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## POST-HOLIDAY SHOPPING



Jim Twiss, left, of Twin Falls, relaxes Monday morning with his son-in-law Brent Knopp of Salt Lake City in the home theater section at Best Buy in Twin Falls.

## Consumers flock to stores with gift cards

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Devan Moore didn't know what his son wanted for Christmas. It wasn't that he didn't try to find out — Moore even asked his son to circled what he wanted in a store advertisement. But it always seemed like he couldn't get it right.

"It had to fit with this other thing he had, and it had to be the right model or it wouldn't do what it was supposed to do," Moore said. "It was so complicated that I thought, 'To hell with it, I'll just give him the money and he can buy it.'"

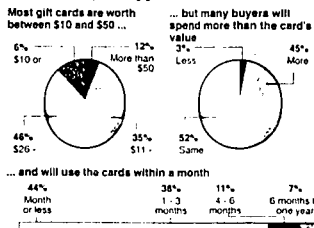
Moore decided to buy a gift card so his son could buy whatever it was he needed. It's a trend that is growing in popularity, and it may be changing the way we do our holiday shopping by sending more consumers to the stores the day after Christmas, rather than before it.

On Monday morning, some stores in Twin Falls opened their doors early so consumers could start on exchanges, returns and post-Christmas shopping.

"It's busier today than it was the day before Christmas," said

### Gift cards boost holiday sales

Customers waited longer than last year to do their holiday shopping, and merchants are counting on the post-holiday season boosted by booming gift card sales.



SOURCE: Accenture 2005

Dwaine Weyland, general manager of Best Buy in Twin Falls. "We have a lot of people redeeming gift cards, and also buying those gifts that they maybe didn't get."

At places like Target — where gift cards have almost been turned into a fashion accessory — customers arrived as early as 7 a.m. on Monday to

take advantage of holiday sales and use their gift cards. According to Mike Paton, store manager of the Target in Twin Falls, the retail chain has started to include gift cards in its selling strategy — something he believes has contributed to greater than expected turnout on the day after Christmas.

"We have seen a huge in-

crease in holiday gift cards," Paton said. "But we have been using different strategies to get them out where the people are."

He said the cards are used more by adults and to supplement gifts that use accessories like video game consoles or compact disc players.

According to the National Retail Federation, more than two-thirds of consumers planned on buying gift cards this year.

The federation estimated gift card sales of \$18.48 billion this holiday season — a 6.6 percent increase over last year.

According to the federation, retailers will not see revenue from gift card sales until next year because gift card sales are not recorded as revenue until they are redeemed — generally in January and February. The cards also reduce the number of returns and exchanges that stores process immediately following the holidays.

"By giving a gift, you're not going to get the wrong gift," Paton said. "And that usually means fewer returns and less hassle."

And for people like Moore, that is the greatest gift of all.

## Retailers hunt post-holiday sales with slashed prices, new wares

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — For the nation's retailers, folks like James Coffey could be a savior of the holiday season.

Decked out with gift cards and a desire to spend, Coffey headed to the Town Center Mall in Charleston, W.Va., early Monday aiming to spend at least \$200, and possibly \$300.

"I'm looking for new merchandise," said Coffey, one of millions of shoppers who returned to the nation's malls on the day after Christmas for a second round of the holiday shopping season.

Many merchants are rebuying even more on the post-holiday business. In York their modest sales goals this winter, having been previously stymied by shoppers procrastinating even longer than in 2004. They're wooing customers with deeper discounts, expanded shopping hours and fresher wares at regular prices.

They're largely aiming their efforts at the growing numbers. Please see SHOPPERS, Page A2

Shoppers clear the street in front of Macy's department store Monday in New York.



## Time debate resurges with additional tick-tock

The Washington Post

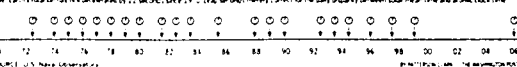
WASHINGTON — Time marches on, but Earth is falling behind. The solution again this year is to add a "leap second" as 2005 ticks away, so Earth can catch up with the atomic clocks that have defined time since their unerring accuracy trumped the heavens three decades ago.

This will be the first leap second in seven years, and its arrival will be closely watched by physicists and astronomers embroiled in a prolonged debate over the future of time, in a world increasingly dominated by technology.

Some experts think the leap second should be abolished because the periodic, but random,

### A lineup of leap seconds

As the difference between international atomic time and mean solar time approaches 0.9 seconds, the International Earth Rotation and Reference Systems Service announces an impending leap second. Coordinated Universal Time is adjusted smoothly worldwide on either June 30 or for this year, Dec. 31 at 7:00:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (midnight Greenwich Mean Time).



adjustment of time imposes unreasonable and perhaps dangerous disruptions on precision software applications including cell phones, air traffic control and power grids.

"Others, however, argue that it would be expensive to adjust satellites, telescopes and other astronomical systems that are hard-wired for the leap second, and besides, people want their

watches to be in sync with the heavens.

"Nobody knows how disruptive the leap second really is, but researchers hope to find out soon. 'We're going to look at what happens this year,' said Naval Research Laboratory physicist Renaud Leand. 'If there are no significant problems, the whole issue will go away, but I don't expect that to happen.'"

Leap seconds are an outgrowth of the post-World War II development of increasingly accurate clocks based on the regular vibration or "resonance" of atoms as they pass through a magnetic field. In 1958 an atomic second was defined as the time it takes for an atom of cesium 133 to tick through 9,192,631,770 cycles.

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## Born on U.S. soil?

### Bid to deny citizenship spurs national debate

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A proposal to change long-standing federal policy and deny citizenship to babies born to illegal immigrants on U.S. soil ran against this month in Congress, but it is sure to resurface — kindling bitter debate even if it fails to become law.

At issue is "birthright citizenship" — provided for since the Constitution's 14th Amendment was ratified in 1868.

Section 1 of that amendment, drafted with freed slaves in mind, says "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States."

Some conservatives in Congress, as well as advocacy groups seeking to crack down on illegal immigration, say the amendment has been misapplied over the years, that it was never intended to grant citizenship automatically to babies of illegal immigrants. Thus they contend that federal legislation, rather than a difficult-to-achieve constitutional amendment, would be sufficient to end birthright citizenship.

With more than 70 co-sponsors, Georgia Republican Rep. Nathan Deal tried to include a revocation of birthright citizenship in an immigration bill passed by the House in mid-December. GOP House leaders did not let the proposal come to a vote.

"Most Americans feel it doesn't make any sense for people. Please see IMMIGRANTS, Page A2

## Four bombs detonate in Baghdad

### Violence increases after relatively quiet election period

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Violence increased across Iraq after a full following the Dec. 15 parliamentary elections, with at least two dozen people including a U.S. soldier killed Monday in shootings and bombings mostly targeting the Shiite-dominated secular opposition.

Officials blamed the surge in violence on insurgent efforts to deepen the political turmoil surrounding the contested vote. Preliminary figures — including some reports released Monday from ballots cast early by extrajudicial and some voters inside Iraq — have given a big lead to the religious Shiite bloc that controls the current interim government.

The violence came as three opposition groups threatened a wave of protests and civil disobedience if fraud charges are not promptly investigated. The warning came from the secular Iraqi National List, headed by former Shiite Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, and two Sunni Arab groups.

Electoral Commission said Monday that final results for the 275-seat parliament could be revealed in about a week. Sunni Arab and secular Shiite factions are demanding that an international body review more than 1,500 complaints, warning they may boycott the new legislature. They also want new elections in some provinces, including Baghdad. The United Nations has rejected an outside review.

"We will resort to peaceful options, including protests, civil disobedience and, boycott of the political process, until our demands are met," Hassan Zaidan al-Lahabi, of the Sunni-dominated Iraqi Front for National Dialogue, said in neighboring Jordan, where representatives of the groups have met in recent days.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with periods of rain. High: 40s. Tonight: Rain mixing with snow. Lows under 20s to low 30s. Tomorrow: Rain likely. A rain and snow mix possible. Highs low 40s.

BURLEVRUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and breezy. Highs 40s. Tonight: Clouds thickening with a chance of rain through Low 30s. Tomorrow: Breezy with scattered rain showers expected. Highs 40s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

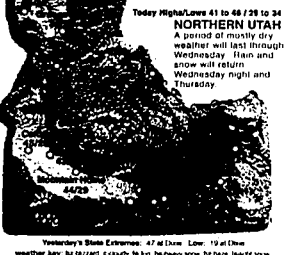
Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists weather for Boise, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. The snow is shaping up to be an active one. Periods of rain and snow are expected each day. Higher elevations will see accumulating snow. Motorists should be prepared for wet and slick road conditions.

BOISE The next several days are going to be damp and cool. Periods of rain and snow will be common. A rain and snow mix is possible. Highs will be in the 40s and lows in the 30s.



Yesterday's State Examiner, 47 at Shosh. Low: 10. High: 40. The weather was fair to good, with a light snow on the mountains and a light rain in the valley.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

Moon Phases

Table showing moon phases for Dec 31, Jan 1, Jan 2, Jan 3.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for Boise, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

NATIONAL FORECAST

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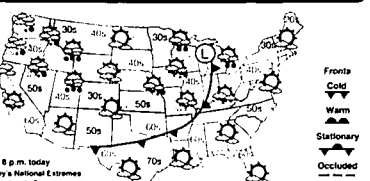
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Low Moderate High. The higher the index the more sun protection needed.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for various world cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY. 'Look at the abundance all around you as you live each day...'

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Shoppers

Continued from A1. gift card holders like Cuffey who are expected to spend their newfound money more generously. 'Retailers have recognized that December has 31 days,' said Marshall Cohen, chief analyst at NPD Group Inc. 'A market research firm based in Park Ridge, Ill., is pushing new brands of Barbie and the funky Bratz dolls. Consumer electronic chains such as Best Buy Co. Inc. were highlighting CDs, DVDs and video games in their advertising, counting on shoppers to feed the gadgets they received for the holiday season. Still, most shoppers were clamoring for a deal. 'I wouldn't pay full price today for anything,' said Misty Waters, who snatched up discounted Nike sweat pants and T-shirts at McCain Mall in North Little Rock, Ark. 'We're looking for anything on sale,' said Jennifer Westfall, of Charleston, W.Va., who brought her mother and 7-year-old daughter to the local Charleston Mall. 'Only cheap-on markdowns.' Westfall found several deals, including a \$100 cocktail dress for \$20 and children's clothes discounted 90 percent. 'We're taking advantage of the after-Christmas sales,' said Chae-Fix who, along with her husband and two children, was in Bismarck, N.D. They made two trips to their car with bags of post-Christmas bargains, including gift wrap and bows, and were working on a third. They even bought a second Christmas tree for next year. Meanwhile, at the Robinson-May store in suburban Canoga Park, Calif., hundreds of people were standing outside in the rain before the 6 a.m. opening. Some shoppers were finishing their own Christmas shopping. 'You get good bargains,' said Gloria Mender of New York City, who left a Filene's Basement store in Manhattan with two

Time

Continued from A1. At that point atomic time and astronomical time are approximately the same, with the traditional atomic second defined as 1/86,400 of a 'mean solar day' or average time between two consecutive noons. The trouble is that the heavens behave more capriciously than cesium. Also, the length of Earth's day is increasing by about two milliseconds per year because of the tides, whereas today's atomic clocks, unaffected by cosmic events, tick away with an accuracy within one second for every 20 million years. Because of this discrepancy, atomic time has been pulling ahead of astronomical time for the last 100 years. To fix this, the International Telecommunication Union in 1972 stipulated that 'Coordinated Universal Time,' an atomic time used as the world standard, could not diverge from astronomical time by more than 0.9 seconds. The adjustment took the leap second, to be added or subtracted at the discretion of the International Earth Rotation and Reference Systems Service, either at the end of June or the end of the year. Beginning in 1972, there have been 21 leap seconds, the last one in 2005. 'Astronomers wanted a time scale that represented the Earth's movement, and the clock community wanted a smooth scale,' said physicist Judith Levine of the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the University of Colorado, who favors eliminating leap seconds. 'The compromise has become increasingly difficult to maintain.' A majority of scientists appear to agree that adding leap seconds, up to now an infrequent exercise, is likely to become a twice-a-year experience in about a century as Earth keeps slowing and the unvarying atomic clocks keep ticking away. And unlike leap years or daylight saving time, software designers cannot plan ahead because leap seconds get added only when they are needed. The current seven-year hiatus is twice as long as any previous gap. At some point this will become so annoying that someone will want to change it, said astronomer Dennis McCarthy, retired director of the U.S. Naval Observatory's Direction Office. He is an advocate of abolishing the leap second. 'I'm quite confident that people are not going to be happy with multiple leap seconds per year. So why not get rid of them?' McCarthy said.

Immigrants

Continued from A1. to come into the country illegally give birth and have a new U.S. citizen,' said Ira Mehlman of the Federation of American Immigration Reform, which backs the proposal. 'But the advocates for illegal immigrants will make a fuss; they'll claim you're punishing the children, and I suspect the leadership doesn't want to deal with that.' Deal has said he will continue pushing the issue, describing birthright citizenship as 'a huge magnet' attracting illegal immigrants. 'It's a bad idea,' he challenged by immigrant advocates — that roughly 10 percent of births in the United States, or close to 400,000 a year, are babies born to illegal immigrants. 'It's an issue that we are very concerned about,' said Michele Waslin, director of immigration policy research for the National Council of La Raza, a Hispanic advocacy organization that opposes any effort to revoke birthright citizenship. 'This was always seen in the past as some extreme, wacky proposal that never goes anywhere,' she said. 'But these so-called wacky proposals are becoming more and more mainstream, it's becoming more acceptable to have a discussion about it.' Alvaro Huerta of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles said his organization opposes the Deal proposal and is planning for a

Industry

Continued from A1. industry could enjoy the security of atomic clocks without risking technological collapse on New Year's Eve. And the divergence from solar time would not be more than one or two seconds per year, perhaps two minutes per century. 'The idea that it's going to be midnight in the middle of the afternoon is just nonsense,' Levine said. Others, however, suggest that the hardship caused by leap seconds may be overblown, if not illusory, as experts on both sides of the debate agree that there is little data beyond a few anecdotes to suggest that leap seconds have in the past created havoc in time-sensitive endeavors. 'The case hasn't been made,' said University of Virginia astronomer Ken Seidelmann. 'All there is rumor that they're inconvenient, but we've had them for 30-plus years and there's no outcry. I see no reason to get rid of them.' Furthermore, Seidelmann added, astronomers and satellite operators deploy sensitive equipment on the ground and in space. 'The fact is that the Coordinated Universal Time signal will match up within a second of astronomical time, critical in decisions such as when and how to point solar panels or satellite imagers, presenting the measure as a serious stand-alone bill and instead add it to a broader piece of legislation that the Senate could not disregard. Tancredo, Deal and others have noted that the United States is among the relatively few wealthy nations that allow birthright citizenship. However, Lucas Gutentag, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Immigrants' Rights Project, said some Western European nations with different policies have suffered problems. 'Look at Germany — the children of guest workers are citizens, not immigrants,' he said. 'That creates enormous social and racial tensions. That's the opposite of where we want to go.' Gutentag also said the federal government would take down any measure that challenged the 14th Amendment's citizenship guarantees. 'It's a far-fetched, fundamentally misguided and unconstitutional proposal,' he said. 'It's not the kind of proposal that gets taken seriously by those who actually want to grapple with immigration issues.' Some critics of current policy refer to U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants as 'anchor babies' because — when they reach adulthood — they can sponsor their parents for legal permanent residency. 'Immigrants-rights groups say the number of such cases is smaller than critics allege, but authoritative statistics are

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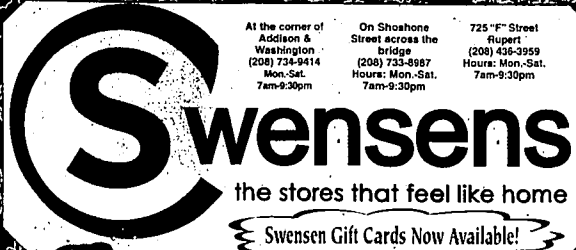
Immigrants

Continued from A1. battle for public opinion. 'This is not a bill for conservatives,' he said. 'They throw out these issues they know aren't winning issues, and they create an environment of anti-immigrant sentiment. We need to do better job of educating people why it's wrong.' According to a survey last month by Rasmussen Reports, a nonpartisan public opinion research firm, 49 percent of Americans favor ending birthright citizenship, and 41 percent favor keeping it. The margin of error was plus or minus 4 percentage points. Rep. Tom Tancredo of Colo., a leading proponent of tougher measures to stop illegal immigration, believes public opinion could shift further in favor of the measure. 'Any issue that has a damn right response, you can go with,' Tancredo said. 'You ask if we should stop illegal immigrants from gaining onto the immigrant settlement. We need to do a better job of educating people why it's wrong.' However, Tancredo acknowledged that Deal's measure faces some opposition. 'But he believes the House GOP leadership will eventually allow the proposal to come to a vote, Tancredo said. He also said that the Senate or draw a veto from President Bush, who has sought to steer a middle course on some immigration issues. The best strategy, Tancredo said, is to pass the bill.

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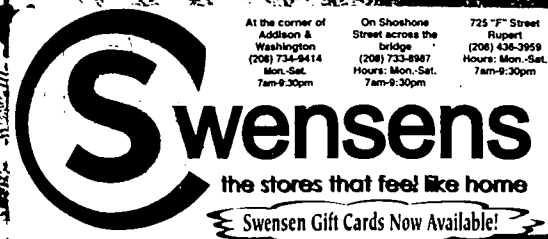
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## EDITORIAL

### Feinstein playing politics with Idaho's circuit judge

Those who expected Judge Randy Smith to have an easy ride to the 9th Circuit Court should think again. If you rolled your eyes at last year's filibusters get ready for another whopper.

U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., says Smith isn't a valid pick for the 9th Circuit — because he's from Idaho.

Feinstein, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, thinks the replacement for senior 9th Circuit Judge Stephen Trott should come from California, not Idaho, because Trott was originally from Los Angeles.

"You are asking to add that allocation for Idaho, even though California is already seriously underrepresented on the 9th Circuit," she wrote in a letter to Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, earlier this year.

Underrepresented? California practically owns the entire club. The state has 12 of the 24 active judges, and 13 of the 23 senior judges on the 9th — a circuit that is supposed to represent nine western states. Earlier this month Feinstein fought to kill Idaho Rep. Mike Simpson's bill for splitting the 9th Circuit Court, because she argued it was bad for California.

The proposed split was dropped from the omnibus bill two weeks ago. A staff member for Craig said Feinstein doesn't have beef with Smith's resume (nor should she, he's supremely qualified). But she has an obvious interest in protecting Golden State's legal turf. Because, as we all know, Idaho ideals are over-

whelming the San Francisco-based court.

Of course none of this is news to laymen followers of the 9th, who probably thought Mickie, Minnie and Lance to were running the show in San Francisco for years.

But if you ask the judge who currently owns the seat, 9th Circuit Court Judge Stephen Trott, Feinstein is out to lunch.

Trott, who works out of Boise in his position on the 9th, was incredulous when asked about Feinstein's claim.

"It's very simple I never went to California, I went directly from Virginia to Boise.

When Trott did live in Los Angeles before going to Washington D.C., his nomination certificate signed by President Reagan actually noted that he was from Virginia.

Because Trott owned property in McCall, he settled in Idaho and established his office in Boise. Trott's predecessor, Judge Joseph T. Sneed, was from San Francisco before serving years as deputy attorney general for the U.S.

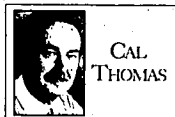
But Trott says roaming circuit court seats are nothing new. In fact, his seat started in 1935 and went to judges in Oregon and Washington.

And the whole issue is moot because "federal judges don't represent states, they represent federal law."

"I don't know why California wants to gobble up everything," Trott said. "That's part of the problem. California likes being king of an empire."

## The culture of unintelligent design

The decision by U.S. District Judge John E. Jones III to bar the teaching of "intelligent design" in the Dover, Pennsylvania public school district on grounds it is a thinly veiled effort to introduce a religious view of the world's origins is welcome for at least two reasons.



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First, it exposes the sham attempt to take through the back door what proponents have no chance of getting through the front door. Judge Jones rebuked advocates of "intelligent design," saying they repeatedly lied about their true intentions. He noted many of them had said publicly that their intent was to introduce into the school curriculum an account of creation. Judge Jones properly wondered how people who claim to have such strong religious convictions could lie, thus violating prohibitions in the book that proclaim as their source of truth and standard for living.

Culture has long passed by schools as purveyors of intelligence. A design school prides and in numerous other beliefs and practices that were once tolerated, even promoted, in public education. People who think they can remain in the past have been watching too many repeats of "Leave it to Beaver" on cable television. Those days are not coming back anytime soon, if at all.

Culture, including the culture of education, now opposes what it once promoted or at least tolerated. The secular left, which resists censorship in all its guises, when it comes to sex, library books and assigned ma-



terials that teach the "evils" of capitalism and "evil America," is happy to censor any belief that can be tagged "religious."

Judge Jones' ruling will be appealed and after it is eventually, and predictably upheld by a Supreme Court dominated by Republican appointees (Judge Jones was named to the federal bench by President George W. Bush, who has advocated the teaching of creation, those who have tried to make the state do its job for them will have yet another opportunity to wise-up.

This leads to the second reason for welcoming Judge Jones' ruling. It should awaken religious conservatives to the futility of trying to make a secular state reflect their beliefs. Too many people have wasted too much time and money since the 1960s, when prayer and Bible reading were outlawed in public schools, trying to get these and a lot of other things restored. The modern secular state should not be expected to teach Genesis 1, or any other

book of the Bible, or any other religious text.

That the state once did such things or at least did not undermine what parents taught their children, is irrelevant. The culture in which we now live no longer reflects the beliefs of our grandparents' generation. For better, or for worse (and a strong case can be made that things are much worse), people who cling to the beliefs of previous generations have been given another chance to do what they should have been doing all along.

Religious parents should exclude the opportunity that has always been theirs. They should remove their children from state schools with their "instruction manuals" for turning them into secular liberals, and place them in private schooling. Home school them - where they will be taught the truth, according to their parents' beliefs. Too many parents who would never send their children to church on Sunday that taught doctrines

they believed to be wrong, have had no problem placing them in state schools five days a week where they are teaching conflicting doctrines and ideas.

Private schools or home schooling cost extra money (another reason to favor school choice) and extra time, but what is a child worth? Surely, a child is more valuable than material possessions.

Our children are our letters to the future. It's up to parents to decide whether they want to send them "first class" or "postage due."

Rulings such as this should persuade parents who've been waffling to take their kids and join the growing exodus from state schools into educational environments more conducive to their beliefs.

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## LETTER

### Law enforcement handled DMV thefts appropriately

In response to the letter regarding the burglaries at the Twin Falls Department of Motor Vehicles building, we would like to address the concerns of the letter writer.

In July 1997, the Twin Falls DMV building was burglarized twice. Because of the security procedures in place at the time, the equipment stolen could not be used to produce the products for which the thieves intended.

We immediately notified Idaho law enforcement agencies and released any information we could for public awareness. The Idaho Department of Transportation, which is responsible for driver's license fees, alerted other states. The Times-News and other news reporting agencies, including many television stations, made public announcements.

The individuals whose information could have been compromised for several days were contacted immediately and reassured new cards. In addition, our department requested our identifying driver's license number be changed to aid investigators and added other additional security safeguards.

We are happy to say that the thieves were apprehended and our equipment was recovered. None of the individuals who could have been affected by the burglaries reported any problems.

We believe it was because of our quick response and security measures we had in place at the

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time of the burglaries that an unfortunate incident happened in place on local and state levels in place throughout driver's license offices in Idaho.

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's office is very serious about the collection and handling of security-sensitive data and equipment. In addition, our department was instrumental in demanding security upgrades, which in turn your county commissioners provided. We're not the first nor the last office to have a break-in, but we have many security improvements in place on local and state levels to protect you and your personal information.

Last, please be assured if any of our offices ever encounters a breach of security that could put you or your secured information at risk, we will report it as soon as possible. If anyone has a question concerning a department policy or procedure, feel free to contact us. Our objective is to serve you and we welcome any questions or suggestions.

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(Editor's note: Wayne Tousley is the Twin Falls County Sheriff and Jenny Anton is the manager of the Driver's License department.)

## President-economy tandem is still a myth

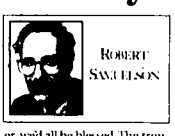
It is not the president, stupid. If Americans play the simplistic game of personalizing the economy's success or failure, the president is a hero or a bum. He does not control the economy's success or failure. This, of course, is make-believe. In a \$12 trillion economy, the president's influence — for good and ill — is usually modest. Still, the game is fun.

Republicans and Democrats, the press and the public. We constantly replay it, no matter how much ignorance and misinformation it generates. In the latest version, the White House wants you to believe that the economy's swell and that George Bush is responsible.

The pitch is half true. The economy is strong, but Bush is not — almost as good as the standard economic statistics:

- For the past three years, gross domestic product (the economy's output) has grown at an annual rate of nearly 4 percent — almost as good as the late 1990s.
- Payroll jobs have increased by nearly 4.5 million since May 2003.
- The unemployment rate of 5 percent is lower than the average for the 1990s (5.7 percent).
- Productivity — output per hour worked — has been rising at a 3.3 percent rate since early 2001, faster than even the 1995-2000 average of 2.7 percent.

And so it goes. The White House's bubbly appraisal isn't just bluff. If today's economic performance continued forever,



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we'd all be blessed. The trouble for the White House, at least is that many Americans don't seem impressed.

Economic performance (now good) and economic psychology (now mediocre) have, to some extent, become disconnected. Why? The reason is that Americans have developed perfectionist standards. We expect total prosperity and are disappointed by anything less. There should be no doubts or deficiencies. Today's include: high energy prices; high health costs; Hurricane Katrina's aftermath; a possible real estate "bubble."

Greater job insecurity also subverts Americans' sense of well-being. Since 1979, the research firm ISH has asked workers to react to this statement: "I am concerned about being laid off." In 1982, when unemployment averaged 9.7 percent, 14 percent answered "yes." In 1996, when unemployment was 5.4 percent, the response reached a high of 46 percent. This year, the anxiety level is 35 percent. Because workers feel more threatened, no given amount of income or wealth provides as much satisfaction as it once did.

The explanation for this paradox — lower actual unemployment — higher concern about unemployment — is that corporate practices have changed. Twenty-five years ago, big companies fired career workers only as a last resort.

Notes John R. Stankel, ISH's chairman, Workers feel safe unless their company was desperate. Now, executives routinely engage in "downsizing" or "outsourcing" to improve profitability. "They're more socially acceptable," says Stankel. The White House's PR campaign won't succeed unless it lowers the public's cultural anxieties (which also embody other worries — Iraq, terrorism, the avian flu). Even then, the campaign doesn't deserve to succeed because its main message is false. That message: Bush's tax cuts explain the economy's success. The 2001 and 2002 tax cuts provided most of the recovery of the 2001 recession and its aftermath. But the White House is now arguing that its 2003 tax cut was critical in maintaining economic growth. The centerpiece of that legislation was a cut in the maximum tax on corporate dividends to 15 percent. One aim was to raise stock prices by making shares more attractive. Higher stock values would then cause consumers to spend more — the wealth effect. But a new study by staff economists at the Federal Reserve finds that the independent effect of the dividend tax cut on stock prices was minor.

Every president seeks bragging rights for prosperity. If you substitute "deficit reduction" for "tax cuts," the Clinton administration made claims similar to the Bush administration's. "Deficit reduction" supposedly ignited spectacular economic growth. In truth, the economy's spectacular growth (and a surge of tax revenues) explained deficit reduction more than the reverse.

Presidents can't control the economy because it's the complex consequence of the ambitions, hopes, fears, visions and talents of nearly 300 million people. Business cycles have distinct personalities. To be sure, government policies matter, and presidents set some policies. But the long time lags from when presidents act to when the economy fully reacts often mean that the largest impact occurs after they've left office. On that score, the excess federal spending and debt of the Bush years suggest a dubious legacy.

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## Socialist-Democrats will do anything for control

Our federal legislators many times get up to address their peers and say things that are false, inflammatory, and often slanderous, then assert the right to revise or edit before it is inserted in the record. It is claimed these august politicians should not be held accountable for what is said in the record. Debate. This should be held accountable not only for what is said on the legislative floor but also in public.

Politicians come into the public arena knowing outrageously slanderous statements against the administration and president. The statements are

mostly false and slanderous because they were not true. They would have impeached the president before now. The Socialist-Democrats want President Bush out of office, period. Their voices have become shrill and outrageous seditions, if not treasonous and incessant, until many no longer remember the truth. They hope to regain power by turning public opinion against the president. They do this with the help of the mainstream media who are their willing accomplices. The Vietnam war was not in the battlefield but in the media, espoused by the radical, our Socialist-Democratic Caucus.

There is a place for serious, reasoned and truthful debate. However, the security and troop disposition — that is on the legislative floor and not in the public arena. They have been winning elections of arguments on the legislative floor, so they come to the public with untruths, half-truths. The Socialist-Democratic leadership knows well the principle that if they repeat falsehood often enough, they will eventually lead many to believe it is the truth. This way they turn public opinion and cause confusion, distrust, unrest and anger against the target of their venom. Their irresponsible public statements popularize efforts in law on terrorism and the lives and morale of our

honorific men and women in the service. These people are only interested in the power they lost. Their damage control, and plan for our future, is to discredit anyone else. This is also the politics of personal destruction and unwillingness to accept the obvious. People seem so ready to believe that all government, even our government, is evil. Some alternatives to our form of government are socialism, communism, anarchy or totalitarianism. Our form of government is much the superior. These irresponsible and slanderous politicians should be impeached, not the president. KENNETH KOHLMAN  
Burlary

OPINION

# Leaving Americans out in the cold

**O**n its way out of town, Congress voted to give millions of Americans the fiscal equivalent of coal for their Christmas stockings.

It failed to extend the provision that allows millions of taxpayers to deduct local and statewide sales taxes from their federal income tax returns.

It failed to extend another measure that protects millions of middle-class taxpayers from an Alternative Minimum Tax designed to keep wealthy taxpayers from minimizing taxes with tax shelters.

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It voted to raise the cost of student loans for millions of college students by raising interest rates.

And it approved Medicaid and Medicare cuts that will increase health-care costs for many poor and elderly Americans.

Republican leaders proclaimed they had begun to limit spending. But the spending reductions may prove smaller than the tax cuts they hope to pass next month.

GOP leaders held up the tax bills in part because they want to couple them with extension of lower rates on capital gains and dividend incomes that mainly help wealthy taxpayers. They feared it would look bad to vote tax breaks for the wealthy at the same time they were cutting programs that mainly benefit poor and middle-class Americans.

In the end, however, the bottom line will show only a modest reduction in a deficit that has soared during the Bush years. Once again, there will have been no effort to confront the government's more serious long-term fiscal problems. Taken together, those two things illustrate the dismal fiscal record since President Bush entered of-



ice nearly five years ago.

To be sure, events conspired against him. An economic recession arrived about the time he did, and the 9-11 attacks forced sharp hikes for homeland security and defense, including funds to attack Afghanistan and Iraq. But he also pushed tax cuts that gave the biggest benefits to the wealthy. And his talk of curbing spending has been just that — talk. Bush acquiesced in major increases for education to pass his No Child Left Behind law and won enactment of the biggest new federal entitlement program in years, providing prescription drug coverage under Medicare for seniors.

The GOP-controlled Congress has been a co-conspirator in the collapse of fiscal discipline. Lawmakers have increased sharply the number of specific, mostly "pork barrel" projects for which they " earmark " funding.

And as the libertarian Cato Institute noted in a study of "how Republicans became big spenders," the "Congress has enthusiastically assisted the budget bloat" by increasing in-

flation-adjusted spending "on the total budgets of the 101 biggest programs they vowed to eliminate in 1995 ... by 27 percent."

Recent economic growth, for which the GOP credits the tax cuts, has produced a short-term decline in the deficit. But as the GOP-run Congressional Budget Office noted last summer, there has been little improvement in "the underlying projections of revenues and outlays for future years."

Indeed, noted a nonpartisan panel of the National Academy of Public Administration, U.S. fiscal policy remains "on an unsustainable path," characterized by "explicit and implicit" promises built into current programs and tax laws that will provide "insufficient revenues" to pay for them.

If current trends don't change, it said, the 18 percent of Gross Domestic Product that now goes for Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid will more than triple to 28 percent by 2050.

Such issues, the panel noted, "cannot be solved by small

changes at the margin and almost certainly cannot be eliminated by economic growth alone." What's needed is for policymakers and the public "to confront the difficult trade-offs that are required to restore sustainable fiscal policy."

The administration and congressional approaches to the budget offer little hope for the next three years. And most Democrats have been content to play politics.

What's needed is nothing less than a massive overhaul of governmental revenues and spending with an eye toward making major changes that will provide a mixture of equal pain and benefit.

The path to the White House might be wide open in 2008 to a candidate who does that. In the meantime, the best taxpayers can hope for is that, come the new year, at least some of their Christmas coal will be replaced with something more beneficial.

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## LETTER

### ACLU threatens most traditional values

Let's keep God in America and give the American Civil Liberties Union the boot. We will lose our liberties if we don't fight the ACLU's agenda and its many allies. We'll lose when we give in to the ACLU's demands. We'll lose when we quit singing "God Bless America" or when we allow the ACLU to take "in God

We trust" off our currency. We'll lose when students can no longer express their faith at a graduation ceremony. We'll lose the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance. The ACLU has accomplished many of its goals by bringing lawsuit after lawsuit, threatening to bring other crippling lawsuits, even on claims it would admit had little or no merit to exploit the will resources and strength of

those who stand for religious freedom, the sanctity of human life and traditional values. For those who believe in the morals and values that made America great, the stakes are high, and we cannot stand idly by. Let's take America back from the ACLU and keep God in America. God bless America. DON TANNER Jerome

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# Technology Update

## Younger People Lead Nation Buying New HiFi-Tech Device



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Conversations are much more clear. Can't rely on a conventional hearing aid. I'm hearing so much better. I don't have to raise my voice much and I can hear the speaker. **Keith Shoberg**

Who says this is used to leaving and returning to me. Now the patient has to. They're 100% more better than old hi-fi. Have been used for about 20 years. **Dorrie Scheiber**

The hearing aids (Sebotech) that are in my ears at the present time really sound more like my own hearing than any other hearing aids I have had. **Robert Bruce**

I have hearing at church and hearing my grand children and family gatherings. **Margaret Thomas**

Purchasing a Sebotech hearing aid from Hearing Counselors was one of the best decisions I've ever made. **Harold Morris**

Having had many different hearing aids, these are by far the best. **Harold DeBoer**

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**Robert Schroeder**  
CCC-A  
Clinical Audiologist

"In the practice of hearing correction, eight out of 10 patients I see are 60 and older and are often referred to me by their doctor," said Bob Schroeder of Hearing Counselors & Audiology in Twin Falls. "Recently, though, a new user started showing up: A 40- through 50-year-old, well educated buyer who is savvy to electronics and who already knows what they want... The Sebotech."

Sebotech is a miniature sound computer that gives a high-fidelity sound boost to the quiet sounds in conversation, and is unnoticeable when being worn. Background noise is not amplified, but sounds

natural. The soft flexible bud keeps the wearer from having a "stopped-up" feeling which happens with hearing aids. And the fact that is Hi-Fi ACTM really works has made its popularity spread by simple word-of-mouth," said Bob. The cool little devices are available at Hearing

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"I am recommending these for anyone who wants to hear better, regardless of their age," says Bob. "You'll hear better, I guarantee it, or your money back."

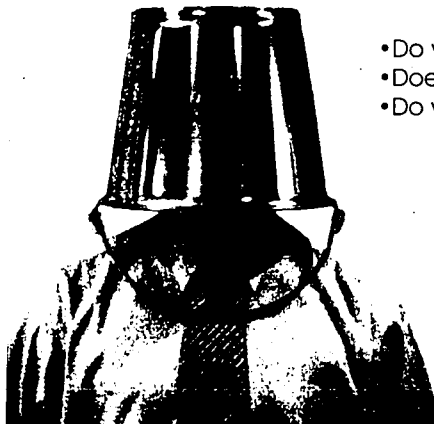


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Local rodeo star Cody Demers reflects on the 2005 season.

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Sports Editors: Joe Paisley, 735-3239. (Hours: 2-11 p.m.)

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SPORTSQUOTE

Reggie Bush is a tremendous athlete and I don't know if it's correct for me to say this or not, but I don't want him. If we get him it means we're the worst team in the league.

Texans safety Jason Simmons.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who is the only running back in NFL history to gain more than 200 yards rushing in a game but fewer than 1,000 yards in a career?

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: CSI at Dixie State, 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Cal Ripken signs up next month

TWIN FALLS — Cal Ripken Baseball registration for players ages 9-12 (as of April 30, 2006) will be held Monday, Jan. 9 and Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 6-8 p.m. at the Blue Recreation Building at Harmon Park.

Jerome Rec offers hoops tourney

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District will hold a basketball tournament for girls in grades 7-8 and boys in grade 6 on Jan. 6-7.

CSI hosts hoops camp

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball programs will hold their winter junior basketball camp Dec. 30-31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

Semi-pro league needs players, coaches

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Giants semi-pro baseball team needs players for the upcoming North West Triple B spring season next April.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Arizona Cardinals running back LesShon Johnson had 214 yards rushing and two touchdowns against the New Orleans Saints in Week Four of the 1996 season but retired in 1999 with a career total of 955 yards and five touchdowns.

Patriots ground Jets

Game marks the finale of Monday Night Football on network TV

By Barry Wilner The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New England Patriots came up with a headline-grabber for ABC's final Monday night football game: Mike Vrabel, star receiver.

A linebacker who has made frequent productive appearances on offense for New England, Vrabel had two short touchdowns receptions, lifting the two-time NFL champion past the befuddled New York Jets 31-21.

Vrabel provided a unique touch to a game with little distinction other than its standing as the network's final Monday night broadcast, ending a 35-year run that began with a 31-21 loss.

Nice symmetry. Otherwise, it was a routine performance by the AFC. Rustin Frazier had three touchdowns, while Vrabel made like Jerry Rice wasn't entirely out of character — he has eight TD catches — three this season, which is tied for second on the Pats.

Not that the Jets (3-12) seemed to know how dangerous Vrabel can be as he slipped behind David Barrett for scores of 1 and 2 yards in New England's fourth straight victory and sixth in a row over the Jets.

Vrabel added a sack, making him the first player with two TDs and a sack in a game, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

CSI gears up for January at Dixie State tourney

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Will the mystery opponent please step forward?

No, really. That's the question College of Southern Idaho head women's basketball coach Randy Rogers has been asking heading into the 2005 Dixie State College Las Vegas Classic.

Malcolm X (III) at tempting to withdraw, and tournament directors attempting to find a replacement, nothing's been certain about the holiday tourney. It's an added wrinkle of what should be three days of non-conference games as the 10-2 Golden Eagles gear up for January's busy scenic West Athletic Conference schedule.

No practice, coming off a break, nonconference, all three options seem like a negative thing to do, but I don't think so," Rogers said. "Three of the teams that we play (in conference) are in that class down there. So for me, it's coming in, get to all three of these teams, the week prior before we go there. The only thing is I just don't want anyone getting hurt during a nonconference game. I think it's good to play in games where there's not a lot on the line, and we can get our legs back a little bit a week before we go on the road."

The Eagles' tune-up will start today at 3 p.m., against one of three opponents. If Malcolm X stays in the tournament, the Eagles will face head coach Kim McQuarrie's 2-8 team that is led by Danielle Thordie, a tough rebounder who pulled down 14.3 boards per game during Malcolm X's first four contests.

Eagles hit Sin City

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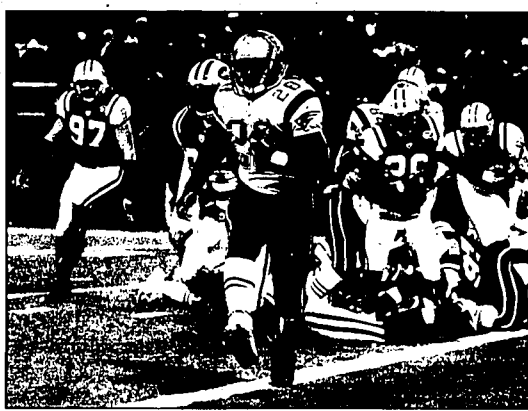
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New England Patriots' Corey Dillon (28) crosses the goal line for a touchdown against the New York Jets during the second quarter in NFL football action Monday.

The Patriots have won 18 of their last 19 games after Dec. 1 and are hitting stride while seeking an unprecedented third straight Super Bowl crown.

In brick winds, Tom Brady, the league's leading passer, guided a half-control offense that had an absurd edge in yardage (32-17) and time of possession (33:21).

He went over 4,000 yards passing for the first time in his superb-15-year career.

Corey Dillon had two 1-yard runs and New England converted four fourth-down plays.

The only negative for the Patriots was a left leg injury to linebacker Iedy Branch late in the first quarter.

The Patriots used some prime-time trickery for their first two touchdowns. Vrabel, lining up at tight end, slipped into the back of the end zone for Brady's pass, capping a 13-play drive.

He did it again midway in the second quarter.

New England got the ball back immediately after his first score when Asante Samuel intercepted Brooks Bollinger's weak pass and returned it to the Jets 34. But Ty Law, the Jets' lone Pro Bowl selection, stepped in front of David Givens to pick off Brady's throw and sped down the sideline 74 yards for the longest touchdown of his 11-year career; he was with New England for the first 10 seasons.

Vrabel's second score made it 14-7 and Dillon capped a 78-yard march with his first score for a 21-7 halftime lead.

An even more impressive march of 74 yards and 15 plays

took up 24 of the third quarter, with Dillon adding his second TD.

Adam Vinatieri added a 26-yard field goal.

Next year, the Monday night telecast moves to ESPN, while NBC takes over the showcase event, but on Sunday nights, The Jets played in ABC's first Monday night feature on Sept. 21, 1970, losing at Cleveland. They closed out the series with no more success.

Lavarious Goles caught an 11-yard TD pass on fourth down early in the fourth quarter for New York, which otherwise looked very much like a contender for the first overall draft choice.

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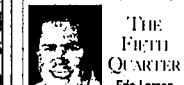
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Road rules, CSI style

The Las Vegas strip, for everything it is, is not a conducive place for basketball. David Coverfield can make a duck pup out of an empty bucket, but let's see him dribble out of a good 1-2-2 full-court press. That takes some real magic or at least a Maria Montessori. Luckily, the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team at least has the latter for this week's trip to Sin City.



Eric Larsen

The 2005 Dixie State College Las Vegas Classic could become a major pitfall for the 10th-ranked Golden Eagles. Forget that the Eagles are 10-2 and winning by an average margin of 26.6 points. We're talking about taking a team that shoots a collective 60 percent from the free-throw line and playing in a city known for its distracting, blinking lights. Who's idea was this?

And while Vegas Vic, the 40-foot neon cowboy on Fremont Street might help the Eagles with their low-post hook, he'd only be good for a few trips downtown after 54 years of blowing smoke rings. That, and his cowboy hat, are the only things he's got left.

The Eagles might be interested to know that Kenny Loggins is holding a concert this winter; they'll be in Vegas. That could be fun, but taking a team from the high of "Danger Zone" to the low of "House at 700" is not a plan.

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SPORTS

Jazz edge Memphis in OT

SALT LAKE CITY — Andrei Kirilenko scored a season-high 24 points in his return to the lineup, grabbed 14 rebounds and made two key defensive plays in the game's final moments...



Utah Jazz center Greg Ostertag fouls Memphis Grizzlies' Mike Miller during the second quarter Monday in Salt Lake City.

Wizards 94, Lakers 91. WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas scored 34 points and keyed a second-half comeback to lead Washington over the Los Angeles Lakers...

With the Jazz clinging to a 102-101 lead, Kirilenko blocked Paul Gasol's layup and then was fouled. He made one free throw and, 10 seconds later, stole the ball and dribbled out the clock to thwart the Grizzlies' final attempt to tie the game.

Magic 108, Bucks 93. ORLANDO, Fla. — Steve Francis scored 21 points and Grant Hill added 20 to lead Orlando, which snapped a four-game losing streak...

Mavericks 102, Pacers 80. DALLAS — Devin Harris scored 20 points, including a 20-footer that he intended to be a pass, and Dallas tied San Antonio for the best record in the Western Conference at 21-7.

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James surpassed 40 points for the 16th time this season and ninth in December. Drew Gooden scored 20 points and Larry Hughes added 19 as Cleveland improved to an Eastern Conference-best 12-3 at home.

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Boyle lifts Lightning over Carolina

TAMPA, Fla. — Dan Boyle scored with 23 seconds left in overtime to lift Tampa Bay past Carolina. Boyle's goal on his own rebound from in close moved the defending Stanley Cup champion Lightning within eight points of the Southeast Division-leading Hurricanes.



Tampa Bay Lightning's Dan Boyle, center, prepares to knock the puck past Carolina Hurricanes' defenders Oleg Tverdovskiy, left, of the Ukraine, and Matt Cullen, right, and into the goal to score the game-winner in overtime of Monday.

Thrashers 5, Canadiens 0. ATLANTA — Irokoiki Michael Garnett became the first Atlanta goaltender to post consecutive shutouts as Jaroslav Modry had a goal and three assists in the Thrashers' 4-0 victory over Montreal on Monday night.

Senators 6, Rangers 2. OTTAWA — Wade Redden two goals and two assists and the Ottawa Senators scored three power-play goals in the opening period to beat the New York Rangers 6-2 on Monday night.

Blue Jackets 4, Blackhawks 3, OT. COLUMBUS, Ohio — Nikalai Zhervidze tied the game with an accurate goal in the final seconds of regulation and Jaroslav Halak scored in overtime to lead the Blue Jackets over Chicago.

Sabres 6, Islanders 3. BUFFALO, N.Y. — Chris Drury had a goal and two assists, and Ryan Miller made 16 saves to help the Sabres to a come-from-behind win over the New York Islanders.

Flyers 3, Panthers 2, SO. SUNSHINE, Fla. — Michel Handouk converted in the fourth round of the shootout to give Philadelphia a victory over Nashville on Dec. 29, 2000. Handouk has five career points.

Florida. Philadelphia goaltender Antonio Nittymaki forced Jose Stumpel, Florida's final shooter, wide and he didn't get off a shot. Philadelphia's first three shooters, Mike Richards, Peter Forsberg and Simon Gagne, were unable to get anything past Roberto Luongo, while Florida's Joe Sawchenko, Nathan Horton and Olli Jokinen could not beat Nittymaki.

Maple Leafs 2, Devils 1. TORONTO — Bryan McCabe scored his 13th goal of the season in the first period and it stood up as the game-winner as the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the struggling New Jersey Devils.

Stars 6, Blues 1. ST. LOUIS — Dallas goalie Johan Hedberg recorded two assists and made 25 saves to lead the Stars over the Blues. Hedberg, who got the start while Marty Turco stayed in Dallas with the flu, is the first goalie to have a multipoint game since Colorado's Patrick Roy had two assists against Nashville on Dec. 29, 2000. Hed-

burgh has five career points. Tascid Nilsson scored on a power play 8:37 into the second period to tie it 1-1, and Brent Robison added a shorthanded goal in the third as Minnesota won its second straight in the first of back-to-back games against the Oilers.

Wild 4, Oilers 1. EDMONTON, Alberta — Marlon Gaborik scored with 45 seconds left in the second period to break a tie and the Minnesota Wild went out to a victory over Edmonton, snapping the Oilers' five-game winning streak.

Memphis

Continued from B1 because of an illegal block in the back as the Tigers threatened to get out of Friday's game open. Akram finally got on the board as Getsy hit Ebari Arthur with a 46-yard strike with 46 seconds left in the third quarter to get the Zips within 20-10.

Blazing tigers, finally strong. They have guards that can shoot and run the floor. I know I sound like Tim Holzb, but it's the team to beat in this tournament, no doubt."

First, Barton County will have to deal with the College of Eastern Utah. Kristyn Wallace leads the 14 Golden Eagles with 10.5 points and 4.7 rebounds per game, while Elder High graduate Leanna Meham contributes off the bench.

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Hundreds pay respect to Dundy and son

TAMPA, Fla. — Tony Dundy and his wife stood for more than three hours Monday night, greeting hundreds of mourners with handshakes and hugs. From NFL players past and present to well-wishers off the street, all came to offer the couple condolences for the loss of their son.

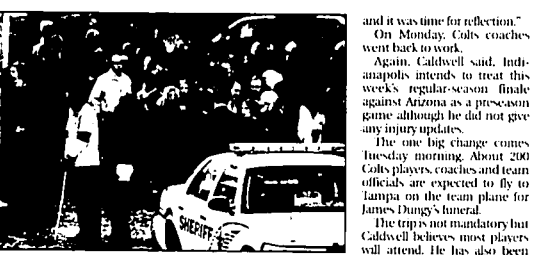
The Indianapolis Colts coach and his wife, Lauren, will bury 18-year-old James Dundy on Tuesday. Among those who waited hours to file through the tiny funeral home chapel were former Tampa Bay Devil Rays manager Lou Lunnell and representatives from several NFL teams.

Many had never met James Dundy, but still felt compelled to show support for a soft-spoken man revered in this city as much more than a football coach. The Dungs took the time to thank each person for coming in to pay respect to James, who was fondly called "the suburban apartment last week of an apparent suicide. The exact cause of his death was pending the result of a toxicology report.

"I hope I'll be the love that I have for him and Lauren," Tampa Bay Buccaneers Pro Bowl linebacker Derrick Brooks said. "This doing the best he can do in the circumstances. A lot of people have come to pay their respects because he's meant more to this community than just a football coach."

One woman who described herself a lifelong Tampa resident who appreciates what Dundy continues to do for the city even though he's no longer leading the Buccaneers, said the coach seemed to be comforting well-wishers more than vice versa. "He has got some strength," Karyme Alder said, emphasizing each word.

Among the others filing past the open casket were Denver Broncos safety John Lynch, former Minnesota Vikings star Chris Carter, former Bills and Colts kicker Matt Gramatica, current Bills Mike Abbott, Dave Moore and Jeff Gouch and fur-



People gather outside the Wilson Funeral Home while attending the wake for James Dundy, son of Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dundy on Monday.

mer Vikings head coach and Tampa Bay offensive coordinator Steve Steckel.

The crowd began forming about an hour before the visitation and about 300 people were lined up by the time coach Dundy and his family arrived at the funeral home in a limousine.

Many of the VIPs were oriented to the front of the line, but others waited with the rest of the public. The Colts still don't know when Dundy will return as coach, however he will be joined by his players Tuesday when the team flies to Florida to attend the funeral at Idlewild Baptist Church.

"I think it will be great for coach Dundy and I think it will be great for our team, our coaching staff and those people in the building who work with him day to day," Jim Caldwell, who is running the Colts in Dundy's absence, said in Indianapolis.

Caldwell has been in almost daily contact with Dundy and trying to keep the Colts in their routine. That included a scheduled three-day break even after a second flight loss Saturday, 26-13 at Seattle.

But discussion of playoffs, losses or the need to win another game to avoid a three-game skid heading into the playoffs has been overshadowed by Dundy's five-day absence. He left the team Thursday after James Dundy was found dead. A preliminary autopsy report indicated he took his own life.

The death has pushed football into a secondary role for Indy, which spent much of the past few months fielding questions about the possibility of becoming the second NFL team to complete a perfect season. Their quest ended at 13-0 when they lost 26-17 to San Diego on Dec. 18 four days later. Dundy returned to Tampa.

Caldwell, who has never been an NFL head coach, has changed little. He attended Saturday's game as an exhibition, benching about half the defensive starters. Pro Bowl receiver Marvin Harrison and injured right tackle Ryan Diem. He replaced other prominent players, such as two-time MVP Peyton Manning and receiver Reggie Wayne, after two series. That was Dundy's plan.

In the long flight home, Caldwell described the mood as somber and quiet. "That's what you would expect," Caldwell said. "It was rather quiet. I think there were a lot of people, like myself, who wanted to reminisce and reflect, and it was time for reflection." On Monday, Colts coaches went back to work. Again, Caldwell said, Indianapolis intends to treat this week's regular-season finale against Arizona as a pre-season game, although he did not give any injury updates.

Larsen

Continued from B1. We have scholarships, we're all grown men. If you're not focused, it's going to show — you're going to get embarrassed. I don't think anybody on this team wants to be embarrassed, so we're going to stay focused. We're going to be ready. Every game, from here on out, I promise you.

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# SPORTS IN BRIEF

## What's on T.V.

- FOOTBALL**
- Champ Sports Bowl, Clemson vs. Colorado, at Orlando, Fla., ESPN 3 p.m.
  - Insight Bowl, Arizona St. vs. Rutgers, at Phoenix, ESPN 6:30 p.m.
- BASKETBALL**
- Gonzaga at Memphis, ESPN2, 5 p.m.
- HOCKEY**
- Boston at Washington, OLN 5 p.m.

## BASKETBALL

**NBA**

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Phoenix	31	27
San Antonio	28	27
Portland	27	27
Utah	26	27
Los Angeles	25	27
Memphis	24	27
San Diego	23	27
Golden State	22	27
Denver	21	27
Minnesota	20	27
San Jose	19	27
Seattle	18	27
LA Clippers	17	27
LA Lakers	16	27
San Francisco	15	27
Charlotte	14	27

**Southeast Division**

Orlando	28	27
Atlanta	27	27
Washington	26	27
Charlotte	25	27
Indiana	24	27
Chicago	23	27
Philadelphia	22	27
NY Knicks	21	27
Brooklyn	20	27
Detroit	19	27
Washington	18	27
Charlotte	17	27
LA Clippers	16	27
LA Lakers	15	27
San Francisco	14	27
Charlotte	13	27

## Area ski report

**Blue Head** — Mon 6a until 10a. Powder machine groomed 17-17 base of 53 trails, 21% open, 4 of 18 trails, Mon-Fri 9:30a-4:30p. Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30p. Mon-Fri 9:30a-3:30p. Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30p.

**Brighton** — Mon 5:30a powder machine groomed 62-62 base of 62 trails, 26% open, 1050 acres, 100% open, 7 of 18 trails, Mon-Fri 9:30a-3:30p. Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30p.

**Deer Valley** — Mon 6:00a packed powder machine groomed 40-40 base of 25 trails, 100% open, 20 of 21 trails, Mon-Fri 9:30a-3:30p. Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30p.

**Four Seasons** — Mon 6:00a packed powder machine groomed 49-49 base of 30 trails, 100% open, 14 of 18 trails, Mon-Fri 9:30a-3:30p. Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30p.

**Penrose** — Mon 7:00a snow 28 degrees 1 new packed powder machine groomed 40-40 base of 24 trails, 3 of 4 trails, 100% open, Mon-Fri 9:30a-3:30p. Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30p.

**Schweitzer Mountain** — Mon 6:00a snow 28 degrees 20-44 base of 9 trails, 75% open, Mon-Fri 8:30a-3:30p. Sat/Sun 8:30a-3:30p.

**Snow Mountain** — Reopen TDA.

**Soldier Mountain** — Plan to Open TDA.

**Sun Valley** — Mon 6:00a snow 28 degrees 1 new packed powder machine groomed 27-50 base of 75 trails, 16 of 19 trails, 90% open, Mon-Fri 9:30a-3:30p. Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30p.

**Tanqueray** — Mon 7:30a snow 34 degrees 4 new packed powder machine groomed 15-15 base of 25 trails, 100% open, Mon-Fri 9:30a-3:30p. Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30p.

**Utah**

**Alta** — Mon 5:30a variable 66-71 base of 116 trails, 100% open, 7 of 12 trails, Mon-Fri 9:15a-3:30p. Sat/Sun 9:15a-3:30p.

**Bailey Mountain** — Mon 6a until 10a. Powder machine groomed 45-45 base of 30 trails, 100% open, 5 of 15 trails, Mon-Fri 9:30a-3:30p. Sat/Sun 9:30a-3:30p.

## 2005-06 Bowl Games

Game	Date	Time	Location
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2	Jan 2	12:00 PM	Albuquerque, NM
3	Jan 3	12:00 PM	Albuquerque, NM
4	Jan 4	12:00 PM	Albuquerque, NM
5	Jan 5	12:00 PM	Albuquerque, NM
6	Jan 6	12:00 PM	Albuquerque, NM
7	Jan 7	12:00 PM	Albuquerque, NM
8	Jan 8	12:00 PM	Albuquerque, NM
9	Jan 9	12:00 PM	Albuquerque, NM
10	Jan 10	12:00 PM	Albuquerque, NM
11	Jan 11	12:00 PM	Albuquerque, NM
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30	Jan 30	12:00 PM	Albuquerque, NM

## Riley mulls a weighty idea to aid Shaq

**MIAMI** — Shaquille O'Neal laughed at the idea of diaper-clad men of gargantuan size summoned as battering rams to make the NBA's most imposing big man even bigger.

But coach Pat Riley might have been laughing at Shaq's expense.

Riley is talking about adding extra bulk — and he means real tonnage — to Miami Heat practices.

"I've got some over-sized, over-weighted guys," Riley said. "I want to bring them in and have them lean on him and lean on him and we're not going to let him just back them out." Riley said, "and then he's going to have to take 100 jump hooks and 100 turnaround jumpers."

In Riley's eyes, there isn't much difference between sumo wrestling and the way teams defend his 7-foot-1, 340-pound center.

Riley divulged his plan Sunday after the Heat beat Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers 97-92 — a game where O'Neal struggled a bit offensively, shooting 8-of-18 against the likes of Chris Mihm and Dwight Howard and finishing with 10 points.

## Leftwich cleared to return to practice

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** — Jaguars quarterback Byron Leftwich has received medical clearance to return to practice Wednesday and could play in the regular season finale against Tennessee.

Leftwich already has declared himself ready to play — and wants to avoid being rusty for the first round of the AFC playoffs — but each lack of a full week of practice will be a concern.

Leftwich played well Sunday at Houston, throwing for a career-high 292 yards and running for 10 more in the 48-20 victory. The Jaguars (11-4) are 1-1 with Carolina as they start this season.

Leftwich broke a bone in his left ankle Nov. 27 at Arizona. He got out crutches about 10 days ago but can and threw for the first time since the injury 10 days ago.

## Alexander on leave to attend family funeral

**KIRKLAND, Wash.** — Sea hawks running back Shaun Alexander will travel in the coming days to be with his family in Ohio following the death of his aunt early Monday morning.

Alexander said he hopes to return his Seattle teammates before Sunday's regular season game at Cleveland. But the NFL rushing leader needs a full week to break Priest Holmes' single-season record of 27.

Alexander was waiting for a family-to-see funeral arrangements in Cincinnati before he could be certain of his status for the game, which is meaningless in the playoff picture.

Seattle (13-2) has clinched home-field advantage throughout the NFL playoffs.

He became the 16th player in NFL history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season during Saturday's win over Indianapolis, the Seahawks' 11th straight victory.

## 49-year-old speedskater tries out for Olympics

**MILWAUKEE** — Ilmvo's age may be more than twice as old as most of the speedskaters competing at U.S. Olympic trials this week in Inverness, but he says he's faster than he was at that age.

Gerner is a 49-year-old airline pilot trying for a spot on the Olympic team in trials that begin tomorrow in Kearns, Utah.

He's made the 150-mile round trip from his home in Kildeer, Illinois, to the U.S. Olympic Center in Milwaukee five days a week for two years. As a young man, Gerner's skating contemporaries included Eric and Beth Heenden, Nancy Swander and Sheila Young. After he failed to make the 1976 Olympic team in pursuit speedskating and couldn't college eventually, he took up running and spent years racing in marathons and triathlons.

But he was drawn back to the ice when he was 38 and began skating recreationally one or two a week. He entered a few time trials and made up his mind to try for the Olympics.

Monday he won the 1,000-meter race. He's been skating for 15 years, but he expects to make the team, but he expects to make the team, but he expects to make the team.

## Blue Jays expected to announce Glasius trade

**TORONTO** — The Toronto Blue Jays hope to announce this week that they have acquired slugger Ives Glasius from the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"Hopefully, soon. But not today," Toronto general manager J.P. Ricciardi said Monday evening. "Right now, we're just trying to finish everything off."

Ricciardi said Glasius had not yet completed a physical.

Glasius and a prospect are expected to be sent to Toronto for reliever Miguel Batista and Gold Glove second baseman Orlando Hudson.

Glasius led Arizona in homers (37) and RBIs (97) last year, playing in 149 games despite occasional flare-ups of a strained tendon in the back of his left knee.

He was the 2002 World Series

## FOOTBALL

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**AFC EAST DIVISION**

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Indianapolis	10	10
Buffalo	9	10
New York Jets	8	10
New England	7	10

**AFC NORTH DIVISION**

Pittsburgh	11	10
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Cleveland	9	10
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SPORTS

# Breaking the mold

## Shani Davis skates to his own tune on path to Turin Olympics

The Associated Press

CHICAGO, Ill. — Most black kids growing up on Chicago's South Side in the 1980s and '90s would be soaring through the air like M.J. or take handoffs for Da Bears.

Shani Davis had other ideas. A couple of times a week, he climbed into a car with his dotting mother for the one-hour, 40-minute commute to the north side, where he would don a pair of skates, struggle into a tight-fitting suit and try to go faster than anyone else on the ice.

Davis' friends struggled to make sense of it all, turning to those familiar weapons of childhood. Ridicule. Scorn. Humiliation.

They doled out derogatory terms about his sexuality called him an "Oreo" for hanging with all those white people at the rink.

They wondered why someone of obvious athletic ability would pass up the chance to shoot hoops or run with the football — especially during such a glorious era in the Windy City's sporting life.

"Speedskating? What's that?" "It was pretty derogatory stuff, especially at that young of an age," Davis recalled. "But what I was doing was so different. Now, when I see some of those same people, they truly respect what I do. A lot of them say they're sorry for what they said. I don't hold it against them.



United States' Shani Davis skates to a win and a new world record in the 1000m men's World Cup speed skating race Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Utah Olympic Oval in Kearns, Utah.

They just didn't know anything about it."

The 23-year-old Davis still skates to his own tune, an inner-city interloper who has stirred things up in a close-knit, white-dominated sport.

"I always went against the grain," he said. "I didn't care what people said. That's skin deep. I did what I like."

Come February, despite having failed in his historic quest to qualify for both the short and long track teams, Davis could be one of the biggest American stars at the Turin Games.

For starters, his skin color ensures he will stand out — few blacks compete in any of the winter sports.

Then there's his prowess on the big oval — world record holder in the 1,000 meters, former holder of the 1,500 mark, already qualified for the Olympic team. He very well could return to his old 'hood in

World Cup performances. Davis tried to become the first American to make both speedskating squads at the same Olympics. It was a daunting challenge that left his fellow skaters in awe.

"I tell people it's like having a track cyclist go on road cycling," Ohno said. "It's two totally different sports. It's crazy. I don't know how he does it."

Alas, Davis came up short at the short track trials in Marquette, Mich., earlier this month, falling in the first event and winding up sixth in the overall standings — one spot away from making the five-man team.

But Davis' failure to qualify for short track could benefit his performance on the big oval.

He won't have to worry about doing the double, allowing him to concentrate on the events where he has the best chance for medals.

He won't even attend the U.S. long track championships, which begin Tuesday in Salt Lake City, preparing to begin his Olympic training in solitude rather than take part in a tria-style meet that will fill out the remaining spots on the team.

"They always say when one door closes, another one opens," Davis said. "It's up to me to find it. Hopefully, all my experiences (at the short track trials) will motivate me. I had a grasp of my goal, and I fumbled it. I've got to make sure I catch it the next time. I can't have any mistakes. I've got to master it."

Even if he does, Davis is skeptical about the prospects of cashing in on Olympic gold.

He doesn't believe U.S. Speedskating does enough to promote its athletes, and his battle over sponsorship issues led to him demanding that his biography be removed from the organization's Web site.

"The rights of the athlete are sold away," he said. "There's no type of individualism. If you try to be an individual, you're punished for it."

Davis knows better than any-

one that speedskating remains a minor sport in the U.S., popping up every four years and fading away as soon as the flame is extinguished.

When people say an Olympic medal would bring all sorts of financial rewards, he quickly points out that he heard the same thing before he made his first World Cup team, before he won his first world championship, before he set his first world record.

"I've gotten more and more attention, but I've never gotten anything else," Davis said. "I'm still waiting. A lot of people say it

will come when I'm an Olympic champion. Well, at least there will be no more excuses if that happens. We'll really see what it's all about. I'm not even sure anymore."

Davis' mother is even more blunt in her assessment. "What would I tell other African-American kids?" she said. "I would tell them to do track and field."

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## Indians sign Jason Johnson

CLEVELAND (AP) — Pitcher Jason Johnson signed a one-year, \$4 million contract with Cleveland on Monday, the clearest sign yet the Indians are moving on without Kevin Millwood.

Johnson, a 32-year-old free agent, went 8-13 with a 4.55 ERA in a career-high 210 innings last season for Detroit. The right-hander could earn as much as \$11.5 million over two years in a deal that includes a mutual option for 2007.

Johnson and Paul Byrd, signed by the Indians this month, join C.C. Sabathia, Cliff Lee and Mike Woodcock in one of the A.L.'s deepest rotations. The newcomers will try to replace Scott Hartton, who signed with Kansas City, and Millwood, still on the market but looking for a five-year deal.

Indians general manager Mark Shapiro has said since the season ended that it would be a long shot to keep Millwood. Now, with Johnson signed, the club's pursuit of Millwood appears over.

Scott Boras, the pitcher's agent, visited Texas and Boston last week.

"With him not accepting arbitration and us having five starters under contract, this definitely takes us out of the Kevin Millwood competition at this point," Shapiro said.

With Millwood pricing himself out of Cleveland and Shapiro not wanting to complete the rotation with a young pitcher, the Indians turned to the 6-foot-6 Johnson, who has made at least 32 starts in four of the past five seasons. His contract includes a club option for 2007.

"We always look at dependability and reliability as being two main criteria," Shapiro said. "Beyond being a dependable person, Jason is among the elite in the amount of innings he's provided his teams in recent years."

Those teams, Baltimore and Detroit, have lost an average of 91 games in the past five seasons, hurting Johnson's record. He is 52-86 during his nine-year career, which also included stints with losing teams in Pittsburgh and Tampa Bay.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Candlelight vigil will honor children

**TWIN FALLS** — A community candlelight vigil for Justin Spencer and Raquel Nice, the three siblings found dead last week in a Twin Falls home, will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday on the south side of Harmon Park near the Skate Park pavilion.

The children's father, Jim Junior Nice, has been charged with three counts of first-degree murder.

Neighbors of the Fourth Street East and Madrona area, as well as the Twin Falls community, are invited to gather for a brief community candlelight vigil in remembrance of the children.

Comments and prayers will be given by Mayor Glenda Dwight and representatives of the Interfaith Association.

The vigil is sponsored by the Magic Valley Interfaith Association.

### Parks commission advertises opening

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is taking applications for a position on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Deadline to apply is Jan. 20.

For more information or an application, call the parks and recreation department at 736-2265.

### Delegation announces academy nominees

**TWIN FALLS** — The Idaho senators and one of two U.S. representatives have released their nominations for appointments to military service academies. The nominees include 11 people from south-central Idaho.

Rep. Butch Otter's nominations were not available Monday.

From the nominations, the academies make their final selections.

From U.S. Sen. Larry Craig: Merchant Marine; Nicholas Purdy; Halley; Naval Academy; Elizabeth Phillips; Education; Air Force Academy; Jared Tate; Arco; and Richard Wheeler, Declo; U.S. Military Academy, Shawn Potter, Gooding.

From U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo: Air Force Academy; Jared Tate; Arco; Richard Wheeler, Declo; U.S. Merchant Marine; Nicholas Purdy; Halley.

From U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson: Air Force Academy; Dustin Danielson; Preston Goodrich and Joseph Peterson, all of Burley; David Sherman, Mountain Home; U.S. Merchant Marine; Jonathan Nagasaka, Mountain Home; Naval Academy and Military Academy; Jeremy Wisniewski, Wendell.

### City offers cure for 'cabin fever'

**TWIN FALLS** — The annual Cabin Fever Day, sponsored by the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department, will be Jan. 7.

For one day only, Twin Falls businesses will open their doors to the public for free. Activities include snow tubing, kayaking, scrapbooking, rock climbing, golf, roller skating, photography, pottery, fitness classes, dancing, and a treasure hunt at Costco and more.

Anyone interested is invited to pick up a brochure from the recreation department at 136 Maxwell Ave. or call 736-2265 for more information.

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	in.	% of norm.
Upper Snake River	96	36%
Henrys Fork/Teton	95	36%
Big Lost	104	37%
Little Lost	85	32%
Salmon	87	35%
Big Wood	107	39%
Little Wood	101	36%
Salmon Falls	101	36%
Oakley Basin	109	37%

\*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average. For the 2005-06 season, which peaks in late March, the normal snowpack is 267 inches.

# Santistevan denied a lesser sentence

By Pedro G. Salom  
For The Times-News

**HAILEY** — David L. Santistevan will still serve at least 22 years in prison, after District Judge Robert Elgee refused to shorten the sentence he handed the 40-year-old in April.

Santistevan was convicted of two counts of attempted murder in December 2004 for shooting two teenagers in Bellevue on the night of March 29, 2004. He was sentenced to 11 years in prison for each count. After the 22 years, he may face additional time for the use of a firearm in the crime, at the discretion of a parole board.

"What the sentence has done ... is impose a life sentence on David Santistevan," argued Doug Nelson, Santistevan's attorney.

Nelson asked Elgee to make Santistevan eligible for parole after 11 years, saying that would allow him time to make something of his life. Nelson said if Santistevan did not get out of prison until he was at least 70, his parents

would be dead, and he would likely go on welfare and spend his time drinking beer and watching television.

"Is that what we want?" he asked Elgee.

Nelson also said being locked up was taking its toll on Santistevan, and told Elgee if the sentence was not reduced, "I bet you a dollar he [Santistevan] dies in prison."

Santistevan addressed the court by phone from the Idaho State Penitentiary in Boise, describing his confinement.

"It's been hard. The first couple of weeks were devastating. It is still a devastating experience. Time is exponentially different here. One week is like a month. A month is like six months," he said. "Life here is constantly intense at every level: mentally, emotionally, physically, spiritually."

"I am a good person. I have made mistakes in life," Santistevan said. "Even good people make mistakes."

Prosecutor Jim Thomas briefly described a history of violence on the part of Santistevan, leading up to the shootings.

"This is an incident that has wreaked havoc on multiple families," he told Elgee, noting one of the victims would likely be confined to a wheelchair and be subject to serious health problems for the rest of his life.

The second victim has since recovered from his wound, and sat through Friday's hearing with friends and family members.

Elgee was not convinced his original sentence was unjust or unfair.

"Mr. Santistevan did all he could do to commit two murders," Elgee said. "This has been a life sentence for the victims. I considered the sentence very carefully when I imposed it and can see no basis to change it."

"It's an awful thing to have to gauge how much of a man's life you have to take away to fashion an appropriate sentence for something he may well wish he never did," Elgee said.

Pedro G. Salom is the managing editor of The Wood River Journal. He can be reached at (208) 738-3444.



David L. Santistevan listens to court proceedings in April during his trial on two counts of attempted murder.

# NOT SO RETIRED



Ivan Rivera, left, of Buhl, exits a golf cart driven by Bob Gietzen, a volunteer at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, on a rainy Thursday morning in the hospital's parking lot. "It's amazing," Gietzen muses while on his shift, "but a lot of the younger people want a ride (in the cart) and a lot of the older people want to walk."

## Buhl man gives back to his community

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Bob Gietzen enjoys his job so much, he works for free.

After all, he gets to drive a pretty snazzy golf cart and meets all kinds of interesting people. And the hours aren't bad either. — 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. one day a week.

Gietzen, 70, took the job driving the shuttle at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center two years ago after turning over the family business — Gietzen Electric — to his son, Douglas. He had a little extra time on his hands so when his friend, Judy Quillen, asked him if he'd be interested in volunteering at the local hospital, he jumped at the chance.

"It was time to give back to the community," Gietzen said. "What better way than being a volunteer?"

So Gietzen spends one morning a week driving around the hospital's busy parking lot chauffeuring patients and chattering to the

### Volunteer opportunities

Researchers who have studied volunteering have discovered that volunteering is a "secret ingredient" to helping people stay healthy and feel fulfilled, according to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Web site. Men and women, young and old, volunteer at the hospital doing a variety of duties. Those interested in becoming a volunteer, call Loraine Deves, director of volunteer services, at 737-2066. For more information, see the hospital's Web site at <http://www.ummc.org>.

hospital's front door. On a recent morning, Gietzen donned a red and white Santa Claus hat and handed out candy canes to his passengers.

"I just drive around and haul people back and forth," Gietzen said. "I've got my radio and my coffee, so I'm content. It makes me feel good. I meet a lot of nice people."

Gietzen said being a hospital volunteer is for guys, too. "Some people think it's like being a pink lady," he said. "It's not like that anymore."

Gietzen said there are volunteers working all over the hospital. And they raise a lot of money, too, mainly for the hospital's gift shop.

Volunteering has always been in Gietzen's blood. He's volunteered his time for a number of organizations over the years, including the Buhl Volunteer Fire Department,

the Buhl Rotary Club, of which he was named a Paul Harris fellow; the Buhl Parks and Recreation Committee and the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley, just to name a few. He's also on the executive board of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce.

He and his wife, Barbara, the mayor of Buhl, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in February. They lived in San Jose, Calif., for a number of years until 1973 when, longing for a simpler, quieter life, they returned to their hometown.

"We just couldn't stand the population so we bundled up the family and came back home," Gietzen said. "I drove the U-Haul and Barbara drove the station wagon with the kids and Doug's collection of snakes."

In addition to son, Doug, their grown children also include son, Rob, an architect, and daughter, Kim Quigley, an English as a Second Language teacher at Puppleswell Elementary School in Buhl.

Gietzen retired from Gietzen Electric in January 2003.

"I didn't like it at first because it was boring and I didn't have enough to do," he said. "So today, he lends his services for free. He helped install the electrical system for the new performing arts stage at McClusky Park. And he helps with the annual light parade."

In his free time, Gietzen enjoys walking (Ozzie, a Chihuahua-miniature poodle mix, and being in the great outdoors).

"I love my garden and my yard and my cabin above Pomerelle," Gietzen said. "And with all he has to do, Gietzen still looks forward to his weekly gig at Magic Valley Regional."

"I truly enjoy it," Gietzen said. "I think I'll just keep doing this as long as I can unless they think of something else I can do."

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3266 or by e-mail at [smiller@magicvalley.com](mailto:smiller@magicvalley.com).

## Pool costs in Rupert come down

By Marie Mischel  
For The Times-News

**RUPERT** — The Rupert aquatic center project is going swimmingly, with a conceptual drawing on the table, a cost estimate lower than the original projection and donations continuing to come in.

Bob Russmann told the City Council last week.

The project is planned in three phases: an outdoor pool with a bathroom, enclosing the pool and adding a spa area for an indoor center, and a community center that will include a civic gymnasium. The planned facility will replace the old outdoor swimming pool in the park at 302 S. F. St., which was closed two years ago for health reasons.

The existing pool's side walls can be used for the new pool, a money-saving feature that was discovered when project architects visited the site last month, said Russmann, the city's streets, park and maintenance superintendent.

"It is in the ballpark of \$300,000 to get this done," Russmann said of the outdoor facility, compared with the original \$475,000 estimate for the outdoor pool. "We should have, probably in a week or so, a revised budget."

Renovation of the existing structures began this fall and will continue through the winter.

The kiddie pool, outside sidewalks and stairs leading into the city lobby will be removed, and a company volunteered to install the bathroom floors, Russmann said.

The old pool deck will be among the last things to go.

"We don't want to take the deck off until we're ready to put the deck back on," he said.

While the city will work with pool builders for specialized items, there is "some concrete work and plumbing work that local contractors can be involved with," Russmann said.

With donations and saved opening costs from the two years the pool has been closed, the city has \$153,881.44 for the project, Russmann said, adding that the total doesn't include the \$40,000 budgeted for this year's pool operation.

He also has a commitment for an additional \$50,000 from U.S. Bank, which offered to match its original donation if another bank contributed the same amount, a challenge met by Wells Fargo. United Electric has pledged \$15,000, and the consultant hired for the pool project has completed applications for five grant-giving foundations, Russmann said.

In addition, sample fundraising tiles now are on display at City Hall. The walls will be installed in the lobby, with a separate area for sponsorship tiles. The floor tiles will be installed in the lobby and extend to the community center.

Individual tiles, which are 4 inches by 6 inches, are \$50. The 8-inch-square individual tiles are \$75, business tiles are \$500 and sponsorship tiles are \$1,000. Tiles may be purchased at City Hall or by calling Russmann at 434-2429.

## Police interview suspects in paintball spree

By Renee Wells  
For The Times-News

**BURLEY** — Five young men who were attempting to bring new meaning to the phrase "painting the town" may find themselves cleaning it, too.

A recent rash of paintball vandalism, including dozens

of homes and businesses around midday on Dec. 17, has affected neighborhoods throughout Mini Casua.

Police interrogated five 17- and 18-year-old boys last week about the incidents, then turned over the statements to the county prosecutor to be processed.

"We don't know at this time if there will be any charges filed," said Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins, who added he hoped to see the boys at least have to clean up their mess.

On Friday and Saturday of last week, many local businesses, some advertising billboards and a number of ve-

hicles, homes and other buildings were blasted with fluorescent orange paintballs. The damage was minimal, but many people spent a lot of time cleaning the paint off homes and cars.

The prosecutor has not been available for comment on the case.

# MAGIC VALLEY

## SERVICES

**Richard Lee Long** of Twin Falls, funeral at noon Wednesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel, 847 Eastland Drive N.; friends and family may call from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the church (White Mortuary).

**Oscar "Ozzie" Graef** of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 152 Seventh Ave. E. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

**Justin Nice, Spencer Nice and Raquel Nice** of Hagerman, funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Hagerman (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

**Lillian Barrus Nelson** of Jupiter, funeral at noon today at the Logan LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 89 S. 200 W.; viewing from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. today at the church (Allan Hall Mortuary in Logan, Utah).

**Justice D. Allen**, infant son of Crystal Wren and Jeremy Allen of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls.

friends may call from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel.

**Jacklyn (Jackie) Walker** of Kimberly, memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

**Gary Curtis Bowyer** of Car-

son City, Nev., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the American Legion Hall, 447 Seaton; celebration of life will follow the service.

**Irvin E. Kevan** of Hansen, celebration of life at 3 p.m. today at the Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

## DEATH NOTICES

### Lois Noh

**BUHL** — Lois E. Noh, 89, of Buhl, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 30, at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Buhl. A viewing will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave., Buhl.

### Ralph Reynolds Jr.

**RUPERT** — Ralph Reynolds Jr., 78, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

### Clifford Connel

**TWIN FALLS** — Clifford Connel, 94, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 26, 2005, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

### Eugenio Luna

**JEROME** — Eugenio Ortiz Luna, 64, of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 26, 2005, in Jerome. Arrangements are under the direction of Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome.

## OBITUARY

### Cleo Ledbetter.

**KIMBERLY** — Cleo Ledbetter, 96, of Kimberly, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

She was born Aug. 24, 1909, in Sulfer. She was the daughter of Thomas and Bessie Bushlers Hooper. She was raised and educated in Arkansas. She married Emmitt Ledbetter at Clinton, Ark., in 1937. They moved to Colorado during the dust bowl and later returned to Arkansas. In 1948, they moved to Kimberly, Idaho.

where she has since resided. Cleo worked in the fields and was a devoted wife and mother. She loved gardening, knitting, crocheting, sewing and cooking. She was a member of the Kimberly Christian Church.

She is survived by six children, Rose Bingham of Sacramento, Calif., Mary Gudgeon of Kimberly, Ruth (Larry) Berg of Jerome, Sadie (Al) Anderson of Idaho Falls, Don (Sandra) Ledbetter of Plymouth, Wash., Iris (Garland) Lewis of Caldwell; 31 grandchild-

ren; 69 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sons, Bill, Paul and Emmitt Guy Ledbetter; two brothers, one sister, and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2005, at White Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Steelman Borden officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary.

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### Walter E. Reinke



Walt and Norma raised three children, Terry, Doug and Linda. They always supported their kids in their endeavors. Probably the greatest devotion that Walt had during his life was to the Lord and his church, Calvary Lutheran Church in Gooding. He, along with other members, built the church themselves. This was truly a labor of love for them. Norma passed away May 22, 2002. Walt had a great sense of humor and enjoyed practical jokes and kidding.

Walt is survived by his children, Terry of Gooding, Doug of Caldwell and Linda of Boise. He also is survived by a sister, Martha in Rochester, N.Y., and his grandchildren, Tara Daniel, Jason Reinke, David Reinke, Katy Reinke, Jeff McLaugh and Lindsey Maisey. He has two great-grandchildren, Jacob and Emma Daniel. In addition to Norma, Walt was preceded in death by his siblings, Martin, Richard and Dorthea.

**GOODING** — Walter E. Reinke, 83 of Gooding, passed away Christmas Eve at the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise.

The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Gooding. Interment will follow at Elmwood Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Demaray Funeral Home in Gooding. Walt was born Feb. 7, 1922, in the Clover community near Buhl, the son of Johannes and Helena Hoberman Reinke. He attended the Clover Lutheran School and later entered the U.S. Army, serving with the occupation forces in Japan. After his discharge from the Army, he moved to Gooding, where he farmed until retiring in 1991. Walt married Norma Eickhoff on Nov. 12, 1949, at Falls City, Neb. Walt enjoyed farming and raising the best corn he could. It was his dedication to farming that gave him the opportunity to serve on the Idaho State Bean Com-

mission for many years. He also enjoyed raising barley for the Coors Brewing Co. Even as his health was failing more and more, Coors was still his beer. Walt also enjoyed fishing, a hobby that he passed on to his family. He and Norma spent many days at Magic Reservoir in their retirement, catching fish that Norma would can.

### Dr. Don Royster



He will be missed by his friends and by hundreds of students who love him. Don leaves behind a legacy of excellent music for which he laid the foundation.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at the United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. in Burley. Burial will be in the Filer Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Don requested that the Don Royster Music Scholarship Fund be established in memory of himself and his parents, Lee and Anna Royster. Donations may be directed to Rasmussen Funeral Home or any D.L. Evans Bank.

**BURLEY** — Dr. Don Lee Royster, a 69-year-old resident of Burley and a prominent Mini-Cassia area music teacher, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005, at Parkes Views Care & Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

Don was born Dec. 21, 1936, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the only child of Lee and Anna Royster. He graduated co-valedictorian from Filer High School and earned his bachelor of music degree in piano performance with a minor in organ at the University of Idaho. He received his master of arts and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University in music history. At the University of Idaho, he was a member of the social fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi; the music fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha; and the scholastic fraternity, Phi Kappa Sigma. He also was a lifelong

### Ervin Braun

member of the Filer Methodist Church. His greatest loves were teaching piano and the friendships he made. Don has been more than a piano teacher in the Burley-Rupert area for more than 33 years, he has been a mentor, a

friend and an inspiration. He will be missed by his friends and by hundreds of students who love him. Don leaves behind a legacy of excellent music for which he laid the foundation.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at 2 p.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Gooding. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Calvary Lutheran Church.

**SHOSHONE** — Ervin E. Braun, 95, a resident of North Shoshone, died Friday, Dec. 23, 2005, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center following a brief illness.

He was born July 15, 1910, near Desler, Neb., and came to Idaho in 1934 following three crop failures — one from hail and two by grasshoppers. He obtained a homestead in North Shoshone in 1937, where he lived until his death. Ervin married Louise Weisman in Wendell on Oct. 23, 1942. Ervin was County Grassman of the Year two times, and was a Farm Bureau membership drive; and was a charter mem-

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# South Idaho hospital prepares for bird flu

REXBURG (AP) — Officials are working together to spread information about Asian bird flu. Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center is making sure it has supplies and facilities to handle a flu emergency if one arises. "People are concerned that it's not a matter of if, but a matter of when the flu jumps from birds and goes to humans," said Dr. Dane Dickson, a Rexburg oncologist who is head of the Infection Control Committee at Madison Memorial Hospital. "Rather than take an approach of saying, 'We're not going to prepare,' or 'We'll wait and see what happens,' we are going to prepare our community." The bird flu strain that now worries health officials has been around since 1997 and has killed 62 people worldwide since 2003, most of them in Vietnam and Thailand. Nearly all the fatal cases involved close contact with infected birds. Health experts fear the virus could change into a form that spreads easily between people. Many scientists and policy leaders have recommended vaccine and drug stockpiles be created in the United States in case of a pandemic, and the Bush administration is seeking \$7.1 billion in emergency spending for vaccines and other preventive measures. The disease has not reached the United States. Governments are also collecting large supplies of the drug

Tamiflu in case of a large-scale outbreak. Dickson said Monday that he's working with local health officials, city leaders, business owners, educators and church leaders to develop a system for responding if the flu does change to a form that affects humans. The goal is to keep the community of about 25,000 residents functioning in the unlikely event of a pandemic, he said. "We're saying, how can we maintain every important infrastructure in our community in a worst-case scenario?" Dickson said. Among other things, the group will distribute guidelines for preventing the spread of disease. Most infectious diseases can be prevented by precautions such as hand washing, staying three feet away from others, and wearing a surgical mask, he said. "It makes a lot of sense," said Holly Peterson, district liaison for District 7 Health, who is working with Dickson. Dickson said he expected to have a message for the public and an emergency plan established within the next few months. He added that people should not stay home because they are afraid of catching the disease. "Fear is a big problem," Dickson said. "People can't just say 'I'm not going to go to work today.'"

## Body in van found in lake

HAYDEN (AP) — A man was found dead inside a van that sank in Hayden Lake. Kootenai County sheriff's deputies said they were called to Honeysuckle Beach about 10 a.m. on Christmas Day and found a white 1990 Ford Econoline van in 12 feet of water. Authorities believe the driver passed several signs and a flashing signal before he drove the van down a boat ramp and into the lake. The man was identified Monday as Gary W. Tharp, 46, of Coeur d'Alene.

## OBITUARY Alpha Shill

BURLEY — Alpha Jane Platt Shill, an 86-year-old resident of Burley, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center. She was born Feb. 24, 1919, at the Land Ranch in Oakley, Idaho. She was the daughter of George W. and Hosi Hannah Crofts Platt. As a young woman, Alpha would go with her brothers to Malina, where they attended dances at the grange hall. It was here that she met her sweetheart, William Scott Shill. They were married on May 2, 1936. She and her husband had 50 wonderful years together prior to his death. Together, they loved to fish, hunt pheasants and never ceased the love of dancing. Alpha worked for Ore-Ida Foods in Burley, retiring after more than 30 years of service. She enjoyed crocheting and spending time with her family. She especially enjoyed playing Penny Ante POKER with all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and enjoyed reminiscing of the family trips by horse and wagon to attend the temple in Idaho Falls. She is survived by her three daughters, Kathy (LeRoy) Germann and Rose Bryan, both of Burley, and Linda (Don) Bengener of Bureka, Nev.; four grandsons, four granddaughters, 25 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She will always be remembered as Grandma Shill and Grandma



"G G" to many, many children in her neighborhood and around Burley. She was truly loved by everyone she met. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Scott, who died in July of 1986; six sisters; and nine brothers. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at the Burley West Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave., with bishop's counselor Tony E. Morley officiating. Burial will be in Gem Memorial Gardens. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

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### Commission: Homeowners paying more property tax

BOISE (AP) — The share of property tax paid by homeowners rose to a record 63.2 percent in 2005, according to new figures from the Idaho Tax Commission.

The 2005 share was up from 61.6 percent in 2004 and from 47.1 percent in 1990.

State Sen. Shawn Kousser, R-Sandpoint, was chairman of a joint legislative committee that held a dozen hearings around the state during the summer on property taxes. Among other things, the panel voted to recommend a large increase in the homeowner's exemption.

The numbers released by the Tax Commission "support the committee's work and the recommendation on the homeowner's exemption," Kousser told the Spokesman-Review newspaper.

The homeowner's exemption now in place was enacted by voters through an initiative in 1982. It exempts 50 percent of the value of an owner-occupied home from property tax — not including the large amount up to a maximum of \$50,000. The amount of the exemption hasn't been changed since it was passed. If it had been adjusted for inflation, it would have doubled by now.

Kousser's committee voted to increase the homeowner's exemption to a maximum of \$75,000, to include land value and to index the exemption to inflation in future years. The panel also supported shifting million of dollars for schools away from the property tax and making it up from the state budget, which is supported mainly by sales and income taxes.

The recommendations go to the full legislature in January.

### Gold-mining company drops cyanide plan

NAMPA (AP) — A California mining company that received a permit to use cyanide in the Boise River watershed has changed its plans and will use an alternative method to leach gold from ore.

The mine, scheduled to open next year, would be the first new gold mine to open in at least 20 years in the Boise River watershed, which provides drinking water to 200,000 people. Desert Mineral Mining of Laguna Beach, Calif., wants to process ore east off by just miles on Three Point Mountain, 20 miles southeast of Boise on Blacks Creek Road.

The mining company received a permit in April from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to use cyanide, a poisonous chemical, to leach the gold from the rock. During the approval process, neighboring ranchers and environmental activists sent letters, called Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and filed a hearing to protest the mine because of concerns over using the chemical.

But the company said recently that it will use sodium bromide to extract the gold. Mine owners say sodium bromide has less long-term effects on the environment.

The change of plans pleased John Robison of the Idaho Conservation League.

"The fact they found an alternative to cyanide is good news," Robison said. "We certainly appreciate Mr. Izzo being flexible to technology with less impact on the environment."

## Lobby wants principals to run schools more like businesses

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's largest business lobbying group wants to give principals more leeway to run their schools like businesses.

The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry will ask lawmakers in the upcoming session to change Title 33, the Idaho code that covers education.

Among those changes, the group wants to give school trustees, superintendents, and principals more influence over teacher salaries, and it wants to get rid of the system that pays

teachers based on seniority and their education levels.

"Most people would agree that there is little correlation between a teacher's experience and 'education' and how well students learn," according to a policy statement on the group's Website.

The business lobby also wants to increase training for school principals to help them act more like managers and less like teachers. Lobbyist Theresa Molitor said a "fuzzy line between management and employee" makes it difficult for leaders to make hard choices, such as evaluating teachers.

"There are many aspects of school management that am — surprise, surprise — very much like running a business," Molitor said.

The association hasn't released specific legislation, but it recently discussed its policy goals for the upcoming session.

"There's a whole bunch of bills that are drafted," Molitor said.

"Title 33 has a whole bunch of places that need to be looked at."

Molitor said her association wants more pay for teachers of high-performing students, but it doesn't want to raise overall spending. She will approach leaders of the Senate and House education committees with proposals.

"It's one of those hot topics right now," Molitor said.

John Goedde, R-Coeur d'Alene, and chairman of the Senate Education Committee, said he

agreed with Molitor's group that the system governing teacher pay must be changed.

"There are teachers that have been in the system for many years. Have garnered seniority and have moved their way up the steps and ladders... and really need remediation. They're not doing a good job," Goedde said Monday. "I have a little bit of a problem in rewarding someone for spending years and years in the classroom if they're in fact not doing their job."



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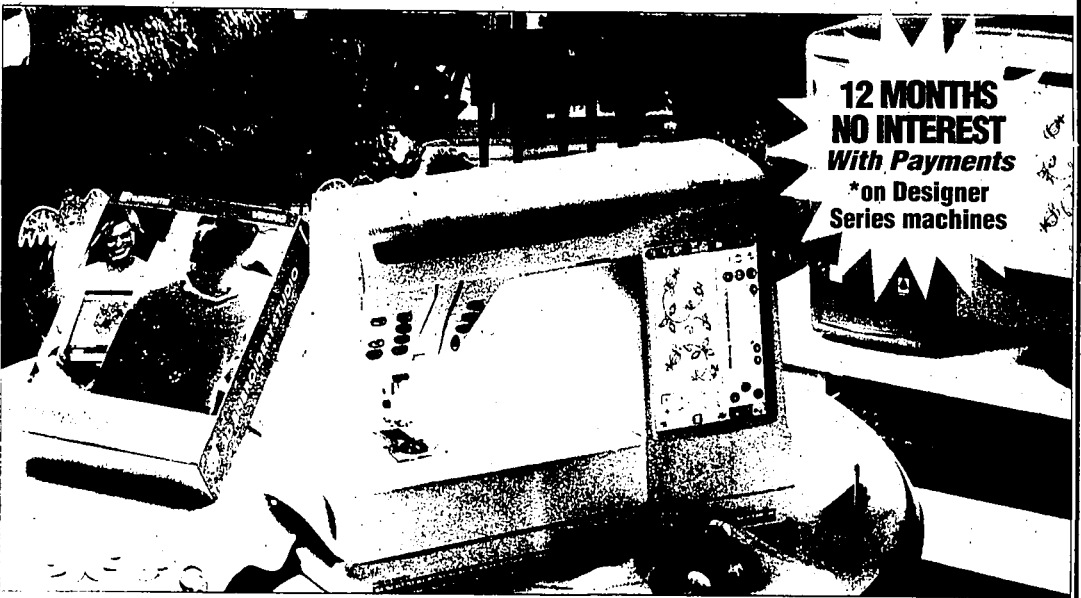
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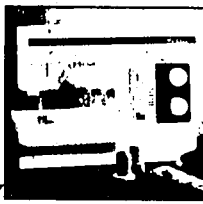


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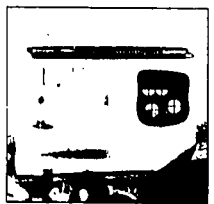
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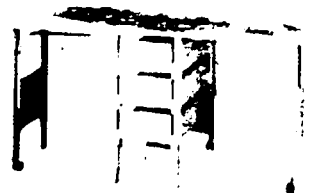
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**Blonde** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

Panel 1: Blonde: "I HEY, YOU BURNED DAGWOOD'S STEAK!"  
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**The Born Loser** By Art Sansom & Chip

Panel 1: Born Loser: "WHAT DID SANTA BRING YOU?"  
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 Panel 3: Born Loser: "HOW COME—HAVE YOU BEEN NAUGHTY?"

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 Panel 3: Garfield: "I'D SAY YES."

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

Panel 1: Hagar: "I THINK I'LL TRY MY NEW NOOSE CALL!"  
 Panel 2: Hagar: "DOES IT REALLY SOUND LIKE A MOOSE?"  
 Panel 3: Hagar: "BONK!"  
 Panel 4: Hagar: "I'D SAY YES."

**Hi and Lo** By Chance Browne

Panel 1: Hi: "WHAT'S FOR DINNER?" Lo: "SAUSAGE BT POMME FRITE."  
 Panel 2: Hi: "WHAT'S FOR DINNER?" Lo: "YUCK! GOME TAING FANCY."  
 Panel 3: Hi: "HOT DOGS AND FRIES!" Lo: "THAT'S WHAT I TOLD YOU."

**Classic Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

Panel 1: Snoopy: "FOR DESSERT TONIGHT WE HAVE CHOCOLATE CAKE."  
 Panel 2: Snoopy: "BUT I KNOW A GOOD GUARD DOG WOULD NEVER EAT CHOCOLATE CAKE."  
 Panel 3: Snoopy: "HOW ABOUT A WORTHLESS GUARD DOG?"

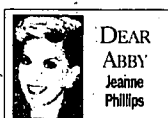
**The Wizard of Id** By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

Panel 1: Wizard: "THIS MAN STOLE MY BATTLE PLANS." (Big Deal!)  
 Panel 2: Wizard: "THIS IS A SERIOUS CHARGE."  
 Panel 3: Wizard: "WE ALREADY KNOW HOW TO RETREAT."

**Dennis the Menace** By Hank Ketcham

Panel 1: Dennis: "SINCE IT'S SO COLD OUTSIDE, I TOLD OL' RUFF HE COULD HIDE HIS BONES IN HERE."  
 Panel 2: Dennis: "THE FAMILY CIRCUS"  
 Panel 3: Dennis: "Mommy! Your big candle got little!"

# Husband continues denials despite proof of his affairs



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am writing in response to your advice to "Threatened in 1," who received an anonymous phone call that her husband was cheating. You advised her that it was probably a crank call. My sentiment is, "Where there's smoke, there's fire." She should insist that her husband take a lie detector test to resolve any doubts she might have.

My husband travels for business. I had been concerned about him possibly cheating, and we went to counseling where he swore that he was faithful. I later learned that he'd been having an affair at the time, and had another one after her. Even after I had proof of his affairs, he continued trying to lie about the extent of his infidelities. He are now in counseling, and he's seeing a psychiatrist.

chle after midnight. However, I was lucky. My husband was known by a different name than the one listed in the phone directory, which indicated that the caller was lying.

I hope "Threatened" will take your advice. The person who called her is a misery-loves-company instigator who can't stand to see a happy couple. My husband died a year later, and I thank God I didn't ruin my short time with him by believing some sick tramp who made midnight phone calls.

**—BEEN THERE IN MARYLAND**

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a member of the clergy. My wife got out of those phone calls. At the time, I was an official in the local union and was getting ready to go to a meeting when my phone rang. My wife answered, and all I could hear was her saying, "Oh, he is? Are you sure? You don't mean that," etc. When she hung up, she turned to me and said, "You won't believe this. You're in the back booth at the union hall making out with another

woman." Imagine the "kick" we got out of that. Please warn "Threatened" not to believe everything she hears.

**—REV. JIM IN INDIANA**

**DEAR ABBY:** You were absolutely right that the call could have been made by a kid. Years ago, when most women were homemakers, I would look up names and numbers in the phone book, and when the woman would answer I'd say, "Is Harry home?" When she replied that she was his wife, I'd say, "Oh! He never said he was married!" As a high school girl, I thought I was very funny. As an adult, I realize I could have caused irrevocable harm.

**—SORRY NOW IN BALTIMORE, CONN.**

**DEAR ABBY:** Better late than never! Your letter was one of a stack of similar confessional letters on my desk piled 3 inches thick. When I was in high school, I heard a similar story about some students who did the same thing to an English teacher they disliked.

**DEAR ABBY:** A similar incident happened to me years ago. I mistook my husband enough to know it couldn't be true, so I asked the caller to describe him — was he tall, short, dark or blond, skinny or heavy? And do you know what the caller said? She immediately hung up!

**—OPAL IN ROSELVILLE**

**—WISER NOW IN FULLERTON, CALIF.**

**DEAR WISER NOW:** Your husband obviously has some serious issues, and you have my sympathy. However, I stand by my answer. I have received a bushel of mail regarding that letter, and less than 2 percent of it agrees with you. Read on.

**DEAR ABBY:** I, too, received an anonymous call about my husband's infidelity. It was the days before caller ID. Each time, the woman left a sleazy message on my answering ma-

# Burglars take celebrated bun

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — The Nun Bun is nowhere to be seen.

When Bob Bernstein arrived at his coffeehouse to assess the scene of an early Christmas morning break-in, the one thing he noticed missing was the cinnamon bun that bears a striking likeness to Mother Teresa.

Bernstein said he believes the culprit, who he says is someone angry over the shop displaying the world-famous pastry, which has been preserved with shellac. The Nun Bun gained worldwide attention in 1996 when a customer nearly took a bite of it before recognizing the revered nun in the folds of its flaky pastry.

The bun was featured on world news programs, "The Late Show" with David Letterman and was even mentioned on episodes of "The Nanny" and "Mad About You."

The shop, Bongo Java, sold T-shirts, prayer cards and mugs with the bun's image before Mother Teresa wrote a personal letter to the coffeehouse asking the sales be stopped.

**Man risks life to stop suspected shoplifters**

**SPRINGFIELD, Ohio** — Two women suspected of shoplifting at a Kmart outlet almost got away with it — until they tangled with Michael Cornwell.

Cornwell clung to their car's windshield wipers for about a mile — at speeds he estimated at 70 to 80 mph — before the driver pulled into a mobile home park and the women fled. The suspects were later arrested on charges of aggravated robbery, felonious assault and theft. Perfume, cologne and other items were found in the car, police said.

**Mayor proposes wacky homage to Dadaism**

**LAWRENCE, Kan.** — Mayor Boog Highberger wants to recognize Dadaism in a way suitable to the style of the early 20th century anti-art movement.

Highberger plans to proclaim International Dadaism Month on Tuesday during the city's weekly commission meeting. But in the spirit of the Dadaists, who declared "art is dead" and rejected conventional forms, often making deliberately absurd works — the Lawrence mayor hasn't picked a certain month to celebrate the movement.

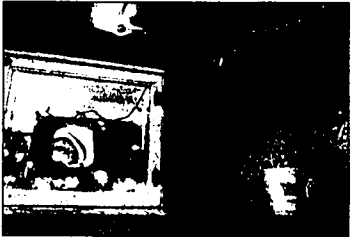
Instead, International Dadaism Month will be Feb. 4, March 28, April 1, July 15, Aug. 2, Aug. 7, Aug. 16, Aug. 26, Sept. 17, Sept. 22, Oct. 1, Oct. 17 and Oct. 26.

To choose the dates, Highberger rolled dice and pulled numbers from a hat.

As part of the proclamation, Highberger will utter a phrase from a poem by the late Hugo Ball, a founder of Dada: "Zamm-in urallala zinzim urallala zamm-zanzbar zinzallala zamm."

"I just think it is good to acknowledge that there is a place for chance and nonsense in every healthy lifestyle," Highberger said.

— compiled from wire reports



**A customer pays Bongo Java employee Brian Ray for a cup of coffee adjacent to the Mother Teresa Cinnamon Bun Shine in this 1996 file photo. The nun bun, as it has been called, was stolen Sunday when the store was broken into.**

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gets bonus points for being one of the few words that has all the full-time vowels in alphabetical order.

One of the more interesting bits of strange junk that stayed in orbit for about a month: A glove dropped in 1965 by astronaut Edward White while space walking from Gemini 4.

Esotropia means you're crooked. Exotropia means you're wall-eyed.

The Bible, an anthology of books written over a 1,500-year period, was not originally divided into chapters and verses. Stephen Langton came up with

the chapters in AD 1228, the verses weren't numbered until AD 1458 (Old Testament) and AD 1541 (New Testament).

More than 30,000 plants have been identified as edible so far. Despite that rich variety, 90 percent of the world's grain and vegetable food comes from only 20 species.

Who discovered that yeast will make bread rise? Egyptian bakers did, accidentally. In about 4000 B.C., they tried kneading dough with their feet to save the strain on their arms. Thanks to the natural yeasts that grow between the toes, their bread suddenly started turning out light and fluffy.

Food historians say it may be the yeast that contributed to the beginning of both the wine and the cheese industry.

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What a shame it is when grandparents can't fully enjoy their grandchildren. But the bigger tragedy may be that the grandchildren can't fully enjoy their grandparents.

Frankly, it can try nerves and tempers. How sad when people who just don't understand make fun of, or even yell at you because you can't hear as well as you used to, or as well as everybody else.

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## Taliban leader boasts of suicide attackers

The Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A top Taliban commander said more than 200 rebel fighters were willing to become suicide attackers against U.S. forces and their allies — a claim dismissed as propaganda by Afghanistan's government, which said the headline militia was weakening.

In an interview late Sunday with The Associated Press, the commander, Mullah Dadullah, ruled out any reconciliation with the U.S.-backed government of President Hamid Karzai and claimed the country's new parliament — its first in more than 30 years, inaugurated last week — was "obedient to America."

Dadullah spoke to AP via satellite phone from an undisclosed location. He said he was inside Afghanistan.

"More than 200 Taliban have registered themselves as suicide attackers with us, which shows that a Muslim can even sacrifice his life for the well-being of his faith. Our suicide attackers will continue jihad (holy war) until Americans and all of their Muslim and non-Muslim allies are pulled out of the country," he said.

Gen. Mohammed Zahir Azimi, a spokesman for Afghanistan's Defense Ministry, dismissed Dadullah's claims of rebel strength as "propaganda" and said Afghan security forces to deal with the rebels.

"The Taliban are isolated. The Taliban have no power. They are using land mines and terror activities ... or suicide attacks. These kind of operations show that they are not strong and that they are weak," Azimi told AP.

The hand-line Taliban regime was toppled by U.S.-led forces in late 2001 when it refused to turn over al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and stop offering a haven to the group following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States.

Dadullah, who lost a leg fighting for the Taliban during its rise to power in the mid-1990s, is one of the headline militia units in the U.S.-led coalition hunting Taliban and al-Qaida fighters.

The past year has seen an upsurge of violence in the volatile southern and eastern regions. More than 1,500 people have been massacred, many of them rebels — the heaviest toll in the past four years.

In recent months there has been a spate of suicide attacks in Kabul, including one in Kabul in September outside a senior government official that killed nine people. The attacks have fueled fears that the rebels could be adopting tactics used in Iraq.

In November, Defense Minister Abdul Rahim Wardak said intelligence indicated that a Arab al-Qaida members and other foreigners had entered Afghanistan to launch suicide attacks. A senior government official said 22 would-be suicide bombers were believed to be in the country waiting for orders to attack.

## Gas in Russian store sickens dozens

The Washington Post

MOSCOW — Scores of people were sickened Monday morning after a pungent substance used to odorize natural gas was deliberately released in a St. Petersburg home repair store, police said.

Canisters attached to wires and timers were later found at

three other branches of the same chain of Maxidom stores in the city, officials said. Police linked the attack to business rivalries.

"The main reason for the poisoning in Maxidom stores in St. Petersburg is dishonest competition," a spokesman for the St. Petersburg police told the Russian news agency Interfax.

"Management of Maxidom contacted the Interior Ministry not long ago complaining that they had started to receive letters with threats to spoil their pre-New Year trade."

Officials said 78 shoppers and store employees needed medical attention, but no one was seriously injured. Viktor Belsov, a spokesman for the

Emergency Situations Ministry, said 66 of the 78 people who sought medical care were admitted to hospitals. All were released by Monday evening, officials said.

Police identified the released substance as mecaptan, a compound of carbon, hydrogen and sulfur, which is used to give a smell to odorless natural gas

to help consumers detect leaks. Only minuscule amounts of mecaptan are added to natural gas, and in concentrated amounts the substance gives off a terrible smell of spoiled food. Exposure to large amounts of the substance can be toxic, causing respiratory problems, coughing and vomiting.

## EYES OF THE WORLD



Vendors spill into the street at a Baghdad market. Reporter Doug Smith found that he and the Iraqis he encountered had trouble understanding each other not because of the language barrier, but because they saw the same things so differently.

## Sights and sounds of reporter's tour in resilient Iraq

By Doug Smith

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — In my first hours in this ancient Arab city, my mind flashes back to Tijuana, Mexico, in the 1950s. Fetid water in the streets. Laundry hanging on strings. A pervasive stench of oil from leaky generators and hand-pumped gasoline.

My driver brings me back to the present by slamming on the brakes. Ahead on the highway are three white sport utility vehicles, the kind used to transport U.S. officials and contractors. Suicide bombers and other insurgents target such convoys. Everystate obeys as far away as possible.

It's late March, and we are in Sadr City (Saddam City before the U.S.-led invasion), a poor neighborhood of 2 million people, mostly Shiite Muslims. It is a stew of anti-American religious populism stirred by the maverick cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. The teeming community was retained after his father, who is believed to have been slain by Saddam Hussein's forces.

A young man in black signals us to stop. Members of al-Sadr's private militia, Al Mahdi, surround us and check for weapons.

"Don't worry," my interpreter tells me. "They're nice guys. I've been sent to cover the Islamic ritual of Friday prayers, my first assignment in Baghdad. Months earlier, al-Sadr's

## In Tikrit, Democracy tries to work while plumbing won't

By Doug Smith

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — During the four-day Ashura religious observance when the capital shuts down, I arranged to hook up with the 42nd Infantry Division of the New York National Guard so I could observe soldiers working with Iraqis in Tikrit. Saddam Hussein's hometown 100 miles northwest of Baghdad.

At a concrete helipad deep inside the Green Zone, I climbed into a Vietnam War-era helicopter and sat with a dozen soldiers. Amid a blast of noise and the odor of jet fuel, we lifted off, and I was looking down at Baghdad, skimming over palm trees. In seconds, we were over green fields. Rectangles of wheat stretched to the horizon.

Before long, we had reached Tikrit, circling an earthen bluff dotted by dozens of ornate structures, many in the style of Louis XIV — Saddam's palaces. The 42nd Infantry's headquarters is in the main palace. I was assigned an upstairs room with its own shower and toilet.

Under the new law, hunters must restrain all but two of their hounds when a fox is discovered. The two dogs can flush the fox into open ground, but not harm it. The prey instead is shot by one of the sportsmen.

The dogs are trained to obey the hunting horn, so hunters can order them to flush out the prey rather than kill it.

Clare Bowson of the Country-Side Alliance, which supports hunting, warned that foxes still could be killed despite hunters' efforts to keep within the law.

"The huntsmen will try to

"Use the latrines outside," an officer told me. "The plumbing is no good."

I waited two days for my name to appear on a list of people authorized to visit the equivalent of Tikrit's city hall with an Army public affairs unit.

After roll call and a briefing, I was directed to the backseat of a Humvee. I stepped in and closed the inch-thick steel door. The caravan rumbled down the main street of the dusty provincial town. Scruffy children rushed the Humvee, begging for handouts, as we rolled to a stop on a sidewalk.

Clad in thick body armor, we hurried through a back entrance to the provincial administration building.

In the next four hours, nascent Iraqi democracy unfolded before me. But for the machine guns everywhere, it was a lot like an American city council meeting — arm-waving, shouting, gavel-rapping points of order and voting.

The council rejected a bid to federate with a neighboring province and voted down the idea of hiring members of Iraq's disbanded army.

That night, I bonded with several U.S. officers in one of Saddam's lesser palaces. We grabbed nonalcoholic beers from the mess and sat on lounge chairs overlooking the Tigris. We talked of wives and families. We were awakened at daybreak by a car bombing several miles away. An Iraqi soldier was killed.

The day's routine went on. I spent the afternoon with Maj. David Lynch, an Army judge advocate general, as he heard appeals for compensation for deaths and injuries caused by U.S. forces.

Muhtim Niyil, a shepherd, lifted his sleeve to show that his arm had been severed by the elbow by a 50-caliber bullet and reattached at a crooked angle.

Lynch apologized on behalf of the U.S. government. He said he would try to arrange compensation but acknowledged that it would be "a pittance."

The young man smiled and left.

That night, a mortar round landed. Somewhere in the darkness, an American soldier was killed.

here. But today, my safety is guaranteed by my country's enemy.

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## Thousands join Britain's first post-Christmas fox hunt since dog restrictions

The Associated Press

LONDON — Hunters in scarlet coats leap on horses and sound brass horns Monday as noisy packs of hounds flew at their heels, pursuing the centuries-old holiday tradition of fox hunting.

The colorful post-Christmas hunt looked the same as ever, but this year there was a crucial difference — Fox hunting, which dates back centuries in Britain, historically involved groups of riders following a pack of hounds trained to track and kill foxes.

The Hunting Act was passed this year after a battle in Parliament and raucous demonstrations in the streets. Hunt supporters argued that fox hunting was vital to rural

economies and a crucial method of controlling predators. Detractors argued that it was cruel and unnecessary, particularly because dogs who caught a fox would tear it limb from limb.

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say in English, snaking at my attempt to pass for a whisper. "Here we go."

In different circumstances, my life would be in danger

stop their hounds," she said. "But they can't always stop them."

In an alternative to the traditional hunt, most of the tens of thousands of hunt spectators at some 250 points across Britain Monday were there for harmless trail or drag hunting, in which dogs track an animal scent artificially laid through the woods ahead of time.

Animal-rights campaigners claim many people turned up at those events because they support an alternative to killing foxes. League Against Cruel Sports spokesman Mike Hool-ey said.

"There's a whole group of people in the countryside who don't believe in cruelty, who don't believe it is right to chase foxes," he said.



Members of the Atherton hunt leave the main square in Market Bosworth, England, Monday. Hunts all over the country met today on the first Boxing Day since the Hunting Act came into force.



NATION

# Bush hopes for better year after 2005 setbacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, bruised by months of setbacks, enters the new year hoping to win congressional battles over tax cuts and immigration, get rebellious Republicans back in step and nurture a new democracy in Iraq — the make-or-break issue of his legacy.

Expect the president to bring in 2006 the same way he ended the old: trumpeting good economic news and talking, reassurance; about Iraq where excitement over a historic battle has been tempered by growing disenchantment with the war and a death toll of U.S. troops that tops 2,100.

The war in Iraq and sluggish diplomatic efforts to deter the nuclear ambitions of Iran and North Korea will continue to dominate foreign policy for the president, who plans a trip early in the new year to India.

At home, Bush will be after the Senate to confirm Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court in January. He also wants immigration reform, including a guest worker program.

Absent from his to-do list is a plan to overhaul the tax code. White House advisers say there may be some efforts to simplify it, but a sweeping restructuring would need more discussion. Also off the list is reamending Social Security, the one-time centerpiece of Bush's domestic agenda that failed to gain traction even though he crisscrossed the country to win support for it.

White House advisers were candid that next fall's congress-

sional elections will cramp Bush's legislative efforts.

"When the president puts out a legislative and executive agenda, we'll make sure we reflect the fact that it's difficult for Congress to get anything done in an election year," said Dan Bartlett, counselor to the president.

Bartlett said that doesn't mean the president won't introduce fresh initiatives, which typically are tucked in the State of the Union address, tentatively scheduled this year for Jan. 31. But midterm elections often mark the last lap of a president's domestic agenda as lawmakers turn their attention to re-election campaigns, and presidents in their sixth year move toward the end of their Oval Office stay. Already, 2006 presidential hopefuls are positioning themselves on Iraq.

"I think he's going to fall back on what he didn't want to do, what he swore he wouldn't do, but almost all second-term presidents do, which is being in a kind of caretaker status," said Norm Ornstein, a resident scholar with the American Enterprise Institute.

Right after he was re-elected with just a 3.5 million-vote margin in the popular vote, Bush proudly claimed a mandate to pursue an aggressive agenda.

# Woman apparently didn't swallow cell phone voluntarily

BLUESPRINGS, Mo. (AP) — A woman who police thought deliberately tried to swallow her cell phone during an argument with her boyfriend was apparently the victim of an assault instead, authorities said.

Police have a suspect in the bizarre incident that sent the 21-year-old woman to the hospital last week, Sgt. Allen Kintz said. Police would not say whether the boyfriend was the suspect and would not explain exactly


what they believe happened. "It appears she didn't voluntarily swallow this phone," Kintz said.

Early Friday police responded to a call from a Blue Springs man who said his girlfriend was hav-


ing trouble breathing. Police arrived to find a woman with a cell phone lodged in her throat. Police were initially told the boyfriend wanted the phone and the woman tried to swallow it so that he could not get it.

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**Checkin Little** 11:15  
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# Iraq

**Continued from D1.**  
 During the next four weeks, I would be overloaded with build experiences too numerous and strange to absorb. In the months since, my mind has finally sorted those images and impressions into a coherent, if limited, picture of the war I went to Iraq to find.

I ventured onto the streets of Baghdad no more than a dozen times — too few to judge whether democracy was gaining or losing ground. But in time I was able to see past first impressions of a riotous and chaotic scene of a resilient society yearning to move beyond its history of tyranny and war.

From my first days in the Iraqi capital, I knew that a snapshot would not be enough. Despite the dangers, I would be back.

After Friday prayers, I tried to stay calm as my car lurched through a jammed traffic jam. Drivers squeezed fire wide down three-lane roads and freely crossed the center line, forcing oncoming autos aside.

The interpreter told me that the license plates explained the congestion. White plates were from the Saddam era, when Iraq was restricted to the chosen few. Cars imported after the U.S. invasion had black plates.

It was clear that the number of cars had more than doubled since the dictator's fall in April 2003.

When we encountered traffic, a bodyguard got out of the car and cleared an escape route down a battered sidewalk.

Then we drove along the brown Tigris River, lined on one side by patches of biblical-looking reeds and on the other by the reinforced walls of the Green Zone, the nerve center of the U.S. presence and the seat of the transitional Iraqi government.

At last, the driver turned sharply onto a side street and into the sights of three machine guns. We were safely back at the home base of the Los Angeles Times — a once-fashionable hotel that has become a fortified zone for the news media.

A guard pressed a button to open the bulletproof door to the Times bureau — my home, my office, my prison for the next month.

I'd been sent here to spell one of the paper's Baghdad correspondents. A reporter on the metropolitan staff, I had no training in Middle Eastern history, religion or languages. My main qualification was that I had volunteered for an assignment that had become undesirable in my profession.

I looked out a window, shatter-proofed with a duct-tape cross, and saw a giant unfinished mosque a couple of miles away, frozen in time with cranes hanging over it. It was a monument begun under Saddam.

It would be a perfect destination for a walk, I thought. "Walk!" scolded the office manager.

An intense guard with a taste for rakish suits, he commanded the head desk in the newsroom, with a set of prayer beads in one hand, a cigarette in his mouth and a bad joke always at the ready.

Among his other duties, he monitored threats to our safety on the road outside. Back and the streets around our hotel. It had been code red on both for weeks.

He laid out the rules: I would never leave the bureau alone. I would always travel with a driver and interpreter, followed by a bodyguard in a second car.

"You do not walk anywhere," he explained with a sympathetic smile.

One day, the bureau's computer technician offered a suggestion for a story. The division of concrete to build fortified compounds had sapped the country's rebuilding effort, he said. That turned out to be an urban legend, but the proliferation of private forts was real.

On a map spread over the kitchen table, I worked out an itinerary of a dozen sites, including businesses, embassies, government buildings and the headquarters of political parties.

The office manager cut the list to three.

As we drove from one fun to another, I became aware of the vitality of Baghdad. Streetside gasoline vendors were doing brisk business, along with the small-time curries, traders and fish peddlers. The city was choking with cars. Fruit stands were loaded with oranges and peaches, and workers were hand-piling bins.

I also noticed something about the city's ubiquitous piles of rubble. They were too neat to be the random wreckage of war.

My interpreter told me that homeowners were taking advantage of the breakdown in building-code enforcement to remodel. But there was no one to pick up the debris. What first had thought was war damage was, in fact, evidence of a middle-class resurgence.

The Iraqis I met on such outings appeared unapproachable, staring through me with a look that felt like contempt. But if I spoke first, they immediately opened up. I often found that each other not because of the language barrier but for seeing the same things so differently.

In the black plume rising from one of the job stacks of the generating plant in the Dara neighborhood, I saw a source of worrisome pollution. An Iraqi acquaintance saw the slow pace of reconstruction.

"There should be smoke from all four stacks," he said.

On one of my excursions, I met a couple in an upstairs apartment who served me chocolate and sweet tea. They sat under a picture of Jesus as they talked of their son — innocent of any crime, they said — who had been in U.S. custody at the Bucca prison for six months.

As an American, I believed that an article about his plight might lead to his release. Trained under Saddam, they thought the opposite. They wouldn't let me publish their names.

Ashura is a four-day observance during, which many Muslims make a pilgrimage to the holy city of Najaf, beating themselves in a ritual commemoration of the martyrdom of Imam Hussein, a grandson of the prophet Muhammad.

The rest of the capital shuts down. The event provided the opportunity for my first visit to the Green Zone, where Americans were hard at work.

I traveled to the Green Zone with Maria Ruzicka, a 28-year-old San Francisco area woman who had attracted wide attention with her efforts to build the U.S. military accountable for civilian casualties.

With her Iraqi interpreter-driver, Aziz Ali Salim, at the wheel and me in the backseat, we drove up to the diplomatic entrance. Ruzicka spoke flirtatiously to the sentry, a young soldier from Ohio, and we were in.

At noon, Ruzicka left us for an appointment. Salim and I headed to the PX to feast on fast food. But security at the entrance had been tightened because of a bombing at an Army mess hall in the northern city of Mosul.

A Nepalese guard inspected any California driver's license. Salim, sporadically employed as a pilot for Iraqi Airways, showed his commercial pilot's license.

"You can go," the guard said to Salim.

"You can't go," he said to Salim.

Salim grew belligerent. "Let's go to the embassy," I said.

There, more Nepalese guards met us. I demanded to see someone in authority.

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# Sharon to undergo heart procedure in coming weeks

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon will undergo a catheterization procedure within three weeks to repair a small hole in his heart that apparently led to a minor stroke, his doctors said Monday.

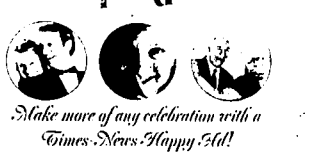
Dr. Haim Leshem, head of cardiology at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital, said the hole, which is less than an eighth of an inch wide, is a minor birth defect found in 15 to 25 percent of the population.

He said doctors plan to use a

catheter to insert an "umbrella-like" device to seal the hole in the wall between the upper chambers of Sharon's heart. The procedure, guided by a small camera inserted through the esophagus, is routine, doctors said.

They said Sharon will be given a mild anesthetic to relax muscles and will be partially sedated during the treatment. Patients undergoing such catheterization retain consciousness.

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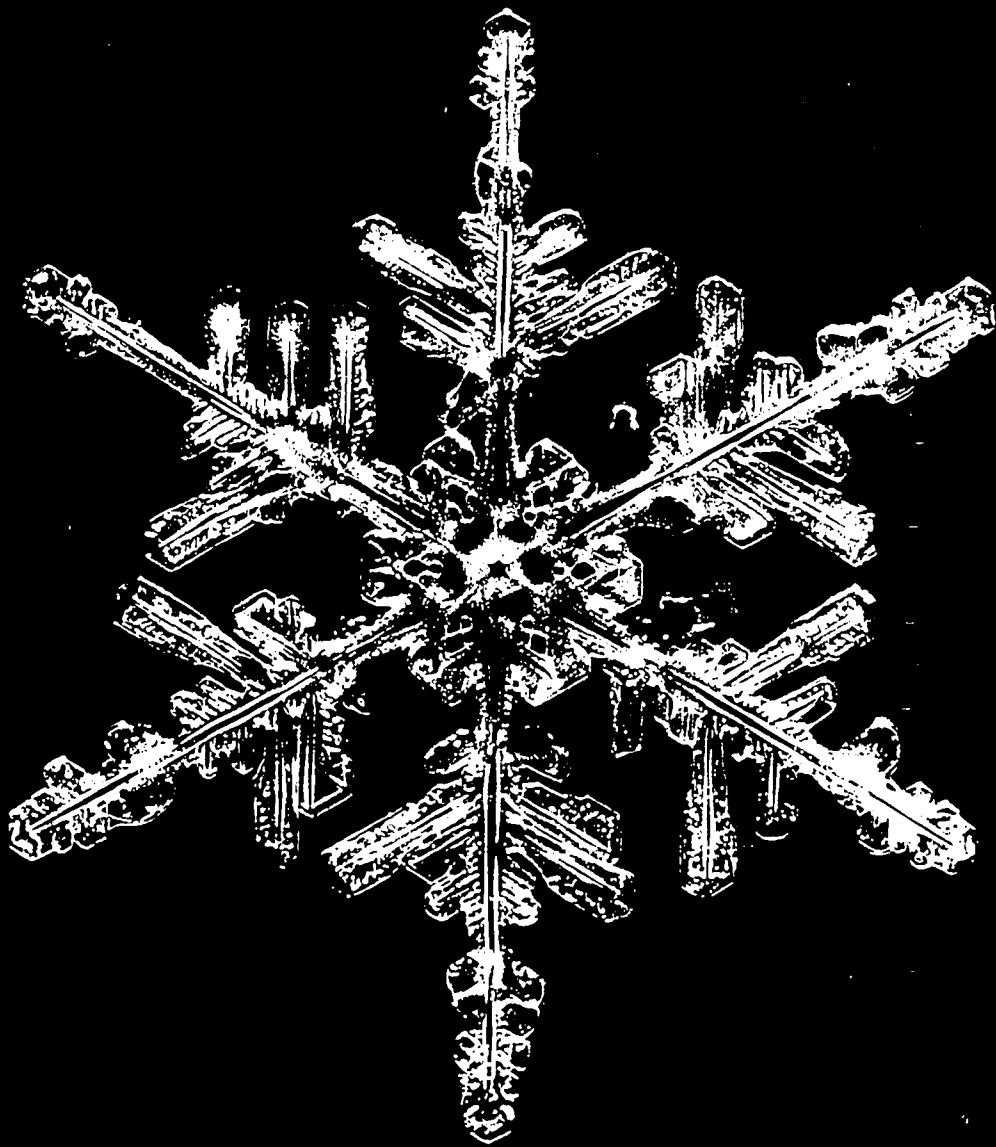
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Section F

## STUDENTS GIVE



Photo courtesy of SAUNDY HAYMON

The week of Dec. 22 to 26 was a busy one for the O'Leary Junior High student body in Twin Falls, which held its annual Festival of Giving. Principal Tom Owens presents a check for \$1,067 to the director of the Valley House homeless shelter, with student body officers: Michael Williams, president; Michael Valdez, vice president; and McKenzie Crandall, activities director. The students also collected 6,537 non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army Food Bank. O'Leary has donated the largest number of food items of any school in the area, according to the school.

## CHRISTMAS CAMP

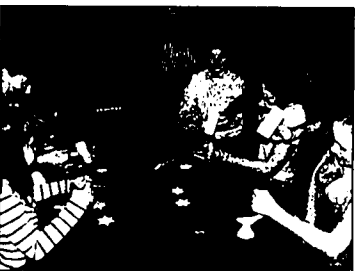


Photo courtesy of Lincoln County 4-H

The Lincoln County 4-H program started off the holiday season with a three-day Christmas camp at the Dietrich School cafeteria. Young people ages 6 to 12 enjoyed classes on cookie decorating, leather craft, sewing, bead ornaments and Christmas card making. For more information about the 4-H program, call the University of Idaho Extension Office at 888-2406.

## SANTA LANDS IN PAUL

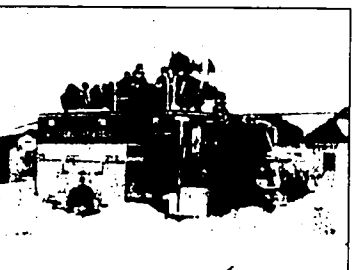


Photo courtesy of BESSIE AND BOBIE VANDER

Santa arrives in style to the town of Paul, escorted by the fire department. Old Saint Nick also left bags of candy at each and every home.

## SERVICE NEWS

### Local airman completes basic training in Texas

Air National Guard Airman

Class Louden H. Fleenor has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies, performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations. He also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of John Fleenor of Twin Falls and Shellie Snook

### Local Marine graduates from Missouri boot camp

U.S. Marine Corps Private 1st

Class Jon Bowyer, son of Dennis Bowyer of Twin Falls and Lisa Callen of Pocatello, graduated from boot camp, Platoon 3061, Luna Company in San Diego, Calif., on April 15, 2005.

He graduated from Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri as a nuclear, biological and chemical defense specialist on Sept. 16.

He has been assigned to Fort Cooney in Okinawa, Japan, since October for two years.

Bowyer is a 2004 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

## Head Start gives award, scholarships to area women

TWIN FALLS — The South Central Head Start Program has recognized three State Head Start Award recipients.

The regional recipients were: Debra Featherstone of Filer received the Margaret M. Coughlin Memorial Award. She teamed with the Twin Falls, Filer and Buhl school districts' preschool programs for the past three years, providing Head Start services and is partnering in Child Find screenings. Featherstone also has experience with the Special Olympics program, has been a foster parent for more than 15 years and is an advocate for children with disabilities.

The Phyllis L. Jones Memorial Scholarship went to Paulina Motezuma of Hagerman. She received a \$1,500 scholarship to attend Boise State University studying nursing. She plans to pursue a medical degree in podiatry. She is a 2005 graduate from Hagerman High School where she was involved in Junior Science, Reading, Youth Action Council and the Lunch Buddy Program.

Linda Quintero of Hagerman is the state recipient of the Ann Phillips Memorial Scholarship. She is studying sociology at the College of Southern Idaho with an emphasis in early childhood education. She has completed childhood development courses and is waiting for her national assessment. She plans to complete her associates degree and then pursue a bachelor's degree in early childhood education.



Photo courtesy of South Central Head Start

Debra Featherstone of Filer receives her award, from Brad Estlinger, Head Start children's service specialist.



Paulina Motezuma and Linda Quintero, both of Hagerman, received scholarships through South Central Head Start.

## Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

John Francis Adams, son of Jeanne Lynn Anderson of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005.

Kallyn Ann Meakler, daughter of Lisa Michelle, daughter of Jerome, was born Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005.

Jordan Nichol Hurst, son of Felice Florence and Danille Shane Hurst of Buhl, was born Monday, Dec. 19, 2005.

Jasmine Rose Larson, daughter of Stephanie Meedly Blaylock and Nicholas Ryan Larson of Wendell, was born Monday, Dec. 19, 2005.

Perry Robert Steege, son of Christa Erin Hovenden and Troy Douglas Steege of Hagerman, was born Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005.

El Benjamin Snarr, son of Stephanie Denise and Ben-

jamin Alan Snarr of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005.

Malden King, daughter of Jennifer and Roger William King of Wendell, was born Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005.

Eliisa Faith Hill, daughter of Sarah Emily and Harold James Hill of Filer, was born Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005.

Baylee Savannah Robbins, daughter of Andrea Kathleen and Travis Joe Iobannis of Buhl, was born Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005.

## St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Joana Garcia, daughter of Julissa and Jose Garcia of Hagerman, was born Friday, Nov. 18, 2005.

Vernica Loreza Lopez, daughter of Loreza Lopez of

Shoshone, was born Friday, Dec. 2, 2005.

Annabel Diane Jensen, daughter of Andrea and Russell Jensen of Hailey, was born Monday, Dec. 5, 2005.

Charlotte Noelle Cox, daughter of Danette and Patrick Cox of Hailey, was born Monday, Dec. 12, 2005.

Lilymarie Muniz, daughter of Isabel and Rafael Muniz of Hailey, was born Monday, Dec. 12, 2005.

Gage Charles Whitehead, son of Meredith and Gunnar Whitehead of Hailey, was born Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005.

Kaya Jean Luttrell Hendley, daughter of Elizabeth and Justin Hendley of Gooding, was born Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005.

Avery Drew Burdell, daughter of Angela and Bryan Burdell of Hailey, was born Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005.

## STORK REPORT

## Mentors donate thousands of hours at 4-H camp

HAILEY — Blaine County 4-H has a group of teens that volunteer its time as mentors for campers at the Boulder Mountain 4-H Camp. The 11 Boulder Mountain Mentors collectively donated 3,492 hours of counseling in the summer of 2005.

Teenagers must go through an interview process and two days of training to become counselors. Twelve mentors were training counselors, one included a camper turned counselor and another was new to 4-H. Ardianna Madan, past counselor and camper, returned as an adult adviser.

The two-day training consists of learning the ages and stages of development, crisis intervention, camp planning and workshop development, according to the Blaine County 4-H. Counselors that accept a workshop must present it on their own time and gather their own materials. Corbin Minard, a four-year counselor, has prepared workshops on Egypt and pectin. In addition to the basics, counselors must learn games, songs and campfire activities.

The success of the camp depends on the dedication of the counselors, and with success comes expansion, according to the 4-H office. For example the 4-H partnered with the Environmental Resource Center and held a live day 11.00 a.m. A Wildlife Day Camp Under Canvas Gardening Clinic and volunteering to baby sit at the Sawtooth Botanic Gardens. Bugs Night Out on the agenda for the 11 counselors.

Corbin Minard, Justin Boyle and Kayla Bailey received the Presidential Service Award in part for their contribution as camp counselors.

In 4-H, young people learn leadership, citizenship and life skills. To become involved in the community program or 4-H, call Kelli Knutball at 707-7495 or visit the University of Idaho Extension Office at 302 1st Ave. S. in Hailey.

**Random Kinds of Factness**

See page C2

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Declo Scout receives Eagle award at ceremony

DI CLO -- Brady K. Anderson, son of Kelly and Leslie Anderson of Declo, will receive his Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor at 4 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Declo State Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 W. Main St.

He has completed 25 merit badges. For his sign project he made three or did in a well-cott Park boat docks. Randy White, Rupert Police chief, helped in wording and sign placement. Gaylen Smyer of the Cassia Regional Technical Center and Brady's brother, Sterling Anderson, helped design and make the signs. Payden Allen, Brock Burnett and Brady's family helped post the signs.

Brady is a member of Troop 27 sponsored by the Declo 1st LDS Ward. His leaders were Steve Seaman and Greg Osterhout.

Brady attends ninth grade at Declo High School. He is a 4.0 student and participates in soccer, band and judo. His father is the fourth Eagle Scout in his family.

### American Mothers Inc. will meet on Jan. 4

TWIN FALLS — The American Mothers Inc. of Magic Valley will meet at noon Jan. 4 at

BridgeView Estates Great Room, 1818 Bridgeview Blvd.

The topic will be "Mom's Matter." Guests are encouraged to bring leftover holiday food for the potluck luncheon.

For more information, call Joy at 733-5133.

### Martial arts facility gives parents New Year's break

TWIN FALLS — Success Martial Arts, 1900 Kimberly Road, is offering parents a night out on New Year's Eve.

Parents can drop their children off at 7 p.m. Dec. 31 and pick them up at 10 a.m. Jan. 1. The cost is \$35 each.

Activities include movies, pizza, games and a bounce house. For more information, call 733-8910.

### CSI North Side Center offers courses for spring

GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center, 302 14th Ave. E., is offering spring courses.

"Basic English and Writing" will be held from 1 to 1:50 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Jan. 19 to May 12, at the center.

Another section of the course is offered from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at Wendell High School, 750 E. Main.

The cost is \$360 plus books. The course will provide a review of basic skills and strategies for writing in college and the workplace and paragraph and essay development.

"Music Appreciation" will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 19 to May 10, at

Gooding Middle School, 1070 Seventh Ave. W. The cost is \$245.

Senior citizens age 60 and older may take the class for free. The course may be audited by those not interested in earning credit.

This course provides a basis for enjoyable listening through the discovery of stylistic differences between historical eras and the individual composers within the eras and through the awareness of the various performance media.

For more information, call the center at 934-8678 or visit the office.

### CSI offers class on vector-drawing programs

TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer "Introduction to Vector Drawing" from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 17 to May 11, in the Canyon Building, Room 122, on the CSI Campus, 315 Falls Ave. The cost is \$245.

This course provides instruction in digital paint and draw programs and their porting to desktop publishing programs. Students will use scanning and imaging to incorporate these images into combined graphic elements. For more information or to register, call 732-6441.

### M.V. New Neighbors hears about depression

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley New Neighbors Club will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 4 at the Red Restaurant, 611 Blue Lakes Blvd.

Dr. Matthew Iolly will speak on depression.

### Salvation Army invites teens to Youth Options

TWIN FALLS — The Salvation Army youth options night will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. to midnight, Dec. 30 at the Salvation Army, 1400 Union Ave. S.

The cost is free for those age 13 to 19. There is a \$2 court fee and an open gym, video games, pool and more will be available.

For more information, call Traci Becker at 733-6720.

### Disabled American vets group plans public dance

TWIN FALLS — The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a public dance at 9 p.m. Dec. 30 at the Shaw Hall, 459 Shoup Ave.

The cost is a \$2 donation and Loren Perkins will provide the music.

For more information, call 734-5208.

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www.mismk.com

**200 Employment**

**MEDICAL**  
Activity Assistant  
part time 20 hrs/week  
Pick up applications at  
674 Eastland Dr.  
Twin Falls, Idaho  
Contact:  
Patty Hutchison  
734-4264

**200 Employment**

**COSMETOLOGIST**  
Experienced  
Cosmetologist  
Call 208-735-7763

**PROFESSIONAL**  
Service Consultant  
with 1 yr. experience  
who is fast and  
friendly.  
No phone calls.  
Please come see  
Josh Alonso at  
MIDDLEKAUF  
HONDA

**200 Employment**

**RESTAURANT**  
Dishwasher/Delivery  
person, lunch and  
dinner shifts. 56hr  
week. Apply in person  
428 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. E.

**RESTAURANT**  
Looking for hard work-  
ing, motivated people  
for dish washing with  
opportunities for ad-  
vancement. Apply at  
in person at Jaker's  
1598 Lake Lakes

**200 Employment**

**MEDICAL**  
LPN needed for in-  
cators office. Top pay!  
Call 208-735-7500

**RETAIL**  
Assistant Manager  
for Idaho Valley  
Ranch thru store in  
our Rupert location.  
Retail experience pre-  
ferred. \$6.85 per hour  
plus benefits for DOE.  
Apply in person.  
508 E. on the  
square in Rupert

**200 Employment**

**Automotive**  
TDK Auto Service is  
looking for a motivated,  
hard working  
person for a Front  
Counter position.  
Must be applying and  
friendly. Apply in person  
at  
2374 Addison Ave. E.  
Drug Free Workplace.

**200 Employment**

**Classified Private Party Ads**

Requires pre-pay-  
ment prior to pub-  
lication. Major  
credit/debit cards,  
and cash  
accepted. Check  
processing over the  
phone.

733-0931  
The Times-News

**200 Employment**

**DRIVERS**  
NOR HIRING  
TWIN FALLS/PAUL  
Positions available  
Drivers

\*Home Daily  
\*Top notch  
Equipment  
www.mymisimk.com  
Call Today  
1-866-253-5480

**200 Employment**

**FEEDLOT**  
Feed Van/Par Rider  
position opening im-  
mediately. For very re-  
sponsible individual,  
with experience in  
commercial and con-  
struction in the Sun  
Valley area. Full-  
time year round  
employment. Bene-  
fits include vaca-  
tion, bonus, & insur-  
ance. Pride in em-  
ployee ownership.  
Fax resume to  
Howard Royal at  
208-788-2273 or  
call 208-788-3238  
for more info.

**200 Employment**

**INSTALLERS**  
STAR WEST  
SATELLITE

Piece Rate  
Satellite Technicians  
Star West Satellite is  
seeking highly moti-  
vated people to  
install satellite sys-  
tems in Twin Falls &  
surrounding areas.  
Must have clean  
DMV, own truck,  
and own tools.  
Must work weeks.  
Will train excellent pay 401k  
available.  
Please call  
1-888-818-8402 ext  
112 or email  
spw@starwestsat.net  
www.starwestsat.net

**200 Employment**

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
Immediate opening for  
Production and  
Manufacturing.  
Excellent benefit  
package.  
Drug Free Workplace  
Mail resume to  
The Gallett Company  
PO Box W  
Twin Falls, ID 83303  
email to  
info@gallett.com

**200 Employment**

**SALES**  
South Idaho Press  
has an opening for a  
Classified Sales  
Representative  
Full-time, base plus  
pct commission,  
Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm.

**Job Requirements:**  
\*HS Diploma req.  
\*Minimum typing  
speed-45 wpm  
\*Excellent  
computer skills  
\*Accurate spelling  
\*Good communica-  
tion skills  
\*Able to handle  
multiple tasks  
in a high open-  
ing environment  
\*Must manage  
multiple deadlines  
People skills  
include:  
\*Able to work  
with a variety of  
customers  
\*Maintaining pa-  
tience and profes-  
sionalism while  
providing excellent  
customer service  
\*Bilingual a plus!

Please mail your  
resume to:  
Kim Patterson  
South Idaho Press  
230 East Main St.  
Burley, ID 83318

**200 Employment**

**TECHNICIAN**  
Heavy Truck Trailer  
line  
Maintenance  
Needed  
Wage Based on  
experience  
Unions, boot  
allowance, holiday  
pay, vacation pay,  
health, dental,  
vision insurance  
available.  
Apply in person at  
Sunrise Express  
2516 Doc Taylor Dr.  
Twin Falls, Idaho  
or fax resume to  
208-738-5320.

**200 Employment**

**WRITERS**  
The Times-News in  
Twin Falls is looking  
for freelance writers to  
keep our readers  
informed about what  
is going on in our  
communities. We  
need correspondents to  
keep us up on the  
news in Bliss,  
Dulwich, Eden,  
Fairfield, Hagerman,  
Hazelton, Jerome  
County, Maunabo and  
Wendell. We need  
correspondents to  
cover government  
meetings, and write  
feature stories about  
interesting things  
happening in their  
communities. If you  
are looking for people  
with solid gram-  
mar skills, writing ability  
and a nose for news,  
to turn out timely  
stories that are  
balanced, accurate  
and of interest to our  
readers, then  
interested parties  
send a resume and  
writing sample to  
Will Stiles  
Assistant City Editor  
The Times-News  
P.O. Box 548 Twin  
Falls, Idaho 83303  
email  
wstiles@mgcvalley.com  
or call 208-735-3333

**200 Employment**

**CASHER**  
Friendly outgoing in-  
dividuals wanted for  
a great customer  
service exp. We are  
a 24 hour business  
that requires a flexi-  
ble schedule. Fast  
pace and multi-task-  
ing ability preferred.  
Benefits pkg avail.  
Cashers \$8hr.  
FRT positions  
avail. Apply in  
person  
Flying J Travel  
Plaza 5350 Hwy.  
93 Jerome

**200 Employment**

**CONSTRUCTION**  
Framing Carpenter  
and Laborer needed.  
Call 208-670-5715 or  
208-421-5715.

**CONSTRUCTION**  
Help wanted for  
Concrete & Steel  
Construction workers.  
Wage DOE  
Call 208-539-1883

**200 Employment**

**DRIVERS**  
I & D  
Transportation  
Services  
Seeking qualified  
CDL/A Drivers  
for OTR.  
Pay scale depends  
on experience and  
driving record.  
Good benefits and  
excellent  
equipment.  
Call our Recruiter at  
208-924-5551  
ext 440 or  
888-534-4075

**200 Employment**

**GENERAL**  
Mechanic, FT  
\*Pamier, auto, vr,  
\*Construction  
\*Housekeepers  
\*Plastics Mig  
\*Forklift  
\*Factory Workers  
Personnel Plus  
733-2700  
111 Filer Ave.  
www.personnelplus.com  
No Applicant Fee!

**200 Employment**

**IRRIGATION**  
Irrigation  
Repairman at  
Serviceman  
needed in the  
Magic and Treasure  
Valleys.  
Should be a qual-  
ified welder &  
backhoe operator.  
Insurance, 401k,  
paid vacation,  
holidays, cafeteria  
plan. Wage DOE  
Send resume to  
"Resume"  
PO Box 14  
Twin Falls, ID  
83303

**200 Employment**

**TWIN FALLS**  
Core-Center

Our census has  
increased  
now hiring for  
LPNs & CNAs  
Full-time  
RNA  
Part-time

Looking for  
dependable people  
with great attitudes  
and great medical  
degrees. Call  
denise@twinfallscore.com  
Pick up  
applications at  
Twin Falls Core  
Center  
674 Eastland Dr.

**200 Employment**

**TECHNICIAN**  
Heavy Truck Trailer  
line  
Maintenance  
Needed  
Wage Based on  
experience  
Unions, boot  
allowance, holiday  
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**200 Employment**

**CLERICAL**  
The Cassia County  
Farm Service Agency  
(FSA) office located in  
Burley, Idaho is ac-  
cepting applications for  
an office Assistant  
position. This is a  
temporary position  
and will start  
01/09/06. The job du-  
ties includes general  
office work including  
typing, answering tele-  
phones, working with  
customers and a wide  
variety of computer  
programs. Qualified  
applicants must have  
good computer skills.  
Salary will depend on  
experience.  
Job applications may  
be picked up at 1351  
E. 16<sup>th</sup> in Burley, ID  
and will be accepted  
until 01/03/06. USDA  
is an equal opportuni-  
ty employer and em-  
ployer.

**200 Employment**

**DRIVER**  
Individual and team  
Cattle truck drivers,  
must be 25 years old  
with CDL and good  
driving record. New  
and late model  
equipment. Call  
208-308-8621 or  
208-308-8643

**DRIVER**  
Van/Truck to transport  
children ages 1-5.  
Background check &  
drug test required,  
insurance preferred,  
but not necessary.  
Pick up applications  
at 824 Falls Ave.  
Suite 1050, Twin Falls  
ID

**200 Employment**

**DRIVERS**  
Immediate openings for  
full-time experienced  
Drivers.  
Local work transporting  
hay, straw and other  
farm commodities.  
Double endorsements  
preferred.  
Jackson Trucking  
Jerome Idaho  
208-324-3004

**200 Employment**

**GENERAL**  
We Need  
Tax Preparators &  
Marketers  
Learn computerized  
tax preparation in  
classes starting the  
week of 01/02/05.  
Bilingual helpful. Or  
earn income in per-  
son at  
Hebburn Terminal  
418 Simplot Co  
1341 D Street  
Hebburn, ID 83336  
208-477-1140  
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**FAX YOUR AD**  
TIMES-NEWS  
CLASSIFIED  
DEPARTMENT  
208-734-5538

**DRIVERS**  
New Job P  
Is a new job at the  
top of your  
Christmas List?  
If so give us a call  
Choose from 11  
Wages or 48  
States Food Grade  
Tankers Class A  
tanker  
endorsement, 2 yrs  
OTR exp req. Earn  
up to 36 CPM with  
bonus. Medical and  
salary bonus based  
on exp. and driving  
record.  
1-800-967-2911  
Mon - Fri  
8 AM to 5 PM MDT

**CIRCULATION**  
The Casper Star-Tribune  
is looking for:  
\*Circulation Sales Manager  
This position manages all areas of home  
delivery and single copy sales plans and  
oversees the sales initiative of our cus-  
tomer service representatives.  
\*Customer Care Manager  
This position supervises a customer ser-  
vice team and is responsible for hiring,  
training and scheduling of employees,  
addressing complaints and resolving  
problems and preparation of required  
budgets and reports. Must have strong  
organizational, time management  
and problem solving skills. Must be able  
to multi-task and work with computer sys-  
tems.  
\*Home Delivery Manager  
In addition to a proven track record in  
home delivery customer service, o-  
verseeing circulation and managing employ-  
ees, the ideal candidate will possess  
exceptional communication  
skills, the ability to motivate and under-  
stand business relationships and part-  
nerships.  
\*Production Director  
This position is responsible for planning,  
budgeting, scheduling, quality and  
development of staff. This candidate  
must demonstrate success in effective  
cost, work flow and performance  
management.  
We offer a competitive salary, benefits,  
401k, great work environment and an  
exciting career opportunity. Send your  
resumes to: Human Resources  
Casper Star-Tribune  
P.O. Box 90 Casper, WY 82602 or  
hr@casperstartribune.net  
Deadline: December 30, 2005  
EEO

**MAINTENANCE**  
Press Maintenance Foreman  
Growing company in Eden is looking for  
a highly skilled, motivated individual to  
work in our hay processing plant.  
Seeking qualified individual with welding  
experience ability to service all types of  
equipment and general electrical  
knowledge. Salary DOE or 48  
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**NEWSPAPER**  
EARN EXTRA CASH  
DRIVING TO BOISE!  
Do you need some cash to help  
offset the high cost of fuel?  
The Times-News is looking for a  
distributor to deliver newspapers  
to the State House Boise  
Monday thru Friday during the  
Legislative session.  
If you are interested in  
earning some extra cash call  
Kathy at 208/735-3348

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# EARN EXTRA CASH BY DELIVERING

## The Times-News

What a... Rice price

We are currently accepting applications for independent contractors to deliver the Times-News to our customers. Are you available between 3 and 6 a.m., seven days a week? See how much extra income you could make in just a few hours each week!

**DO YOU LIVE NEAR ANY OF THESE LOCATIONS? IT'S AN EASY WAY TO PICK UP EXTRA CASH ...**

• 2620-2900 9th Ave. E. • 2700-2900 Elizabeth Blvd	• 300-500 Bracken St. N. • 100-600 Filer Ave. W.	• 400-500 Orrall Courts • 100-200 Maurice St. N.	• 1000-1100 Parkway Dr. • 1000-1200 Parkmeadows Dr.
<b>TWIN FALLS</b>	<b>TWIN FALLS</b>	<b>TWIN FALLS</b>	<b>TWIN FALLS</b>
• 1200-1500 Evergreen Dr. • 1200-1400 Holly Dr. • 100-1500 <b>TWIN FALLS</b>	• 1300-1800 Bitterroot Dr. • 1300-1800 Targhee Dr. • 100-1500 <b>TWIN FALLS</b>	• 500-700 Rose St. • Paradise Place Apts.	• 100-500 Tyler Street • 100-500 Burn • 100-500 Hamilton
<b>TWIN FALLS</b>	<b>TWIN FALLS</b>	<b>TWIN FALLS</b>	<b>TWIN FALLS</b>
• 400-600 Falls Ave. W. • 400-900 Rosewood Dr.	• 300-999 Main St. • 100-200 Brook Dr.	• 500-800 Montana • 200-800 Wyoming	• Motor Rt. 809 55 miles/2 hours • \$700-750 every 4 weeks • 100-500 8th Ave. N. • 500-900 Yakima St.
<b>TWIN FALLS</b>	<b>BUHL</b>	<b>GOODING</b>	<b>GOODING</b>
• Substitutes and Carriers wanted - Motor Route	• Substitutes and Carriers wanted - Motor Route	• 300-600 Adams St. • 300-500 Ash St. S.	• 100-500 8th Ave. N. • 500-900 Yakima St.
<b>CAREY</b>	<b>BELLEVUE</b>	<b>KIMBEELY</b>	<b>FILER</b>
• New Park Ave. Subdiv. • South Park Area	• 700-900 Wendell St. • Eastwind Drive • 500-900 Falls Ave.	• 350-500 Buckingham • 250-400 Knochingham Dr.	• 700-899 Academic Dr. • 700-900 Monroe St.
<b>TWIN FALLS</b>	<b>TWIN FALLS</b>	<b>TWIN FALLS</b>	<b>TWIN FALLS</b>
• 500-650 Oak St. N. • 140-500 Oak St. W.	• 500-1000 Eastland Dr. N. • 500-800 Riverview Dr.	• 1100-1300 Brundage Cir. • 1700-1900 Pomarella Dr.	• 400-900 7th Ave. N. • 400-900 8th Ave. N.
<b>KIMBERLY</b>	<b>TWIN FALLS</b>	<b>TWIN FALLS</b>	<b>BUHL</b>

Call now for more information about routes available in your area!

Jerome, Hailey, Shoshone, Gooding & Wendell: Kathy Harman 735-3348  
Twin Falls West, Filer, Buhl, Castledorf: Amy Packham 735-3347  
Twin Falls East & Kimberly: Bryna Gultre 735-3346  
Burley & Hazelton: Amy Miller 677-8761



200 Employment

**SURVEYOR TECH / or Office Work in Boise**... 208-344-2722 ext 11

**WAREHOUSE**... 208-733-0931

**WELDER**... 208-733-0931

**CLASSIFIEDS**... 208-733-0931

**All advertising is subject to the newspaper's standard of acceptance.**

**ROUTES AVAILABLE**

**TWIN FALLS RT. 713**... 208-733-0931

**RT. 794**... 208-733-0931

**RT. 833**... 208-733-0931

**SALES The Wood River Journal**

**Seeking an assertive and dynamic Sales Representative**

**SALES Outside Advertising Executive**

**We seek a motivated self-starter to sell newspaper advertising for The Times-News**

**Help Wanted: SALES ASSOCIATES**

TIMES-NEWS

The Times-News is currently looking for Independent Route Carriers...

**RT. 503**... 208-733-0931

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**SHOSHONE MOTOR ROUTE 617**

**CLASSIFIEDS**... 208-733-0931

**Business Opportunities**

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401 School Instruction

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602 Homes For Sale

**TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm.**... 208-733-0931

**TWIN FALLS 4032 N 3300 E**

**Gem State Realty, Inc.**

**SUNSET Memorial Park**

**601 Furnished Homes**

**Classified Department**

**602 Unfurnished Homes**

**Buhl 3 bedroom, 2 bath**

**FILER classic 2 story**

**FILER clean country home**

**FILER Country Available**

**EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES**

**612 Farms/Ranches/Dairies**

**MAGIC VALLEY Estate**

**WENDELL FARM**

**613 Acreage and Lots**

**FILER 4 bdrm, 2 bath**

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618 Mobile Homes

**WENDELL 310 West Main**... 208-733-0931

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