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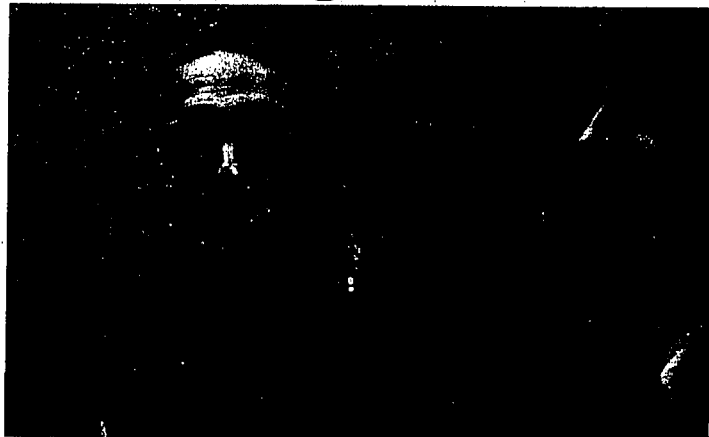
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## Nice arraigned in court



Jim Junior Nice smiles at family as he is escorted out of a courtroom Thursday morning after his grand jury arraignment in 5th District Court in Twin Falls. Nice has been charged with three counts of first-degree murder in the Dec. 21 deaths of his three children.

## Father of slain children appears frail but attentive

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

### Video online

To watch video of Thursday's arraignment, visit <http://www.magicvalley.com>

TWIN FALLS — Wearing wrist and ankle cuffs, Jim Junior Nice smiled at family members Thursday as he was led into the courtroom for arraignment on three counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his three children.

Six-year-old twins Spencer and Justin Nice, and 2-year-old Raquel Nice, were found dead Dec. 21 at Nice's home at 1631 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Nice, 33, appeared to have lost weight since he was last seen at the scene two weeks ago. His hair was shorter than before and he seemed more attentive to court proceedings.

Fifth District Judge John Hohnhorst informed Nice that a grand jury has indicted him on three counts of first-degree murder.

He entered a not guilty plea for Nice and informed him that the maximum penalty for a first-degree murder conviction is "death by lethal injection or imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole."

The entering of a plea starts a 30-day time frame for Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loeb to file a notice to seek the death

penalty. Loeb said previously he did not make a decision.

However, a second grand jury indictment charges Nice with killing his children under "aggravating circumstances," conditions necessary for the imposition of a death penalty. Nice waived his right to have the indictments read in court, noting that he has read them and understands the charges.

The indictments accuse Nice of killing the children with a combination of over-the-counter medicine and rat poison and allege the deaths were "especially heinous, atrocious or cruel, manifesting exceptional depravity."

The deaths, just a few days before Christmas, have sent emotional shock waves through the Magic Valley, especially in Hagerman where the children attended kindergarten.

The case has received national and international attention. Local authorities have received news media inquiries from as far away as Germany.

Hohnhorst ruled that Nice can continue to be represented by the public defender's office. Further court appearances and a trial date will be scheduled later. Hohnhorst said.

Although Nice appeared in good spirits throughout the proceedings, tears welled in his eyes as he smiled again and nodded to family members while being led from the courtroom.

He is being held without bail in the Twin Falls County jail.

## Doomed miners left relatives farewell notes

The Associated Press

TALLMANSVILLE, W.Va. — Some of the 12 coal miners who died in the Sago Mine disaster scrawled farewell notes assuring their loved ones that their final hours trapped underground amid toxic gases were not spent in agony.

"I'd all I (will) see them on the other side," read the note found with the body of 51-year-old mine foreman Martin Toler Jr. "It wasn't bad. I just went to sleep. I love you Jr."

Tom Toler, Martin's older brother who worked 30 years in the mine with him, said

## Some tried to assure loved ones they weren't suffering at the end

Thursday that the note was "written very lightly and very loosely" in block letters on the back of an insurance application form his brother had in his pocket.

"I took it to mean that it was written in the final stages," the brother said. "I'd call it more or less scribbling."

The miners died after an explosion that rocked the mine Monday morning. Eleven of the victims were discovered nearly 42 hours after the blast, at the deepest point of the

mine, behind a curtain-like barrier set up to keep out carbon monoxide, a toxic byproduct of combustion that was found to be present at deadly levels inside the shaft. The 12th victim was believed to have been killed by the blast itself.

Autopsies were under way Thursday, and officials would not comment on the cause of death or how long the men might have survived.

John Groves, whose brother Jerry was one of the victims,

told The Associated Press that he knew that at least four notes were left behind. He said his family did not receive one.

No note was found on the body of 59-year-old machine operator Fred Ware Jr., but daughter Peggy Cohen said she and other relatives who went to identify bodies at a temporary morgue were told by the medical examiner that some of the men wrote letters with a similar message: "Your dad didn't suffer."

"The notes said they weren't suffering, they were just going to sleep," said Cohen, who planned to retrieve her father's

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## Historic wolf agreement signed

### Idaho assumes management

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho assumed management authority over more than 500 gray wolves roaming the state's central mountains under an agreement signed Thursday by Interior Secretary Gale Norton and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Under the new agreement, Department of Fish and Game agencies, not the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are responsible for day-to-day management, including issuing wolf kill permits to ranchers whose livestock fall prey to wolves.

Ranching groups heralded the transfer, saying the state will be more responsive than federal managers in controlling wolves that eat their cattle and sheep. Advocates for the predator,



U.S. Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton and Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne hold a signed memorandum in Boise on Thursday noting that Idaho has assumed management authority over the hundreds of gray wolves that roam the state's central mountains.

however, fear state control will hurt wolf recovery efforts. Norton and Kempthorne, who called it a historic event, hope it leads to removing federal

protection under the Endangered Species Act program for wolves in the region within 12 months. Since re-introduction to Idaho in 1995, Please see WOLVES, Page A2



Ariel Sharon

## Israel readies for life without Sharon

Nation's leader remained in an induced coma Thursday in Jerusalem

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Doctors said Thursday that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon will be kept in a medically induced coma for up to three days to prevent further damage from a massive stroke. His sons held a bedside vigil and state media broadcast mournful songs.

Hadassah Hospital's switchboard was flooded with get-well messages and the nation's top rabbis called on Israelis to rush to synagogues and pray for the 77-year-old ex-general, whom many saw as the best hope for peace with the Palestinians.

Sharon's deputy, Ehud Olmert, tried to convey a sense of stability while serving as acting prime minister, but Sharon's dramatic downturn left Israelis fearful.

The Web site of the respected Haaretz daily quoted hospital officials as saying Sharon suffered vast brain damage.

But Dr. Shlomo Mor-Yosef, Hadassah Hospital director, sought to quash widespread rumors that the prime minister was brain-dead. Sharon's pupils were responding to light, "which means the brain is functioning," he told reporters.

"We are fighting for the life of the prime minister, with no compromise," he said.

Sharon's collapse less than three months before March 28 elections left in limbo his moderate Kadima Party, which had appeared headed for an easy victory.

Palestinians reacted with a mixture of gloom at seeing the fall of their longtime enemy and apprehension at the instability that could follow. Some Palestinian leaders worried Sharon's illness could derail their Jan. 25 parliamentary elections. "We are watching with great worry at what might happen next," said Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said.

Foreign leaders, who embraced Sharon after his unilateral pullout

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## Most cancer patients don't quit their jobs

By Eilon Simon  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A large Morrell viewed her 2004 ovarian cancer diagnosis as a challenge. "From the minute I was diagnosed, my focus was completely on how do I get over this as fast as possible so I can get back to work," said Morrell, an author and speaker.

More than one-third of the women in America and almost half the men will be diagnosed with cancer sometime in their lives, and for many, the diagnosis will come while they're working — literally. Many patients hear the diagnosis for the first time when their doctor phones at work. Most continue working while they're treated.

According to a study of 198 cancer patients ages 25 to 64 published in the journal "Cancer," about 59 percent of men and 61 percent of women did

not quit working during cancer treatment, said Barbara Hoffmann, a founding board member of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship. "Most people, if they're really not able to work will say, 'I can't come in this week or this month, or these four months,' but they really want to reintegrate to work when they're able to."

One reason: Health insurance. Cathy J. Bradley, of the Massey Cancer Center at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, is studying cancer treatment and work. She found that 38 percent of prostate cancer patients said they kept working to maintain their health insurance. Married

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TRAVELER'S FORECAST

Today: Near record high temperatures possible and increasing clouds. High mid to upper 40s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies and spotty showers.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, not as mild and a few light rain and snow showers. High low 40s.

SHOULDER RUMBLE FORECAST

Today: Mild January temperatures and mostly dry. High in the middle 40s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies and spotty showers.
Tomorrow: A few degrees cooler and mostly cloudy. A chance of showers also exists.

BOISE FORECAST

Increasing clouds today with a chance of late rain and snow showers. Scattered rain and snow showers will develop at times for both Saturday and Sunday.

NORTHERN UTAH FORECAST

Mostly dry and very cold for today. However, the weekend will not be as warm. It will also be mostly cloudy with spotty showers.

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The next several days will be mostly cloudy with on and off snow showers. Snow will be heavy in higher elevations, and especially so on Saturday and Sunday.

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAMP'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Don't think I have to stop yet. If you run into it, well, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

Robertson links Sharon's stroke to God's wrath

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Christian broadcaster Pat Robertson suggested Thursday that Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's stroke was divine punishment for "dividing God's land."
"God considers this land to be his," Robertson said on his television program "The 700 Club."

man and a good friend." He said he was set to see Sharon in this country.
He also said, however, that in the Bible, the prophet Joel "makes it very clear that God has enmity against those who 'divide my land.'"
Sharon "was dividing God's land and I would say woe unto any prime minister of Israel who takes a similar course to appease the EU (European Union), the United Nations, or the United States of America," Robertson said.

Sharon

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from the Gaza Strip last year, also expressed concern.
Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice praised Sharon as "a man of enormous courage" and British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said he was praying for a miraculous recovery.
Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi postponed a visit to the region, and two U.S. envoys who were to arrive Thursday delayed their trip.

Thursday — sitting beside Sharon's empty seat — and said the government would continue to function.
"It's a difficult situation," Olmert, a former Jerusalem mayor, told the ministers.
He later spoke with Abbas by telephone. The Palestinian leader expressed concern for Sharon and wished him a speedy recovery, Palestinian officials said.
Attorney General Meni Mazuz announced that the Israeli election would be held as planned. Sharon was to face off against the new head of his former Likud party, Benjamin Netanyahu, and Labor Party leader Amir Peretz.

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women with breast cancer often seek life insurance. It is through their husbands' employer are more likely to take time off than married women with breast cancer who are responsible for their own health insurance coverage.
Still, even the rich and famous seem eager to return to work.
ABC's "48 Hours" news anchor Peter Jennings announced last April that he had been diagnosed with lung cancer and spoke hopefully about returning to work (Jennings died in August).

supreme," said Orig, who attended the signing ceremony.

Idaho and Montana have federally approved management plans, but Wyoming's effort has stalled. All three states need plans before Norton approves delisting.
"These populations have grown beyond anyone's expectations," Norton told ranchers, predator managers and others in Kemphome's office for the signing. "Together we will ensure a bright future — both for wolves and the people of Idaho who live near them."
Montana already has assumed similar management authority within its borders.
As part of their new powers, Idaho Fish and Game agents are now the ones responsible for investigating whenever a wolf has been killed in the state.
Despite the transfer also won't usher in Idaho wolf hunts, at least for now.
For the animals to be treated like other large predators such as mountain lions and black bear, the federal government first must lift Endangered Species Act protections — something Kemphome and Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho are promoting.
"The wolf has a place, here in Idaho. But its place is not

ing problems," he said. "We are having problems. They're having an adverse effect on livestock and wildlife in certain areas."

In 2005, federal wildlife agents investigated 93 rancher complaints, with wolves confirmed or suspected of having killed 181 sheep, 18 calves, six cows and 11 dogs. That compares to 2003, when wolves were blamed for killing 118 sheep, 13 calves and six guard dogs.
The trend has been, as wolf numbers increase, predator damage has increased, said Mark Collinge, director of the federal Wildlife Services office in Boise.
Still, federal and state wolf managers don't expect significant reductions in Idaho wolves in the near future.
That's because wolf numbers are still rising in the state, while their numbers have stabilized in neighboring Montana and Wyoming. Altogether, there are about 850 wolves in the North-Central Rockies region.
And even though Idaho wolf managers will retain final say over whether wolves could be killed to enhance big game populations, Federal officials say there is no chance of any wholesale slaughter of wolves.

Cancer

Most people want to keep working.
Researcher Bradley said, "To some extent, I feel like we do a disservice to make it seem like someone can work while they get treatment. The reality is, not everyone can. And for some people, it probably not good for them."

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Miners

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belongings to see if he had put a note in his lunch box.
Cohen said her father had the peaceful look of someone who died of carbon monoxide, and the only mark on his body was a bruise on his chest.
"it comforts me to know he didn't bruise or crush," she said. "I read a lot and a note. I think I needed to visualize and see him."

struggling with the effects of oxygen deprivation to his vital organs. Doctors said he may have suffered brain damage. On Thursday afternoon, he was moved from a hospital in Morgantown to one in Pittsburgh for hyperbaric oxygen treatment.
The treatment helps get oxygen to the body's tissues, including the brain, and can help increase blood cells to fight infections or promote healing of injuries.
"Certainty Mr. McCloy is going to have a tough course,"

said Dr. John Prescott. "We just don't know at this point how things will turn out."
The miner's father, Randal McCloy Sr., told The Associated Press that he believes "in his heart" that his sons mostly 50-year-old colleagues decided during their last days to donate hours to share their dwindling supply of oxygen with his son because he was the youngest of the group and had two young children.
"Those men were like brothers. They took care of each other," he said.

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# Bombings target Sunni police recruits

## Day of bloodshed threatens to backfire on al-Zarqawi as 130 are killed across Iraq

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The residents of Ramadi had had enough. As they frantically searched the city's hospital for relatives killed and wounded in bomb blasts at a police recruiting station Thursday, they did something they had never publicly done: They blamed al-Qaida in Iraq, the insurgent movement led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

"Neither the Americans nor the Shiites have any benefit in doing this. It is Zarqawi," said Khalid Sandi, 42, who came to the hospital looking for his brother, Muhammad. Sandi said he hoped that sympathies in the city, considered a hotbed of support for the Sunni Arab insurgency, would turn against al-Zarqawi's faction.

Sandi later learned that his brother was one of more than 130 people killed in attacks Thursday in Iraq. The violence, which included a suicide bombing in Karbala, continued to one of the bloodiest days since the U.S.-led invasion of the country in 2003.



Victims of a suicide bomber attack are brought to a Ramadi hospital Thursday. The attack killed 86 alone in this insurgent stronghold during a Monday day in Iraq. Sunnis in Ramadi blamed the attack on al-Qaida in Iraq leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

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— Khalid Sandi, Sunni Iraqi who lost his brother in attack

and killed four Iraqi police officers in Baquba, north of Baghdad, an Iraqi government spokesman said.

In the Ramadi attack, more than 1,000 men had gathered at the center to apply for new jobs with the Iraqi police, Marine Capt. Jeffrey Pool said in the statement. A suicide bomber detonated an explosive vest in the middle of the crowd, wounding

and Iraqi police said. Wounded and panicked applicants surged forward in hopes of finding a way from the Jersey-walled entrance into the recruiting center, where another bomber was waiting to detonate an explosive belt, said one witness, Amar Oda, who was among those looking for a job.

"I just saw flesh and body parts festooning the cement barriers," Oda, 23, said from his hospital bed, where he was receiving medical treatment for wounds in his head and back.

Some of those killed were tribal leaders who had come to supervise the recruitment of residents into the country's police force, Majeed Tikriti, a doctor in Ramadi's hospital, said. Local leaders have repeatedly demanded that U.S. and Iraqi authorities allow men from Ramadi to serve in Iraq's armed forces. They had argued that only locally recruited soldiers could bring a measure of control to the city of 400,000 on

the Euphrates River, which is considered one of the key centers of the Sunni-led insurgency.

Though U.S. and Iraqi authorities have been reluctant to allow this, on the grounds that locally recruited soldiers are vulnerable to coercion by insurgents, they have relaxed in recent weeks. Pool said in the statement that since recruiting began Monday, recruiters have screened 600 applicants who met basic requirements to join the police.

The Ramadi residents responded to the attack with fury. Nearly everyone at the scene said they believed it had been ordered by al-Zarqawi's al-Qaida in Iraq, considered the most ruthless and best-organized faction in the insurgent movement.

"People in this city helped Zarqawi a lot, and I hope this would make them change their minds," said Sandi. Abd Ali, a captain in the Iraqi army hit by shrapnel in the legs.

# Shooting along U.S. border raises tensions

Chicago Tribune

MEXICO CITY — The shooting of an unnamed man along an increasingly violent stretch of the border fence between the United States and Mexico has become the latest flash point in the debate over illegal immigration and border security.

The government of President Vicente Fox has mounted a vigorous protest of the killing of Guillermo Martinez, 18, who allegedly was shot by a U.S. Border Patrol agent Friday after he illegally scaled the fence between Tijuana, Mexico, and San Diego. U.S. officials say Martinez threatened the agent with a rock.

Saying the incident is proof that the U.S. immigration system leads to violence and other problems along the border, Fox's government has sent an official diplomatic complaint to Washington. The Mexican government has also sent a letter to the U.S. State Department each are investigating the shooting.

On Thursday, the U.S. State Department is trying to determine whether the proposed immigration and border laws.

Among the proposals is controversial legislation passed by the U.S. House last month that would build 700 more miles of fence along the 2,000-mile border at a cost of \$2.2 billion.

guments in favor of toughening U.S. border policy after Border Patrol officials alleged that Martinez was not an innocent immigrant but one of the criminal migrant smugglers who have increasingly threatened agents with rocks, Molotov cocktails, slingshots and occasionally gunfire.

The nighttime shooting took place just over the fence from the Tijuana neighborhood of Libertad, which is so notorious for its smugglers and clashes with authorities that some Mexican border agents hesitate to patrol it on foot after dark.

"The agent, in self-defense, made a decision and fired off a round," said Todd Fraser, a Border Patrol spokesman. "It's left in the hands of the investigators whether this was a justified shooting or not."

While the Border Patrol, the Department of Homeland Security, the Mexican government and the San Diego Police Department each are investigating the shooting, Mexican officials are trying to determine whether the proposed immigration and border laws.

# Some not giving up Abramoff money

## Sens. Reid, Clinton keeping some funds linked to disgraced lobbyist

WASHINGTON (AP) — While dozens of lawmakers are dumping contributions from disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff and his clients, others including Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid will not taint and plan to keep the money.

Still other officials and lawmakers, from Republican President Bush to Democratic Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, are splitting the difference. They say only some of the money linked to Abramoff is tainted.

As recently as Wednesday, Rangel refused to return any of the money he received from Abramoff-linked clients or firms. On Thursday, his spokesman said the congressman would give up \$2,000 from a law firm where Abramoff once worked — donating it to the Boys Choir of Harlem — but would keep the rest, some \$47,000.

"He has no problems with his contributions from native American tribes and he's not returning any of that," said spokesman Eric Milne. "It would be ridiculous for us to assume that these tribes would be forced or directed by Abramoff to help congressman Rangel."

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton,

a fellow New York Democrat, is taking the opposite tack, donating \$2,000 received from tribes Abramoff had worked with but deciding to keep contributions from lawyers at his firm.

"I suspect most members don't know they don't have the right answer and they're just forced to make a judgment now in a very fluid situation," said Larry Noble, the government's former chief election lawyer. He now runs the nonpartisan Center for Responsible Politics, which studies fundraising.

Rep. J.D. Hayworth, R-Ariz., co-chairman of the Congressional Native American Caucus, has received more than \$150,000 from Indian tribes once represented by Abramoff, donations he has said he will keep because they were given independently of Abramoff's influence. He donated to charity \$2,250 he got from Abramoff.

Others who plan to keep Abramoff-related money in-

clude Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., with \$41,000; Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., \$42,500, and Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., \$10,000.

Some lawmakers are keeping quiet for now. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., has not said if he intends to keep \$6,000 from Abramoff, his wife, and a tribe.

"These are political judgments, not ethical judgments. If you are politically smart you give it all back to try to get as far away from this scandal as you can," said Steve Cohen, a professor of politics at Columbia University.

The real problem, Cohen said, is that politics puts elected officials in a type of bazaar, collecting money all the time. To survive politically, they're constantly in touch with rich people and moneyed interests.

Reid received some \$61,000 from tribes that were once Abramoff clients. He is not going to give any of that money away, said his spokeswoman Tessa Hifen.

"Senator Reid has done nothing wrong and he doesn't see any reason why he would need to return the money," Hifen said.

Rep. Thomas Reynolds, R-N.Y., chair of the House GOP fundraising arm, will not return at least \$7,000 in donations from Abramoff-linked tribes, his aides said.

Abramoff, 46, appeared in

Miami federal court Wednesday, admitting to conspiracy and wire fraud connected to his purchase of a gambling boat fleet.

A day earlier in Washington he pleaded guilty to three other federal charges as part of a deal with prosecutors to cooperate in a probe that could involve up to 20 members of Congress and aides, including former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

His guilty pleas have shaken many in Washington. The Bush-Cheney 2004 election campaign gave up some \$6,000 in donations that came from Abramoff, his wife, and a client tribe.

A Texas group urged the presidential campaign on Thursday to disclose the sources of \$100,000 or more that Abramoff raised for the re-election effort. The group, known as Public Budgets, urged the public should know if that money came from Abramoff clients.

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NATION/WORLD



Jose Padilla, center, an alleged al-Qaida operative held as an 'enemy combatant' for more than three years, is escorted to a waiting police vehicle by federal marshals Thursday in Miami.

# Padilla makes first court appearance

Judge to decide whether suspect is to be released on bail

MIAMI (AP) — Jose Padilla, the alleged al-Qaida operative held as an "enemy combatant" for more than three years, made his first appearance in court Thursday after he was taken from a Navy brig and flown to Miami. The transfer from military to civilian custody began after a legal battle that went all the way to the Supreme Court. Padilla appeared before a judge on criminal charges after he was taken from a brig in South Carolina and flown by

military aircraft to Miami, said U.S. Marshals Service spokesman Dave Turner. He is to enter a plea Friday. At the brief hearing, U.S. Magistrate Judge Barry Gauber explained Padilla's rights as a criminal defendant and asked whether he understood them. "Yes, I do," said Padilla, dressed in an orange prison jumpsuit and shackled at the wrists and ankles. He wore glasses and had a short haircut. Gauber set a hearing for this afternoon for Padilla to enter his plea and to determine whether he will remain in custody or be released on bail. Prosecutors said they would seek for him to be held before his trial.

Padilla, a former Chicago gang member, was arrested at Chicago's O'Hare Airport in May 2002 and held by the Bush administration without criminal charges on suspicion of plotting to detonate a radioactive "dirty bomb" inside the United States. The U.S. Supreme Court has been asked to use Padilla's case to define the extent of presidential power over U.S. citizens who are detained on American soil on suspicion of terrorism. But before the high court could decide whether to take up the case, the Bush administration indicted Padilla in November in civilian court. The charges do not involve the "dirty bomb" allegations,

contending instead that Padilla joined a North American terror support network that sent him overseas to train with al-Qaida and to "murder, maim and kidnap" people on foreign soil. The transfer of Padilla from military to civilian custody was approved Wednesday by the Supreme Court, which overruled the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The appeals court had refused to allow the transfer in a decision sharply critical of the Bush administration. It suggested the administration changed tactics and indicted Padilla to avert a ruling from the Supreme Court on presidential powers during wartime.

## Bombing kills Afghans during ambassador visit

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomb exploded in a crowded market Thursday in an Afghan town just a few hundred yards from where the U.S. ambassador was meeting with local leaders. Ten Afghans were killed and 50 wounded in the deadliest of a recent series of attacks.

Ambassador Ronald E. Neumann was not hurt in the blast. A purported Taliban spokesman claimed responsibility and said the insurgents hoped to kill "high-ranking Americans." Recent violence in Afghanistan has reinforced fears voiced by Afghan officials that the Taliban and al-Qaida may have merged some of their forces and are adopting terror tactics used in Iraq. The bombing follows a foiled plot by militants in June to assassinate Neumann's predecessor, Zalmay Khalilzad.

The Taliban was ousted from power in Afghanistan four years ago for hosting Osama bin Laden. Thursday's attack occurred in Thrin Kot, capital of mountainous Unuzgan province, which has seen some of the fiercest Taliban fighting in the past year.

The bomb detonated in a market where townsfolk were trading sheep, vegetables and other local goods — about 500 yards from the home of the provincial governor, where the ambassador was meeting local officials, deputy provincial governor Abdul Aziz said.

It was unclear if the attacker purposely detonated the bomb or if it blew up prematurely. "People were lying dead and wounded everywhere. They were screaming and crying. Some had no legs and arms," said Dil Agha, a 50-year-old farmer. "Who would do such a thing? These were innocent people."

Among the wounded was the

provincial deputy police chief, who was manning a checkpoint next to the governor's house. Fifteen of the 50 wounded were in critical condition and had been rushed to hospitals in nearby Kandahar city, a former Taliban stronghold.

Two of the 10 dead were children, said Abdullah Khan, the governor's spokesman. The ambassador, who always travels with heavy security and whose schedule is rarely made public, was quickly whisked into a small room by his bodyguards when the explosion was heard, Aziz said. They waited there for about 15 minutes before they left the building.

The ambassador then returned safely to the capital, Kabul, U.S. Embassy spokesman Lou Fintor said. "The ambassador and his party are safe and have been accounted for. They were not in any danger," he said.

A purported Taliban spokesman, Qari Mohammed Yousof, called The Associated Press shortly after the blast to claim responsibility. He said the assailant was an Afghan and had hidden a land mine under his clothes.

Yousof said the Taliban were aware that some senior American officials planned to visit the town, but did not know who. He said the bomber intended to attack them.

Yousof has claimed responsibility for previous attacks in Afghanistan, but his exact ties to Taliban leadership are unclear. The past year has been the bloodiest since 2001 as the Taliban and al-Qaida militants stepped up attacks. About 1,600 people were killed. Ninety-one American troops died in combat and accidents, more than double the total in 2004.

Since September, at least a dozen suicide bombings have hit the country.

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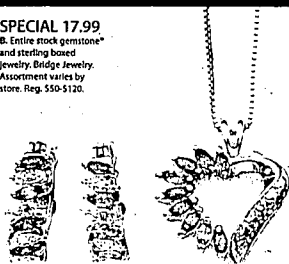
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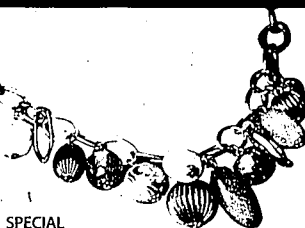
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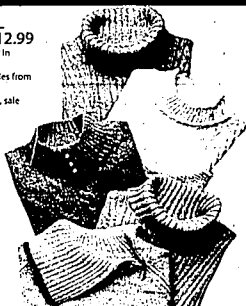
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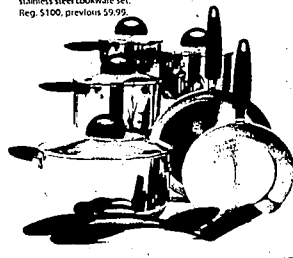
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## EDITORIAL

### Don't pin high hopes on higher pheasant figures

Every once in a while (once in a decade, actually), the memories come flying back to upland game bird hunters. Then comes the eternal question: What happened to the glorious pheasant hunts of Idaho's past?

Alfalfa hay earlier to support livestock industries. Those cuts have a severe impact on bird mortality and habitat.

And without habitat, a pheasant is just a cousin to the dog.

This being an ag community, the decline of pheasant hunts over the

**Our view: An upswing in pheasant numbers should remind us that big increases are difficult to sustain in the Magic Valley.**

**What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

This year, pheasant hunters couldn't help but ask that question again. Idaho Fish and Game numbers showed an upswing in the just-completed bird hunt. Fish and Game studies showed an average of one bird spotted just about every two miles, the highest rate since 1994. In 2004, the rate was just about one bird for every four miles.

Seeing ringnecks flourish again, even just a little bit, will tease the loyal Idaho hunter to ask and press for a return to the days of yore when pheasants dangled from hunting bags with pride like merit badges from a Scout sash.

So before the masses start wishing for that return, just remember that in an agricultural community, Mother Nature gives and she takes away. What's good for the efficiency of farming is not beneficial to the state's pheasant population. The results will probably be low pheasant numbers for many future years.

Advances in farming and irrigation are the main factors behind decline in pheasant habitat. The shift from slope irrigation to sprinkler irrigation eliminates weeds and vegetation edges that sheltered many pheasants. Farmers are also using more acreage and are cut-

past two decades has been taken in stride. Water resources are thin and the irrigation changes are necessary to stretch every drop. Many southern Idaho farmers are hunters themselves who lived for the excitement of pheasants past. Seeing the numbers drop is disappointing, but losing out on farm profits is more painful.

Pheasants may be a non-native species, but they're still hanging in there. This year's late spring rains delayed May alfalfa cuts, giving pheasant chicks more time. Similar progress may come with future conservation programs, according to Fish and Game regional wildlife manager Randy Smith. But it will take a large, concerted effort.

What would be necessary for it to happen would be major innovative changes in farm programs," Smith said. "There is no economic incentive for farmers to do something for pheasants. I consider pheasants a byproduct of farming. You get a few from what's left over from your farming product."

A rebound in pheasant numbers would be a welcome trend throughout southern Idaho. But as long as farming remains a top priority for the Magic Valley, pinning for pheasants of the past will do us no good.



### Dissing the 'Iron Lady'

**POWELLSTEWART N. IRELAND** — In America, the party out of power gets to respond when the president makes a major address. The outs try to contrast their viewpoint with the president on one or more issues, hoping to show their ideas are more worthy of voter consideration in the next election.



**CAL THOMAS**

Incredibly to many conservatives, David Cameron is simultaneously bashing former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the one conservative leader in recent history with a record of real accomplishments.

dissing Ronald Reagan's record and you get a sense of how shocked many British conservatives must be over Cameron's remarks. The 39-year-old Cameron (young enough to be Thatcher's grandson) has been in his new post less than a month, but has the temerity to suggest that Thatcher's policies have no relevance in modern Britain. He pledged not to be tied in any way to her thinking. The world is changing so quickly, he asserted, that strict ideologies should be forewarned in favor of a flexible approach to politics.

Cameron warned those who embrace Thatcher's conservatism: "There has been a tendency for some Conservatives to treat Britain, particularly our public services, as an ideological laboratory. But today, in a world that is constantly changing, we need open minds. At the next election, a whole generation of people will be voting who were born after Mrs. Thatcher left office. So when it comes to tackling the big challenges of our society, I will not be the prisoner of an ideological past."

Does that mean Britain can learn nothing from Winston Churchill or Benjamin Disraeli or the likes of Neville Chamberlain? This is the tyranny of the Internet generation that only "modern" ideas are worthy of consideration and anything before laptops is as old hat as a radio tube or Twigg.

Perhaps Cameron would like to share with Britain's conservatives the precisely which Thatcher policies have exceeded their "expiration date." A politics without an ideological

foundation is a politics without purpose.

Margaret Thatcher's convictions are to be preferred over what appears to be David Cameron's pandering. She said, "I always cheer up immensely if an attack is particularly wounding because I think, if they attack me personally, it means they have not a single political argument left." Or, "Good Conservatives always pay their bills. And on time. Not like the Socialists who run up other people's bills" or, "Socialists have always spent much of their time seeking new titles for their beliefs, because the old versions so quickly become outdated and discredited."

The history of liberalism in Britain and America has mostly been about giving people what they want and convincing them they are victims and that only government can help them. While the history of conservatism has mostly been about telling people what they need and giving them opportunities to better their lives. As Lady Thatcher put it, her "outmoded" way, "When you hold back the successful, you penalize those who need help."

A brief letter to the editor of The Daily Telegraph from an E.D. Weaving of Carshalton, Surrey had it right: "Having read about Mr. Cameron's proposals for Conservative politics, I think we might as well vote New Labour."

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## LETTERS

### Beat the winter blues with kerosene

I just read the article, "Ten things to beat a cold." An sound good. There's a better one. It always worked. When I, my two sisters and brother were small back in Nebraska (11th row 82), mama would give us a teaspoon of kerosene and sugar. Always worked. (We had a kerosene stove to keep warm.)  
MARCEL L. LADD  
Twin Falls

### New high school needs realistic courses

As a retired Twin Falls High School teacher who no longer lives in Twin Falls, I would like to make a suggestion. What Twin Falls needs is a top-notch facility for technical-academic education with all the bells and whistles, including a gymnasium for lifetime physical fitness and facilities for fine arts education.

It does not need another outdated 20th-century facility with baseball and football field, track and spectator gymnasium and more expensive athletic teams to further divide the young people.

Give these future citizens the opportunity to make some serious, real-life choices and the voters a reason to say "yes."  
JEANNE ALBAN  
Buhl

### Unwinnable war in Iraq must be put to an end

The system we got is broken. We have a situation in Iraq we can't win. Congress has got to put an end on it. Now! The war is not winnable. Yesterday (Jan. 2), Bush went to his weed patch in Crawford, Ark. When he got assigned to protect him, He has almost as many people looking out for him as we got in Iraq. One person, Air Force One, multi-million airplanes, thousands of FBI, CIA and 90,000 people in the Pentagon — on and on.

How do we get an army with a flak vest on and not one of them knows what the enemy looks like. Not one of them. Why do they do it? Not saying when the bomb goes off, it's too late. We have a war we can't win.

Israel, Palestine — in spaces. Same kind of war: a war of revenge.

No different than 1945. The Japanese kamikaze suicide pilots. We can't fight these kind of wars. No way.

This president ain't no Harry Truman, period. He doesn't have the integrity to win a war like this. Congress, Mr. Bush. Needs to bring a halt now, before they kill all our loved ones on a time limit.

Iraq, a non-win war. Twenty years won't win it. Congress failed us all. They let Bush start a war we can't win. Pull out and give the mess to Cheney and Hillburton. They would it. Give it to them — for free. Send Cheney over there to run it. We can't win it. Pay attention!  
B.J. (BARNEY) ROWLAND  
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## As Israel's Prime Minister Sharon fades, hope goes with him

The stroke suffered by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon could prove to be one of the great disasters in the country's near-60-year history. As I write this, Sharon's condition remains uncertain, but the severity of his stroke makes it unlikely that he will survive, let alone return to power. That could be disastrous because Sharon has represented, indeed embodied, the emergence of a rational, far-sighted national idea that seemed poised in the coming elections to create a stable governing political center for the first time in decades.



**CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER**

For a generation, Israeli politics have offered two alternatives. The left said: We have to negotiate peace with the Palestinians. The right said: There's no one to talk to because they don't want to make peace; they want to destroy us, so we stay in the occupied territories and try to integrate them into Israel.

argued that the only way to security was a unilateral re-drawing of Israel's boundaries by building a fence around a new Israel and withdrawing Israeli soldiers and settlers from the other side. The other side would become independent Palestine.

Accordingly, Sharon withdrew Israel entirely from Gaza. On the other hand, the West Bank, the separation fence now under construction will give the new Palestine about 93 percent of the West Bank. Israel's 7 percent share will encompass a sizable majority of Israelis who live on

the West Bank. The rest, every-one understands, will have to evacuate back to Israel.

The success of this fence-plus-unilateral-withdrawal strategy is easily seen in the collapse of the intifada. Palestinian terror attacks are down 90 percent. Israel's economy has revived. In 2005 it grew at the fastest rate in the entire West. Tourists are back and the country has regained its confidence. The Sharon idea of a smaller but secure and demographically Jewish Israel garnered broad public support, marginalized the old parties of the left and right,

and was on the verge of electoral victory that would establish a new political center to carry on this strategy.

The problem is that the vehicle for this Sharonist centrism, his new Kadima Party, is only a few weeks old, has no institutional structure, and is hugely dependent on the charisma of and public trust in Sharon.

To be sure, Kadima is not a one-man party. It immediately drew large numbers of defectors from the old left and right parties (Labor and Likud), including Cabinet members and members of Parliament. It will not collapse overnight. But Sharon's passing from the scene will weaken it in the coming March elections and will jeopardize its future. Sharon needed time, perhaps just a year or two, to rule the country as Kadima leader, lay down its institutional roots and groom a new generation of party leaders to take over after him.

This will not happen. There is no one in the country, let alone in his party, with his prestige and standing. Ehud Olmert, his deputy and

now acting prime minister, is far less likely to score the kind of electoral victory that would allow a stable governing majority.

Kadima represents an idea whose time has come. But not all who have the time to come realize themselves. They need real historical actors to carry them through.

Sharon was a historical actor of enormous proportions, having served in every one of Israel's wars from its founding in 1948, having almost single-handedly saved Israel with his daring crossing of the Suez Canal in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, and now having broken Israel's left-right political duopoly that had left the country bereft of any strategic ideas to navigate the Suez Canal. Sharon put Israel on the original strategic path out of that wreckage.

But, alas, he had taken his country only halfway there when he himself was taken away.

And he left no Joshua.  
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# GOP has a lot to lose from Abramoff scandal

If you're the sort who enjoys those giant jigsaw puzzles that consume consecutive summer vacations, have we got a scandal for you!

Corrupt lobbyist Jack Abramoff may be the biggest piece of the puzzle, but there are scores of others that, once pieced together, form an almost cartoonish picture of extreme greed and corruption.

Start with the characters, a surreal hodgepodge of caricature, including: *il capo* Abramoff, the gangster in tight overcoat and fedora striding from the courthouse, grin-faced and missing only a cigarette dangling from his lips; a variety of politicians and *il Street* lobbyists, all looking like they just remembered they left a porn site up on their mother-in-law's computer; and, not to leave anyone out, Indians—that most sacred of all American victim groups.

Oh, wait, and the Christian activist, Ralph Reed, who worked with Abramoff to get an Indian casino shut down in El Paso, Texas, after which Abramoff convinced the same tribe to pay him to get it re-opened.

No fiction writer could improve on that story line: Washington and the Christians shaft the Indians ... again.

All we need to make the picture complete is a stripper named Fanny.

Ah, well, the night is young. Meanwhile, we have about 20 congressmen "lawyering-up" as they follow Greenberg. Abramoff's guilty plea bargain earlier this week, while Republicans are giving back Abramoff money faster than you can say "Jack Whore!" You mean he was a skunk? Who knew?

Cynics will say—and some Republicans already are saying—oh, well, so it goes. Politics is usual.

Why anyone does it. Indeed, the National Republican Senatorial Committee said Wednesday that almost all Senate Democrats have accepted money from Abramoff or his associates.

Sean Spicer, spokesman for the House Republican Conference, told *The Washington Times*, "This is something that has ensnared both parties."

And the Senate committee has put out the word that 39 of the Senate's 44 Democrats—as well as "independent" James M. Jeffords of Vermont—have taken money from Abramoff, either directly or indirectly.

The strategy seems to be that by widely distributing "blame" across party lines, everyone's equally duped and, therefore, equally not-to-be-blamed.

Dumb of Democrats; dumb of Democrats.

The only problem is, it won't wash, and it's bad strategy if Republicans want to maintain a drop of credibility as the ethical party. While true that some Democrats did accept money from Abramoff—and some will get burned—it is



it's primarily a huge Republican deal. It also becomes increasingly clear that the ripple effects of Abramoff's corruption could alter the political landscape come the midterm elections and possibly far into the future.

As one Democratic insider said to me in December just before the Abramoff plea story broke: "For Democrats, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."

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Nobody expects politicians to sleep in Motel 8s or dine at Wendy's while conducting the nation's business, but gollin in Scotland doesn't quite pass the "straight-face" test.

Meanwhile, there's a critical difference between "directly" and "indirectly." What "indirectly" means is that many Democrats have accepted funds from the Florida-based law-lobbying firm Greenberg Traurig, to which Abramoff once belonged.

He "left" the firm when Abramoff's questionable practices with Indian tribes were first reported.

That Greenberg Traurig should give campaign funds to Democrats is far less surprising than that the firm would hire Abramoff in the first place. One of Greenberg Traurig's partners, after all, is Marvin Rosen, who was (cue ironic music here) former Democratic National Committee finance chairman for Clinton-Gore in 1996.

Rosen also is considered to have made more money in politics than nearly anyone else in the 1990s. He was legendary. Which is to say, he helped create the culture that coughed up Abramoff. Rosen's other claims to fame include supporting DNC fund-raiser John Huang, who pleaded guilty to illegally raising funds from foreign sources.

See what I mean about the giant jigsaw? Or, to mix metaphors, webs don't get much more tangled than this, in what may be why no one in the media has put it all together until now. I certainly can't do the narrative justice in a column.

What's real is that however the Republican Party tries to spin it, this is a huge deal, and

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Minico 103-pound freshman wrestler David Brugars tries to pin Snake River's EJ Cardona during a semifinal match at the 33rd Annual Buhl Invitational Wrestling Tournament last year.

Road to state Grapplers from around the state square off at Buhl Invitational

By Brad Kuba Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — This is a test, but not that kind of test. At the 32nd Annual Buhl Invitational Wrestling Tournament, the only ones with pencils and paper will be recording the pins, the falls, the times of the wrestlers from the 23 schools participating this weekend.

"For those young men, the test comes on the mat. It is a good tournament to see how you're going to do at state. Usually by this time they're going to be at the weights they're going to wrestle at district and state." Buhl head coach Denny Qualls said.

On second thought, maybe wrestlers should be taking notes, considering the level of talent that will be present. Athlete of the Week and Magic Valley SportsWeek

"There's some tough schools that are at the top and one at the top of each state," Qualls said.
Crawlers from Glens Ferry, Valley and Wendell will no doubt be paying attention.

Hagman's team from Class 5A through 2A/1A will be there, including defending 2A/1A state team champion Challis and runner-up North Fremont. However, Challis is a young team that had its three-year run on the recent Bear-Cat Invitational broken by Minico in December.

Minico coach Brad Cooper isn't counting anyone out though. "We expect to see good teams," he said. Regarding the smaller schools, Cooper said that the individual is the challenge.

It doesn't matter how big a school is. There are some tough kids on the mat," he said. As for his own squad, Minico can boast two undefeated wrestlers and many others with only one or two losses.

Media Basketball Polls

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Team Name, and Record. Lists various teams and their current records in the media basketball polls.

Valley drops Pilots in Canyon opener

The Times-News
HAZLETON — Valley turned in a good third quarter to pull away for a 43-32 Canyon Conference win over Glens Ferry Thursday behind 16 points from Lindsay Wood and 15 from Katie Hall.

"The first half was pretty ugly for both teams," said Valley coach Brian Hurst. "We came out and played our best quarter in the third. Glens Ferry held on and made it close. We got some good minutes off the bench."

Glens Ferry coach Steve Crane scored nine for the Pilots. Valley (8-5, 1-0 Canyon) next plays at Richfield Saturday.

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Filer 47, Buhl 30
BUHL — The Filer Wildcats downed the Buhl Indians 47-30 Thursday night.

After a low scoring first quarter, Filer held a slim 17-15 lead at halftime. But the Wildcats took over after the break and outscored the Indians 21-4 in the third quarter.

"They (Filer) came out right off the bat and we never recovered," Indians head coach Mitch Opornico said. The Wildcat win was hailed by Shanae Astle and Haley Ramseyer who pulled in 15 points apiece.

Wendell 54, Castelford 24
WENDELL — Halle Kelsey poured in 18 points to pace Wendell past IA Castelford, 54-24, Thursday in nonconference play.

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Wood 47, Minico 40
HAILEY — The Minico Spartans girls basketball team opened Thursday night's contest at Wood River on an 11-2 run and held off the host Wolverines for a key Great Basin Conference West road victory, 47-40.

Local sports

Sarah Schenk led Minico with 10 points, including four 3-pointers. Mary Ferrin added eight points in the win. "Schenk really hurt us in the first half," said Wolverines coach Bruce Carnall.

Lauren Morgenthaler led Wood River with 17 points. Minico (5-9, 2-1) will play at Idaho Falls next Wednesday.

Wood River 46, Burley 45
BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats held Jerome scoreless for nearly 13 minutes in the second half of Thursday night's Great Basin Conference West game to pull away for a 45-29 win.

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Thursday over Hansen. "You can't win too many wins and score double digits in your quarter scores," said coach Mike Pfeiffer.

Drew Trevisy scored 12 to pace the Wolves. Ryan Leda scored 11 and Devon Lemko 10 for the host Huskies. Hansen (5-3, 3-1) next plays at Raft River Saturday.

Castelford 27, Declo Hornets 20
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Pocatello 44, Wood River 46
POCATELLO — Wes Minter scored at the buzzer to give Pocatello a 44-44 home win over Wood River Thursday.

Wood River trailed by seven with two minutes left and tied the game at 44 with seven seconds remaining. Junior Corey Rutkowski scored 15 for the Wolverines. Jordan Bird scored 15 for the Indians.

Wood River (5-9) hosts Kimberly on Saturday. No boxscore available.

Raft River 70, M.V. Christian 33
TWIN FALLS — Raft River ran away with this Magic Valley Southside Conference road win over undermanned Magic Valley Christian, 70-33, Thursday, pulling away with a 24-2 edge in the fourth quarter.

Trojans junior guard Cody Powers poured in 25 points while senior Faden Baker added 12 and sophomore forward Jacob Williams 10.

Brandon Van Esch led the Hornets inside with 16 points. Magic Valley Christian dressed only six players and the fatigue showed in the fourth quarter. Senior Corey Paulson is out with an ankle injury.

Magic Valley Christian (0-6) plays at Castelford next Thursday. Raft River (70-33) Magic Valley Christian 33 Raft River 25 25 20 20 70 Magic Valley Christian 13 13 13 13 33

Hagerman 63, Lighthouse Christian 32
TWIN FALLS — Hagerman post Skyler Tibbot set up Light- Christian inside for 23 points to lead the Pirates to a 63-32 win over the Lions Thursday.

Cory Potter added 12 points for Hagerman. Cluven Anderson scored 10 for Lighthouse (4-4), which next plays at Murtaugh on Monday.

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Murtaugh 59, Oakley 49
MURTAUGH — The Murtaugh Red Devils defeated the Oakley Hornets 59-49 behind Jose Saucedo's 28 points, including four 3-pointers. Saucedo also completed a triple-double with 10 rebounds and 11 assists for the night.

Saucedo played well tonight and the whole team played real smart. Red Devils coach Rex Romander said.

The Hornets were able to keep a fairly close pace with the Red Devils behind Blake Beddes' second half effort but could not pass the Red Devils. "We took the lead and we were able to keep it," Romander said.

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Browne starts off the new year in the lead

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Cliff Browne waited two years before getting back to the winners-only Mercedes Championships, and played Thursday as if he doesn't want to wait that long again.

Browne was the only player to break 70 in his blistering round at Kapalua, and finished with a 4-under 69 along with the PGA Tour season began with some of its biggest stars.

Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Retief Goosen decided to round in the eight years the Mercedes Championships has been played at Kapalua. Tiger Parmer also had a 69 in 2000.

Singh, coming off a year in which he won four times but surrendered his No. 1 ranking to Woods, overcame some more balky puttering with consecutive birdies down the stretch, but he tried a high pitch hook on the 18th that went green that ran some 20 feet past the pin.

Two-time defending champion Stuart Appleby hit his tee shot into the woods on the 17th and took time to settle for a 70, leaving him in a group that included David Toms, Carl Peterson and Sergio Garcia.

Jim Furyk, who has a house beyond \$120 million, might have joined them except for a penalty stroke he called on himself on the 14th green when a gust moved his ball a fraction of an inch as he stood over a putt. He made the 5-foot putt, but he called it as a par.

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- BASKETBALL
• Timberwolves at Spurs, ESPN2, 8 p.m.
• Heat vs. Spurs, ESPN, 8:30 p.m.
• PGA TOUR, Mercedes Championships, second round, ESPN, 6 p.m.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Smith, Bruschi tie for comeback award

NEW YORK — Tedy Bruschi didn't get a chance to tackle Steve Smith when the Patriots played the Panthers in September. By midseason, he'd made a remarkable comeback from a stroke and was starting for England.

Schild of Austria won her second straight World Cup slalom race Thursday, while Olympic champion Janica Kostelic finished third in her home event.

The Patriots' star linebacker and defensive leader made it back on Oct. 30 after originally expecting to sit out the entire schedule.

Finland beats U.S. for world junior bronze

LANSING, Mich. — The world junior hockey championship was not expected to end this way for the United States.

Los Angeles — Rod Dedeaux, who coached Southern California to a record 11 national basketball championships and turned out a parade of future major leaguers, died Thursday.

Dedeaux, who coached the Trojans for 45 years before retiring in 1986, died in suburban Glendale of complications from a stroke that he had on Dec. 2, the school system said.

Montana defeats ISU men in Big Sky opener

MISSOULA, Mont. — Kevin Griest scored 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds as Montana rallied from a 12-point, first-half deficit to take an 80-76 win over Idaho State Thursday night in the Big Sky Conference meet-and-greet.

Bengals tied for 12th in the first half, the final time coming at 35-29 on an inside move by Millen with 5:10 to play before intermission.

Bills hire Levy as VP of football operations

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Hall of Fame coach Marv Levy was hired as the Buffalo Bills vice president of football operations Thursday, returning to the team he led to an unprecedented four straight Super Bowl appearances in the 1990s.

Rockets record another road win

CLEVELAND — Tracy McGrady scored 34 points, Juwan Howard made two late jumpers and the Houston Rockets got their second straight quality road win, 90-81 over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday night.

Rockets record another road win (Continued)

Schild spolls Kostelic's home race

ZAGREB, Croatia — Marijca Zargreb made a comeback from a stroke and was starting for England.

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SPORTS

T.F. post Brett Vriesman leads Bruins' success in the paint

By Nathaniel Garbrandt Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — That the state 5A boys basketball ranks somewhere between a team matching Twin Falls for depth, talent, or athleticism is possible. Well, see.

It's less than doubtful that any shoulder expectations exist to the Bruins.

With the team's two previous campaigns culminating in consecutive third-place trophies and a 25-1 run last year, a 9-0 start to the season has refueled familiar hopes that the elusive title will finally be tracked down.

But however far Twin Falls goes this year, much of the credit belongs to a potent inside game largely absent from recent memory.

Brett Vriesman



Brett Vriesman. Now in his third year on the varsity squad, Vriesman has transitioned from the role of part-time starter to an indispensable team centerpiece.

"One of the best big coaches in the state," said head coach Matt Harr. The key ingredient in his development hard work, lots of it.

"It's a mentality and approach to the game that extends Vriesman's physical presence the length of the floor."

from the corner. "For years I've just been going to the gym and working on my shot until I thought it was where it could get," said Vriesman, who says that his biggest pressure this year has been producing on a consistent basis.

"I actually think he's one of the more overachieving players I've ever coached and probably the most underrated across the state," said Harr. "If we had 15 Vriesmans on the team for three straight years, you'd probably have three straight state championships."

to the game that extends Vriesman's physical presence the length of the floor. "I think he makes plays even when he doesn't get the ball or doesn't get the rebound," Harr said. "Whosever guarding him has to work their butts off on defense and on offense the whole time he's in the game. He never takes a second off. A lot of times what he's doing on the offensive end helps us out when we're playing defense because I honestly think that sometimes their guys are tired from guarding him all the time."

Though in his element in the low post, Vriesman also possesses one of the best outside shots on the team, especially

Bruin boys face Region Four-Five-Six rivals Idaho Falls, Highland

By Brad Guire Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The ball has dropped, your neighbors have sobbed up, everyone is back to work at school and the new year is here, which can mean only one thing: conference play heats up in boys and girls basketball.

Tonight, the Twin Falls boys basketball team will face Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six foe Idaho Falls.

The Bruins are undefeated in nine contests, one of those a conference win over Skyline just before Christmas.

So far, the Tigers are off to a mediocre start at 3-5 with a con-

Magic Valley SPORTS WEEK

ference loss to Highland. Varsity sport is set for 7:30 p.m. in Bata Gymnasium. Speaking of Highland, the Bruins will also face this Region Four-Five-Six opponent on Thursday at home. The 6-1 Rams are 1-0 in the region and could give the Bruins a stern test. That upset is also scheduled for 7:30.

This week's sports picks (all state opponents approximate victory odds): FRIDAY

Boys basketball, 7:30 p.m. In Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho.

Conferee, Filer visits DeLo. In 2A Canyon Conference play Wendell hosts Valley in 1A Magic Valley Northside Conference section play at the field.

Girls basketball, 7:30 p.m. Kimberly faces Gooding at home for a SCIC matchup. Dietrich hosts Shoshone for a Magic Valley Northside game. Three 1A Magic Valley Northside games take place: Oakley at Castelford, Murtagh at Hagerman and Magic Valley Christian at Hansen.

SATURDAY Boys basketball, 7:30 p.m. The Miniro Spartans play Class 4A Great Basin Conference West foe Butte in Magic Valley Northside section. Dietrich hosts Richfield in the Southside. Hagerman plays at Raft River and Hagerman plays at Castelford.

MONDAY Girls basketball, 7:30 p.m. Class 2 Canyon Conference faces coldie when Genies Ferry pays a visit to Wendell.

TUESDAY Boys basketball, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball, 7:30 p.m. And more conference play for the girls. The SCIC Kimberly at Filer, Magic Valley Northside, Camas County at Richfield, Gary at Bliss, Gooding at Lodee, Canyon Valley at Wendell, Magic Valley Northside, Dietrich at Richfield, Camas County at Butte.

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tagh at Raft River, Magic Valley Christian at Goodfellow, Hansen at Hagerman.

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Tone was pleased with his performance, regarding it as a sort of spring board into the mental of the season and recognition of his effort during the break.

"It kind of just tells me, that sleep I had to drop weight over the Christmas break. It just tells me that I was able to keep it (off)," he said. "And it kind of puts my name out there and lets people come look at me, because if they know what I can do, they can bring better guys to me and get me better for state."

Through seeing a little rust in his team as a whole, Kimberly head coach Troy Palmer singled out a pair of strong performers from his 150-pounder Tucker Lierman.

Dominating Spring Creeks Alex Baker 16-0 and decisioning Jerome Steven Nunes, Lierman joined teammates Jason Miller (27.5), Morgan Gies (189), and Chris Moody (112) as the only Bulldogs to take both their matches.

"I guess I just got tired of losing," said Lierman, who got off to a bit of a slow start on the season. "I've been working pretty hard in practice and ended up hitting it a few times tonight."

Results

Jerome 45, Kimberly 33 120-pound Steven Nunes, pinned Spring Creeks 25-12. Ona Moody, victory over by total, 15-13. Luke de Ladero, 12-11. Cameron Hays, 17-13. Tucker Lierman, pinned Jason Miller 27.5-18. Jason Miller, pinned Morgan Gies 189-12. Jason Miller, pinned Chris Moody 112-33. Jason Miller, pinned Tucker Lierman 150-140. En-Powell, pinned Ryan Reynolds 12-11. En-Powell, pinned Ryan Reynolds 12-11. En-Powell, pinned Ryan Reynolds 12-11.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Meeting to focus on library expansion

**TWIN FALLS** — The second informational meeting about the proposed addition and renovation of the Twin Falls Public Library will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the library's program room on the lower level. Residents will vote Feb. 7 on a bond issue to pay for the proposed expansion. The presentation includes a brief review of the planning process and a discussion of the community's expectations for future library service.

### Medicaid proposal will be discussed today

**TWIN FALLS** — The State of Idaho Region V Medicaid is hosting a public hearing on Medicaid reform from 3 to 6 p.m. today in Rooms 276 and 277 of the Hyatt Building at the College of Southern Idaho. The agenda includes a brief discussion of why the modernization of Medicaid, a brief PowerPoint presentation on proposal changes, technical proposals and key concepts, and public comment time. It is not necessary to stay at the meeting the full three hours; once an individual's comment has been recorded, he or she can leave. Comments also may be made by visiting the Web site at <http://www.modernizemedicaid.idaho.gov>.

The presentation includes key points:

- Gov. Kempthorne's plan to modernize the Medicaid program with greater focus on program quality by simplifying eligibility groups.
- Reforming Medicaid because its budget is growing too rapidly to sustain. Reform should not only maintain but improve service delivery and quality and slow cost growth.
- A Medicaid cost of about 180,000 Idahoans. The 2005 budget was \$1.1 billion, and the 2006 appropriation is \$1.2 billion.
- Medicaid reform will be part of the governor's State of the State address and likely a prominent part of his budget recommendations.

Legislation is expected this session with much of the detail in administrative rules that will be discussed at the legislative level.

**Heavy snow forces closures to help elk**  
**KETCHUM** — The Forest Service, in cooperation with Idaho Fish and Game, is closing national forest lands to public entry in the Warm Springs Creek drainage from the West Fork of Warm Springs east to the boundary above Ketchum. According to Ketchum District Ranger Kurt Nelson, the closure goes into effect immediately.

"These areas are being closed to public access to provide protection for the elk that are wintering in this area," Nelson said. Forest Service personnel are putting up signs at access points to inform the public of the closure.

"Deep snow is forcing elk down into the drainage bottoms in search of food and shelter," Nelson said. "People using these areas to hunt, cross-country skiers, snowmobilers and snowshoers, cause elk to move away, expending energy and strength they need to be conserving to survive the winter."

For more information, please call (208) 622-5371.

— compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Waterhead	% of avg.	% norm.
Baldern	122%	82%
Big Wood	148%	85%
Little Wood	167%	85%
Big Lost	147%	81%
Little Lost	100%	47%
Herrys Fork/Teton	130%	47%
Upper Snake Basin	124%	81%
Celton Falls	140%	85%
As of Jan. 5		

"A comparison of basin snowpack, not just the snow on the ground, is used to estimate snowmelt runoff."

## Two arraigned in shotgun slaying

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Johnny A. Shores, 17, was arraigned Thursday on a grand jury indictment charging him in the shotgun slaying of Jesse I. Naranjo. His codefendant, Juan Carlos Pina, 32, was charged with first-degree murder. Shores was charged with voluntary manslaughter. Naranjo, 33, was killed by a shotgun blast to his abdomen



On Nov. 29 at 325 8th Ave. E. in Twin Falls, Shores is accused of pulling the trigger. Pina is accused of instigating a kidnapping that led to Naranjo's death.

Fifth District Judge G. Richard Bevan told Pina that first-degree murder "carries a maximum penalty of death, or life in prison." Shores was told he could face up to 30 years in prison because a deadly weapon was used in the death of Naranjo. Bevan entered a not guilty plea on Pina's behalf. Shores pleaded not guilty through his attorney, Greg Fuller. Further court proceeds for the two will be scheduled at a

later time, Bevan said. Shores and Pina remain jailed on \$500,000 bond each. Fuller said he will likely file a motion later to reduce Shores' bond. He also asked Bevan to have Shores removed from "lock down as a juvenile," where he's not allowed visitors. "Since he's being charged as an adult, he should be jailed as an adult," Fuller said. Bevan denied the request Thursday but scheduled a hearing Monday on the motion.

## Focusing on the future



Steve Hoy

Wiley Dobbs

## Twin Falls educators look to Legislature for future support

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Less than a month after the Twin Falls School District and Twin Falls Education Association reached an agreement on teacher contracts, both parties are now looking to the future as pivotal issues such as school construction funding, health insurance, flaws in student testing and next year's contract negotiations are brought before the state.

The *Times-News* sat down with Steve Hoy, the Twin Falls Education Association spokesman, and Wiley Dobbs, the Twin Falls School District superintendent, to hear what they learned from the recent contract negotiations and what they see in the future.

**Q. What lessons could be learned from the recent teacher contract negotiations?**

**Hoy:** "To come out with what we needed to take time, and it's to the point where it might frustrate teachers who say, 'Hey, why don't you hurry up and get it taken care of?' But negotiations isn't something that happens in two or three sessions. A district our size has a lot of people and a lot of concerns. So a fair and equitable settlement is going to

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take time. "It's hard for someone to understand that unless you have been through it."

**Dobbs:** "I would agree this takes time. It's a process, and sometimes it takes patience, and sometimes that patience wears thin on both sides."

"And less learned also, we need to be doing more on the front end. We need to be letting our Legislature know that funding is an issue. We have got to invest in the kids, and we've got to spend money on the proactive side. It's just something that we — as Idahoans — have to get across to our legislators."

**Q. Is there anything the district or association will do differently in the next negotiation process?**

**Dobbs:** "It's hard to predict what the issues might be. We would like to see a more collaborative situation. I think it would improve communication, and it may even allow us to get more done in a shorter period of time."

"I think it's something that we really need to sit down and look at in the next two or three months to see what it might look like."

**Hoy:** "We would love to go back to interest-based bargaining, but even it takes time, too. "One thing is that you got to attack the issues and not each other. And sometimes in a long, drawn-out session you tend to forget that you're not mad at somebody, you're mad at the issue."

"Interest-based is a little more casual because everybody is a part of the discussion right then and there."

**Q. Does Twin Falls share some of the challenges, which other districts in Idaho are struggling with to settle contracts?**

**Hoy:** "Most districts get a good portion of money from

the state.

"The talk about benefits and salaries, and the fact that we don't have it because the state isn't providing it is a common theme. We all know that 40 percent of districts have not settled, and that is really unusual."

"We're hopeful that the Legislature will do things differently, although we know there are some pressing things. So you can only do what you can do, and realize that all costs are going up."

**Dobbs:** "There are some common themes like health insurance costs rising in the district, the fact that staff members have been working four years when the Legislature has not added anything to the base."

"Districts are struggling to show their teachers, staff members and administrators that they appreciate the work that they are doing. We know that our people are working harder, and it's requiring more professional development, and we want to show them that we appreciate that. We also want to be able to keep them."

## Lincoln County turns out for Sempra plant talk

By Rusty Tows  
Times-News correspondent

**SHOSHONE** — Other than funerals, ballgames and church, not much in rural Lincoln County brings out large groups.

But a proposed coal-fired power plant attracted more than 100 people Wednesday night for an informational meeting at Shoshone School Gymnasium.

The meeting, hosted and organized by Dietrich third-grade teacher Jerry Heimelinger, brought together three Lincoln County communities. Ranchers' boots and ball caps mingled with politicians' school jackets and businessmen in attendance.

"This issue caught my attention right away," Heimelinger said. "The magnitude of the impact of a Wal-Mart on a community is small compared to this plant."

Speakers included state Sen. Clint Stennett of Ketchum, retired civil engineer Bill Block of Twin Falls, retired state Sen. Laird Noh of Kimberly and retired administrator Joe Ruschetti of Twin Falls.

"This plant will change the life, the quality of life in our communities forever," Stennett said.

Block and Noh are part of an anti-Sempra group called Keep Magic Valley Magic. Most of the members are retired business and political leaders.

Noh explained that he and his associates have no financial stake in trying to stop the power plant from being built.

Block listed five "fatal flaws" of locating the coal plant in the Magic Valley: 1) It is being built on top of the "world-class" Snake River aquifer; 2) Magic Valley is a "world-class" agricultural area; 3) About 200,000 people would live within 50 miles of the plant; 4) The plant would use "old technology"; 5) The plant would be located next to the "world-class" Sawtooth National Forest recreation area.

"We need to write letters to every mayor, commissioner, legislator and congressional leader," Block said.

Joe Ruschetti, former industry administrator and 12-year member of Shoshone as well as the heavily traveled Highway 93. Ruschetti's concerns included how the pollutants released by the coal-burning plant would affect Magic Valley crops. According to Ruschetti, a Wisconsin study indicates that even when release levels are within EPA limits, alfalfa crops could be damaged. According to United States Department of Agriculture statistics, alfalfa is a major crop in the area.

Also, he said ground fog created by 2 million gallons of water evaporated each day by the plant could extend nearly 30 miles, affecting the proposed Blaine County airport north of Shoshone as well as the heavily traveled Highway 93.

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## Carey discusses affordable housing

By Jamey Colter  
Times-News correspondent

**CAREY** — In blizzard conditions and under a blanket of nearly a foot of new snow, the Carey Planning and Zoning Commission met this week for the first session of the year to discuss affordable housing in Carey. Although only three people attended, what the meeting lacked in bodies it made up for in opinion.

"It seems like affordable housing is taking up a lot of time, money and energy, with very few results," said Carey resident and owner of M & K Trailers, Mike Kelsey.

"I haven't seen any evidence of affordable housing working anywhere," he said. "It is a counterproductive situation, because it allows businesses to pay employees less for their services because they live in affordable housing."

Nonetheless, the Planning and Zoning Commission will be reviewing it and making recommendations to the City Council in the next few months. In light of that, Planning and Zoning Administrator Sara Mecham invited Kathy Grott, planning director for the city of

Halley, and Blaine County Commissioner Sam Michaels to help Carey officials get a sense of what they will be facing if they try to bring affordable housing to Carey.

Halley's ordinances, which will serve as a model for Carey, require 20 percent of new housing developments to be deed-restricted community housing developments. This means that developers and landowners wanting to subdivide property will be required to deed over 20 percent of the land for affordable housing. But that approach doesn't sit well with

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## 300 gallons of diesel fuel spill when train derailed

By Laurio Welch  
The Times-News

**MINDOKA** — Seven cars in a 47-car train tumbled off the track near Mindoka on Wednesday, spilling 300 gallons of diesel fuel.

The accident occurred at 12:43 p.m. at the railroad yard in Mindoka, said Union Pacific Railroad spokesman Mark Davis.

Mindoka County Sheriff Deputy Lieutenant Dan Kinding

said the fuel leak was contained by Northside Fire Protection shortly after the crash.

He said the fuel leak came from a tank that runs the refrigeration unit on one of the cars. All seven of the cars that derailed were refrigerated box cars. Three of the seven ended up on their sides and the leaked fuel came from one of those.

"There was minor damage," Davis said. Union Pacific Rail-

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OBITUARIES

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Mallon A. Barlow



APPLE VALLEY, Utah — Mallon Arlin Barlow, formerly of Jerome, passed away at age 78 after a long illness, at home in Apple Valley, Utah, on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, with his loving wife and caregiver, Shirley Mae, at his side. Mallon was born Sept. 21, 1927, to Golden I. Barlow and Myra Bates. Mallon had a great love for his extended family and his church. He had faithfully served in many assignments and held a number of church positions, including ward and stake missions, and served in two bishoprics. He also served as a full-time Sunday school superintendent, along with serving in the Las Vegas, Nev., Temple. Mallon served in the Navy from 1945 to 1948 and witnessed the A-Bombing blast at Bikini Atoll. He served aboard the USS Epping Forest and USS Iowa, finishing as a ship-fitter Seaman 2nd Class. Mallon enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping, but his true love was for his 20 years as a diesel truck driver, even after

experiencing two life-threatening strokes. He traveled many miles across the country and enjoyed his experiences while traveling. He was a best friend to all who knew him. Mallon married Doris Johnson in November of 1945, divorced, and then married Shirley Mae Nethercott Randall on Nov. 7, 1969. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Golden Barlow, and nephews,

Douglas and Arlin. He is survived by his four children, Kent J. (Nancy) Barlow, Shane (Glenn) Easton, Kim (Patsy) Barlow and Melody (Peter) Knight; and four stepchildren, Yvonne (Gene) Williams, Lynn (Carol) Randall, David (Kerry) Randall and Douglas (Laura) Randall. He has 24 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. From 2 Timothy 4:7-8: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

Farewell for a time, beloved husband, father, grandfather, friend. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at the Hurricane LDS Church, 275 S. 1900 in Hurricane, Utah. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and again one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church. Interment will be held at the Hurricane City Cemetery under the direction of Heldeman Mortuary.

Archie Miller



TWIN FALLS — Archie "Dick" Miller, age 67, passed from this life into the spirit world on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006. He was born March 12, 1919, in Glen, Idaho, the son of George Robert and Elizabeth Hanson Miller. In 1937, he married Ora Harness Dixon, and she preceded him in death in 2001. Dick has sorely missed his beloved wife and looked forward to being with her again. Dick and Harness were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple in January of 1975. He served in the Armed Services during World War II and helped with the reconstruction of Tokyo, Japan.

Archie was an occupational as a finish carpenter provided well for his family. He built their home over a 35-year period, never going into debt. Harness worked side-by-side with him and all decisions were made together. Their home was filled with love and laughter and all were well-

come there. During the last several years, he had great difficulty walking. The daily visits, love and caring ministrations of Dick's brother, Lawrence Miller, fill Dick's daughter and family with deep gratitude and love for Lawrence's caring heart. Dick will be sorely missed and never forgotten. Dick was a

member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and had been very active in the church. Dick is survived by their daughter, Sharon Jean (Douglas) Miller; two grandchildren, Vanessa (Terry) Behunin, Farel D. Wood, Gavin (Wendy) Wood, Cheryl (Bart) Mitchell, Karma Wood (deceased), 1900; Glade (Misty) Wood and Ryan (Erin) Wood; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; as well as two brothers and three sisters. He was a wonderful, beloved father and grandfather.

The funeral for Dick will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at the 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 225 Park Ave. in Twin Falls. A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, at White Mortuary Chapel by the Park and one hour prior to the services at the church. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

Joyce A. Olson



JEROME — Joyce Anne Olson went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, after suffering a stroke on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006.

Joyce was born Oct. 15, 1935, in Milner, Idaho, to William and Christine Bradshaw. She was one of nine children. She graduated from Burley High School and attended Twin Falls Business College. She married Raymond (Ole) Olson in 1954. As a supportive wife, she worked at the registrar's office while Ray attended the University of Idaho. After moving to Rupert, she worked as a secretary and receptionist in the Minidoka County School District for 32 years and retired in 1993. Joyce was a member of the First United Methodist Church. We knew her as a very devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed spending time with her family — both the Olson and Bradshaw clans. Joyce also liked

her husband, Raymond Olson of Jerome; her daughter, Kristen; son-in-law, Mike; and three grandchildren, Karissa, Jakob and Shelby de Bolse; four brothers, Bernard Bradshaw (Susie) of Hansen, Harold Bradshaw of Parker, Colo., Richard Bradshaw of Phoenix, Ariz., and Vernon (Butch) Bradshaw of Burley; sisters, Alice Lind of Boise and Eleanor Hewlett (Lowell) of Burley; also survived by a sister-in-law, Marjorie Bradshaw; brother-in-law, Larry Mahler; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at White Mortuary Chapel by the Park in Twin Falls. Interment will be immediately following the service at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a favorite charity.

Dorothy G. Martin



TWIN FALLS — Dorothy Goldberg Martin, 80, of Twin Falls, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center of natural causes, with her daughter and son-in-law at her side.

She was born to Jacob and Sylvia Goldberg in Brooklyn, N.Y., on May 11, 1925. She was the youngest of four children, having three older brothers. She spent most of her life in New York, where she worked various jobs. In 1955, she married Nat Martin and together, they had three children, Bejay (Donald) Hodge and Steve Martin, both of Forest Park, Ga., and Sherry (Max) Johnson of Twin Falls. She and Nat were later divorced.

Her life had a few unexpected twists and turns. She found herself without her children and homeless on the streets of

Dorothy loved to sing and play the piano, had a sense of humor and a big smile. She enjoyed playing cards and checkers (which she hardly ever lost). She loved spaghetti and macaroni bars. Her life was difficult, she was thankful for all the things she had. She was loved very much and will be missed by all who knew this wonderful lady. She is survived by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers and one grandchild.

Cremation will be under the direction of Park Magic Valley Funeral Home. Friends and family are invited to a memorial service which will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the LDS 13th Ward chapel at 421 Maurice St. N. A luncheon will follow.

OBITUARY

Glen A. Taylor



WENDELL — Glen A. Taylor, age 72, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at his Wendell home.

Glen was born Sept. 24, 1933, to Adelaide and Reed Taylor at their home west of Wendell. He was the middle child of two brothers, Wallace (Marty) and Ronald (Barbarn). He was the middle child and was later blessed again with two sisters, Lois (Dorald) Glenn and Mary Lou. Glen attended school in Wendell, graduating in 1951. Glen was very involved in FFA and 4-H. He then attended the University of Idaho from the fall of 1951 to the spring of 1955. While at the University of Idaho, he judged on the university dairy judging team. He went into the family dairy business with Reed Taylor and Sons Dairy. Upon Reed's death, Glen and Ronald bought the business from their mother, Adelaide Taylor. Together they changed the name to Taylor Brothers Holstein Farm. They later incorporated the farm to Taylor Farms Inc. The Taylor dairy received Quality Milk awards every year for more than 30 years. Ronald and Glen sold their interest in the dairy on Nov. 19, 1994, to Ronald's son, Ronald and Glen were leaders of the West Wendell 4-H Club for many years. Glen worked the farm during 4-H events and fairs, which allowed Ronald and

his children to be very involved in 4-H. Glen and Ronald were inducted into the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame in March of 1984. They were the first dairymen so honored. Glen was on the board of directors for the Livestock Hall of Fame at the time of his death.

Glen had his first heart surgery Jan. 2, 1974, and had his second heart surgery 13 years later. He had 32 additional years of life than he was given after his first heart attack in 1973. On July 3, 2000, Glen was talking with a friend, Ray McCord, and his heart stopped. If Ray had not been there, he would have died. Glen wishes to thank Ray, who has been a very good friend through the years. Glen received

a defibrillator-pacemaker on July 5, 2000.

Glen wanted to thank the many people who have helped him along the way: Ray and Alice McCord, Wanda and Fenton Hays, Rulon and Carolyn Chandler, who have been more like family to him than great friends. He would also like to thank Marge and Alan Bauser, Verlene and Roger Lee, Dean Schaeffer, Boyd Harnas family, Alice and Lloyd Burrell, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Verdun, Ann Wilson, the Jackson family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernal Olsen, Ruth and Gary Diamond, Jack and Barbara Gough. He knows he missed some people, and he would like to thank them as well.

Glen was helped with two sisters who have helped him for the last 30-plus years. Mary Lou especially has been there at a moment's notice to take him any place that he needed to go. Glen was also blessed with some great nieces and nephews, whom he felt more like a father to than just an uncle.

Viewing for Glen Taylor will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2006, at Demaray Mortuary in Wendell and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Wendell LDS Church. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Wendell LDS church. Burial will follow immediately at the Wendell Cemetery.

SERVICES

Madlan Mary "Mattie" Martinson of Buhl, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Max Wendell Carver, MD, of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary, viewing from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at the mortuary. Graveside service with military rites at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ogden City Cemetery in Ogden, Utah.

Servrice Reply of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Buhl First Christian Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Thomas Franklin Wright of Buhl, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at Farmer Funeral Chapel; viewing one hour before the funeral.

Robert (Bob) Le Breton Balch, formerly of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert Methodist Church; viewing from 6 to 9 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Eather Rymerson of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary.

Alan Wayne "Chappy" Chapman of Winnemucca, Nev., memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall, 447 Seastown St. (off Eastland Drive South) in Twin Falls; celebration of Alan's life from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the legion hall (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Norma C. (Weaver) Smurthwaite of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N., visitation beginning at noon Saturday at the mortuary.

Leona Bess Meliza of Buhl River, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral at the mortuary.

Walter Reyes of Paul, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the lower boat launch at Minidoka Dam; in case of inclement weather, call 438-5194 (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Another obituary and death notices are on C3 of today's paper.

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# Otter says he was wrong to support land-sale bill

BOISE (AP) — Congressman C.L. "Buck" Otter is withdrawing his support of legislation that proposes to sell millions of acres of federal land in the West to raise money for Hurricane Katrina relief, after being shelled by political opponents over his co-sponsorship of the bill.

"I was wrong," Otter wrote in a statement distributed Thursday to Idaho media outlets. "It wasn't the first time and it won't be the last."

The Republican Otter, who represents Idaho's 1st Congressional District, is running for

governor this year.

In this case, he said, his critics — chiefly Jerry Brady, his Democratic opponent for governor and a former eastern Idaho newspaper publisher — are "correct that this bill is not the right approach."

"Informed of Otter's reversal on the land-sale bill, Brady replied: 'I'll be damned.'"

"I'm glad Congressman Otter did the right thing," he added in a statement. "However, it raises a serious question about whether he makes careful, reasoned decisions about serious matters. It

took Otter 17 days and a lot of angry Idahoans who found his position to be completely unacceptable to come to his sense."

Otter issued a statement Dec. 20 affirming his support for the measure after Brady called it "simply a forced sale of 15 percent of our state."

The bill calls for setting aside up to 15 percent of U.S. Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service land in western states and offering it for sale to private bidders beginning Oct. 1.

Other Idaho Democrats also

criticized Otter's support of the Stetchouse.

In a Dec. 27 op-ed article published by the Post Register newspaper in Idaho Falls, former governor and Interior secretary Cecil Andrus portrayed the bill as selling off Idaho to "high-dollar campaign contributors and the big-time power brokers" at the expense of hunters, anglers and campers.

"Once we sell of this land, it's gone," he wrote.

And State Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, said Thursday his party plans to sponsor a measure in the 2006 Legislature declaring territory in Idaho off-limits to most deals with private buyers.

"The state of Idaho's position is not to sell off federal lands — not for Katrina relief, not for

anything," Stennett said at the Stetchouse.

The land-sale legislation is sponsored by Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., and was introduced Sept. 21. Otter signed on as one of 13 co-sponsors.

"I joined Congressman Tancredo as an original co-sponsor of the bill, in part, because I was frustrated that Congress had identified no revenue source to cover the cost of the billions of dollars already appropriated for Hurricane Katrina relief," Otter wrote in Thursday's statement.

"At the same time, the measure provided a chance for another in a series of 'shots across the bow' on the issue of federal land management that I have supported during my time in Congress."

# Safe Harbor seeks board members

TWIN FALLS — Safe Harbor Inc. will hold its monthly business meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N. Board elections will be conducted.

New board members are needed.

Six of the seven officers are up for election, including president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and two members-at-large. Anyone who would like to serve on Safe Harbor's board for a two-year term is asked to call Phyllis at 735-8787 or attend the meeting.

## OBITUARIES

### Eugene D. Larsen



TWIN FALLS — Eugene D. Larsen, 84, passed away Monday, Jan. 2, 2006, at his home with his bride and son beside him.

He was born Sept. 20, 1921, to William and Dora Larsen in Clifton, Idaho. He attended schools in Jerome and Burley, graduating from Burley High School. In June 1945, he married Verda Freer in the Salt Lake City Temple and, from this union, five children were born, Larry, Larry Sims of Gooding, Patti (Doyle) Puginnie of Boise, Idaho, Larry Larsen (deceased), Gene (Stephanie) Larsen and Sheri (Lamar) Syten, both of Twin Falls.

During his lifetime, he challenged several different occupations, including owning and operating the Gooding Ford Tractor and Implement Co. and was co-owner of Stockgrowers Livestock Commission Co. He spent many successful years in the real estate business selling mostly farms and ranches and was also an auctioneer. His love for work and lifelong passion of farming and ranching began as a young man and continued throughout his life, even feeding his cattle the morning he passed away. In 2003, he was honored by being inducted into the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame.

Besides family, his greatest loves were sports, music and people. Watching his children

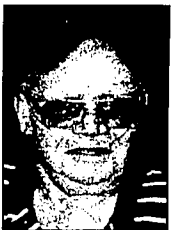
and grandchildren perform in sports was a pleasure that brought him great happiness. Blessed with a God-given talent for music, he could play guitar, piano and harmonica by ear and wrote and sang his own songs. All his life, he loved to be around people and enjoyed the simple satisfaction of a good laugh. He had a natural ability to influence and reinforce positive thoughts in young people through his unconditional love for them.

One of his most memorable accomplishments was when he decided to move a cabin from Obsidian to the top of a mountain near Redfish Lake, crossing the Salmon River in the process without a bridge and only the help of his family. He left a legacy of love for his cabin and the

memories that were made, doing the impossible.

Gene was preceded in death by one son, Larry, his parents, six brothers and four sisters. His is survived by his wife of 60 years, Verda; one brother, William D. Larsen; one son; three daughters; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2006, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding, Idaho. Visitation will be from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the church. Interment will be held immediately following the service at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Services are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations to a favorite charity are encouraged.

### DeMar Madsen



RUPERT — Melvin DeMar Madsen, a 68-year-old lifelong resident of Rupert, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at Mindoka Memorial Hospital.

He was born March 9, 1937, in Rupert, the son of Melvin L. and Ethel Irene Nilsen Madsen. He received his education in Rupert, graduating from Rupert High School in 1955. In 1954, DeMar graduated from the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls with an associate degree in computer science. He married Ann Mickelsen on Aug. 9, 1958, in Elko, Nev. Together, they had three children, Richard, DeAnna and Steven. He and Ann later divorced.

DeMar had many attributes but probably excelled the most in the fine arts. He was a wonderful pianist and played best by ear. In his younger years, DeMar performed in many plays, participated in drama and enjoyed playing trombone. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held many positions throughout his lifetime. He loved directing the singing in priesthood meeting and was well-known for his clear

basal voice in various ward choirs.

For employment, DeMar worked many years at the Rupert Safeway grocery store. He later worked part-time for the City of Rupert and retired from Mar Produce. He had a love for people and always enjoyed friendly visits and cherished his many friendships. For the past 2 1/2 years, he has resided at Valley Vista Care Center in Rupert.

He is survived by his children, Richard (Anita) Port of Wales, Utah, DeAnna (Tim) Martin of Burley and Steven L.

Port of Twin Falls, and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; and an infant brother, Floyd.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at the Rupert West Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 26 S. 100 W., with Bishop Roger Bagley officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

## Sempra

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stitutes, over 1.1 million tons of alfalfa are produced in the valley.

"Alfalfa is a vital component of the region's dairy industry.

Ruschetti also questioned the social and economic effects on the region of 900 to 1,200 temporary workers. According to Ruschetti, these workers could bring an additional 7,000 family members, job seekers

and support workers into the valley.

The proposed plan requires approval from Jerome County officials. No formal request for the plan has been submitted. A weather monitoring station was approved in 2005 and the Jerome County commissioners recently enacted a 182-day moratorium on issues related to the proposed coal burning plant.

In the upcoming legislative session, Stennett said he will ask for a two-year moratorium on merchant power plants larger than 850 megawatts, development of a regional siting committee, and legislation on impact fees.

Rusty Toes lives in the north Shoshone area. He can be reached at [tearanch25@yahoo.com](mailto:tearanch25@yahoo.com).

## Derail

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Road has hired an environmental contractor to soak up the fuel, and the task should be completed by today.

"All the cars have been picked up today," Davis said. Kindig said a traffic crossing

on the west side of town was blocked by the train during the accident, creating a concern about emergency vehicle access.

The railroad cars blocking the crossing were unhooked from the train restoring traffic

flow shortly after the crash. Kindig said.

Davis said all 47 of the cars were empty and the train was headed from North Platte, Neb., to Nampa.

The cause of the wreck is still under investigation.

## Carey

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Carey resident Spence Elsworth. "Isn't this a little premature?" he asked. "I mean, simplicity is a big thing, and I still think there is a high distinction between Carey and Wood River."

Third-generation Carey resident Corienne Marks asked if the city could simply slow down.

"Maybe then we could catch our breath," she said.

But Mecham said the city is growing and the need for affordable housing may be just over the horizon.

"I can see this coming down the pipeline, and we need to address it now," she said.

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Janey Colter is a writer from Carey. She can be reached by e-mail at [colterj@suskylan.net](mailto:colterj@suskylan.net).

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Charles High**  
GOODING — Charles E. High, 74, of Gooding, died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2006, at the twin View Care Center in Kimberly.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by De-

many Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

**Joseph Maccarillo Jr.**  
HAILEY — Joseph Paul Maccarillo Jr., 66, of Hailey, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at his home.

The funeral will be held at noon Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at the Limelight Room in Sun Valley, the with Rev. Shawn Carly officiating. Interment will follow at the Hailey Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

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COMICS

**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

WHAT DO YOU CALL THOSE ON YOUR FEET? MOCCASINS.

MOCCASINS?

SORRY, ANNO. CORANOHNTY HAVE SPEECH IMPROVEMENT 'CAN'T SAY 'MOCCASINS'.

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

THAT REEPLACE OF HANNAH'S REALLY BUGS ME.

CUTE??

I THINK IT'S CUTE.

YOU THINK IT'S CUTE THAT FIVE-YEAR-OLDS ARE WEARING BLING? YOU THINK IT'S CUTE THAT RIPS ARE IMITATING GANGSTERS?

NO, OF COURSE NOT.

I THINK IT'S CUTE THAT IT BOTHERS YOU.

**Baldo** By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

DO YOU GUYS HAVE AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN?

YES, SO. WE'RE SURE DO, AND IT WORKS GREAT!

EVERY DAY AT CLOSING TIME.

**Brevity** By Guy & Rodd

UH-OH... IF THIS IS HERE, WHAT DID I HOIST UP THE MAST?

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

WERE OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD OF LANDFILL. HE'LL GIVE YOU SOME AMBITION AND HE'LL SHOW ME HOW TO GET HOME.

CAN WE GO TOO? I NEED EXPERIENCE... AND HE NEEDS A BRAIN, HEART, SOUL, AND A STRATEGIC VISION.

NO I DON'T. YOU'RE FIRED! AND A JOB... I NEED A JOB.

**Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau

LEADING THOUGHTS THAT YOU DON'T WANT?

THESE ARE YOUR SUBJECT MATTERS... 'EXPERIENCE'.

DOONESBURY IS A TYPICAL OF SOME ONE OF THESE PEOPLE'S UNCLE SAM'S HEADS. HE COULD FEEL A UNCLE SAM'S WITH HIS FACE COVERED.

MOST UNIVERSITIES ARE ALL ABOUT PRODUCE WITH FRAP, I AM TRIP HAS CHANGING SCHEDULES UNDER.

WELL, ACCORDING TO YOUR OWN DEFINITION OF 'NO'?

**The Elderberies** By Phil Frank and Joe Toise

Hi, foster grandpa!

Hey, little guy. Why aren't you at story hour with the other kids?

'Cause Dusty started telling us this real disgusting stuff!

Such as?

He said he can inhale gummy worms through his nose!

NO! Do you want me to tell him to stop saying things like that?

Um...no. I want to know if you happen to have any gummy worms?

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

LOOKING AGAIN? WE'VE HAD THIS 'OL' ROUTINE.

BY THE WAY, I HEART-HROUGH MY CLOSET, AND I LOVE MYSELF. I'VE THINGS ON YOUR BED.

YOUR BED DRESS! YOU'RE SERIOUSLY TRYING TO GET ME TO KEEP DRESSING?

WHY AM I? DAD WOULD SAY WHEN HE SEES ME IN THE 'OL' ROUTINE.

PROBABLY THE SAME OLD ROUTINE TO DATE TO.

YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE IN THAT WIG. YOU'VE GOT TO CHANGE IT.

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

**DNA LAB** YOU CROSSED A GOLDFISH WITH A SALMON! WHAT DID YOU GET?

A GOLDIE-LOX!

**Luann** By Greg Evans

DAD AND I DECIDED YOU CAN KEEP SASSY ON ONE CONDITION: PROMISE TO KEEP HER AWAY FROM DAD.

I PROMISE, THANK YOU, MOM!

YOUR DAD DESERVES THE REAL THANKS, MONKEY.

RIGHT.

HELLO?

THANK YOU, DADDY.

**Mallard Fillmore** By Bruce Tinsley

ACTUALLY, 'HOMOPHOBIA' IS AN OVERUSED MISNOMER! IT LITERALLY MEANS THAT YOU'RE AFRAID OF HOMOSEXUALS!

AND I'M NOT! I BELONG TO THE GAY-STRONG, TRANS-GENDERED, BISEXUAL, QUESTIONING ALLIANCE! BUT SEEING THOSE TWO COMBOS BEING... IN A 'HOMOPHOBIA' GROUP, I'M OUT.

HAVE YOU SEEN BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN?

ARE YOU KIDDING? JUST SITTING IN A MOVIE SEAT WHERE OTHER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN EATING PIZZAZON AND MILK DUDS ME OUT.

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

WHAT ARE YOU FILLING OUT, RAT?

IT'S A JOB OVERSIGHT. IT MATTERS TO YOUR PERFECT CAREER. RIGHT NOW, IT LOOKS LIKE I GOT 'PROFESSIONAL CRITIC' WRITTEN ALL OVER ME.

WHAT'S A 'PROFESSIONAL CRITIC'?

IT SAYS, 'SOMEONE WHO SO LACKS THE NECESSARY SKILL TO ENTER A GIVEN PROFESSION THAT THEY CHOOSE, INSTEAD TO SEE, ALSO, 'BETTER BETTER'.

SOMEONE PAID YOU TO BE BETTER?

THE BETTER THE BETTERER.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

FACE IT, EARL. YOU NEVER USE THESE OLD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINES.

WHY DON'T YOU GET RID OF THEM? THEY TAKE UP A LOT OF SPACE AND THEY SERVE NO PURPOSE.

NO, WAIT. I TAKE IT BACK. HERE'S AN ARTICLE ON JUTE FARMING IN BANGLADESH THAT I SIMPLY COULD NOT LIVE WITHOUT.

SARCASM DOESN'T HAPPY TO YOU, OPAL.

**Ross is Ross** By Pat Brady

NO, YOU CAN BE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO BE. BUT YOU CAN'T BE A GIRL.

NO GIRLS NIGHT OUT. WELL, HAVE A GIRLS NIGHT IN TARDY!

YES! WE'LL MAKE HIM AN HONORARY GIRL.

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

HOW SAYS THAT YOU'RE FEELING SOME SPOONING PRESSURE AT SCHOOL. GUESS?

'SOME PRESSURE??

THERE'S A SENIOR IN MY SCHOOL WHO HAS A MO. GER. AND SHE HATE EVENING THE TOP OF HER CLASS!

EXCELLENCE IS THE NEW AVERAGE, DAD.

SUREPPY THINGS TO BE OLD.

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

HEY, DON'T BLAME ME. I WAS GOING ON THE BEST INTELLIGENCE AVAILABLE.

**Strange Brew** By John Deering

BACKSTAGE WITH SHANIA TWAIN!

# Aries needs to spend time at home

**IF JAN. 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are sensitive to your surroundings in the year to come and may feel healthier and more vibrant than ever. Be sure to keep company with uplifting people and maintain a pleasant environment to reinforce the best of what the year may offer. Grab hold of the brass rings and accept a prize in mid-June when good fortune is most likely to come your way. Be cautious and avoid signing contracts or neglecting responsibilities in August. In late September your luck will change to the better.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** There's no place like home. Tap your ruby slippers together and enjoy a period of peace and contentment with loved ones. With things running like clockwork there is more time to relax.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** The winds of change may waft your way. Minor alterations may be necessary, so be prepared to spend extra time on the phone. Peace and tranquility reign supreme at home.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Think outside the box. You could make significant discoveries or find ingenious ways to replace outmoded methods. You may have a few tricks up

**HERALDSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

your sleeve that delight a loved one.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Your positive outlook and enthusiasm can sweep problems out of your path. Get as much work done as possible early in the day. Avoid being overly familiar with authority figures.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Know the difference between big and little things. Minor ups and downs could make you worry that you are on shaky ground for a few hours, so cling to the people you know are secure.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Entertain your friends. Stilling routines may have held you back but now you can break free and let your mind wander along more fertile paths. But fantasies into action later this evening.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Paint a pretty picture. Make the perfect impression in public by blending in with the crowd. For this evening's entertainment choose a romantic movie or a quiet candlelit dinner for two.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You don't need to follow the crowd. For the best success in business or career, seek privacy and tap into your storehouse of inner tranquility. Pleasant surprises may wait for you at home.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Your wry way with words can amuse others, so entertain them with imaginative tales. Don't vacillate about money matters — if in doubt, don't spend your hard-earned pennies.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You are only as old as you feel. Maybe playing beloved childhood games will refresh your outlook. Set the stage for romance by lighting a few candles or cooking up a delicacy.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Sometimes a turtleneck sweater is more provocative than a low-cut, high-collared. Take pleasure in promoting a Mayberry type of night that celebrates wholesome innocence.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Visit the theater or tour an art display. A bit of glamour in the air can make even the most ordinary things radiate with beauty. Adapt a new cause or take a deserving person under your wing.



**Beetle Bailey**

By Mort Walker



**Blonde**

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



**The Bom Loser**

By Art Sansom & Chip



**Garfield**

By Jim Davis



**Hagar the Horrible**

By Chris Browne



**Hi and Lois**

By Chance Browne



**Classic Peanuts**

By Charles M. Schulz



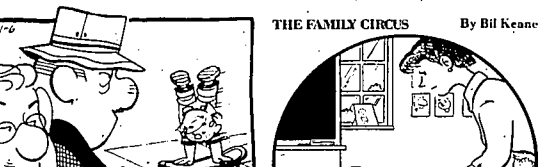
**The Wizard of Id**

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



**Dennis the Menace**

By Hank Ketchum



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

By Bil Keane



# Receptionist won't let woman outgrow nickname of her youth



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 48-year-old woman who was known by my nickname, "Pudge," while I was in high school because so many other girls had the same common name.

After high school, I went back to my given name, and I have carefully told all my old friends that, while my nickname was cute for a 15-year-old, it no longer suited me. Most of them have made the change out of respect for me.

What should I tell my doctor's receptionist, who did not know me before, but insists on using my nickname? I have told her I prefer my given name, but she refuses to use it. I don't want to hurt her feelings, but I think she should address me as I introduce myself. I see this doctor four times a year, so I see her often. She also uses the nickname on mail sent to my home. The best she has ever done is to preface it with "Mrs." What should I do?

—NO NICKNAME, PLEASE

**DEAR N.N.P.:** Because you have already spoken to the receptionist, and your request has been ignored, your next step should be to address your complaint to the doctor. Tell him how annoying it is that she continues to address you by a nickname you'd prefer to forget.

And even puts it on your mail. And be sure to let him know that you expect him to put a stop to it, because if he doesn't, you will take your business elsewhere. That should "cure" the problem.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been happily married for five years to a wonderful man I met on the Internet. He moved here to Idaho after our marriage (he's from Minnesota).

We have traveled by road or by plane four or five times over the last five years to Minnesota to visit his relatives. However, my in-laws have made only one attempt to come to visit us. My father-in-law has since passed away. We flew to Minnesota for his funeral.

We have attempted many times to coax my mother-in-law to come to Idaho to visit us and the four grandkids we have had over the last five years, but she claims she's afraid of flying.

When we suggested taking a bus, she came up with another excuse.

We invited his mother to Idaho for Christmas and again she refused, saying e-mail, Internet photos and phone calls are enough for her. She is very involved with her friends, card games, weight-loss programs, Red Hat Society, etc. She is only 72 and healthy and wealthy.

I am very hurt that she makes no effort at all to see us. We can't afford to fly six of us there even once a year to visit. Have you any suggestions? I think she is being selfish, but don't know how to fix the problem, and my husband is very hurt by it.

—FORGOTTEN IN IDAHO

**DEAR FORGOTTEN:** You can't change another person; you can only change the way you react to that person. Your mother-in-law appears to be selfish and self-centered, but much as you would like to, you can't change her. Continue to send her cards, photos and updates on her grandchildren's progress. However, you and your husband will be hurt and disappointed if you accept the fact that his mother is flawed, do not personalize it any further and go on with your lives.

Trust me on that!

## LITTLE ANGELS



With raindrops falling from the sky, Amanda Almeida, 5, left, and her sister Catalina, 4, make snow angels Tuesday outside the Black Butte Lodge in Eagle Crest, Ore.

# Artist goes hopping through the desert after chaining legs together

**BAKER, Calif.** — An artist who chained his legs together to draw a picture of his legs wrapped in chains hopped 12 hours through the desert after realizing he lost the key and couldn't unlock the restraints, authorities said.

Revor Cornelussen, 26, wrapped and laced a chain around his bare ankles Tuesday while camping in an abandoned mine shaft about 5 miles north of Baker, San Bernardino County sheriff's Deputy Ryan Ford said.

Cornelussen often sketches inside mines in the Southwest. When he finished his chain drawing, he realized he would have to seek help in Baker, the deputy said Wednesday.

"It took him over 12 hours because he had to hop through boulders and sand," Ford said. "He did put on his shoes before hopping."

Cornelussen finally made it to a gas station on the edge of Baker. He called the sheriff's department, which sent paramedics and deputies with

## Odds & Ends

**boit cutters.**

Cornelussen's legs were bruised, but he was otherwise in good health, Ford said. The artist did not have a listed phone number and could not be reached for comment.

## Quirky prenuptial pact can't save this message

**SANFORD, Fla.** — Sally Erickson and Renzie Davidson thought they had the secret to marital bliss. But the eccentric list of demands outlined in their prenuptial agreement, including mandatory backrubs and a \$5 nagging fee, still couldn't save their marriage.

Now Erickson is suing Davidson for fraud, alleging he divorced her in secret more than two years ago, according to Seminole County court records. Before exchanging vows in 2001, the couple agreed to a quirky prenuptial agreement, Erickson promised to cook breakfast at least

four times a week and, in return, "Renzie will not wake Sally up on her 'off days,'" according to the document.

The agreement also required Davidson to rub Erickson's back three times a week for five minutes. If Erickson used a certain expletive, she would be sentenced to one hour of yard work. And Davidson was to pay \$5 each time he complained, nagged or made "a kiss about Sally's expenditure."

Despite their carefully laid plans, Davidson, 62, decided to call it quits 3 1/2 months into the marriage. Erickson, 61, acknowledged she was served notice of the divorce suit, but she said in court pleadings that Davidson later told her he had dropped the suit.

Erickson said Davidson secretly went to court and got a default judgment against her. Documents show Davidson was granted an uncontested divorce in February 2003 without Erickson ever appearing in court. She claims she didn't know about the divorce until recently.

— compiled from wire reports

# An alligator can put out quite a bellow

When an alligator bellows, you'd better cover your ears if you're standing about 16 feet away. It measures 92 decibels — about as loud as a small plane engine.

**This day in history:** On Jan. 6, 1759, George Washington married rich widow Martha Dandridge. Martha and children moved in with the couple. "Father of Our Country" never had any biological children of his own.

If you're a bowler, you should know the name of Ed Lubanski. In 1959, the Detroit pro bowled two consecutive 300 games at Miami Beach Bowling Palace.

Hold on tight! At its equator, the Earth spins at about 1,070 miles per hour. At the North Pole, it doesn't. Rio de Janeiro means in Portuguese, "River of



**JACK MINGO**  
Erin Barrett

by a war that's been otherwise pretty well forgotten: the Crimean War, which raged from 1854-1856.

The Latin word gladius means "sword." The word gave us "gladiator" but it also gave us "gladiola," the flower with leaves that look like small green swords.

Warts are caused by an internal virus, which some of us carry and some of us don't. Hoping up amphibians — frogs and toads — won't do anything, except maybe cause harm to the animal.

**Oops!** The 9-foot Babe Ruth, signed at Baltimore's Oriole Park, shows the Babe leaning on his bat and clutching a right-handed fielder's glove. Strange, because the baseball great was lefty.

## Market Watch

Jan. 5, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	10,882.16
Nasdaq Composite	2,276.87
Standard & Poor's 500	1,273.48
Russell 2000	691.77

## Stocks of local interest

close change	
Idacorp	\$30.21 ▲.23
Con Agri	\$20.48 ▼.11
Def Inc	\$30.75 ▼.01

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## Commodities

close change	
Oil, by barrel	\$62.79 ▼.63
(Feb., light sweet, crude)	
Live cattle	\$96.27 ▼.20
Cheese	
butter	\$1.34 ▲ no change
pigs	\$1.3675 ▲ no change
Gold (Feb.)	\$529.9 ▼ 7.9

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## Stern reaps stock shares from Sirius

NEW YORK — Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. will give Howard Stern 34 million shares of stock — worth about \$220 million at today's prices — because the company has met agreed-upon targets for gaining new subscribers under its 2004 deal with the stock lock. In a regulatory filing Thursday, Sirius said its subscriber count as of Dec. 31, 2005, exceeded the target it had agreed upon with Stern in October 2004, when it made a five-year deal with him. Stern begins his new show on Sirius on Jan. 9, having left his longtime employer, Infinity Broadcasting, which has been renamed CBS Radio, a unit of CBS Corp.

## Nation's service sector shows growth

NEW YORK — The nation's service sector grew more rapidly in December and the number of workers filing new claims for jobless benefits fell to the lowest level in five years, signs the economy enters the new year on fairly strong footing.

The Institute for Supply Management said Thursday its index of nonmanufacturing activity increased to 59.9 last month from 58.5 in November. The new figure was above the 59-year forecast by analysts.

On Thursday, the government reported that first-time jobless claims fell by 35,000 last week to 291,000, the lowest level in more than five years, a sign that the national labor market continues to shake off the effects of Hurricane Katrina, Rita and Wilma.

## Delta given deadline on bankruptcy plan

NEW YORK — Delta Air Lines Inc., facing mounting legal issues surrounding its pilot pensions, can have until July 1 to submit its plan for reorganizing the company under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, a U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge ruled Thursday. The airline originally had until Jan. 12 to submit a plan, and the court's creditors could have submitted alternative plans after that date. But the bankruptcy court judge ruled that the company's additional legal battles and the handling of retirees' pensions, and a Circuit Court judge Prudence Carter judge agreed to the extension.

## Tuesday Morning sales up 3.8 percent

DALLAS — Home accessory retailer Tuesday Morning Corp. reported Thursday that its 2005 sales were up 3.8 percent over 2004. For the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, sales were \$931.8 million compared to \$897.8 million in 2004, according to a company press release. Comparable store sales were down 4 percent for 2005, it said. Tuesday Morning has a store on Pole Line Road in Twin Falls.

## Coming Tomorrow

December employment figures for Magic Valley.

# Google to announce video partnership

## Deal will allow purchase of video over Internet, report says

**The Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Google Inc. will let consumers buy video over the Internet from CBS, the NBA and other providers, becoming the latest company to explore the new method of distributing TV content, according to a report Thursday.

The Wall Street Journal, citing

unnamed people familiar with the matter, said Google plans to make the announcement Friday at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

Google began making video available for free last year, offering everything from amateur footage of a kid falling off a roof to the premiere episode of the

television show "Everybody Hates Chris," which broadcasts on UPN, a CBS Corp. network.

The search engine leader had always planned on making some of its video available for fee, through distribution arrangements with content partners. According to the Journal, Google plans to announce deals with CBS and the National

Basketball Association.

Google spokeswoman Ellen Rodriguez would not confirm or deny the report, saying only that the company had "a number of exciting announcements that we look forward to sharing in detail" during co-founder Larry Page's Friday keynote at CES.

Video promises to be com-

petitive online.

In recent months, Apple Computer Inc. raised the bar by making deals to sell shows old and new from ABC and NBC Universal for \$1.99 each — viewable on computers and its newer iPods. The catalog includes "Lost" and "Law & Order."

The Journal said it did not know how much content would be made available for the video through Google.

# LOOKING RESPECTABLE

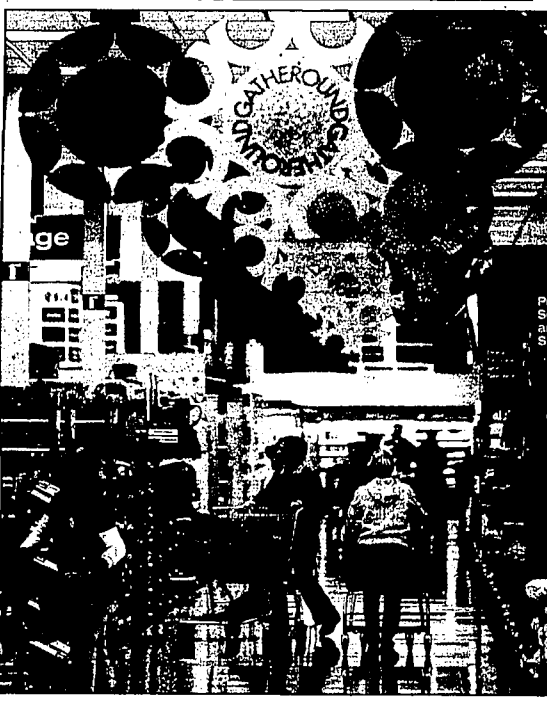
## Sales figures seem to point to a decent holiday season

By Anne D'Innocenzo  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Retailers faced an uncertain 2006 Thursday after December sales figures showed that the holiday shopping season, while overall respectable, was disappointing for some of the nation's most prominent merchants. As expected, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. was one of the stragglers, falling short of Wall Street's expectations and warning about its fourth-quarter profits.

As stores reported their monthly results, the winners included Target Corp., Costco Wholesale Corp., Nordstrom Inc., and teen retailers such as Abercrombie & Fitch Co. Gap Inc., Sears Holdings Corp. and Kohl's Corp. were among the other disappointments.

It was clear that consumers, mindful of the rising costs of energy and borrowing money, were particularly cautious during the holidays.



Holiday decorations hang from the ceiling at the new Super Target in this Roseville, Minn., photo from November. December sales figures from the nation's big retailers show that merchants had a choppy but overall respectable holiday season as consumers saved most of their shopping for the days just before and after Christmas.

"This is not a great showing, but not a poor showing. It is somewhere in between," said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers. "Consumers are not splurging everywhere. It is a little here and there. The consumer is very selective."

Niemira noted that retailers will face a tougher environment over the next couple of months as higher heating bills and rising interest rates are expected to curb consumer spending.

"The consumer is unlikely to be a strong consumer," he said.

One potential bright spot is a steadily improving job market, whose gradual recovery helped boost consumer confidence last month. The Labor Department reported Thursday that the number of newly laid-off workers filing for unemployment benefits fell to the lowest level in more than five years last week. That provided more data that the labor market is cooling down from the effects of a string of devastating hurricanes.

"As long as people can find the right merchandise, have a job and borrow a little bit, they are going to go shopping," said Richard Hastings, an analyst at Bernard Sands LLC, who was more positive about consumer spending. "Overall, the holiday season was good. Retailers who had it all nailed down were the winners."

The UBS-International Council of Shopping Centers preliminary sales tally of 65 retailers posted a modest 3.2 percent sales gain, at the midpoint of the 3 percent to 3.5 percent growth forecast for the month. The tally is based on same-store sales or sales at stores opened at least a year and are considered the best indicator of a retailer's health.

That means that November-December sales were up 3.5 percent, which is at the high

## Magic Valley Mall reports strong sales

The Magic Valley Mall retailers, as a whole, saw a bigger holiday sales bump in 2005 than in 2004.

In 2005, mall stores other than the four department store anchors posted an estimated 12.5 percent December sales increase over 2004, said Shellen Gilliland, the mall's marketing director. Comparatively, mall stores in 2004 posted an 11.97 percent increase over 2003.

The UBS-International

Council of Shopping Centers preliminary sales tally of 65 retailers nationally posted a 3.5 percent increase from 2004 to 2005 in November-December sales, according to the Association of Retailers.

Gilliland did not have an exact figure but said the mall stores ended the year with the highest annual sales volume in five years. In 2004, the stores saw a 7 percent jump over 2003, she said.

Women's and junior apparel

were top-selling items at the mall in December, she said. People tended to buy cold-weather gear and gift certificates in this category.

Jewelry was the other top seller, with three-store rings and solitaire earrings leading the way, she said.

Three of the four department stores posted significantly larger sales in December than any other month in 2005, she said.

— Chris Baldus

# Washington's smoking ban in bars sends puffers to Idaho

The Associated Press

CLARKSTON, Wash. — Washington smokers facing a ban on lighting up in bars and restaurants are taking their habit — and moving — to Idaho.

"I've had regular clientele tell me right to my face they're going to Idaho to smoke," Tony Salerno, owner of Hogan's in Clarkston, told the Lewiston Tribune.

Washington voters approved Initiative 501 in November, which bans smoking within 25

feet of doorways, windows and air intakes of public places and workplaces. It took effect Dec. 8.

That has left some establishments in Washington near the Idaho border having to compete with bars and restaurants in Idaho that allow smoking.

Salerno measured out a spot where people could stand and smoke, but that caused the sidewalk to be littered with cigarette butts and garbage. "I had said lunch and dinner crowds haven't increased enough to replace patrons that went to Idaho. Now he's trying to bring in more customers with music

on additional nights.

"Trying to survive on one good night out of six isn't going to cut it," he said.

Smitty's Bar had to let go of four employees, said manager Kelleigh Fowler.

"We're almost going out of business. It's been so bad," she said. "Our biggest money night is New Year's Eve, and we had 10 people in here and did less than \$300 in business from opening to close."

Clarkston Police Chief Joel Hastings said the department has received some complaints

about smokers in illegal areas, and officers did find people smoking in one tavern. The business owner was given a warning.

Despite the ban, some businesses are doing fine.

Station 3, which serves lunch and dinner and has some gambling, has made up for disappearing smokers with people coming to eat who wouldn't have entered before the ban.

"We have a good reputation for our food, and it's saved us," said owner Tom Scher.

But Scher said the anti-smoking law is too broad and could put some bars and restaurants out of business.

Fowler said she wrote a letter, which has been signed by patrons of Smitty's and other taverns, and plans to send it to state representatives and senators requesting that the law be modified. If that results in any action, though, she said it might not be in time to help Smitty's.

"We could be closed in three months," she said. "You never know."

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BANKRUPTCIES

BOISE - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Angelina Marie Zimmerman, also known as Arlycia Marie Jacobsen, Angley Court, 1210 E. Main St., Shoshone, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 1-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case No. 05-43734.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Raymond M. Gill and Juliet Gill, 419 Fruitland Ave. No. 16, Bull, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 05-43043.

Shanna Stevens, 794 Washington St. N., No. 2, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 05-43722.

Individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 05-43722.

Chapter 12, business, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Rockrose LLC, PO Box 506, Redfield, corporate (holding company), business, Chapter 12, 1-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 05-43732.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Nicholas Stephen Gurrite, 1422 Sixth Ave. E., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 1-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case No. 05-43727.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Raymundo G. Pena and Yolanda Lopez, also known as Yolanda Pena, 323 Wauna Vista Drive, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, estimated number of creditors not listed, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case No. 05-43735.

Stocks inch higher in erratic trading

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks managed to extend their New Year's rally to a third session Thursday, edging higher in erratic trading as the tech sector from chip maker Xilinx Inc. The day's fluctuations signaled that investors wanted to catch their breath after a strong start to the year. The Dow Jones Industrial average gained more than 160 points the previous two sessions, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index reached a 4.5-year high Wednesday.

Many strategists say the market's 2006 advance should continue to feel like people are thinking that stocks are still cheap relative to bonds, said Phil Schlamkamp, head of global equities at JP Morgan Chase & Co. "At this moment, sentiment still feels good, and I think there's room for stocks to rally further."

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow rose 2.00, or 0.02 percent, to 10,882.15. Broader stock indicators also edged up slightly, with the 1,023.48, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 13.41, or 0.59 percent, to 2,276.87.

Strong economic news failed to move stocks substantially. The Institute for Supply Management's index of services sector activity came in at 59.8 for the month, topping the 59 reading forecast on Wall Street as well as November's 58.5 read-

ing. In addition, the Labor Department reported that first-time claims fell to 350,000 last week, a five-year low.

The big debate for the year: Whether stocks are cheap or expensive. Price to earnings ratios have fallen as stock prices stayed still although corporate earnings were strong. Still, looking at trailing earnings, the price-to-earnings ratio for the S&P 500 is still higher than historical norms, according to Merrill Lynch & Co. The S&P's price-to-earnings ratio is currently 16.4, compared to a norm of 14.

"We expect that a cyclical decline will unfold in 2006," Richard T. McCabe, Merrill Lynch's chief U.S. market analyst, said in a note earlier this week.

Crude oil prices fell a barrel of light crude settled at \$62.79, down 63 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Whet high oil prices pressured stocks for much of 2005, Schlamkamp said the economy's resilience to the increase in oil prices is a positive sign.

Wall Street punished retailers, although overall sales were modestly higher. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. fell 0.25 to \$45.69 after reporting that its sales for stores open at least a year, known as same-store sales, rose just 2.2 percent in December, at the end of analysts' estimates.

Target Corp. fell 16 cents to \$54.49 after posting a 4.7 percent increase in same-store sales, slightly better than Wall Street's forecasts. Costco Wholesale Corp. fell 30 cents to \$49.78.

Unions push for big firms to pay more health costs

By Barbara Rose Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - Labor unions announced a campaign Thursday to enact laws in 25 states to ensure that big employers such as Wal-Mart Stores contribute more to their employees' health care.

Proposed "fair share health care" laws, modeled after a controversial initiative in Maryland, would require large corporations to enact laws in 25 states to ensure that big employers such as Wal-Mart Stores contribute more to their employees' health care or contribute to a fund for uninsured workers. Percentages would vary from state to state depending on the average outlay by big employers in each locale.

The union campaign, announced by the AFL-CIO, a

53-union coalition representing 9 million workers, comes amid renewed interest in solutions to the rising number of uninsured Americans.

The issue is said by James P. Sorenson, president of nonprofit Economic and Social Research Institute, a health-care research group in Washington, D.C. "There's a lot of interest in doing something limited (affecting) the large employers out of concern that some of their employees are going on Medicaid. A lot of states are looking at it."

In Maryland, lawmakers are expected to vote next week on whether to override Gov. Bob Ehrlich's veto of a bill that would

require companies with more than 10,000 workers to spend 8 percent of payroll on health care. The measure is known as the "Wal-Mart bill" because the retail giant is the only company that would be affected.

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney cited a study tallying \$23 billion in annual health-care costs that fell on taxpayers when companies fail to provide affordable insurance for workers.

"Our health care system is broken but it didn't just split apart," he said. "Big companies such as Wal-Mart are pulling it apart and profiting at taxpayers' expense."

A Wal-Mart spokesman said employees can choose from among a number of health plans that cost as little as

\$11 a month.

"These bills will do nothing to address the enormous number of uninsured or control the soaring cost of health care in America," she told Bloomberg news. "(Union leaders) should focus on solving our nation's health care challenges, not attacking a company that's providing working families with access to affordable health insurance."

Employers' health insurance costs are expected to go up 9.5 percent this year to a national average per employee of about \$8,046, according to benefits consultant Hewitt Associates.

Workers on average will pay more than \$134 per month for health insurance, more than double what they paid five years ago.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 125 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Chg, Last, High, Low, Vol, Bid, Ask.

MARKETS

LOSING FUTURES

Table of losing futures contracts including S&P 500, Dow Jones, and various commodity futures like oil, gold, and wheat.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock futures including corn, soybeans, wheat, and various types of cattle and hogs.

Shopping

Continued from C8. There were a number of factors that created a mixed bag for retailers. They included Hanukkah falling particularly late this year, on Dec. 25, and the New York City transit strike, which occurred in the critical five days before the end of the year.

Shopping

Continued from C8. same-store sales at its Knatt stores rose 1 percent. Costco posted a 7 percent gain in same-store sales, beating the 6 percent estimate from analysts. Total sales rose 10 percent.

BEANS

Table of bean futures contracts including soybean, black bean, and other varieties.

CHEESE

Table of cheese futures contracts including cheddar, mozzarella, and other types.

GRAINS

Table of grain futures contracts including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

POTATOES

Table of potato futures contracts including various grades and types.

FOSSIL FUELS

Table of fossil fuel futures including oil, natural gas, and heating oil.

Shopping

Continued from C8. Wal-Mart, which was more aggressive with its discounting and marketing this year than last year, said disappointing. The posting a slim 2.2 percent gain in same-store sales. The results, the weakest December performance since 2000, missed the 2.4 percent estimate from analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial. Total sales rose 3.1 percent.

SOYBEANS

Table of soybean futures contracts including various grades and types.

METALS/MONEY

Table of metals and money futures including gold, silver, and various currencies.

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Table of unleaded gasoline futures contracts for various regions.

Shopping

Continued from C8. Sears Holdings announced results. It said same-store sales tumbled 9.8 percent at Sears stores for the nine-week period ended Dec. 31 because of a lack of special promotions. Meanwhile,

SUGAR

Table of sugar futures contracts including various grades and types.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance data including various categories and fund names.

Shopping

Continued from C8. Hyundai models to Hyundai Motor America, a unit of Korea-based Hyundai Motor Co.

Shopping

Continued from C8. Hyundai is the first auto maker to add satellite radio to a standard feature to all its vehicles, said Delphi.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table of mutual fund performance data including fund names, categories, and performance metrics.

## Water that refreshes

According to the Greeks drinking water, *agua potable*, *agua* is one of the first four elements created: earth, fire, water, and air. And it is so simple, H<sub>2</sub>O, any of the gods could have made it. And I suppose back when, no one thought that one day it would be more expensive than gasoline.

ACCIDENTAL  
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Studebaker

Today the average price for "pure spring water" is \$.89 a pint. That's \$3.56 per gallon! Gasoline in the Beagle Valley along close to three bucks per gallon, but it didn't beat the price of water.

If you buy *elan*, well, your price will be over \$4.50 per gallon. And that's more than super unleaded.

Given the high price of bottled water, I'm going to layout a strategy that may not lower the cost, but it sure will enhance the experience of drinking it.

My concept will make drinking water fun, somewhat like drinking beer is fun.

Water will be the delight of deer, elk, moose, and bear hunters. When they get back to camp, they won't be saying, "Let's have a beer." They'll be saying, "Let's have a bottle of Crystal Bullet."

Crystal Bullet is a light, refreshing water. It has fewer calories than most water, so you don't get that bloated feeling.

Of course, there's always someone in a crowd of hunters who prides "prize" water. Well, if they want to stay with the Crystal Bullet family, they can have a bottle of Original Crystal Bullet.

The H<sub>2</sub>O in original Bullet comes from wells deep in the Rocky Mountains. It hasn't seen the light of day since the beginning of time. It's a full-bodied water that has never been diluted by rain or snow. It's pure Rocky Mountain water!

Chukar hunters, however, need more than water. When they're about to climb a 1,000 feet of boulder strewn, scree swamped and grass fringed terraces, they need to power up.

How about Cold Fusion? Cold Fusion radiates nothing but pure power. Drink a bottle, and you'll have more than wits. You'll have rocket power.

Cold Fusion will be bottled in Arco, the first city lit by atomic energy. To mix my metaphors, the Snake River Aquifer is a cold mine.

What about fishermen who sit all day waiting for the big one?

I suggest Extra Gravily. Extra Gravily will cost more, but each bottle has a surprise. It's a small pet rock in every bottle. Collect them all. And Extra Gravily will help you keep your seat.

This business of marketing water gets a bit more complicated when I turn to whitewater sports like rafting and kayaking. Boaters are surrounded by fish all day, and they're finicky, but wail, there's a water fit for them too.

For starters there's CES (cubic feet per second). It comes in wide-mouthed jugs and is easily chugged. Roving or just sitting on a raft all day makes a person thirsty, and a fast quench is always appreciated. It comes in use-it-or-lose-it jugs so you're sociable and pass it around.

Kayakers won't be left out either. There's Extreme H<sub>2</sub>O for rent. Extreme H<sub>2</sub>O is one of the most delicate of waters. Its secret ingredient is time. It's a blend of pure adrenaline.

For everyone needs water to extend their sport addiction. There are folks among us who just want to sit, rest, meditate. Live the good life.

For them, there's Wholly Water.

Wholly Water is a complete dietary supplement. There is nothing artificial in it. It's a perfect fit for vegans, vegetarians, Jews, and health-conscious thoughtful people. Sit at any, pop a top, and rest assured your body is being nurtured.

Yes, with all of this you might see a gallon water. Never mind, no matter. It would be fun.

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Chris Cook makes a picture perfect tele turn in the Smoky Mountains.



Erik Ledecker turns through perfect powder with the jagged Sawtooth mountains as a backdrop.

# THE edge of WINTER

## Backcountry skiing a premier powder sport

By Matt Ledecker  
Times-News writer

My breath comes in heavy regular intervals in seeming lock step with each ski. Right, left, inhale, right, left, exhale. Sweat runs down the end of my nose and hangs there, suspended until that critical accumulation threshold creates enough mass to form a drop that falls into the white snow between my feet. More sweat accumulates on the ridge of my eyebrow that must be wiped away with a gloved hand. Right, left, inhale, right, left, exhale.

As we approach a bump on the ridge at nearly 10,000 feet I take in the stunning panoramic of jagged rock spires above my head and broad valley spreading below my feet. Towering above us still higher to the west is the imposing rock buttress that leads to the summit of Williams Peak. Our goal today, however, is not the summit. Nor is it the "skiers Summit" a spur on the ridge where we now stand.

No, the goal is in the descent. 1,700 hundred feet of fresh powder awaits us below. As we remove our purple climbing skins the wind blows across the ridge and freezes the sweat into little icicles that dangle off the ends of my hair. I put on a hat. The late afternoon light slices through the spires of Thompson peak and throws shadows across the slope we plan on skiing. The light is beautiful, the scenery daunting but stunning all the same, and the powder snow about as perfect as it gets.

We step into our touring bindings and start down the run. Each turn links into the next as effortlessly as our hike up was strenuous. We pick a broad open ridge that provides safety from avalanches and has ample space for creativity. The sensation is one of floating downhill between turns and rhythmic pole plants. Sooner than we hope the run is over, white powder coats our jackets and faces with a welcoming icy burn. This backcountry skiing at it's finest.

Nearly every skier dreams of that untracked slope of deep, light powder that seems to go on forever. While great days of powder skiing can be readily had in ski resorts throughout the country, jostling with hundreds of other skiers for the same run can take a little away from the experience.

Choosing to hike for your turns into the backcountry of Central Idaho's mountains will certainly bring peace and solitude, exercise and adventure along with a backdrop of spectacular scenery. It also may fulfill those dreams of that untracked run.

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Tele, Randonnee, or Snowboard.

It used to be that if you wanted to ski in the backcountry learning to master the "tele-mark turn" was a prerequisite. With modern technology tele skiers, alpine skiers, and snowboarders alike can access the backcountry safely and with equipment they are familiar with. The trick to a good backcountry setup is in the hiking.

The skiers have long had the advantage of a free heel that, when combined with a hiking skin, facilitated heading back uphill for more turns.

Alpine touring or "Randonnee" bindings are regular step-in alpine ski bindings that have a mechanism to release the heel for hiking uphill. The backcountry specific boots also have a more flexible "hike" mode for those uphill slogs. Snowboarders also have a variety of options for converting into "uphill" mode. While many boarders have long used a pair of snow shoes or short hiking skis to get back uphill, Yolle made a technological breakthrough six or seven years ago with their "split board." What looks like a snowboard cut down the middle on a table saw (I had a friend actually make his setup this way), the Yolle "Split Decision" is a snowboard that converts into a pair of hiking skis for the climb back up for more powder. Locking clips and binding plates keep the "skis" together for the downhill ride.



Three skiers head back to the hut after skiing some of the local terrain surrounding the Williams Peak yurt.

## Wood River Valley Backcountry Skiing Resources

**Huts/Yurts and Guide Services**  
My trip described above was launched from the Williams Peak Yurt in the Sawtooth Mountains. There are several backcountry huts and yurts operated by commercial guide services that are available for rent in the Sawtooth and Smokey Mountain Ranges. These businesses also provided guided ski packages and avalanche education courses.

**Sawtooth Mountain Guides** — 208-720-1823 ([www.sawtoothguides.com](http://www.sawtoothguides.com))  
• Jan 13-18 Level 1 Skier and Snowboarder Avalanche Safety Course  
• Feb 2-8 Level II Tour Leadership and Avalanche Hazard

**San Valley Trekking** — 208-768-1368 ([www.evtnk.com](http://www.evtnk.com))  
• Jan 20-22 and Feb 20-22 Level I Avalanche Awareness for Snowboarders Skiers and Snowboarders

**Day Skiing**  
There are numerous access points to Forest Service lands along the Big Wood River Corridor. The further north you drive generally equates to a deeper snowpack and better coverage. Some popular backcountry skiing locations start from Galea Summit or Durance Mtn just north of the SNRA Headquarters. Check with the local shops for more information.

**Local Resources**  
The Elephants Perch (726-3497), Backwoods Mountain Sports (726-6315), and Ski Tak (726-7503) offer the most extensive selection of backcountry ski gear and rental equipment. The staff often has good local knowledge of the area and may recommend particular ski tours. Look to purchase USGS top maps of the local terrain.

**Avalanche Education and Awareness**  
Recent Christmas storms have

blanketed the higher elevations with snow. The backcountry snowpack and avalanche stability are going through significant adjustments to the new snow loads (up to four feet in some locations) and avalanches are a always a real concern.

**DON'T head into the backcountry unaware.** Carry the proper equipment (shovel, probe, avalanche beacon, rescue and repair kits) and KNOW how to use it. Every year between 15 and 30 people die nationwide from avalanche accidents. Get educated with a professional Level 1 or II avalanche course through the guide services mentioned above. Ask questions of local skiers about the snow stability conditions. The Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center provides a daily forecast on their website and provides several introductory avalanche awareness courses. [www.avalanche.org/~snvctr](http://www.avalanche.org/~snvctr)  
Avalanche Hotline 622-8072



# NORDIC SKIING

## Workout or a Sunday stroll?

By Bryce Peterson Jr.  
Standard-Examiner

**HUNTSVILLE, Utah** — There's a whole other world beyond Snowbasin's high-speed lifts, creamy groomers and steep-and-deep powder stashes. The resort's Nordic center offers — take your pick — leisurely tours through aspen groves, along creeks and at the bottom of key canyons, or the best aerobic workout this side of summer. Cross-country skiing isn't just two long skis and a quiet, lonely landscape anymore. Unless you want it to be. With an eye toward showing the sport's variety to a new group of customers, Canyon Sports, a riverdale retailer that rents Nordic equipment, and several cross-country gear companies offered free use of gear on Dec. 17 at Snowbasin. A Sun Valley Resort, The Utah Nordic Alliance organized the event and taught free clinics to skiers of all abilities.

Kevin Vore, North Ogden, came to the event, lukewarm to cross-country skiing and left with a new winter workout option. Vore, who competes with Ogden One Cycling in the summer, had cross-country skied in the past. But not a lot. "Classical skiing just didn't exert me enough," he said. He spent more time on his stationary bike and when he wanted to get outside in the winter, he usually wore snowshoes. But after a day trying out skis built for skating — with sturdier

edges for better skating, no climbing scales on the bottom for less friction and chin-high poles for more aggressive pushing, he was sold.

"The skating seems to be a better workout. I like that cardiovascular workout," Vore said. Yes, it's a lung-burner. A couple of laps around Snowbasin's well-groomed oval on skate skis will leave most lift-spooled downhill skiers gasping.

But those interested in a more leisurely tour can get it with light, no-wax classic Nordic skis. The scales on the bottom slow the descent a little — which can be a welcome relief for beginners on the hard-to-manuever skis — but they grab the snow on the ascent to make a slow, leisurely climb accessible to even first-timers.

"It's almost two different sets of customers," said Scott Duer, who represented Nordic ski companies Alpina, Madhus and Rottefella at the demo day. "Skate skis are for the serious fitness people. They bike in the summer and skate in the winter. Classic skiers like to go walk, go get into nature and have fun."

There's plenty of terrain for both sets in the Snowbasin area. The resort maintains 16 miles of Nordic ski trails. All of those are wide enough to accommodate several skate skiers at once, and all have parallel tracks set for classical skis.

The groomed trails are available for free and Snowbasin provides maps of those trails. The trails start at the resort's

lower parking lot. There is a network of groomed trails right there and longer trails lead to Maples Campground and down the Old Snowbasin Road to the Art Nord trailhead and, conditions permitting, to near its junction with State Road 39.

For those willing to venture off the groomed trails, the same network of Forest Service trails that are open in the summer are available in the winter.

Larry Woolsey led an Ogden Sierra Club cross-country outing from the Green Pond trailhead near Snowbasin.

"There was a little fresh snow; it was quite enjoyable," Woolsey said.

He said the area's benefits include an abundance of trails and little avalanche danger — there is a large buffer zone between the trails and any avalanche-prone, steep slopes. Even the area's popularity has its benefits. If a lone skier gets hurt on a Saturday, it usually won't be long before help arrives.

Woolsey mentioned the steep, icy walls of lower Wheeler Creek Canyon, the view of Ogden Canyon from the top of Coldwater Canyon and the woody, winding trail that leads west from Green Pond as personal favorites.

Of the former he said, "Wheeler Creek is absolutely scenic. It's beautiful in the winter." Of the latter, "It's quite beautiful. Whoever planned that did a good job, it kind of winds through the trees, it doesn't just go straight up, it's quite pretty."

# Some want to allow children to hunt deer at age 12 in North Dakota

**FARGO, N.D. (AP)** — Jeffrey Sapa turned 14 years old just one week after the deer hunting season — a week too late for him to qualify for a hunting license.

His stepfather, Lee Brattle, and other outdoor enthusiasts in North Dakota believe young hunters like Jeffrey should not have to wait so long to go on their first deer hunt. They want to lower the minimum age requirement for shooting big game from 14 years to 12 — a move they also say would help recruit young hunters.

"He's really disappointed and disgusted," said Brattle, of Drayton. "He passed his hunter education class with flying colors, but he still has to wait another year."

North Dakota is one of four states that require deer gun hunters to be at least 14 years old. Two of those states, Michigan and Utah, are considering legislation to lower the age.

Those states are among 20 considered to be the most restrictive for deer hunting, according to a report funded by the National Shooting Sports Foundation and the National Wild Turkey Federation. They require hunters to be at least 12 years old to get a deer gun license, and most of those require applicants to complete a hunter safety course.

Of the other 30 states, 13 have no minimum age requirements for big game, but they require a hunter safety course. Seventeen states, including Florida, Texas and Alaska, have no restrictions, the report said.

The bill in the Michigan Legislature was introduced by Rep. Scott Hummel, who cited the sportsmen's groups report showing his state as the worst for recruiting new hunters. North Dakota is ranked 60th.

"I think the rest of the country believes there's benefits to getting kids involved earlier," Hummel said.

Recruiting is important because white-tailed deer populations have ballooned after a series of mild winters. Brattle said a record 145,000 deer gun licenses were available in North Dakota this season, up from the previous high of 145,250 the year before.

Brattle hopes to gather support to change the law before 2007, when the North Dakota Legislature meets again. The issue has been discussed in legislative committee meetings in the past but didn't make it any further, said Greg Link, assistant wildlife chief for the state Game and Fish Department.

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department would have to get behind the idea before it receives serious consideration, said state Rep. Duane Dotsey.

"I took a 14-year-old hunting this year," he said. "That's plenty young."

Some veteran hunters also want to keep the current age minimum. Dave Schnell, of Rugby, says it's a safety issue.

"We're pretty heavily crowded up this area, especially during the first couple of weeks of the deer season," Schnell said. "I don't know if I trust a 12-year-old out there with a rifle or not."

"On the other hand, there are a lot of mature 12 years olds and guys who are 40 years old who should not be hunting," he said. Bill Jensen, the state's big game biologist, said it would take a grassroots campaign to change the state law.

"I can't speak for the department," Jensen said, "but frankly, I don't think a lot of North Dakotans are aware that everybody else has less restrictive laws for hunting."



Jeffrey Sapa, 14, of Drayton, N.D., shown after shooting his first goose Sept. 3, was one week too late to meet the age minimum for shooting deer in North Dakota. Some hunters want the age restriction lowered from 14 to 12.

# Official: Dog disease likely culprit in wolf decline

**BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)** — Most of the gray wolf pups born in Yellowstone National Park last year have died, a federal wolf expert says, and he believes a dog disease — parvo virus — may be behind the dramatic loss.

Just 22 of the 69 pups born last year are still alive, said Doug Smith, the park's wolf project leader. That's the biggest drop in pup numbers since wolves were reintroduced to the park 11

years ago, with the greatest toll seen on the park's northern range. There, he said just eight of 95 pups born last spring survived.

"It's cause for concern, a great deal of concern," he said.

Over the next few weeks, Smith said, officials plan to catch Yellowstone wolf pups and take blood samples to see if the suspicions about parvo virus are true. The disease can cause extreme diarrhea and

dehydration and kill more vulnerable animals, like young pups.

Though vaccination is an option — many domestic dogs are vaccinated to protect them against parvo — Smith said it would be largely futile in the park.

"It requires two vaccinations to build up an immunity, and we'd have to catch every wolf," he said. "For both those things are impractical."

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Section E

## 2006 FORD FOCUS ZX3 HATCHBACK

### Flexibility personified



The 2006 Ford Focus ZX3 hatchback - "from mild and utilitarian to bold and powerful"

RoadWorthy!  
By Ken Chester, Jr.  
Motor News Media Corporation

Extensively reworked last year, the Ford Focus ZX3 receives a host of tweaks, enhancements and new options for 2006. Built exclusively at the automaker's Wayne, Mich., manufacturing plant, the ZX3 is powered by the strong Duratec 20 2.0L four-cylinder engine with torque communicated to the pavement via the standard five-speed manual gearbox. A four-speed automatic is optional.

As the nameplate's most versatile model lineup, Focus offers transportation options that range from mild and utilitarian to bold and powerful. Available in S, SE and SES trim levels, the ZX3 adds an available new-for-2006 Street Appearance Package. The appearance

### 2006 Ford Focus by the Numbers

**WHEELBASE:** 102.9; overall length: 168.5; width: 66.7; height: 56.8 - measurements in inches.  
**ENGINE:** 2.0L four-cylinder - 136 hp at 8,000 rpm and 136 lbs-ft of torque at 4,500 rpm; 2.3L four-cylinder - 151 hp at 5,750 rpm and 154 lbs-ft of torque at 4,250 rpm.  
**TRANSMISSION:** five-speed manual, four-speed automatic.  
**EPA FUEL ECONOMY:** 26 city/34 hwy. (manual); 26 city/32 hwy. (automatic).  
**CARGO CAPACITY:** 39.7 cu. ft.

package is designed to give Focus a "tuner" look. It includes a unique body-color front fascia with fog lamps, side marker lamps, molded-in-black grille and lower air deflector, unique body-color rear fascia with black diffuser insert, unique body-color high-mounted rear wing spoiler and bright exhaust tip.

At speed, the base ZX3

**Price:** The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Pricing (MSRP) for the 2006 Ford Focus ZX3 hatchback starts from \$13,450. Destination charges add \$545. Air conditioning \$140. As tested 2006 Ford Focus ZX3 S hatchback. Exterior color: Screaming Yellow. Interior color: Charcoal Trim/Make/model; Goodyear Eagle RSA. Tire size: P195/60R15. Total as tested \$14,905

**SAFETY FEATURES:** Dual front airbags, battery saver, SecurLock passive anti-theft system and side-intrusion door beams, SE adds remote keyless entry and power door locks. SES adds fog lights. Optional safety features include four-wheel anti-lock brakes, front seat-mounted side-impact

airbags, traction control and perimeter alarm system. **WARRANTY:** Basic: 3-year/36,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper. Powertrain: 5-year/100,000 mile. Corrosion: 5-year/unlimited. Roadside assistance: 3-year/36,000 mile, 24-hour.

equipped with the standard five-speed manual gearbox, delivers an impressively peppy, responsive and fast performance. Nimble when driven, the ZX3 is not bulky or cumbersome like other low-priced domestic offerings of the recent past. The small Focus hatchback boasts solid build quality, with materials and assembly that does not seem cheap or

skippy. Control hardware for the ZX3 features a four-wheel independent suspension system. In front, MacPherson struts and a stabilizer bar work with the Control Blade multi-link configuration at the rear with a stabilizer bar.

Inside the cabin was significantly upgraded last year. The instrument panel is -

symmetrical - the driver and front passenger areas are divided by two rectangular climate control registers - the hazard switch and a shallow center stack for the audio and climate control systems. For 2006, a single disc CD/MP3 player is standard for all models. Optional six-disc audio systems also feature steering-wheel controls.

Storage areas throughout the cabin include a storage drawer for six compact discs located by the driver's left knee and an open storage space located just below the climate control dials.

The map pockets in the doors feature integrated bottle holders. The front seats flip and slide forward for easy access to the back seat. The rear seats are a 60/40 split with flip-up rear-seat cushion, configuration that folds flat to add hauling flexibility for passengers or cargo.

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-Mel Jacobs, Sealife



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Brad Bergholdt

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LEGAL NOTICE: Twin Falls Storage Under the provisions of Idaho Code 29-7-210 will sell or dispose of stored items ASAP.

LANDS FOR LEASE: BIA ACCEPTS BID FOR FAIRMARSHULE LEASING. The Bureau of Indian Affairs is now accepting sealed bids until noon, January 24, 2006.

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LOST: Black Lab mix, 1 year old, answers to "Rowdy". Wearing a blue collar with ID #163. Found on Washington St. near 7th and 8th.

LOST: Boxer, 10 month old male, on 12/24 near Rupert Police Station. Fawn colored with white patch on chest and mouth.

LOST: Biker, 38 year old, female, applied leather collar. REWARD! Call 731-2993 or 731-3089.

LOST: cat large neutered male, dark brown and black with black stripes, yellow markings on white chest.

LOST: digital camera, Nikon Cool Pix P2 somewhere between Twin Falls and Burley.

LOST: Golden Retriever, 2 years old, red collar, missing teeth. Found on Twin Falls. 734-1424.

LOST: Lab West of CSI, Neutered male, black, brown leather collar. Found on Burley. 208-280-4810.

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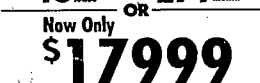
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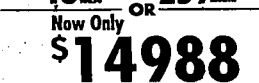
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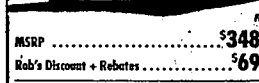
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