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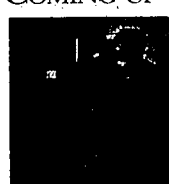
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# Stennett to propose coal plant moratorium

The Associated Press

BOISE — A Blaine County lawmaker wants lawmakers to approve a moratorium on all coal-fired power plants. Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, plans to introduce legislation that would block all permits on plants until April 1, 2007, he told the Idaho State Journal. It would halt progress on a 520-megawatt coal gasification plant planned for a site outside Pocatello and the \$1 billion Sempra coal-fired power plant proposed in Jerome County.

"That's really the problem



Stennett

here. We're not set up in this new world of deregulation," Stennett said of plants that produce more than 250 megawatts of power. "I think out-of-state interests are looking at Idaho as babes of the wood."

Stennett says he has five new proposals aimed at regulating coal plants in Idaho. One calls for a site evaluation council with representatives from areas



Plans for the Pocatello-area coal plant were announced in March. Some residents worry the facility could affect local air quality.

Supporters say the state has environmental regulations to protect the air. And they say the plant would be good for the region's economy. "I have a lot of confidence in our local officials to make good decisions when it comes to that," said Sen. Bob Geddes, R-Soda Springs, of the plant site. "A power plant is pretty critical (for our economy). No one wants to have them in their back yard. Well, I want one in my back yard."

Geddes agreed the jurisdiction issue surrounding the development of industry in Power County has troubled Blainock County residents during the last 50 years, but he added, "It's hard to say there's been no benefits and it's all been a burden."

Stennett acknowledged it will be difficult to pass the proposals in the Republican-dominated Legislature. The proposed coal gasification plant in Power County would generate enough electricity for 500,000 homes. It's a project of Southeastern Idaho Energy LLC, a Delaware-based group.

## HOME AT CHARLIE'S



Rmiz Colic, center, who works at Charlie's Food Store in Twin Falls, talks with Allen Coratic, left, on Monday afternoon while Refik Maslic drinks coffee. The store specializes in Bosnian food.

## Immigrant finds new life in Twin Falls

By Timothy A. Aklmoff  
For The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Human rights and nonviolence are not exactly everyday vocabulary for Rmiz Colic. The 34-year-old Bosnian immigrant was shot three times and survived the Srebrenica Massacre, a 1995 slaughter of Bosnian Muslims that drew the world's attention to the three-year Balkan crisis.

"Before the war, nobody cared if you were Muslim, Christian or Jewish," Colic said.

Colic served in the Yugoslavian Army until it splintered into three armies: the Serbian Army, the Croatian Army and the Bosnian Army.

"I was almost dead," he said of the last time he was shot. "We went to a refugee center in Split, Croatia, and then we came to America."

That was seven years ago, and Colic says he loves Twin Falls.

He works at Charlie's Food Store, a small Bosnian grocery on Shoshone Street where Twin Falls' Bosnians gather



Bosnian-style salami is displayed in a deli case at the store.

for strong Bosnian coffee.

"Nobody says anything about you here," Colic said. "Nobody says, 'You're Bosnian, you're Muslim, you're black.'"

Though he's not sure of the total number of Bosnians in Twin Falls, he says there are a lot. The store, of which his wife is a co-owner, is somewhat of a meeting place for the community because the traditional spot for gathering in Bosnia would more likely be a mosque or marketplace.

The nearest mosque is in Boise.

Colic said his best friend from Bosnia is a well-known kickboxer named Esaf Charlie Jasarevic, who lent his riddle name to the store. It offers traditional Bosnian foods, strong coffee, Bosnian pizza pans, spices and even frozen Sarajevski Cevapi, a kind of meat dish similar to the Greek gyro.

But on Monday, when other shops closed to remember Martin Luther King Jr. and his contributions to human rights, it was business as usual at Charlie's.

"I know the guy who killed my entire family," Colic said. "He killed my father, my mother, my two uncles and my brother die also."

"He still walks around free in my hometown."

So human rights are not the same to many of the survivors of one of the worst ethnic cleansing campaigns since the days of Hitler.

"I know that someday someone will come up to him and say, 'Hey, I know who you are and what you did,' and they will take him to jail," Colic said. "It's the process may take."

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## Supply of water looks to increase

By Bob Kirkpatrick  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Heavy rainfall and snowpack in the mountains could lead to an above-average water supply this year for Twin Falls County.

All indications are this could be the beginning of a good water year," said Vince Alberdi, general manager of the Twin Falls Canal Company. "Much better than the last three to four years."

But Alberdi isn't ready to celebrate just yet. He said if the current amount of precipitation drops off dramatically, water levels in the county's reservoirs could still drop below average.

During the canal company's annual meeting last week, Alberdi told shareholders the beginning of 2005 looked bleak until 6 inches of rain fell between April and June, bringing reservoirs to 58 percent of capacity.

He said the company was in good financial condition, but that legal costs may rise because of a lawsuit over injunctive management of water rights. Also affecting the company's budget are increased costs for fund-raising, clinic care and health insurance benefits.

In January 2005, the canal company formed the Surface Water Coalition with the Minidoka Irrigation District, the Burley Irrigation District, the American Falls Reservoir District No. 2, the Milner Irrigation District and the North Side Canal Company, to dispute the discrepancy of water usage between senior and junior water right holders determined by Karl Dreher, director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

A hearing on the matter is scheduled for March 6. Alberdi said he has no idea how long the process may take.

### By the numbers

Area irrigated: 202,691 acres  
Major canals: 110 miles  
Number of water users: 4,000  
Irrigation season: April 1 through Oct. 31

Source: Twin Falls Canal Company

## Manic Miles: No rest for BASE jumper

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Miles Dasher, the 38-year-old man who set the unofficial world record for most human-powered BASE jumps in September, is on vacation.

Well, sort of. After training for nearly a year for the event — he jumped off the Perrine Bridge 57 times in 24 hours and hiked out each time — Miles planned to take a break. But less than 48 hours after that day's final jump, he got a call from a friend inviting him to ride a hike off a cliff in Canada. Miles was at the airport 30 minutes after he hung up.

Such is the life of an adrenaline junkie.

In the four months since September's frenzy, Miles did the Canadian bike jump, plummeted thousands of feet toward Earth in a kayak, skydived onto a golf course, parachuted onto a tiny island in the center of a lake, edited film for a TV show, jumped from a radio tower, gave a motivational speech to



Miles Dasher, right, jumps off the Perrine Bridge for the 50th time in a single September day. Seven BASE-jumping friends accompanied Dasher on his historic jump.

schoolchildren, signed with a Los Angeles-based talent agency, posed for a photo shoot in a national magazine and got nominated by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce for its Person of the Year honor. In the past two weeks, he has

tossed himself off the Perrine Bridge 40 times. And, yes, he hiked out of the canyon after each one. Some vacation. And this, he said, is his slowest time of the year.

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## Ants are first non-humans to teach, researchers say

By Shankar Vedantam  
The Washington Post

The ants are tiny and usually nest between rocks in the south coast of England. Transformed into research subjects at the University of Bristol, they raced along a tabletop foraging for food — and then, remarkably, returned to guide others.

Time and again, followers trailed behind leaders, darting this way and that along the route, presumably to memorize landmarks. Once a follower got its bearings, it tapped the leader with its antennae, prompting the lesson to literally proceed to the next step.

The ants were only looking for food, but the researchers said the careful way the leaders led followers — thereby turning them into leaders in their own right — marked the first time that *Temnothorax alpestris* ants as the very first example of a

non-human animal exhibiting teaching behavior. "Within the field of animal behavior, we would say an animal is a teacher if it modifies behavior in the presence of another, at cost to itself, so another individual can learn more quickly," said Nigel R. Franks, professor of animal behavior and ecology, whose paper on the ants was published last week in the journal *Nature*.

But defining even common behaviors such as teaching is complex, and it is even harder to understand what is happening in the brains of other animals. So it is no surprise that the paper has sparked debate over what constitutes learning and teaching in the non-human world.

Franks said careful analysis, and a great deal of hours of videotaping proved that the ants were teaching one another. Please see ANT, Page A2

**TWIN FALLS FOUR CASE**

Today: Mostly cloudy with occasional snow showers. Highs upper 30s.  
Tonight: A few snow showers. Lows mid 20s.  
Tomorrow: Periods of light snow. Highs mid 30s.

**BOISE FOUR CASE**

Today: Mostly cloudy with occasional snow showers. Highs upper 30s.  
Tonight: A few snow showers. Lows river 20s.  
Tomorrow: A low rain and snow showers. Highs near 40.

**IDAHO'S FOUR CASE**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
Occasional snow will prevail through the next several days. A continuation of Pacific storm systems will provide for scattered mountain snow and a mix of rain and snow in the valleys.

**BOISE** Somewhat unsettled conditions will continue at times through the rest of the week. Pacific storm systems will continue to march across the state. Mild temperatures and some rain and snow will be the rule.

**NORTHERN UTAH**  
Off and on snows will continue through the remainder of the week. The best chances for snow will be Wednesday and Thursday.

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**GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
"I am disappointed to be charged and sorry for whatever I did. I am not a criminal. I am a man who has made mistakes. I am a man who has made mistakes. I am a man who has made mistakes."

**TWIN FALLS LIVE DAY FOUR CASE**

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Occasional snow showers	A few snow showers	Periods of light snow	A mix of rain and snow	Partly cloudy	Rain and snow showers
High 39	Low 24	37/53	41/25	39/21	39/20

**AT MANASO TWIN FALLS**

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Wednesday's Low: 14	Months to Date: 1.33"	Wednesday's Minimum: 4%	Wednesday's Minimum: 30.17"	Wednesday's Sunrise: 6:53 AM
Wednesday's High: 44	Year to Date: 1.33"	Today's Minimum: 81%	Wednesday's Maximum: 30.17"	Wednesday's Sunset: 5:54 PM

**MOON PHASES**

Jan 22	Jan 29	Feb 6	Feb 13
Full Moon	New Moon	First Quarter	Full Moon

**NATIONAL FOUR CASE**

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	44-57	40-48	Phoenix	43-58	44-43
Boston	33-41	37-47	Portland, ME	32-40	41-50
Chicago	31-41	34-41	Portland, ME	32-40	41-50
Denver	37-50	34-38	Portland, ME	32-40	41-50
Dallas	41-54	39-54	Portland, ME	32-40	41-50
Houston	47-59	44-54	Portland, ME	32-40	41-50
Los Angeles	53-64	51-61	Portland, ME	32-40	41-50
London	50-51	51-51	Portland, ME	32-40	41-50
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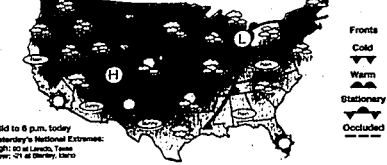
**AVOID FOUR CASE**

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Atlanta	44-57	40-48	Phoenix	43-58	44-43
Boston	33-41	37-47	Portland, ME	32-40	41-50
Chicago	31-41	34-41	Portland, ME	32-40	41-50
Denver	37-50	34-38	Portland, ME	32-40	41-50
Dallas	41-54	39-54	Portland, ME	32-40	41-50
Houston	47-59	44-54	Portland, ME	32-40	41-50
Los Angeles	53-64	51-61	Portland, ME	32-40	41-50
London	50-51	51-51	Portland, ME	32-40	41-50
Los Angeles	53-64	51-61	Portland, ME	32-40	41-50
London	50-51	51-51	Portland, ME	32-40	41-50

**CANADIAN FOUR CASE**

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	33-41	37-47	Edmonton	32-40	41-50
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**Two dozen killed from violence in Afghanistan**

The Washington Post

**KABUL, Afghanistan** — At least two dozen Afghans were killed in a pair of suicide attacks in southern Afghanistan Monday, marking the deadliest day of suicide bombings here in the more than four years since the fall of the Taliban.

Larger of the two attacks took place in Spin Boldak, a town on the Pakistani border, where a bomber drove his motorbike into a crowd of hundreds who had gathered at a festival to watch a wrestling match, according to Kandahar provincial governor Assadullah Khalid. That attack killed at least 20 people, and injured several dozen more.

Earlier in the afternoon, a suicide bomber in downtown Kandahar struck the city's main mosque and attacked an Afghan National Army vehicle, killing four soldiers and a civilian. Fourteen others were injured, according to a local hospital official.

Mohibur Rahman, an ANA soldier who was in the vehicle directly behind the one that was hit, said he saw someone who looked to be in his teens dart in front of their convoy. "He lay down under the first vehicle and blew himself up," Rahman told Radio Azadi, a local station in Kandahar.

The attacks come during a fresh spate of violence in the south marked by numerous suicide attacks. On Sunday, a suicide bomber in Kandahar killed a senior Canadian diplomat and two other civilians. Earlier this month, a woman killed 10 in Uruzgan province, just hundreds of yards from where the American ambassador had been

holding a meeting, though the ambassador was not believed to be the attack's target.

The U.S. military is scheduled to hand over control of security in the volatile south to NATO-led forces later this year, and security officials here believe terrorists are attempting to scare NATO nations into backing off their commitment. One country, the Netherlands, has been wavering over whether it will send additional troops to the south, and its parliament is expected to take a vote soon.

Also looming on the horizon in the coming weeks is a conference in London at which other countries will be considering just how involved they will remain in Afghanistan's reconstruction.

The south "has been a focal point and the center of a variety of reasons," said Afghan Defense Minister Rahim Wardak. "It has to do with the London conference. And it has to do with the NATO takeover."

Monday's strikes came just hours after Afghan President Hamid Karzai told reporters gathered for breakfast at the presidential palace that the struggle against terrorism in Afghanistan is not over, despite some progress. The country continues to confront major security challenges from the Taliban, Al-Qaida, drug lords and criminal elements.

"Afghanistan's success does not mean that it is now fully on its own feet. It will take many, many more years before we can defend ourselves with our own means," Karzai said. Insurgents in Afghanistan have shifted tactics in recent months, switching from head-to-head fights to suicide attacks.

**Daisher**

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"I had a couple of weeks in December when I learned how the remote control works," Miles joked over lunch Monday. "But right after the record, I was pretty busy."

Indeed, in Canada for the bike jump, Miles was filmed for an extreme-sports video — a stunt none of his friends dared attempt. Then he caught a plane to Reno, Nev., to jump into a charity golf tournament.

Next Miles was off to Lodi, Calif., to skydive in a kayak. The jump nearly turned deadly when he had trouble opening his

**What's that mean?**

**BASE:** An acronym for "building, antennas, spans and earth."

chute. Luckily, it finally opened, and the film crew got the shot it needed for a TV show Miles hopes to sell to a network.

In October, Miles parachuted into Meridian High School where he gave a motivational speech about pursuing goals. Then it was on to Los Angeles for a photo shoot. Miles is featured in the latest issue of Outside magazine, as well as an earlier special edition. The latest article chronicles his 29-year-old record attempt.

Somewhat sad his 29-year-old wife, Nikki, he still finds time for his family. The Daishers have a 17-month-old daughter.

"We've been doing a lot of cross-country skiing together,"



Outside magazine included Mike Daisher of Twin Falls in its Faces edition titled "The 20 Greatest Athletes Now." The special edition is available on newstands through Jan. 31.

said Nikki. "And it's been really great to finally have Miles around."

Home is where he plans to stay, at least for a while.

In the next two months, Miles plans to attend two Idaho film festivals where short films of his stunts will show.

And, of course, he's already organizing another BASE event for

**Colic**

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same in Iraq right now; too many people are dying for no reason."

Colic is much happier now that a wound has healed. He is a welder by trade, sometimes working as far away as Spokane, Wash.

The snow-capped mountainous terrain and wide-open

**Charlie's Food Store**

Location: 139 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls; (208) 733-0827

expanses remind Colic of his homeland.

"Tahoe feels like Bosnia, lots of hills and mountains," he said.

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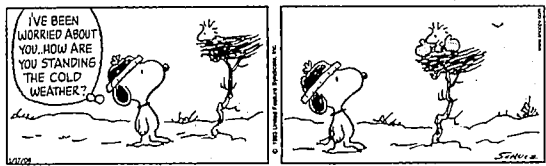
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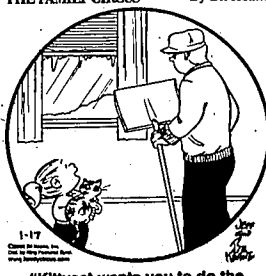
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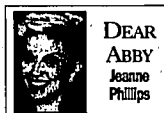


# Keys to dad's hobby cabinet open up a Pandora's Box

**DEAR ABBY:** My beloved husband passed away in early October, leaving a hobby cabinet filled with expensive items. It had never been kept locked. The keys were always left hanging in the lock. The day before the visitation at the funeral home, my son quietly locked the cabinet, pocketed the keys and took them with him. The next day, my husband's brother told me what my son had done and expressed concern about his intentions regarding the contents of the cabinet as well as the expensive hobby items in my husband's workshop. I was shocked and upset. I felt my son had violated the privacy of my home by locking the cabinet and leaving with the keys. Therefore, I called him and told him I wanted them returned the next day. My son was crying and saying, "Mom, why are you doing this to me?"

I was perplexed then and remain perplexed as to how he thought I was doing anything to him inasmuch as it was he who had locked me out of a cabinet in my own home. I felt that I was continuing to feel that I had every right to tell him I wanted the keys back. A few days later, my son told me he was "crushed, CRUSHED!" by my request.

My son's wife is an attorney. She sees nothing wrong with



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

what my son did, and in fact, has criticized me for my remarks about his "secrating the keys from my home."

Please tell me, was I wrong in wanting the keys returned, and was my son wrong in what he did? Also, what do you think of my daughter-in-law's position? This man is my only child, and he is no longer speaking to me!

—DISTRESSED MOM,  
ORMOND BEACH, FLA.

**DEAR DISTRESSED:** You were certainly within your rights to ask for the keys to be returned immediately. That your son would take it upon himself to lock a cabinet in your home and take the keys without first checking to see if it was all right with you, was extremely presumptuous.

My daughter-in-law's reaction when you pointed that out to him is, "The best defense is a good offense." In other words, he was attempting to make you feel guilty for calling him on what he had done. As to his wife's position — there's a coun-

try-and-western song title that describes it perfectly: "Stand by Your Man."

You have my sympathy — first for the loss of your husband, and second for the loss of your illusions about your child. Please, I urge you, do not allow him to emotionally blackmail you. He owes you an apology.

**DEAR ABBY:** One of my husband's friends gave me a "white elephant" gift this week. To be specific, it was more like a pink pig gift. That's right — I got a fuzzy pink pig that snores and says something about eating slop. My husband was given a beautiful leather wallet!

He says I'm being paranoid to think his friend gave me the pig to make fun of me. He says his friend is a prankster, not a critic. I say, how would he like it if I gave his girlfriend a stuffed pig? What do you think about this, Abby?

—FRAN IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR FRAN:** I think that if ever a gift begged to be rejected, it's your fuzzy pink pig. Next time, you'll be more nicely pleased and return it to the prankster. Be sure to include a small container of Pepsit-Bismol. It's pink, so it will coordinate nicely. Perhaps it will neutralize some of the acid in the man's sense of humor.

# French soldiers and sailors helped turn the tide at Battle of Yorktown

Only a minority of Americans actually supported the Revolutionary War. In a 1779 count, there were 3,468 Americans in the Continental Army, and twice that number in the British Army.

If it weren't for the help of a massive influx of French soldiers and sailors fighting on the American side, the British would have won at Yorktown. For example, George Washington's 11,000 soldiers turned the crimson tide of Redcoats with the help of 29,000 French troops.

This day in history: On Jan. 17, 1781, the original so-called "Siamese Twins" Chang and Eng died at age 62. Chang, a constricted pneumonia and died from a blood clot in the middle of the night. Eng became distraught after 12 hours of heart shock, never realizing that there was no physiological reason he



**RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS**  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

couldn't live separated from his brother.

"Yam" either came from the Senegal word "nyami" or the Val word "djambl", both of which mean "cat."

The American flying squirrel has logged flights of more than 150 feet. But that's nothing compared to the giant flying squirrel of Asia. About four times bigger, it can fly about 10 times farther.

Vincent Van Gogh was a late bloomer. He took up drawing at the age of 27, only after a failed attempt at being a missionary. Most people could walk

across Delaware on an afternoon. The narrowest part of the state is just 8 miles. The widest part isn't much bigger — 35 miles.

If you're on your bicycle in the open when a lightning storm hits, park your bike some distance away from where you grovel in the dirt. The bike's metal frame can attract lightning.

A car can also attract lightning, but stay inside it. The lightning will tend to travel through the metal and around the passenger compartment, keeping you safe — unless your windows are open or if you're touching the metal.

A player piano has about 16,000 pieces. That's about 4,000 more parts than a piano that you have to play manually.

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# More Swedish couples find airport is the perfect place to tie the knot

**STOCKHOLM, Sweden** — A busy international airport may not seem like the most romantic setting for a wedding, but it is an increasingly popular venue for exchanging vows in Sweden.

Last year, 488 couples tied the knot at Arlanda airport outside Stockholm, up from 241 in 2004. It was the second consecutive yearly increase, airport spokeswoman Helena Miller said.

The weddings took place in the airport chapel or, more commonly, in a VIP room, where the bride and groom can check in their luggage, order champagne and catering, and when the ceremony is over, be driven straight up to the aircraft.

"For those who want to give plenty of love to the honeymoon of the bride and groom, a wedding at Arlanda is a good solution," Miller said.

"Those who choose the VIP room ceremony get the same service as for the honeymoon family, Nobel laureates, rock stars and presidents," she said.

**Odds & Ends**

Ortmann said his bill would allow police to issue different citations for motorists who try to be discreet than they might for those who are more open about it.

"There's a difference between going into the middle of the street in front of God and country, and somebody who is behind a Dumpster," Ortmann said.

Public urination is now classified as lewd and lascivious conduct, which carries a penalty of 90 days in jail, a \$100 to \$500 fine, or both. Ortmann's proposal doesn't change the maximum penalties, but he hopes the actual penalty would be much less.

But public urination remains plenty offensive to residents of Sould, where some homeowners leave their sprinklers on to discourage Mardi Gras party-goers from relieving themselves on their lawns.

"That's what portable toilets are for," resident Mary Linden said. "We don't appreciate going out and seeing it — the people are often belligerent."

down and beat him with tree branches and pool cues, officials said.

Two men in ski masks with handguns came into Palomas Restaurant & Cantina late Friday and took \$170 as employees were cleaning up. Beaufort County Sheriff's Lt. Marvin Morrison said.

The men fired their guns, which along with a waitress' scream alerted a man at the adjacent bar. He attempted to sneak outside and lock the robbers in.

When that didn't work, he chased the robbers into the woods. An owner, employees and customers followed, some carrying pool cues, according to the restaurant's owners.

When one of the robbers stopped and tried to fight his pursuers, they began beating the 6-foot-3-inch man with the pool cues and tree branches, authorities said.

Deputies conducting a traffic stop nearby were waved down and arrested Anthony Tyrone Baker, 20, of Bluffton. He was charged with armed robbery and possession of a firearm during a violent crime, deputies said. The other man had run away. Most of the stolen money had been dropped on the restaurant floor and in the woods.

The people who beat Baker will not be charged, Morrison said.

**Alderman seeks relief for those who just go go**

**ST. LOUIS** — An alderman who owns a local tavern wants to lower the penalties for public urination.

Ken Ortmann hopes to change the penalty before the Feb. 25 Mardi Gras Parade.

**Robbery suspect escapes with his life but not loot**

**BLUFFTON, S.C.** — A man was charged with robbing a restaurant after its employees and customers chased him

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## EDITORIAL

### Economic growth rate gives workers an edge

Idaho has gone years since the minimum wage saw an increase to \$5.15 an hour. This year, Democrats in the Legislature have a goal to bump it \$1 higher to \$6.15 an hour.

A generous idea, for sure. But the market place has already beaten them to the fix.

As proven by a record-low unemployment rate, and aided by a high tide of economic expansion and more jobs, Idaho workers have seen their wages rise in the past year — especially in the Magic Valley.

Those factors together and an increase in the minimum wage could spell big trouble for small businesses and employers across the state.

Last month, Idaho's unemployment came in at 3.4 percent — the first time it has ever gone below 4 percent. In December 2004, that figure was around 4.4 percent. The drop is even more dramatic in the Magic Valley. Jerome and Gooding counties saw a drop from 3.9 percent unemployment in December 2004 to 2.9 percent last month.

Even more compelling was the dramatic swing in wages. Wages in the Magic Valley rose 11.4 percent between November 2004 and November 2005, according to the annual wage survey by regional economist Greg Rogers for Idaho Commerce and Labor. In that same year, the U.S. Consumer Price Index went up by just 3.5 percent.

While those indicators are promising, they don't represent a perfect economy. Southern Idaho still lags behind the state averages for wages. The Idaho Occupational Employment and Wage Survey shows the average wage statewide at \$15.90 and starting wage at \$7.73; in south-central Idaho, it's

\$14.58 and \$7.54, respectively.

And two of the biggest flags raised with local jobs are underemployment, where a worker needs more than one job for a livable wage, and a lack of health benefits.

Those are legitimate issues for the local economy. But raising the minimum wage won't necessarily help.

This year's wage growth and the expansion of jobs creates an advantage for workers more than employers. Businesses must compete to keep experienced workers and they're already raising wages to keep an edge. If government mandates a wage increase, employers may have to cut positions with health benefits to meet the cost.

Reducing positions would hurt those underemployed workers who need more than one job to earn a livable wage. But for that segment of the labor force, a minimum wage increase is a short-term fix anyway.

The best way to expand prosperity to those workers is through more education and training. That education enables them to climb the economic ladder to better wages and benefits.

Local employers would know they must get well beyond the minimum wage to attract loyal and skilled workers. Idaho Commerce and Labor officials tell those employers who pay less, they'll be hiring and retraining workers in the long run.

Many factors have built the vigor of Idaho's economy, but a skilled and dedicated work force is near the top of the list.

A minimum-wage increase for Idaho may seem like a favor to those dedicated workers. But it's likely such an increase would destabilize the wage growth workers managed for themselves in 2005.

**Our view: Idaho employers' decision to pay workers more makes a Democratic minimum wage proposal moot. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**



### End the weak talk with Tehran

Without question, a nuclear-armed Iran would pose a terribly destabilizing threat to the Middle East and the rest of the world. Tehran has not yet acquired that capability, but its defiant behavior — including its recent breaking of United Nations seals at uranium-enrichment sites and its announced plans to resume nuclear research — raises the specter of atomic terror.

The international community has several options. It can ignore Iran and hope that country will keep its nuclear program peaceful — a very slim possibility. It can match up the pressure on Tehran through a tough U.N. Security Council review and the threat of non-military sanctions. Or it can resolve the problem by using military force.

The first option would make no sense; indeed, it would invite trouble and portend eventual disaster. The third option would be too extreme at this moment, although individual countries could opt for that course if the international community fails to act within a reasonable period of time. That leaves the second option as my preferred one.

Of course, the Iranian leaders have no desire for the Security Council to take up the issue. Thus, they now are agitating for a resumption of "constructive negotiations" with Britain, France and Germany. The foreign ministers of those countries



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declared last week that two years of (tense) nuclear talks with Iran had reached a dead end. If that means, who have bent over backward to encourage the resolution of this crisis, have run out of patience, the implication is clear: Iran is not serious. Tehran is serious, though, about playing a disruptive role, which helps explain why it has threatened an oil crisis if the U.N. Security Council steps in. At a reasonable discussion in which I participated several months ago, that possibility was presented to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who responded, "I'd like to know what they're going to do with their oil. But if we should be put off by these sorts of threats."

Indeed, we should not. Iran's behavior has created the problem, and the international community should not hesitate to respond forcefully and consistently. It should view Tehran for what it is — a rogue state — and deal with it accordingly.

In urging that the discussion of Iran's nuclear program be referred to the U.N. Security Council, British, French and

German foreign ministers stopped short of calling for sanctions. That may be the best short-term strategy to prompt more serious and productive discussions with Iran. However, if those potential talks — which should be strictly limited by a timetable — yield meager results, the Europeans should muster the gumption to back non-military sanctions. Those could range from the severance of diplomatic ties to the interruption of economic relations.

I am not suggesting that such sanctions necessarily provide the desired results; the history of their use is mixed. But they do send a strong signal of the international community's disinterest and create a foundation for the consideration of even stronger action.

For too long, Iran has thumbed its nose at the international community, sensing a degree of safety because of the weak cooperation with Iraq and using its nuclear program as a bargaining chip. No bargain has emerged, though, only fruitless discussions.

The international community cannot afford to dawdle as Tehran edges closer to frighteningly dangerous territory. Iran must cease its unwarranted belittlement of our consequences.

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### The fire in Iraq, again

I was nice while it lasted. The interlude of relative quiet in Iraq had me believing we had turned a corner, that maybe the new year would mean a new beginning.

Two days of mayhem this month cured that illusion. More than 200 people were killed in suicide attacks, including 30 mourners at a funeral and 60 pilgrims at a Shiite shrine. Iraqis weren't the only victims. Eleven Americans soldiers died in 24 hours. Even when a roadside bomb exploded near their patrol in Baghdad on Thursday, bringing the American death toll to 2183.

The temptation is to ask why, as if something new has happened. In fact, nothing new has happened. The war has been a roller coaster all along, with brief periods of relative quiet shattered by God-awful carnage. We lost 848 troops in 2004, and 846 last year. Through big swings of ups and downs, the overall result is a bloody consistency. And even now, the savage nature of the enemy defies comprehension.

### MICHAEL GOODWIN

Yet the recent hull seemed different because there were real reasons to believe, or at least hope, the pattern might be changing. The Dec. 15 elections, the third in the last year, had gone incredibly well. Insurgent attacks fell to a low level, and the Sunni minority turned out in large numbers.

True, the elections followed a bloody path, with 170 American soldiers killed in October and November. But it was possible to see those attacks as a spasm leading to the elections.

Moreover, President Bush had begun to show offensive throughout the fall, giving four well-received speeches in which he defined-down success. Instead of "total victory," he talked about "limited success" and said more G.I.s would be devoted to training instead of combat. There were even rumblings about a modest cut of 50,000 in the American force, which has usually been about 138,000. It didn't hurt that, in three television interviews, Bush talked about ending the war and saying they were well-motivated but simply wrong.

The result was a bounce in public support for his handling of the war. After sliding to a low 39 percent approval rating in a Washington Post/ABC News survey in early November, Bush reached 47 percent just before the election. I was wrong in thinking we had turned a corner.

So it was a mass illusion. And the next poll will probably show mass disillusion.

This is not to count retreat. As Bush has said repeatedly, quitting Iraq, or even setting a deadline, is not an option. As bad as Iraq is, it is surely worth turning into hell on Earth without our military creating some sense of security. Withdrawal would further destabilize the region and make Iraq a true terror breeding ground.

But events of the last few days have served to remind us of the horrible reality that there is no end in sight of the enemy's ability to strike. Bush can talk all he wants, and we can hope with him. But all that matters are the facts on the ground or, more accurately, what we see from our homes. And as long as newspapers and television are filled with blood-spattered bodies and grieving families — Iraqi and American — support for the war will inevitably decline.

By all means, the president should rally the nation as often as he can. But even congressional Republicans, fearing the fall elections, abandon the cause and force him to change course. Many more would be killed in Iraq, and supporters running for the ends and there will be no words, or hope, to bring them back again.

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### Capitol Hill mourns passing of a reporter who got it right

Shortly before the 2004 election, Garrison Kellor published "Homegrown Democrat," explaining at great length why he is a Democrat, and at greater length why Democrats are better humans — beings than Republicans. It became, of course, a best seller.

As evidence of moral superiority, Kellor told how he spanked his 5-year-old son in his car with a newspaper in his door within two minutes when his daughter had convulsions. This municipal service, he explained, was part of the "civil contract" that urban Democrats offered.

"In the suburbs, thanks to Republicans and their code of personal responsibility, the coronary victim will have time to read the entire Gospel of St. Mark before he arrives," he wrote. "There is a message here: If lower taxes are your priority over human life, then we know what sort of person you are."

This week in Washington, a city run by Democrats, Kellor's views on taxes and public



services, the municipal ambulance service has been making news for the help it didn't provide to David Rosenbaum. David, a friend and colleague of mine at The New York Times, died Sunday from severe injuries to his head and body from a mugging near his home.

David was still alive and conscious when a neighbor found him lying on the sidewalk and summoned help, but it took 23 minutes for the city ambulance to arrive and another 25 minutes for him to reach the hospital. He was not examined for at least another hour at the hospital, according to The Washington Post, which reported that the ambulance technicians failed to detect his injuries and mistakenly told

hospital workers that he was drunk.

I do not mention these facts to make a case against government-run ambulance services. They would be a disservice to David. He abhorred grandstanding by anecdote, especially from conservatives who used bureaucratic horror stories to justify their policies. David spent three decades covering Washington but never became a cynic, never lost faith that public servants could do good. "I like paying taxes," he used to say.

He also never confused good intentions with good results: He would have found Kellor's pieties as useless as those of right-wing moralists.

He was a workaholic. If you had asked him whether city ambulance services were better than the private ambulance companies hired by suburban governments, he wouldn't have answered until he filled a manila folder with studies and interview notes. I like to think he would have seen the advantages of pri-

vatzation, but the wonderful conundrum of David — the reason I went to him so often for guidance — was that you couldn't guess what he'd conclude.

He knew that both parties prize the title of good and stuffed ignoble fine print into the budgets and tax bills he dissected. As Washington became polarized and politics was cast as a battle between virtue and evil, David remained a journalist trusted by both sides.

David had absolutely no agenda," said William Rusher, the former Republican senator from New Hampshire. "A lot of reporters do seem to have an end they're trying to get to. David just wanted to understand what was going on, and I always marveled how he got it right."

In 1999, when Congress was rushing to regulate health maintenance organizations, members of both parties spent an afternoon telling a litany of stories of suffering patients. David reported the stories, but he also noted what wasn't being said: Health

care costs had been devastating companies and the government until expenses were controlled by managed-care companies.

"No one rose to the industry's defense," he wrote. "As far as the House of Representatives was concerned, the cost of health care, one of the central political questions facing the country, was a subject for another time and another place."

That was not the kind of insight that got David on talk shows or the best-seller list, but it was his genius of journalism in Washington. The Allen confirmation hearing was recessed Friday so that senators could attend the memorial service on Capitol Hill. The room was packed and the tears were bipartisan as politicians and journalists tried to come to terms with his death. It was so senseless, so irrational, so unfair. So unlike David.

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OPINION

LETTERS

We can warm up to alternative heat sources

I enjoyed the article on corn as an alternative fuel source. We bought a pellet stove this year to heat our 2,100-square-foot home. In the past, we have used the oil furnace that is in our home. Because of the high price of home heating oil, we looked to other sources this year for heat. It turned out to be a good idea to explore other options. We have a pretty, but not efficient, fire place so a top-loading pellet stove insert worked great. The cost was \$1,900 for the stove and \$90 a month for pellets. Our home has never been so warm and cozy as it is this winter (what a bonus).

We didn't buy any oil this year our pellet stove is the only source of heat in our home. Our power bill is very reasonable for this also — under \$70 a month for our household cost. Our house is older, built in 1931, and not very well insulated, so the cost to heat a newer, well-insulated home would be even better.

I'm glad to read of other fuel sources which may soon be available to households. The more the better.

My next goal is to be free of my Intermountain Gas bill within two years. My business has a gas furnace and gas dryers. My equipment is efficient, but with rate hikes every year, it costs too much to stay with gas. So I will be finding another heating source for sure.

Thanks again and keep bringing us the articles on new resources — the more the better. We all need more choices in this area.

JANET RUSSELLE  
Shoshone

Changes to T.F. streets made no difference

Politicians comb their hair, flail their arms, huff, puff and pretend to give credit to those who actually start and finish the job. Politicians whose intent it was to appease downtown merchants and others changed our town street names. Merchants were convinced (bamboozled) by Mr. Tom Hud-

son (our city's nonresident adviser) that after 85 years, no one could find their way downtown. "Just too confusing," I listened at a downtown public meeting and read reports in *The Times-News*. Hudson endlessly huffed and harped about the number of intersections named Fourth Street and Fourth Avenue and so on.

And so the questions. Hudson is still here looking, is he lost, still? Has changing the street names put more into the pockets of merchants or have the merchants earned more by providing a needed service, while at the same time being creative, honest, helpful, frugal, etc.?

Politicians who took themselves seriously after passing a motion never looked back and now we are stuck. How many years ago did politicians approve the street name change?

Look into your Qwest yellow pages for 2006. Yes, please look; don't believe anything you read here, ever, until you know it's true. Page 12, green-tabbed community pages, lower right corner. Here you will find a map of the town site in all its original glory. Not a Dietrich nor Ketchum Street in sight.

Ma Bell does not take our politicians seriously; recently, low voter turnout confirms that very few citizens do either. Quick: where is Nevada Street? Answer: one block from Murtagh Street.

RON YATES  
Twin Falls

Capitol is howling good habitat for wolves

Idaho wolf solution: Live trap 51 wolves and release them in Washington, D.C. Let them feed off all the corruption that's there!

ART COITON  
Twin Falls

Coal-fired plant history not so bright

In reading letters in the paper about Sempra wanting to build a coal-fired power plant in our backyard, I'm reminded of the 10 years I lived in Bullhead City, Ariz., across the Colorado River from Laughlin,

New, and a very large coal-fired power plant.

The brown haze filled the river valley as far as you could see and in winter went north and east following the Colorado River into the Grand Canyon. You knew when it lit off another boiler around noon in seeing brown smoke billowing out of another smoke stack. Everyone complained but nothing was done.

Finally, the Sierra Club and other environmentalists sued Edison, who owned the plant, because the smoke became visibly detrimental to the Grand Canyon.

They won the suit, they thought, and Edison was told to install much better scrubbers to reduce the emissions. Shortly, Edison announced the plant was for sale. It went back to the court, which then told it they could have four more years to clean up the emissions because of the sale.

The moral of the story is: Big business doesn't care about you or your health or the local environment. It only cares about money. Integrity and honesty doesn't exist in its vocabulary any more, as you have probably noticed lately.

I'm not against a new power plant in our area provided it uses the latest technology; otherwise, it will destroy our environment.

Answer built, you won't change it because you're now dealing with all politics and big money.

The Edison plant sent every watt of electricity out of our area. We put up with the smoke and someone else used the electricity. Will we get the use of Sempra electricity? What will its water use do to our aquifer? What will the huge pile of coal do to our groundwater? Piles of coal are known for spontaneous combustion and more smoke. Then there is mercury to deal with.

Carl Austin wrote an article in *South-Idaho Press* on July 28, 2005, on coal-fired power plants which was extremely informative. Get copies and read the article before this plant becomes a permanent fixture.

LOWELL GRACE  
Butley

**WANTED AS THE LOCAL BOOP ENTERTAINER MENTOR**

**NEEDED TO PASSAGE OF THE TREATMENT DELIVERED HEALS AN WHOLE TUTORED A 2ND GRADER IN MATH**

**WALKED THE NEIGHBOR'S 2 DOGS**

**WENT TO VISIT WITH THE RESIDENTS AT THE HOME**

**RANKED THE SALARY BELLS FOR A TOTAL OF 10 HOURS**

**RAKED LEAVES FOR THE PEOPLE**

**I AM A MENTOR FOR A THIRD GRADER**

**SHOVED SNOW FOR MRS. JONES**

**VOLUNTEERED AT A BOOK DRIVE TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHILDREN'S LITERACY**

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**WORLD**

# U.S. copter crashes in Iraq, killing 2

By Jason Straziuso  
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.S. military helicopter crashed north of the Iraqi capital Monday — the third American chopper to go down in 10 days — killing the two crew members. A resident said he saw the smoke trail of a missile before the aircraft plunged to the ground.

The military said the AH-64

Apache was conducting a combat air patrol when it went down in an area "known for terrorist activity." Officials said it was too early to determine the cause of the crash, and the names of the dead soldiers were not released. Apaches hold only a pilot and a co-pilot.

Video footage shot by AP Television News in Mishandah, north of Baghdad, showed smoke billowing from what was reported to be the crash

site. Helicopters circled nearby.

Two militant groups claimed they shot down the helicopter. Neither claim could be verified.

Rashid Khalifa, 27, who has a food and drink stand in the area, said he saw the attack. "I saw the smoke trail left by the missile," he said. "I heard a hissing sound, looked around and saw the helicopter losing control before crashing down."

The U.S. command questioned the credibility a video purportedly showing an attack on a helicopter that was posted on the Internet by one of the militant groups, the Mujahideen Army.

The webby video showed a militant firing a shoulder-launched missile toward what appeared to be a helicopter in the distance. The aircraft in the video was hit, burst into flames and crashed to the ground.

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# Election officials find few tainted ballots

By Patrick Quinn  
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's electoral commission ruled Monday that more than 99 percent of the ballots from the Dec. 15 parliamentary elections are valid, opening the way for a new government to start coming together.

Final election results have been delayed by fraud complaints mainly lodged by the Sunni Arab minority, and groups looking for a political edge in dealing with the Shiite Muslim majority could still make further protests and hold up the naming of new leaders for two or three months.

A bombing aimed at a convoy of American police advisers in the capital caused one death, while a car bomb killed five policemen and a 6-year-old in Muqadadiya, 60 miles north of Baghdad.

Iraq's electoral commission announced Wednesday that it found no evidence of fraud in 227 ballot boxes because of fraud, a tiny percentage — less than 1 percent — of the total vote that shouldn't affect the overall results.

"These boxes will not have an effect on the preliminary results that we will be announcing next month," said Adel Al-Lami, general director of the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq.

Complaints by Sunni Arab and secular Shiite parties charging voting fraud and other irregularities have delayed announcement of final results, impeding negotiations for forming a new, broad-based coalition government.

Hussein Hendawi, an official of the election commission, said uncertified election results should be released in four to five days, which will give the various parties a good idea of how many seats they will get in the new 275-member parliament.

"No party is expected to be able to govern on its own, requiring the factions to work together in forming a coalition Cabinet. Politicians predict that will take several months, just as it did after last year's election of an interim government."

Hendawi said election officials annulled some ballot boxes because the ballots were used, while the votes of about 53 boxes were thrown out because too many votes were cast.

Iraqis voted at about 6,200 centers across the country Dec. 15, and there was an average of five ballot boxes at each. So 227 bad boxes would have cost two-thirds of 1 percent of the total vote, which was estimated at about 11 million ballots.

Hendawi said the commission studied 59 serious complaints, including 25 from Baghdad, which is Iraq's largest election district with 59 seats. A total of 1,985 complaints were lodged, but most were considered minor transgressions that would warrant nothing more than a fine.

Fewer irregularities occurred than in the vote for an interim parliament last Jan. 30, Hendawi said.

The governing United Iraqi Alliance, a religious bloc headed by the Shiite Muslim majority, held a strong lead in preliminary results announced after the election. But wide margins of 130 seats, based on these results, it wouldn't have enough to control parliament and will have to form a coalition with Sunni Arabs and Kurds.



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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Two snowmobilers safe after mishap

**TWIN FALLS** — Two snowmobilers stuck overnight in the South Hills were "very tired and hungry and cold" but otherwise healthy when rescuers found them Monday afternoon.

Brent Goley, 54, of Filer and his son Mark, 14, of Twin Falls were missing more than 24 hours before rescuers found them just after noon on Monday. The pair set out about 9 a.m. Sunday for a day of snowmobiling. When they didn't return, Mark Goley's mother called the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office about 10:45 p.m. Sunday.

A search party launched a rescue effort that stretched more than 12 hours and involved more than 30 people from his office and Twin Falls County Search and Rescue, Cassia County Sheriff's Office, Cassia County Search and Rescue and the Maritagh Quik Response Unit. A Blackhawk helicopter from Coeur d'Alene, B.C., also helped in the search, said Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

Howell said the snowmobilers got caught in high winds that kicked up enough snow to create a whiteout.

"The snow was filling in the trail," she said. "They couldn't find a trail back out."

After the rescue, an ambulance from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center led the traction and rolled over on Rock Creek Road southeast of Twin Falls. No one was hurt.

### Wild game feed will honor fallen officer

**TWIN FALLS** — The fifth-annual James Moulton Wild Game Feed scholarship fundraising dinner will be held Jan. 29 at the Rock Creek Restaurant in Twin Falls.

Honoring Officer James Moulton, who died in the line of duty in Jerome County, the event raises money for CSI law enforcement scholarships and to meet the needs of Magic Valley peace officers.

Dishes will include Cantonese duck and pheasant, elk finger steaks, moose and deer sausage, langsat, and wild moose stroganoff, buffalo meatballs and deep-fried turkey. Donated game is welcome and will be available.

A no-hust bar will open at 2:30 p.m. Dinner will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Dick's Pharmacy, Kelley Garden Center and Rock Creek Restaurant. For more information or to make a donation, call Bob Moulton at 732-6296.

### Lecturer will focus on sleep medicine

**TWIN FALLS** — Magic Valley Medical Assistants will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Education Room (old Norco building). Dr. Barbara Jensen will speak on "A Sleep Medicine Overview." This is a Continuing Education Units meeting for medical assistants.

### Wood River watershed group to meet Jan. 24

**SHOSHONE** — The Wood River Watershed Advisory Group will meet 7 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Big Wood River Canal Co., 112 S. Apple St. The local working group works with the Department of Environmental Quality to improve water quality on surface waters in the area.

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Avg.
Big Wood	147%	75%
Little Wood	155%	77%
Big Lost	144%	70%
Little Lost	110%	56%
Henry Fork/Utah	121%	68%
Upper Snake Basin	129%	68%
Snake	148%	76%
Salmon Falls	140%	75%

As of Jan. 18

\*A comparison of local snowpack on this date with a 30-year average.

# MLK Day event keeps the candle burning

## Participants share belief that civil rights leader stood for all people

By Timothy A. Aklmoff  
For The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — The Rev. Ronald Matheny shares more than skin color, philosophy and a job title with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Jerome also shares a birthday with the slain civil rights leader.

Matheny invoked King's memory with a black fedora and a smart blue blazer Monday at the College of Southern Idaho campus where he delivered a speech, a song and a prayer to a group of mostly campus staff who gathered to

observe the official Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Participants stood in a half circle holding plastic cups with white candles as Matheny relived King's life through his words.

"I think it's important that the campus and the community recognize this day," Matheny said. "Let's keep the candles burning, let the light shine so that others will come to the light."

All the participants shared a single belief that King stood for more than just one group of people.

"There is a small African-

### What's happening this week

**Today** — The movie "Crash" will be shown at 8 p.m. in the Eagles Hall Dorm.  
**Wednesday** — Open Mic Night Poetry Slam Contest will be held from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building. A presentation by Robert Sims, professor of history emeritus and former dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs at BSU on "Mindkiss and the Magic Valley: A World War I Story" will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Herrett Center.  
**Thursday** — Sergio Guzman, the first Hispanic judge in Idaho, will present "One Man's Journey to Justice" at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Building.  
**Saturday** — Human Rights Celebration breakfast will begin at 9 a.m. in the Student Union Building. Keynote speaker Charlyne Hunter-Gault will speak at 10:20 a.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

American minority here, but more than that, there are humans in Idaho," Matheny said. "King's philosophy was for more than just black people."

More than one participant echoed the now-famous phrase

delivered by King on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28, 1963: "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-

evident that all men are created equal.'"

Betty Slifer of Filer teaches in the Academic Development Center at CSI. She keeps a picture of King above her desk.

"Making peace is not the same thing as enjoying it," Slifer said, quoting from Mary Rose O'Reilly's book, "The Peaceable Classroom."

Slifer talked about growing up in Twin Falls, of conflicts, and about how she feels that the United States is at the forefront of human rights around the world.

Others chose to recognize King as a civil rights leader who stood for more than black Americans.

"It's very easy to stand up for your own group, and maybe

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# WASN'T BORN TO FOLLOW

## Thinking outside the box comes naturally to David Woodhead



David Woodhead stands Saturday in the Lamphouse Theatre. Woodhead has owned and operated the Lamphouse and Woody's bar and grill for six years.

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — David Woodhead split the silence on a sleepy New Year's Eve morning by dropping a large copper ball on the wood floor of his bar and grill.

"Isn't it beautiful?" Woodhead asked as one man almost choked on his drink. Jennifer Reese — the bartender — and two men at the bar looked curiously at the ball, which was about the size of a large pumpkin. What looked to them like an odd, undeniably chunk of metal.

Woodhead saw as the centerpiece for a Times Square-style New Year's Eve ball drop at the Old Towne silos.

"Yeah, he really does march to the beat of a different drum," said one man at the bar. Seeing things differently has helped Woodhead both struggle and succeed in business. He began as a window washer and now owns an Old Towne building that he rents to four businesses, including two of his own: the Lamphouse Theatre, which shows non-mainstream



### The Woodhead file

- Name:** David Woodhead
- Age:** About 49 years old. He won't say exactly
- Family:** Married all of his "adult life" to Tris. They have three children, Luke, Sean and Anny.
- Interests:** Motion pictures, films, and Woody's bar and grill. In 1978, he ran for state representative and led the democratic ticket. He has sat down to an Irish lunch with Albert Finney — an actor who has performed in such movies

as Big Fish and The Gathering Storm — and he once stole a glass of orange juice from Bruce Willis.

Woodhead was born and raised in Twin Falls. He graduated from Twin Falls Senior High in 1971, and then went to the College of Southern Idaho and Idaho State University.

"My first semester at CSI was a complete blizzard," Woodhead said. "But I kept going and somehow made my way to ISU, which I would describe as a succession of tragic accidents."

He graduated with a degree in English, which he said helped him speak better, but not much else. When Woodhead left college, he ran for state representative and even had his own bumper sticker that read, "A responsible alternative."

"I had the Democratic ticket, although I would no more have represented these people than any other guy," Woodhead said. "I obviously live in a completely different world than my fellow classmates from here."

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# Community college heads give lawmakers their take on funding

## Don't try to fix us, CSI's Beck tells Newcomb

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — How should the state fund the \$5 million community college network proposed by the governor? That's a question the Legislature certainly will grapple with this session. In his State of the State address last week, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne expressed his intent to bring college classrooms to every corner of the state. Idaho ranks fourth from

last in the nation in the percentage of high school students who advance directly to college. Kempthorne wants to see the Legislature pit \$5 million toward a partnership system using existing buildings and facilities.

On Monday, Speaker of the House Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, posed the question of funding to two of the men charged with running Idaho's two community colleges: North Idaho College's President Michael Burke and College of Southern Idaho's Jerry Beck.

Property taxes allow for decisions about local issues to be handled locally, Burke said.

"It makes community colleges more active and more nimble," he said.

NIC, located in Coeur d'Alene, and CSI, in Twin Falls, both use local property tax dollars and state money for school funding.

Community colleges like CSI can tailor their programs to meet the needs of businesses looking to locate in the area, Beck said. That flexibility provides jobs for those looking for some sort of higher education or professional training. In return, it keeps tax dollars in the region. "The two existing community colleges aren't broke," Beck said. "So don't try to fix us."

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — One more obstacle in the finalization of the historic Nez Perce water agreement has been resolved recently, a Senate committee learned Monday.

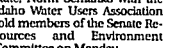
The agreement that handed over sovereignty of Idaho's water to the state was a hot topic during last year's legislative session. In March 2005, the Legislature ratified an agreement with the Nez Perce Tribe that spelled out water rights in most of the Snake River and its tributaries. However, the

agreement still had a few hurdles to clear before becoming final.

One of those hurdles — the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' objections to the agreement — no longer poses a problem for the state. Norm Semanko with the Idaho Water Users Association told members of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee in Toiyabe National Park.

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes had lodged 56 objections with the Snake River Basin adjudication, the court in charge of sorting out water rights in the state.

In November, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes filed a notice to withdraw their objections. At a hearing on the motion was held last month, and the court dismissed the tribes' objections on Jan. 5.



MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

# Benjamin Franklin impersonator to rally Idahoans

By Anne Wallace Allen  
Associated Press writer

**BOISE** — Terry Shepard's nervous; yes, he's never been much for public speaking. But Shepard, a soft-spoken man with a receding hairline and a few convictions behind his back, Tuesday at noon, he'll stand up on the Statehouse steps in 18th century clothing to rally Idahoans on the 300th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth. Shepard, 58, is asking the legislature to pass a resolution proclaiming April every year Patriots' Day in

Idaho. He's working on getting the city to designate a "Liberty Day" — a symbol of the places where Americans have tried to talk about independence. And most of all, he's asking Idaho residents to reflect on their own liberty as Congress debates the country's domestic anti-terror law, the Patriot Act. "We need to have a balance between liberty and security, and I feel that the Patriot Act empowers the government with too much power," Shepard said as he prepared to appear dressed as Benjamin Franklin. "I think Ben Franklin would be

saying this, because Ben Franklin was always concerned about the balance of power in government too." The Boston-born inventor, diplomat, and revolutionary was born 184 years before Idaho became a state. Other celebrations of Franklin, some going on all year, are being held around the United States and indeed the world. But to Shepard, Idaho is a perfect place to celebrate Franklin's legacy. Shepard, who grew up in Morrison, Ill., loves Idaho and its strong sense of independence from government.

As he thought about ways to protest the Patriot Act, Shepard decided to call for a day honoring Franklin and all patriots who fought for liberty. His idea for a resolution was born. "Instead of being against something, it's a lot better to be for something," Shepard said. "My basic concern isn't necessarily that the government we have is a bad government, but I think that if the Constitution were changed, a government in the future might not be as benevolent as the one we now have." Rep. Lenore Barrett, R-Challis, has agreed to sponsor the

resolution. Patriots' Day is a legal holiday in Massachusetts, Franklin's birthplace and the home of April battles in Lexington and Concord, Mass., that began the American Revolution. Patriots' Day is unlikely to get that kind of recognition in Idaho. "I think we have enough legal holidays that people don't have to work and get paid," Barrett said. But Barrett likes the idea of the resolution. "The Founding Fathers pledged their lives to liberty, security, and many of them didn't

have an easy time of it," she said. "During the Revolution they were killed and jailed and their property taken from them. I think it's important that we establish a time that we draw attention to our history, and celebrate it whatever way we can." Shepard's appearance as a Franklin impersonator Tuesday will be only his third in public, and he's nervous. "Ben Franklin is going to go down in history as the architect of our form of government," he said. "I could never fill those shoes, ever."

## OBITUARIES

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### Roger Wayne Evans

**SUN VALLEY** Roger Wayne Evans, 62, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at his home in Elkhorn at Sun Valley, Idaho. Roger was born in southern California on Jan. 8, 1944, the second son of Jay and Helen Evans. He grew up in Arcadia, Calif., and graduated from Arcadia High School in 1961. He attended Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz., and graduated in 1966. He was an avid Sun Devil fan to the end. He married Laura Steele Evans in 1971. Roger and Laura had a great life together, traveling the world and living in some of the great cities in the United States. They lived in Leysin, Switzerland, where Roger worked for the American College of Switzerland from 1971 to 1976. Roger also worked in Coldwell Banker (CB) Commercial Real Estate firm in Los Angeles, Calif., in 1973. He relocated to the CB office in Denver as an Industrial Property salesman in 1975. Roger became sales manager for the CB Boston office in 1978. He was promoted to first vice president of National Accounts in San Francisco in 1981. Roger joined Eastdell Realty in San Francisco in 1987. Roger and Laura had vacationed in Sun Valley since the early '70s, and had a vacation home there for many years before they had their own home in 1983. Roger decided to leave the corporate real estate business behind and find a calmer environment here in Ketchum. He originally worked for the Cann, Deak, Fenton before

establishing the Collins Commercial Real Estate office in town in 1990, specializing in investment real estate. Roger co-developed the Trail Creek Hollow Townhomes and the Sockeye Squares, both in Ketchum, with his partner and pal of 33 years, Ted Dale. Roger steadfastly stood by Laura's side as she battled breast cancer in 1990, beat it for 10 years only to be diagnosed with a completely different brain cancer in 1995. Laura lost her battle to cancer on Oct. 17, 2006. Roger also supported Laura when she started and lead Expedition Inspiration Fund until her death. Roger served on the board of trustees of the Expedition Inspiration Fund until his death. He also served on the board of directors of the Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce. Everyone who knew Roger knows how unfair it was when Roger himself was diagnosed with colon cancer shortly after turning 60 on his birthday in January of 2004. After battling and think-

ing he had beat the colon cancer, Roger was diagnosed with cancer and metastasized to his lungs and lungs — just three days after marrying the lovely Heather Jane Langley. Their plans to split life between Ketchum and Paris were dashed as Roger battled this dreaded disease. Roger loved skiing on Bald Mountain, he loved the Wood River Valley, and he loved his new bride, Heather. Roger loved all the fine dining establishments in Ketchum and was a regular at the Christie, the Pioneer, Galena Lodge and good old Grumpy's. He was an avid reader and enjoyed good (and bad) films. And Roger never missed a good football game with his "buds." All who knew Roger will remember his wonderful sense of humor, clever wit and his zest for life, as well as his courage and strength in his many battles with cancer. Roger lost his battle to cancer on Jan. 11, 2006. His wife and a few dear friends were at his side. Roger is survived by his wife, Heather Langley Evans; and his nephew, Cameron, both of Ketchum. A memorial gathering to celebrate Roger's life will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at the Sun Valley River Run Lodge. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Expedition Inspiration Fund, the Sun Valley Summer Symphony or Hospice of the Wood River Valley. Cremation will precede the memorial service under the direction of Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

### G. Nadine Johnston

Her husbands and son, Terry, preceded her in death. She survived by her daughter, Deana Hawkins of Seattle, Wash.; her grandchildren, Dennis (Shyla) Williams and daughter, Jade of Carey, and David Williams of Hailey; her sisters, Virginia Kelley and Arthetta Shillingburg, both of Twin Falls; a brother, Tom (Joyce) Shillingburg of Grass Valley; and a nephew, Peter B. (Joyce) Johnston III of Twin Falls and W. James (Karen) Johnston of Pocatello, Idaho, and his family. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at the funeral home. The family requests in lieu of flowers, those who wish to make donations to a charity of their choice.

### Frances Jenkins Keller

She is survived by her family, Wayne and Yvonne Keller of Rupert, Arvin and Alice Keller of Quartzsite, Ariz. Ruth and Greg of Rigby, Idaho, and Flora Jenkins, who is living in Tennessee; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, John, she was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and one sister. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

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### Emma Hunt

EMMA Hunt, 72, of Filer, died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006, at Country Living Estates in Filer. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 2006, at the First Baptist Church in Filer, with Pastor Gary Gilman officiating. Interment will follow services at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at the Parke's Magic

## SERVICES

Angela Alvarez Gutierrez, infant daughter of Manuel and Julia Alvarez Gutierrez of Burley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at the Holy Family Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave.; friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. today (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Barbara Ann "Rusty" Kuhn of Ogden, Utah, and formerly of the Magic Valley, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Emma Adaline Porter Coleman of Wendell, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Living Waters Presbyterian Church in Wendell.

Martha (Dierz) Glaesemann of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary).

Norman Lund Hintze of Jerome, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Connie Lynard-Schultz of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Reformed Church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Betty Kathleen Hutson Prescott of Mountain Home and Hammett, inurnment at 2 p.m. today at the Wendell Cemetery (Demany's Funeral Service).

Melba R. Cleveland of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First Christian Church in Buhl. Viewing from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Bert Nish Hutchison of Malta, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Malta 1st and 2nd Ward LDS Church; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Robert E. Pyle of Twin Falls and formerly of Fillmore, Calif., funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Fillmore (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls and Joseph Reardon Funeral Chapel in Venture, Calif.).

Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice Valons, 309 Shoshone St. E. Suite 1, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

### Irene Ihler

TWIN FALLS — Irene Ihler, 85, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006, at The Caring Place in Twin Falls. The funeral will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at the Peace Lutheran Church in Filer, with Pastor Gary Benedit officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. The family will greet friends from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. A complete obituary will appear in the Wednesday edition of The Times-News.

### Leonard N. Hepworth

RUPERT — Leonard N. Hepworth, 83, of Rupert, died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006, at home. The funeral will be held noon Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at the Acquin LDS 2nd Ward Chapel. Viewing for family and friends will be held from 10:30 to 11:50 a.m. before the funeral Thurs-

day at the Church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

### Jasmine Mae Hoffman-Smith

PURLEY — Jasmine Mae Hoffman-Smith, infant daughter of Tish Marie Hoffman and Shane K. Smith, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at McKay-Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah. A memorial funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Avenue, in Ogden, Utah. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at Valley View Cemetery in Malta, with Bishop Max Jones officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

### Gordon Bennett

GORDON BENNETT, 77, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

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# Grizzlies near Yellowstone face less protection

## Responsibility of managing bears may shift to states, including Idaho

By Julie Carr  
Los Angeles Times

**ODDY, Wyo.** — Federal officials have begun the process of removing grizzly bears around Yellowstone National Park from the Endangered Species List, ending 30 years of protection and shifting responsibility for their management to state officials who may allow hunting.

Seen as a major conservation success story, the Yellowstone population of grizzlies has increased almost fourfold, from 150 to nearly 600 since being on the endangered list in 1975 and continues to grow at an annual rate of 4 percent to 6 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Interior.

The federal "delisting" plan

unveiled here last week calls for maintaining the existing level of protection for bears within a 9,200 square mile area in and around Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks.

But special protections will be dropped outside that bordering federal land. Beyond it, where many grizzlies wander and 10 percent to 30 percent of them live, bear habitat will be open to road building, logging, recreation and development. Under the delisting plans, state officials in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho will take over management of the bears and may allow hunting outside the protected areas.

The new management plan, which is being developed and discussed, could go into effect by the

end of the year.

Although conservationists agree that the bears have rebounded, many say that the delisting protections comes at an inauspicious time for grizzlies. Two of their major food sources — cutthroat trout and seeds from white bark pine trees — are themselves in a steep decline. And steady population growth is causing new homes and roads to be built deeper into the bears' habitat.

"I think delisting is unwise," said Idaho-based grizzly researcher Troy Merrill while the U.S. Institute of Landscape Ecology "Food sources are drying up at a faster rate than anticipated. The picture on habitat is much grimmer. Any bear that goes too far away from Yellowstone will be eliminated. There will be no opportunity for genetic connectivity (with other grizzly populations) or to spread into central Idaho, the best quality habitat south of

Alaska. The grizzlies will basically be locked into an open air zoo."

Opponents of delisting also say they fear placing the fate of the Yellowstone grizzlies in the hands of states where there is pronounced hostility toward the bears. In Wyoming, for example, a handful of county commissions have passed resolutions that assert the right of local officials to shoot grizzlies on sight. In Montana, hunting of grizzlies was allowed near Glacier National park until 1991.

At least one conservation group, the National Wildlife Federation, heralds delisting as a success story. Sterling Miller, a biologist with the group, said that since the required population levels have been met, there's no reason not to delist.

"It seems appropriate to us, rather than moving the goalposts in the last minute of the game. It's appropriate to pro-

ceed with the delisting, absent compelling reason not to," Miller said, adding that he believed states were well equipped to safeguard wildlife.

The Yellowstone grizzly population is the largest of five remnant groups in the lower 48 states. The others are in northern Montana, and parts of Idaho and Washington and will remain on the endangered list. The largest grizzly population lives in Alaska and is not endangered.

Tens of thousands of grizzlies once roamed across one-third of the continental United States, but a 19th century campaign of slaughter and contemporary patterns of growth and development have reduced both the bear population and habitat crucial for the animal's existence.

Today, less than 1 percent of the former population of grizzlies remain, occupying less than 2 percent of their original

land base in the lower 48.

Despite the protection afforded by the Endangered Species Act, bears die every year from a variety of causes, but the vast majority of deaths came from interaction with humans. In 2004, 19 grizzly deaths were recorded in the region, the highest bear mortality in 15 years.

Federal officials said bears would continue to be closely monitored, pointing out that the post-delisting guidelines require a scientific review should the bear population drop below 500, or if there is a significant loss of habitat. It threatens to delist grizzlies if they are deemed severe and immediate, the bears can be re-listed at any time, officials say, although that has never happened.

The Endangered Species Act became law in 1973. Only 40 plants and animals have been removed from the list — nine because of extinction.

# Senator wants to make kindergarten the law

**BOISE** — As far as state Sen. Gary Schroeder knows, every school district in Idaho offers kindergarten.

But Schroeder's worried a tight education budget will prompt districts to cut their offerings for the youngest students, because Idaho law doesn't require kindergarten.

So Schroeder has introduced legislation that would make kindergarten mandatory — for the districts.

Students and their parents could still opt out.

"I have heard schools district in the state that are going to four-day school weeks because they don't have the money to keep the schools open five days a week," said Schroeder. R. Moscow. "My fear is that they will also figure out, 'Wait, we don't need to have kindergarten,' so they'll just drop kindergarten. This says they have to have it."

The bill has been assigned to the Senate Education Committee, where it's up to Chairman John Goette to decide whether to decide whether it will get a hearing.

## Farmworkers hold rally to demand poison safety

**BOISE** — About 150 farmworkers demonstrated on the Idaho Statehouse steps Monday morning, calling for stiffer penalties for businesses where field hands are poisoned by agricultural chemicals.

The demonstration, sponsored by the Idaho Community Action Network, comes six months after 29 farmworkers were killed in a pesticide spraying at Arrowway Farm in Caldwell in July



were sickened by pesticide and fungicide sprayed on the field right before.

The protesters also called on lawmakers to pass legislation to compensate victims for their medical bills and lost wages. The group wants more information to be provided to farmworkers, including documents written in Spanish, to boost safety for one of the nation's most vulnerable labor groups.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates there are between 10,000 and 20,000 physician-diagnosed pesticide injuries in the United States each year.

"The farmworkers are not informed of their rights and they aren't being informed correctly," said Antonia Robles, an ICAAN member at the rally who said the group is still trying to find a lawmaker to sponsor their draft legislation to tighten farmworker protections.

About \$40,000 in fines were levied against Arrowway Farms, as well as the company that supplied the workers, the pilot who sprayed the field, and the crop-duster service that he worked for.

Though the state offers a 20-minute training video to help workers test if fields have been treated, most of the workers at the Caldwell farm on the day of

the poisonings were new and had never seen the film.

Some of the workers who were having testing done said can no longer work in the fields because of lingering effects, Robles said.

## Confidentiality proposed for genetic testing

**BOISE** — Idaho could get a new law making the results of genetic testing confidential, if a northern Idaho state senator gets his way.

Joyce Broadswort, R-Sagle, says she wants to keep such information from being released to employers or insurance companies. Fear such information could be used to deny insurance coverage. It has a chilling effect on people who otherwise might be tested, she said.

"I think people are more apt to be having testing done for fear the information could be used to alter their insurance rates or cancel their policies," Broadswort said. "My grandmother had Alzheimer's and she was being tested to see if I'm predisposed for that so I know whether I have to worry about it or not. I can eliminate the worry and relieve myself of that anxiety."

The bill could be ready for introduction in a few weeks, she said.

Thirty states, including Utah, have laws that protect the privacy of genetic information.

Utah Rep. Paul Ray, R-Clinton, says the University of Utah has seen the number of people being tested increase since he helped pass that state's genetic privacy law. Some insurance

companies have fought against such legislation in other states, he said.

In Idaho, "currently we don't use genetic testing or the results of genetic testing in any of our underwriting material," Blue Cross of Idaho spokesman Todd McKay said. "Until we see the specifics of the senator's bill, we really don't know exactly where it's going at this time."

## UI Foundation gets extension on \$6 million

**BOISE** — The University of Idaho Foundation received an extension on \$6 million it owes to the state, following a special meeting of the Board of Education on Monday.

Some state employees had the day off to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr., members of the state Board of Education met via teleconference to discuss money owed to the University of Idaho by the UI Foundation. The board voted unanimously to postpone the deadline until Dec. 31.

The parties are involved in ongoing litigation — something the Board hopes to see resolved following this latest extension.

The UI Foundation signed a promissory note for \$6,029,324.51 with the University of Idaho and its board of regents in July 2002. An extension on the original note was granted in 2003 and 2004.

The foundation board also must approve Monday's measure before it becomes official.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

# Quarry sale proposal won't be part of Simpson wilderness bill

**KEITHUM (AP)** — The sale of a decorative stone quarry on public land to its private California operator won't be part of a bill to create a wilderness area along the Idaho congressmen sponsoring the package said its inclusion could scuttle the effort.

In December, U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, suggested insuring the sale of the quarry site — 520 acres overseen by the Bureau of Land Management — into his bill to create more than 300,000 acres of new wilderness in central Idaho.

Now, Simpson is backing away from that, saying he doesn't want to make it more difficult for his wilderness bill to pass.

Some environmental groups, including the Western Watersheds Project, based in Halley, and Seattle-based Western Lands Project, have said they'd fight the inclusion, calling it a grab for public land that undermined federal environmental protections.

"This is a finely tuned bill that is based on many compromises and considerations," Simpson

told the Idaho Mountain Express recently. "The construction feedback I have received over the past three weeks has made it apparent to me that including the quarry would tip the balance for many of those who have been working toward the overall goals of the wilderness bill package."

Critics of the quarry sale have said it was designed to skirt U.S. District Judge H. Lynn Williams' 2005 order that an environmental study be done before Scott Laine, owner of L & W Stone, of Orem, Calif., was allowed to expand his quarry near Clayton in Custer County.

After a sale, the quarry would fall under county and state laws — not federal environmental laws that Simpson has said led to lawsuits such as the one that led to Winnilla's order.

"I'm tired of everything dealing with lawsuits up there," Simpson told The Associated Press last month. "It seems like the only way we deal with things is in lawsuits, and I think a heck of a lot of people are fed up with it."

# MLK Day

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even oppose another group," said Jim Genry, chairman of the social science department. "Human rights is more than just standing up for your group. It involves all people."

Kimberly Prestwich, coordinator of Multicultural Student Services at CSI, has seen the growing diversity on campus and around town and decided that a celebration of King's life was a perfect way to begin a dialogue with the community.

"People assume it's a homogeneous community," Prestwich said. "We have a lot of minority persons that we never have."

Prestwich said that a refugee center associated with the campus and in operation for about 15 years has been seeing an influx of Bosnian and now

Iranian families.

As Matheny prepared to sing a prayer, an associate with King's marches and speeches, he encouraged participants to hold hands across their chests so that it drew the circle of people tightly together.

In a strong voice, Matheny sang out, "We shall overcome someday, we shall overcome." Shortly after he ended the memorial with a short prayer, Matheny explained that there is still a struggle for human rights, and if King were alive today, his dream would have changed.

"People don't have equal access to jobs and homes," he said. "I believe Dr. King would have taken on the financial institutions today and encouraged them to provide

clothing and food."

"I can't say this for sure, but Dr. King would have probably been against the war in Iraq because he espoused nonviolent resolution," Matheny said. "I believe he would be dealing with the conflicts around the world today."

Because school was closed for the holiday, the most noticeable thing lacking during the small celebration was student participants, but organizers hope that future years draw bigger crowds and spur more community education about what it means to be human together.

The official observance of King's birthday Monday was

part of a weeklong celebration ending Saturday at a breakfast speech to be delivered by Charlotte-Hunter-Gaulin Emery Award-winning journalist and the first black woman to be admitted to the University of Georgia.

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# People

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After his brief stint in state politics, he started his own window-washing business that eventually led to his purchase of a former warehouse building in Old Town. Woodhead rented the space to other businesses. One, a sports bar, couldn't pay the rent. By 2002, Woodhead found himself the owner by default of a sports bar.

"My first passion is the Lamphouse (theater)," Woodhead said. "The problem is that a lot of people here think culture is going out and buying a snowmobile. We show films here, and most of the time, people are not going to be here in Twin."

Woodhead and his wife, Thi-

have always shared a passion for motion pictures, so their first business was the Lamphouse. However, he said interest in the theater is declining because of a lack of interest in non-mainstream films and also because the rental industry is dying. Woodhead said he would like to make Woodhead's more "gentle" by prohibiting smoking and turning it into a coffeehouse that serves alcohol.

"I guess what I'm trying to do is come up with ideas that will make the Lamphouse work, and bring some culture to Twin," Woodhead said. "Most people with the attitude I have don't stay in this town, and if they don't, then I'm basically what you get."

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# NATION/WEST

## Plutonium from INL on mission to Pluto

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — More than eight years ago, hundreds of protesters chanted anti-nuclear slogans before NASA launched a spacecraft to Saturn carrying 72 pounds of plutonium fuel. The noise before this week's launch of a craft with a similar payload has been more muted.

Only 30 anti-nuclear protesters showed up recently to oppose a plutonium-fueled mission to Pluto: the New Horizons space batteries, constructed at the Idaho National Laboratory near Arco in eastern Idaho, include 24 pounds of radioactive plutonium.

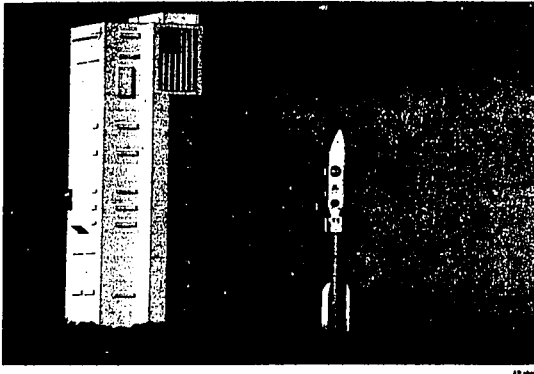
The most raucous demonstration got was when protesters tied colorful origami birds to the fence of the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

"Folks tend to forget," said protest organizer Maria Telesca of the Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space.

But Telesca and other protesters said the threat of a major accident is no less real with the New Horizons mission to Pluto, whose launch window starts today, than it was with the launch of Cassini to Saturn in 1997.

Plutonium fuel has been used on two other spacecraft taking off from the Cape Canaveral spaceport since Cassini's launch. The two previous, sent up and operated, sent up in 2003, had much smaller amounts of plutonium, which creates energy for remote radioisotope devices.

In the New Horizons mission, the plutonium-238 is located in the spacecraft's radioisotope thermoelectric generator, an



The Atlas V rocket that will carry the New Horizons spacecraft to Pluto moves from the Vertical Integration Facility, left, to the launch pad at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Monday. The spacecraft, which will take 9 to 14 years to reach Pluto, is powered by 24 pounds of plutonium contained in space batteries constructed at the Idaho National Laboratory near Arco.

aluminum-encased, 123-pound cylinder, 3 1/2 feet long and 1 1/2 feet wide, that sticks out of the spacecraft like a gun on a tank.

"They gave us the project, we completed it, shipped it to them on time and on budget in November," said Teri Eshelman, an Idaho National Laboratory spokeswoman.

In all, about 80 employees at the INL facility worked on the project, completed at the site's Space and Security Power Sys-

tems Facility since 2004.

Inside the cylinder are 18 graphite-enclosed compartments, each holding 1 1/3 pounds of the plutonium dioxide. Similar generators previously have been used to power six Apollo flights and 19 other U.S. space missions.

Plutonium space batteries are used to allow craft to operate far from the sun or in environments where solar power isn't feasible.

NASA and the U.S. Depart-

ment of Energy have put the probability of an early launch accident that would cause plutonium to be released at 1 in 350 chances.

If there were an accident, the maximum mean radiation dose received by an individual within 62 miles of the launch site would be about 60 percent of the amount each U.S. resident receives annually from natural background radiation, according to NASA's environmental impact statement.

## Nampa fights graffiti

NAMPA — Some residents of this southwestern Idaho city that's been plagued by gang violence are trying to fight graffiti.

Dina Flanagan is appealing to neighbors — and paint store owners — to pitch in to her effort to help cover the illicit markings, which she says have appeared in greater numbers in recent weeks.

Flanagan wants property owners to react quickly to paint over the graffiti.

"It's better than letting it slide," Flanagan said, of organizing to combat the vandalism. "You can't do anything about overcrowding and traffic, but you can do something about graffiti."

City code already requires property owners to remove the graffiti as soon as possible.

The problem isn't cheap. Nationwide, graffiti costs communities more than \$8 billion per year, according to the National Crime Prevention Council.

While the city uses first-time juvenile offenders who work weekends to paint over graffiti as part of their community service, "the problem has grown faster than I can keep up with it," said June Roby, the Nampa community service officer in charge of the juvenile program.

Home, vehicles fired upon in fourth shooting

NAMPA — For the fourth time this month, a house and vehicles were fired on.

Nobody was injured in the incident, which occurred about 3 a.m. Sunday morning.

Police didn't immediately give an estimate for damage from the latest shootings, in which residents heard the shots and called authorities.

The other shootings this month took place on Jan. 13, Jan. 12 and Jan. 6.

— compiled from wire reports

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## Loggers worried over beetle infestation

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho (AP) — Northwest loggers are worried British Columbia may be forced to harvest as much as 21 million acres of forests to stop the mountain pine beetle, flooding the market and driving down timber prices.

The infested forests in British Columbia make up an area roughly 40 percent the size of Idaho. To combat the beetles, the province is increasing allowable timber cuts 78 percent; big trouble for mills throughout the Northwest.

"They're going to bury us in the sand," said Dick Bennett, owner of Bennett Forest Industries in Grangeville.

Bennett said the timber industry won't be as hot as it was in recent years because of an expected decline in the housing and building markets.

"If you're not strong, you're out of business," he said.

The beetles are native to British Columbia and the inland Northwest, but warm winters and an abundance of lodgepole pine are helping the insects flourish, according to a 2005 report from the University of British Columbia's Forest Resources Management Department.

Officials say the beetle outbreak is the worst natural disaster to ever befall British Columbia. The infestation is 20 times larger than in the 1930s when 1.2 million acres were destroyed.

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## Russia, China join voices demanding Iran compliance

### Iran bans CNN from working in country

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran banned CNN from working in the country due to its misrepresentation of comments made by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

In remarks Saturday, Ahmadinejad had defended Iran's right to continue nuclear research. State media have complained since the

news conference that CNN translated his words as "nuclear weapons" instead of "nuclear technology" or "nuclear energy."

CNN acknowledged the mistake in its U.S. broadcast. The CNN ban marks the second time in a year that Iran has acted against an international broadcaster.

### The Associated Press

LONDON — Moscow and Beijing joined the U.S. and its European allies in demanding Monday that Iran fully suspend its nuclear program, while Vladimir Putin held out hope for a compromise, saying Tehran might agree to move its uranium enrichment program to Russia.

China, Russia, France, the United States, Germany, and Britain expressed "serious concern" about Iran's suspension

of small-scale uranium enrichment, Britain's Foreign Office said.

The powers stopped short of referring the issue to the U.N. Security Council, which could impose sanctions, instead calling for an emergency board meeting of the international Atomic Energy Agency on Feb. 2-3 to discuss the issue. The 35-nation IAEA board could itself refer the issue to the Security Council.

The stepped up diplomatic activity came nearly a week after

Iran removed U.N. seals at its main uranium enrichment plant and resumed research on nuclear fuel after a two-year hiatus.

The move alarmed the West, which fears Iran intends to build an atomic bomb. Iran claims its program is peaceful; it intended only to produce electricity and has threatened to end all cooperation if the U.N. nuclear watchdog it is brought before the Security Council.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Sunday that

she wants a vote as soon as possible on whether to refer Iran to the Security Council and is working to line up support.

"We've got to finally demonstrate to Iran that it can't with impunity just cast aside the just demands of the international community," Rice said while traveling in Africa.

The U.S. and the Europeans need support from Russia and China, she said, because they have veto power in the Security Council.

## Pakistani party demands U.S. apology

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Pakistan's ruling party on Monday demanded an apology for an alleged CIA airstrike that killed as many as 17 people but the country's prime minister said his trip to the United States this week would go ahead as planned.

Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz and his ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Q on Monday condemned the alleged U.S. airstrike on a village near the Afghan border, which intelligence officials have said targeted al-Qaida's No. 2 leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri.

But Aziz said he was still scheduled to leave Tuesday for the United States, where he said he would talk about security issues but also meet business leaders to encourage foreign investment.



Pakistani protesters held placards Monday as they shout anti-U.S. slogans during a protest rally to condemn the purported CIA airstrike that killed 17 people in Karachi, Pakistan.

The leader called Friday's airstrike on a village near the Afghan border, "very regrettable" but said, "I don't think that takes away from the fact that Pakistan needs investment."

The Muslim League-Q party later issued a statement demanding an official apology from the United States.

Islamic groups, meanwhile, vowed to step up anti-American protests.

Al-Zawahiri, Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant, was invited to an Islamic dinner in the village but did not show up, two Pakistani officials told The Associated Press.

Al-Zawahiri sent some aides to the dinner instead and investigators were trying to determine whether they had been in any of the three houses destroyed in the missile strike, one of the officials said Sunday.

In Washington, a U.S. counterterrorism official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said it is not yet known if al-Zawahiri was killed in Friday's attack.

The official said the compound that was hit has been visited in the past by significant terrorist figures. "There were strong indications that was happening again," the official said.

With media reports out of Pakistan indicating that at least four foreigners were killed, the official said it appears that some damage was done, even if al-Zawahiri was not there. "This place had a history," the official said.

Islamic groups held nationwide protests Sunday as anger mounted over the attack that Pakistan said killed innocent civilians.

"There will be more ... bigger protests," said Shahid Shamsi, a spokesman for the anti-American religious coalition that organized the rallies.

## Musharraf's standing damaged

By James Rupert  
Newsday

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Friday's U.S. airstrike on a Pakistani village has disrupted American efforts to improve its image in the country, one of its most important Muslim allies, and has turned glaring publicity on a part of the "global war on terror" that the United States and Pakistan have tried to keep hidden. In both ways, it has weakened one of Washington's main backers in the Muslim world, President Pervez Musharraf.

Since October's earthquake here, both governments have played up the role of U.S. troops and helicopters in rushing relief supplies to millions of homeless villagers in the mountains of Kashmir. That imagery has helped counter a three-year wave of public relations disasters for the United States in Pakistan and the Muslim world, including the U.S. invasion of Iraq and the abuse and humiliation of prisoners at Abu Ghayb, Guantanamo and other military prisons abroad.

But since Saturday, positive images of American relief work have been swept aside here by pictures and stories about the U.S. missile attack that killed between 13 and 18 Pakistanis in an attempt to hit al-Qaida leaders in a village near the border with Afghanistan.

"American soldiers have been acting as brothers to Pakistanis, and we are all happy about this," said Hussain Javed, a Pakistani businessman who was taking a flight Sunday at Islamabad's airport. "But now they are killing us, too, and so maybe they are our enemies instead."

Thousands of Pakistanis marched Sunday in protest of the attack, and Islamic militant leaders vowed Monday to keep the demonstrations going.

While Pakistani political analysts do not suggest the protests are likely to threaten Musharraf's control, Javed and others say a recent string of U.S. border incursions strengthens a popular image of him as a lapdog of the unpopular U.S. superpower.

While the CIA has played a major role in the four-year-old hunt for al-Qaida militants in Pakistan's unruly tribal borderlands with Afghanistan, Washington and Islamabad have kept that but as quiet as possible to protect Musharraf from popular disapproval. U.S. and Pakistani officials have said Musharraf's government has insisted that as a sovereign nation, Pakistan is conducting the chase with its own troops

and only technical assistance from U.S. intelligence.

Since November that claim has been eroded by four U.S. air raids on Pakistani villages that have been increasingly difficult to conceal from the public.

Not that Pakistan's government didn't try.

On the night of Nov. 30, explosions demolished a home in a village in North Waziristan, killing a senior al-Qaida figure, Hamza Rabia. Residents told Pakistani journalists of hearing aircraft overhead and several explosions, and they displayed rocket fragments with U.S. markings.

U.S. news agencies quoted unnamed American intelligence officials in Washington as saying the CIA had gotten Rabia with a missile strike.

National security adviser Stephen Hadley sidestepped the question of the CIA's role, saying, "Musharraf has been very aggressive in dealing with al-Qaida and the Taliban, and we have helped him in terms of providing intelligence and cooperating with his forces."

The attack Friday on the village of Damadola received immediate worldwide publicity because U.S. officials in Washington leaked the news to American TV networks with the victorious claim, still unauthenticated, that the CIA had killed al-Qaida's No. 2 leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri.

## Clinton likens GOP-led House to a 'plantation'

By Michael McLaughlin  
and David Saltzman  
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton dropped a Martin Luther King Day stunner Monday — comparing GOP rule of the House of Representatives to a plantation.

Standing alongside the Rev. Al Sharpton, Clinton told a mostly black crowd that "when you look at the way the House of Representatives has been run, it has been run like a plantation — and you know what I am talking about."

The comment got muted response from those at the Canaan Baptist Church of Christ, but Republican leaders seized the remarks as inflammatory and insensitive.

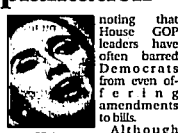
"It is always wrong to play the race card for political gain by using a loaded word like plantation," said Rep. Pete King, R-N.Y. "It is particularly wrong to do so on Martin Luther King Day."

"I am a little shocked that a United States senator would use such unfortunate stereotyping to characterize an entire political party," added Rep. Vito Fossella, R-N.Y. "In this case, I think she owes an apology."

Clinton's plantation remark was part of a fiery partisan speech in which she predicted that the Bush White House "will go down in history as one of the worst" and chided GOP leaders for squelching debate.

She asserted that the House "has been run in a way so that nobody with a contrary point of view had a chance to present legislation, to make an argument."

Aides to Clinton later defended her "plantation" remark,



noting that House GOP leaders have often been accused of Democratic-style amendments to bills.

Although several Democrats did not return calls Saturday, Sen. Gregory Meeks, D-N.Y., said "the only card anybody was playing with today was the joker, because as she rightly stated, that's who's in charge of the people's House and that's who's stifling the progress of the last century, progress that led to civil rights."

As for Sharpton, he jokingly suggested that Clinton, who many believe is eyeing a run for president in 2008, had stolen his marital bed.

"Any time you have a situation where, because of seniority and cloakroom politics, the bosses make the decision, it's tantamount to plantation," Sharpton told reporters.

"I absolutely defend her saying it because I said it all through the '04 elections," added Sharpton, referring to his failed presidential run that year.

Clinton made the plantation remark in response to a question about why national Democrats in general seem so "spineless" on major issues — a point she blasted as the GOP's hold on the White House and both branches of Congress since 2000.

"So here's what I am suggesting," said Clinton: "If you don't like the way things are going now, the Democrats have to be given a chance to get into power."

## Ford remains hospitalized

Los Angeles Times

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Former President Gerald Ford, who was hospitalized with pneumonia, was in good condition on Monday, according to his spokeswoman.

"He's fine," said Penny Circle, Ford's chief of staff.

Ford, 92, was admitted to Eisenhower Medical Center on Saturday. Circle did not indicate whether the bout of pneumonia was related to a brief hospital visit last month for sinusitis and a head cold.

formation about Ford's condition, citing patient privacy laws. Ford suffered two small strokes in 2000 and a dizzy spell on the golf course in 2003.

Ford's staff plans to release more information on his condition in the coming days. The 38th president served in the White House from 1974 to 1977, taking the oath of office during the Nixon administration.

After the Watergate scandal, Nixon had named Ford vice president in 1973 after Vice President Spiro T. Agnew resigned. Ford served two terms in Michigan, for 25 years in Congress.



Maria Altmann celebrates with family members at her Los Angeles home Monday after an Austrian arbitration court determined the country is legally obligated to return Gustav Klimt paintings to Altmann that were stolen by the Nazis.

## Austria urged to return Klimt paintings

### Heir of Jewish owners should be given artwork stolen by the Nazis, court says

The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — It was a seven-year legal struggle with dazzling stakes — five precious paintings by Austrian lion Gustav Klimt that a 90-year-old woman says were stolen from her Jewish family by the Nazis.

Now, a court ruling made public on Monday will likely resolve the high-profile case against Austria's government in her favor.

The Austrian arbitration court determined the country is legally obligated to give the paintings to Maria Altmann, the heir of the family who owned them before the Nazis took over Austria in 1938.

Altmann said she was awakened by a telephone call from her attorney at 7:30 a.m. Monday with the good news.

"I tell you, frankly, I had a very good feeling the last few days, had a very positive feeling thinking things will go all right," said Altmann, reached by telephone at her home in Los Angeles. "I'm thrilled that it came to this end."

Though the court's ruling is nonbinding, both parties have previously said they will abide by it and Austria's government is expected to give up the works of art that have been displayed for decades in Vienna's ornate Belvedere castle.

That would represent the costliest case since Austria began returning valuable art objects looted by the Nazis. The pictures have been estimated to be worth at least \$120 million.

But for lovers of Klimt, at least one of the disputed paintings — the oil and gold-encrusted portrait "Adèle Bloch-Bauer I" — is priceless. Altmann is the 89-year-old niece of Bloch-Bauer, who died in 1925. The disputed family commissioned her famous portrait and owned it, along with the four other Klimt paintings displayed in the case, until her death in 1945. The New York City co-director of New York City's Galerie St. Etienne, which introduced Klimt to the United States in 1959, calls the 1947 portrait "literally priceless." Stylistically similar to Klimt's work, the now-renowned "The Kiss," the painting is replicated on T-shirts, cups and other souvenirs.

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gold and gilt framework. As early as 1908, a Vienna art critic described the portrait as that of "an idol in a golden shrine."

Lawyer E. Randal Schoenberg, who represents Altmann, said the court's decision met all her hopes and expectations.

"It will make Mrs. Altmann ... very happy," he told the Austria Press Agency.

The ruling stemmed from a 1998 Austrian law that required federal museums to review their holdings for any works seized by the Nazis and determine whether they were obtained without remuneration.

Lawyers for the two sides have fought since 1998 over rights to the famed portrait and four other paintings.

After Bloch-Bauer died, the five pictures remained in her family's possession. Her husband, an industrialist, died in 1945. The Nazis took over Austria. The pictures were then taken by the Nazis and the Austrian Gallery, where they are now displayed.



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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page C-6.

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At the table South took very little time to go down in his contract of six spades. He won the heart lead in hand and cashed the two top spades, then eventually conceded two trump tricks and becalmed his bad luck.  
At rubber bridge one rarely finds sympathetic opponents or partners, and North today was no exception. He correctly pointed out that South's line catered only to 3-2 trump breaks or to the singleton queen of trumps — rather less than a 75 percent line.

But there is a much better approach. Bear in mind that West's low-heart lead argues that this suit is dividing normally (so you can ruff a heart in dummy safely enough with a low trump sooner or later). That being so, you can protect yourself against quite a few more of the 4-1 trump breaks by winning the opening heart lead and immediately advancing a low trump from hand, planning to put on dummy's jack if West plays low. This line is absolutely safe if West has queen-fourth of trumps and only loses if East has a singleton queen, or if he has four trumps to the queen — when you were dead in the water anyway.  
But say you put on dummy's jack and it loses to the queen. You win the trump return, ruff a heart in dummy, and come back to a minor-suit ace to draw the last trump.

- NORTH** 01-17-A  
 ♦ J 7 5  
 ♥ J 4  
 ♣ K Q 10 8  
 ♠ Q 5 4 2
- WEST**  
 ♠ Q 10 9 6  
 ♥ 10 8 5 3  
 ♦ 9 5  
 ♣ K 9 6
- EAST**  
 ♥ Q 9 7 6  
 ♦ 7 6 4 3 2  
 ♣ J 10 3
- SOUTH**  
 ♠ A K 4 3 2  
 ♥ A 2  
 ♦ A J  
 ♣ A 8 7

Vulnerable: East-West  
 Dealer: South

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 2♣ Pass 2NT Pass  
 3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass

Opening lead: Heart three

#### BID WITH THE ACES

- South holds:  
 ♦ J 7 5  
 ♥ J 4  
 ♣ K Q 10 8  
 ♠ Q 5 4 2
- South West North East  
 1♥ Dbl. 2♥

**ANSWER: Double for takeout.** This is a classical responsive double (in response to partner's double) when the opponents bid and raise a suit. This auction tends to deny four spades; with length in spades you would bid them yourself.

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**MORNING LINE**  
**SPORTS QUOTE**

“My cue card says, ‘No.’ I checked another cue card, and it again said, ‘No.’”  
—Shannon Sharpe responding to Greg Gumbel's question on Sunday's "The NFL Today" if there were any takers for a possible trade of Philadelphia Eagles receiver Terrell Owens.

**TRIVIA QUESTION:**  
How many shots did Witt Chamberlain take in his 100-point game?  
...answer below

**TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

**High School BOWLING**  
Decio at Gooding, 4:30 p.m.  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Aberdeen at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.  
Bliss at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.  
Wendell at Gooding, 7:30 p.m.  
Twin Falls Christian at Jackpot, Nev. 6 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Castellford at Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.  
Decio at Filer, 7:30 p.m.  
Dietrich at Carey, 7:30 p.m.  
Gooding at Buhl, 7 p.m.  
Kimberly at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.  
Lighthouse Christian at Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m.  
Minto at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.  
Raft River at Hansen, 7:30 p.m.  
Valley at Glenns Ferry, 7:30 p.m.

**WRESTLING**  
Century/Preston/Jerome at Burley, 5 p.m.  
Minto/Buhl at Twin Falls, 5 p.m.  
Gooding at Declo, 6 p.m.

**IN BRIEF**

**Gooding wrestlers to hold dinner**  
GOODING — The Gooding High wrestling program will hold a "Roasted Pig" benefit dinner at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23 in the Gooding High School multi-use room. Cost will be \$5 per person or \$20 per family up to six people. Tickets may be purchased from wrestlers or at the door.

**TFHS boosters plan to pack the House**

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Bruin Boosters will hold a luncheon fundraiser from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20 at the Outback Steakhouse. Cost is \$12 per person. For more information or tickets call Kim Pullin 734-8455.

The boosters will then host Pack the House Night, starting with the junior varsity boys basketball game at 6 p.m. with a goal of setting a new attendance record.  
Anyone wearing Bruin Blue gets \$1 off admission.

**Sonny Silva picks up pair of wins**

BLAIR, Neb. — Former Kimberly High wrestler Sonny Silva picked up a pair of wins on Jan. 6-7 for the Duna College Vikings NAA wrestling program in Blair, Neb. The 133-pound Silva pinned Dakota Western University's Billy Martha in 3:48 in Dana's 4-3 victory on Friday, Jan. 6, before finishing 1-2 during Saturday's Ron Beaman Open wrestling tournament. Silva was the "King Bee" Missouri Valley College on Friday.

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**

Chamberlain made 38 of 43 field-goal attempts in his Philadelphia Warriors' 169-147 victory over the New York Knicks at Hershey, Pa., on March 2, 1962.

## Facing the clock

**The window begins to close for golfer David Toms**

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press writer

HONOLULU — David Toms isn't worried about his heart, which is ticking fine.  
Trouble is, the clock is ticking, too.  
A late bloomer who didn't capture his first PGA Tour victory until he was 30, Toms is starting to see the window of opportunity closing. He turned 35 the day before the season-opening Mercedes Championships began on Maui, which makes him wonder how many years remain of his best golf.  
And as he showed Sunday at the Sony Open, his best golf is very good.



David Toms kisses the Sony Open trophy at the 18th hole at Waialae Country Club after winning the Sony Open in Honolulu, Sunday.

Toms went 41 consecutive holes without a 5 on his card in the wind and winding fairways of Waialae. He followed the best score of his career, a 9-under 61 that set a course record, with two birdies in three holes that sent him on his way to a 63 and a five-shot victory over two helpless challengers, Chad Campbell and Rory Sabbatini.  
It was the 12th victory of his career, which included a major and a World Golf Championship.  
"I'm not saying I'm close to being done or anything," Toms said. "But I have to get it now, when I can, and when I do play well, capitalize on it."

Toms concedes he has come a long way from where he was five months ago.  
After the first nine holes of the 84 Lumber Classic, he felt his heart beating out his chest, dropped to a knee and nearly fainted. Strapped into a stretcher, his heart rate climbed to 170 beats per minute, and he was rushed to a hospital and briefly listed in critical condition.  
He had an electrical problem in his heart, and had surgery to fix it after the season.  
"I'm OK," Toms said. "That's

definitely behind me."  
He is more interested in the future. This is the earliest Toms has won a tournament, which puts him in a good frame of mind for the rest of the West Coast swing, into Florida in March and then on to the Masters.  
He was testy on Maui, where he was one shot out of the lead going into the weekend's final rounds of 79-75. Toms barked at his caddie, Scott Griesler, whenever he missed the green, questioning club selection. To

him, it was an opportunity wasted.  
And that's why Sunday at the Sony Open was so important.  
"I think it's more will power than anything else," he said. "Early in my career, it was like, 'Oh, make some cuts, try to get into contention, see how you do.' When I started winning tournaments, that felt good, too. But I wouldn't say it was everything to me now it is."  
The victory moved Toms to No. 8 in the world ranking.

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## Olympians making plenty of news

By Nancy Amour  
Associate Press writer

NEW YORK — Bode Miller creates a stir every time he opens his mouth, and sometimes when he doesn't. Daron Miller, the U.S. skier at the moment after a big win last weekend, And Michelle Kwan has a place on the Turin team — for now.  
But so, the early edge for a starting role in this year's Olympic sport goes open, to all of things, the skeleton crew.  
The Winter Games might still be a month away, but the Americans aren't lacking for headlines.  
I would say, generally, that Bode Miller is better than no publicity at all," said David Walchewski, Olympic historian and author of "The Complete Book of Winter Olympics."  
"With Michelle Kwan back in there, you've got some of the star power," he said Monday. "I don't think the negative publicity is really going to detract

high, and fans were eager to get behind anything American."  
When the U.S. team set a national record with 34 medals, shattering the previous winter best of 13, the frenzy grew.  
Good and bad.  
Anyone who's paid any attention to the news in recent weeks is on a first-name basis with Bode by now. One of the best American skiers ever, if not the best, Miller has landed on the covers of Time and Newsweek, but more for his renegade personality than his skills on the mountain.  
Miller routinely tests the patience of ski officials and sponsors with his contentious comments, late-night habits and refusal to play by the rules. But the U.S. ski team had enough after he said during an interview on "60 Minutes" that his parring sometimes affected his performance, admitting that "there's been times when I've been in really tough shape at the top of the course."

U.S. ski coach Phil McNichol publicly questioned whether Miller should stay on the team, and U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association president and chief executive Bill Marolt flew to Europe to speak with Miller, who later apologized.  
Skeleton is still a fringe sport, made up of thrillseekers who slide headfirst down an icy chute with nothing but a helmet to protect them. It would draw attention for a day or two in most Olympic years, then slide back into oblivion.  
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## Why the Colts aren't super

By Barry Wilner  
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Before Mike Shanahan arrived as Denver coach, John Elway was just another terrific quarterback with no rings. Lots of individual stats and memorable plays, but no championship.  
Since Bill Cowher arrived as Pittsburgh's coach in 1992, the Steelers have made five AFC title games, including next Sunday at Denver. They got to the Super Bowl once, in January 1998, losing to Dallas.  
But at least they have another shot — as a stink seed, no less.  
The Indianapolis Colts, despite their superb quarterback and their excellent coach, are done.  
"The Colts believed this was their year. It should have been. Everything was laid out for us, perfectly," Edgerlin James said. "We folded."



Indianapolis Colts halfback Dominic Rhodes sits on the bench after the top-seeded Colts lost their NFL divisional playoff game, 21-18, to the Pittsburgh Steelers Sunday in Indianapolis.

Finally they posted the best record in the league, considering no Pittsburgh or New England or Denver player is even in the playoffs. Finally their coaches, the Patriots, had been eliminated elsewhere.  
Finally they had a last, fierce defense to go with the Peyton Manning-led offense that is feared by every opponent.  
It wasn't enough.

How? What went wrong? "The Colts remain a fragile, unbalanced team" despite what the numbers said this season. If their offense is unproductive against quality opponents, it winds up affecting the defense, too. "They've done decent here, but they're not good," said Tom Brady, Troy Aikman or Joe Montana achieved the most. A heavy

pass rush often turns Manning into a quarterback with happy feet who forces passes.  
Sunday was one of those rare times when he admitted his protectors on the line had issues. For all his skills as a passer and playmaker, Manning can be rattled when his blockers, well, don't block.  
"I only was too good in the regular season."  
Say what?  
The 13-0 run was magnificent and the Colts looked capable of replicating the 1972 Dolphins' perfect. They clinched the division and the home-field edge before they lost a game.

But after San Diego beat them, followed by the death of Dungy's son, the Colts went through the motions in their last two regular-season games. Drained emotionally by the tragedy, they never got back that mental edge champions need. For three quarters against the Steelers, they were rusty and flat, a recipe for defeat.  
"It's tough to stay up there your last year or not win it," Dungy said. "I'm disappointed that we didn't play our best, and that always falls back on me."  
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That would be a shame, because he might be the classic act in the sport. Other than Mike Holmgren and Dick Vermeil, how many coaches are lauded for being "good guys?"  
And he's a fine coach who should be judged on his overall record by Dungy, Bay and Indianapolis, which is very good.  
But good guy and fine coach, unfortunately almost never equating combinations in the NFL. Maybe the Colts need a bit more fervor, an assistant coach or even a few players who can light a fire and keep it burning.

## NFL: ref was wrong

By Dave Goldberg  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The NFL said the referee made a mistake: Troy Polamalu caught the ball.  
The league acknowledged Monday that referee Pete Morelli erred when he overruled on replay Polamalu's interception of a Peyton Manning pass Sunday in the playoff game between Pittsburgh and Indianapolis.  
Mike Pereira, the league's vice president of officiating, said in a statement that the referee should have upheld the call, made with 5:26 left in Pittsburgh's win over the Colts.

After the reversal, the Colts went on to score a touchdown and a 2-point conversion, cutting the Steelers' 21-10 lead to 21-18. That led to a wild final few minutes and Pittsburgh clinched its win only when the Colts' Mike Vanderjagt missed a 46-yard field-goal attempt.  
On the play, Morelli made a diving catch of Manning's pass, tumbled with it in his hands and got up to run. When he did, he was tackled by three Steelers. Colts coach Tony Dungy challenged and Morelli ruled Polamalu had not completed the catch.

About a dozen TV and scoreboard replays indicated otherwise. Had the call stood, the Steelers would have had the ball on their own 48 with 11-point lead.  
"The definition of a catch — or in this case an interception — states that in the process of making a catch a player must maintain possession of the ball after he contacts the ground," Pereira said.

The initial call on the field was that Troy Polamalu intercepted the pass because he maintained possession of the ball after hitting the ground. The replay showed that Polamalu had rolled over and was rising to his feet when the ball came loose. He maintained possession long enough to establish a catch. Therefore, the replay review should have upheld the call on the field that it was a catch and fumble.  
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## Dungy considers retirement

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Dungy plans to return as Colts coach but left open the possibility of retirement following a season marked by the death of 16-year-old son.  
"I really don't know how I'll react the next few days," he said Monday, a day after the Colts were eliminated from the playoffs. "I think I'll be back. But it will really be the first time I've had to think about it."  
Dungy has been one of the NFL's most successful coaches over the past decade.

He's headed the playoffs three times, won three straight AFC South titles and taken teams to the AFC and NFC championship games.  
This year he led his 100th career game, less than two weeks after he turned 50.  
But Dungy has always been a family man first.  
After the Colts' season ended with Sunday's 21-18 loss to Pittsburgh, Dungy said he intends to spend the next few days watching movies, spending time with his family.  
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SPORTS

Clippers edge Jazz

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elton Brand scored six of his 35 points in overtime and had 14 rebounds...



Los Angeles Clippers forward Elton Brand (42) draws a foul as the Utah Jazz's Andrei Kirilenko...

Wizards 104, 76ers 76 WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas had 22 points and a season-high 12 assists to help Washington beat Philadelphia...

Timberwolves 96, Knicks 90 NEW YORK — Tony Hudson scored 10 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter...

Hornets 107, Bobcats 92 CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Chris Paul had 24 points, seven rebounds and six assists to lead New Orleans past the Bobcats.

Hawks 94, Rockets 83 ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks took advantage of Tracy McGrady's absence to beat the short-handed Houston Rockets...

Nuggets 97, Bulls 94 CHICAGO — Carmelo Anthony scored 39 points and Kenyon Martin added 22 points and 14 rebounds to lead Denver past the Bulls.

Pistons 94, Celtics 84

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Rashad Wallace scored 18 of his 23 points in third quarter, and the Detroit Pistons coasted to a victory over Boston.

Spurs 93, Grizzlies 83

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Tony Parker scored 28 points on 12-of-13 shooting for San Antonio. After missing his seventh attempt, Parker grabbed the rebound and scored in the third quarter.

Nets 97, Pacers 92

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jason Kidd scored 23 points and made a season-high five 3-pointers to help New Jersey beat injury-depleted Indiana.

Mavericks 114, Bucks 95

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 35 points for Dallas, going 14-of-21 from the field, and Josh Howard had 21 points and 11 rebounds.

Cutthroat boys nip Musers

The Three-Hours

FAIRFIELD — The Community School Cutthroats took advantage of 18 Camas County turnovers to collect a 48-43 Magic Valley Northside Conference victory Monday night on the mat.

Castletown 68, Murtaugh 36

MURTAUGH — The balanced scoring of the Castletown Wolves proved too much for host Murtaugh, as the Red Devils led 68-36 at halftime.

Hansen 70, Lighthouse Christian 59

TWIN FALLS — The Hansen Huskies parlayed a 27-15 fourth-quarter advantage into a 70-59 victory over the host Lighthouse Christian Lions on Monday.

Hageman 80, M.V. Christian 35

TWIN FALLS — The Hageman Pirates jumped out to a surprising 34-0 first quarter lead and cruised to an 80-35 road victory over the 0-9 Magic Valley Christian Conquerors Monday night in Twin Falls.

Girls basketball Camas County 37, Community School 31

FAIRFIELD — Beth McLain dropped in a game-high 19 points to help her Camas County Mustangs hold off the Community School Cutthroats 37-31 Monday night in Fairfield.

Carey 63, Shoshone 37

CAREY — The 13-1 Carey Panthers pushed their Magic Valley Northside Conference record to 6-0 with Monday's 63-37 home victory over the Shoshone Indians.

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SAN JOSE, Calif. — Kyle McLaren, rookie Milan Michalek and Nils Ekman scored in San Jose's sixth victory in seven games.

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Bruins bag Mighty Ducks in OT

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Federer advances with ease

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Top-seeded Roger Federer dispatched wild-card entry Denis Istomin in the first round of the Australian Open on Tuesday, cruising to a 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 victory.

No. 3 Lleyton Hewitt, losing finalist here last year, looks for Federer.

Federer was broken once, when he was serving for the second set, and faced only three break points in the 83-minute match.

Hewitt opened later Tuesday against Robin Vik of the Czech Republic.

The overwhelming favorite for the title, Federer lost only one point on his serve in the second set until he made three unforced errors in the tie-break.

Among the men, No. 2-seeded Andy Roddick, his big serve produced only seven aces, downing Michael Lammner of Switzerland 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

Three-time Australian Open champion Martina Hingis was to resume her comeback from injury.

Among the women, 1995 Australian Open winner Marie Pierce breezed past local wild-card entry Nicole Pietrangeli 6-1, 6-1 in 52 minutes.

There was a sense of urgency. "I desperately want to be part of that team," said Toms, who moved up to No. 3 in the Ryder Cup standings. "I needed to get off to a good start so I didn't have all that pressure on me to win the summer. This helps a lot. There was a sense of urgency."

"I remember when I was a rookie and would just let it go," said Sabbatini, who played with Watson. "There's absolutely no possibility I could ever have hit it that far. Just unbelievable."

There are obviously superstars that win all the time, and it looks like it comes easy to them," Toms said. "Maybe it looked like it came easy to me because I played great, but on the inside, it's always a battle. To overcome all of that and win a golf tournament, it's the ultimate reward for all those emotions that you go through."

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Olympians

Continued from D1 Bobsled and Skeleton Federation went ahead and nominated him as its coach. He's already taken his case for the first time last season, beating the Phoenix Coyotes 6-1 on Monday.

Dungy

Continued from D1 long time with his wife and children and reflecting on the death of his oldest son, James.

Zach Lund, the top American slider, was busted for taking F1-nasteride, the primary ingredient in the baldness treatment Propecia that also is known to mask certain kinds of drugs.

"I think this was the first American in more than a decade to win on the famed Lauberhorn course, and he did it by giving him his third World Cup downhill of the season. The U.S. women's curling team is so popular it has its own website, www.curlingusa.com.

"I've had our preferences, of course we'd like all the stories to be good, strong positive stories," Seibel said. "But even when we've had stories that are something other than that, I think the situations are being handled the right way."

"Publicly doesn't have to be perfect all the time," said Tom Colville, the general manager of the Champions on Ice tour. "It drives attention to the sport — to the good, the bad and the ugly. And that's the beauty of it."

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

- BASKETBALL
6:30 Indiana, ESPN
6 p.m.
Charlotte at Saint Joseph's, ESPNR2
6 p.m.
Seton Hall at Villanova, ESPN CLASSIC, 6:30 p.m.
Kentucky at Georgia, ESPN 7 p.m.
Louisville at St. John's, ESPNR2 7 p.m.
New Jersey at St. Louis, OLN 8 p.m.
TENNIS
Australian Open, early round, at Melbourne, Australia, (Some-day top), ESPNR2, (room)
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Area ski report

Area ski report detailing conditions and events at various ski resorts including Snake River, Sun Valley, and Teton.

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Turn Olympic budget approved

TURN, Italy - The final budget for the 2006 Winter Olympics was approved Monday, ending months of delays because of government cuts and a final estimated at more than \$96 million.

The vote had been scheduled for last month and was further delayed last week while the organizing committee completed last-minute sponsorships and other plans to cover the gap.

The plans include a scratch-card lottery expected to produce \$24 million. City and local authorities are to chip in upward of \$45 million.

No hearing in Armstrong defamation case

PARIS - A criminal court refused to hear a defamation suit by Italian cyclist Filippo Simoni against Lance Armstrong.

Judicial officials said Monday the statute of limitations barred the case against the seven-time Tour de France winner.

Armstrong, quoted in an April 2003 report in the online edition of French daily Le Monde, contended that Simoni had agreed to let the cyclist contest the doping charges against Michele Ferrari in exchange for a lesser penalty if the Italian rider were accused of doping by the sports governing body.

Ferrari received a suspended jail sentence for a year in October 2004 for sports fraud and malpractice. Ferrari once advised Armstrong, but the star cyclist cut his ties with him after the doctor was convicted.

Armstrong faces a March 7 trial in Italy on civil charges of defaming Simoni. Armstrong is being investigated for pursuing the Italian during a stage of last year's Tour de France and for threatening him for testifying about doping in a trial of Ferrari.

Jets hire Eric Mangini

NEW YORK - New England Patriots defensive coordinator Eric Mangini has accepted an offer to become the next New York Jets coach, a person familiar with the situation said Monday night.

Mangini, who turns 35 Thursday, becomes the youngest head coach in the NFL. He replaces Herman Edwards, who left for Kansas City after five seasons.

The Jets moved quickly to hire Mangini after interviewing former Vikings coach Mike Tice earlier in the week.

A Jets spokesman said the club had no announcements to make and declined further comment.

Mangini, who has spent nearly his entire career working for Patriots coach Bill Belichick, emerged as the leading candidate for the Jets last week. Though he is young, he is regarded as one of the brightest defensive minds in the game.

In a strange twist, Belichick was Jets head coach for one day before changing his mind and boiling for New England in 2000.

The connection didn't seem to bother New York and owner Woody Johnson, who is desperate to try and gain on the Patriots in the AFC East.

With Mangini in, defensive coordinator Donnie Henderson, offensive coordinator Tom Heintzinger and special teams coordinator Mike Westhoff would probably be out. All three interviewed for the head coaching job.

Magic end Francis' suspension

ORLANDO, Fla. - Steve Francis was reinstated by Orlando Magic on Monday, three days after he was suspended for "conduct detrimental to the team."

"We now consider the matter closed and look forward to Steve's return to practice tomorrow," assistant general manager Otis Smith said in a statement.

Anonymous sources: two newspapers reported Francis was suspended for refusing to re-enter the fourth round of a blowout loss last week.

The guard, averaging 16.6 points and 5.4 assists this season, is expected to play Wednesday night at home against Washington.

Jeff Fried, Francis' agent, said the three-time All-Star returned to his Houston home while away from the team and was eager to return.

Alexander says he will play in NFC title game

KIRKLAND, Wash. - A smiling Shaun Alexander said Monday he expects to play in the Super Bowl.

Alexander said after seeing doctors and passing more tests Monday. "But it looks pretty good," he said.

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Advertisement for the 2006 Honda Pilot EX-L 2WD, featuring a price of \$29,988 and highlighting features like automatic transmission, alloy wheels, and a sunroof.

## Albion citizens have 'grand' time

The Times-News

ALBION — It was a wet and blustery night in Albion on Dec. 30, but inside the new Albion Community Center it was cozy and cheery, according to Mary Lynn Bristol, an Albion resident involved in many community activities.

The Albion Valley Players and the Albion Valley Historical Society revived a bit of Albion history by replicating in a small way the Grand Balls that were held many years ago in the former Masonic Hall, now the community center, on Main Street. A reception honoring retiring Albion Mayor Donald Danner was held before the ball.

Danner was honored for 12 years of service to the community as mayor and his many years of working to preserve Albion History.

The hall was decorated with evergreens similar to the first Albion ball held in 1883. However, this time the trees were lit with strings of small white electric lights. Candles lit the circular tables around the ball and decorations were provided by First Class Catering, Tressa Toner, president of the Albion Valley Players, was in charge of the decorations.

At the reception, Danner and his wife, Shirley, were seated on large decorative chairs under an evergreen arbor to greet the guests. A dance program prepared by Mary Lynne Bristol, which was similar to those of the past was given to attendees. It included a list of the evenings activities and some historical information. A brief biography and tribute to Danner was given by Robert Price, a classmate and long-time friend. He related several anecdotes about their growing up in Albion. Shari Bell, an Albion Valley Players Board member, then



Retiring Albion Mayor Don Danner, right, and his wife, Shirley, seated, were honored during a reception and "Grand Ball." Other pictured are Jim and Susan Kempton, center, and Bill and Triah Mendenhall, left.

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presented Danner with a Space Pen that can write anywhere. The floor show was organized by Clay and Kristine.

Handy, Clay began the show by giving a brief history of the Grand Balls held in Albion and surrounding communities. He told about the bands for the dances and how they evolved from two or three instruments to larger bands.

The first dance of the floor show was the Virginia Reel and couples from the audience were asked to participate. Kristine called the steps and members of the dance troupe helped direct the dancers. The troupe then demonstrated different styles of swing as it has evolved from the Charleston to modern swing. The performers included the Handy's, their son, Branson, and Ileen and David Coats and their children, Katie, Emily, and Andrew.

A Grand March of attendees under the direction of the Handy's, Kristine explained that the march was just walking and was led by the dignitaries selected for the evening. After directing a walk through of the pattern, she called the directions to music. Following the march, attendees danced to recorded music prepared by Doris Bell.

There was a biographical display honoring Danner, prepared by his daughter Kathy Adams and historical displays about early Albion and the new Community Center set up by Verlene Powell and Lorna Calouette. Refreshments made by Annabelle Outley were served. Many of those attending were dressed in period costume, according to Bristol.

## STORK REPORT

### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Zachary Ashton Tatro, son of Sheila Kay and Mark Alexander Tatro of Jerome, was born Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006.

Hayden Mackay Sawyer, son of Britanne Nicole Hintringer and Shane Bryan Sawyer of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006.

Mull Ceclilia Lopez-Ortiz, daughter of Alma Ortiz and Domingo Lopez of Wendell, was born Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006.

Tamara Mae Weaver, daughter of Laura Leone and Brian J. Weaver of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Jan. 9, 2006.

Sawyer Greyson Gough, son

of Alexis Anne and Brandon Lavar Gough of Gooding, was born Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006.

Jesus Eduardo Madias, son of Brenda Berentz and Jesus Enchel Madias Grimaldo of Wendell, was born Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006.

Batsh Row Morris, son of Audrey Juanita and Jeremy Howard Morris of Gooding, was born Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006.

Sierra Monroe Dickson, daughter of Amanda Marie Seyers of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006.

Kyren Taylor Askew, daughter of Doris Rae-Ann and Michael Dean Askew of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006.

## GOOD SAMS



The Twin Falls Bluebird Good Sam chapter held a fundraising silent auction. Pictured, from left, are Gordon Harris, Bluebird president; Allan Dreher of the Valley House; and Corrie Lanning, Bluebird member. The benefits sheltered \$500 for Valley House of Twin Falls, a facility that provides shelter to the homeless until they can find a place to live. Every year, the chapter also donates money from the sale of aluminum cans and magazines to Dogs for the Deaf.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Former Rupert student graduates as valedictorian

Brandon Boldt has graduated as valedictorian of the engineering department at Utah State University in Logan with a grade point average of 3.97.

He is the son of Lawrence and Marcy Boldt of Rupert and a 1999 valedictorian graduate of the Minico High School.

Boldt has been accepted into the USU master's program. He is a Micron scholar, earned several awards in club activities and Outstanding Junior and Pre-Professional Electrical Engineer awards, and participated in USU's robotics and competitive events.

He worked at the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, Texas, in field maintenance of controllers and ground stations for an unmanned aerial vehicle, and assembled new controllers for and built and tested the vehicles.

He worked as an Intern for Micron Technology Inc. in Boise, developing a program to accept user input over a network to generate another computer program to test user memory cells. He also worked as a robotics research assistant in Logan, developing a communications protocol and performing maintenance work on a robot and started design work for control system of a swimming robot.

He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Brasilia, Brazil.

### Jerome resident named to Jamestown dean's list

Tandra Fairbanks of Jerome has been named to the Jamestown College Dean's List for the 2005 fall semester.

Founded in 1883, Jamestown College in Jamestown, N.D., is a coeducational liberal arts and sciences college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Rupert Eastern Star plans meeting

RUPERT — On Dec. 14, Rupert No. 39, Order of the Eastern Star, held its annual Christmas pot luck dinner. About 35 people were served turkey and ham and a variety of dishes provided by the members.

On Dec. 21, Rupert No. 39 along with Jobs Daughters, Bethel No. 18, hosted the December birthdays at Minnikoda Memorial Hospital Extended Care Unit. Balloons and birthday cards were given to seven patients. Christmas tree cakes and punch were distributed to about 40 other patients. Happy birthday and Christmas carols were sung by our members and helpers to all the patients.

The organization also celebrated and presented teddy bears to the women's shelter in Rupert. This was the special chapter project to benefit the community.

The chapter will have their official visit by the Worthy Grand Matron, Jo Ellen Reynolds and Worthy Grand Patron, Jim Carr with a no-host dinner at 5 p.m. Friday at Price's Cafe. Reservations are required to Elaine Gordon, Worthy Matron, at 878-0721.

### Senior Center holds eight ball tournament

JEROME — The Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. E., will hold an eight ball pool tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday. There is a \$10 entry fee and double elimination. Teams will be selected on a draw. First prize is \$50 and second prize is \$25.

For more information or to register, call 324-5642.

### Mini-Cassia CSI offers class on the Civil War

BURLEY — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia enrichment program has scheduled an eight-week opportunity to step back in time and learn about the Civil War.

Classes will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 23 to March 27. The cost is \$50. Joe Collieth will present the human side of the American Civil War by focusing on the common citizen and the dilemma they faced during this era. Participants will look at the clothing, medicine, diet and weapons and war gaming. Museum-quality repli-

cas and original items from the era in the classroom experience will be shown. Civil War and frontier re-enactment buffs will develop understanding of the connection between the Mini-Cassia area and the Civil War.

For more information or to register by phone, call 678-1400.

### Former Kimberly resident performs at CSI on Friday

TWIN FALLS — Pianist Mark Nelwith, a former Kimberly resident, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium, 315 Falls Ave.

Nelwith is the chairman of the piano department at the Sun Valley School of Music and is on the faculty at Idaho State University in Pocatello. He graduated from Kimberly High School in 1975, and studied for six years with Teala Bellini in Twin Falls. He continued his training at the Hart College of Music in Hartford, Conn., and the Manhattan School of Music in New York City.

Nelwith has appeared as concerto soloist numerous times with orchestras in New York City and other places. At the event, he will perform "Fantasia in F-sharp minor" by Mendelssohn, "Sonata in B-flat minor" by Chopin, "Dilidne" and "Valse nobles et sentimentales" by Ravel and "Toccata" by York Bowen.

General admission tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door or at the Fine Arts office. Students and seniors will be admitted for \$3. CSI students with current ID cards will be admitted free.

For more information, call CSI music professor Sue Miller at 732-6769.

### Minico class of '86 holds 20-year reunion in August

RUPERT — The Minico High School Class of 1986 will hold its 20-year class reunion Aug. 4 through 5.

A social on Friday and a picnic at Neptune Park will be held on Saturday, followed by dinner and dance at Burley Inn.

For more information contact Susan (Flock) Royer at skroyer@hotmail.com or (412) 486-4416.

### Rupert BPA accepts scholarship applications

RUPERT — Rupert Business

Professional Women are taking applications for a scholarship to be presented to a woman enrolled in an accredited college or votech.

Applicants must be 25 years of age or older. The scholarship award is based on financial needs. All applications must be in no later than March 30.

For more information, call Nina Stephenson 436-3565 or 431-3565 or Loretta Klingenberg at 436-3315.

### Buhl association offers four-week welding class

BUHL — The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association is offering "Maintenance Welding" from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday at the Buhl High School Voc-Ag Shop. The cost is \$25. The class will run for four weeks.

Students will learn the principles and practices of using oxyacetylene, arc and wire feed welding for farm and small shop use. Coveralls and welding gloves are required.

Checks may be made payable to the Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association and mailed to it at Buhl Middle School, Buhl, ID 83316.

For more information, call Connie Glander at 543-6533.

### Brain Injury group to hear about emotional control

TWIN FALLS — The Brain Injury Support Group, for people who have had a brain injury or for any family, friends or caregivers affected by a brain injury, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Education Building, 588 Addison Ave. W.

Gary Warman will speak on emotional control. For more information, call 737-2126.

### Pioneer Burton Club meets Thursday evening

KIMBERLY — The Pioneer Burton Club of Kimberly will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison W.

The lesson will be given by Alpha Metz.

The club met for a potluck dinner and gift exchange on Dec. 9. A meeting and lesson on borders by Claire Wilkes, Idaho State Burton Society president was held.

## CHEER CAMP



The Minico High School Cheerleaders will present a mini-cheer camp from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday in the multipurpose gym behind Minico High School, 292 W. 100 S., Rupert. Children preschool through eighth grade are welcome. The cost is \$30 and includes pizza and a drink for lunch and a mini cheer spirit bracelet. T-shirts will also be available for \$5. Those attending will learn cheers, dances, stunts and jumps and will have the opportunity to perform at the Minico varsity boys basketball home game at 7 p.m. Feb. 3. For more information or to register for the camp, call Lisa at 312-0163 or Nikkole at 438-5883.

## CARE-CENTER CHRISTMAS



Santa visited the Burley Care Center's Dec. 16 Christmas party. Gifts were given to everyone and finger food was served to residents and their family. Lala Gallegos, one of the residents at the center, had Harry and John Gallegos and some other family members visiting.

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