Me: I'm hoping they go undefeated for no reason beyond seeing the remaining members of the 1972 Miami Dolphins, the last team to turn the trick, pour all that champagne down the drain.

What began as a neat little tradition, a bunch of old ballplayers toasting their accomplishment each season when the last undefeated team in the league loses a game, has turned into a relentless exercise



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in self-promotion. It should have been canceled in 1998, when quarterback Bob Griese rooted unashamedly against unbeaten Denver, even though his son, Brian, was a member of the Broncos.

No matter. These Colts look prepared to call a halt to happy hour soon enough. They have six games left, the two toughest ones likely to come against Pittsburgh at home next Monday night and Seattle on the road Christmas Eve. Consider-

ing the Colts' improvement week to week, that doesn't seem like such a tall order.

"Looking at that offense from the sideline," Bengals receiver Chad Johnson said after Indianapolis improved to 10-0 by winning a shootout in Cincinnati, "it's unfair."

Not exactly. The Bengals had a bit of history on their side, having upset 9-0 Kansas City two seasons ago, and plenty of time to prepare for this one. Cincinnati came into the game off a bye week, with the league's best turnover margin, and enough versatility on defense to dentle how they wanted to play. Instead of dropping seven, and sometimes even eight, defenders into pass coverage, the way teams tried to contain Peyton Manning in several

low-scoring, early-season affairs, the Bengals chose to load up in the box and take away Indianapolis' ground game. It worked in one sense: running back Edgerrin James, who had five straight games of 100-plus rushing yards, finished with 81.

On the other hand, during Manning to beat you is a gamble that no team save the Patriots has cashed in recently and that was no exception.

Manning pulls the levers for what might be the most potent NFL offense in a while, but he is a throwback quarterback with clearance to change any call at the line of scrimmage. All that last-second choreography before the ball is snatched drives his own guys to distraction, but

## Penn State moves up in BCS

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Penn State moved into third place in the Bowl Championship Series standings, putting the Nittany Lions ahead of the Southern California and Texas at the national title race.

The Nittany Lions became the first team to lock up a spot in the BCS by winning the Big Ten's automatic bid. They defeated Michigan State 41-22 to earn their second consecutive title.

The Trojans are on top, as they have been for four out of the previous five weeks, but their lead on Texas is thin. USC has a BCS average of .9907, and Texas is at .9211.

The top two teams in the final BCS standings, which come out Dec. 1 will play in the Rose Bowl for the national championship.

The Trojans have been No. 1 in the AP coaches' and Harris polls all season. The coaches' and Harris poll can count for a third of a team's BCS average. Texas is first in the computer rankings, which account for the final third of a BCS average.

Texas gained ground on USC in the polls. Penn State and the Trojans will 50-42 victory over Fresno State.

The Longhorns were idle last week and finish their regular season at Texas A&M on Friday before playing in the Big 12 title game Dec. 3. USC finishes its regular season Dec. 4 against UCLA.

Penn State (10-1) is done with its regular season, and appears to be a good bet for the best of Orange bowls, but a loss by USC or Texas could put the Nittany Lions in Pasadena on Jan. 1.

Both fourth-place LSU (11) and fifth-place Virginia Tech (9) have one regular-season game and possibly a conference game left to play, giving each a shot to catch Penn State in the next two weeks.

The Tigers can climb a spot in the Southeastern Conference championship by beating Arkansas at home Friday. V

SPORTS

Clippers not surprised by fast start

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Cuttino Mobley's eyes narrowed as he predicted the question: 'What in the world was he thinking when he joined the Los Angeles Clippers last summer...?'

'To change the perception,' he replied, a bit of a growl in his voice. 'And the perception? "That they were losers." "That's certainly not the case right now. And if the first 10 games of the season are any indication, those days are behind them."

The Clippers, one of the true laughingstocks in professional sports through most of their existence, lead the Pacific Division with an 8-2 record, tying them for the top spot in the Western Conference with the defending NBA champion San Antonio Spurs entering Monday night's action.

'I've been on good teams, so it's no biggie for me,' he said. 'I didn't come here to be on a losing team. We can be really good.'

Seldom has the word good been used to describe the Clippers. This is a franchise that's made the playoffs only six times in 35 seasons and won only one postseason series — in 1976 when the franchise played in Buffalo.

The Clippers entered this season with an overall regular-season record of 1,017-1,821 including 572-1,118 since moving from San Diego to Los Angeles in 1984.

'We've had only one winning record in 31 seasons, going 45-37 in 1991-92, and haven't made the playoffs since 1997.'

All that history doesn't mean this is the best in franchise history. 'I think the biggest thing is the past is the past,' forward Corey Maggette said. 'It's good that the teams playing well. We don't want to get cocky — it's

still early. We just want to keep going what we're doing.'

The 26-year-old Maggette is part of one of the NBA's best young front lines, along with 26-year-old Elton Brand and 23-year-old Chris Kaman.

The 30-year-old Mobley and fellow neoveteran Sam Cassell, 36, make up a veteran backcourt that knows how to win close games — which has been a struggle for the Clippers.

For example, they went 9-21 last season in games decided by five points or less. They're 2-1 in such games so far this year.

As Maggette pointed out, it's early. 'We're just much better with the guys they brought in,' Brand said. 'They're really tested. Now we have guys who have won, been successful. I think the thing that's different is the contract situation is taken care of for most of the guys. We used to implement the cap because we had 11 guys without contracts. Guys aren't worried about that now. We only have to think about winning.'

For the first time in its history, the Clippers made expensive, long-term commitments in the summer of 2003 when they matched the offer sheets received by Brand from the Miami Heat (six years for over \$80 million) and Maggette from the Utah Jazz (six years for \$42 million).

Then, they signed Mobley to a five-year, \$42 million deal last summer and acquired Cassell in a sign-and-trade deal with Minnesota. 'The cap became a friend and not a foe,' he said. 'I've already expressed a desire to remain with the Clippers.'

'We have such great chemistry,' Maggette said. 'We have good leadership, and Elton's been playing tremendous.'

Brand, playing better than ever, is averaging 24.1 points and 10 rebounds.

Maggette is close behind with a 20.5-point average, and Mob-



The Clippers' Elton Brand scores against the Lakers in Los Angeles in this Nov. 28 file photo.

ley and Cassell are combining to score nearly 33 points per game.

The team is playing much better defense, too. The Clippers had the best November in franchise history last year, going 9-6 before fading to finish 37-45. They appear to be a clinch to better that record this month, with the obvious hope being they don't fade as they've done so often in the past.

'As long as we just concentrate on what we have to do, we'll be OK,' Mobley said. 'It's as simple as that. I have confidence in myself and my team. The intensity's going to have to

step up.'

The Clippers have usually had high first-round draft picks, so they've had some talented players. But not like this team.

'This is the most talent that we've had, the most depth,' said Elgin Baylor, one of the best players in NBA history who's been the Clippers' general manager since 1986.

'The chemistry, the camaraderie, has been excellent,' Baylor said. 'I like the spirit of this team. They believe they can win. It's a different mind-set this year. They believe they're going to win close games.'

Trojans down Hagerman, 41-38

WENDELL — Wendell Hagerman (0-4) Monday night, Halle Kelsey scored 12 points while Fort Flaming added 11 to lead Wendell 21. Sarah Cornelison scored 13 and Kalla Madrigales 10 to pace the Pirates.

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No. 2 Texas holds off No. 13 West Virginia

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Mark Gonzalez made a put-back with 3.6 seconds left and blocked a last-second shot to lift No. 2 Texas

College basketball to a 76-75 victory over No. 13 West Virginia on Monday night in the semifinals of the Guardians Classic.

Paul Gibson hit six 3-pointers and scored 20 points to lead Texas (3-0). EJ Tucker added 19 points for the Longhorns and Aldridge finished with 15 points and 14 rebounds.

The Mountaineers' Johannes Herber and Kevin Pittsnogle missed the front ends of 1-and-1 opportunities. Tucker's follow-up shot Texas with 75-74 with 15.1 seconds remaining. Pittsnogle missed another 1-and-1 with 14.7 seconds to go, and Aldridge converted after misses by Paulino and Brad Burleson.

Aldridge then blocked a last-second layup attempt by Mike Gansley, who led the Mountaineers (2-1) with 28 points.

No. 8 Gonzaga 88, No. 23 Maryland 76. LAHAINA, Hawaii — Gonzaga's "Big Three" took care of the Bulldogs' zone took care of the defense in their victory over Maryland in the opening round of the EA Sports Maui Invitational.

Pre-season All-American Adam Morrison scored 25 points, Derek Raivio had 24 and J.P. Barakat added 21 for Gonzaga (2-0).

The Bulldogs advanced to Tuesday's semifinals where they will play No. 12 Michigan State, which beat Chaminade 89-67.

The Bulldogs' matchup zone was really effective over the final 10 minutes of the game, holding Maryland (1-1) to four field goals in that span, three of them coming in the final 134 seconds.

Maryland, while DJ. Strawberry added 16 and Mike Jones 12.

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Jazz snap five-game skid

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Deron Williams had 10 points and 10 assists for his second career double-double and helped the Utah Jazz snap a five-game losing streak with a 100-80 win over the Milwaukee Bucks on Monday night.

Williams, the third pick in the draft, and the Jazz spoiled former University of Utah center Andrew Bogut's return to the state, holding the top overall pick to eight points and seven rebounds.

Utah scored 100 points for the first time this season, and won its first game since beating Toronto 99-84 on Nov. 11.

Michael Redd scored 25 points and T.J. Ford had 10 points and five assists for Milwaukee.

The Bucks finished a four-game road trip 1-3 and had little energy in the final period.

The Jazz were scoreless for a 3-minute stretch late in the fourth quarter, but the Bucks managed to find four points and failed to cut into Utah's 23-point lead.

Mehmet Okur scored 16 points, Matt Harpring and Devin Brown each added 12. Brown's total was the highest since joining the Jazz as a free agent this summer.

With Utah leading 66-46 in the third quarter, Williams threatened a pass from the top of the key to Harpring under the

basket for an easy layup. Bogut, who received a loud ovation from the crowd of 16,176 fans, cut the margin to 15 at 74-59 later in the third with a two-handed dunk on a missed layup by Bobby Simmons. Jiri Welsch made a few throws, got Milwaukee within 74-60. But Brown tipped in a rebound just before the buzzer and the Jazz led 77-60 at the end of three periods.

Sixers 103, Hornets 91. PHILADELPHIA — Playing with fluidic chemistry, Allen Iverson scored all 24 of his points in the first half and then happily sat out the fourth quarter of the Philadelphia 76ers' 103-91 victory over the New Orleans Hornets on Monday night.

Iverson, the NBA's second-leading scorer at 32.5 points per game, shot 8-of-22 from the field and had nine assists as the Sixers (7-1) snapped a two-game skid.

It was the first time this season that he failed to score at least 25 points.

Iverson was one of six Sixers to score in double figures. John Salmons added 19 points, Andre Iguodala scored 15, and Chris Webber and Steven Hunter each had a double-double. Webber had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Hunter had 10 rebounds and 12 rebounds.

David West scored 20 points for the Hornets, who won their previous two games.

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Red Wing player hospitalized after seizure

DEFIANT (AP) — Red Wings defenseman Jim Fischer had a seizure in the Detroit bench late in the first period of Monday night's game against the Nashville Predators and was listed in stable condition at a hospital.

Fischer was given CPR at the bench by team physician Dr. Tony Colbert before the 27-year-old native of the Czech Republic was removed on a stretcher. The game was called off with no makeup date immediately announced.

The seizure was stopped, Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. 'They hooked up the auto defibrillator and shocked him.'

Team spokesman John Hahn said Fischer was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital and was stable, breathing on his own and responsive.

Play was stopped with 7:30 left in the period after the Red Wings alerted officials to a problem.

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BCS

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LSU is already ahead of Penn State in the polls, but the Tigers

trial in the Nittany Lions with the computer.

LSU's computer rating could get a nice boost with a win over Georgia in the SEC championship game on Dec. 3 in the Georgia Dome.

Ohio State is sixth, followed

by Oregon, Notre Dame, Miami and Auburn.

Miami was No. 3 last week but lost its second game of the season on Saturday, 14-10 to Georgia Tech to fall out of title contention.

Notre Dame needs to beat

Laughter

Continued from D1. needs advancing by defeating the Pasco-Ilwaco Community College (Ha.) Conquistadors 30-28, 30-14, 30-10 Monday.

A win against the Blues would

put CSI into the tournament's semifinals at 6 p.m. tonight.

'Tomorrow's the tough day,' Stroud said. 'A lot of games, it really is. And everybody has to do it. We hope we'll be in better shape than everybody

else. The Eagles know they'll have to fight their own nerves along with their best competition, but with a national championship only a day away, there's no time to back down.'

'I think every day's going to be a fight for us, and hopefully we can step up to the challenge,' Manuel said. 'It takes a lot. We just have to stay together as a group and talk to each other. This is what we came for. Not to goof around.'

2005 NJCAA Division I Volleyball Tournament

Table with 4 columns: Round, Matchup, Score, and Matchup. Includes matches like No. 8 Blinn def. No. 9 Pasco-Herando 30-28, 30-14, 30-18.

Championship bracket: No. 3 Miami-Dade vs. No. 6 Arkansas State, Smith, 9 a.m. No. 7 Indian Hills vs. No. 2 Western Nebraska, 9 a.m.

BASKETBALL

Table with columns for team names (Philadelphia, Boston, Detroit, etc.) and statistics (Pts, Reb, Stl, Blk, etc.).

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Basketball
- Maui Invitational, semifinal, ESPN 7 p.m.
- Gardens Classic, championship game, ESPN2 8 p.m.

Hockey
- Lightning at Flyers, OLN, 5 p.m.

Football
- Toledo at Bowling Green, ESPN2, 5 p.m.

Soccer
- UEFA Champions League, Manchester United FC vs. Villarreal CF, ESPN2, 12:30 p.m.

Golf
- PGA Grand Slam of Golf, first round, TNT 5 p.m.



Florida and Washington Jump Into Top 25

NEW YORK — Florida is young and in the top 25. The Gators, who lost three straight and 60 percent of their offense from last season, moved into The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll Monday. They had won over ranked teams in the semifinals and championship game of the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic.

The jump from unranked to 10th for the team that starts four sophomores is the most impressive entrance since Georgia Tech moved in to No. 13 in the third poll of the regular season in 1989-90. The Jayhawks beat No. 1 UNLV, No. 2 LSU and No. 25 St. John's in winning the Preseason NIT that season.

The record for a jump-in is Kansas made from unranked to No. 4 in the first regular-season poll of 1989-90. The Jayhawks beat No. 1 UNLV, No. 2 LSU and No. 25 St. John's in winning the Preseason NIT that season.

Duke (3-0) held on to the No. 1 spot, receiving 65 first-place votes and 1,743 points from the national media panel, Texas (2-0) held second with six No. 1 votes and 1,692 points. Kansas (1-0) remained third, but then came the changes.

Michigan State, which lost its opener at Hawaii 81-62, dropped from fourth to No. 12. Villanova, which had the only other first-place vote, Oklahoma, Louisville, Kentucky, Gonzaga, Arizona and Boston College all moved up one place to round out the top ten.

Memphis was No. 11, followed by Michigan State West Virginia, Florida, Illinois, Texas, Kansas, Iowa, Alabama and Indiana.

The last five ranked teams were: George Washington, Nevada, Maryland, Wake Forest and Washington State. Stanford (0-1), which lost its season opener to Cal-Irvine 70-63, dropped out of the rankings from No. 13. Iowa State (0-0-2), fell out from 25th.

Duke Increases Lead in AP Women's poll

NEW YORK — Two consecutive victories made the Duke women an even stronger choice at No. 1.

Duke increased its lead over Baylor in the Associated Press women's basketball poll Monday, and New Mexico appeared in the Top 25 for the third time after handling Texas a close loss at home.

New Mexico (3-1) moved in at No. 25, North Carolina State, which had been 23rd, dropped out.

Duke opened the season with a 93-67 victory at Penn State, then routed Old Dominion 93-56, also on the road. Coach Gal Gwostenker's team shot combined 55 percent of two tradition-rich teams and held them to 32.5 percent shooting.

The Blue Devils received 23 of 45 first-place votes from a national media panel and had 1,101 points.

Jennings, which beat Stetson 81-43 in its only game, had 18 first-place votes and 1,082 points.

In the preseason poll, Jennings had a 2-1 record in first place votes and traded Duke by only five points.

Jojima agrees to contract with Mariners

SEATTLE — Catcher Keiichi Jojima and the Seattle Mariners agreed Monday to a \$16.5 million, three-year contract.

Jojima will be the first Japanese pitcher to play in the major leagues.

He visited Seattle Nov. 11-14 and met with Mariners executives. He also toured the city to assess its suitability for his family.

"He's going to sign with Seattle. They're announcing it today," agent Alan Nero said. "They favorably impressed

him." Nero said a news conference likely would take place Tuesday in Fukuoka, Japan.

Eagles' McNabb, Sheppard out for season

PHILADELPHIA — Now known as McNabb, is gone from the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Eagles' star quarterback had surgery for a sports hernia and is expected to miss the rest of the season, another crushing blow for a team that had still hoped to return to the Super Bowl without suspended receiver Terrell Davis.

All-Pro cornerback Lito Sheppard also appears out for the season with a severely sprained ankle that will require surgery.

The struggling Eagles suspended Davis for four games on Nov. 7, and told him not to return to the team.

Monday's announcement came one day after the reigning NFC champion fell to 4-6 with their fourth straight loss.

Sheppard was injured in the third quarter against the Giants when he got tangled up with wide receiver Haveson Burress on an incomplete pass. He was taken off the field in a cart and the Eagles, originally announcing Burress was broken.

An All-Pro last year, Sheppard had two interceptions and one sack this season.

Eagles swoop into first round of I-AA playoffs

SPOKANE, Wash. — Eastern Washington's football team will practice on artificial turf at Spokane's Alva Stadium this week to prepare for its first round NCAA Division I-AA playoff game at Northern Iowa on Sunday.

Stanford (0-1), which lost its season opener to Cal-Irvine 70-63, dropped out of the rankings from No. 13. Iowa State (0-0-2), fell out from 25th.

"It's a great accomplishment for us based on the adversity and things we have gone through, but while here," East coach Paul Wolf said.

Northern Iowa (0-0) won the conference championship.

Eastern Washington (7-4) was expected to have a big season behind senior quarterback Mike Anderson and new head coach Kimble. The Eagles struggled much of the season, but beat Big Sky powers Montana and Montana State to win the title.

Eastern played Southern Illinois last year in the first round and beat the Gateway champions 35-31. They lost to San Houston State 45-41 at home in the quarterfinals.

Montana, which shared the Big Sky Conference title with Eastern and Montana State, received an at-large berth. Its record is 10-3, but it has lost to the Grizzlies (0-0) who play Cal Poly (0-0).

If the Eagles win they would play the winner of Colgate (0-0) at No. 1, and top-ranked New Hampshire (0-0).

The Cal Poly-Montana winner will play the winner of Georgia Southern (0-0) at Texas State (0-0).

It was the first time Eastern has made consecutive appearances in the I-AA playoffs.

Dolphins' defense will miss sparkplug Thomas

DALLAS — Miami Dolphins defensive leader Zach Thomas likely will miss the next two games with a separated right shoulder.

Thomas, who missed the rest of the season's last game Monday as doctors evaluated the severity of the injury sustained in the first half of the Dolphins' 22-0 drubbing at the hands of the Browns.

Saban said the seriousness of Thomas' injury would determine opinions, ranging from playing in a shoulder harness to having surgery. The Dolphins play (3-7) at Oakland (4-6) on Sunday.

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Advertisement for Middlekauff GT40 featuring a car image and text: 'Middlekauff Has Been Chosen to Showcase the New... GT40... MIDDLEKAUFF Ford... 208.738.2480 • 800.473.5787... Come In And See One Today!'

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Students sell See's Candy at M.V. mall

**TWIN FALLS** — Free Enterprise and International Business Club students at the College of Southern Idaho will be selling See's Candy at the Magic Valley Mall for the Christmas shopping season.

The candy kiosk will be located near the mall's entrance to Sears. Students will staff the "store" during the mall's regular hours today through Christmas Eve.

Individual bars and holiday gift boxes ranging in price from \$1 to \$75 will be available. In addition to candy assortments, selections will include nuts, peanut brittle, toffee, peppermints and other holiday treats for which See's is well known.

Dennis Hieme, club advisor, said this is the sixth year for this fundraiser at the mall. Proceeds will be used for club activities and conferences.

### Group launches ads for job recruitment

**TWIN FALLS** — In an effort to introduce residents in nearby states about the numerous job opportunities in southern Idaho, Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization launched a Workforce Recruitment Advertising Campaign on Sunday.

The quarter-page black and white ad will run in select newspapers in Washington, Utah and Oregon communities with high unemployment, and locally in *The Times-News*.

"There are numerous southern Idaho businesses seeking employees to meet their work force demands, especially with unemployment rates so low in the area," said Jan Rogers, executive director of SIEDO. "We hope this workforce recruitment campaign will draw interested and qualified workers into southern Idaho's growing job market."

The initial ad campaign began running Nov. 20 on the highest circulation date with the final ad running Dec. 4 in Roseburg, Ore.; Longview and Chehalis, Wash.; Logan and Provo, Utah; and the day after Thanksgiving in Twin Falls. The campaign will continue in January, participating in the program can contact Southern Idaho Economic Development for information.

Numerous area businesses with a wide variety of job skills will list specific job openings at their business as part of this ad. Interested parties can contact the companies directly or contact SIEDO for further assistance. Businesses participating with job listings in this first round include Blip Printers, ConAgra, Con Paulos, First Federal Savings, Glanbia Foods Inc., Greater Foods of Magic Valley, Jayco Inc., Seastron Manufacturing, Southern Idaho Freightliner and Stevens Pierce & Associates.

### Give your holiday shopping a jump start

**NEW YORK** — The day after Thanksgiving has been given some black nicknames, including "Black Friday" and "The Worst Shopping Day of the Year."

But consumers can take comfort in the fact that they don't need necessarily have to drag their shopping-stuffed bodies out of bed at 5 a.m. just to gain some quality mall time. It's easy to get a jump on gift buying by logging on the Internet, where stores offering holiday shopping specials have already started promotions.

To find the best deals online:

- Sign up to be part of mailing lists at your favorite retailers on the Internet or online. Many stores reserve special holiday promotions for customers on the lists.

- Visit the Web sites of favorite mall stops and stores you already shop at. Internet promotions are typically advertised prominently, either in pop-up ads or on the site's main page.
- Review coupons you receive in-store. There may be mention of added deals or promotions online. These can be especially useful if the store doesn't have an item you're looking for.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

# Micron plans expansion in Lehi

By Christopher Smith  
Associated Press writer

**BOISE** — Hundreds of high-tech jobs could be coming to a Lehi manufacturing plant in a new venture by Micron Technology, Inc. and Intel Corporation to produce flash memory chips used in digital audio players, cameras, portable storage drives and wireless mobile devices.

The two companies announced Monday they will each invest \$1.2 billion in cash and assets to form a separate new company. They also said Apple Computer Inc. would pay each company \$250 million in advance for long-term agreements to supply Apple

with the NAND flash memory chips that power the Cupertino, Calif.-based company's popular iPod personal music players.

Production is expected to start in early 2006 in Micron facilities in Lehi, Utah; Boise, Idaho and Manassas, Va. A Micron spokeswoman said it is unclear exactly how many jobs will move to its Lehi plant, about 25 miles south of Salt Lake City, where 500 workers now test computer chips.

"If everything goes according to plan, we'll see that facility evolve from testing to manufacturing," said Trudy Sullivan, director of strategic communications for Micron in Boise. When it was built about 10 years ago, the Lehi plant was expected to bring in 3,500 high-paying jobs to Lehi. But those plans were put on hold when the semiconductor industry fell into a slump.

Steve Appleton, chairman, president and CEO of Boise-based Micron, told The Associated Press Monday that the joint venture with Intel — known as IM Flash Technologies — would have happened without Apple's demand for NAND memory chips since the growth of the flash memory market is outstripping demand for dynamic random access memory or DRAM chips that are widely used in personal computers.

The technology is penetrating markets that are both new to us and to Intel and we believed the two companies together can be a formidable player in this space," said Appleton. "The NAND market is about a third the size of the DRAM market but it is growing at 100 to 120 percent per year while DRAM is growing at 45 to 50 percent per year."

The Micron-Intel venture follows Monday's announcement by the world's largest memory chip maker, Seoul-based Samsung Electronics Co., that it would invest \$615.4 million to build a new chip production facility in South Korea to meet rising demand for both NAND and DRAM chips.

Besides initially contributing \$1.2 billion each in cash, notes

and assets to the new venture, Micron and Intel have agreed to contribute approximately \$1.4 billion over the next three years. Micron will own 51 percent of IM Flash Technologies and Intel will own 49 percent.

Appleton said NAND production under the joint venture will begin early next year at Micron plants in Boise, Manassas, Va., and Lehi, Utah. He anticipates that the venture will expand its work force at all three manufacturing sites.

"We have a lot of work to do to finalize our plans," he said. "But we are excited about this venture because we believe it will be a very strategic partnership that strengthens our company overall."

# SOOR ANNOUNCEMENT



Workers at General Motors plants in Oshawa, Ont., leave work Monday after finding out about the upcoming layoffs.

# General Motors will cut 30,000 jobs

The Associated Press

**DETROIT** — In the last few weeks, General Motors Corp. has been facing a near constant drumbeat of negative news and bankruptcy whispers, putting Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner under considerable pressure to speed up his turnaround plan.

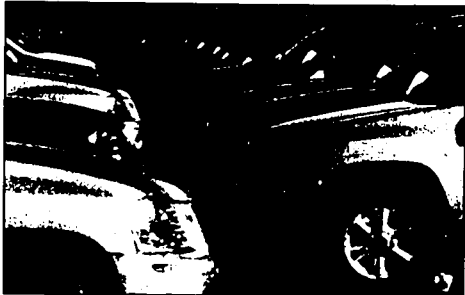
Wagoner sent employees a memo last week, assuring them that bankruptcy isn't on the radar at the world's largest automaker. He took further action Monday, saying the company plans to cut 30,000 hourly jobs and close 12 facilities by 2008. The announcement had been planned for next month, but the timetable was accelerated as GM shares plunged to their lowest level in 18 years.

Still, investors weren't too satisfied. GM shares fell 47 cents, or nearly 2 percent, to close at \$23.58 Monday on the New York Stock Exchange. They have traded in a 52-week range of \$20.60 to \$40.82.

Wagoner was resolute, saying he continues to have board members' confidence and hasn't considered stepping down.

"I have given no thought to anything but turning the business around," Wagoner said. "I wasn't brought up to run and hide when things get tough."

But the reaction of some analysts suggested that the drumbeat will continue. Merrill Lynch analyst John Cascaza said GM's plan leaves many questions unanswered, including what the company will do about its growing retiree burden. The



New vehicles are lined up outside the General Motors Assembly plant in Oklahoma City, Monday morning. GM announced early Monday it will eliminate 30,000 jobs and close nine North American assembly, stamping and powertrain plants by 2008. The Oklahoma City plant is slated for closure in early 2006.

automaker now has 2.5 retirees for every active worker.

"At some point this becomes an untenable situation and is the key reason that GM cannot shrink to a competitive size, that is unless the current labor agreement is drastically revised," Cascaza wrote in a note to investors.

It's unclear how much help GM can count on from its unions. The United Auto

Workers called GM's plan "devastating" and warned it will make negotiations more difficult.

"Workers have no control over GM's capital investment, product development, design, marketing and advertising decisions. But, unfortunately, it is workers, their families and our communities that

are emotionally painful, none of this is new in Detroit.

To the contrary, it's become exhaustingly old.

For nearly three decades, the Big Three automotive companies that dominate this state have struggled in vain to compete against a foreign invasion of cars and trucks. GM, Ford Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group have tried to build more enticing vehicles, yet their share of the United States automotive market has fallen from about 61 percent of all vehicles sold in 1975 to about 60 percent today.

That's a dangerous drop-off

## Fox makes deal with Movielink

Companies will offer movies online  
The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — Movielink, a joint venture of the Hollywood studios to offer movies over the Internet, has signed a deal with Twentieth Century Fox, allowing it to offer movies from all major studios for the first time.

The deal, announced Monday, comes at a time when studios and TV networks are looking at alternative ways to distribute programs, including video on demand and portable devices, such as Apple's iPod.

While Fox has offered some of its content online at sites such as CinemaNow.com, it wanted until more homes had high speed Internet access and could view downloaded movies on large screen TVs before signing a deal with Movielink.

"I think you're going to see us be a lot more aggressive in the next few months," said Peter Levinson, president of Worldwide Pay Television and Digital Media at Fox, a subsidiary of New York-based 20th Century Fox.

"This marketplace is really going to start to grow." Movielink and similar legitimate movie download services exist, in part, to offer an alternative to illegal piracy. But Movielink has yet to become popular, in part because films can only be viewed on a computer or watched on a TV screen using a cable.

But over the next few months, consumer electronics devices, such as the recently released Xbox 360 game console, will allow users to more easily view material stored on a hard drive on a large TV screen.

Studios also are expected to experiment with other business models, including allowing viewers to purchase movies online and burn copies to DVDs.

"The end of 2005 and into 2006 is really a watershed year," said Jim Rama, chief executive at Movielink. "I think you're beginning to see a snowball effect."

Starting Monday, Fox will make movies such as "Robots" available and will add more movies over the next few months.

But viewers won't see any of George Lucas's "Star Wars" films, which Fox distributes in theaters and home video.

Movielink also owns an Internet distribution rights to the films.

# Fearing the future: Auto industry, Detroit at new low

Knight Ridder News Service

**DETROIT** — The Motor City is facing a fearful holiday season after three of the auto industry's biggest companies announced nearly 60,000 job cuts in the past week, with more to follow.

After months of bad economic news, mostly about the auto industry, there is a sense that this gritty town is humbled and weary, dreading the tough times ahead and searching its soul: Where did we go wrong? What does the future hold? Where is the light at the end of this god-forsaken tunnel?

Many workers don't yet know

whether they'll keep or lose their jobs, fueling an anxiety that is sure to taint Thanksgiving and other year-end holidays.

"We're all worried. Everybody is worried," Robert Paulk, 58, an hourly worker at General Motors' Warren Tech Center, said Monday. "The No. 1, Mich., resident supports two teenagers and a wife. 'You can't help but think about it.'"

Just a few hours earlier, GM said it would stop production at 12 plants and cut 30,000 hourly jobs in North America by the end of 2008.

Another 2,500 salaried jobs at

GM are in the crosshairs.

The backdrop for this announcement was bleak enough, with several of Michigan's largest companies — most in the automotive sector — already in bankruptcy or in the midst of restructuring efforts that will cost workers their job or take a bite out of their pay and benefits. Michigan will suffer a sixth straight year of job losses in 2006, a string unprecedented since World War II.

University of Michigan economists predicted Friday a strike at Delphi Corp. may also be brewing.

While this is economically

and emotionally painful, none of this is new in Detroit.

To the contrary, it's become exhaustingly old.

For nearly three decades, the Big Three automotive companies that dominate this state have struggled in vain to compete against a foreign invasion of cars and trucks. GM, Ford Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group have tried to build more enticing vehicles, yet their share of the United States automotive market has fallen from about 61 percent of all vehicles sold in 1975 to about 60 percent today.

That's a dangerous drop-off

when one considers that each single percentage point keeps an entire assembly plant running, according to some estimates.

As a result, the traditional American automakers have tried to keep up with this decline by reorganizing their businesses, closing plants and cutting jobs. Of the 100,000 layoffs in 2004, more than 50,000 were at the plant level.

Restructuring, in fact, have become a way of life in Detroit. More than 100,000 non-union salaried automotive jobs have been eliminated since 2000.

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Jobs

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are being forced to suffer because of the failures of others," said President Tom Gettelinger and Vice President Richard Shroyer, who made a joint statement.

To get production in line with demand, GM will cut 30,000 jobs, which represent 17 percent of GM's North American hourly and salaried work force of 173,000, and close nine assembly, stamping and powertrain plants and three parts facilities.

The divisions we are announcing today were very difficult to reach because of their impact on our employees and the communities where we live and work," Waggoner said.

GM isn't the only U.S. automaker cutting costs. Last week, Ford Motor Co. told employees it plans to eliminate about 4,000 white-collar jobs in North America early next year as part of a restructuring plan.

GM said the plant closings are part of a plan to shave \$7 billion off its \$42 billion annual bill for operations by the end of next year. That includes \$3 billion cut in health care costs, \$1.5 billion in manufacturing cuts and \$1.5 billion in savings on materials.

Standard & Poor's S&P 500 services, which lowered GM's debt to "junk" status earlier this year, said the company remains on credit watch. S&P said the staff cuts are substantial but may not be adequate considering GM's problems, including a possible strike at Delphi Corp., its largest supplier, an ongoing federal investigation into accounting

errors; and an uncertain outlook for its new lineup of full-size sport utility vehicles, which will be sold under the Saturn name.

Goldman Sachs analyst Robert Barry said those headwinds could offset any gains from the cuts.

"We are not confident the restructuring addresses the core issue that GM brings too much supply to the North American market," Barry said in a note to investors.

GM has 77 facilities in North America, including 30 assembly plants, 23 stamping plants and 24 engine and transmission plants, spokesman Stefan Weismann said.

Waggoner said the job cuts will come primarily through attrition and early-retirement packages. GM has an annual attrition rate of about 7 percent, Waggoner said. The average hourly worker is about 43, he said.

Some workers who don't choose to retire could go into jobs banks, which pay laid-off workers their salary and benefits. Waggoner said details about layoffs and early-retirement packages still need to be worked out with the UAW, the Canadian Auto Workers and other unions.

Earlier this month, GM's U.S. hourly workers agreed to pay more for their health care benefits, a concession UAW leaders said was necessary because of GM's financial status. But the union responded angrily to GM's latest announcement, saying the company needs to design attractive and exciting vehicles instead of trying to shrink its way to prosperity.

The plan will cut the number of vehicles GM is able to build in North America by about 1 million a year by the end of 2008. GM will be able to build about 4.2 million vehicles a year in North America, down 30 percent

from 2002. Waggoner said GM's plants are increasingly flexible and will be able to add capacity to meet market demands.

The decision could help Toyota Motor Corp. surpass GM in worldwide production, although it's unclear if that could happen because GM is growing rapidly in Asia, said Greg Carter of Harbour Consulting, a manufacturing consulting firm. Toyota expects to produce 8.1 million vehicles this year, while GM expects 8 million, he said.

Waggoner said the plan would get GM's North American plants running at 100 percent of their capacity rather than 85 percent, as they do now. In 2004, Toyota had the most productive plants in North America, with six plants that ran at 107 percent of their capacity, according to the Harbour Report, which measures manufacturing productivity.

The plants that are closing are in various regions. GM didn't target plants which makes full-size trucks and SUVs, products its counting on for a comeback. Instead, its significantly reducing its capacity to produce minivans like the Buick Terraza, mid-size SUVs like the GMC Envoy and mid-size sedans like the Buick Lacrosse. It's also ending production at the Lansing plant that produces the slow-selling Chevrolet SSR, a small pickup.

Waggoner said GM has no plans to kill off any of its engine brands. He added that plants were chosen for closure based on overcapacity of their products in the market, the life span of various products and the state of the facilities.

"Frankly, we've done it in the fairest and most cost-effective way we could do it," Waggoner said.

GM said assembly plants will close in Oklahoma City, Lansing, Mich., Doraville, Ga., and Ontario, Canada. One production

line will close and one will remain open in Spring Hill, Tenn. The company is removing shifts at plants in Moraine, Ohio, and Ontario.

An engine facility in Flint, Mich., will close, along with a separate powertrain facility in Ontario and metal centers in Lansing and Pittsburgh.

Waggoner said GM also will close three service and parts operations facilities. They are in Ypsilanti, Mich., and Portland, Ore. One other site will be announced later.

GM has been crippled by high labor, pension, health care and materials costs, as well as by surging demand for sport utility vehicles, its longtime cash cow. It could be facing a strike at Delphi, which filed for bankruptcy protection last month. GM spun off Delphi in 1999 and may be able for billions in pension costs for Delphi retirees.

Stocks gain despite GM cuts

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street extended its November rally with modest gains Monday despite pressure from rising oil prices and a major restructuring plan at General Motors Corp.

A raft of acquisition news carried some stocks higher, but volume was light and was expected to remain so ahead of Thanksgiving. There was also a muted reaction to a Conference Board report that the top economic indicators rose 0.9 percent last month, reversing an 0.8 percent decline in September.

The Standard & Poor's 500 and Nasdaq composite indexes pushed past four-year highs reached Friday as an improving economic backdrop energized the market. But many traders were awaiting indications of how retailers will fare during this year's holiday rush, which starts Friday.

"You're going to hear a lot of chatter about (retail sales) this week because consumers are such a large part of the economy," said Art Hogan, chief market analyst for Jefferies & Co. Hogan said investors may react to early sales reports, "but it doesn't mean a whole lot until we have the hard data."

Meanwhile, forecasters said a nearing snowstorm could hit several northeastern states by midweek, pushing crude oil higher on reduced supply concerns.

A barrel of light crude added 49 cents to \$57.70 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. At the close of trading, the Dow Jones Industrial average rose 53.95, or 0.5 percent, to 10,820.28, the index's highest close since March 10. The advance also put the Dow into positive territory for the year.

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For example, meanwhile, is planning to announce a major restructuring effort...

Previously unthinkable pay and benefit cuts are being forced upon union and salaried workers...

Michigan's median household income already has fallen by 59.91 percent...

Doug Thompson, wearing a black leather motorcycle jacket adorned with an American flag...

But he said the pride and camaraderie of the work force that was evident 20 years ago...

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But even if they do that, he said, it could take until the end of 2008...

By the end of that three years," he said, "I think we will be ready to turn the corner."

Kenneth Ross, who retired from GM after 35 years and lives in Macon Township, Mich...

Still, he remains hopeful for the future. "I really do."

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