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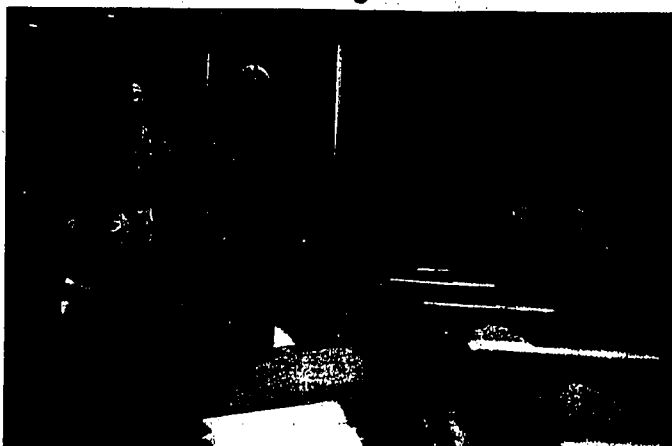
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# Reluctantly ratified



Annette McFarlin, who teaches at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School, talks with Steve Hoy, chairman of the Twin Falls Education Association, in the school auditorium after teachers approved a new contract with the district.

## Teachers approve contract with hesitation

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The latest teacher contract passed Thursday night by a margin as thin as the paper it was written on.

Fifty-seven percent of the Twin Falls Education Association's 170 voting members approved the contract, which brings more than six months of bargaining to an end. However, the teachers who gathered at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High was anything but jovial.

"Was it a victory? I don't know," said Steve Hoy, chairman of the TEA.

With a minimum of 51 percent required to ratify the contract, 57 percent



Steve Hoy, right, Diann Gergen and Larsen Jansen count votes Thursday night.

was a razor-thin margin.

"This is an interesting result because it's not something that (teachers) are wholeheartedly behind," Hoy said. "The last time it was this close was maybe six or seven years ago."

Although many teachers did not wish to comment on the ratification, some were willing to express their frustration about the contract.

"I can't afford to be a teacher any more," said one teacher.

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# California city elects a goat mayor

By Ashley Powers  
Los Angeles Times

**ANZA, Calif.** — The goat charmed his way out of the slaughterhouse, but he wasn't as nimble in the gruff world of desert politics.

The goat was named honorary mayor of this rural Riverside County town after drumming up more money for charity than anybody else. But like any officeholder, he wasn't without enemies.

Local business leaders, fearing that Opie made the more than 5,000 townsfolk look like yokels, decided he had to go. Opie's supporters kicked back, and the ensuing fracas divided the growing town.

"Opie stands for why so many people moved out here," said Nancy Hoss, a stylist at Anza Barber & Beauty. "We don't want some human sitting on a throne."



Honorable mayor Opie the goat

With his foray into public service, Opie had joined a select number of four-legged mammals ascending to small-town higher office.

Voters have elected goats, donkeys and dogs to honorary mayor positions in recent years — almost exclusively in sparsely populated communities where a barnyard politician can reel in dollars from curious tourists.

Outside Colorado Springs, Colo., the town of Placitas elected a donkey named Birdie in a charity ballot that benefited the Placitas Park Historical Society.

"We decided to have a little truth in politics: We'd only have jackasses run," said society president Celinda Kaelin.

Paolo Bell, the current mayor, won a second term in 2004 after one opponent got sick, another didn't show and a third, a llama with pasted-on ears, was booted because it didn't meet the jackass standard.

Some folks in Rabbit Hash, Ky., blanched at the election of a dog named Goofy in 1998, wondering if this speck of a town near the Ohio border would look foolish.

But the mixed-breed dog's victory raised at least \$9,000 — one vote, one dollar — leading a filmmaker to reveal a documentary called "Rabbit Hash: The Center of the Universe," which screened at a Pennsylvania film festival.

Rabbit Hash, whose official population

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# It's a beautiful — and longer — life

Yet health officials see trouble spots

**The Associated Press**

**ATLANTA** — U.S. life expectancy has hit another all-time high — 77.6 years — and deaths from heart disease, cancer and stroke continue to fall, the government reported Thursday.

Still, the march of medical progress has taken a worrisome turn: Half of Americans in the 55- to 64-year age group — including the oldest of the baby boomers — have high blood pressure, and two in five are obese. That means they are in worse shape in some respects than Americans born a decade earlier, were when they were that age.

The health of this large group of the near-elderly is of major concern to American taxpayers, because they are now becoming eligible for Medicare and Social Security.

Among the government report's new data: Deaths from heart disease, cancer and stroke, the nation's three leading killers, all dropped in 2003. They were down between 2 and 5 percent.

Also, Americans' life expectancy increased again in 2003. According to the government's calculations, a child born in 2003 can expect to live 77.6 years on average, up from 77.3 the year before. In 1990, life expectancy was 75.4.

For men, life expectancy in 2003 was 74.8, for women 80.1.

Life expectancy in the U.S. has been rising without interruption since 1900, thanks to several factors, including extraordinary advances in medicine and sanitation, and declines in unhealthy behavior, such as smoking.

Those trends may allow life expectancy to continue to inch up despite the increases in obesity and high blood pressure, said Bernstein, the study's director.

Also noted in the report:

- Infant mortality in 2003 dropped slightly to 6.9 deaths per 1,000 live births. Infant mortality has been on a general decline since 1958.
- Spending on health care rose 7.7 percent in 2003, to \$1.7 trillion. Health expenditures as a percentage of gross domestic product rose to 15.3 percent in 2003, up from 14.9 percent in 2002.
- Prescription drugs were the fastest-growing expenditure. Spending on prescriptions rose 11 percent in 2003.
- Twenty-eight percent of all adults reported recent low back pain.

# Preschool education focus of legislation

State business group says Idaho should invest in early childhood education

By Anne Wallace Allen  
Associated Press writer

**BOISE** — Several dozen Idaho CEOs will ask lawmakers next year to let school districts offer preschool.

The Idaho Business Coalition for Education Excellence is supporting a change in state law so districts can spend money on children under the age of 5 — something that is now prohibited.

In draft legislation, the group emphasized that any program would be voluntary, with no cost to taxpayers.

"School districts have told us that they can raise or get alternative sources of funding," said Ray Hechtbart, CEO of Blue Cross of Idaho. "They just want the ability under state law to do that."

Preschool, or early childhood education, has never been much of a priority in Idaho. In fact, it's been all but outlawed in the public school system because of a statute defining school age as 5 or over.

But as education in general moves to the center of the public policy debate, leaders are taking another look at how children are prepared for kindergarten.

Advocates say it's less expensive in the long run to get children ready for school than it is to help them catch up in the later grades when they fall behind because they never learned basic skills.

"The research that we've seen shows that investment in early childhood is a great investment," said Larry Koonzler, the executive vice president of Marsh, Inc., and a member of ICELE.

Idaho is one of about eight states that do not use state money for early education, said Adele Robinson, director of public policy and communications for the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Washington, D.C.

Some school districts, including Boise, offer some early education using federal money.

The business coalition spent several months discussing the early education bill before deciding earlier this year to make it a priority for lawmakers. Now they're talking to lawmakers to find a sponsor.

They decided a bill with no provision for spending state money was more likely to succeed.

"A lot of folks have advised us that because of the pressure of funding of K-12, it may be an uphill battle to try to seek funding for this at this stage," Hechtbart said.

Similar measures have failed in Idaho in past years, but Hechtbart said he thought that findings on the value of early education are better known now.

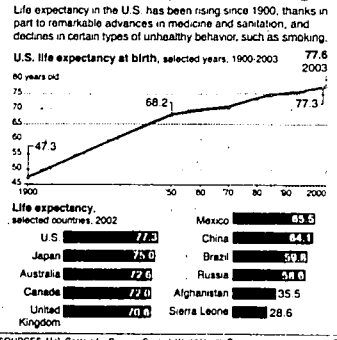
At the very least, the measure will get a hearing from both the House and Senate Education Committee chairmen.

"If people are concerned about it and want to do it, there's certainly some good data that supports it," said Rep. Jack Barrows, Idaho Falls and chairman of the House Education Committee.

But John Gosdick, R-Coeur d'Alene, said he was not sure the measure would pass.

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# U.S. life expectancy hits all-time high



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

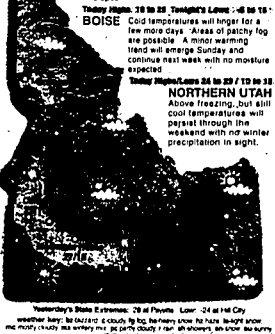
Today: Sunny and cold. Highs near 20.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Late fog possible. Lows near 10.
Tomorrow: Morning fog possible, patchy afternoon sunshine likely. Highs upper 20s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny, breezy at times and cold. Highs 20s.
Tonight: Chilly with pockets of late night fog possible. Lows upper single digits to low teens.
Tomorrow: Another fair and dry day expected. Still chilly. Highs 20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Drytime temperatures are expected to remain chilly for the next several days. Dry weather and patchy sunshines will be in abundance making it a great time to hit the slopes.



Weather by Steve Erickson. 20 at Pocatello. Low - 24 at McCall.
Weather by Michelle. Cloudy, bright but no sun. Mostly cloudy with snow in the mountains. An early snow flurry.

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Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Dec 15, Dec 22, Dec 31, and Jan 6.

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GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Necessity is condemning our words to reality. Integrity is condemning reality to words."

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Goat

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fluctuates between three and five people, revived the race during the last presidential election after Goofy was euthanized, choosing a black Lab named Junior.

Like Florissant and Rabbit Hash, Anza is an off-the-main-road town, dozens of miles from a Costco or a movie theater with stadium seating.

Dan Hurtado, who raises goats for their meat, rescued Opie three years ago, after Opie's mother, a Nubian goat named Satisfaction, abandoned him in the snow. Hurtado's wife, Carol Ann Smith, warmed the 3-pound pup with a blow dryer and fed him from a bottle. Hurtado named him after Ron Howard's character on the "The Andy Griffith Show," and gave him the run of the house.

Meanwhile, some residents were looking at the goat with interest. For nearly three decades, the unincorporated town has awarded the title to the candidate who raised the most money for charity.

But some of the human politicians started to act — well, too political. One mayor printed material stationery. Another attended a breakfast for Riverside County.

Then Smith heard about Clay Henry III, the third generation of goats' preside over the tiny Texas town of Lajitas near Big Bend National Park. Tourists loved to see the Henrys down Lone Star long-neck beers.

Clay Henry's story stoked Hurtado's and Smith's ambitions for their 2004 goal.

They took Opie on the fundraising circuit — the feed store, the saloon and the casino — netting more than \$2,000 to

fund a college scholarship at Hamilton High School. The campaign was up to his victory party when the crowd learned his diaper didn't quite work.

The goat beat out three men — including incumbent mayor, Carl Long, who did not return calls seeking comment.

"The people that lost to him were not happy campers," Hurtado said.

Robyn Garrison, president of the local Dairy Queen, hinted that people owners would locate in Anza if they perceived the town as delish.

"If you've got a mayor who's a goat, do you take the place seriously?" she asked. "I want people to take us seriously. We're just as legitimate as Los Angeles."

The chamber led the 2004 election pass without a ballot, but Opie kept mugging for features in the local paper, the High Country Journal. Sporting a red visor, the goat anchored this year's Fourth of July parade, peering from a Chevy Blazer.

"The goat made the community had to grapple with a new reality. Since the chamber hadn't sponsored another election, Opie was out of office."

Mayor Resnick is how the Journal handled its account, which quoted Garrison as saying the goat had ceased to be mayor last December.

Opie seemed to take the news in stride, resting among chicken coops, horses and fellow goats Georgia and Firecracker.

And the chamber board decided that another community goat in the local paper, the High Country Journal, which quoted Garrison as saying the goat had ceased to be mayor last December.

"Maybe we're getting bigger," huffed Bob Giffin Krieger, a real estate agent and Opie supporter. "Somebody should run a mule so we have a bigger animal."

Authorities defend use of deadly force as details on shooting emerge

Knight Ridder News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — Rigoberto Aljizar may have just been scared.

As more details emerged about Wednesday's andous moments aboard American Airlines Flight 524, it became increasingly apparent that the Maitland, Fla., man killed by federal air marshals may have been fleeing in panic as he suffered the symptoms of bipolar disorder.

To grieving relatives, two air marshals acted rashly and an innocent man died — one who at least seven passengers said they never heard yelling about a bomb.

"With all the advances that the U.S. has supposedly made in its war against terrorism, I can't conceive that the marshals wouldn't be able to overpower an unarmed, single man, especially knowing he had already cleared every security check," Carlos Aljizar said Thursday in an interview from Costa Rica.

"I will never accept that it was necessary to kill him as if he was some kind of terrorist. And I want to make this distinction: He did not die. He was killed."

But to federal authorities and security experts, Aljizar — mental health issues were responsible for his own death.

"This threat presented itself and we believe it was necessary to use deadly force... This isn't a time in making these split-second decisions to analyze their mental health," said James E. Bauer, special agent in charge of the Federal Air Marshal Service's Miami field office.

Police in Miami's Dade County are investigating what is quickly becoming the most closely scrutinized day in the Air Marshal Service's history.

Here's how the event unfolded, according to witnesses and police:

Aljizar, who worked at a Home Depot in east Orange County, Fla., and his wife, Arlene Bauer, were among the last to board the American Airlines Boeing 757 bound for Orlando International Airport. They had arrived in Miami about two hours earlier on a flight from Ecuador, where they'd traveled with one of Buechner's relatives, a dentist who was providing free care to children.

A few minutes before takeoff, the ratification of the contract. After the results of the vote were announced, a group of teachers spoke about voicing concerns at the next school board meeting.

The TEFA estimated that more than 200 teachers attended the meeting that began at 7 p.m. Thursday, and it estimated that 100 of them were voting members.

Kathy Uhrig said the negotiating team explained the pro-

posed contract, answered questions and discussed what the teachers' union will do regardless of the election's outcome. Hoy said there will be a long process ahead to salvage working relationships with the district.

"We've got fences to mend," Hoy said. "We can be mad at people and hunt heads, but we are all working toward one direction, and that's our students' education."

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This family photo shows Costa Ricans Rigoberto Aljizar, right, and his brother, Rolando Aljizar, left, and his sister-in-law, Violeta Castro, outside their home in Costa Rica. Aljizar was shot and killed by a federal air marshal Wednesday after he bolted frantically from an American Airlines jetliner that was boarding for takeoff in Miami.

Contract

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ment," said Matt Johnson, an algebra teacher at O'Leary Junior High. "I make \$1,200 less than what I need to pay bills, so I have to have a second job just to pay them."

Johnson said if it wasn't for his love of the job and the kids, he wouldn't continue being a teacher.

Some teachers said the bitter debate between them and the district will continue even with

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Lawmakers strike deal to extend Patriot Act

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key Republicans from the House and Senate reached a White House-backed compromise Thursday to renew the broad powers granted to law enforcement agencies in the days after the 2001 terrorist attacks on American soil.

GOP leaders pledged to pass the Patriot Act extension for President Bush's signature by the holidays, although bipartisan criticism flared. Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., threatened to filibuster a bill he said lacked adequate safeguards to protect constitutional freedoms.

"We hammered out what I think is a good bill... Not a perfect bill, but a good bill," said Sen. Arlen Specter, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, who announced the compromise at a news conference in the Capitol.

Rep. James Sensenbrenner, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said the measure would assist "in the detection, disruption and dismantling of terrorist cells before they strike."

Important parts involve the ability of law enforcement officials to gain access to a wealth of personal data, including library records, as part of investigations into suspected terrorist activity.

The measure provides a four-year extension of the government's ability to conduct roving wiretaps — which may involve multiple phones — and to seek access to many of the personal records covered by the bill.

Group says it killed American hostage

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A statement signed by an Iraqi insurgent group said Thursday in an Internet posting that it killed a kidnapped U.S. security consultant. The White House said it could not confirm the death.

The statement, posted on an Islamic militant Web forum, did not name the hostage and provided no pictures, video or other evidence he had been killed. It said pictures of the slaying would be released later. The U.S. Embassy said it had no information to confirm the claim.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said he could not confirm the death and said he had no additional information on the matter. "Any time there is an American that is taken hostage it is a priority for the administration, and their safe return is a priority for the administration," he said.

It was the first time in more than a year that a group from the Sunni-led insurgency announced the slaying of an American hostage. Another American was killed in August, and police blamed Shiite militants.

The Islamic Army in Iraq said it had killed "the American security consultant for the Housing Ministry" after the United States failed to respond to its demand of the release of Iraqi prisoners.

A video issued by the group was broadcast Tuesday on Al-Jazeera showing the hostage — identified as Ronald Schulz, 40, an industrial electrician from Alaska — sitting with his hands tied behind his back.

The group Thursday blamed President Bush for failing to respond to its demands.

"The war criminal Bush continues his arrogance, giving no value to people's lives unless they serve his criminal, aggressive ways. Since his reply (to the demands) was irresponsible, he bears the consequences of his stance," the statement said.

"Therefore the American security consultant for the Housing Ministry was killed after the end of the deadline set to respond to the Islamic Army's demands," it said.

On Tuesday, Bush said the United States will work for the return of captive Americans in Iraq but would not submit to terrorist tactics. "We, of course, don't pay ransom for any hostages," Bush said.

"What we will do, of course, is use our intelligence-gathering to see if we can help locate them," Bush said.

Another insurgent group, the Swords of Righteousness, has set a Saturday deadline, threatening to kill four Christian humanitarian workers abducted two weeks ago, including an American, two Canadians and a Briton. A French aid worker and a German citizen are also currently being held by kidnappers.

Schulz graduated from Jamestown, N.D., High School in 1983, then joined the Marines. His brother, Ed, said he served in the Marine Corps from 1984 to 1991 and after his discharge, moved to the Anchorage, Alaska, suburb of Eagle River.

Schulz

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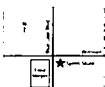
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## EDITORIAL

### Hasty logic rules Congress once again on Patriot Act

Old habits seem to die hard in the U.S. Congress, especially with the Patriot Act.

Much as they did with that law back in 2001 after Sept. 11, members of Congress are acting in haste to get the controversial law renewed by year's end. Unfortunately, their efforts are showing their ignorance more than their intelligence.

On Thursday, House and Senate negotiators agreed to extend the anti-terrorism law for another four years. Congressional leaders hailed the measure as a sensible compromise in law enforcement authority.

Don't believe it. The extension bill resists an odious affront to civil liberties. It will retain two of the original law's worst provisions — the authorization of roving wire taps and the allowance of secret warrants for books, records and other transactions from businesses, hospitals and libraries.

And yet, it could have been worse. House Republicans wanted the powers to be extended 10 years rather than four. Most of the Patriot Act would become permanent under the reauthorization.

The Patriot Act was approved in the months after Sept. 11, 2001, as a way to expand and combine investigative powers against terrorism. Its supporters have cited its effectiveness in tear-

ing down walls of misinformation between law enforcement agencies. Critics say its powers can infringe on individual liberties.

Idaho Republican Sen. Larry Craig and five other senators are convinced this measure will still erode civil liberties. They favor a previously crafted Senate bill that would have required the government to show a connection between records sought and a suspected terrorist.

"We cannot support a conference report that does not contain modest but critical improvements, similar to those in the Senate-passed bill, to the most controversial provisions of the Patriot Act," said the senators in a joint statement.

Their fear is perfectly legitimate. Rather than fix the law, lawmakers pushing this measure say it's sound because it lasts four years, not 10.

What kind of reassurance is that? A law that violates privacy liberties shouldn't be on the books for a day, much less four. In four years, recommending those two police powers will be even tougher than today.

Idaho's congressional delegation may be the only one in the nation that has formed a unanimous front against these investigative powers. They need to stand fast, make noise, and be sure their colleagues stop it from passing before holiday recess.

### Mining reform needs work

Speaking about changes in federal law, the Senate needs to get rid of a legislative rider on the budget spending bill that changes the 1872 Mining Act.

For 11 years, Congress has kept a moratorium on public land sales to mining companies with patented mining claims. This new House measure would reopen those sales for the price of \$1,000 an acre or fair market value, whichever is more. The language, however, can be broadly defined for other land users to buy public land.

With the mining rider at-

tached to it, the spending bill passed the House 217-215. Idaho Rep. Mike Simpson and Butch Otter both voted in favor of the spending bill.

But a legislative rider process is not the way to redefine public land sales. A number of Western lawmakers, including Sen. Larry Craig, have doubts about how far the provision goes.

We would have to agree. Reforming the 1872 Mining Act is worth more discussion and effort for the survival of viable mining industries. But don't pass it under the sleeve of a huge spending bill.

## Ramsey Clark: Saddam's chief apologist

Not many months ago, on the Los Angeles Times Op-Ed page, a former attorney general of the United States defended his decision to appear as an attorney for Saddam Hussein. In his article, Mr. Clark made the perfectly obvious and indeed irrefutable point that his infamous client — his "demonized" client, as he phrased it — was as much entitled to a defense counsel as the next man.

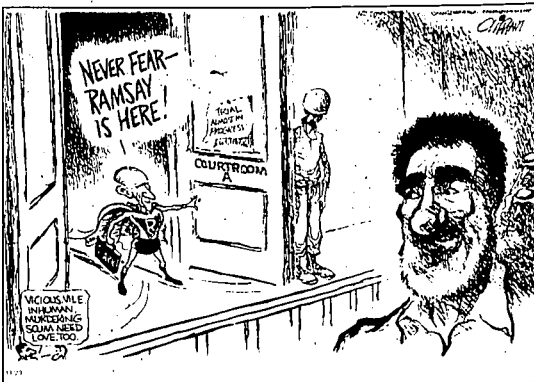
CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS

Nobody disputes this proposition, least of all the Iraqi court that Clark described as illegitimate before it had even opened proceedings. So now, Clark — one of the chief spokesmen of the American antiwar movement, leader of the ANSWER coalition that filled the streets with protesters and compared President Bush to Adolf Hitler — is indeed in Baghdad, seated at the defense table for a client who on Monday terminated the proceedings by loudly comparing his own stand in the dock to the heroic struggle of Mussolini.

Any reporter with the smallest talent could make good copy out of this zoo-like scene. But a core of principle is involved here, and it ought not to be overlooked. Saddam stands accused of some of the most revolting crimes ever perpetrated by any despot. A defense lawyer is (presumably) engaged to acquit him of such charges. But before he had even had his credentials accepted by the court, Clark announced that his client was a guilty of disgusting atrocities and justified in having committed them.

To be exact, in an interview with the BBC last week and another in The New York Times on Tuesday, Clark addressed the charges that in 1982, during an apparent attempt on his life in the Iraqi town of Dujail, Saddam had ordered the torture and murder of about 150 men and later raped the area.

Far from denying that any such horror had occurred — and it is one of the smaller elements in the bill of indictment



But now, the antiwarriors do have a permanent representative in Baghdad, in the form of an apologist for the past crimes and aggressions of a man who makes his hero, Mussolini, seem like an amateur.

Clark asserted that it was justifiable. He has now twice said in public that, given the war with the Shiite republic of Iran, Saddam was entitled to take stern measures. "He had this huge war going on, and you have to act firmly when you have an assassination attempt," he told the BBC.

To this he calmly added that he himself had more than once been shown a tape by Secret Service agents eager to defend the president of the United States (and of course one remembers the mass arrests).

Yet now, one of the best-known spokesmen for the antiwar cause appears as the world's TV screen, openly saying that the Hussein system was justified in its aggression abroad and its fascism at home.

I was, and will am, one of those who advocated publicly for the overthrow of Saddam. In debates, I proposed that most participants could at least agree on something. Whatever one's view of the

propriety and competence of the intervention, it could surely be accepted that human rights groups in Iraq could use some help digging up the mass graves and identifying the missing — were in need of solidarity; and that the "marshi" Arabs, victims of one of the worst ecocides ever inflicted, were calling for help.

For the most part, the antiwar faction has subordinated everything to its hatred of Bush, folded its hands and watched coldly as Iraqi democrats struggle in a sea of chaos and violence. That slum neutrality has had enough. But now, the antiwarriors do have a permanent representative in Baghdad, in the form of an apologist for the past crimes and aggressions of a man who makes his hero, Mussolini, seem like an amateur.

Underneath that Cindy Sheehan and the other humanitarians say this time? Or are they not "antiwar" at all, but simply pro-war and on the other side?

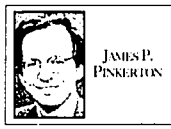
Christopher Hitchens is a columnist for Vanity Fair. His most recent book is "Thomas Jefferson: Author of America."

## There's room for everyone in Christmas

If there's a war over Christmas, as some argue, the anti-Christmas warriors are going to lose. But the Christmas that emerges victorious will inevitably be different from the exclusively Christian Christmas for which supporters yearn.

The latest example of the changeable and changing nature of Christmas observance is the new movie "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," based on the C.S. Lewis children's novels. It's entirely possible to view the film as a rollicking saga, without being aware that it is also a Christian allegory. Indeed, the Christ-like figure, Aslan, is a warrior lion, making him an apt stand-in for the peaceful Lamb of God. And if a devout Christian such as Lewis can be so free in his interpretation of the Christ story, others will be even freer.

Still, the film, opening Friday in time for the holiday, is likely to be a hit, because it is entertaining and it strikes deep Christian chords. One hears, in normal everyday conversation, such Christian-inflected phraseology as "apostle," "holy grail," even "crusade." Not all of these themes are necessarily at-



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tractive to everyone, but the fact is that one can barely turn around in America and not see the imprint of Christianity on our lives. One can't even realize that one is on his team of athletes is proudly trumpeting his goal?

Second, secularism and its offshoot, which might be called "litigationism," as preached by the American Civil Liberties Union. John Gibson, my erstwhile colleague at Fox News, has written "The War on Christmas: How the Liberal Plot to Ban the Sacred Christian Holiday Is Worse Than You Think," detailing antigovernment incidents strangely neglected by the mainstream media.

It's possible that these forces and counterforces will lead to a "culture war." But probably not, at least within the United States, and here's why. Market forces, broadly defined, will heal the breach. Capitalists have demonstrated a willingness to say anything to anybody. So if more customers want Christmas, they will get it.

And since politics is a kind of market, too, politicians will respond to a potent demand. Republicans in Capitol Hill now insist on calling their tree a "Christmas tree," although even born-again Christian President Bush sends out "holiday cards."

Jews, Hindus and others who are confronting militant Islamism — are more likely to assert their. It's a predictable cycle of action and reaction.

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As spokeswoman Susan Whitson explained to The Washington Post, cards are "sent to people of all faiths" — which is to say, from a political point of view, that the White House had little choice.

So what's likely to emerge from this Christmas "war"? Here are three scenarios create peace — of a sort?

The answer is syncretism — a word derived from the Greek "synkretismos," or "union of communities." Kind of a sweet thought, fitting for the season. Indeed, Christmas as Christians know it today is already the result of syncretism, drawing from the ancient pagan winter solstice holiday. And maybe, soon, from Christmas.

In the future, there will be more out-and-out Christmas displays across America, but there also will be more visible elements of Hanukkah, too, from Kwanzaa to Barakallah to the Muslims' "Eid-ul-Fitr to New Age-y "Harry Potter"-type fusions. That's the commercial, mostly peaceful American way, and it sure beats the alternative.

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## Hardy clouds the process on mercury

Comment attempting to clarify how the Department of Environmental Quality's rulemaking process will unfold with regard to mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants in Idaho. I feel that site obscures the issues rather than clarifying them.

First, none of us know how the federal mercury rule will be changed by the Environmental Protection Agency. However, since the officials in charge of air and radiation at the EPA that will oversee any changes to the

rule (Joff Holmstead and Bill Wehrum) are previous energy industry lobbyists and former employees of Latham & Watkins — a law firm that represents clients in the energy industry (coal), it is difficult for me to anticipate that changes to the federal rule will benefit anyone other than the coal industry. After all, significant portions of the present mercury rule were written by people at Latham & Watkins, not by EPA's technical staff.

Second, if the federal rule is changed, DEQ's negotiated rulemaking procedure is merely procedural. The "interested parties" that DEQ will meet with

are, guess who — power plant (coal) industry representatives. As the power industry and DEQ negotiate to find "consensus" on the content of Idaho's mercury rule, who is representing the health and safety interests of the people of Idaho? Not DEQ — who considers the power industry its "clients" — and certainly not the coal power industry.

Finally, any negotiated mercury rule for Idaho proposed by DEQ to the Board of Environmental Quality will be constrained by the stringency rule imposed by the Idaho Legislature, which dictates that a state agency cannot make any

rule with standards that are more stringent than standards established at the federal level.

So, the way I see it, Idaho's rule for mercury emissions is in the hands of the coal industry; through industry lobbies in charge at the EPA, by coal industry "clients" negotiating with DEQ, and/or by legislators in Boise. I'm not really lobbying (though) in the coal industry in Boise or Washington. One thing is for sure: The people of the Magic Valley will not be considered in this issue — unless they stand up and demand it.

PETER REMMEN Hagerman

OPINION

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Science doesn't try to disprove deity

In response to Sherril Allen's letter, the question is really, why should intelligent Design be taught in school? Intelligent Design is not science. Obviously, it is your right and responsibility to teach Christian beliefs. Keep in mind, not long ago it was parents clamoring to be the ones teaching moral behavior, and it was in their opinion, not the school's place to teach morals.

Agreed, this country was founded on basic Christian principles. Look deeper and the fact that the founding fathers as a group were very diverse in their philosophical views concerning religion, economics and the form the new government should take.

For instance, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were worlds apart in their views. They did agree that separation of church and state was absolutely necessary. What was achieved was a great compromise with no one prevailing over another. It would be gracious of you to refer to the 19th Amendment.

In all my years, I have never heard a scientist or teacher condemn the existence of Christ. Science does not have as a goal to prove or disprove the existence of a deity. Is it a responsibility of a scientist to do high moral standards? Yes, it is, and it is also yours.  
ROBERT HOLM  
Rupert

A parade hardly worth the thanks

I watched Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade off and on for about an hour and I saw just one entry worthy of the name. And it was quickly wiped out with a commercial.

I can't imagine them calling this a parade when everything is stopped every little bit for five or 10 minutes while some group performs in the street. I wonder what those poor kids holding Mr. Potato Head did while a bunch of "musicians" held up everything as they played bad music or interminable commercials bled on and on.

Better that they call this thing the Pre-Christmas Opening or some such rather than a parade.  
RALPH W. MAUGHAN  
Rupert

We should welcome more tax support for schools

I support Twin Falls teachers. It was very poor employee relations that lead to the current wrangling over teacher salaries. It is a foolish waste of time and, especially, money to present competent workers with a cut in take-home pay at a time when Twin Falls is seeing rapid population growth as well as a spectacular rise in home prices. I would certainly pay more property tax to support a vibrant and successful school district.

I reaped the benefit of a community of adults who believed that my peers and I were the future of America and put lots of money into the Denver public schools in the '50s to back up their intentions for us. I'm afraid that the two generations of voters now in school who will mature by the time I am 90 will want to push me off the planet because they are ill-prepared for their adult lives.

The important point we are missing in all this talk of salary is: What do parents, other community members, employers and national strategic planning need to produce from public education? What policy and procedure do students need in order to become 21st century adults? After these questions are answered — how much does it cost?

I am willing to pay more, but I want to know what I will be getting for my money. I personally think we need to look at the length of the school day as well as the school year. Are we feeding kids brain food or junk? Why not more physical education, art, music? What kind of staffing produces individual attention when needed and mind-stretching activities for the easily bored?

I propose a year of public meetings and research. I invite the district, professional staff, the College of Southern Idaho, local and national business, retirees and parents to come together and decide to provide the best public education we can for our apprentice adults.

I say: Settle the pay issue with enough money so that no one goes backward, then get busy and decide what really needs to be done to have quality schools as well as fairly compensated staff.  
LINDA BRUGGER  
Twin Falls

Good Samaritans push their way through

This morning (Dec. 2), when the streets were still snowy and icy, I witnessed a couple of true good Samaritans.

A lady was stalled in her car on Locust Street going north, almost to the intersection of Falls Avenue and Locust. There was a huge lake of melting snow in front of her car. Two men got out of their car and pushed her about a block so that she would be out of the way of traffic (it's a busy corner). In doing so they had to wade through the icy water that was at least ankle deep — that's what I call going above and beyond the call of duty.

We are truly blessed to live in a city where people care about other and go out of their way to help a neighbor or a stranger.

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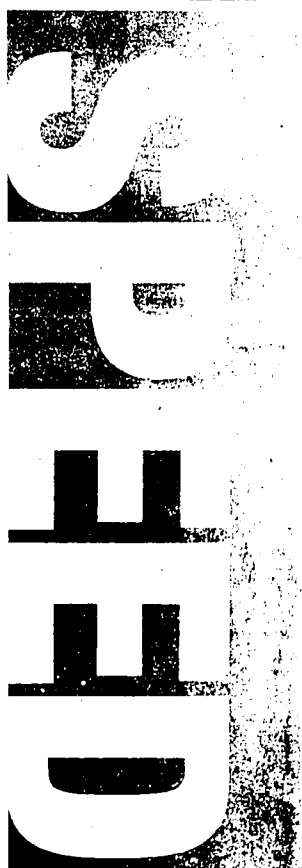
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**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Burley at Pocatello, 7:30 p.m.  
Lighthouse Christian at Castleford, 7:30 p.m.  
Bull River at Hagerman, 6 p.m.  
Shoshone at Community School, 7:30 p.m.  
Valley, Carey and Dietrich at Murrah Tournament  
**WRESTLING**  
Pocatello at Minico, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Kelsey will resign at end of season

WENDELL — Wendell head boys basketball coach Allen Kelsey announced Thursday that he will resign his post at the end of this season.  
The 18-year head coach announced the decision in a press release. His players were notified at the beginning of the season.  
"I know I will miss it but also know that it is the right time for a change here in Wendell," Kelsey said. "I'm not sure that I would coach again, depending on the situation, but I am also prepared to just finish out my teaching career here in Wendell."  
The program won 13 games total in Kelsey's first three years. The Trojans have averaged 18 wins a season for the past 14 years.  
The Trojans are 2-2 so far this season. The program won the 2A state championship two years ago and took third at state last season.

Semi pro league holds meeting

TWIN FALLS — The North West Triple B semi-pro baseball league will hold a players meeting tonight in Gold's Gym at 7:30 p.m.  
This meeting is for members of the Twin Falls Giants, Twin Falls Dragons and Burley Cats. Also, anyone wishing to join the league for the upcoming season may sign up.

CSI food and toy drive is Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is hosting its annual food and toy drive this Saturday during the men's and women's basketball games against North Idaho College.  
Anyone who brings a canned food item or unwrapped toy will gain free admittance to the games.  
Tip-off for the women's game is set for 5:30 p.m., with the men to follow at 7:30 p.m.  
Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Randall Cunningham of the Philadelphia Eagles threw 62 passes against the Bears in 1993.

## Devils spawn rally

### Dill scores 16 in second-half

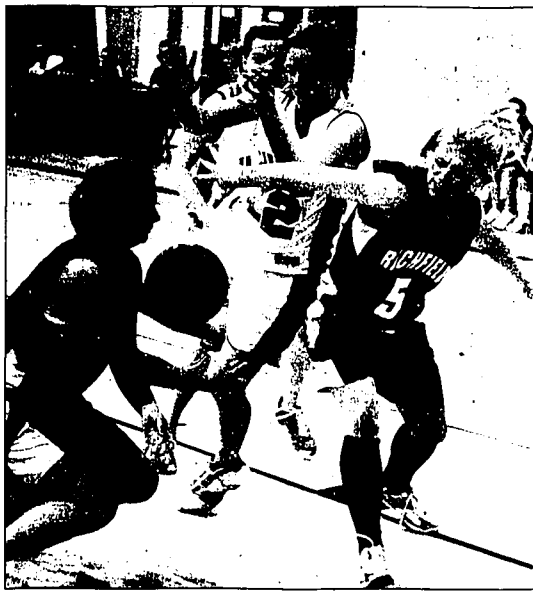
By Eric Larson Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Good players don't stay quiet for long. Case in point — Dietrich Blue Devils senior post Cadin Dill's Thursday night against the visiting Richfield Tigers. After scoring only two first-half points, the active Dill exploded for 16 points after the break to lead Dietrich to a 55-48 come-from-behind win.  
The combination of Dill's strong second half and a handful of unforced errors from the visiting Tigers team added up to an important Magic Valley Northside Conference win for the Devils.

"I think we really needed this win," Dill said. "You never know what's going to happen later in the season in our conference. Everyone has a good team."  
While Dill worked her way to a game-high 18 points and 23 rebounds for the 8-2 Devils, the Tigers had trouble adjusting to Dietrich's sudden burst after halftime. After leading 22-17 at the half, the Tigers found themselves on the receiving end of a quick eight-point rally midway through the third.

"The momentum change was so quick and so drastic," Tigers head coach Steve Kent said. "We're up 33-21 and they make three- and four-point plays, then they have two consecutive putbacks, and what was a 12-point lead all of a sudden was four. We weren't able to completely stop their momentum."

Credit some of that to a handful of Tigers miscues while trying to break the Dietrich press. Though the Blue Devils (2-0 Northside) didn't snag many points, they did prevent the Tigers into playing perhaps



Dietrich senior guard Nick Miller battles for the ball with Richfield seniors Shasta Twitchell (left) and Breanna McAllister (right) during the Blue Devils' 55-48 home Magic Valley Northside Conference win Thursday night in Dietrich.

too quickly and throwing a number of possessions away.  
"We had two layups we missed and three other situations where we would have had easy passes that would have turned into layups at the end of our press break, and we threw them out of bounds," Kent said.

The 3-3 Tigers did hang in there, thanks in part to senior post Cassie Wood's 15-point effort in the second half. Wood scored 11 in the second half, often battling with Dill. The Tigers (2-1 Northside) also got nine points out of freshman Michelle Kent and eight from Angela Kent. Senior guard Breanna McAllister added five points and eight rebounds.

Blue Devils Nick Miller and Deuce Anderson chipped in 10 points each.  
"Richfield is a good team and every game we play against is a challenge," said Dill. Please see DEVILS, Page B2

## Kimberly looks to hold off Buhl, Gooding

By Nathaniel Garrabrandt Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — It's been a while since the 2A Sawtooth Conference winner has enjoyed some party on the wrestling mat.

Five years to be exact, which how many years running the Kimberly Bulldogs have taken the conference.

But graduation, that great equalizer of high school sports, may finally have taken its toll. Gene's 171-pound state champion Joey Silva, along with second place Sonny Silva (125)

and fourth place finisher Trevor Mulberry (140).

What's more, as head coach Troy Palmer points out, many of the Bulldogs' nine returning state qualifiers are coming off the junior varsity squad and lack varsity experience.

And so the big question in area wrestling is whether another changing of the guard lies in store for the SCJC, which saw five-time conference champion Declo unseated by Buhl on the gridiron just over a month ago. Don't hold your breath. Kimberly's still the top dog until somebody else proves otherwise.

The Bulldogs have a lot working in their favor, not the least of which are three state medalists in Chris Moody (108), second place in 2005, Josh Archer (121), fourth '05, Nick Mulberry (130), fifth '05.

Mulberry also has a pair of district championship medals, while Palmer says that Moody is "hungry for a state title."

It's high-quality core of leadership and experience that will go a long way team-wide as the younger wrestlers collect varsity mat time.  
"We lost a lot of kids to graduation last year," said Palmer.

"But we have a good nucleus back for their junior and senior seasons."

The biggest threat to Kimberly's supremacy will likely come from either Buhl or Gooding.

Buhl's numbers have been down for a few years, but the wrestlers that they've got are good, especially in the lighter divisions.

Cameron Soboka is back at 135 after taking the fourth place medal at state last year. Adam Briggs (125) also returns after taking fifth, along with state qualifiers John Alves (140), Hyatt Please see KIMBERLY, Page B4

## Former NYC firefighter returns home as Fordham football coach

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former New York City firefighter Tom Masella was defensive coordinator at Louisiana Tech when the World Trade Center was attacked on Sept. 11, 2001. He watched on television and wondered how many old friends were in those buildings.

Like many transplanted New Yorkers, Masella felt a tug to return to his hometown after 9/11.

"I lost quite a few friends," he said. "That was one of the reasons we left Louisiana Tech, we wanted to get closer to home."

It took a little while, but he is finally back in the Big Apple as head coach of Fordham University in the Bronx, a couple of subway stops from where his beloved Yankees play.

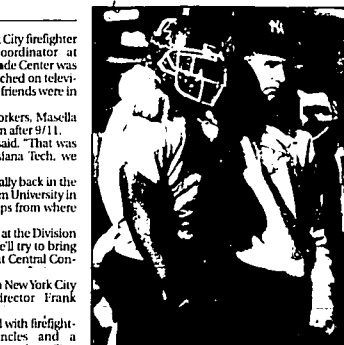
The 46-year-old was introduced at the Division I-AA school on Thursday, where he'll try to bring the championship touch he had at Central Connecticut State to the Rams.

"How could you go wrong with a New York City fireman," Fordham athletic director Frank McLaughlin said.

Masella grew up in Staten Island with firefighters in his family tree — uncles and an aunt. He was a firefighter at the football coach at Tataville High School was also a firefighter — one who died in a fire in the early 1990s.

Masella played for Wagner College, also on Staten Island, and graduated in 1981.

Soon after college he got a call from the fire department, asking if he was interested in becoming a firefighter.



Louisiana Tech coach Tom Masella, right, watches practice with Freddie King, Dec. 21, 2001, on campus in Ruston, La.

defensive coordinator at U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

"The one thing that is similar to firefighting is teamwork," he said. "You have to rely on others and trust others."

Eventually, coaching pried him out of New York City. The Yankees fan moved to Red Sox territory in 1990 to become an assistant at Boston University.

"I need right across from Fenway Park," he said. He landed his first Division I-A job as defensive

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## Whatever Colts do, '72 Dolphins set the standard

By Dave Goldberg Associated Press writer

MILAMI — Adequate and a hall goer, NFL history staged a computer tournament among Super Bowl winners to determine the best ever.

The Pittsburgh Steelers of the 1970s ended up beating the unbeaten 1972 Dolphins in the finals.

Don Shula, who coached those Dolphins, was irate.

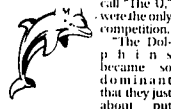
"You can't win with all the field when it wasn't beaten on it?" Shula, hardly a product of the computer generation, commented at the time.

Just three years ago, when Shula's Miami team was the first and last to go through an NFL season unbeaten, computers were in their infancy. There was no ESPN, no Internet, hardly any sports talk radio and only a half-dozen television stations per market.

So the focus on the Dolphins was a lot less intense than it is on Indianapolis as the 12-0 Colts try to surpass Miami's 17-0 with 19 straight — winning out through the Super Bowl.

Now that the problems between a certain keyword wide receiver and his coach and quarterback in Philadelphia are on hold, the Colts are the 11th-best in the NFL.

In 1972, the focus in South Florida was on the Dolphins, pretty much the only game in town — horse racing and a then-medicore football program at what today's players



call "The O.J." were the only competition. The Dolphins became so dominant that they just about put the University of Miami out of the football business," says Edwyn Pate of the Miami Herald.

"We've lost a generation about South Florida sports for nearly 30 years."

Nationally it was a different story. At least a lesser one. For example, few people even noticed that Miami played even the season with 38-year-old backup Earl Marshall at quarterback for an injured Holt Clouse (yes, youngsters, that college TV analyst guy).

Sure people noticed they were unhappy. When they came to Yankee Stadium (no Meadowlands then) for the next-to-last game of the regular season and beat the Giants 23-13, the headlines screamed: "Unbeaten Dolphins win again!"

But it also can be argued that the two biggest events in the NFL were:

1. The "Innoculate Reception" by Pittsburgh's Franco Harris, which propelled the Steelers into the AFL title game. Even after the Dolphins beat the Steelers 21-17 for the conference title, that play was being

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## Colorado's Barnett quits, gets \$3 million settlement

The Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Gary Barnett stepped down as football coach of Colorado on Thursday, accepting a \$3 million settlement and ending a tenure that was riddled by off-the-field problems but ultimately done in by recent bad results on the field.

Barnett's attorney, John Rodman, told The Associated Press that "CU made the decision to go a different direction and Gary has agreed the decision to step down as a 100-0-1-1 coach."

A news conference was attended by Barnett and athletic director Mike Boban, who was scheduled for later Thursday evening.

The Bulls (7-5) enter the College Sports Bowl, Dec. 27 against Clemson, having lost their three straight games by a combined score of 130-22.

There was no immediate word on whether Barnett, 49, 38, over seven seasons, would coach the team in that game.

"I think we're sad to leave the university but he is willing and willing to go to the university, to the extent that he has a voice in that issue, and they were good enough to come to us and talk to us about it," Rodman said.

This marked a fairly rapid — though not all that startling — reversal for Colorado, which appeared ready to offer Barnett a contract extension as recently as a month ago.

The coach said he pretty much thought the extension was a done deal when the Bulls began the season 7-2 and appeared to be rolling onto their fourth Big 12 North title in five years.

Many figured it was only a matter of a state audit of Barnett's football camps, due out next Monday, that was holding things up.

Chungaling ended up winning the state title but backed into it without winning another game.

After a humiliating 70-3 loss to Texas in the Big 12 title game last Saturday, Barnett conceded he didn't know why his team had been unable to recover from a loss to Iowa State, three weeks earlier, that started the losing streak.

"I don't know why anyone knows this is a pretty fragile existence," he said.



# SPORTS

## Moreau doctors up two shorthanders

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Philon Moreau scored two shot-handed goals, leading the Edmonton Oilers to a 3-2 victory over the undermanned Philadelphia Flyers on Thursday night.

Jarrod Stoll also scored for the Oilers, who won for the fifth time in seven games.

Branko Radovic and Sami Kapenian had goals for Philadelphia, which was missing several key players.

**Sabres 3, Mighty Ducks 2** (OT)

**RUTLAND, N.Y.** — Maxim Atkinson scored 2:11 into overtime, and Thomas Vanek added a penalty-shot goal to tally the Buffalo Sabres to a 3-2 victory over the Anaheim Mighty Ducks on Thursday night.

Alco Kokkila also scored for the Sabres, who won for the 10th time in 12 games.

## A flurry of deals before MLB teams head home

**DALLAS (AP)** — Baseball executives finished the winter meetings with a flurry of deals before heading home, with the Boston Red Sox giving up a shortstop to the Baltimore Orioles and the New York Yankees getting rid of second baseman Tony Womack.

On the fourth and final day of the busiest winter meetings in franchise history, the Orioles traded left fielder Tony Womack to the Baltimore Orioles for Andy Marte.

Perhaps the Orioles' Miguel Irujo could wind up as his replacement in Boston. The All-Star shortstop said Thursday he wants out of Baltimore, who signed him to a \$72-million, six-year contract before the 2004 season.

Tim Lincecum won Gold Gloves in 2004 and 2005, but was held off in 2005 by the NL pennant in 2005. He signed a \$40 million, one-year deal with the Red Sox on the day the major leagues will go back to play.

Boston agreed to pay \$80 million of the \$26 million he is owed in the next three seasons plus the \$3 million buyout if his 2009 option is declined.

The Orioles also announced trading 2001 World Series MVP Manny Ramirez, and teams want the Red Sox to pay some of the \$75 million owed to the left

### Blue Jackets 4, Islanders 3, SO

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — David Vybrny scored a wrist shot to score the goal in the shootout and lifted the Columbus Blue Jackets to a 4-3 win over the New York Islanders on Thursday night.

The Islanders' Mark Parrish scored the tying goal, his ninth of the season, with 37 seconds left in regulation.

He slid in a loose puck from close range with the Islanders on a 6-on-4 skating advantage after goalie Rick DiPietro was pulled.

Wild 5, Penguins 0

**PITTSBURGH** — Brian Gaborik stole the puck from Pittsburgh forward Shane Henderson and scored barely a minute into the game, setting Wild's 5-0 rout of the Minnesota Wild in their first game since they won the Penguins' losing streak to six games in their latest contest against their Mario Lemieux.

## Womack head home

folder over the next three years. Womack had signed with the Yankees after hitting 307 as Bateria's St. Louis teammate in 2004, but lost his starting job a month before last season. New York received infielder Kevin Howard and outfielder Ben Hines in the trade, and will send \$900,000 to the Reds to offset part of Womack's \$2 million salary next season.

New York also reached a preliminary agreement on a \$2.4 million, two-year contract with left-handed reliever Mike Myers, who was 4-1 with a 3.13 ERA in 65 games last season as Boston's left-handed specialist.

There were more than a dozen trades and 20 free-agent signings at the meetings.

Detroit was busy agreeing to a \$16 million, two-year contract with left-hander Kenny Rogers and an \$11 million, two-year deal with closer Todd Jones. The Tigers announced Jones' contract but didn't confirm Rogers.

Also, the Baltimore Orioles and catcher Nelson Hernandez reached a preliminary agreement on a \$27.5 million, four-year contract.

They also said that third baseman Bill Mueller and the Los Angeles Dodgers were negotiating a deal.

## Skyline girls scratch out conference win

**THE TIMES-NEWS**  
**IDAHO FALLS** — It was not pretty, but Grizzlies had to be a winner.

The Skyline Grizzlies and the Twin Falls Bruins combined to shoot 28-104 (27 percent) in the conference opener for both teams. In addition, the two combined for 47 turnovers. But in the end, it was the Grizzlies coming out on top, 45-33, Thursday night at Skyline High School.

"They were boding a little on Keisha (Fisher)," Grizzlies coach Marco Martin told The Idaho Falls Post Register. "It just kind of threw us for a little bit. Courtney Brown stepped up and hit a couple of big shots and we got some shorts inside that went down."

Deimi Dlouhy led the way for Skyline with 14 points, including the winning 2 from the free throw line. Jessica McAdams had nine points and three blocks for the Grizzlies. The Grizzlies leading scorer, Fisher, averaged 14.5 like everyone else, by going 2-for-8 from the field for four points. She had been averaging 13 points a game coming in.

"We came in here knowing we had to slow down Fisher," Bruins coach D. Shepard said. "We were trying to keep Fisher from killing us and she's taking anything can light up the scoreboards."

"Nobody shot the ball really well tonight. I thought we played really well and so did Skyline."

The Grizzlies have been on a roll and now have won four in a row.

The Bruins (3-6) were led by Kelsey Jardine's 14 points, 11 of which came in the second half. Amber Peterson also had eight points for Twin Falls.

"Offensively we're still struggling," Shepard said. "We have trouble making shots. We had good intensity and played hard. We're a very inexperienced and young team."

The Twin Falls junior varsity periodized 45-36.

### Local sports

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"It came a little too close," said Kimberly coach Rich Bishop. "Down the stretch it came down to free throws. In the fourth quarter they made their free throws and we didn't."

With Kimberly leading 32-20 after the third, Filer went 10-of-14 from the line in the final quarter, while the Bulldogs were 5-for-19.

"We've got some young players," said Bishop, "but they played the way that we expect it out and we held the rally."

Stacey Walters led the Bulldogs with 11 points and Kayla Hutchison had seven.

Filer players paired the Wildcats with eight points and Rachel Verfagen put up seven after going 5-6 from the charity stripe.

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**Oakley 59, Raft River 49**  
**MALIA** — There was a certain track meet feel to Thursday's Oakley-Raft River boys basketball game in Malia.

Oakley used a 14-0 run in the second period to cross the finish line first en route to a 59-49 win over the Canyon County rival.

"That's kind of our strength really," said Oakley coach Scott Arnell of the past paced game. "The boys played well."

In the decisive second period, Blake Bedke put the Hornets on his shoulders as he scored 10 points in the period.

"Blake played great," Arnell said. "He hit some clutch shots."

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**By Brad Guise**  
**Times-News Writer**

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The Blue Devils are a young court team with two second-year, three freshman, but mostly juniors. Despite the youth, they can keep up with the competition.

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## Devils

**Continued from B1**

that will be a battle." Dietrich head coach Akey Shaw said. "I think the key to the game was we got to pick up the speed in the second half and force some turnovers. That, and we finally got some shots to drop."

Thursday night marked Di-

fth consecutive double-double of the season. With her continued production and a solid supporting cast, the Devils are feeling good about their chances, even in the extremely tough Northside high-scoring game with 17 points including three 3-pointers.

Sophomore Eric Jacobson pulled down eight rebounds for Wood River.

Buhl plays at Jerome and Wood River visits Kimberly on Friday.

Hagerman 79, M.V. Christian 35

HAGERMAN — Taking advantage of rusty Magic Valley Christian team playing just its first game of the season, the Hagerman Pirates ran away with a 79-35 win.

"We crushed them and it was their first game," said Pirates coach Kevin Cato. "And so we were able to get some stuff going off of their mistakes early. They were a little rusty."

Hagerman post Skyler Talbot had a monster game, putting up 31 points, while Jason Brown sank five 3-pointers for 19.

Brandon Vanich paced the Conquerors with 18 points.

Hagerman (3-1, 2-0) visits Gooding on Monday. Magic Valley Christian hosts Hays on Saturday.

Wrestling

**Declo 42, Wendell 38**

WENDELL — Declo narrowly edged out the Wendell Trojans 42-38 on the court Thursday night. The Hornets recorded three pins and garnered four falls.

Declo hosts Burly on Tuesday. Wendell hosts Gooding on Wednesday.

# Pacers bounce back against Wizards

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) Stephen Jackson scored 30 points and Jermaine O'Neal had 25 to help the Indiana Pacers beat the Washington Wizards 111-87 on Thursday night.

The Pacers bounced back from losses to Seattle and Dallas, despite playing without forward Ron Artest. Artest, the

NBA leader in steals per game, injured the Pacers' second-leading scorer, missed the game because of a right wrist injury.

Without Artest in the lineup, Anthony Johnson and Fred Jones shared the responsibility of guarding Washington's Gilbert Arenas, the league's fourth-leading scorer.

Arenas was averaging 28 points, but the Pacers held him to 17 on 5-for-18 shooting. Antawn Jamison added 16

points and 12 rebounds for the Wizards.

Washington scored the game's first eight points and led 30-18 at the end of the first quarter. The Wizards ended that lead by 16 points early in the second quarter but the Pacers made 14 of 19 shots in the period to cut Washington's lead to one at 51-50 at halftime. Jackson scored 13 points in the quarter.

The Pacers made 16 of 23

shots in the third quarter to take an 87-71 lead. The 37-point quarter was the Pacers' best this season.

The last time the Pacers played without Artest, they lost to Atlanta. This time, they shot 59 percent from the field.

James scored 19 points and Sarunas Jasikevicius finished with 12 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for Indiana.

The Pacers held Washington to 34-percent shooting.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

**Food drive tonight at Kimberly High School**

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly High School Mona Club is asking for canned food and non-perishables to be brought to the boys' basketball games tonight. The junior varsity game starts at 6 p.m. followed by the varsity game at about 7:30. The donations are being distributed through the East End Providers.

The Cougars (4-2) held a 12-point lead at 72-60 with 7:28 minutes remaining when the Broncos (3-3) went on a 15-3 run that tied the game at 75.

Travis, an Malheur senior, scored with 1:12 left on an assist from Broadus to put the Cougars up 77-75.

That when Plaisted scored the decisive bucket.

Koby Carl hit two free throws for BSU and Broadus hit one.

Tyler Tiedeman did have an opportunity to the game with a 3-point shot at the buzzer, but his shot bounced off the rim.

Plaisted had a game-high 19 points and 10 rebounds.

**KYA hoop signups are Saturday**

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Youth Association will hold signups for boys basketball grades 3-6 from 9-11 a.m. Dec. 10 in the L.A. Thomas Gymnasium in Kimberly.

For more information, call Jamie at 423-6175, evenings.

**Brazlie, Koontz tie NFR record in team roping**

LAS VEGAS — Replacement rider Trevor Brazlie and Kory Koontz tied the National Finals Rodeo team roping record of 3.7 seconds during the sixth round Wednesday.

Brazlie, of Decatur, Texas, the three-time all-around champion, with 15, kept his partner, Jake Barnes, who had his right thumb amputated after his rope cut it off during the fifth round, for the remainder of the run.

Professional rodeo Cowboy's Association World Standings leaders Tryan, of Billings, Mont., and Patrick Smith of Midland, Texas, finished second with 4.7 seconds, while Steve Purcell of Hereford, Texas, and Britt Bookius of Claremore, Okla., placed third in 4.8.

**Lemieux diagnosed with irregular heartbeat**

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Penguins owner-captain Mario Lemieux was discharged from a hospital Thursday after being diagnosed with atrial fibrillation, an irregular heartbeat that can be treated with medication and should not affect his career.

Lemieux, 40, was admitted to an undisclosed Pittsburgh hospital after practicing Wednesday, after complaining of an irregular heartbeat — a condition team general manager Craig Patrick said Lemieux has experienced several times in recent weeks.

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Graves also closed in on world standings leader Jason Lahti of Emporia, Kan., who has accumulated \$149,635, compared to \$149,035 for Graves.

**Billis suspend Moulds for game against Patriots**

ONCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Buffalo wild receiver Eric Moulds has been suspended without pay for Sunday's game against the New England Patriots. Bills owner Ralph Wilson said.

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**After being evaluated overnight, doctors diagnosed the problem and told Lemieux he should rest for a few days. He is expected to take it easy for a week to 10 days, after which the team will determine when he can resume play.**

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## SCORES AND STATS

### WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Basketball**
  - Nets at Cavaliers, ESPN, 5:30 p.m.
  - Knicks at Suns, ESPN, 8 p.m.
- Football**
  - NCAA Division I-AA semifinal, Northern Iowa at Texas State, ESPN2, 6 p.m.
- Golf**
  - European PGA Tour, Dunhill Championship, second round, TGC, 7 a.m.
  - PGA Tour, Target World Challenge, second round, USA, 1 p.m.
- Rodeo**
  - PRCA National Finals, eighth round, ESPN, 10:30 p.m.
- Soccer**
  - Final Draw for FIFA World Cup, ESPN2, 4 p.m.
  - Men's NCAA Division I semifinal, SMU vs. Maryland, ESPN2, 2 p.m.

### Area ski report

**Alta** — The 5300 vertical drop skiable area had 12.5 inches of snow on Dec. 8. The 5300 vertical drop skiable area had 12.5 inches of snow on Dec. 8. The 5300 vertical drop skiable area had 12.5 inches of snow on Dec. 8.

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Team	Opponent	Score
Boise State	Idaho State	34-14
BYU	Utah State	31-14
Utah	Utah State	31-14
Idaho	Idaho State	34-14

### BASEBALL

Team	Opponent	Score
San Diego	Los Angeles	10-4
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### SOFTBALL

Team	Opponent	Score
San Diego	Los Angeles	10-4
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### HOCKEY

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### MLL

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## Basketball

## Keeping up with Charlotte Freestone

By Nathaniel Garrabrant  
Times-News writer

### Charlotte Freestone



Adapted from the Times-News

**LIANSEN** — It seems that, more often or not, the success of small school basketball teams rides on that of a single player.

"I think that a lot of the teams just have one or two really good players," said Hansen junior Charlotte Freestone of the area 1A ranks. "So each team, we just need to step up and defend those one or two players and if we just defend them good, we should be able to shut them down and beat them."

Freestone is more than familiar with the strategy. She's on the short list of such athletes.

Last Tuesday, the Murtaugh Red Devils centered their defense on the 5-7 guard only to watch her explode for 24 points, seven steals, four assists, and a pair of blocks.

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## Kimberly

Continued from B1

Sirucek (145) and Vaughn Sobotka (119).

"We have a good deal of experience on this year's team," said head coach Dennis Qualls. "We should do well during the season."

A young Senators team returns five state qualifiers, including Blair Gerritt (125) who captured fifth at state last year. Junior Alex Sims (130), sophomore Ross Kuyke (140), senior Todd Thomas (275), and senior Steven Toone (215) all figure to be strong district and state contenders.

"We're very inexperienced at the lighter weights," said head coach Eric Millburn. "We lack a lot of strength in the upper weights led by seniors Steven Toone and Todd Thomas."

Flier once again puts an inexperienced team on the mat, but one not lacking for intensity.

"What I really like is that they're really hard workers," said head coach Leon Madsen. "They're very aggressive, they've got a lot of enthusiasm."

State qualifier C.R. Madsen (125) will be joined by sophomores Dustin Morris (145) and Justin Brooks (140), while newcomers Matt Marshall (275) and Tyler Marshall (215) bolster the upper weight divisions.

A young Declo Hornets squad welcomes back last year's 103-pound state qualifier, the golden-haired Zallinger who will be making the jump up to 112.

"Any time you're got a state champion returning, he just helps the whole team," said head coach Kelly Kidd.

Also back is state qualifier Dustin Osterlund (145), as well as Josh Pehrson (140) and Craig Adams (140).

Weiser and Homedale promise to be preseason 3A state title favorites, with 25 state qualifiers, nine placers, and three champions between them, according to IdahoWrestling.com.

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jump to 189 after a second place state finish last year at 171. Also back will be three-time state placer Kevin Killey (119), and David Burgan (112), who captured third at state last year. Junior Alex Sims (130), sophomore Ross Kuyke (140), senior Todd Thomas (275), and senior Steven Toone (215) all figure to be strong district and state contenders.

Also contributing to the Spartans' depth will be David Ortega and Josh Ramirez at heavyweight, as well as Chris Killey (130), Josh Chapter (140), and Case Hruza (152).

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"She's a really dedicated worker," he said. "She works extremely hard. She's such a hard worker, just pushes herself, and those little mistakes, she beats herself up more than what the coaches could even say to her. And she loves to run. When we do our sprints she really pushes herself."

The result, as the Red Devils discovered, is a well conditioned athlete and plenty of fast break opportunities for Hansen late into the game as opponents wear down.

"The beginning, the first half, we didn't do as good," said Freestone of the Murtaugh game. "But the second half, they kind of stepped back a little bit and we got a lot of fast breaks and we really pushed the ball. When I'd start it, that's when we'd get a lot of fast breaks and good layups."

Embarking on her third year on the Huskies' varsity team, Freestone says she's adjusted to the resultant leadership role she's played herself into and the pressures associated with it.

"It's kind of hard," she said and then smiled. "I'm up for the challenge."

## COACHES

Please send updated season statistics and standings to ngarrabrant@magvalley.com.

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## Wrestling capsules

**Class 5A**  
Twin Falls Bruins  
Head coach: Scott DeBorja  
Returners: Chris Mearns, Jr. 275; Chris Argon, Jr. 189; Kyle Smith, Jr. 171; Graydon Stone, soph. 160; Adam Wood, sr. 152; Chaz Rouse, soph. 145.  
Newcomers: Tyler Hine, Jr. 125; Dustin Cook, Jr. 115.

**Class 4A**  
Head coach: Clint Milliron  
Assistant coaches: Lee Godfrey, Don Satchell  
Returners: Jesse Jones, Jr. 275; Riley Harris, sr. 171; Kory Orthman, Jr. 160; Colin Brown, soph. 189; Jesse Hernandez, soph. 135; Nathan Broadhead, soph. 135/140; Jordan Tomaz, Jr. 125.  
Newcomers: Jordan Brown, soph. 112; Styler Dornay, Jr. 189; Tyler Lott, soph. 140; Chris Park, senior. 152.

**Jerome Tigers**  
Head coach: Des Case  
Assistant coaches: David Sunberg, Koby Guebert, Chad Neuberger, Richard Guebert  
Returners: Eric Powell, Jr. 140; Coby Coyle, sr. 152; Jesse Hartz, Jr. 125; Pat Fleming, sr. 152; Cary Livingston, sr. 160; North Blaine, Jr. 160; Boston Thomas, sr. 135; James Swanson, sr. 189.  
Newcomers: Keenan Allen, Jr. 119; Wade Bennett, Jr. 145.

**Melvo Spartans**  
Head coach: Eric Spator  
Assistant coaches: Steve Barnes, Jesse  
Returners: Andrew Uhl, Jr. 103; Nate Crane, soph. 112; David Burgin, soph. 112; Kevin Killey, Jr. 119; Nick Crane, sr. 125; Jesse Hartz, Jr. 130; Coby Anderson, 150; Robert Thompson, Jr.; Kurt Anderson, 145; Carl Hruza, 152; Coby Barnes, 145; Josh Adams, 215; David Ornduff, 215; Josh Ramirez, HWI; Brady Cooper, soph. 189/190; Cooper, 189; Josh Chapter, Jr. 140.  
Newcomers: Jake Hruza, 130; Landon Barnes, 125.

**Class 3A**  
Butte Indians  
Head coach: Dennis Qualls  
Assistant coaches: Richard Howell, Koby Guebert  
Returners: Cannon Soobola, 135; Vaughn Sobotka, 119; Adam Bridges, 125; Ryan Spruce, 145; John Aves, 140.

**Declo Hornets**  
Head coach: Kelly Kidd  
Returners: Dustin Osterlund, 145; Josh Peterson, 140; Drew Adams, 189; Deak La Smith, 215.  
Newcomers: Brandon Adams, 103; Eric Garcia, 125; Rody Garcia, 152/160; Robert Stuart, 275; Ben Fields, 152.

**Flier Wildcats**  
Head coach: Leon Madsen  
Assistant coaches: Bryan Switzer, Carl Marshall  
Returners: David VanDerBurg, 119; Mike Wood, 112; C.R. Madsen, 125; Dustin Morris, 145; Justin Brooks, 140.

**Class 2A/1A**  
The 2004 district champion Wendell Trojans have another excellent team, headed up by second-place state finishers Michael Sams at 130 pounds.

Sams will be joined by six state qualifiers including Tyson Bowers (160), Kenny Koozman (152), and Brady Slade (140).

"That's a pretty solid group of kids, the juniors and seniors," said head coach Steve Matthews. "They're just a hard working group of kids. I've also got a couple of good sophomores that I'll be wrestling on varsity."

Valley coach Brian Ayers concedes his squad gives up two many weights to be a strong duals team. But don't let lack of team numbers distract from the quality the Vikings return in six state qualifiers.

Among them are a pair of sixth-place finishers, Jarvis Beams (125) and Bryant Zar (275), and two-time state qualifier Josh Werner (135).

Randy Spaeth's Raiders/Oakley squad will include senior Eric Looch (189), who returns with a second-place state medal, as well as senior Zach Hutchinson (140), who captured third. The team also welcomes back state qualifiers Reagan Ward (145) and Ace Jones (135).

"Just overall, I like the experience we bring back," said Spaeth. "Having some state qualifiers returning brings a lot of experience back into the room. A lot of kids that did well in state are hungry to do well this year."

The Glenns Ferry Pilots bring back three state qualifiers in Kole Adamson (189), Glen Hancock (152), and David Bauman (125).

"I like the fact that we really don't have any slackers in the team," said head coach Kelly Rogers. "Everyone worked really hard at practice, so we've had some really good practices."

## Media Basketball Polls

All records as of Dec. 7

**Girls**  
Class 5A

- Boise (6) 90
- (tie) Centennial 7-1 42
- (tie) Borah 6-2 42
- Highland 5-2 22
- Coeur d'Alene 5-2 22

Others receiving votes — none.

Class 4A

- Vallivue (6) 80 60
- Blackfoot 6-0 48
- Bonneville 6-2 32
- Burley 5-0 16
- Madison 5-2 12

Others receiving votes — Post Falls, Sandpoint, Skyview.

Class 3A

- Middleton (6) 5-0 60
- American Falls 5-1 42
- Snake River 5-1 38
- Bear Lake 3-1 18
- Shelley 4-2 16

Others receiving votes — Bonners Ferry, Gooding.

Class 2A

- Grangeville (3) 6-1 50
- Butte County (3) 4-0 48
- New Plymouth 5-1 40
- North Fremont 6-1 38
- Firth 4-2 12

Others receiving votes — Malad, Valley, Wendell, West Side.

Class 1A

- Shoshone (3) 5-1 50
- Rimrock (2) 4-0 22
- Wallace (1) 5-0 26
- Lapwai 4-0 24
- tie, Dietrich 7-2 10
- tie, Carey 6-1 10

Others receiving votes — Garden Valley, Genesee, Kendrick, Kootenai.

Boys  
Class 5A

- Highland (4) 2-0 56
- Twin Falls (2) 2-0 2
- Centennial 2-1 22
- LeWiston 3-0 20
- Capital 0-2 14

Others receiving votes — Idaho Falls, Mountain View.

Class 4A

- Skyview (5) 1-0 54
- Madison (1) 2-0 40
- Post Falls 1-0 30
- Hillcrest 3-0 16
- Blackfoot 2-0 14

Others receiving votes — Bishop Kelly, Century, Nampa, Lakeland, Moscow.

Class 3A

- Fruitland (3) 1-1 46
- Fruitland (1) 2-1 40
- Snake River (1) 1-0 36
- Buhl (1) 2-0 70
- (tie) Salmon Fremont 2-0 8
- (tie) Salmon 2-0 8

Others receiving votes — Priest River, Kellogg.

Class 2A

- Malad (6) 3-0 60
- West Jefferson 2-0 48
- Wendell 2-2 26
- Soda Springs 1-1 20
- (tie) Firth 1-1 8
- (tie) Nampa Christian 0-0 8

Others receiving votes — Orofino, Glenns Ferry, New Plymouth.

Class 1A

- Troy (2) 1-0 46
- Cascade (3) 4-0 42
- (tie) Carey (1) 3-0 28
- (tie) Lapwai 2-1 28
- Post Falls Christian 3-0 14

Others receiving votes — Richfield, Mackay, Notus, Idaho City.

Vote's this week  
Craig Craker, Hampa Press-Tribune  
Jonathan Drew, Magic Valley Sports Talk  
Mark Nelke, Coeur d'Alene Press  
Eric Larsen, Twin Falls Times-News  
Greg Lee, Idaho Spokesman-Review  
Mitch Worthington, Idaho Falls Post-Register

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# Campbell charges to Target lead

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — U.S. Open champion Michael Campbell matched the record course with a 9-under 63 on Thursday to take a two-stroke lead over Darren Clarke in Tiger Woods' Target World Challenge.

Campbell made five straight birdies while playing an eight-hole hole-in-one on Thursday at Sherwood Country Club course.

Clarke made two eagles on his first five holes and was 7 under through 13 holes before closing with pars for a 69.

Woods, the defending champion, was a gracious host by missing a slew of putts and having to hit one shot left-handed from under tree on his way to an even-par 72.

Hedwig Harrington, the 2003 winner, shot a 68 and Kenny Perry had a 69. David Tomlin, in his first tournament since surgery to repair an electrical problem in his heart, had a 73.

## Aussie leads Mastercard Masters

MELBOURNE, Australia — Australia's Nick O'Hern shot an 8-under 64 to take a three-stroke lead after the first round of the Mastercard Masters.

Australia's Robert Allenby, trying to become the first player to sweep the Australian Open, PGA and Masters in one season, was tied for second with countrymen John Senden, Adam Bland and Steven Conran.

Suatu Appleby opened with a 72, defending champion Richard Green had a 73 and Adam Scott shot a 76.

## Schwartz shines at Dunhill Championship

NELSPRUIT, South Africa — Defending champion Charl Schwartzel of South Africa was tied for the Dunhill Championship lead at 6 under after 13 holes in the suspended first round of the rain-



Michael Campbell of New Zealand chips to the 16th green, leaving himself an easy birdie putt to go 10-under-par for the moment in the first round of the Target World Challenge at Sherwood Country Club in Thousand Oaks, Calif., Thursday.

delayed tournament. England's Phillip Archer shot a 6-under 66, and Sweden's Jarmo Sandelin opened with a 67. South African star Ernie Els, playing in his second tournament after returning from a knee injury, was 1 over through 13 holes.

# Shivering Saints huddle in Alamodome

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Weather displaced the New Orleans Saints again Thursday, and it's getting on the nerves of quarterback Aaron Brooks.

Freezing temperatures caused the Saints to move a morning walk-through from a downtown parking lot back to the Alamodome, where the team was forced out earlier this week so the stadium could prepare for the NCAA women's volleyball tournament.

Following the walk-through — held on the Alamodome's bare concrete floor and staged near a volleyball court — the Saints returned to the high school baseball field to use their newest locker rooms are located.

It was just the latest disruption for the Saints, who haven't had a practice since late August since Hurricane Katrina uprooted them from New Orleans in late August.

Wide receiver Brooks said after finishing a press conference in the dugout on the third-base side, he expressed frustration at the number of moves.

"I'm moving one more time and I'm quitting," he said.

No other moves of the practice facility are planned. The Saints (3-9), already mathematically eliminated from the playoffs, have four weeks remaining on their schedule. New Orleans plays at the Atlanta Falcons on Monday night.

"The party don't stop," receiver Joe Horn said. "What, do we ever Joe Horn said."

## Coach

Fordham won the Patriot League and made the I-AA playoffs in 2003, but after coach Dave Clawson left for Richmond, the team had two straight losing seasons under Ed Foley, who resigned after going 2-9 this year.

Masella faces a tough rebuilding job at a school that has had minimal success since jumping to Division I-AA in 1990.



New Orleans Saints players go through their morning walk through, minus the turf, at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Thursday.

team officials knew they would have to move everything out when the NCAA set up the volleyball tournament.

Earlier this week, the team's offices and meeting rooms were moved into a downtown office building near the Alamodome.

Players arrived at the building at the Alamodome Thursday morning for film review and team meetings. The schedule had them next filing into the building's parking lot for the walk-through, but temperatures and fog back in the building's team back inside the Alamodome.

"In the future we'll just walk out and do the walk-through and go back in the building," coach Jim Haslett said. "It doesn't seem to bother our guys. You don't hear anybody complaining. Nothing like home, but this is the best we could do."



Indianapolis Colts tight end Bryan Fletcher, left, steps away from Denver Broncos safety Jeremy LaSuer, front right, and linebacker Terry Pierce after pulling in a pass in the third quarter of the Broncos' 37-24 victory in an NFL exhibition game in Denver on Aug. 27.

# Colts face pesky rival

For the past two seasons, the Jacksonville Jaguars have split with Indianapolis. They'll go for another split at home on Sunday, this time hoping to end the Colts' run toward an unbeaten season.

"So it's more than [arguing] when Tony Dungy says of Jacksonville."

"They've played us as well as anybody in the division, and they're as hot as anybody. We always play close games, so we're expecting a great game with a lot of intensity. It should be great for the NFL."

True — the Jaguars have a legitimate sellout for only the second time in their 11-season existence.

The Jags are 9-3 en route to an AFC wild-card playoff spot. After this game, they play San Francisco, Houston and Tennessee, a combined 6-30. They also played the Colts as well as anyone has this year, losing 10-3 at the RCA Dome in the second week of the season.

On the other hand, they will be without Byron Leftwich and perhaps Fred Taylor. That doesn't kill them — David Garrard is a decent quarterback and Greg Jones has done well filling in for Taylor, who seems to be hurt as often as he's healthy.

The Colts are favored by 7.5 points.

Motivation? A win clinches the AFC South. But they'll win that anyway and they'll almost surely get home-field advantage in the AFC playoffs. Yes, there is history to be considered, but somewhat



In the back of Dungy's brain there has to be a little bird saying: "15-1 or 14-2 isn't bad either, and then we can rest people."

Still, division rivalries being what they are, this isn't the spot for a loss ... COLTS, 18-9.

## The picks

• Tampa Bay (plus 5) at Carolina: A win here could just about wrap up the South for Carolina, which might be the NFC's best team. Pressuring Simms will help ... BANTHERS, 20-12.

• Chicago (plus 4) at Pittsburgh: The Steelers are getting desperate and should be able to pressure Kyle Orton and get a defensive TD against a team that specializes in them. Even with Ben Roethlisberger's banged-up thumb ... STEELERS, 20-9.

• Kansas City (plus 3) at Dallas: Pressuring Drew Bledsoe is the way to beat the Cowboys. Jared Allen can do that, but he doesn't have much help ... COWBOYS, 24-20.

• New York Giants (minus 8) at Philadelphia: The Giants opened as 8.5-point favorites. Then all these Eagles went down and ... GIANTS, 27-9.

• New England (minus 3) at Buffalo: The Bills are as big a disgrace as the Lions ... PATRIOTS, 24-19.

• New Orleans (plus 10) at Atlanta (Monday night): Maybe the Saints will feel more at home in a dome ... FALCONS, 31-20.

• San Francisco (plus 16) at Seattle: The 49ers got within a 2-point conversion of Seattle at home. Not here ... SEAHAWKS, 37-2.

• St. Louis (plus 7) at Minnesota: The Vikings might not lose again ... VIKINGS, 33-21.

• Miami (plus 13) at San Diego: No miracle comeback this week ... CHARGERS, 31-20.

• Cleveland (plus 12) at Cincinnati: The Bengals roll toward the division title ... BENGALS, 31-16.

• Baltimore (plus 14) at Denver: Three easy games is why the Broncos will win the West ... BRONCOS, 24-6.

• Washington (minus 3.5) at Arizona: This easy game is why the Redskins stay alive ... REDSKINS, 20-10.

• Detroit (plus 5.5) at Green Bay: Favre over Garcia ... PACKERS, 22-20.

• Oakland (minus 3) at New York Jets: Tusasosopo at Bollinger ... RAIDERS, 9-5.

• Houston (plus 6.5) at Tennessee: The Texans plunge on toward Reggie Bush ... TITANS, 11-8.

• LAST WEEK: 11-5 (spread) 13-3 (straight up) • SEASON: 87-102-3 (spread) 129-63 (straight up)

was the only football beat writer for the network, was at the Orange Bowl that night to chronicle the happenings.

That reunion was Shula's doing, an attempt to incorporate the spirit of 1972 in that '85 team.

Berman remembers walking on to the field before the game and seeing a dozen players from the 1972 Dolphins — Griese, Larry Csonka, Larry Little, Bob Kuechenberg, Jim Kwik and more — standing on the sideline next to the Miami bench. "I thought to myself, 'Oh, now I get it,'" Berman says today.

Shula laughs about that. "A few of the guys happened to be in town," he said implicitly. "And some of the other guys live there. And we just decided we'd get together."

By any event, the Bears had no chance. "We spread them out and they couldn't handle it," recalls Shula.

The final score was 38-24; nearly 20 percent of the points allowed that season by Chicago were in that game, which had to be interrupted at one point because the crowd was so loud that Bears QB Steve Fuller's signals couldn't be heard. The unbeaten streak was over and the Bears went on to win the Super Bowl anyway, while Dan Marino and Miami was beaten at home by New England in the AFC title game.

# Dolphins

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re-shown on television and discussed in bars and at water coolers.

2. Gary Yepremian's gaffe in the Super Bowl. An aborted pass by the Cyproti kicker that was determined a fumble and returned by Mike Bass for a touchdown with just over 2 minutes left in Miami's 14-7 win over George Allen's Washington Redskins. For 33 years, the only thing most people recall about that game has been Yepremian's gaffe, a fact that many members of that team still recall.

"That shouldn't have been. We dominated them and it didn't look that way with the final score," Shula said this week. "It even changed what would have been a great parallel. If he makes that kick, the final score is 17-0 in a 17-0 game for us." Those days were different in a lot of ways. That championship win over Pittsburgh? It was in Pittsburgh because home-field advantage was doled out on a rotating basis rather than to the team with the best record.

And it wasn't until 1985, when the 12-0 Chicago Bears came to Miami for a Monday night game, that the feat of the '72 Dolphins started being considered a big deal. By that time, there was an ESPN — a much smaller and less significant one — and a 30-year-old Chris Berman, who had just be-

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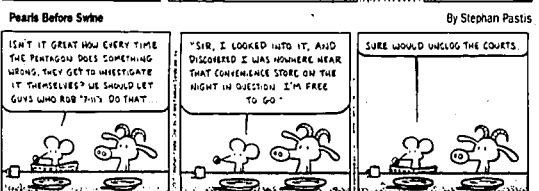
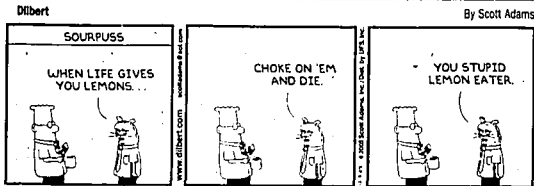
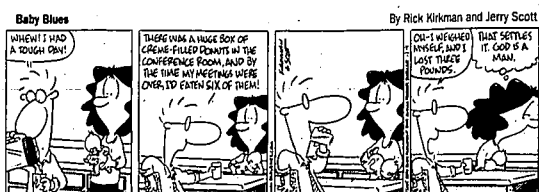
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Leo, strike while the iron is hot

IF DEC. 9 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: In the year ahead romantic Neptune will be dancing in rhythm with your area of the zodiac. Because your powers of imagination are heightened you may become more sympathetic towards the underdogs of the world and attracted to others due to a sense of compassion. Find ways to play like a child and recharge your psychic batteries. In January, March, or June circumstances can improve dramatically and plans for a more viable future may be launched. The universe is delighted to help you if you help yourself in 2006.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Ooze sex appeal. Your enthusiasms are charming and your energetic demeanor is contagious. Get a lot accomplished while your aggressiveness is considered an asset instead of a drawback.

**TALIBUS** (April 20-May 20): A change of direction may be to your advantage. Mars has been in your sign since July, and finally turns direct in motion today. Pay attention to your hunches and accept advice without fear.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Compromise and diplomacy may be necessary. A bit of verbal sparring may test you. You

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Jeraldine Saunders

will be able to convince others of your sincerity and win if you keep your temper under control.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Don't gamble on the future if you haven't taken care of the past. Goals and desires that you thought were buried may emerge once again. Adapt and change direction for the best results.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Strike while the iron is hot where creative endeavors are concerned. The whispers of inspiration gleaned from a companion may push you on enthusiasm levels and lead to recognition.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It may be worth doing battle to get your ideas across. Others may have more enthusiasm than knowledge, so remain diplomatic and patient even when standing firm is necessary.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Others close may be able to wave a magic wand and solve problems for you. Attention shifts where relationships are concerned. Some things on the

back burner may catch back into focus.

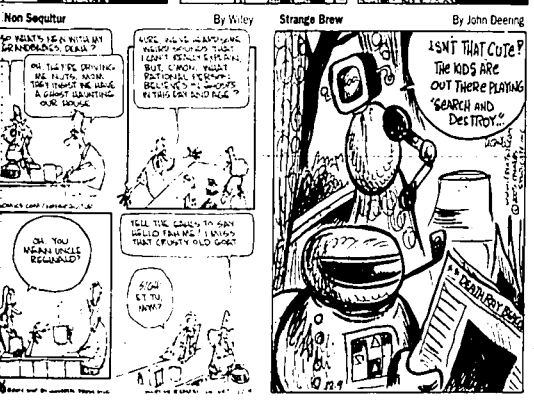
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Go along for the ride. You may need to take the lead from others in close connection in order to remain on the cutting edge. Partners may be putting inspired touches on home or family plans.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Crossing some verbal swords may actually lead to better understanding. Where mutual aims are finally clear much can be accomplished. Be sure to keep promises.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Trusting to luck could be your downfall. If you want finances to flourish, be sure to get the facts. A change of direction, with investments may require ethical soul searching.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Tag! You're it. A surge in your popularity is entirely possible. Back up words with action for the best possible success. If you expect applause for doing nothing you will be disappointed.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Minor aggravations that pop up with others can open the door for better communications. Face up to the facts and keep an open mind. Impulsive changes of heart may solve a dilemma.





**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

HOW WAS YOUR PAY?  
THE USUAL, EXCEPT FOR A DASH OF THE UNEXPECTED, A SPRINKLING OF SURPRISE AND A SMALL WHIFF OF DANGER

IF THAT WAS ABOUT HIS BUXLEY, I WANT A DOLLOP OF DETAILS

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**Blondie** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS!

WAY DID YOU SAY THAT?

I'VE NEVER SAID THAT BEFORE IN MY WHOLE LIFE. I THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT THE I TROD IT!

LET'S HEAR YOU SAY, TODAY I'M GOING TO TURN OUT A TON OF WORK!

**The Born Loser** By Art Sansom & Chip

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE DAY, EH? WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE CLASS TODAY?

SCIENCE!

WOW— THAT'S A CHALLENGING SUBJECT. IS THAT WHY YOU LIKED IT BEST?

NO... IT'S ON ACCOUNT OF WE HAD A SUBSTITUTE TODAY AND SHE LET US JUST GOOF OFF!

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

I FINALLY FOUND THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS STOCKING!

(HEY!)

WHO HAILED MY WANDERS TO THE MANTLE?!

WE'RE TALKING QUANTITY, NOT QUALITY HERE

**Hagar: The Horrible** By Chris Browne

I WISH YOU WOULDN'T FEEL SNIFFY AT THE DINNER TABLE!

I DON'T SEE WHY I SHOULDN'T...

HE HAS TO LEARN TO TAKE HIS CHAIR LIKE THE REST OF US!

**Hi and Lois** By Chance Browne

LET ME SHOW YOU THE GUITAR I WANT TO GET.

YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND A STRAP TO PRACTICE IN FIRST

**Classic Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

HERE, I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE A LITTLE SNACK WHILE YOU'RE WORKING.

HEY, LOOK, MA! SANTA CLAUS IS EATING OUT OF A DOG DISH!

**The Wizard of Id** By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

MY JESTER JUGGLES SIX BALLS AT ONCE...

YEAH, BUT HE SEES NINE!

YOURS ONLY DOES THREE

**Dennis the Menace** By Hank Ketcham

**THE FAMILY CIRCLES** By Bil Keane

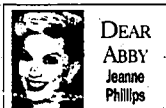
DOLLY, WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR EGGS SOFT, BOILED OR HARD BOILED?

"Scrambled please, Grandma."

# Cop candidate fears her past could come back to haunt her

**DEAR ABBY:** I worked in an entertainment establishment for about 16 years. Finally I grew tired of it. I knew I was not getting anywhere in life, so I decided to go back to school and pursue a career in law enforcement. I completed my courses recently, and would like to become a cop or a court officer.

My concern is, what if they find out about my career choice in the past? It could be personally embarrassing and might even cause me to lose my job. Should I come out and put on my resume what I did for 16 years of my life?



—LATE BLOOMER IN CANADA

**DEAR LATE BLOOMER:** You appear to be an intelligent and forward-thinking woman. Please do not attempt to lie about your past. I cannot imagine any law enforcement agency that would not do a background check before hiring an applicant — and the truth would come out anyway. To my way of thinking, because of your background, you could be a unique asset to a police department. Let's hope whoever's hiring sees it my way.

P.S. Clip this item and include it with your job application. I hope it helps.

pened; we were just at different points in our lives. I didn't hear from Kenny until a couple of weeks ago, when I found a message from him on my answering machine. He said he was sorry for not being the best boyfriend he could be.

By then I was already in love with another man, "Scott." I agreed to meet Kenny for lunch to get closure, but the minute our eyes met, all the old feelings came rushing back. Now I don't know what to do.

Kenny and Scott are both perfect men. They treat me with respect. I'm supposed to move in with Scott next month, but I don't know if I want to be with him anymore. He is planning on moving three hours from home to attend a school that is closer to me. I tried to end the relationship with Scott, but he was devastated. What do I do? I think I may be in love with two men, and I don't want to hurt anyone.

—SINCERELY CONFUSED, SPENCER, IOWA

**DEAR SINCERELY CONFUSED:** My boyfriend, "Kenny," and I broke up six months ago. Nothing had hap-

**FUSED:** End the relationship with Scott now, before he moves closer and enrolls at the new school. Do not move in with him out of pity, feeling as you do about your old boyfriend. Right now, you need a cooling-off period, so don't jump back into the frying pan (or anywhere else) with anybody. From my perspective, although you think you're in love with both of these perfect men, you may only be in love with love.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm throwing a little birthday party for my 4-year-old son. I am trying very hard to keep the party small so that it does not become overwhelming.

My son chose four little preschool friends to come to his party, but two of the mothers have asked if they can also bring along 2-year-old siblings of the children who were invited.

Must I provide party favors for the 2-year-olds?

—NEEDS TO KNOW, FAST!

**DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW:** It appears that two of the mothers either couldn't find — or didn't want to spend on — baby sisters. If you agreed that the little ones could come to the party, it would be gracious to provide something for them, too, so they won't feel left out. Sure, but when you're on the hook — and the items needn't be expensive.

# Only one state in Union grows coffee

Every state in the Union has coffee drinkers, but only one actually grows it. Do you know which one? It's Hawaii, of course.



**This day in history:** On Dec. 9, 1909, almost exactly six years after the Wright brothers first flew their double-winged biplane, Henry Walden flew the first single-winged monoplane, the Walden III.

Before those pesky truth-in-advertising laws, ads for Postum, a non-caffeinated beverage, claimed that coffee "kills your energy and reduces your working force," "deadens whatever thoroughbred blood you may have," "pushes you into the big crowd of mongrels," "neutralizes all your efforts to make money and fame" and "results in lost eyesight."

It was the 1912 eruption of Mount Pelee killed 29,000 people on the Caribbean island of Mar-

tinique, but it didn't kill every single inhabitant. Two survived.

We don't know why, but a 5-foot wooden coffin hangs over the entrance to the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

**Food sounds better in a foreign language.** In Italian, for example, spaghetti means "little strings," vermicelli means "little worms," and linguine means "little tongues."

Maybe you want chocolate but don't want the fat. Well, here's some hot chocolate. Although cocoa butter — the vegetable fat found naturally in cocoa

beans — is crucial in making bars of chocolate, it's squeezed out when making cocoa powder.

Although Prohibition in the 1920s prohibited the sale of alcohol, the government never actually outlawed making your own. As a matter of fact, the U.S. Department of Agriculture distributed pamphlets that specifically gave instructions on how to home brew alcohol using farm produce.

There are about 8,000 species of ants. Not bad, considering that there are about 9,000 species of all the birds combined.

Whether living or dead, the Egyptians were big fans of horser. For example, lots of it was entombed with the boy king Tutankhamen.

There are more miles of river in Nebraska than in any other state.

# Safety concerns end Christmas light show

**MASON, Ohio** — A homeowner has pulled the plug on his Christmas light show amid safety concerns because of the traffic it draws.

Hundreds of cars have been driving by Carson Williams' house in Mason, Ohio, every night to see his 25,000-light display. A minor accident Tuesday night worsened the jam, and authorities had trouble getting to the scene.

"I've compromised the safety of the people who live in our neighborhood," said Williams, whose display was featured on NBC's "Today" show Monday. "So we've shut the show down indefinitely."

Williams spends nearly two

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months hooking up the lights, in programs them to dance to Christmas music.

This is the third year he has assembled the display, which grows every year and is posted on the Internet.

But Williams had said Monday if there were any problems or complaints, he would shut down the show.

**Man steals van minutes after release from jail**

JUNEAU, Alaska — It was only a small taste of freedom.

David Mulligan, 21, of Sitka, served 25 days in jail for drunk driving and was released at 7 a.m. Tuesday. Authorities say he stole a van three minutes later.

Police said a man who lives a bit north of the Letourneau Correctional Center had left his 1997 Dodge van running to warm up when he went inside the house. It was gone when he came out.

Two hours later, the owner called police on a cell phone, saying he was following the van in traffic.

Police said they found Mulligan alone in the van.

— compiled from wire reports

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*My apologies to anyone I have forgotten; your contribution was great and my memory is not.*  
Sandie Hemingway

NATION

# Boy allegedly forced to sleep in cage describes punishments

NORWALK, Ohio (AP) — A boy whose parents are accused of making their special-needs adopted children sleep in cages testified Thursday that the couple forced him to live in the bathroom as punishment for urinating in his enclosed bed.

On another occasion, Sharen and Michael Gravelle forced him to stay in his "box" for up to two weeks, the school-age boy said at the juvenile court custody hearing.

"I couldn't come out of my room until I wrote the whole book of Deuteronomy," he said. "I was up there for like a month."

The boy said he has grown tired of his box, but was ambivalent when asked whether he preferred being with the Gravelles or in a foster home.

"It doesn't matter," he said. "There's no sense getting comfortable at any place."



Sharen Gravelle speaks with attorney Ken Myers during testimony of one of her adoptive children Thursday in Huron County Juvenile Court in Norwalk, Ohio.

The Gravelles are trying to regain custody of the 11 children, ages 1 to 15, who have problems such as fetal alcohol syndrome, HIV and a disorder in which children eat dirt.

The Gravelles were accused of making most of them sleep in cages but have not been charged with any crime. The parents say the enclosures with alarms were meant to protect youngsters with behavioral problems.

Sharen Gravelle shook her head "no" frequently during his testimony and has said the children were lied to investigators.

Under cross-examination from the Gravelles' attorney, Kenneth Myers, the boy testified that he didn't know whether he loved his parents but "I like them. They're good parents."

The boy admitted lying often when he was younger and being violent and abusive toward his siblings.

In earlier testimony, the boy said most of his brothers and

sisters slept on wood with blankets but no pillows or mattresses in the cages.

One girl's head was shoved in a toilet by a parent because she was drinking water out of it, and another had her head pushed into a toilet because she urinated in bed, the boy said.

The boy testified that he had to sleep in the bathroom for nearly three months because he wet his bed at night.

"Another time, I spent a good portion of my life in there," he said. "It was really good. I'd get to come out for an hour."

The children were removed from the home in September, after a child-services investigator visited the home and examined the chicken-wire cages. In testimony this week, the county investigator, Jo Ellen Johnson, compared the home to a kennel.

Judge Timothy Cardwell will determine whether the children were abused or neglected. If the

allegations are not proved, the Gravelles could regain custody.

The boy who testified Thursday did not look at his parents when he entered the courtroom but smiled slightly when prosecutor Jennifer Detand asked him to point to them.

The boy testified that the children would set off a shrill alarm when they opened an enclosure door at night. They were let out when their parents were ready for them in the morning, he said.

He described various punishments for wetting the bed. "We'd have to go upstairs and scrub it. The younger ones would get spanked. We would have to go pull a bucket of weeds," he said.

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## Singer Don Ho gets out of ICU

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaiian crooner Don Ho was moved out of intensive care at a Thailand hospital Wednesday and was discharged after an experimental procedure on his ailing heart, his doctor said.

Ho, known for his signature tune, "Tiny Bubbles," could be singing again by Christmas, said Dr. Amit Patel, a heart surgeon from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center who oversaw the procedure in Bangkok.

The 75-year-old performer underwent the new treatment in Thailand Tuesday that has not been approved in the United States.

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## YOUR WEEKEND

### Festival to benefit hospital foundation

- **What:** St. Benedict's Foundation will present its annual Festival of Wreaths.
- **Where:** Sawtooth Best Western Convention Center, Jerome.
- **When:** Today from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with continuous live music. The gala is scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. today, with music, food and beverage.
- **How much:** Gala tickets are \$15. Admission to the festival is \$3.

### Yule in Buhl

- **What:** The Buhl Night Light Parade will roll on Saturday.
- **Where:** Starts on a lot — located between the Valley Country Store and Buhl Visitor Center — on U.S. Highway 30 west of Buhl. The parade will go west on Highway 30 then left on Fair Street for one block, then right on Sprague for one block passing in front of the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center. At Robertson Street, the procession will turn right for one block, then right on Burley Avenue for one block to Broadway. Entries will travel down Broadway, turn left at Main Street past Lincoln Courts, right on 14th Avenue for two blocks, then right on Maple for two blocks back to Main Street, where it will disperse.
- **When:** Today, 7 p.m. Following the parade, there will be caroling with music by the Buhl High School Jazz and Select choir at the Eighth Street Center.
- **How much:** It's free.



### Holiday madcap

- **What:** The Mad Hat Theater Company will present the comedy "The Farmdale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of A Christmas Carol".
- **Where:** Black Currant Theater of the Community, 157 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls.
- **When:** Today and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$15, are available at the door or by phoning 734-ARTS.



### The wait continues

- **What:** Filmmaker Wes Malvini will direct a production of Samuel Becket's "Waiting for Godot," a benefit for the Lamphouse Theater.
- **Where:** Lamphouse Theater, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- **When:** Today and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$10 for evening performances and \$5 for matinees, are available at the door.

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Norm.
Salmon	113%	28%
Big Wood	120%	30%
Little Wood	100%	26%
Big Lost	116%	27%
Little Lost	97%	26%
Neville Fork/Teton	111%	29%
Upper Snake Basin	112%	30%
Oakley	127%	28%
Salmon Falls	120%	28%

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

# It's cold out there! Frigid weather might last through weekend

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — As bone-chilling cold grips the Magic Valley, vehicles are more likely to break down, pets and livestock are put at risk and retailers scramble to keep shelves stocked with items to fight the chill.

"I think every store in town is out of heat tape," said George Oldham, assistant manager at Ace Hardware in Burley.

"We haven't seen a cold snap like this in quite a while," he said. "They can run you ragged when it happens."

Oldham said other hot sellers have been heat lamps and bulbs, clamp pumps to keep pumps from freezing and electric heaters.

Temperatures plummeted in southern Idaho on Tuesday as cold air from the east moved

### Bring on the chill

Today's forecast from the National Weather Service calls for sunny skies, no precipitation and a high of 24 degrees. Patchy fog is expected tonight and a low of 11.

into the Snake River Plain.

Warmer air at about 10,000 feet created an air inversion Thursday that will hold cold air over southern Idaho at least through the weekend, according to the National Weather Service.

"When you have warm air on top of cold air, that's what we call a stable configuration because it stays with its wile," said Joel Birrenholz, a meteorologist with the weather service in Boise.

"The unusual thing is the

original cold air came in from the east," he said, explaining that cold temperatures normally come from the west or northwest.

The weather service is predicting temperatures to rise only modestly through the weekend. By Monday, a weak front moving in from the west is expected to cause temperatures to rise closer to seasonal norms.

On Thursday, temperatures in the Magic Valley were more than 20 degrees below normal. Thursday's low in Twin Falls was minus 2 degrees rather than the average of 22.

Burley saw a low Thursday morning of minus 7. The high was 17.

With near-zero temperatures, vehicles break down at a greater rate than usual, said Gene Timmons, owner of Gene's Towing

in Rupert and Burley.

"It's just a lot worse in cold weather," he said.

Timmons said the most common cold weather maladies are broken radiator hoses, frozen coolant systems, dead batteries and overheated brakes and wheel bearings.

"We get a lot of jump starts. The best thing to do is if they can plug it in, then plug it in," he said.

Another common problem is brakes sticking because of ice. Timmons suggested tapping the breaks with a hammer if ice is suspected.

"Keep a close eye on things, that's about all you can do," he said.

Connie Stansbury, a nurse at the Rupert Animal Clinic, suggested people find shelter for pets and livestock if possible. Increased straw for bedding

and increased food will also help large animals weather the cold.

Animals also face the possibility of dehydration if water sources freeze solid. Heated buckets, troughs or water dishes are available to keep drinking water from freezing.

"Protection, and make sure they have access to water," Stansbury said.

Oldham said sudden weather changes sometimes wipe out stocks of needed items.

"Last week's snow storm wiped us out of snow shovels and snow blowers in one day," he said.

But shortages usually don't last long, Oldham said.

"We've got freight coming in so we'll be loaded back up," he said. "But you just never know when something like this is going to hit."

## SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS



Cesar Ledezma, Santa's helper, and Sonny Cabbage, Santa, converse in sign language Thursday during a slow period at Santa's visit to the College of Southern Idaho to hear Christmas wish lists.

## Deaf Santa meets with students from ISDB

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — While Santa traveled all the way from Boise, the children came all the way from the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding. And Santa surprised these kids when he was able to communicate with them through sign language.

It was organized by Hamilton Relay, a telecommunications company that serves the blind and the deaf, and the College of Southern Idaho.

The kids were all smiles when they saw Santa, and even more so when he gestured a "hello" in sign language.

"They're excited because I'm just like them," said Santa, better known as Sonny Cabbage with

the Idaho Power Company in Boise. "I'm from a deaf family, and I'm also deaf."

The kids received candy canes as thick as their forearms, as well as a photo of their conversation with Santa.

"More of these types of activities happen in Boise," said June Flannery, a representative of Hamilton Relay. "But we wanted to do something for the community here."

Hamilton Relay provides video phones for the deaf, which are free at CSI.

Even after all the students had met with Santa, they stayed a while longer to sip hot chocolate. But before long they had to bundle up and make the trip back to Gooding where they will wait to see if Santa will bring them on Christmas Day what they asked for.

Santa signs to a College of Southern Idaho student Thursday as he waits to hear deaf and blind children's Christmas lists in the Student Union building on the campus of CSI. The event was organized by Hamilton Relay, a company that serves the deaf and the blind and works with CSI and its telecommunications programs for the hearing- and seeing-impaired.



## Pena trial delayed

Rupert attorney faces two new charges

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** — The trial has been postponed for a Rupert attorney charged with four felony counts of harboring legal services for sex.

Raymundo G. Pena also faces two new misdemeanor charges for allegedly talking to a witness in the case.

Trial on the felony charges was scheduled to start Tuesday in Minidoka County 5th District Court on three counts of procurement of prostitution and one count of attempted procurement.

According to court records, Pena

is accused of reducing, or offering to reduce, legal fees for female clients in exchange for sexual services.

No new trial date was scheduled. According to court records, a new date likely will be set in January by William A. Woodland, a retired District Judge from Pocatello who is hearing the case.

Pena was charged with two counts of procurement of prostitution in February. One of those charges was later dismissed and the other reduced to a lesser charge of attempted procurement.

He was charged with three additional counts of procurement in June following a grand jury investigation.

Under Idaho law, procurement of prostitution is punishable by a fine ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000 and imprisonment from two to 20 years. Attempted procurement is punishable by half those amounts.

Meanwhile, Pena has been charged with two misdemeanors for allegedly contacting a witness in violation of a no-contact order.

According to a criminal complaint filed in October in Minidoka County Magistrate Court, Pena "intentionally and unlawfully had contact with Idalia Casiano," who is listed as a witness in the case and who testified to the grand jury.

The complaint alleges that Pena violated an April 14 no-contact order by approaching Casiano on Aug. 6 at the Burley Wal-Mart and again on Aug. 21 at the Burley McDonald's restaurant.

According to court records, the no-contact order was canceled by Woodland on Aug. 26.

Pena pleaded innocent to the charges and has requested a jury trial. A pre-trial conference is scheduled for Jan. 4.

Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loeb has been appointed as special prosecutor.

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## Elks plan scrutinized

By Renee Wells  
For The Times-News

**BURLEY** — The Burley Elks Lodge may have found a new home, but only if the City Council allows the lodge and bar to open near a local school.

Keith Bryan asked council members to allow the lodge to transfer its liquor license to 126 E. 21st St., formerly A-1 Counseling. The property is adjacent to Dvorshak Elementary and about 500 feet from the Burley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of

For The Times-News

the Latter-day Saints.

The power went out at about 9:30 p.m., Monson said. Residents living in the affected area reported being concerned that their water pipes would freeze if the power was not restored quickly.

City crews worked in sub-zero temperatures and restored the power in slightly more than one hour.

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Manager Dile Monson.

should have cycled failed to do so, and we had to go in and make manual repairs," Monson said.

"It will take us a few days to get the circuit breaker replaced, but the power is back on to everyone and that's the important thing."

Monson said the breaker's failure may have been caused by the extreme cold weather.

Idaho Power said it did not have any power outages Wednesday or Thursday in south-central Idaho.

## Power outage in Burley causes concerns over freeze damage

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OBITUARIES

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**Benjamin Ernest 'Ernie' Egan**

**TWIN FALLS** — Benjamin Ernest "Ernie" Egan, 69, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at his home. He was born March 6, 1936, to Ernest and Nettie Egan of Kimberly. He grew up in Kimberly and graduated from Kimberly High School. He then attended the University of Idaho. He returned from college and helped on the family farm, Windy Glen Ranch in Jerome. He and his wife, Jeanette, farmed for 16 years in Wells, Nev., returning to Twin Falls in the Spring of 2005 due to Ernie's illness. He attended the Kimberly

Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Jeanette; one son, Craig (Sandy) Egan of Filer; two daughters, Karen (Jon) Egan of Twin Falls and Lori Ann Egan of Fort Benning, Ga.; two stepchildren, Tony (Julia) Sinek of Wendell, Idaho, and Cindy (Rick) Allyn of San Diego, Calif.; four grandchildren, Jeanette's children, Steven (Sheryl) Grow of Mountain Home, Idaho, Stephanie (Larry) Hranac of Twin Falls, and Michael (Cassie) Grow of Canyon City, Colo.; six step grandchildren; and extended family, Jack

(Kay) Bolyard of Spokane, Wash., and Catherine (John) Wilcox of Twin Falls. He was preceded in death by his parents. Ernie will be honored in a private family graveside service at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." The family would like to express their deep appreciation to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Hospice. Memorials may be given to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Hospice, PO Box 409, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0409.

**Matthew Graydon Woodley**

Matthew Graydon Woodley was diagnosed with colon cancer on May 23, 2005. He lost the battle on Dec. 7, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.



He played one year on the junior varsity basketball team for the Twin Falls Christian Academy.

Matthew was born on Sept. 11, 1988, at Chico, Calif., to James and Jane Woodley. Matthew lived the last nearly 10 years of his life here in Idaho. He loved to hunt. He was so excited when he was able to get a four-point buck on the Stark's ranch in Challis, Idaho. He also enjoyed an exceptional hunt at Lew's Ranch for pheasant. More than hunting, however, he loved to fish. It was a bit rough on dad's wallet at first, with Matthew decorating many streams and lakes in Idaho with a variety of snagged lures. But he soon blossomed into a very skilled angler.

Probably his favorite trips of all were the ones to Montana. He would attend the presentation at the family camp at Dillon Baptist Church in the mornings and fish in the afternoons. When the Whisting Star Foundation donated a sheep-ping trip to Cabela's this year, his first thought was for his "dream" fishing outfit. His other hobby was bikes. He had a job at the Spoke & Wheel Bike Shop. He soon found the money to buy three very nice bikes, and loved riding them all. He was a student at Cornerstone Baptist Academy when his illness restricted his studies in his sophomore year.

Unquestionably, the most significant event in Matthew's life was the day he received the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He never wavered in his faith in the Lord or his testimony of personal salvation. He was an active member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Matthew is survived by his parents, Pastor James and Jane Woodley; four sisters, Susanah, Carolyn and Melinda Woodley and Elisabeth Garcia; his brother, Daniel Woodley, all of Twin Falls; his grandmothers, Velden Wehbe of Redding, Calif., and Rose Woodley of Grass Valley, Calif.; his aunt, Sharon Chitcock of Grass Valley, Calif.; his aunt, Donna Mays of Fortuna,

Calif., and his uncle, Steve West of San Jose, Calif.

The family wishes to thank all his nurses, Dr. Matthew Jolley and Dr. Donald Workman and the home health care for their exceptional care and support of Matthew. The family wants all of you who have helped and comforted Matthew and us in so many ways to know how much you are appreciated. Matthew was profoundly touched by the benefit dinner and auction at Grace Baptist Church, the Whisting Star Foundation, the Optimist Club, the Snake River Motorcycle Club and the Tuesday night bike riding group. The outpouring of love and concern and support by his church family and many friends was incredible. The Lord bless you each and every one.

Flowers may be sent or memorial contributions may be made in Matthew's name to help defray funeral expenses at Serenity Funeral Chapel, 2158 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Friends may call from 4 until 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, at Serenity Funeral Chapel, 2158 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho. A funeral will be held at noon Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at the Cornerstone Baptist Church, 315 Shoup Ave. N., Twin Falls. A potluck luncheon will follow the service.

Interment will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at the Filer Cemetery.

Driso; two sisters, Maude (Chuck) Thomas and Lillie (Carl) Urie.

Vern was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. today, Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, at Fanner Funeral Chapel in Burlier, with Pastor Charles Knutson officiating. Friends and family may call from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. before the service at the funeral home.

**Vasquez calls attention to mistake in brochure**

**NAMPA (AP)** — Congressional candidate Robert Vasquez says there's a mistake in his recently distributed campaign brochures: a claim that he earned the Meritorious Ser-

vice Medal during his Army service. Vasquez, a Canyon County commissioner, "brought the mistake to the attention of the Idaho Press-Tribune on

Wednesday. He didn't say how the mistake got into 500 copies of his professionally designed brochures. "When I'm wrong, I'm wrong," Vasquez said.

SERVICES

**Powers of Buhl**, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall, 900 Milner St., Buhl.

**Les Hill of Twin Falls**, celebration of life at noon today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls.

**Marjorie C. Diamond of Twin Falls**, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at Twin Falls Cemetery (White Mortuary).

**Barbara Menz of Twin Falls**, celebration of life at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday at the 16th Ward L.D.S. Church, 229 Park Ave., Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3 until 9 p.m. with family to greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, and one hour before the service at the church.

**F. Udell Robinson of Richfield**, funeral service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Harvest Community Church, 410 S. Main St., Richfield. Visitation one hour before the service at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary).

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DEATH NOTICES

**Bennie Gerald Chaburn**

**ALBION** — Bennie Gerald Chaburn, a 71-year-old resident of Albion, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley.

**John W. Fleck**

**HUPERT** — John W. Fleck, 63, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at his home. Arrangements will be made by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Ernest H. Theoner**

**FILER** — Ernest H. Theoner, 84, of Filer, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at his home. Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

**Keith E. Riley**

**TWIN FALLS** — Keith E. Riley, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at his home. Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

**Dorothy Benton**

**TWIN FALLS** — Dorothy Benton, 90, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be made by Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

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**Vern Weaver**

**BUHL** — Vern Weaver, 55, passed away Thursday, Nov. 26, 2005, at his home in Buhl.

Vernon George Weaver Jr. was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Vernon George and Lillie Maude (Boykin) Weaver on Oct. 13, 1950. Vern grew up in Buhl, graduating from Buhl High School in 1969. He joined the U.S. Army in 1971 and served in Korea for two years as a radio technician. Two years after returning from

Korea, Vern joined the Army National Guard.

He married LaWanna Fae Draper in April of 1972. They had three children, Michelle Dawn, was born March 30, 1975. Vern worked as a long-haul truck driver for various companies. In 1981, he had cancer surgery and has been retired since. Surviving Vern is his daughter, Michelle (Shannon)

just recently returned to the area.

Survivors include her four daughters, Cheryl "Hank" Campbell of Boise, Karen "Jim" Butler of Gooding, Vicki "Chuck" Fuller of Twin Falls and Beth "Keith" Harrington of Fairfield, Idaho; one brother, Leonard Gene Miller of Boron, Calif.; and one sister, Janice Nelson of Twin Falls, Idaho; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding. Interment will be in the Elmwood Cemetery.

**Martha A. Waddell**

**GOODING** — Martha A. Waddell of Gooding was welcomed home to the loving arms of her Heavenly Father on Monday, Dec. 7, 2005, at the age of 65.

Martha was born Jan. 10, 1940, in Nylan, Calif., the daughter of John and Mary Gahn Miller. She was raised and received her education in California.

It was there that she met her future husband, Everett Waddell. They were married on June 2, 1958.

Shortly after her marriage the couple moved to Twin Falls, where their daughters were raised.



Martha returned to California for health reasons and had

**Nancy K. Sheridan Smith**

**BUHL** — Nancy K. Sheridan Smith, 51, of Buhl, Idaho, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, at her home in Buhl.

Nancy was born on Aug. 6, 1954, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the daughter of Marvin and Eleanor Goetzner Weaver Jr. She grew up and attended schools in Twin Falls. Nancy lived for a time in Ogden, Utah, where she raised her children. She moved back to Twin Falls where she worked various jobs in Twin Falls and in Buhl, at the time of her death she was working at T.I.S.

Loungie in Buhl. Nancy enjoyed reading, crocheting, visiting with friends and was involved in a pool league. Her love was spending time with her grandchildren.

Nancy is survived by her son, Frank Kitchen Jr. of Ogden, Utah; her mother, Eleanor Sheridan of Jerome; her four sisters, Myrna Sheridan of Kent, Wash., Dorothy McCuller of Twin Falls, Margaret Barbara of Twin Falls and Barbara (Peter) Polnow of Jerome; as well as her two

grandchildren, Tyson and Brandon.

She was preceded in death by her father, Marvin Sheridan; and her daughter, Kristen Gibson.

A Celebration of Nancy's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at the Church of the Nazarene, 300 Broadway Ave. N. in Buhl with Pastor Charles Sheridan officiating. A private family interment will take place at a later date. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

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## Elks

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Latter-day Saints.  
Bryan noted that city ordinance requires all businesses with liquor licenses to be at least 350 feet from schools or churches.

While the facility would be far enough away from the church, it would be only 125 feet from Dworshak School property. However, the code requires it be 350 feet from the nearest school building entrance and Bryan said the lodge would meet that requirement.

City Attorney Randy Stone said the ordinance does stipulate the facility must be 350 feet from the entrance of any

school or church, and he said the council has some discretion to decide whether the business can locate in a particular place.

Bryan said lodge members are only seeking conditional approval right now, because they have not yet made a formal decision to buy the property.

The Elks will vote this week on whether to buy the facility that formerly housed Allied Insurance, then A-1 Counseling Services, Bryan said.

While some council members spoke out in support of the Elks and noted they had caused no problems in their former facility on Oakley Avenue,

Councilman Dave Ringle suggested the council wait two weeks and contact school officials to see how they feel about the lodge locating next to the school property.

He said he would also like to hear from some parents of children who attend the nearby school.

The Bartley Elks Lodge sold its building on Oakley Avenue to former Malta resident Byron Barrett, who said he returned to Mini-Cassia with hopes of bringing a fine dining experience to the area. Since the sale, the building has been remodelled and Tracy Morey has opened a steakhouse.

## Pena

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centor in the misdemeanor case because Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Jason Walker is listed in court records as a witness.

Also, Gooding County Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson was assigned to hear the misdemeanor case after Minidoka County Magistrate Judge Rick Heller disqualified himself.

Andrew Parnes, the Ketchum attorney representing Pena told *The Times-News* on Thursday that he's puzzled by the misdemeanor charges.

"The order was lifted within a few days of the alleged incidents," Parnes said. "Why they've ever been filed, I don't know."

Under Idaho law, violation of a no-contact order is punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine up to \$1,000.

Pena also has been cautioned about contacting the Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for information about his case, Walker wrote Parnes on Sept. 5 that "once again Mr. Pena has contacted my office requesting information about his case. Would you please advise your client that all things related to his case need to be addressed through your representation."

Pena remains free and continues to practice law as a partner in the Pena Law Offices. In November, he was assistant counsel to Halley attorney Cynthia Woolley when she represented three Twin Falls police officers in a lawsuit against the city of Twin Falls.

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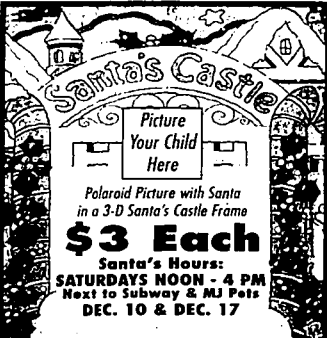
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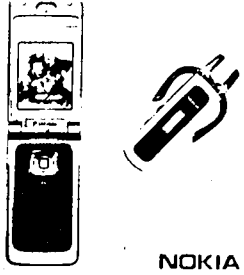
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# Journal says heart attacks in Vioxx study weren't disclosed

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Authors of a study funded by Vioxx maker Merck & Co. failed to disclose in a report published in the New England Journal of Medicine in 2000 that three additional patients in a clinical study suffered heart attacks while using the now-withdrawn painkiller, the journal wrote in an editorial released Thursday.

The editorial, written by the journal's editor in chief, Dr. Jeffrey M. Drazen, executive editor Dr. Gregory D. Curfman and managing editor Stephen Morrissey, also alleges the study's authors deleted other relevant data before submitting their article for publication.

"Taken together, these inaccuracies and deletions call into question the integrity of the data on adverse cardiovascular events in this article," the doctors wrote. Excluding the three heart attacks "may alter certain calculations and conclusions in the article incorrect."

Adverse cardiovascular events include heart attacks, strokes and deaths.

The findings of what became known as the VIGOR study have been a key part of testimony in the three product liability trials to date over the withdrawn drug, including one in which a federal jury in Texas began deliberations Thursday afternoon. The research was published more than a year after the Food and Drug Administration approved Vioxx in May 1999.

The study was intended to compare whether Vioxx caused more stomach ulcers and bleeding among patients with rheumatoid arthritis than for those using the older, cheaper anti-inflammatory naproxen. Over an average nine-month period, Vioxx did score better on that count, but the study also showed there were a greater number of heart attacks among Vioxx users.

In the article, Merck explained differences found in that study by saying naproxen is cardioprotective.

Merck shares fell 61 cents, or 2 percent, to \$29.68 in regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange, then fell an additional 85 cents, or 2 1/2 percent, to \$29.85

in after-hours trading, after news of the journal editorial circulated.

In a statement issued late Thursday, Merck said the additional heart attacks "did not materially change any of the

conclusions of the article." The company also said the information was not included because the heart attacks were reported after Merck's cut-off date for collecting information on the patients in the study.

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# Fans remember John Lennon

NEW YORK (AP) — Some met John Lennon in person, others knew him from the television, still others never knew him at all. On Thursday, they gathered by the hundreds in Central Park's Strawberry Fields to remember the pacifist rock star murdered 25 years ago by a deranged Beatles fan.



Flowers, candles and gifts line the 'Imagine' mosaic in the Strawberry Fields section of New York's Central Park on Thursday, the 25th anniversary of the murder of former Beatle John Lennon.

Those at hospital incident. See page E1

...celebrate Lennon's life and his message of peace — playing his music, singing his songs, imagining what might have been if the ex-Beatle had survived the Dec. 8, 1980, shooting outside his Manhattan apartment building.

Yoko Ono was among those at Strawberry Fields, walking through a horde of hundreds of Lennon fans before stopping at a flower-covered mosaic paying tribute to Lennon with his one-word message: "IMAGINE."

"His message is still the same: peace and love and live the best you can," said Martha Wagner, who came into Manhattan from Dover, N.J., with a scrapbook full of newspaper clippings about Lennon. She remembered hearing news of the slaying on television: "My heart stopped, I screamed."

Kim Polson, 50, of Manhattan, recalled seeing Lennon in an Upper West Side coffee shop four months before the shooting. She was late for work that day, hanging around and lis-

tening to Lennon's conversation. "I'll be late for work again today," said Polson, one of the early arrivals at Strawberry Fields on the anniversary — a bitterly cold day. "John Lennon made me late again."

The scene was much the same in Lennon's hometown of Liverpool, England, where scores of fans from around the world remembered him with white balloons, flowers and prayers.

The balloons, carrying written tributes to Lennon, were released into the sky.

"I just wrote 'Merry Christmas John' on my balloon," said James John, a 9-year-old from Portsmouth, England. "I love the Beatles, and especially John Lennon."

A short service was also held

beside a statue of Lennon on Liverpool's Mathew Street, where the Beatles played early in their career at the Cavern Club.

Lennon's songwriting partner, Paul McCartney, told the British Broadcasting Corp. that Lennon was "one of the great men of the 20th century... I will always feel some kind of link with John."

## Deer die after daring leap

RANSON, W.Va. (AP) — Either they misjudged the distance or they couldn't take the traffic.

For reasons that mystify authorities, five deer that made their way to the top of a five-story parking garage leaped to their deaths Sunday.

Police Sgt. Steve Cox found the deer bodies on a service road for the Charles Town Races & Slots next to a security van they narrowly missed.

"They took the plunge," he said. "It was just absolutely weird."

A woman called police when she saw the deer falling. Cox said he found scratches and animal hair on the fifth floor, indicating they had been there.

It's unclear how the deer got into the garage. Cox said they may have gotten spooked by cars after being trapped.

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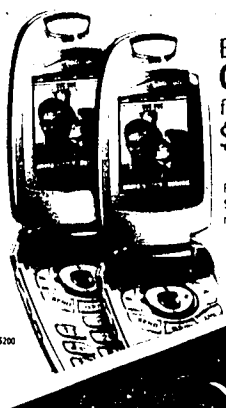
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# Six face charges in Northwest ecoterror attacks

SEATTLE (AP) — Six people have been arrested in connection with ecoterrorism attacks in Oregon and Washington dating back to 1998, including a \$1.2 million fine that destroyed a U.S. Department of Agriculture research facility near Olympia.

The arrests were made Wednesday in New York, Virginia, Oregon and Arizona, and each of the defendants has been indicted in Oregon by the U.S. attorney's office. Besides the USDA fire, the attacks included three arson attacks in Oregon and the toppling of a Bonneville Power Administration transmission tower near Bend, Ore., on the eve of the millennium.

One of the fires caused more than \$500,000 in damage, and the other three caused more than \$1 million, investigators said. The shadowy Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for most of the acts.

Two of the defendants — Stanislas Gregory Meyerhoff, 28, and Daniel Gerard McGowan, 30 — face up to life in prison if convicted of setting fires Jan. 2, 2001, at the Superior Lumber Co. in Glendale, Ore., and May 21, 2001, at the Jefferson Poplar Farm in Clatskanie. Damage from each fire exceeded \$1 million.

May 21, 2001, was also the day of a devastating unsolved fire at the University of Washington's Center for Urban Horticulture in Seattle. The Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility for both of those fires, saying the attacks targeted the UW's genetic plant research and the popular farm's experimental trees, which an anonymous statement called "an ecological nightmare" for the diversity of native forests.

Meyerhoff was arrested in Charlottesville, Va., where he was attending Piedmont Community College. McGowan was arrested in New York City.

Kevin M. Tubbs, 36, and

William C. Rodgers, 40, face up to 20 years each if convicted of a June 21, 1998, arson at the Agriculture Department's Animal and Plant Health and Inspection Services facility in Olympia. Tubbs was arrested in Springfield, Ore., and Rodgers was arrested in Prescott, Ariz.

Sarah Kendall Harvey, a 28-year-old student at Northern Arizona University, was arrested in Flagstaff after being charged with a Dec. 27, 1998, fire at U.S. Forest Industries in Medford, Ore. That fire caused an estimated \$500,000 in damage. She faces up to 20 years if convicted, Chelsea Dawn Gerlach, 28, of

Portland, was charged with conspiring to destroy an energy facility and destruction of an energy facility in the attack on the transmission tower. She faces up to 25 years.

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## Study: More fatalities occur on rural roads

WASHINGTON (AP) — A country drive might be relaxing, but it can also be dangerous.

Forty-two percent more fatal crashes occur in rural parts of the country than on busy stretches of highways through cities and suburbs, says the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Thursday.

Focusing on fatal crashes from 1993 through 2003, the study found rural crashes are more likely to involve multiple fatalities, rollovers and motorists being thrown from their vehicles. Making matters worse, it takes longer for emergency, medical services to arrive at the scene.

"Rural driving is far more risky," even though many people might assume denser urban traffic poses more danger, said Dr. Jeffrey Michael, a senior research director for NHTSA.

In 2003, Montana led the nation with 95.4 percent of its fatal crashes occurring along rural roads, followed by Maine, South Dakota and South Carolina. Rhode Island had the lowest rate with 17.7 percent of traffic fatalities in rural roads, followed by Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

While there are more fatal crashes in rural parts of the country, the amount of traffic along rural thoroughfares was far lower. The report found motorists traveled 10.3 trillion miles on rural roads during the 10 years studied, compared with 16.1 trillion miles on urban roads.

The study found:

- Rollovers happen in about one of every four rural crashes involving at least one traffic death, compared with one in 10 for urban crashes.
- Motorists were thrown from their vehicles in 17 percent of rural crashes compared with 8 percent in urban crashes.
- Multiple deaths occurred on rural roads about 11 percent of the time, compared with 7 percent on urban byways.

Jim Lynch, director of the Montana Department of Transportation, said about 80 percent of the driving time is spent on rural roads. The terrain and weather also presents hardships. Motorists frequently share space with wildlife such as deer and buffalo, along with five months of winter conditions.

## Court reverses ruling on gay marriage

NEW YORK (AP) — A state appeals court Thursday threw out a ruling that would have allowed gay couples to marry in New York City, saying it is not the role of judges to define the terms "husband" and "wife."

The state Supreme Court's Appellate Division ruled 4-1 that Justice Dennis Lang, Colton Erlinger and Jeffrey W. J. Berman held that the state's domestic relations law is unconstitutional since it does not permit marriage between people of the same sex.

The appeals court added: "We find it even more troubling that the court, upon determining the statute to be unconstitutional, proceeded to rewrite it and purportedly create a new constitutional right."

The Supreme Court is New York's main trial-level court. It has its own appeals division.

Linea-tan had ruled in favor of five gay couples who sued New York City because the city clerk had denied their marriage license applications. The gay couples complained that their equal protection and due process rights under the New York Constitution were violated.

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# Firm sues Idaho after losing contract

## Software company helped with Medicaid billing for 27 years

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The nation's largest provider of computer systems to handle Medicaid billing is suing Idaho, alleging that state officials broke the law when they threw out its bid on a \$50 million contract.

Texas-based EDS Inc., which for 27 years has provided software to manage Medicaid claims in Idaho, wants a judge to block the state from giving the contract to rival Unisys Corp. until the EDS bid is re-evaluated, according to a lawsuit filed Tuesday in 4th District Court here.

Three companies — EDS of Princeton, N.J.; Unisys, Reston, Va.; and Fargo, N.D.-based Noridian Administrative Services — responded to a May 27 request for bids from the state Department of Health and Wel-

fare for an updated claims payment and processing system. The new system would begin processing claims starting fiscal year 2008.

EDS, whose \$1 billion Medicaid services unit does business in 19 states, accuses Idaho officials of dismissing its proposal on illegal, unreasonable and arbitrary grounds — and then falling to properly review the merits of its appeal to be reinstated.

"We haven't been able to get a face-to-face meeting to explain," Bill Ritz, an EDS spokesman in Washington, D.C., told The Associated Press. "We had run out of administrative options."

Idaho's EDS Medicaid billing system processes 40,000 medical claims daily with 17,000 health care providers, keeping track of about \$21 million worth of transactions every

week. The state has 175,000 recipients of government-funded health care insurance for the poor and disabled.

The state required the contract be rebid this year, said state Health and Welfare officials, who expect to sign off on the agreement with Unisys early next year.

"Unisys had the better proposal that met our needs," said agency spokesman Ross Mason. "We have to work out the details, we're crossing the t's and dotting the i's."

Mason declined to comment on the EDS lawsuit, saying Health and Welfare officials haven't yet scrutinized the 31-page document.

His agency wants to have the new system in place within two years. Still, if an injunction were to delay awarding of the new contract, claims would be processed without interruption until the dispute is resolved.

"We have a system in place, that system would go forward," Mason said.

Ritz maintains the proposal that was rejected by Idaho — for a new-system already in place in several states — can process claims faster while reducing red tape.

Health and Welfare's conclusion that EDS's proposal didn't meet department specifications for a new system "was based upon an improper and incorrect evaluation of EDS' proposal, which if properly evaluated, fully satisfied all of the department's requirements," the lawsuit says.

# Utah County cancels bonuses

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Claiming an inability to cover overtime costs and expenses in the current budget, Utah county has canceled its employees' traditional half-day paid vacation bonus.

The decision was made because the county is currently over the budget and allowing workers to take additional time off would add to that deficit, officials said.

"If you grant a half-day, then someone has to cover it in most of those jobs," said Commissioner Jerry Grover.

Commissioner Steve White estimated that allowing the half-day bonus would cost the county to incur about \$1.6 million additional overtime costs.

Sheriff's Sgt. George Alexander said that most county positions would not need others to fill in for them for a half-day break.

"It's really no money out of their pocket," Alexander said. "It's just another slip in the face to employees who go out of their way to make Utah County a good place to live."

# Group seeks child care laws

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A group advocating for greater regulation of Idaho's child care businesses says the state has more licensing requirements for hairdressers and dog groomers than it does for child care workers.

"Parents need to know that regardless of what setting they choose, they're going to know that their children are going to be in a healthy, safe situation," said Cathy Kowalski, a former day-care owner who belongs to the Child Care Summit, a group of child care owners, parents and advocates who want the state to adopt more stringent licensing rules.

Currently, day cares in Idaho with 13 or more children are required to pass minimal health and safety inspections, but if the business has fewer than 13 children they are not regulated by the state. Only Coeur d'Alene and a handful of other Idaho cities have municipal codes that regulate those smaller day cares.

Idaho's Republican-dominated Legislature has been reluctant to impose greater state regulation on day cares.

Last year, Rep. George Sawyer, D-Coeur d'Alene, sponsored legislation supported by the Child Care Summit to increase day care regulation, but it was introduced late in the session and did not clear the House Health and Welfare Committee. Sawyer said nearly half of the committee's members are philosophically opposed to more government regulation, including committee Chairman Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls.

# Boise officials have concerns about tent city

BOISE (AP) — Organizers of a tent city for the homeless planned on the grounds of a synagogue said Thursday they will press on despite concerns from the city.

"This is not us against the mayor's office," said Will Rainford, a legislative advocate for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise. But "we are looking at state law that tells us we can do this without the city's permission."

Rainford belongs to the Interfaith Alliance, a group of several Boise leaders who want to put five army tents near downtown Boise to house as many as 100 homeless people through March.

City Council President Maryanne Jordan issued a statement Thursday saying there were legal problems with the tent-city plan.

These concerns revolve around building and fire code requirements that are absolutely vital to protect the life and health of our citizens," the statement said. She added that several Boise shelters had beds available for men, women and children.

Rainford did not dispute that, but said those shelters would split up families and force couples to sleep apart. "It's intolerable that when it's eight degrees out people have to make the choice of splitting up their families or staying out in the cold because there's nowhere else to go."

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Section D

One of the winter activities that has been quietly building over the years is cross country skiing. The Blaine Country Recreation District manages more than 130 miles of classic and skate skiing trails between Bellevue and the Galena Lodge, 22 miles north of Ketchum.

## Cross-country trails beckon skiers from all levels

# Wood River

By Matt Leidecker  
Times-News correspondent

**WOOD RIVER** — When most people think of Sun Valley images of glamorous

movies stars and a world class ski resort come to mind. While the Sun Valley Company certainly built the notoriety of the Wood River Valley around the movie stars and its ski resort, people who visit the area will find a plethora of other amenities beyond the glitz surrounding the Sun Valley Lodge and Bald Mountain.

One of the winter activities that has been quietly building over the years is cross country skiing. The Blaine Country Recreation District (BCRD) manages more than 130 miles of classic and skate skiing trails between Bellevue and the Galena Lodge, 22 miles north of Ketchum. These trail systems are maintained almost entirely on community support through donations and ski pass sales (see box for trail pass prices). This groomed network of ski trails has turned the Wood River Valley into a destination resort — for cross country skiers.

### Wood River Trails

Growing up in the Wood River Valley I can remember exploring the old railroad tracks as a kid. Walking the trestle bridge over the Big Wood

River was always a challenge. Those ominous gaps between the ties dropped dizzyingly to the river below.

Not long after those memories were created, the forward thinking BCRD launched a campaign called "Trails to Trails." The old tracks were torn up and a black ribbon of asphalt was laid down in their place. The Wood River Trail network created a paved hiking and biking path that linked the communities of Bellevue, Ketchum, and Sun Valley.

In the winter the Rec Department grooms the Wood River Trail System providing free access for skiers and dogs alike to enjoy the crisp winter air. Events like the annual "Ski the Rails" encourages people to get out and support the BCRD trail system. The event will be held this year on Jan. 29. Skiers can start anywhere on the trail system and will find beverage

and food stations along the way. Sun Valley Brewery will host a lunch afterwards for a community gathering.

### North Valley Trails

The North Valley Trail system is an extensive network of regularly groomed cross-country ski trails that extends off of the Wood River Trail network.

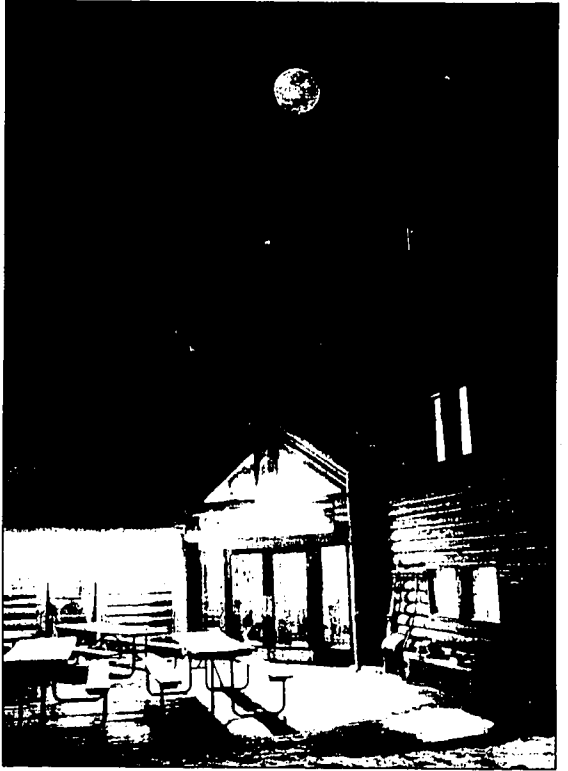
The backbone of the North Valley Trail system is the Harriman Trail. It starts at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters north of Ketchum. The trail snakes upstream along the Big Wood River with breathtaking views of the Boulder Mountains before ending at Galena Lodge, 22 miles north of Ketchum.

There are several spur networks clustered around trail head access points that provide a vast opportunity of skate and classic skiing options. There are even stretches of dog friendly trails.

### Galena Lodge

If the Harriman is the backbone of the North Valley System, then Galena Lodge is certainly the heart. Nestled at the base of Galena Summit, visiting Galena Lodge is like stepping back in time. The area was once a vibrant mining community with thousands of residents pining

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Above, a full moon rises over Galena Lodge during one of its monthly full moon dinners. Left, two racers chase the leaders in the popular Boulder Mountain tour race in January.

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## A variety of trails welcomes South Hills skiers

The Times-News

**HANSEN** — Nordic skiers heading for the South Hills have access to a variety of trails, plus opportunity for off-trail skiing. And already in 2005, they have plenty of snow.

This month's healthy dose of storms has blanketed plenty of snow in the South Hills of the Sawtooth National Forest. More than 21 miles of marked trails are maintained by the High Desert Nordic Association, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service.

Two of the five marked trails — Lower Penstemon and Rock Creek — are periodically groomed; skiers must create their own tracks along the routes of the other three.

The trails offer opportunities for skiers with a wide range of experience. Most are suitable for less experienced skiers. Others

### South Hills Cross-Country

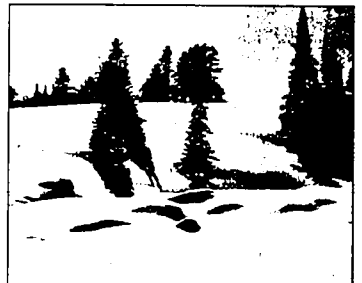
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- long; not groomed; intermediate skill level. Access from marked turnout a mile below the ski area.
- **Lower Penstemon:** 3.2-mile-long loop starting either up the Rogerson Road or at the Upper Penstemon Campground. Groomed periodically; beginner to intermediate skill levels. Parking at the ski lodge or in a turnout a quarter mile below along the Rock Creek Road.
- **Upper Penstemon:** 7.5-mile round trip from Magic Mountain Lodge. Not groomed; beginner to intermediate level. Continues up Rogerson Road from upper end of Lower Penstemon loop, then

traverses around a ridge to the Thompson Creek drainage and the High Desert Nordic Association's shelter. Another 8-mile loop is at the upper end. Other skiing opportunities are available by continuing up the Rogerson Road to the ridge top or off the Wahlstrom Hollow, Rock Creek and Pike Springs trails.

Two additional loops are proposed:

- **A 1.7-mile Rimview loop** in the area of the High Desert Nordic Association's shelter.
- **And a 2.1-mile loop** extending off the north end of the Wahlstrom Hollow Trail.



A snowy ridge lies undisturbed along the trails of the South Hills' Deadline Ridge.

Photo by BILL STUCKBAER  
The Times-News

require intermediate abilities and one — Wahlstrom Hollow — demands advanced levels of experience.

The High Desert Nordic Association has placed trailhead markers featuring maps showing the route of the trail and its

length at the start of each of the loops. In addition, blue and white rectangular markers are attached to trees along each

trail to assist those not familiar with the route. All of the trails are in close proximity to the Magic Mountain Ski Lodge, which offers

parking and refreshments for cross-country skiers as well as down-hillers snowmobilers and snowboarders.

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OUTDOORS

# Sun Valley Nordic Center now open

**SUN VALLEY** — Nordic centers at Sun Valley resort can't slip up the hours and buildings now with the Sun Valley Nordic and Snowshoe Center already open. The Nordic center currently has 12.5 kilometers of classic and skate ski terrain. Located directly in back of the resort. At its peak the center has about 25 miles of maintained and marked trails begin at the Nordic Center. Gentle terrain at the trailhead progresses to the trailhead. Skinning in the nearby Sawtooth National Recreation Area also may be arranged by the Sun Valley Nordic Center. Admission passes are \$14 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for kids 6 to 12. Half-day passes (after 1 p.m.) are \$12 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$5 for children. Equipment rentals for classic skis are \$17/half day/\$14 for full; skate skis are \$22/\$18; children

Outdoors in brief

rentals are \$11/\$7 and snowshoe rentals are \$15/\$12 for adults and \$10/\$6 for kids. For more information call the center at 208-622-2250.

Nordic skiers will meet Wednesday

**TWIN FALLS** — The High Desert Nordic Association will meet Wednesday, Dec. 14 at Idaho Joe's Restaurant in Twin Falls at 7 p.m. Members will be going over calendar items for the coming year. The public is invited to attend.

Jerome Gun Club will host turkey shoot

**BJEROME** — The Jerome Gun

Club hosts a turkey shoot this Saturday starting at 10 a.m. Participants will be shooting for turkeys and gift cards to Sportsman's Warehouse. Shooting will be in your own ability class advanced, intermediate or beginner. Cost for this shoot is \$5 for a single shoot, \$20 for five shoots or a guarantee card for \$25. The club is located on Highway 93 north, mile marker 64. Refreshments will be available. Chili, hot coffee, donuts, and soda-pop are available. This shoot will be held on the trap range. For more information, please call Keryn Siemens at 733-6045.

Fishing licenses go on sale for 2006

**JEROME** — Resident and nonresident hunting and fishing licenses for 2006 are available now.

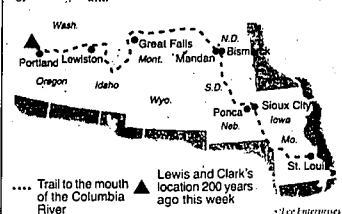
The new licenses went on sale December 1. Hunters and anglers can pay all fees for the year, but residents who pay for big game tags will be issued a receipt for those tags which are redeemed once resident tags go on sale August 1, Idaho fees for 2006 are the same as for 2005.

Purchases can be made through any of more than 400 license vendors statewide, at Fish and Game offices, or with the use of a credit card over the phone or Internet. Contractors who handle credit card sales charge a convenience fee. The toll-free phone number is 1-800-554-8685 and the Internet address is <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

Nonresident Selway B elk tags are sold out for the year already, but tags for the other zones remain available. — compiled from staff reports

'more wet weather'

**W**hile Captain William Clark hunkered down with a majority of the members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, Captain Meriwether Lewis and a small group scouted the surrounding area for an appropriate site for a winter camp. Once a site was found, the men were split into crews to build what would be Fort Clatsop or to hunt and preserve wild game for the coming winter. The men worked to preserve the meat by smoking it.



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December 7, 1805 — Set out to the place Capt Lewis had viewed and thought well situated for winter quarters... I delayed about here an hour before York came up, and then proceeded around this Bay which I have taken the liberty of calling Meriwethers Bay the Christian name of Capt. Lewis who no doubt was the 1st white man who ever Surveyed this Bay... this is certainly the most eligible Situation for our purposes of any in its neighbourhood.

— William Clark  
(Journal excerpts of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, edited by Gary E. Moulton, will appear each Thursday. Copyright Lee Enterprises.)

## Steelhead fishing heats up as fly casting cools

By Mike McLean  
Coeur d'Alene Press

**COEUR D'ALENE** — The Coeur d'Alene River is offering flyfishers a short window of opportunity in the afternoon, says Pat Wax of Northwest Outfitters. "I would definitely concentrate on nymphing most of the day," Wax said. "He recommends basic patterns like Prince Nymphs and a new pattern called the North Fork Special. Trout will come up on hatches patterns in the afternoons, Wax said.

Reports from the St. Joe are bleak. "It's pretty cold," he said. "There's lots of snow and ice all over down there."

Flyfishers are also steelheading on the Grande Ronde, Clearwater and Snake Rivers. Most flyfishers are using articulated French patterns, with floating or intermediate sinking line. "This is classic steelhead fishing," Wax said. "Some days you get them and some days you don't."

Wax is a Kruger of Black Sheep Sporting Goods said the fish are starting to move and they are getting some size to them.

"They are about halfway to Orofino, the way it looks by the action I saw on the (Clearwater) River," he said.

Steelies are running 8-12

pounds with a few of larger ones being picked up as well.

Justin Kimberling at Fins & Feathers Tackle Shop said steelhead anglers on the lower Clearwater River near Lewiston are either backrolling plugs or bait (shrimp or roe).

"We also do a fair amount of spoon fishing down along the shoreline," Kimberling said. "I would probably fish from Lewiston maybe up to Peck. But the greater number will still be in the lower- to mid-river."

Pend Oreille Kams:

On Lake Pend Oreille, Krueger said a lot of anglers will use Frisky Lenny, Bucktail and Polar Bear trolling fish.

Patterns with orange and black are most popular, he said. They are using plastic boards. Krueger said fish seem to be holding tight in certain areas.

"Some anglers are using GPS and going back to the same spot once they locate them."

"Up south of Hope and around the islands is where anglers tend to congregate for the day," he said.

Coeur d'Alene Chinook:

Kimberling said the salmon fishing has still been fabulous. Fish are usually 3-8 pounds. "We weighed some in the teens

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— Justin Kimberling at Fins & Feathers Tackle Shop

so your chance to catch one is there," he said.

Most of the chinook have been hooked 85-95 feet deep.

Kimberling said he's added blue-silver and green-silver patterns to his arsenal of minisquids. He recommends trolling them at 1.6 knots (just under 2 mph) on 21-24 inches of leader behind a 7-inch flasher.

"We're also getting some fish on herring pretty steadily now," he said. He recommends red- or orange-pack herring (4-6 inches long) with green or glow lurchets and no flashers or dodgers.

"If you want to stay on this end of the lake, you fish right out in the channel between Arrow Point and Tubbs Hill," he said. "In the main channel off of

Mica Bay or Stevens Point. "We fish the Driftwood, Carlin and Loffs triangle, staying out over the deep water in the channel," he said.

Some anglers are having success farther south in front of Rockford Bay and East Point. Lake Fernan still has that end-of-season thing going on, Kimberling said. Shoreline fisherman are enjoying some pretty good catches, primarily bait fishing with 3-foot leader off the bottom."

"The public dock is a good place to pick up a few trout, or just off the points along the lake," he said.

## Fish and Game allows setting foot-hold traps during Idaho's bird hunting season

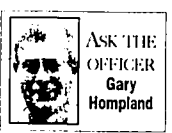
Question: "While chukar hunting my dog stepped in a trap. Is it legal to set foot-hold traps during the bird hunting season?"

Answer: Yes. Bird dog hunters and mountain lion and coyote hunters using hounds must be aware that other resource users, namely trappers may be using the area.

Trapping in Idaho is legal when done according to the rules adopted by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission. Traps are set to harvest live-bearing animals such as beavers, beaver, muskrats, raccoons, and red fox. Traps are also set for coyotes, cougars, and predators in Idaho.

Trap types vary from foot-hold traps to Conbar kill traps. Snare traps are also legal. All traps must be tagged with the trapper's name or a number assigned by the fish and game and closed every 72 hours. Seasons for trapping or hunting big game vary by species, but generally run from Nov. 1 into March 31.

Waterfowl hunters should use caution near water entry points such as beaver slides. Beaver and other slides may contain large foot-hold traps or Conbar



ASK THE OFFICER  
Gary Hompland

traps. All dog hunters should know trappers use scent, gland lines, and animal urine to attract timberbeavers. These scents also attract hunting dogs.

With a cool head and some preparation most hunters can efficiently remove any trap or snare. A dog in pain will yelp and bite anyone, including the owner. The first step is to cover and secure the dog's head to stop it from struggling and prevent getting hit. A coat or boot law works well for this. When the springs of the trap are compressed, open the jaws and remove the paw. On a Conbar trap the springs must be compressed and locked before the trap can be removed. On a snare, the hook must be released or the cable cut to remove your pet.

Any of the new topical antiseptic treatments such as EMT

gel could be applied to help close and disinfect a wound and promote healing.

Hunters can remove a dog accidentally caught in a trap without liability but must know it is unlawful to destroy, disturb, or remove traps or snares belonging to others. Once your dog is free from the trap you must leave the trap. If the trap is set in violation of Fish and Game rules contact the regional office.

Bird dog hunters and others with dogs should take the time to become familiar with how these traps work. It may save your dog's life or prevent serious injury.

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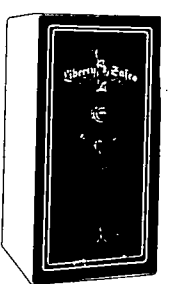
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# Sleds already run hot this winter Trails

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**TWIN FALLS** — Didn't get a chance to test-drive that new sled under the Christmas tree last year? Have no fear, the early winter of 2005-06 has already rewarded sledders with opportunities to slip and slide around southern Idaho.

Diamondfield Jack Snowplay Area in the South Hills received ample snowfall in recent weeks to coat its sledding hill, and also the Lower Penstemon hills located a few miles north on Rock Creek Road.

Whatever your activity at Diamondfield Jack, be sure to drop by the indoor warming hut and comfort station.

Diamondfield Jack serves as the homebase for snowmobilers, cross-country skiers and snowshoos who park vehicles before trekking further into the South Hills. Sledders know the area well too. On the north side of the parking lot you find the gentle slope that's neither too steep, nor too slow for your tastes.

Whatever your activity at Diamondfield Jack, be sure to drop by the indoor warming hut and comfort station. The glass-front building, located right off Rock Creek Road before you turn in the parking lot, is a good place to meet other visitors or just get the chill off your toes.

Lower Penstemon Campground (14 miles in from Hansen) is also along Rock Creek Road and a popular spot for tubes and sleds. There are usually campfires manned by parents trying to stay warm, around which you and the kids can gather. The campground is located just north of Magic Mountain Ski Resort, which has received at least two feet of snow in the first week of December.

Sun Valley Resort has an impressive tubing hill on Dollar Mountain that is popular with families who assemble at the



Sledders and snowboarders scale the fresh snow at Diamondfield Jack on Dec. 3.

renovated Dollar Mountain Lodge. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids (and includes the tube rental). Sessions run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children under 42 inches in height are not permitted to tube.

From Carol's Dollar Mountain Lodge take the Wundor Carpet to the top of the hill and follow the signs to the tubing area. The hill is expected to open before the holidays. Call 208-622-6136 for information.

In Boise on the Bogus Basin Road, don't pass up the sledding hill in front of the new governor's mansion, formerly the J.L. Sampson residence. Year-round sledding (snow in winter, ice blocks in summer) is accessible to the public, which makes it a very popular attraction for the public.



Joel Cooper prepares for another sledding run at Diamondfield Jack.

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Fresh snowfalls can provide excellent opportunities for Nordic skiers making the drive into the South Hills. Although some areas may be subject to drifting when winds are brisk, there is usually little hazard from avalanche conditions. Skiers are always advised to be alert for weather changes and heavy snowfalls which could create hazards.

In late winter, the freeze-and-thaw cycle resulting from chilly nights and sunny days often creates icy conditions on ski trails, producing extremely challenging conditions, particularly for less experienced skiers.

There are also segments of some trails — notably the Lower Penstemon loop section following the Rogerson road — which are shared with snowmobiles. And some parts of the short loop of the Rock Creek Trail may find skiers and snowboarders on the same terrain.

For those desiring to ski beyond the trail system, the Rogerson Road beyond the turnoff to the Upper Penstemon Trail offers access to the short loop of the Rock Creek drainage. The shelter provides banks for seven stoves, along with heating and cooking stoves. Reservations are required, however, and may be secured by calling 423-5442.

Groups interested in an overnight stay may reserve the shelter erected each season by the High Desert Nordic Association in the Thompson Creek area. The shelter provides heating and cooking stoves. Reservations are required, however, and may be secured by calling 423-5442.

**Other trails**

Cross-country skiers have a wide variety of tracks available

**About the High Desert Nordic Association**

Organized in 1987 with members residing from Gooding to Hagerman. Wide range of ages, experience, abilities and interests ranging from track and trail skiing to backcountry skiing and telemarking.

Meetings are scheduled at 7 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month November through March at Idaho Joe's Restaurant in Twin Falls.

Activities include group outings, promotion of cross-country skiing, safety education and providing information about equipment and places to ski. The organization assists with the annual Free Ski Day sponsored by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and maintains about 22 miles of cross-country trails and a shelter in the South Hills in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service.

All interested individuals are welcome at association meetings.

Reservations for use of the HDNA shelter may be made by calling Dennis Kincaid at 423-5442.

across southern Idaho. Trails are available in the vicinity of the Pomerelle Ski area, in the Wood River Valley, near Galena Lodge, at Alturas and Redfish Lake, and in the Park Creek area west of Stanley. The Island Park and West Yellowstone areas in eastern Idaho also offer some challenging trails.

Another unique area available is at Craters of the Moon, where the volcanic area's winter dress is a sharp contrast to its appearance at other seasons of the year.

## Wood River

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the hillsides for precious metals. The lodge is one of the few structures that survive and has been renovated over the years and operated as a private cross-country ski destination.

The lodge closed its doors in 1992 but soon after a group of cross-country skiers approached the BCRD and asked if they would be willing to take over management of the facility. Blaine County Rec. estimated it would cost \$40,000 annually to operate the lodge and maintain the existing network of trails. Within weeks the money was raised from the local community and Galena Lodge fell under the umbrella of the BCRD.

In 1994 an additional \$500,000 was again raised from generous contributions of the local community so the BCRD could purchase the lodge outright. Since then the Galena Lodge has been folded into the greater network of the North Valley Trail system.

There are over 50 kilometers of immaculately groomed trails in the immediate vicinity of the

lodge. Ski rentals, lessons, scrumptious lunches and full moon dinners are among some of the great amenities offered by Galena's managing staff.

The entire network of the North Valley Trail system (including Galena Lodge) is 113 kilometers in length. It is a community based user-pay system. The grooming, signage, trail maintenance, equipment, support staff, pass, and maps are paid for by pass fees and donations to the BCRD.

If you get out early to skate on the freshly groomed tracks that meander along the frosty creek bottom, take a moment to watch the early morning sun light up the face of the 10,000 Boulder Mountain front range. Or better yet, challenge yourself to some of the steep hill climbs up the flanks of the same mountains behind Galena Lodge. You can tackle the adrenaline packed "Psycho Hill" for a quick return to the lodge, or relax on the gender "Horse Creek Loop."

If you bought your season pass to the North Valley Trail network

and get out on a regular basis then you might consider entering the Boulder Mountain Trail. Each year this annual race attracts some of the best endurance cross-country racers in the country.

The nearly 30 kilometer race starts at Galena Lodge and continues down the length of the Harriman trail to the SNRA Headquarters, and the BCRD offices in Hailey.

Whether you are a season pass holder or a first time visitor to the valley you shouldn't pass up an opportunity to ski the North Valley Trails and have a bowl of hot soup at the Galena Lodge. You will likely come to the same conclusion that the thousands of racers and recreational skiers do every season: BCRD managers, and the local

**Daily Pass Rates**

Day use passes are available from Backwoods Mountain Sports, The Elephants Perch, SNRA Headquarters, and Galena Lodge in the north valley and in Strudvants and the BCRD offices in Hailey.

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OUTDOORS

# 'Island in the sky'

## Snowmobilers return to Howell

By Karla Barnes  
Times-News correspondent

Once the snow begins to fall in southern Idaho, the snowmobiles come out and the fun begins. The Howell Canyon Recreation Area, also referred to as "The Island in the sky" has been a favorite location of snowmobilers for decades.

Howell Canyon is located just south of Albion in the Sawtooth National Forest. The canyon area is typically one of the first and the last places that snowmobile enthusiasts enjoy during the winter season. Howell Canyon boasts 25 to 30 miles of snowmobile trails. The first mile is a well-groomed trail that will lead you on to the mountain, and from there, the sky is the limit. A ride through perfect powder to the top of the mountain will reward you with a spectacular view of the Snake River Plain.

"Howell Canyon is the highest thing in the desert. It typically catches the earliest and the best snow in the area," said Zeke Zimmerman, outdoor recreation planner for the National Forest Service. In the last 30 years, Howell Canyon has had a history of being the place where snowmobile groups flock to first.

This is the perfect spot to bring your family for an exciting and comfortable snowmobile experience. The 85-car parking lot accommodates large groups, and offers a spacious spot to load and unload your equipment.

Visitors to the Howell Canyon area are sure to enjoy the comfortable warming hut and heated restrooms located adjacent to the parking area. The hut is equipped with a large stove and picnic tables. Visitors are welcome to bring their own fuel and make themselves comfortable for the day. Pack a picnic and take advantage of this wonderful respite located

### Other trails

**Other South Hills hot spots**  
**Heglar Canyon:** From Burley, take I-84 east to the Yale Road exit. Turn east and go 8 miles and then turn right on Heglar Canyon Rd. Go approximately 7 miles farther to the junction of North and South Heglar Rd. Turn left onto North Heglar Road and go another 6 1/2 to 7 miles to the Forest boundary.

**Diamondfield Jack Snowplay Area:** From Twin Falls, take Highway 30 east to Hansen, turn south on to Rock Creek Road, continue 25 miles to the Diamondfield Jack Recreation area. (This location also has a warming hut and heated restrooms.) If you head north...

The Trolley Lakes snowmobile site includes 380 miles of groomed trails between the Trolley Lakes area, Lowman, Rocky Bar, Atlanta and more. A well maintained warm-

ing hut with limited rest room facilities is available. The area can be reached from Pine or Featherdale and offers a wide variety of terrain including some very challenging mountain and powder riding. Baker Creek on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area north of Ketchum attracts riders from around the area. Forest Service restroom facilities are available at the parking area on State Highway 75 but there is no warming hut at this site. The Stanley Basin is a nationally recognized winter recreation area and its 200 miles of groomed trails, plus numerous opportunities for off trail riding, attract snowmobilers from around the country. Smiley Creek in the Stanley Basin and north of Galeana Summit, has snowmobile rentals and numerous riding areas.

within a spectacular winter wonderland.

Young families will also enjoy the thrills of a nearby sledding hill. A gentle yet exciting run is located next to the shelter. Young and old can take advantage of the many recreational opportunities in the Howell Canyon area.

Idaho boasts more snowmobile trails than any of her neighboring states in the west. The Magic Valley is fortunate to have three fine systems in place. Howell Canyon, Diamondfield Jack Snowmobile area in the South Hills and the Cassia Division located in the North Heglar Canyon. Take some time out of your busy schedules and hit the trails this winter for an experience you will never forget.

Howell Canyon can be a very dangerous place to take your snowmobiles during adverse weather conditions. The area is

### About Howell Canyon

Howell Canyon is located southeast of Burley. Take Highway 81 east to Declo then go south on Highway 77 past Albion. Turn right on Howell Canyon Road. (A warming hut and heated restrooms are available.) The spot got its name from Mr. R.N. Howell who with his family moved to the Marsh Creek Valley in 1858. Mr. Howell had the first water right in the area and both Howell Canyon and Howell Creek were named after him.

known for white outs and can be treacherous when fierce storms roll through the canyon.

For more information call: Sawtooth National Forest/ Burley Ranger District 678-0430.



Families enjoy the Howell Canyon area sledding hill.

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Bret Earl relaxes outside of the Howell Canyon warming hut.

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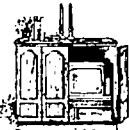
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# ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS

## Volunteers keeping backcountry trails snag-free

By Eric Barker  
The Lewiston Tribune

LEWISTON — Ever wonder who cleans snowmobile trails of downed trees following a wind-storm? Who stocks the warming huts with firewood? Who organizes fun runs and who keeps trail groomers running?

By and large it is a small cadre of dedicated snowmobilers who contribute time and sweat through local snowmobile clubs.

"The primary purpose is to promote a nice fun experience for a family to go out and enjoy the mountains," says Steve Lueck, president of the Mount Misery Snow Drifters, based in Pomeroy, Wash.

The club concentrates its work efforts on a labyrinth of snowmobile trails in the Blue Mountains that stretch from Rose Springs to Cloverland. The Mount Misery club is just one of several in the region that includes the Lewiston and Clarkston-based Lewis Clark SnoDrifters, whose members concentrate most of their work on the Craig Mountain Wildlife Area south of Lewiston.

The Lewis-Clark club recently received a \$70,000 grant from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and built a new parking lot, restroom and sledding hill at Kruse Meadows. The parking lot will alleviate congestion along the Zana Road that is often clogged with trucks and snowmobile trailers during busy winter weekends.

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"There is no reason to park on the road. It's a safety hazard," says Royal Kingsley of Lewiston, vice president of the club.

Club members prepared the grant application and then organized the construction of the parking lot. Kingsley says much of the material used was donated and the club will be able to return much of the money to Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

"It will go back in the fund and it will be there for somebody else to use," Volunteers built a post-and-rail fence that surrounds the parking lot and constructed a 75-foot-wide, 300-foot-long sledding hill adjacent to the parking lot.

"We are going to keep it groomed. It's bermed on both sides so people will be able to stay out of the trees."

The local snowmobile clubs

also play a critical role in trail grooming. In Washington, grooming is funded by snowmobile registration fees and a small portion of state gas tax revenue. The funds are distributed based on use.

Grooming contracts are awarded through snowmobile clubs. The Washington Parks and Recreation Committee also awards grants to improve snowmobiling. A snowmobile advisory committee helps the parks and recreation committee decide how the money is awarded. Lueck represents southeastern Washington on the committee.

In Idaho snowmobile registration fees pay for trail grooming, trail signs, plowing and parking. When snowmobilers register they are asked to indicate which county they most often ride and where they would like their fees to go. The

Department of Parks and Recreation also award grants to local clubs.

The local clubs play a critical role in search and rescue operations when snowmobilers or other winter recreationists become hurt or injured.

Clubs organize snowmobiling social events like fun runs. Every Sunday in January and February the Mount Misery club cooks and sells burgers. Proceeds are used to maintain grooming equipment. The Mount Misery Snow Drifters also have a vintage snowmobile run every year that attracts snowmobilers from all over the Northwest.

But members of the local clubs want snowmobilers to know volunteers are doing a lot of the heavy lifting that improves snowmobiling.

"We want more people to jump in and give us a hand," says Tom Lamquist, a member of the Mount Misery Snow-drifters from Pomeroy.

Leaders in both the Lewis-Clark and Mount Misery clubs say younger snowmobilers seem to be shying away from joining.

"It's older people," Kingsley says. "There are no young people anymore who want to belong to clubs."

Other clubs in the region include the Clearwater Ridge Runners based in Orofino, the Grangeville Snowdrifters, the High Country Snowmobile Club based in Orofino and the Latah County SnoDrifters based in Moscow.



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### BRIEFLY IN MONEY

#### WHAT IS IT?



This is one of more than 30 pieces on display at the first ever Translations in Tupperware art exhibit in New York City.

#### DeHard batteries now in K-Mart

The Twin Falls store is one of the 1,400 K-Marts nationwide now carrying some of Sears' staple products, but is willing to hear if it will get others. DeHard batteries have been introduced this week, joining a limited selection of Craftsman tools.

Sears Holdings Corp. Chairman Edward Lampert has committed to putting more Sears products in Kmart stores. While 90 K-Marts are offering Kenmore and other home appliances, the Twin Falls store is awaiting word of what's next for it, said store director Bonnie Brantland.

Kmart acquired Sears, Roebuck and Co. in March for \$12.3 billion and renamed the enlarged retailer Sears Holdings. The company has since converted about 50 of the approximately 1,500 U.S. K-Marts to the new Sears Essentials format. It said Tuesday that plans for opening 400 Sears Essentials by the end of 2007 are on hold after mixed sales results to date.

#### Orders joins staff at Commerce and Labor

**TWIN FALLS** — Chris Orders is the new manager of the Magic Valley Idaho Commerce and Labor office. She has been with Idaho Commerce and Labor for 19 years, most recently as manager of the Bakersfield, Calif., office, where she was on the Blackfoot Chamber of Commerce.

Grouping in the Burley area so they are coming home," Orders said. "I am excited about being part of the Magic Valley team and I look forward to becoming involved in local groups. There is a group of professional individuals dedicated to providing outstanding service to area businesses and communities in the Magic Valley."

In her spare time, Orders says she enjoys gardening, camping, four-wheeling and spending time with her family.

#### Wheat commission meeting is Monday

**IDAHO FALLS** — The Idaho Wheat Commission will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the American Inn, 645 Lindsay Blvd. Its chairman, Jim McDonald, said the meeting will include marketing initiative discussions, a review of commission financial statements, research projects, and information and education updates. Arrangements can be made for hearing-impaired or handicapped individuals with advance notice. For more information, call (208) 334-2553.

#### Did you know?

• Since 1990, the number of Hispanics in Idaho has more than doubled from nearly 53,000 to 124,000 in 2004, according to U.S. Census data.  
• Jalisco has been Idaho's sister state in Mexico for nine years. Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne met with Jalisco Gov. Francisco Ruiz Reyes Acuña Thursday while Guadalajara during the final leg of his week-long trade mission to Mexico.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

# Japanese panel says U.S. beef is safe

## Ban could ease as early as Monday

The Associated Press

**TOKYO** — Japan's food commission Thursday declared American beef as safe as its own, paving the way for the government to ease a two-year ban and resolve a bitter trade dispute with its top ally.

The Food Safety Commission agreed unanimously to send its conclusions to the Health and Agriculture ministries, which will make a final recommendation to the government. Media reports say the Cabinet could decide to ease the ban on U.S. beef as soon as Monday.

A resumption of imports — to be limited to meat from cows younger than 21 months — would defuse a dispute that has nagged the two allies since

Japan closed its doors to American beef in December 2003 after the first U.S. case of mad cow disease.

Commission members, however, said that the safety of American beef would depend on U.S. inspectors following strict guidelines, such as removing dangerous cow material such as brains and spinal cords.

"Much of the approval is dependent on a promise between two countries," said Commission Chairman Masaaki Terada. "It's a question of trust."

The report also found beef from younger Canadian cows safe.

Both the Asahi and Nikkei newspapers said Wednesday that U.S. beef could reach Japanese consumers before the

year's end if the ban is speedily removed.

Prior to the ban, Japan was the most lucrative overseas market for U.S. beef, buying \$1.4 billion worth in 2003. Cheap, tasty American beef had been especially popular in low-cost beef-and-rice restaurants.

Approval by the Food Safety Commission brings a lengthy process one step closer to completion.

Japan has tested every domestic cow since its first case of mad cow disease in 2002, and initially demanded that the United States do the same. Japan has found 20 domestic cases of the disease so far.

U.S. authorities, however, balked at the cost of testing the huge American herd and argued that it was not scientifically necessary.

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A cow is seen in a feedlot in Springfield, Neb., on Thursday — the same day Japan's food commission declared that American beef is as safe as its own, paving the way for the government to ease a two-year ban and resolve a bitter trade dispute with its top ally.

### FREE PARKING



ABILEE, DOWNTOWN Twin Falls

The parking meters of downtown Twin Falls are taking Christmas off again this year. Through the end of the month, downtown parking is free. The annual tradition dates back at least 10 years, said Karla Williams, executive director of Historic Downtown Twin Falls Inc. The nonprofit group operates the meters. The money from them pays for downtown landscaping, sprinklers and maintenance. Baggie the meters in December costs the association about \$2,400 in lost revenue, Williams said. The district encompasses 275 businesses and 38 property owners.

## Researcher studies 'humans in the wild'

### Findings may help determine what sells

By Cheryl Hall  
The Dallas Morning News

**DALLAS** — Dwight Fletcher studies primates in their native habitats, just as he learned at Harvard University. But these days the creatures he monitors walk upright and eat pizza rather than swinging on jungle vines and foraging plants.

Five years ago, Fletcher left Tracy-Locke/DDB Needham to start Spearfish, a marketing research firm that taps into buyer mindsets on their turf — at home, in the office, at the mall or in the drive-through lane.

"At Harvard, I discovered that animals are much more dynamic and complex than most people think," says the 41-year-old, who earned a degree in primatology biology from Harvard and an MBA in marketing strategy from the University of Texas. "Now I study 'humans in the wild,' where they make the decisions that make or break markets."

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He spent six Wednesdays and Friday nights at a national pizza chain restaurant, calling customers back after they placed an order to find out why they wanted that particular pizza on that particular night.

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So even though he has a staff of five, Fletcher conducts all interviews and focus groups. A video producer captures the encounters so that Fletcher can study body language and tone.

You see, it's not about collecting raw data, he says. It's about grabbing the message.

Alex Louis, vice president at Interstate Batteries, turned to Fletcher two years ago when his company was setting up battery centers inside Elliott's Hardware stores.

"The consumer told us they didn't know what a battery center was," says Louis. "The research indicated we needed to go back to a more basic approach with a simpler message."

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## Flu crisis could cause recession

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — A severe flu pandemic would probably throw the U.S. economy into recession since people who are ill would stay home from work, school and public places such as restaurants, a congressional study says.

The nation's gross domestic product would drop an estimated 5 percent during the year of an outbreak, with transportation, retailing, tourism and entertainment taking the hardest hits, the Congressional Budget Office said.

Thursday's report suggests that is a worst-case scenario, if a pandemic similar to the 1918-1919 Spanish flu took hold around the world.

It estimates the chances of such a severe flu are less than one-third of 1 percent annually, though public health officials are increasingly concerned that the bird flu virus could mutate and jump from person to person, something that has not yet occurred.

"A \$675 billion hit to the economy is without question a grim prognosis," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., who requested the study. "The good news is that our hands are not tied."

The CBO defined a severe pandemic scenario as one in which 90 million Americans are infected and 2 million die. About 30 percent of workers in urban areas would become sick, and 2.5 percent of those would die.

The National Commission on the Emergency Response to a Pandemic called for 10 proposals that he said would reduce the economic impact of a pandemic.

The recommendations mirror many of those made by the Bush administration, which has called for \$7.1 billion in emergency funding for pandemic preparation.

Frist called for formation of a communications structure that would let the public get updated every 6 to 8 hours about symptoms, cases, deaths and outbreak locations.

He said his proposed spending represents only about 1 percent of the potential economic hit if a pandemic were to occur. He said he would push for Congress to approve the funding in coming weeks.

To avoid the flu, most people would simply stay home. They would stop traveling, going to restaurants and retail outlets, and entertainment venues like stadiums and theaters. A significant portion of the work force would miss an average of three weeks of work, either to the illness or caring for others who are sick.

## Study: Letters in brand names may influence consumers

Knight Ridder News Service

**PHILADELPHIA** — Add one more thing that marketers might want to think about when they pick a product name: egoism.

For years, researchers have been studying the bizarre relationship people have with their names and how that affects decisions making.

It turns out that most people really like their names, so much so that they prefer the letters in their names to other letters. Men are particularly partial to their last initial, women to their first.

There's evidence that this preference affects the career we choose, where we live, even

whom we marry, said C. Miguel Brendl, director of the INSEAD Social Sciences Research Center in Fontainebleau, France.

His new study, published in the December issue of the Journal of Consumer Research, found that it's possible to boost the "name letter effect" when consumers are deciding on a brand. People were more likely to pick a product whose name shared letters with their own when their egos were threatened or when their need was high, such as when they were hungry and had to choose a candy.

Brendl said these preferences have implications for people choosing names for products aimed at narrow markets or

"well-defined" early adopters. It could also be useful for direct mailers who can create names used to sign their pitches.

"The name letter effect, of course, is not a very strong effect," he said. "You can imagine it's very subtle."

Nonetheless, he said, marketers should consider it, along with other factors that may unconsciously affect consumer choice such as mood, the temperature in a room, or packaging.

The broader question, Brendl said, is: "When are people's choices influenced by gut feel? ... If you add all of these up, the result can be quite substantial."

Intrigued by his own reaction to a plea from someone with a

similar name at the Red Cross, Randy Garner, a professor of behavioral science at Sam Houston State University, has been studying the impact of similar names — Robert Greer and Bob Greer, for example, or Cynthia Johnson and Cindy Johnson. He found that people are more likely to respond positively to characters in a story or to people asking them to complete a survey if their names are similar.

He fears marketers will abuse this power, and says consumers should protect themselves by understanding "that these sorts of influences are out there."

Two men who make a living creating product and company names were skeptical of the

value of Brendl's research. "I think statistically it's useless," said David Burt, owner of the brand naming company in St. Louis, Mo. He said his brand's presence is coming up with a distinctive name that hasn't already been taken.

"I can't imagine trying to create a product or company name based on an analysis of names ... in the target audience," said Michael Barr, president and owner of NameLab in San Francisco.

Obviously, Burt said, there's a lot more to naming than picking the letters. "If I found out that a lot of people have H in their name, and I call my product Hitler, would it sell well?" he asked.



Stocks slide on oil, Toll Brothers

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks extended their losses into a second day Thursday after a cautious outlook from home builder Toll Brothers Inc. and a surge in energy-related fears about the market. The market was plagued with revised forecasts from chipmaker Texas Instruments Inc. and Xilinx Inc., signals that tech spending remains healthy. But anxious traders brushed aside the news and waited for Intel Corp.'s mid-quarter update after the closing bell.

Without much news to guide the market, Wall Street drifted this week following a November rally that vaulted stocks to four-year highs. Recent signs that the economy is cooling faster than expected renewed fears about inflation and rising interest rates, although some traders still anticipate a final runup in stocks before the year ends.

The dynamics of this week's decline have been orderly and nothing to be concerned with," said Steven Goldman, chief market strategist at Weeden & Co. "The market cleaned up some of its excess on that pull-back."

Goldman said the main concern on Wall Street continues to be the extent to which the market will extend its string of rate hikes now that the economy appears to be doing well. Higher rates could lead to a consumer slowdown as lending costs increase, he said.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 55.79, or 0.52 percent, to 10,753.72.

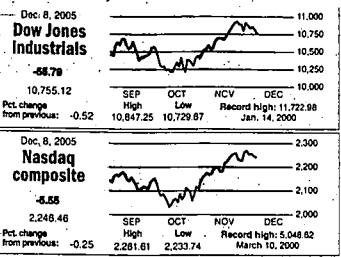
Broader stock indices were also down. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 1.53, or 0.12 percent, to 1,255.84, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 5.53, or 0.25 percent, to 2,246.48.

Gold's steady rise in the North- east and Midwest drove expectations for greater heating demand, although weekly inventory reports have indicated that U.S. oil and gas reserves continue to expand. On the New York Mercantile Exchange, natural gas surged \$1.29 to \$14.99 per 1,000 cubic feet, as a barrel of light crude jumped \$1.45 to \$66.65.

Bond prices reversed Wednesday's decline with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note tumbling to 4.46 percent from 4.52 percent last Wednesday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading, while oil prices lingered near record highs.

The sole economic report of the day came from the Labor Department, which announced a 327,000 jobs gain, although 8,000 of those were hurricane related. Economists were expecting claims to drop to 318,000.

General Motors Corp. paced the Dow's decline, falling \$1.04 to \$25. The troubled automaker, which plans to cut 30,000 jobs and shut 12 plants by 2008, on Wednesday said it is in talks to



appoint billionaire Kirk Kerkorian as a company director, a move analysts say could lead to drastic restructuring actions.

Tech stocks turned lower despite two chipmakers' upbeat reports. On Wednesday, Texas Instruments lifted the low end of its quarterly earnings estimate and forecast sales near the top of a previous range, while Xilinx boosted its sales forecast. On Wednesday, Texas Instruments lifted the low end of its quarterly earnings estimate and forecast sales near the top of a previous range, while Xilinx boosted its sales forecast.

Intel said it expected capital spending to be lower than the midpoint it had set in previous guidance. It also tightened the range it expects fourth-quarter revenue to hit. In after-hours trading, its stock fell to \$25.02, down 68 cents.

Toll Brothers posted a 72 percent jump in fourth-quarter profit as revenue climbed 40 percent. But investors remained optimistic about the stock itself although the home-builder gave a disappointing forecast for next year and said it would cut 30,000 jobs.

Toll Brothers gained \$1.25 to \$55.55.

Delta pilots' union OKs strike vote

By James Bernstein Newsday

Just as the peak holiday travel season is about to get under way, Delta Air Lines and its pilots are at such odds over proposed pay cuts that union officials Thursday authorized their leadership to take a strike vote.

Union chairman Lee Mosk has not yet called on the matter. Union officials were to meet in Manhattan today to continue their discussions.

Unlike other labor disagreements in the airline industry, there are fears that a strike by Delta pilots could cause the Atlanta-based carrier to shut down and sell off its assets. Delta has been operating under bankruptcy protection since September.

A Delta shutdown might cause thousands of travelers to seek other means of getting home after the holidays or try other ways of reaching southern resorts during the winter months.

Delta and pilots' union representatives have been testifying in Manhattan before U.S. bankruptcy Judge Prudence Carter Beatty in sessions that began Nov. 16. Delta, the nation's third-largest carrier, wants a ruling allowing it to cut pilots' pay 19 percent as part of an effort to quickly emerge from Chapter 11.

If the cuts are imposed, pilots' average pay would be \$143,000. A year ago, the pilots agreed to pay cuts totaling \$1 billion to help the airline, one reason they are resisting further terms.

The Atlanta-based airline says that it has a legal right to impose pay cuts if Beatty doesn't rule on its request by Dec. 16. Under U.S. bankruptcy law, a judge has 30 days from the beginning of a hearing to toss out a contract and issue new terms.

Both sides have become increasingly frustrated as the hearings have dragged on. Officials of the Air Line Pilots Association, the union that represents most of Delta's 6,000 pilots, said they want to force the airline can legally impose cuts if the matter is not settled on the 30th day.

Airline experts say they believe the possibility of a pilot strike is small, but union officials said they will strike Friday morning after giving their leadership the power to call a strike vote.

Money Tip: Avoid holiday travel headaches

By Marshall Loeb Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — Although the holidays are considered by many to be the most wonderful time of the year, everyone can agree that holiday travel is certainly one of the least wonderful times. Transportation woes are unavoidable if you're carrying extra luggage and gifts, and inclement weather can halt the festivities even before they start.

Last year's roughly 62.7 million Americans traveled over the holiday weeks, according to AAA, and this year the numbers are expected to increase. But as many travel experts will tell you, the trick to surviving holiday travel is to keep up that jingle-bell cheer. You already know that that you will probably be facing long lines

and possible delays, so don't let it get to you. Think only of the excitement ahead and go with the flow.

And, more important, give yourself plenty of time. Arrive early. Leave yourself ample time to wait in lines and get through security checkpoints. If you end up with time to spare, use it to buy a gift or to shop for last-minute gifts or call in to your office.

If you're flying by plane or by sleigh, prepare ahead of time for security screening. Remove keys, loose change and other metal items from your pockets. Put these in a sealable plastic bag and place it in your carry-on. If the airport requires you to remove your shoes and overwear for separate screening, do so while waiting in line. If you have a laptop computer, remove it from your carry-on bag for separate screening.

If you're traveling with gifts, find out which items are permitted in carry-on bags, and which must be put into checked luggage. Gifts of value when you go through security, those items are part of your personal belongings. Remember, your airline will care if that Santa Army knife is yours or a gift for Uncle Allen — it still isn't allowed on the plane.

Make sure that none of your gifts are wrapped. Unwrapped gifts are subject to security-checked luggage. But wrapping can interfere with the process. Many people forget that just because something is wrapped up with a pretty bow, that doesn't exclude it from being opened by security. The Transportation Security Administration has the right to open any wrapped package.

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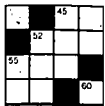
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## 25 years later



# Lennon's death lingers for men who were there

By Larry McShane  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A television news producer, an emergency room doctor, two NYPD beat cops. Before that December night 25 years ago, they shared little but this: As children of the '60s, the soundtrack of their lives came courtesy of the Beatles.

Alan Weiss, a two-time Emmy winner before his 30th birthday, was working at WABC-TV. His teen years were the time of "Revolver" and "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band." In his 20s, Weiss admired John Lennon's music and politics.

Dr. Stephen Lynn was starting his second year as head of the Roosevelt Hospital emergency room. He remembered the Beatles playing "The Ed Sullivan Show," although he didn't quite get the resultant hysteria.

Officer Pete Cullen, with partner Steve Spiro, did the night shift on Manhattan's Upper West Side. They'd occasionally run into Lennon walking through the neighborhood with his son, Sean. "The Beatles were a big part of my life," Cullen said.

On the night of Dec. 8, 1980, Lynn was in the ER. Weiss was heading home from the newsroom. Cullen and Spiro were on the job — and Mark David Chapman was lurking outside Lennon's home.

The chubby man with the wire-rimmed glasses stood patiently in the dark outside the Dakota apartment house. He carried a copy of "The Catcher in the Rye," the J.D. Salinger tale of disaffected youth, and a five-shot Charter Arms .38-caliber revolver.

Lennon, just two months past his 40th birthday, returned from a midtown Manhattan recording studio at 10:50 p.m. with wife Yoko Ono. The limousine stopped at the ornate 72nd Street gate. John and Yoko emerged. Chapman's voice, the same one that had beseeched the ex-beatle for an autograph hours earlier, rang out: "Mr. Lennon!"

The handgun was leveled at the rock world's foremost pacifist. Four bullets pierced their famous target.

The voice of a generation was reduced to a final gasp: "I'm shot."

"Do you know what you just did?" screamed the Dakota's doorman.

"I just shot John Lennon," Chapman replied softly.

### The cops

Back in 1965, while still in the Beat Academy, 23-year-old Pete Cullen's first assignment was working security outside the Warwick Hotel on West 54th Street. Upstairs, safe from the insanity below, were the Beatles.

Fifteen years later, the officer was staring at a dying John Lennon within minutes after Chapman opened fire. Cullen and Spiro were the answer to the report of shots fired.

Cullen was struck by the lack of movement, the doorman, a building handyman and the killer, all standing as if frozen.

"Somebody just shot John Lennon!" the doorman finally shouted, pointing at Chapman. "Where's Lennon?" Cullen asked. The rock star was crumpled in a nearby vesting, blood pouring from his chest. There were bullet holes in the glass. Cullen went to Lennon's side as Spiro cuffed the gunman.

Two other officers lugged Lennon limp body to a waiting police car, which sped downtown to Roosevelt Hospital. The cuffed suspect directed Spiro to his copy of "The Catcher in the Rye," which was lying on the ground nearby with the inscription, "This is my statement." And then he spoke: "I acted alone," Chapman said.

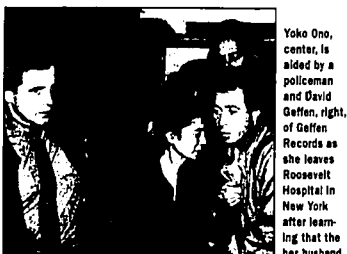
"That blew my mind," said Spiro, who suddenly felt like he was in a movie. The veteran offi-



Dr. Stephen Lynn, emergency room director at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York, poses in the emergency room at the hospital, Nov. 30. Lynn was the attending physician the night John Lennon was admitted after he was shot outside the Dakota apartment building on Dec. 8, 1980.



Alan Weiss, left, once a news producer at WABC-TV in New York, and Dr. Stephen Lynn, emergency room director at WABC-TV in New York's St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, reunite at the hospital on Nov. 30, 25 years after they were present when singer John Lennon was brought mortally wounded to the hospital.



Yoko Ono, center, is aided by a policeman and David Geffen, right, of Geffen Records as she leaves Roosevelt Hospital in New York after learning that the her husband, John Lennon, had died.

cer later thought about Lennon's 5-year-old son, Sean, who was sitting a few floors above. Spiro had a boy the same age.

In the midst of the chaos, Cullen spotted Yoko Ono. "Can I go, too?" she asked as her husband disappeared. A ride was quickly arranged. Cullen and Spiro then loaded Chapman into their car for a trip to the 29th Precinct.

"He was apologetic," Cullen recalled — but not for shooting Lennon. "I remember that he was apologizing for giving us a hard time."

### The producer

As the wounded Lennon made the one-mile trip to Roosevelt Hospital, Alan Weiss was already there. The TV news producer's Honda motorcycle collided with a taxi around 10 p.m., and he was awaiting X-rays.

A sudden buzz filled the room: A gunshot victim was coming in.

The ER doors opened with a crash as half-dozen police officers burst through, carrying a stretcher with the victim. Doctors and nurses flew into action.

Two of the cops paused along-side Weiss' gurney. "Jesus, can you believe it?" one asked, "John Lennon."

Weiss was incredulous. He bribed a hospital worker \$20 to call the WABC-TV newsroom with a photo that Lennon was shot.

The money disappeared, and the call was never made.

Five minutes passed, and Weiss heard a strangled sound. "I twist around and there is Yoko Ono in a full-length fur coat on the arm of a police officer, and she's sobbing," he said. Weiss finally persuaded another cop to let him use a hospital phone, and he reached the WABC-TV assignment editor with his tip around 11 p.m.

The editor confirmed a reported shooting at Lennon's address. Weiss returned to his gurney, watching in disbelief as the doctors frantically worked on the rock icon. A familiar tune came over the hospital's Muzak: the Beatles' "All My Loving."

It was surreal. And then too real.

"The song ends. And within a minute or two, I hear a scream: 'Oh, no, oh, no, no,'" Weiss said. "The door opens, and Yoko comes out crying hysterically."

Weiss' tip was confirmed and given to Howard Cosell, who told the nation of Lennon's death during "Monday Night Football."

### The doctor

Dr. Stephen Lynn walked to the end of the emergency room hall where Yoko Ono was waiting in an otherwise empty room. It was his job to deliver the word that John Lennon, her soulmate and spouse, was dead.

"She refused to accept or believe that," Lynn recalled. "For five minutes, she kept repeating, 'It's not true. I don't believe you. You're lying.'"

Lynn listened quietly. His 15.5-hour shift had ended at 10:30 p.m., with Lynn returning to his home in Lennon's neighborhood. His phone was soon ringing, could he come back to help out? A man with a gunshot to the chest was coming to Roosevelt.

Lynn arrived by cab just before his patient died. The victim had no pulse, no blood pressure, no breathing. Lynn, joined by two other doctors, worked frantically. Gradually, they came to realize that they were trying to save the life of one of the world's most famous men.

Twenty minutes later, they gave up.

One left the hospital to tell her son the news, leaving Lynn to inform the media through that Lennon was gone.

Back in the emergency room, Lynn arranged for the disposal of all medical supplies and equipment used on Lennon — a move to thwart ghoulish collectors.

It was almost 3 a.m. when he began walking home up Columbus Avenue. His wife and two daughters were there; one of them attended the same school as Lennon's son Sean. Many nights, the Lynns and the Lennons sat in the same restau-

rant eating sushi. Often, the famous family strolled down 72nd Street.

"That world was gone along with Lennon."

"I never again saw Yoko and Sean walking the streets," the doctor said. "Going out in public? That ceased to take place."

Yoko Ono never remarried, and still lives in the Dakota. She tends to the Lennon legacy, which includes convincing the state parole board that Chapman should die behind bars. He comes up for parole next year.

The cops from the 20th Precinct hold a reunion every two years. Cullen comes up from his home in Naples, Fla., to hang out with the old gang. They don't talk about the Lennon shooting.

Weiss, after getting the scoop of his career, went up leaving the ultra-competitive news business. "The major events of my professional career all had to do with other people's tragedy," he said. He now produces a syndicated show with teens reporting the news for teens.

Lynn is still working at Roosevelt Hospital, still the director of the department. As Dec. 8 approaches each year, he gets phone calls from reporters, from fans, from kids born years after Lennon's murder.

"It's hard to imagine it's 25 years," he said. "Imagine."

## Dems seek more Alito information

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats on Thursday called for Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito to provide them with more information about his time as a federal judge and a government lawyer, citing "questions that seem to have incomplete answers."

The White House said it was just part of a ploy leading up to Democratic senators opposing Alito, who was chosen by President Bush to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Alito, who worked as a federal appellate judge, a federal prosecutor and a government lawyer before being nominated for the Supreme Court, submitted thousands of pages of documents to the Senate Judiciary Committee last month as part of his answers to the committee's questionnaire.

The committee asked him to provide it with copies of all of his speeches, reports and Supreme Court cases, but Democrats say Alito did not submit several speeches, memos and Supreme Court cases.

"We are aware that you worked on at least three cases which you did not list and for which you did not provide materials," Senate Judiciary Democrats said in a letter to Alito asking him to explain the discrepancy or submit the material.

The eight Judiciary Democrats also say Alito did not give the committee 50 memos he wrote or supervised as deputy assistant attorney general in the Office of Legal Counsel, and did not explain why 21 of the 50 speeches he listed were missing.

The White House said Democrats came up with a strategy in July to block any nominee that Bush sent to the Senate.

"One of the tactics they outlined was to make repeated requests for documents and more information for the specific purpose of erecting a straw man that they could then knock down for the purpose of delaying the hearings," spokesman Stephen Schmidt said. "It is somewhat worrying that they may be implementing that strategy to obstruct and delay, as opposed to keeping commitments to make sure that the hearings are fair and dignified."

## 'Offensive' video leads to officer's suspension

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A police officer who produced videos parodying life on the force was suspended for 30 days after the mayor and police chief blasted the vignettes as racist, sexist and homophobic.

Officer Andrew Cohen, 39, said he was suspended for posting inappropriate and unauthorized pictures about the department on the Internet. "I don't know what's going on," Cohen told The Associated Press. "I've never been in trouble before."

Cohen is one of about 20 officers expected to be disciplined for video clips that Police Chief Richard Hong called "vulgar, shameful and despicable."

The skits featured uniformed and plainclothes officers making fun of Asians, blacks, women and gay and transgender people. Mayor Gavin Newsom said. He was particularly offended by a scene showing a white officer in a patrol car running over a black homeless woman.

"It is shameful, it is offensive, it is sexist, it is homophobic and it is racist," Newsom said.

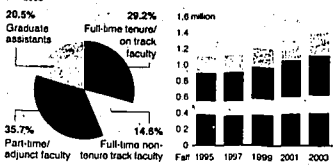
"We're going to make sure that it ends immediately." The video spoofs were made for a Christmas party, Cohen said. Most of the officers involved, including a captain, worked at the Bayview Station in the city's roughest section, an industrial area with a large minority population and high crime rate.

NATION

Adding adjuncts to cut costs

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Instructional staff at U.S. institutions of higher education, Fall 2003



Part-time professors increasingly common

MONMOUTH, Ore. (AP) — Time off what's that? Melinda Marie Lette, an adjunct professor at Western Oregon University, is teaching four courses this semester, and on the three days a week she has no classes, she grades papers, works on her own research and applies for tenure-track jobs.

Lette, who teaches early American history, is a member of a growing army of part-time professors at the nation's universities. Like her counterparts across the nation, she makes far less than her tenured colleagues and is kept guessing as to whether she will still be employed a few months down the line.

"All I do is work. That's all I do. It's not stable, professionally or financially," said Lette, who got her Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver in 2004.

That shift from the full-time ranks to increasing numbers of part-time adjuncts, she said, has been a trend for decades.

The number of adjuncts is on the rise nearly everywhere, as state universities search for ways to keep tuition and costs down and deal with falling state support. Lower-paid adjuncts let universities still hire about a few months down the line.

Such part-time teachers have always been a staple of community colleges. But adjuncts' numbers are now increasing at the research universities that are the cornerstones of state higher education systems.

In Massachusetts, for example, the flagship University of Massachusetts at Amherst has reported replacing more than 200 full-time faculty members with temporary part-timers in the past two years.

And the University of Kentucky in Lexington now has about 500 part-timers, many in disciplines such as English, math and foreign languages, where there are large numbers of big, introductory-level courses for freshmen.

A very few states have tried to buck the trend. Like Oklahoma, where legislators recently released \$132 million, enough to hire 160 new professors and decrease the adjunct rolls by about 100.

Adjunct professors include novelists, architects, former politicians and other midcareer professionals. Universities say they can bring up-to-date real-world experience to the classroom.

The American Association of University Professors has charted the rising number of adjuncts with a chart questioning whether the trend harms the quality of instruction.

Many of these volunteers say they take tremendous satisfaction from "fence pulling," as they call it, describing it as an important step toward making the land a true wilderness.

But students at Western Oregon said the quality of the education depends on the teacher.

It's a small thing, and it's hard work, but it's something you can't do," said Erik Westholm, 46, a marketing specialist from Eugene, Ore., who has volunteered on a dozen fence pulls in the last three years.

Laura Oefner, 20, said Lette "knows how to handle a class. Keep your attention, make a discussion section work."

But in this other class where the teacher is part-time, and it always seems like the lecture is just thrown together, or scrambled," said Michaela Egan, 22.

Adjunct retirements and state agencies have left campuses relying more and more on adjuncts, said Susan Weeks, a vice chancellor for the Oregon University System. "We have been able to sustain the enrollment we've had, largely with

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BARBED WIRE BANDWAGON

Fence pullers get a rush restoring land to nature

By Sam Howd Vorhovek  
Los Angeles Times

FIELDS, Ore. — If you had wanted to visit with John Witzel one recent warm and cloudless day, you would have driven 20 miles outside town, along a dusty ranch road here in the high desert of southeastern Oregon, then jumped on a horse.



Marti Johnson helps to remove a fence in the Steens of southeastern Oregon using a hand-cranked device developed by a fellow rancher. A tractor and power roller would be faster, but they are not allowed in the federal wilderness area.

You would have ridden five miles through the bulb thistle cactus, juniper trees and lupin that dot the brown hills.

Once you got to Straw Hat Pass and let your horse have a drink at Wildhorse Creek, you would have traveled up a rust-colored canyon and come upon Witzel, a snowey man wearing jeans, chaps and a purple cowboy shirt. He stood firmly, his arms crossed as he carried a large aluminum spool, and his face was dripping sweat.

Witzel looked as if he were trying to land a giant fish — though he was reeling in a 100-foot strand of rusty barbed-wire fence.

thunder and lightning. Much of the area had been fenced — in fact, homesteading laws required that settlers who wanted to raise cattle had to fence the property.

Here in the nation's first officially designated "cow-free wilderness," a goal shared by other volunteers have been using Witzel's invention, a non-mechanical roller, to remove mile after mile of fencing, not far from the border with Nevada.

When Congress passed the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act five years ago, it finalized a complicated land swap that turned some land over to ranchers, but also set aside 175,000 acres of public land in the area as protected wilderness.

Now that the fences can come down, an unusual coalition of local ranchers and outside environmental groups has stepped in to do the work.

"I've put fences up, and I've taken fences down," said Marti Johnson, 70, a fourth-generation rancher, with a hearty laugh as she helped guide a 100-foot length of wire onto the spool as Witzel cranked it. "I've faced a lot of fences in my time. A good fence doesn't bother me."

Many of the fences date back nearly a century, to an era of homesteaders and free cattlegrazing that are largely forgotten.

The unusual cow-free wilderness designation was the result of a lot of negotiations between ranchers and environmental groups," said John Neeling, wilderness specialist for the area, which is overseen by the federal Bureau of Land Management. Under the 1964 Wilderness Act, grazing is generally allowed on federal wilderness land where feasible.

Many volunteers say removing even a single strand of barbed wire is satisfying. "I think we need to clean up our collective messes," said Kristi Mergenthaler, 37, a botanist from the Medford, Ore., area, who traveled here with her 14-year-old son, Thoro Shido, during the summer for a two-day fence pull in the Steens.

"I mean we, as humanity," said Mergenthaler. "It's not like I put the fence up or anything, but I feel a responsibility to help take it down."

Environmental groups fear taking down the fences because, they say, doing so would restore the land to a more natural state. With ranching no longer allowed in the wilderness here, but with no federal funds available for fence removal, the job of taking down the barbed wire has fallen to the volunteers, as well as the horses, mules and llamas that carry the equipment — which by law must be non-mechanized — used to yank out the tight coils of old wire.

The land, known as the Steens, is in a magnificent stretch of glacially carved escarpments, steppes and canyons, just south of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, a haven for migratory birds, including trumpeter swans and sandhill cranes.

Many ranchers here would take some offense to the notion that a fence amounts to a mess. But with the wilderness deal made and the rusty old fences no longer needed, several ranchers have done their part to help take them out, if a bit begrudgingly as they observe

urbanites struggle with the task. (Pulling a fence is not only hard work, it carries an occupational hazard from the barbs. Being up-to-date on a tetanus shot is highly advised.)

Penmanship pendulum swings back toward legibility in schools, businesses

By Stevenson Swanson  
Chicago Tribune

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In stark contrast to the Bostonian's bold, clear signature on the Declaration of Independence, handwriting in America seems to have degenerated into tangles of scratches and wiggles that bear only passing resemblance to any letters of the alphabet.

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But handwriting is not ready to sign off forever. Even in an era of practically omnipresent computer keyboards, legible writing can mean the difference between getting a tax refund or letting the IRS hold onto it because it can't read the address on the return.

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2006 MITSUBISHI RAIDER

## Rugged individualist

RoadWorthy  
By Ken Chester, Jr.  
Motor News Media Corporation

The last time Mitsubishi offered a pickup in its line-up was a decade ago. For the 2006 model year, the Japanese automaker is re-entering the light pickup segment in a big way with the introduction of the Raider. Based on the Dodge Dakota platform and built at the Daimler-Chrysler's Warren Truck Assembly Plant in Warren, Mich., the Raider has a very distinctive Mitsubishi look and feel.

While the exterior sheet metal, interior cabin and dashboard instrumentation were designed at the Mitsubishi Design Center in Cypress, Calif., the Raider shares its mechanicals with the Dodge Dakota, which was completely redesigned for the 2005 model year.

The Raider is designed for younger, affluent truck buyers who have a strong sense of purpose with the confidence to get where they want to go in life. The new Mitsubishi pickup is available in extended and double cab body styles, as well as two- and four-wheel drive configurations. Extended cab models are equipped with a 6.4 ft. cargo bed, while Double Cab models feature a 5.3 ft. cargo bed.

Offered in LS, DuroCross and XLS (Double Cab only) trim levels, the standard prime mover is the Chrysler-sourced 3.7L V6 engine while a 4.7L V8 motor is standard on the upscale models. Power is communicated to the pavement through one of three transmissions: a Ge-trax 238 six-speed manual gearbox, 42RLE four-speed automatic with overdrive or a 5-45RFE five-speed automatic with overdrive.

On the road, the Raider Double Cab 2WD pickup equipped with the V6 prime mover delivers a very impressive performance at speed. Surprisingly willing and responsive, the Raider pickup is composed and settled at speed - al-



The all-new 2006 Mitsubishi Raider, Mitsubishi re-enters the light pickup market in style.

### 2006 Mitsubishi Raider by the Numbers

**WHEELBASE:** 131.3; overall length: 219.9; width: 71.9; height: 68.6 - measurements in inches.

**ENGINE:** 3.7L V6 - 210 hp at 5,200 rpm and 235 lbs-ft of torque at 3,600 rpm; 4.7L V8 - 230 hp at 4,600 rpm and 290 lbs-ft of torque at 3,600 rpm.

**TRANSMISSION:** six-speed manual, four-speed automatic, five-speed automatic.

**EPA FUEL ECONOMY:** V6 2WD - 16 city/22 hwy.; V6 4WD - 15 city/19 hwy.; V8 - 15 city/ 20 hwy.

ways controllable, never unstable.

The Raider rides on a full-length welded steel frame construction that unites hydroformed, roll-formed and stamped steel components together into a rigid assembly. The frame is designed with fully boxed rail sections that help the assembly realize higher standards of bending and torsional rigidity, as well as to help mitigate

**Price:** The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2006 Mitsubishi Raider pickup truck starts from \$19,180 for the Extended cab LS up to \$33,920 for the Double Cab XLS 4WD model. Destination charges add \$645.

**CAB CARGO CAPACITY:** 30.0 cu. ft., (extended cab); 37.1 cu. ft., (double cab).

**PAYLOAD CAPACITY:** 1,700 lbs.

**TOWING CAPACITY:** 6,500 lbs.

**SAFETY FEATURES:** Dual front airbags, rear anti-lock drum brakes and full-size spare tire. DuroCross adds remote key-

noise, vibration and harshness (NVH) issues. All of the frame's joints and sections of stamped or rolled steel are welded for maximum strength and stiffness.

The Raider's rigid frame serves as the foundation for its control hardware. The front suspension consists of upper and lower "A" arms, coil springs over gas-pressure shock absorbers and a link-type

less entry, fog lights, and tow hooks. DuroCross V8 adds limited slip axle and four-wheel anti-lock brakes.

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stabilizer bar. At the rear, a live axle works with multi-link two-state longitudinal springs, staggered gas-pressure shock absorbers and a link-type stabilizer bar. The springs and shock absorbers are connected to the frame using specially tuned mounts that help isolate the cab from vibration.

Inside the cabin, the Raider is loaded with interior amenities,

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## Riding the Clutch?

Q. I am a 77-year-old Swedish grandmother who knows little about cars, but delights in learning by reading your column. I do not want to repeat the costly mistakes of the past, so please advise me.

I was driving at night on the freeway when the car, a 1999 manual-transmission Saturn with 59,000 miles of driving, lost nearly all momentum, slowing to 3 mph per hour because of a clutch failure. We had the clutch replaced for \$400 because it was broken, and the flywheel fixed



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for \$100 because it was pitted. Why would a clutch break after 59,000 miles of careful driving? They said do not "ride the clutch." What does it mean to "ride the clutch"? I try to keep my left foot on the floor to the side of the clutch while driving. Is it wrong to keep one's foot near the top of the clutch when one is starting a trip? My husband has occasionally started at a stop sign at second gear or third gear instead of first gear and said it did not matter. Now he tries to start in first gear. How can we prevent a costly breakdown of the clutch in the future? How should we change our driving habits? I drive slowly, while my husband drives at 60 to 65.

-Astrid, Orinda, Calif.

A. Let's take a look at how a clutch works, then we can see how to double or triple the life of that original clutch.

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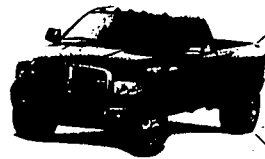
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# THE ACES ON BRIDGE®

Bobby Wolff

"The object of punishment is prevention from evil; it never can be made impulsive to good."  
 — Horace Mann

In defending against four spades, East was really on the ball. He not only found the right defense, but prevented his partner from doing the wrong thing—a skill that many of us would do well to brush up on from time to time.

When West led the club two (playing third from an even number of cards and low from odd), East knew that his partner had three clubs only. A natural line of defense is to win the club ace and return the suit, letting West take his winners—but what next? There would surely be no diamond trick to come, since South could not hold more than a singleton diamond. The best defense would be for East to lead a fourth club and hope for a trump promotion, but how could he be sure that he would be on lead at the end of trick three?

East found the solution when he won the club queen at trick one and returned a low club. West took his 10 and played back the club king, letting East overtake with his ace and lead the fourth club, promoting the spade jack into the setting trick.

Yes, if East had taken the club ace at the first trick, West could have saved the day by winning South's nine with his king and returning the 10 to allow East to get the lead with his club queen. But why force your partner to make a great play when you can save him the trouble?

ANSWER: Double for takeout rather than bidding two hearts, or (ugh!) two spades. Your partner has either a penalty double of diamonds—far from unlikely given your hand—or a weakish hand without spades. If the former, you want to give him the chance to convert your takeout double. If the latter, let him bid his own suit rather than forcing him to play a major, just in case he has clubs.

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**NORTH** 12-U-A  
 ♠ 6 5 3  
 ♥ A K  
 ♦ A Q 9 6 4  
 ♣ 6 5 4

**WEST** 12-U-A  
 ♠ J 8 7  
 ♥ 7 6 5 4  
 ♦ 10 7 2  
 ♣ K 10 2

**EAST** 12-U-A  
 ♠ 4 2  
 ♥ 9 3 2  
 ♦ A K 8 5  
 ♣ A Q 8 3

**SOUTH** 12-U-A  
 ♠ A K Q 10 9  
 ♥ Q J 10 8  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ J 9 7

Vulnerable: East-West  
 Dealer: South

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: Club two

**BID WITH THE ACES** 12-U-A  
 South holds:  
 ♠ A K Q 10 9  
 ♥ Q J 10 8  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ J 9 7

South West North East  
 1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass Pass

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### WOMEN SEEKING MEN

**MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE**  
SWF 55, NS, new to the area, likes to ride bikes, read, surf, wants to meet kind, considerate, honest SWM, 50-70, NS. Hollister 7773734

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SF 27, 5'9", Leo, smoker, blond/hazel, seeks man, 19-30, smoker, who really needs a friend. Hollister 8829003

**WAITING 4 THE PERFECT GUY**  
Fun SWF, long blonde hair, big green eyes, loves the outdoors, camping, fishing. Looking to meet a SWM, 29-36, who's easy and fun to share good times, possible LTR. Hollister 7789014 @ becard822

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
SF 39, mother, kind-hearted, easygoing, soft-spoken, likes camping, fishing, family times. Looking to meet a light-hearted, child-friendly man who wants to share friendship, fun times, and a possible LTR. Burley 8827646

**CAN'T WAIT 2 WITNESS U**  
SWF, 38, very active lifestyle but appreciate quiet times, love kids of all ages, snowmobiling, camping, traveling, heart-to-heart talks. I'm a caregiver to a aunt, very love to be loved. Hollister 8925551 @ alidoyeahoo

**SINGLE MOM**  
WF, 19, 5'6", black/blue, with on daughter, good cook, enjoys anything fun with the right person. Looking for WM, 18-25, to have fun with. Hollister 8859300

**SLEEPLESS IN TWIN FALLS**  
SWF, 40, seeks educated, athletic, intelligent, kind, humorous, emotional, financially secure gentleman for LTR. Must be communicative, enjoy outdoors, horses, dogs, animals, family life. Kimberly 8506711

**HARD TO FIND A GOOD ONE?**  
Independent SWF, 28, NS, hard-working, mother of one, NS, fun-loving, likes to dance, ride dirt bikes, by new things. Seeking a SWM, 26-40, who's dating, maybe more. Greenwood 8948845 @ crackwrt7

**CHRISTIAN LADY**  
Wife of SWF, NS, loved working out the Lord, going to Mass on Sundays, nature, animals. Would like to meet an even-tempered gentleman, 5'6-6'3, who enjoys similar things. Hollister 8839733

**NEEDS SOME SUGAR**  
SWF, 48, loves walks, ponies, hot tubbing, cuddling on the couch. Seeking SWM, 38-54, Hollister 8844241 @ SemiSuite

**REAL FUN**  
DMF, 29, NS, new to area, loves road trips, camping, sports activities. Looking to meet a motivated man, 30-45, for friendship, maybe more. Hollister 8870334 @ dzyra

**SEEKING SPECIAL SOMEONE**  
I'm looking for that special person to be with me. Like the outdoors and someone to cuddle up with. Someone who isn't shy, likes to go dancing and movies. Hollister 8835386 @ casu781

**SEEKS FUN AND MORE**  
SWF 51, outdoorsy-type, likes dining out, dancing, laughing. Seeking a nice guy, 45-60, for romance, fun, maybe LTR. Albion 8810168 @ Deb7whyhobop1

**SEEKING GOOD FRIEND**  
Attractive SF, 49, 5'4", 120lbs. Cancer, likes dancing, seeking open, honest SM, 45-55, to befriend and develop a relationship. 8868687

**INTERESTING & INTERESTED**  
SWF, 50, well read, adore gardening, like day hikes, hot springs, parties, movies, your cooking and conversation. Seeking SM, 47-55, non-smoker. Burley 8782526 @ katy543

**LOOKING FOR FRIENDS**  
SWF, 48, looking for someone who enjoys the country western music, blue jeans, horseshoe riding, spending time with kids and grand kids. I'm laid back, out spoken and independent. Hollister 8802581 @ 730963

**BORED IN TWIN FALLS**  
SWF, 48, looking for someone who knows how to treat a lady. I like camping, fishing, gardening, movies, romance. 50's/60's hot tubing, country bars, TV, cuddling, seeking SWM, 37-55. Hollister 8777996 @ ScorpioLunny57

### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

**TIME FOR US TO MINGLE**  
Athletic SWM, 49, looks 35, 5'11", marriage-minded, NS, appreciates nature, dance, simple pleasures of life, seeks SWF, 35-51, who is athletic, slender, compassionate, spontaneous. Kids OK. Holey 8878817

**NOT THE SAME OLD...**  
song and dance. S'CM, 36, bachelor of 5, Scorpio, NS, enjoys dining out, playing drums, and barbecuing. Seeking woman, 20-29, NS, for possible LTR. Kimberly 8810666

**DISNEYLAND DAD**  
Mak, 32, 6'1", 170lbs, fairly attractive, very busy, with 2 sons, seeks woman, 18-36, for dating or more. Fairfield 8781403

**ARE YOU DOWN-TO-EARTH?**  
HM, 29, handworking, looking for an honest, trustworthy woman, 20-35, who likes to go out and have a fun time. Gooding 88760014

**ROMANTIC**  
SWM, 42, 5'7", enjoys fishing, cuddling, gardening, long drives and more. Looking for someone for their friendship, maybe leading to something more. Appleton 8962225

**TRUE SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN**  
SWM, 43, likes country music, camping, nature, laughing, joking around, having a good time. I love my son, my country, and my flag. Seeking SF, 25-35. Hollister 8778506 @ The Okar

**HOW ABOUT ME?**  
SWM, 82, hard-working, loves the outdoors, horseback riding, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, occasional nights out. Seeking happy, sincere lady who loves animals and the great outdoors. I'm a ship/relationship. Murtaugh 8743399

**LOOKING!**  
SWM, 53, kid-at-heart, laid-back, enjoys dining in the mountains, than dirt storms, fishing, hunting, gardening, snow dancing. I'm Seeking SF, 40-55, NS, to share my interests together. Rogerson 8840938 @ wlyfe

**A BLAST TO BE AROUND**  
SWM, 36, likes rodeos, sports, loves to make people smile, would like to meet similar SF, 24-38, who is independent, attractive, and smart. 87675115

**TIRE D OF GAMES, ETC?**  
SWM, 39, very romantic, like to cuddle and give massages, do not like, cheat, or play games. I enjoy the outdoors, listening/playing music, going out. Seeking SF, 18-45. Hollister 8864717 @ hrtfallstmr8300

**ONE WOMAN MAN**  
SWM, 58, 5'6", 150lbs, clean-cut, NS, easygoing, hardworking, likes movies, dancing. Country music, outdoors, camping. Seeking fun SWF, 49-58, slender, for friendship maybe more. 85051597

**BURLEY MAN**  
SHM, 21, Leo, NS, loves to fish, camp, and play video games. Seeking an attractive woman, 18-29, to have fun with. Burley 8854545

**NEW TO THE DATING SCENE**  
SWM, 35, very real person, enjoys the outdoors, horse riding, hunting, skiing, seeking honest SF, 23-45, to love and cherish. Hollister 8867057 @ jayme102005

**LOOKING FOR A FRIEND**  
Simple, easygoing, affectionate SWM, 45, likes fishing, hunting, snuggling, laughter, BBQs. Seeking similar lady to share friendship, fun, special times, possible LTR. Hollister 8918129

**LOCAL TRUCK DRIVER**  
WM, 62, 185lbs, likes fishing, camping, cooking, the mountains, quiet times at home and time with a significant other. Seeking WF, 35-55, for dating, hopefully leading to LTR. Hollister 8836282

**WAITING FOR YOU!**  
I'm a young athletic male. I love to watch and be a sports fan. I would like to meet an older woman, that knows what she wants. I'm down-to-earth and outgoing. Hollister 8803755 @ blu\_belle

**PRETTY OPEN**  
Kind-hearted WM, 29, 5'7", 160lbs, brown/brn, likes camping, fishing, outdoors, working out, hanging out with friends. More. Looking for an honest, outgoing WF, 18-36. Burley 8849118

**WORTH A TRY**  
SHM, 28, tattoo of 2, likes dancing, having fun, walks, family times. Seeking child-friendly lady who likes camping, nights out, good talks and fun, to share lasting friendship, possibly more. Gooding 8849118

**JUST A NICE GUY**  
SWM, 25, quiet personality, sincere, likes the outdoors, camping, mountaineering, good company, fishing, outdoors, working out, hanging out with friends. More. Looking for a woman, 18-30, for friendship and maybe more. Burley 8814082 @ Look\_Life\_me

**SEEKS PRETTY GF**  
WM, 52, 6'4", weightlifter, enjoys hunting, fishing, outdoors, church, animals, being in my music car. Seeking pretty Christian lady, 30-50, Twin Falls 8506669

**A GOOD MAN STILL EXISTS**  
SM, 32, hard-working, active, enjoys family times, golf, stock car racing, shopping, simple times. Seeking similar, honest, friendly woman, 20-30, who enjoys life. Fairfield 8742431

**SEEKING ATTRACTIVE FEMALE**  
SHM, 41, father of one, enjoys dancing, good company, fishing, outdoors, attractive SF, 30-35, without personality, who is not afraid to speak her mind. Hollister 8832776 @ Gene1net1

**MAYBE IT'S YOU**  
Easygoing, good-hearted, affectionate SM, 29, 5'7", long brown/brn, nice smile, 170lbs, likes fires, camping, fishing. Seeking lady, open-minded, love SF, 35 with interests. Burley 8787893

**WORTH A CALL**  
SWM, 35, employed, easygoing, enjoys country living, looking to meet down-to-earth female who enjoys the outdoors, fishing, hiking, camping, 4-wheeling, to share and explore life with. Gooding 8771773

**WORTH YOUR CALL**  
Employed SM, 39, 5'3", 160lbs, brown/hazel, Leo, secure, sociable, likes camping, fishing, road trips, cuddling, dining, movies, sports, theater. Seeking outgoing, spontaneous SF, 25-48, similar interests. Hollister 8882422

**IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE**  
SWM, 54, enjoys outdoors, hikes, bike riding, exercises, doing about anything. Seeking SF, 47-55, who love same activities. Hollister 8847528 @ onaherweg

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
SM, 50, enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping. Seeking SF, NS, who enjoys the same, for talks, dates, friendship and more. Hollister 8856042

**DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH**  
SWM, 29, with various interests, ISO SF, 22-26, to share casual dates, good times and get to know. Possible LTR. Appleton 8851341

**LET'S HANG OUT**  
SWM, 20, looking for SF, 18-24, who enjoys watching TV, playing video games, riding, video games, dancing, eating out, and trying new things. Hollister 8847679 @ akutalld

**ISO HONEST RELATIONSHIP**  
SM, 39, 5'7", 150lbs, black/brown, enjoys fishing, talking walks, dancing, etc. Looking for SF, 18-50, who is LTR, kids OK. Central 8856547

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
WF, 45, background, likes movies, theater, walks, snowing, dancing, music and more. Would like to meet a WF, 45+, for possible relationship. Hollister 8856547

**LONESOME!**  
I love the outdoors, dining and movies. I want a companion for social activities and someone to just hang out with. Hollister 8820358 @ orphanedntwin

**TRY THIS ONE**  
Health-conscious SM, student, likes music, going street bass, family time, horseback riding, action movies, and drama. Seeking an outgoing, open, career-minded female who likes to have a good time. Hollister 8782121

**LOWER, NOT FIGHTER**  
SM, 30, like kids but not sure I want them, enjoys sports, outdoors, taking drives, seeking pretty lady, 25-35, to spend time with. Gooding 8836290 @ bigstrapper042003

**MAKE IT HAPPEN**  
SWM, 21, 5'11", average build, Sagittarius, NS, seeks WF, 18-50, NS, just as a friend. Curry 8746992

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPLANT**  
SWM, 28, 5'10", 180lbs, in good shape, looking for a woman, NS, with 2 sons, move buff in planting profession, seeks WF, 18-35, for LTR. Hollister 8816506

**LET'S TALK**  
SM, 21, 5'10", 210lbs, out going, fun works construction, likes dining walks, camping, more ISO active. Twin Falls enjoys the same. Hollister 8804445

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