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CSI says it wants to expand into Boise

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho announced Monday it wants to expand to the Boise area.

The motion was made, and unanimously approved, in less than 20 minutes during a CSI board meeting Monday night.

"This is big," said CSI President Jerry Beck.

At the request of the colleges

More online

Watch video of CSI President Jerry Beck announcing the college's plans to expand into the Boise area at <http://www.magicvalley.com>

board of trustees, Beck announced that he will begin working with the State Board of Education to provide lower-division courses to students in Ada and Canyon counties.

There are plenty of students to

be served," Beck said. "And I think a multitude of institutions is in the best interest of citizens to serve their needs."

He said 45 percent of the state's population lives in Treasure Valley, and Boise State University is currently serving 30 percent of students taking lower-division courses. Beck said CSI hopes to offer lower-division courses, as well as some technical and professional courses.

Beck said the board hopes the

college can begin offering courses by the fall semester, although the programs most likely will begin in public buildings such as high schools or other available spaces.

"We have worked with other school districts, such as Cassia, to use school buildings for college courses," Beck said.

However, he said the first priority is with the state board's approval. He said he does not know when the state board will hear CSI's request.

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Bill Babcock steps down from CSI board after 30-year tenure.

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COMFORT IN MUSIC

Ex-POW finds niche with harmonica

By Jani Whited Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Dwight Shaw's harmonica played a vital role in his survival in World War II. It was one of his most prized possessions during that time, a half year as a prisoner of war. But, when hunger took its toll, the U.S. Army Air Corps soldier of the 5th Air Base Group traded it for food and cigarettes.

He didn't regret the deal. "In that camp, I had a lot of other interests besides harmonica — like food," he told *The Times-News* in a 1992 interview.

Many years later, he included the significance of the harmonica in his autobiography, "The Footlocker Fifth." He now plays a different harmonica once a month for Bridgview Estates with the band, "Almost Live Music."

Director Donna Vawser said residents enjoy his performance so much, they ask for a slice of local life when he's coming back.

"Sometimes residents sing along," Vawser said. "It's neat to see the interaction between him and the residents. He's very energetic out there and wanting to entertain people. He does a nice job."

He was mostly self-taught on the harmonica, but his wife, Susan, said the professionals he's played with say he's got a perfect tone. He has won several awards for his performances, including placing first in the Yellow Pine Harmonica Contest in 1992.

He was born and raised in Berger and educated in Hollister and Berger.

He remembers a favorite mail carrier on Route 1 who was so punctual you could set your clock by him. Many years later, after working as a deputy sheriff and farmer, he retired as a rural carrier on that same route, one that traveled through Berger, Hollister, Amsterdam and a portion of the Salmon Tract.

When he's not organizing ex-POW meetings or Hollister class reunions, using his garden or playing golf, Shaw enjoys volunteering at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Shaw was appointed to the hospital board in the mid-1970s. He received the Outstanding Service Award and led the board in 1991. He now volunteers as a shuttle driver once a week and works with Lifeline.

He even volunteers to drive a taxi at a hospital in Arizona, where the couple travels in the winter. He has helped prepare people's income tax returns and also volunteers at the Twin Falls County Museum.



Dwight Shaw plays the harmonica during one of his monthly performances at Bridgview Estates with the band, Almost Live Music.

"He has a very strong interest in promoting the museum," said Darleen Porter, museum administrator. "He greets visitors, does research and does a little repair work around here."

"His attitude toward others also is helpful. Those who work with him say his community-mindedness and personality make people comfortable. "He's very amiable, gregarious and really reliable," Porter added. "He's really

good at jumping in and lending a hand."

While he knows his help is appreciated, he just likes to be able to lend his hand where it's needed.

"People tell you how beneficial it is," Shaw said. "They encourage you by the fact that it is beneficial."

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Senator: Change policy on arsenic

Gannon wants delegation to fight for moratorium

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

BOISE — How much arsenic in drinking water is bad for you? The federal government gives one figure. One local senator wants the science behind it revisited before requiring communities to meet the government's new arsenic standard.

"We have a number of small communities and one large one called Boise whose water systems routinely exceed the regulation," said Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Boise, at a legislative meeting on Monday.

"We have drafted a bill that urges Idaho's congressional delegation to work toward putting the arsenic regulations on hold until more studies can be done. Many Magic Valley communities are struggling with the financial burden of updating water systems."

In 2001, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency set the new arsenic standard at 10 parts per billion, down from the 50 ppb standard set in 1975. Communities were supposed to be in compliance by Jan. 23. However, the

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Bison making comeback — as dinner

Stock industry is growing in West

By Judith Kohler Associated Press writer

DENVER — The irony of bison ranching is that it's back. Recovering the once nearly extinct creatures has required raising them for slaughter.

The proof is in the numbers: said Carter, executive director of the Colorado-based National Bison Association. About 35,000 bison were processed nationwide last year, up 17 percent from 2004.

There are more than 250,000 bison on ranches across the country. The massive, shaggy animals that once roamed across the North American plains by the millions were decimated by widespread slaughter during westward growth, dropping to an estimated 1,000 or fewer by the late 1800s.

"As we continue to rebuild the bison herds and to bring the species back from a point where it was on the brink of extinction



A window created by a hole in the fence gives a view of bison feeding in a pen in the yards at the 200th National Western Stock Show and Rodeo in Denver on Jan. 18.

120 years ago, it really requires that it end up on the dinner plate, for the ranchers to have the incentive to bring the animals back," Carter said.

Starting in the late 1970s, Carter said, a few ranchers decided that bison deserved to be more than just a novelty, limited to a handful of bands in such places as Yellowstone National Park and Custer State

Park in South Dakota. Media mogul and bison rancher Ted Turner has helped raise the industry's profile through his Ted's Montana Grill restaurant chain, which specializes in bison meat. There are 39 restaurants in 16 states — more than twice the number in 2004.

Still, Carter concedes the industry will likely always be a bit niche. Please see BISON, Page A2

Americans are spending more, saving even less

By Martin Crutinger Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Americans are spending everything they're making and more, pushing the national savings rate to the lowest point since the Great Depression.

Souring home prices apparently have convinced people they don't have to worry about saving, a belief that could be seriously tested as 78 million baby boomers begin to retire.

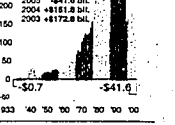
The Commerce Department reported Monday that Americans' personal savings fell into negative territory at minus 0.5 percent last year. That means that people not only spent all of their after-tax income last year but had to dip into previous savings or increase their borrowing.

The savings rate has been negative for an entire year only twice before — in 1932 and 1933 — two years when Americans were having to deplete savings to cope with the massive job layoffs and bus-

Personal savings

Total savings of disposable income

Annual national personal savings (seasonally adjusted) \$400 billion



SOURCE: Department of Commerce AP

ness failures caused by the Great Depression. This time the reasons for the negative savings rate are vastly different. Americans are spending all their incomes and then some, be-

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Periods of light snow. Highs near 40.
Tonight: Occasional light snow with lows in the middle 20s.
Tomorrow: Periods of snow showers throughout the day. Highs in the upper 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Periods of light snow, possibly mixing with rain in the afternoon. Highs upper 30s.
Tonight: Occasional light snow with lows in the middle 20s.
Tomorrow: Periods of rain and snow showers throughout the day. Highs around 40.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Snow will persist through today and into tonight and Wednesday. Accumulations in the higher elevations will be significant with lesser amounts in the valley.

BOISE

A break in the wet weather is expected today. The next storm will be more in the form of drizzling rain and snow back to tomorrow. It should be good for all snow.

NORTHERN UPPIER

Storms will be likely through tomorrow. The best snows will be this morning and again tomorrow.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Yesterday's High	City	Hi Lo Prep
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						44	Idaho Falls	44 33 01*
						44	Shoshone	44 33 01*
						44	Arco	44 33 01*
						44	Blackfoot	44 33 01*
						44	Donnerstag	44 33 01*
						44	Malheur	44 33 01*
						44	Timberline	44 33 01*

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Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Today: 39/27	0.00	41/30	30.1	7:53 AM / 5:52 PM
Record High: 84 in 1982	Year to Date: 0.17"	Today's Minimum: 27	Friday: 30.1	Sunrise: 7:50 AM / Sunset: 5:54 PM

Moon Phases

Feb 8	Feb 13	Feb 21	Feb 28
New Moon	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon

Moonrise and Moonset

Today: 7:48 AM / 10:08 PM	Friday: 7:50 AM / 10:09 PM
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Regional Forecast

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	39-50	34-45	34-45
Idaho Falls	39-50	34-45	34-45
Shoshone	39-50	34-45	34-45
Arco	39-50	34-45	34-45
Blackfoot	39-50	34-45	34-45
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Malheur	39-50	34-45	34-45
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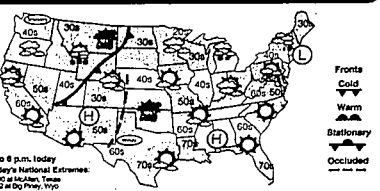
National Forecast

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	39-50	34-45	34-45
Idaho Falls	39-50	34-45	34-45
Shoshone	39-50	34-45	34-45
Arco	39-50	34-45	34-45
Blackfoot	39-50	34-45	34-45
Donnerstag	39-50	34-45	34-45
Malheur	39-50	34-45	34-45
Timberline	39-50	34-45	34-45

World Forecast

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
London	44-55	44-55	44-55
Paris	44-55	44-55	44-55
Tokyo	44-55	44-55	44-55
Sydney	44-55	44-55	44-55
Auckland	44-55	44-55	44-55

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Canadian Forecast

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Calgary	39-50	34-45	34-45
Edmonton	39-50	34-45	34-45
Winnipeg	39-50	34-45	34-45
Ottawa	39-50	34-45	34-45
Montreal	39-50	34-45	34-45
Quebec	39-50	34-45	34-45
Vancouver	39-50	34-45	34-45
Victoria	39-50	34-45	34-45

U.S. National Forecast

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	39-50	34-45	34-45
Idaho Falls	39-50	34-45	34-45
Shoshone	39-50	34-45	34-45
Arco	39-50	34-45	34-45
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GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

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Bison

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 player. Although last year's total of 35,000 bison processed was a healthy increase, "the beef industry does more than that before lunch," he said. Roughly 125,000 cattle are processed every day and the industry is measured in billions; Carter estimates there are 112 million in annual bison sales.

The bison industry's small size, though, has worked to ranchers' benefit, Carter said. One of the industry's selling points is that about 50 bison are typically processed daily in small plants, compared with thousands of cattle a day in large industrial facilities. The belief is that smaller and slower translate into more care and attention.

The National Bison Association, in conjunction with the USDA, has developed a program to track a bison from birth to dispatchable through ear tags containing radio chips. The meat gets a "Certified American Buffalo" label.

All this comes after the industry collapsed in the late 1990s. Carter said the meat, more expensive to produce because of the smaller numbers, appealed to customers willing to pay higher prices for the benefits in the supermarket or expensive restaurants.

That left producers with a lot of burger meat and chuck roasts

Facts, figures about bison

- Bison are the largest land mammal in North America. Mature bulls can reach more than 2,000 pounds.
- Bison can run in bursts of 40 mph, jump 6 feet and pivot quickly.
- The bison's large hump holds up the animal's head, which can weigh 300 pounds. Bison use their big heads to clear away snow to forage for food.
- Bison calves stand up to nurse within minutes of birth.
- Experts estimate American bison once numbered from 30 million to 70 million but dropped to as few as 1,000 by the late 1800s because of widespread slaughter.
- There are more than 250,000 bison on 4,000 U.S. farms and ranches.

Source: National Bison Association

and less money to buy live animals. So, the National Bison Association and ranchers stepped up marketing, promoting bison's lean meat about 2.5 grams of fat per 100 grams, compared with about 8 to 10 grams for beef.

John Painter, who manages a bison ranch northwest of Boonville, N.M., said increasingly health-conscious consumers also like the fact that the animals aren't given hormones or antibiotics.

Painter, whose family raised Hereford cattle, said he prefers bison meat for the high iron and low cholesterol.

Ray Rozzell, a ranch manager in Steamboat Springs, likes bison for their low maintenance. "They don't need — or want — help during calving," he said.

"It'd be tough to get a calf from a cow," Rozzell said.

Fences have to be a little taller because bison can jump as high as 6 feet. Chutes and holding facilities have to be bison-tough — a mature bull might weigh more than 2,000 pounds — and the animals can raise a ruckus when held in place to be weighed or examined.

Rozzell said, however, that bison are content to stay in place if they have what they want. He expressed a concern common in the industry: that the intelligence, curiosity and self-sufficiency that make bison so intriguing eventually will be diluted through breeding.

"Nature made them to survive, nature did that for us. We'll probably screw it up as we keep breeding them," Rozzell said.

"They are interesting to watch, to be around,"

Savings

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 cause they feel wealthier because of soaring value of their homes, which for many Americans is the largest investment they own.

But analysts cautioned that this behavior was risky at a time when 7.8 million Americans are on the verge of retirement. The baby boomers start turning 60 this year, which means they can begin retiring with Social Security in just two more years.

Analysts said with this huge wave of pending retirements, the savings rate should be going up rather than being on a steady decline over the past two decades. The savings rate stood at 10.8 percent of after-tax incomes in 1994 and has been declining steadily since that time. It was down to 1.8 percent in 2004 before turning negative last year.

"Americans seem to have the feeling that it is wishful to save," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York. "The idea is to put away money for old age and we are just not doing that."

Analysts said that not only rising home prices but a rebound in stock prices following the 2000 market collapse have many Americans feeling more wealthy, and that wealth effect is a major pillar supporting consumer spending.

"Americans have been content to spend a lot more than is good for them or for the economy," said Lyle Gramley, senior economic adviser at Schwab Washington Research Group.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average dipped 7.29 points on Monday to close at 10,999.02.

After setting records for five straight years, sales of both existing and new homes are expected to decline this year under the impact of rising mortgage rates. The weaker sales will translate into slower price appreciation which in turn will slow consumer spending, analysts are forecasting.

That slowdown in spending should help the savings rate rise back into positive territory. But analysts are not expecting sizable improvements in savings, because as baby boomers begin to retire they will start tapping into their savings to pay for medical bills and other consumption.

The expected slowdown in consumer spending is one reason many economists are looking for overall economic growth to slow further this year. The gross domestic product grew 3.5 percent last year, down from a five-year high of 4.2 percent in 2004.

The Federal Reserve, trying to engineer a slowdown in growth that will keep inflation under control, is expected to boost rates by a 14th time at its Tuesday meeting.

A price gauge closely watched by the Fed that excludes food and energy rose by a tiny 0.1 percent in December, down from a 0.2 percent rise in November, the Commerce Department reported Monday.

For December, consumer spending rose by a bigger-than-expected 0.9 percent while incomes were up by just 0.4 percent. That forced the savings rate down for the month to a negative 0.7 percent.

CSI

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 nor does he know how it will be received. He did say that other schools in Idaho have been expanding into Treasure Valley with the state board's approval.

CSI offers math or scientific electronics courses through a coordinated program with Micron Technology Inc. However, the proposed expansion would offer courses for students who want to complete lower-division courses before entering a four-year college, or to begin master's academic or technical programs. It also may allow students to earn college credit who otherwise may not be able to afford it.

Beck said the programs would be funded by tuition and fees from students enrolled in the courses in Ada and Canyon counties. The expansion also would require additional teachers and support services.

"I think we have done a good job of helping students reach their goals," Beck said. "And I think this is a way for us to help other students in Idaho achieve their goals."

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Kidnapped U.S. journalist appears in new video

By Solomon Moore
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A tearful Jill Carroll appeared in a video aired by the Al-Jazeera satellite channel Monday, and according to the network the American journalist made a plea for the release of all female detainees in Iraq.

The images of her were the first to be broadcast since a video shown 10 days after her Jan. 7 kidnapping.

Looking wan and distraught, Carroll spoke tearfully into the camera, though most of what she said was unintelligible in the video. Carroll was wearing a white veil and appeared before an ornamental red and yellow background.

The video was dated Saturday, Dave Cook, foreign editor of the Christian Science Monitor, for which Carroll had been working, said in an e-mail. Cook said the publication was "still in the midst of trying to determine whether it is legitimate and what are its contents."

A U.S. official who works closely with the Hostage Working Group, a team of U.S. investigators and negotiators from intelligence and law enforcement agencies, said the group was attempting to confirm the date of the video and determine whether it held any clues to Carroll's whereabouts.

Carroll disappeared earlier this month after attempting to interview an Iraqi politician in Baghdad. On Jan. 17, Al-Jazeera broadcast a silent video of Carroll speaking into the camera.

In that video, Carroll wore a high-collared gray or white



Al-Jazeera aired a new videotape Monday of kidnapped U.S. journalist Jill Carroll, showing her wearing an Islamic veil and weeping as she purportedly appealed for the release of female Iraqi prisoners.

Iraqi girl dies of bird flu

RAMMVA, Iraq (AP) — A new threat in Iraq was confirmed Monday — the first case of the deadly bird flu virus in the Middle East.

A 15-year-old Kurdish girl who died this month had the deadly H5N1 strain, Iraq and U.N. health officials said. The discovery prompted a large-scale slaughter of domestic birds in the northern area where the teen died

as the World Health Organization formed an emergency team to try to contain the disease's spread.

Tests were under way to determine if the girl's 50-year-old uncle, who lived in the same house, also died of the virus, officials said. The uncle died last Friday after suffering symptoms similar to bird flu, Iraqi health officials said.

sweatshirt. She appeared to be exhausted and her eyes seemed to shut involuntarily as she spoke impassively. The corner of the screen was marked with the caption, "Brigades of

Vengeance."

The latest video comes amid a surge in abductions in Iraq. Last week, the kidnappers of four Western peace activists released a new video of their

captives, and on Friday, two German engineers captured in northern Iraq pleaded for their lives on a video broadcast by Al-Jazeera.

Also kidnapped were two Kenyan engineers, though no video was released of them. The two disappeared after a Jan. 18 ambush in Baghdad.

The U.S. official, who requested anonymity because he is not allowed to speak to the media, said he could not be sure that Carroll was still alive.

The official said that the Hostage Working Group was actively pursuing leads and questioning sources that might lead to Carroll's rescue or release.

"We're working these things all the time," the official said. "This is all we do."

A source with extensive knowledge of the working group said the secretive team is staffed by FBI officials and at times includes National Security Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency staffers. The team is closely monitored by U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the team uses each abduction investigation to add to a detailed database of informants and kidnapping networks. Prior patterns have helped the group determine how some criminal organizations are linked to insurgent groups.

The U.S. official acknowledged that the team also uses electronic surveillance techniques to track kidnappers.

Once investigators determine who is behind a kidnapping and

the motivation, they are better able to respond to demands or negotiate through media campaigns or by sending messages through informant networks.

"They try to get the message across that they might have something more to gain by keeping her alive than by killing her," the source said. "At the same time, you are trying to find out whether a rescue or release is possible."

The U.S. official credited Iraqi informants for most hostage releases or rescues.

Los Angeles Times staff writer Barzou Dargahzi contributed to this story.

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Gannon

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Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, which oversees the federal program in Idaho, has extended the deadline as long as communities are on schedule to comply eventually with the federal guideline.

Gannon said every town in his legislative district exceeds the 10 ppb standard, but that almost all are below 20 ppb.

Tests of water systems from Jan. 1, 2002, through Jan. 11, 2004, showed that 17 counties in the state have communities affected by the EPA rule, according to a DEQ report.

In Twin Falls County, arsenic concentrations exceed the new federal standard in 11 communities, including Twin Falls, Filer, Murtaugh and Castletford. The city of Buhl faces a \$7 million water system upgrade to meet EPA's 10 ppb regulation, Gannon said.

Lynden Williams lives in the Kanaka Ranch area near Buhl and has been studying the correlation between arsenic and cancer rates. A retired Ohio University professor, Williams contacted Gannon with his own preliminary study — one that generally shows higher, not lower, rates of cancer in areas with low arsenic concentrations. Williams could not be reached for comment.

Many people, including Williams and Gannon, have questioned the studies used by the EPA in setting the national standard. The agency looked at studies conducted in Asia and Europe — not in the United States, where there is a good deal of naturally occurring arsenic, Gannon said. The senator is asking that the EPA conduct studies in the United States before changing its policies.

Gannon's logic sounded good to Castletford Mayor Rita Ruffing.

The city recently passed a \$106,000 bond to be applied toward the \$1.6 million needed in water treatment equipment. Castletford also received about \$1 million in grants and appropriations. To make up the remaining \$500,000, Ruffing is waiting to hear whether the

city will get another grant.

Most Castletford residents aren't convinced the arsenic level there is harmful, Ruffing said. They supported the levy by a vote of 58-1 because the citizens understand the city must comply with the EPA, she said.

While Ruffing says she would love to see Gannon's effort succeed, she isn't holding her breath. City officials and others already approached the federal agency about conducting arsenic tests in the United States.

"We went that route," Ruffing said. "EPA just shot us down."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

CAFO meeting set for Feb. 6

GOODING — A public hearing on revisions to the Gooding County ordinance guiding confined animal feeding operations, animal density and setbacks will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Gooding County extension meeting room at the fairgrounds, 203 Lucy Lane.

Sponsors wanted for summer food program

The State Department of Education is seeking organizations to help sponsor food services for children during the summer. The department of education, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, have been working to feed children who risk hunger while school is closed — however, the current program only reaches 46 percent of those in need.

The program reimburses sponsors for serving meals that meet nutritional guidelines. Sponsors must demonstrate the ability to manage a food service program. Organizations interested in sponsoring a meal program should contact the office of the State Department of Education Child Nutrition Programs at (208) 332-6821.

Applications being taken for health grants

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Hospital Board is accepting a second round of applications for grants from its Community Health Improvement Fund. The fund gives money to organizations that work to improve health in the region. Applicants must meet specific criteria and address one or more of the following health priorities:

- Access to care
- Injury and violence
- Overweight and obesity
- Mental health
- Physical activity

Applicants also are expected to demonstrate collaboration and coordination with other community organizations, including Magic Valley Regional, according to a hospital news release. Preference is given to projects that support needy communities in South-Central Idaho and Northern Nevada.

Applications will be accepted through Feb. 15. For more information, call Jody Tremblay at 737-2943 or write to Tremblay at MVRMC Community Relations, P.O. Box 409, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

Office on Aging offers help doing your taxes

TWIN FALLS — Volunteers who have been training at the College of Southern Idaho for the past several months are now available to provide free tax return assistance to seniors, low- and moderate-income people and families.

The volunteers can determine filing requirements, filing status, dependent eligibility, taxable vs. non-taxable income, certain tax schedules, standard vs. itemized deductions, and certain tax credits. Assistance in some cases may be limited to the level of the volunteer's training. There are 20 sites in south-central Idaho in operation through April 17, some staffed with volunteers who can assist in Spanish, Tagalog, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, German, Somali and accept walk-ins, while others prefer appointments. For the site nearest you, contact the Idaho Office on Aging at 736-2122.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% above/below
Salmon	126%	26%
Big Wood	142%	82%
Little Wood	141%	81%
Big Lost	133%	77%
Little Lost	100%	0%
Headwaters	129%	79%
Upper Snake Basin	125%	74%
Oakley	159%	94%
Salmon Falls	142%	87%
Average	130%	30

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

Survey gives voters a chance to rate T.F.

More than 700 grade wide range of city services

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The city does a great job fighting fires, but it could stand a little improvement when it comes to fighting weeds.

That's the opinion of some of the 700-plus registered voters who took the city of Twin Falls' 2006 Community Survey. The city mailed the survey to 3,500 registered voters and 21 percent of them responded, said City Manager Tom Courtney.

Economic Development Director Dave McAllindin on Monday presented the survey results to the City Council. The survey — which is conducted every two years — asked voters to rate the city on a number of services, including police, fire, government, streets, sewer, parks, library, airport and garbage collection. Voters also

How residents rated services in Twin Falls

The 2006 Community Survey asked Twin Falls residents to rate a number of city services. Here are the percentages of respondents who rated services in the excellent/good range and the fair/poor range.

Service	Excellent/good	Fair/poor	Building inspection	75.68%	24.32%
Fire	96.75%	3.25%	Traffic signs	71.20%	28.80%
Library	94.36%	5.64%	Economic development	70.79%	29.21%
Park maintenance	92.92%	7.08%	Animal control	70.10%	29.90%
Sewer collection	89.85%	10.15%	City administration	64.73%	35.27%
Garbage collection	89.34%	10.66%	Street lights	63.65%	36.35%
Recreation programs	87.86%	12.12%	Street maintenance	57.81%	42.19%
Wood waste	84.47%	15.53%	Storm sewer	57.12%	42.88%
Golf course	83.49%	16.51%	Traffic signals	55.22%	44.78%
Police	80.83%	19.17%	Planning and zoning	52.91%	47.09%
Airport	80.21%	19.79%	Weed abatement	36.48%	63.52%
Water	79.51%	20.49%			

Source: City of Twin Falls

were asked how important those services were to them. Mayor Lance Claw said the survey results into account when prioritizing projects during the city's strategic planning process.

In general, the city scored well with the majority of the respondents — 83 percent — checking the good or excellent box when asked how the city was performing overall.

"It's clear people think very well of how the city is doing," McAllindin said.

But the city's overall score is down from 85 percent in 2003 and from 89 percent in 2004. McAllindin attributed it to growing pains.

"One of the things we see is the emergence from a small rural community into a small city," McAllindin said.

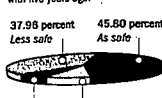
Almost 97 percent of respondents rated the fire department good or excellent. They also loved the library, with 94 percent of them giving it high ratings. Other departments that rated good or excellent included

park maintenance — 93 percent — and sewer collection — 90 percent. Those were followed by garbage collection, 89 percent; recreation programs, 88 percent; wood waste, 84 percent; and golf course, 83 percent.

The weed department received the lowest scores, with 64 percent of respondents rating it fair to poor. The runner-up for the worst city service was planning and zoning, with 47 percent of respondents giving it a fair to poor rating. Scores have remained consistent

Do you feel safe?

In a survey of 727 respondents, city residents were asked how safe they feel in Twin Falls compared with five years ago.



Source: City of Twin Falls

Supplied by CHRISTINA DANFORTH/The Times-News

tent over the years, with services like fire, sewer and garbage collection continuing to bring in high scores and things like weeds and planning and zoning continuing to bring in lower ratings.

Only 53 percent of respondents rated planning and zoning services excellent or good, down from 63 percent in 2004. McAllindin said one of the reasons could be that planning and zoning is confusing for a lot

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NEW CITY ENGINEER



City of Twin Falls engineer Jackie Fields discusses department policies Monday morning with engineer Mike Trabert.

Twin Falls' water supply is the main issue facing Jackie Fields

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — After sending out more than 1,500 letters of inquiry, sifting through more than 20 applications in three months, the city of Twin Falls has a new city engineer.

Jackie Fields, 41, joined the staff Jan. 17. A 1987 graduate of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, Fields brings more than 18 years of experience in public service. She succeeds Gary Young, who retired Dec. 30.

"A number of factors went into the decision to hire Jackie," City Manager Tom Courtney said. "She has extensive engineering experience. She also has progressively responsible supervisory and management experience."

Fields said one of the reasons she accepted the job in Twin Falls was it was different to get a raise working for the state.

"I thought that if I could get paid market value and work with a good group of people, why would I not take the job?" she said. "This just seemed like a win-win for me."

Key issues facing Fields in her new job include helping the city comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's accepted level of arsenic in the city's drinking water, the designation of Auger Falls as a wetlands area and the development of Washington Street North as an alternate route for trucks and computers wanting to avoid Lake Lakes Boulevard North.

Other key issues are the Canyon Rim Trail project and the \$197,000 Sunway Soccer Complex expansion one mile south of Grandview, but one of the most important issues Fields said she will have to address is the quantity and quality of water in and around Twin Falls.

"The type of work I performed for the

At a glance

Name: Jackie Fields
Position: city engineer.
Salary: \$75,000
Age: 41
Family: married, with one 5-year-old daughter

Transportation Department was mainly roadway design and storm water management," Fields said.

"Working with water, sewer and commercial and housing developments is a huge difference in the diversity of design," she said.

Born and raised in Pasadena, Calif., Fields landed her first engineering job in 1987 with the city of Los Angeles Water and Power Department, where she worked for nine years. In 1996, Fields moved to McCall to fill its city engineer vacancy, and in 1998, she moved to Twin Falls to accept a position with the Idaho Transportation Department's District 4 office in Shoshone, spending two years as a design engineer and five years as a project development engineer.

In her spare time, Fields likes to camp and go snow and water skiing.

CSI board member Bill Babcock steps down

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After more than 30 years as a board member for the College of Southern Idaho, Bill Babcock is stepping down.

Babcock, who is moving to Eagle, said the three things he will miss most in Twin Falls are his mother, his friends and the college. "When I was elected onto the board, I thought I would be here for six years to see how I would like it," Babcock said. "And well, it's now 30 years later."

He has served under all three college presidents since 1975, and he has seen the enrollment grow from fewer than 1,000 students to more than 7,000. Board members have praised him for his fiscal knowledge. But, above all, he never stopped enjoying his service on the board.

"I have really enjoyed being on the college board, and I will really miss Bill Babcock," said CSI President Jerry Beck said Babcock has been a mentor for him during his administration. Babcock said he has been very impressed with the college's growth, and the administrations that helped facilitate it. "We've had such strong administrations that have made good decisions," he said. CSI sets on is why we have had monumental growth, and I think it is why CSI has been an economic engine for Twin Falls."

Babcock said he was concerned about recent discussions among lawmakers in Boise about taking away local control of the college. "Once you start taking away the opportunity for the local board to make decisions," Babcock said, "it will take that ability to make decisions from the local community, and I think that's a mistake."

New club gives kids a chance to take a swing at boxing

By Marie Mischel
For The Times-News

HEYBURN — For three weeks, kids have worked up a sweat at the newly created Gonzales Boxing Club, stretching, shadow-boxing and hitting the heavy bag.

"I like everything about the workout," said Justin Olivas, a regular since the club opened in a building behind Frank Gonzales' house near Heyburn

If you want to help

For information about the club, to sponsor a boxer for competitions or to donate toward the ring and other needed equipment, call Frank Gonzales, 431-1651.

Elementary School.

"I fight a lot, but I don't like to get in trouble," Olivas said. "This is something to keep me

out of trouble. My friends think it's cool, but they don't come."

Olivas is one of eight kids who have joined the club, which is open to both boys and girls.

"Always keep your hands up, that's what we girls go by," said 14-year-old Jasmine Salazar. "I always wanted to be a boxer. This is a priority. My boyfriend helps me, but he says I won't go too far. That just makes me want to prove him, wrong. I

want to go all the way and see how far I get."

Salazar, whose uncle and father are co-owners of the club, is one of three girls who use the wall-length mirrors to check their boxing form instead of their makeup. Knowing the boys watch her to compare their workouts "just makes me want to work harder," she said.

Like other kids at the club, Andri Miramontes is a beginning boxer who has his eyes

fixed beyond the workouts.

"I want to get my first trophy," the 12-year-old from Boise said, adding that he'll have to improve his footwork and quickness to achieve the goal.

The chance to win trophies by competing in amateur boxing tournaments will be a reward for the kids who work hard enough, Gonzales said.

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OBITUARIES

For obituary news and information, call 735-3268 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obit@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

KEITCHUM — Marlow Bernard "Captain" Ben Hurlig passed into the arms of the Lord on Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at the age of 93, in his home Care.

He was born at Liberty Lake, Wash., to Lew and Verna Hurlig on July 29, 1912. Ben spent his early years at Liberty Lake, where his parents owned and operated Liberty Lake Park. He attended grade school and high school in the Spokane area and studied liberal arts at Washington State University in Pullman.

In 1936, Hurlig enlisted in the Marine Corps. There he spent a long and distinguished career, serving in China and U.S. posts prior to World War II. During World War II, he fought in Germany of the United States at Midway Island and in the taking of Okinawa from the enemy. Ben also served in Korea. Ben's shooting ability earned him the "distinguished" classification in both rifle and pistol competitions. He spent the first years of his service at Camp Pendleton, teaching young Marines the intricacies and discipline of shooting. Ben moved from his career in the Marine Corps in 1954 after 20 years at the rank of captain.

After leaving the Marine Corps, Ben moved to Ketchikan, Idaho, where he lived for nearly 50 years. His early years here were spent guiding hunters and fishermen, waxing skis and operating the Sun Valley Gun Club. In 1972, Ben married Peggy Helms. Ben's greatest joys and contributions to the community were during his years of operating the Sun Valley Gun Club with wife Peggy. There he taught many youngsters and adults the pleasures of shooting well and safely at levels from pure enjoyment to

Marlow B. Hurlig



serious competition. At the gun club, dogs and kids were his companions of choice. As one close friend put it, "He taught kids how to shoot straight and sit tall in the saddle."

Near the middle of his life, Ben was introduced to flying by local legend Lawrence Johnson of Gimlet. Soon, all of the backcountry and a whole new set of adventures were at his fingertips. The airplane that is, synonymously known as Ben's much-loved Super Cub N4039Z. He was the master and commander of the airplane for 29 years and flew it more than 2,000 hours. His flight logs tell the story of a man enamored with flying, the backcountry of Idaho and the many special friends that accompanied him. Many happy flights, and far away destinations were also enjoyed by Ben and wife Peggy in "the Six," a Cherokee SB 300 that Ben had mastered as well.

The numbers of friends that Ben made over the years are uncountable. A friendship with Ben Hurlig created true enrichment in people's lives. His friendship was coveted and freely given. Those of us who



remain will miss him greatly, and those who preceded him have the joy of being reunited in heaven.

Ben is survived by his beloved and cherished wife, Peggy Helms Hurlig of Ketchikan, stepdaughter, Elizabeth Bernort, and husband Chris, their children David, Sarah and Stephen; stepson, Jack Hastings Jr. and wife Ann; three sisters-in-law; Betty Hurlig, niece, Betty Hibbert and husband Dick; grandniece, Joy Lynn Gulding; grandnephew, Lance Simmons; nephews, Jack Hurlig, Ben Hurlig, Rich Hurlig and Ricd Hurlig. Ben was preceded in death by his beloved sisters, Lumonde "Dot" Barney and his adoring younger brother, Lew "Babe" Hurlig.

Visitation for Ben will be held from 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at the Wood River Chapel in Halley. The memorial service will be held at noon Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, in the Limelight Room at the Sun Valley Inn. Military graveside rites will be performed following the service at the Ketchikan Cemetery, commencing at 3 p.m.

Jerry Klimes



JEROME — Jerry Klimes, 80, of Jerome, peacefully returned to the loving arms of his father in heaven, Friday, Jan. 27, 2006.

Jerry was born on May 22, 1925, in Buhl, Idaho, to Joseph and Mary Klimes. He attended school at Sugarfoot. Jerry married the love of his life, Lillie Mae Casto, 60 years ago on Aug. 19, 1945. Together they had four children: Carol, Gary, Leon and Althea. After his discharge from the Navy, Jerry farmed east of Jerome until 1962, when he started a bank for Neal Perkins. Jerry also worked with his son, Leon, in the aquaculture business from 1980 until retirement in 1990.

He is survived by his four children, Carol Earl (Kris) Olsen and 10 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Frank Klimes, James (Don) Klimes and Emil (Gene) Klimes, all of Nampa, Idaho; one sister, Agnes (Bill) Niendam of Elmer City, Wash. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillie; his parents, Joseph and Agnes; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles (Elizabeth) and Joe (Charolette)

Klimes; a nephew, Ernie Klimes; and Jackie Klimes.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at the Jerome 1st and 3rd Ward Chapel on East Ave. B, with Bishop Mike Dixon officiating. Visitation will be conducted from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel. Services are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the same Health Professionals and First Choice Home Care and Hospice for the care they gave our father. We as a family would personally like to thank Veri and Colleen Bonch and Keenan and LaViva Burham for being extra special neighbors. Carol, Gary and Althea would like to thank our brother, Leon, for his care and dedication to our Dad. We love you, Dad.

Joe V. Ross



TWIN FALLS — Joe Victor Ross, 75, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

Joe was born Aug. 6, 1930, in Havannah, Kan., the son of Lee and Flossie Gardner Ross. As a child, he moved to Idaho, settling in the Buhl area. On March 31, 1950, Joe married Mary Lou Hyder in Buhl, Idaho. Joe worked at Rangen's in Buhl for several years. In 1975, Joe and Mary Lou moved to Twin Falls, where he went to work for the Twin Falls High School. Joe worked for the high school for 16 years and later served as the head coach/manager in 1992.

Joe was dearly loved by the students and staff at the Twin Falls High School. He was a lifetime member of the National Hunting Club, Honorary Chapter Farmer of the local FFA, Classified Employee of

Hansen of Twin Falls; one sister, Mary McClure of Cancy, Kan. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Lisa (James) Cox, Bonnie (John) Oriscoll, David (Liz) Hansen, Cliff Hansen, Becky (David) Waters and Ricky Ross; as well as 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; 12 brothers and sisters; and his wife, Mary Lou in 2004.

A celebration of Joe's life will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at the Parker Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Gary Gilman officiating. A graveside service will take place at 9 a.m. Friday morning, Feb. 3, 2006, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call from 3 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Filer. Burial will be at 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Mary Daugherty of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Ellis Perry of Buhl, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Buhl; friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. today at the church (Russussen Funeral Home).

funeral at 1 p.m. today at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Vivian L. Peters of Twin Falls and formerly of Wendell, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Mary Pauline Ellis of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; friends may

call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Avn Louise Owen Flinn Hudson of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

David Don Irie of Hamster, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Camus County High School gymnasium (Blackmer Funeral Home in Grangeville).

DEATH NOTICES

Raul Melesio Mendez GOODING — Raul Melesio Mendez, 18, of Gooding, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, as a result of an automobile accident northwest of Shoshone.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. Viewing for family and friends will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel, with rosary to follow at 7 p.m.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Rocford C. Becker GOODING — Rocford C. Becker, 61, of Gooding, died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Juan Mendez Arizmendis GOODING — Juan Mendez Arizmendis, 18, of Gooding, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center from injuries sustained in an automobile accident northwest of Shoshone.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. Viewing for family and friends will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel, with rosary to follow at 7 p.m.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

James D. Stephens TWIN FALLS — James Drury Stephens, 60, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

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Bob Bingham

JEROME — Bob Bingham, 63, of Jerome, died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Jim Neal officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary.

James T. Dealy

JACKPOT, Nev. — James Thomas Dealy, 61, of Jackpot, Nev., died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

A celebration of life will begin at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at the Barton's 93 Club in Jackpot, Nev. The family requests everyone come early and plan to stay all day. Arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home and Crematory of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Louis L. Spevak

RUPERT — Louis L. (Bud) Spevak, 88, of Rupert, died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at the Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Judy Cauty

FILER — Judy Cauty, 56, of Filer, died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at Country Living Estates in Filer.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home and Crematory of Twin Falls.

Kenneth Russell

JEROME — Kenneth Russell, 80, of Jerome, died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Connie Cummins

NEVO, Calif. — Connie Cummins, 90, of Nevo, Calif., and formerly of Jerome, died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006.

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OBITUARY

LaVar Mitton

PAUL — Otto LaVar Mitton, an 83-year-old resident of Paul, died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

He was born Nov. 4, 1922, in Oakley, Idaho, the son of Otto Levi and Emma LaVerne Crofts Mitton. He married Donna Reed on Oct. 31, 1942. Together, they raised six children. Their marriage was solemnized in the Boise LDS Temple on March 11, 1958.

During World War II, LaVar served in the United States Navy. Following his discharge, he started his career as a farmer. He and his wife first farmed in Gukley prior to moving to Roseworth in 1946, where they farmed until 1959. From 1960 until 1970, he farmed in the Blue Gulch area for the McClain Brothers and Finley Thornborrow. He and Donna moved to Paul in 1970, where they built their home and where he had since resided. LaVar worked with his brother, Dale, building houses. He remained in the carpentry business until retirement.

He is survived by his loving wife of more than 63 years, Donna Mitton of Paul; his children, Rick (Diane) Mitton of Castleford, Karen (Willie) Berle of Terry (Luz) Mitton of Twin Falls, Kim (Ron) Kadabaugh of Kingman, Ariz., Thurmy (Joe) Holben of Tucson, Ariz., and Lori (Don) Hobbs of Rupert; two sis-



ters, Betsy Poulton of Paul, and Marge (Alvin) Bernard of Boise; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters; four brothers; a son-in-law, Eddie Lydon; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at the Paul Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 424 W. Ellis St. in Paul, with Bishop Kelly Arritt officiating. Burial will be in Paul Cemetery with military rites provided by the Paul American Legion Post No. 77. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

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Survey

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of people. "It's like walking into a black hole when you go to planning and zoning," McAllindin said. And, planning and zoning can never please all the people all the time.

"When you make a decision on planning and zoning, you make half the people mad and half the people happy," said City Councilman Dennis Maughan.

As growth also could have a lot to do with planning and zoning's declining score.

"We've seen such growth in Twin Falls over the last two years," said Councilwoman Glenda Dwight.

Respondents said the police department was the most important service the city offered, followed by water, fire, traffic signals, street maintenance and water conservation. They said the least important service was the golf course.

The survey presented a glimpse at how people feel about living in the city of Twin Falls. The majority of respondents — 83 percent — feel safe in their neighborhoods, but 38 percent of them feel less safe than they did five years ago. Vandalism was the biggest concern, followed by burglary and narcotics. Almost 35 percent of the respondents called the police in the last year and about 70 percent of them were satisfied with the response time.

According to the survey results, most people are enjoying life in Twin Falls, with 91 percent rating life in the city excellent or good. And most of them — 90 percent — said the city is an excellent or good place to raise children. A little more than 82 percent of the respondents said Twin Falls was a good place to retire.

"Obviously, Twin Falls continues to be a wonderful place to live," McAllindin said.

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

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Boxing

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"It builds self-esteem and confidence when they win trophies," he said.

The amateur competitions sanctioned by USA Boxing are governed by numerous rules to protect the participants.

"They really are looking out for the safety of the athletes," Gonzales said.

For example, amateur boxers are required to wear padded headgear, the gloves are larger and thicker than those used by professionals and physical exams are required both before and after matches, Gonzales said.

A former amateur boxing champion who also spent two years in Las Vegas as a professional, Gonzales and his brother Freddy built the club. "We hope to give (youth) a place to come and work out," Frank Gonzales said. "It's something to do so they won't be bored on the streets and do

something they're not supposed to do. This is a chance for them to start developing their skills."

Freddy Gonzales also spent much of his youth as an amateur boxer.

"We want to keep kids out of trouble and in shape," he said. "There's really nothing (else) around here, just the skate park in Burley."

The Gonzales brothers recently attended a six-hour USA Boxing coaching clinic to learn first aid and the organization's rules. Afterward, they were required to pass a test.

"I think Frank will be a good coach," said Hoyburn Police Chief George Warrell, who went to school with him.

"He's really knowledgeable and he's been through it all. He has experience and he's good with kids. And he's approachable. He makes people feel at ease," Warrell said.

The Gonzales Boxing Club is

equipped with jump ropes, bags and other equipment, including gloves and headgear.

"The only thing we're lacking is a ring," Frank Gonzales said. "And that's an important part of the workout."


He said he intends to add the ring as the club gets more established.

Classes are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Fees are \$30 per month and those who wish to compete also must register with the USA Boxing organization.

The \$50 annual fee includes insurance that covers boxing injuries.


Because of the club's small size, classes will be limited to 10 participants. The sessions for children 8 to 12 years old will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m. For those 13 and older, the sessions are from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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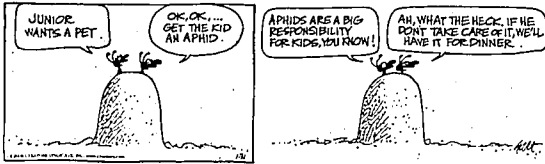
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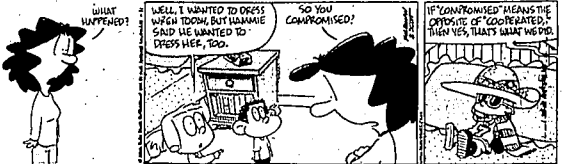
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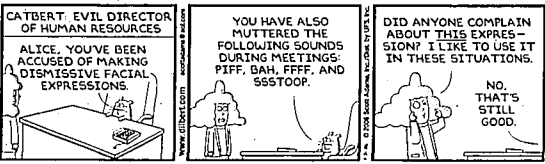
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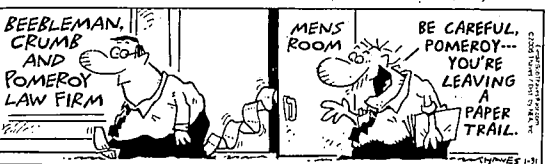
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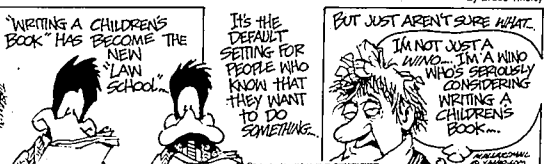
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Pisces: Quit kidding yourself

IF JAN. 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your year ahead may be one in which the theme is to work with the old and in with the new. You yearn to try new things and are wise to listen to the dictates of your own heart. You could be thrilled by the prospect of greener pastures in late March or early April and should accept opportunities that appear there. However, you may be torn by past obligations that seemingly block your progress in May and June or by a lack of appreciation from a partner. If you do "the right thing" and avoid starting anything new, you can get through these briefly troublesome periods without repercussions. The challenges that appear during this time could point out what needs to be changed in your life and give you the steady determination to break away from unpleasant associations. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Violate that parking pass. Take advantage of the free ride whenever possible and don't waste valuable resources right under your nose. Hold off on finalizing important agreements. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Business transactions can move into profit-making mode. Watch out for minor mix-ups and inaccuracies that may be innocuous in nature but could create an

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Jeraldine Saunders

impediment to a firm deal. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Rely on the facts, not on your friends. Some people merely muddle through on good looks and luck. Contracts and agreements could contain numerous errors or postpone signings. CANCER (June 21-July 22): New ideas and exotic perspectives may light a fire under you for a few hours. It is possible that the facts aren't all on the table in plain view, so be wary of signing contracts or making promises. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Like a salt in the wound, dialog is open to interpretation. Agreements and contracts could prove expensive if finalized today or tomorrow. Don't let things fall apart due to misunderstanding. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Sometimes we only hear what we want to hear. Put wheeling and dealing on the back burner for now. Information could be blown out of proportion and exaggerations could affect good judgment. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Snow White always has relied on her seven diminutive bud-

dies and not been tempted by that apple. You, too, should avoid negotiating with strangers who may make an offer. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Appearances may be deceiving. A rose by any other name may smell as sweet, but a flower can blossom on a cactus or the deadly nightshade plant. Avoid entering into crucial negotiations. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Luck can be a four-letter word, too. If you take a chance by exaggerating your skills or squandering gains it could come back to haunt you. The proof is in the pudding. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Well-meaning advice can be wrong. Don't play "Wheel of Fortune" with your cash today or aim your business dart while blindfolded. Tomorrow is a better day for finance. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Nobody's perfect. Searching for flaws or seeking perfection can be equally distracting. You may inadvertently say or do the wrong thing in a genuine effort to do the right thing. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Facts could be embellished. Quit kidding yourself. Mix-ups could occur if you try to be helpful or others offer to assist you today. Team efforts can fall apart over poor communications.

Beetle Bailey

I WANT OTTO TO ENTER ALL THE BOXES IN THE MAIL ROOM

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR... DRUGS?

By Mort Walker

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WELL, IT DIDN'T

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Hi and Lois

MR. FOOFRAM WANTS TO SEE "WHAT'S HIS NAME" IN HIS OFFICE RIGHT NOW

HOW DO YOU KNOW HE MEANS YOU?

I'M ALSO YOU-KNOW-WHO.

By Chanca Browne

Classic Peanuts

NO, I DIDN'T SEE A POLAR BEAR RUN BY HERE.

DOES HE KNOW YOU'RE CHASING HIM?

YES, THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT HAPPENED.

HE WAS RUNNING SO FAST I DIDN'T SEE HIM...

By Charles M. Schulz

The Wizard of Id

A GOOD BARTENDER NEVER DISCUSSES POLITICS OR RELIGION

IS THAT WHY THERE'S NO ONE IN HERE?

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

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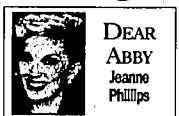
"HEY, MOM! DID YOU KNOW THAT THE DISHWASHER WORKS ON MUDDY SHOPS?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Bein' a smart aleck doesn't seem very smart to me."

Getting out to mingle increases chances of finding Mr. Right

DEAR READERS: As promised, I'm continuing yesterday's topic about finding Mr. (or Ms.) Right. Read on:



went to plays — you name it. I married for the first time at 36. But I'm glad I can look back at my dating years with many fond memories of the adventures I had. And if Mr. Right never comes along, she may be too busy to notice.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to offer some suggestions to the successful career woman who asked if she and her friends should "dumb themselves down" in order to find a man:

DEAR HAVE FAITH: Your comments are terrific, and I hope the woman who wrote me (and others) took them to heart. That so many people identified with that letter and reached out in heartwarming. Thanks for wanting to help. Read on:

When people feel frustration and putting get the best of them, they give off a bad vibe that no one finds attractive. She needs to continue with her success. She should get out of the house, do things she enjoys, go to parties, parks, sporting events, church, art classes, wine tastings — whatever! Mr. Right won't magically show up on her doorstep and she'll be happier in the meantime doing what makes her happy.

DEAR ABBY: In my area of about 150,000 people, there's a shortage of women. Many single, successful straight men find it hard to thrive amidst all the noise, pollution and crime of a big city.

It's OK to talk with friends and co-workers about her single status. Do they know sites available and open for suggestions and blind dates? The person she meets may not be Mr. Right, but he may have a friend who could be. Has she tried online dating sites? There's one for just about everyone.

DEAR STEVE: In my area of about 150,000 people, there's a shortage of women. Many single, successful straight men find it hard to thrive amidst all the noise, pollution and crime of a big city.

Instead of looking for "Mr. Perfect," look for "Let's Perfect-for-you." Make a list of the qualities that you can't live without and then stick to it. And, last but not least, she should list all the great qualities she has to offer, and post it where she can see it every day. If she keeps reminding herself that she is a catch, she'll get caught!

DEAR STEVE: It would certainly be worth an exploratory vacation trip to find out.

— HAVE FAITH, COLUMBIA, S.C.

DEAR ABBY: Instead of bemoaning their situation, those who want to reveal it as it is I did. I moved my career forward, took up off-road cycling, traveled the world, took classes.

16 million men ancestors of Khan

Geneticists looking at a distinctive Y pattern have determined that Genghis Khan is an ancestor of about 16 million men in Asia. Although women don't carry the Y chromosome, we can assume that a comparable number of them also descended from Genghis.



ethylene glycol, normally tastes sweet. Every year 90,000 animals and 4,000 kids lap up the toxic liquid, which can cause brain damage or death if not treated immediately.

An ancient Irish king named Niall is ancestor to 2 million to 3 million men worldwide.

RANDOM KINDS OF FACT MINGO
Erin Barrett

If you see a Western movie set in the 1860s and a tumbleweed blows by, then you know the filmmaker didn't do enough research. These non-native relatives of beets and spinach were the plants of Russia weren't introduced to America until the early 1800s.

This day in history: On Jan. 31, 1605, England executed King James I and nearly all government officials. He was caught with 36 kegs of gunpowder under the Houses of Parliament right before its opening ceremonies began. When tortured on the rack, Fawkes revealed the other 10 conspirators, who were also hanged.

God. As a result, most of the residents — whether deaf or not — possessed some degree of fluency in sign language from the late 1700s to the early 1800s.

Before they dry up and get called tumbleweeds, they're called Russian tapers. Many scholarly papers have been written about the optical illusion called "the wagon wheel effect." It has to do with the stroboscopic effect of having the film image flashing 24 times a second.

In the early 1800s, a community of deaf people lived in Martha's Vineyard off Cape

DEAR HELPFUL: Good suggestion. Not everyone finds love in Mensa, but it's a wonderful way to meet other people who value intelligence in both men and women. To learn more about Mensa, log on to www.mensa.org.

Tomorrow, I'll reprint my own handy-dandy suggestions for meeting eligible people.

Thousands brush teeth to set record

MANILA, Philippines — Nearly 11,000 school children brushed their teeth at a seaside park in an attempt to break a world record for a simultaneous brush-off, organizers said.

Odds and Ends

nature is merely a legal mark like the "X" used by people who are illiterate.

About 10,000 students from eight metropolitan Manila grade schools, guided by 107 dentists, used soft-bristle tooth brushes for nearly three minutes Sunday at the Rizal Park, then playfully tossed red caps into the air.

Man raises eyebrows with 'God' signature

Sewell, 40, said he will be happy to explain. As the owner of a real estate agency, he finds fugitives, he said.

The mass brush-off, sponsored by a toothpaste company and health and education officials, was an attempt to break the Guinness World record set by 10,240 Chinese students in 2003, organizers said.

READING, Pa. — One registered Republican won't be able to vote in the next election unless he appears at a Berks County Elections Board to explain the signature on his registration form.

"Whenever I go to arrest somebody they say, 'Oh, God, give me another chance. Oh, God, let me go, I'll turn myself in tomorrow,'" Sewell said.

Tooth decay and poor oral hygiene are prevalent among many young and adult Filipinos. This is because of poverty or a lack of awareness of healthy oral practices, David said.

The man is registered as Paul S. Sewell, but his form is signed "God."

He said he thinks his designated mark is legal. He'd only accepted it in his driver's license. I have a credit card with it," he said. "It shouldn't be a problem."

County Solicitor Alan S. Miller said Sewell claims his "God" signature is merely a legal mark like the "X" used by people who are illiterate.

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EDITORIAL

Scholarships the wrong reward for drug-free lives

Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, says it's really a simple question. Idaho can either pay more into education and college scholarships, or it can pay more into prisons and welfare, down the road.

The student must remain substance-abuse free even after college. "If the college student is convicted of drug and alcohol offense, they would lose all credits," she added.

Our view: Giving scholarships to drug-free students would reward good behavior, but still sends a short-sighted message.

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

As Chairman of the House Health and Welfare Committee, Block argues effectively for the front-end steering approach

crime, drug-use and welfare, by making an educational investment. I believe that positive reinforcement is much more successful and productive than punishment," she said. "Giving them a scholarship and an opportunity to go to college is going to be a small amount compared with what we pay for those who are on Medicaid and in prisons."

Block has another point to tie a corollary to the Millennium Fund and abstaining from drugs tobacco. State laws do not specify how that fund should be used. But with Medicaid costs and cases rising aggressively in Idaho, that's probably a higher-priority area than scholarships.

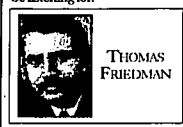
As for the testing costs, it's simple. The burden of proof belongs to the student and his or her family, not the state or school district. If they want to submit to the drug screens to build a clean record toward a scholarship, let students pay for the drug tests.

Supporting this scholarship could very well be the positive reinforcement Block says will protect future budgets. But it could also backfire. In an age when we demand better health care, Social Security, ample fuel and energy, and affordable food, this bill could add higher education to the long list of entitlements. And for what results? That our high schools kids are obeying the law.

Give credit to Block for pushing for a better, smarter and cleaner society. The ends, however, do not justify the means.

A wishful State of the Union

On Tuesday night President Bush will deliver his State of the Union address and map out priorities for his next three years. The direction in which America needs to go is obvious: toward energy independence. If Bush steps up to that challenge, this speech could be a new beginning for his presidency. If he doesn't, you can stick a fork in this administration. It will be done—because it will have dedicated leadership on the biggest issue of our day. Here's the speech I'll be listening for:



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

My fellow Americans, on May 25, 1961, President Kennedy gave an extraordinary State of the Union address in which he called on the nation to marshal all of its resources to put a man on the Moon. By setting that goal, Kennedy was trying to summon all of our industrial and scientific talent, and a willingness to sacrifice financially, to catch up with the Soviet Union, which had overtaken America in the field of large rocket engines.

While we cannot guarantee that we shall one day be first, Kennedy said, "we can guarantee that any failure to make this effort will make us last." I come to you this evening with a similar challenge. President Kennedy was worried about the threat that communism posed to our way of life. I am here to tell you we can do it. I don't move away from our dependence on oil and shift to renewable fuels, it will change our way of life for the worse—and soon—much, much more than communism ever could have. Making this transition is the calling of our era.

Why? First, we are in a war with a violent strain of Middle East Islam that is indirectly financed by our consumption of oil. Second, with millions of Indians and Chinese buying cars and homes as they join the great global middle class, we must quickly move away from burning fossil fuels or we're going to create enough global warming to melt the North Pole. Because that, green cars, homes, offices, appliances, designs and renewable energies will be the highest growth industry of the 21st century. If we don't dominate that industry, China, India, Japan or Europe surely will.

But to lead, we must impose the highest energy-efficiency standards on our own automakers and other industries so we force them to be the most innovative. I want to inspire girls and boys across America to study math, science and engineering to help our nation achieve green energy independence. President Kennedy said, "Let's put a man on the Moon. I say, Let's make oil obsolete."

Finally, my call for spreading democracy will never be achieved if some of the worst regimes on the planet — Iran, Sudan, Venezuela — have so much oil money they can behave and ignore the world, and if the rest of us — Europe, America, China and India — are forever coddling them to get access to their crude.



With all of this in mind, I am sending Congress the Bush Energy Freedom Act. It is based on ideas first offered by the energy expert Phil Verleger and it argues the following: Transportation accounts for most of our oil consumption. And many Americans have purchased big cars and SUVs, expecting gasoline to remain cheap. That is no longer the case. Therefore, I propose creating a government agency that will buy up any gas-guzzling car or truck in America at the original new or used price, and crush it. This national buy-back program will be financed by a \$2-a-gallon gasoline tax that will be phased in by 10 cents a month beginning in 2008—so people know what is coming and start buying fuel-efficient cars right now.

LETTERS

Libray an affordable asset to Twin Falls I support the bond issue to expand the library. The library's online service has made it incredibly easy to renew, thus avoiding those pesky overdue fines.

Commissioners have reasons to deny Sempra The reader comment on the Opinion page of The Times-News from the Jerome County commissioners sounded like an apology for what they are about to do. While I understand that the commissioners must administer the law, where does doing what is right for the people come into the picture?

Medicare funding must support oxygen Hello to all Medicare users: I would like to plead with everyone who uses Medicare to make a stand. The U.S. House of Representatives is going to be voting on a bill that states that if you require oxygen for more than three years, Medicare will no longer pay for it or maintaining the equipment needed for oxygen recipients. The Legislature will be voting at the end of this month or beginning of next month.

Conception the starting point for life I recently had a discussion with someone close to me in response to a newspaper article. It became obvious that she, a very intelligent person, held the view that the question of when life starts is a matter of opinion. This has become applicable to us as the prevailing view held by people who have not carefully watched developments on this controversial issue.

Good news! I have done for the first time together are supposed to be effective in preventing conception 90 to 40 percent of the time but are never given or sold without the third chemical. The third chemical is on the market separately as the "morning after pill" and is clearly an abortifacient which does prevent a live, conceived baby from continuing to live and grow.

Federal alms for unwise cuts in oxygen "To all people who are on Medicare: At this time, I would like to plead with everyone who has ever used Medicare or expects to in the future. At the end of this month, January, or the beginning of next month, the U.S. House of Representatives is going to be voting on a bill. The bill is called S-1932, and if it passes, you can expect to pay for all of your oxygen and supplies after a three-year period. Most people use oxygen for at least 10 years prior to them expiring.

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Deadline for election letters Voters in Twin Falls and Jerome will head to the polls on Tuesday, Feb. 7, to weigh in on two local projects. Twin Falls residents will vote on a city library expansion. Jerome voters will vote on a wastewater treatment expansion. The Times-News comes letters and comments on these

Rescuers save all 72 trapped miners

TORONTO (AP) — Seventy-two Canadian potash miners Monday walked away from an underground fire and toxic smoke after being locked down overnight in airtight chambers packed with enough oxygen, food and water for several days.

The company said the textbook case of safe underground mining was due to those chambers, extensive training of rescue workers and

support from the rural community.

"I'm almost getting choked up thinking about how well this team worked together," Marshall Hamilton, a spokesman for Mosaic Co., the Minneapolis-based owner of the mine, said after he got word that all the men were evacuated safely.

Greg Harris, one of the miners, said he was never concerned about his safety as he played

checkers with colleagues in the refuge room waiting to be rescued. They drew the checkerboard on the back of a map and used washers as chips.

"Everything is good," Harris told The Canadian Press from his home. "Communication was excellent. We had no problems whatsoever."

Analysts said the rescue could serve as a lesson for their counter-

parts in the United States, China and other countries.

"It really looks like a textbook recovery to me" said David McAteer, head of the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration under former President Clinton.

McAteer is leading the investigation into the deaths of 12 miners who died earlier this month at the Sago coal mine in West Virginia.

McAteer said the safety cham-

bers in the Mosaic mine in Canada's central Saskatchewan province were key to the miners' survival.

"I think that the question of the existence of the chamber that provided oxygen, food and protection is fundamentally important in any kind of a mine," he said. He acknowledged, however, that potash mines are not nearly as dangerous as those for coal.

Little Chickens for Chicken Littles

With all the fresh scandals in Washington D.C., the renewed unrest in the Middle East, and yet another season of *American Idol* to endure, many of you may be sorely tempted to run down the street screaming, "The sky is falling! The sky is falling!" But rather than acting like Chicken Little, we recommend that you run down to Swensen's and buy

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Alito filibuster attempt fails

25 Democrats unable to block nomination

By Maury Reynolds
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A Democratic attempt to filibuster the Supreme Court nomination of Judge Samuel A. Alito Jr. ended in failure Monday, with almost half the Senate's Democrats voting against it — an outcome that cleared the way for Alito's confirmation to a seat on the Supreme Court on Tuesday.

Massachusetts Sens. John F. Kerry and Edward M. Kennedy launched the filibuster drive last week in what they described as a last-ditch effort to halt the confirmation of Alito, a federal appeals court judge who liberals have charged is a conservative ideologue who will shift the Supreme Court to the right.

The Senate voted 72-25 to end debate on the nomination. Democrats described the attempted filibuster, which appeared doomed from the start as a stand-in principle. "Trying everything in our power to stop an ideological coup on the Supreme Court was the right thing to do," Kerry said afterward. "We knew we faced steep odds, but we also knew that once Judge Alito becomes Justice Alito, there's no turning back the Senate confirmation vote."

The filibuster effort split the Senate's 44 Democrats, 19 of whom voted to end debate. Some of the filibuster oppo-



Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., stops to answer questions as he leaves the Senate Chambers after a failed last minute attempt to block Samuel Alito's nomination with a filibuster on Monday.

nents — including Ben Nelson of Nebraska, Robert Byrd of West Virginia, Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico and Bill Nelson of Florida — are Democrats seeking re-election this year in states that are either Republican or divided, closely divided between the two parties.

Also, several Democrats who opposed the filibuster, notably Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., did so with a noticeable lack of enthusiasm.

Favoring the filibuster were several Democrats believed to be considering a presidential run in 2008: Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, Evan Bayh of Indiana and Kerry, the party's 2004 nominee.

Despite the split over the filibuster, Democrats largely agreed in their opposition to Alito's confirmation. Only four Democrats — Nelson, Tim Johnson of South Dakota, Byrd and Kent Conrad of North Dakota — have announced their support for him.

Senate aides said they expect 41 senators — including one Republican, Lincoln Chafee of

Rhode Island — to vote against him, making his confirmation vote the most divisive since 18 senators voted against Justice Clarence Thomas's confirmation in 1991.

Republicans derided the attempt to stall Alito's confirmation as a waste of time and energy.

"Today, a bipartisan majority of senators embraced the principle of a fair, up-or-down vote for judicial nominees and rejected partisan obstruction," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. "And tomorrow, a majority of my colleagues will confirm what the majority of Americans already know: that Judge Alito deserves to be Justice Alito."

Under Senate rules, a senator has the right to debate an issue without limit unless 60 of his or her colleagues vote to end it.

Three senators — two Republicans and one Democrat — were absent Monday: Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., and Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, were traveling, and John Ensign, R-Nev., was recovering from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.



Alito

Al-Zawahri mocks Bush in tape

Video proves No. 2 al-Qaida leader survived airstrike

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — In a new video aired Monday, al-Qaida's No. 2 Ayman al-Zawahri mocked President Bush as a "failure" in the war on terror, called him a "butcher" for killing innocent Pakistanis in a misdirected airstrike and chastised the United States for rejecting Osama bin Laden's offer of a truce.



Al-Qaida deputy Ayman al-Zawahri is shown in a tape where he called President Bush a 'butcher' and threatened a new attack in the United States.

Al-Zawahri, wearing white robes and a white turban and speaking in a forceful and angry voice, also threatened a new attack in the United States — "God watch on your own land."

The video, broadcast on Al-Fuzara TV a day before Bush delivers his State of the Union address, provided the first concrete evidence that al-Zawahri was still alive after the Jan. 13 airstrike in eastern Pakistan that targeted him but killed four other al-Qaida leaders and 13 villagers.

The message came on the heels of a Jan. 19 audiotape by bin Laden, the al-Qaida leader's first in more than a year. Bin Laden said his followers were preparing an attack in the United States and offered the Americans a conditional truce, which he did not spell out terms.

A U.S. counterterrorism official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in compliance with office policy, noted the video was disseminated quickly, demonstrating al-Zawahri's ability to

get his message out even faster than bin Laden. That suggests the two are not hiding together in one place, but in a more remote location than his deputy, the official said.

"The al-Qaida leadership is clearly on the run and under a lot of pressure," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said in response to the video.

McClellan said the United States has brought many of the terrorist group's leaders to justice. "We continue to take the threat seriously and continue to pursue all those who seek to do us harm."

U.S. officials had said after the bin Laden tape that no intelligence indicated an imminent al-Qaida attack. On Monday, FBI special agent Richard Kolko said the bureau would ask agents around the country to review ongoing cases and tips in light of the latest video, especially with the State of the Union in Washington and the Super Bowl in Detroit this week.

Al-Zawahri said in the video

that he had a number of messages in the wake of the airstrike. In one message he invited Bush to convert to Islam. "If you accept, you will become a brother in our faith and God will forgive you your sins," the Al-Zawahri message quoted him as saying. The invitation was not in the excerpts aired by the Arab satellite station.

Bin Laden's airstrike in Pakistan by an unmanned Predator craft targeted himself and four of his "brothers" in al-Qaida. Instead, he said, it killed 18 civilians — men, women, and children — and he called Bush "the butcher of Washington."

"Bush, you are not only defeated and a liar, but, with God's help, you might as well have a curse on your own nation and you have brought and will bring them only catastrophes and tragedies," he said.

"But do you know where I am? I am among the Muslim masses, enjoying God's blessing of their support, care, generosity and protection," al-Zawahri said.

He said he had a message "to the American people, who are drowning in illusions. I tell you that bin Laden and his gang are shedding your blood and wasting your money in failed adventures."

"The Son of Islam, Sheikh Osama bin Laden, may God protect him, offered you a decent exit from your dilemma. But your leaders, who are keen to accumulate wealth, insist on throwing you into battle and killing your souls in Iraq and Afghanistan and — God willing — on your own land," he said.

Iran closer to facing Security Council

LONDON (AP) — The United States and other permanent members of the U.N. Security Council agreed Tuesday that Iran should be hauled before that powerful body over its disputed nuclear program.

China and Russia, longtime allies and trading partners of Iran, signed on to a statement that calls on the U.N. nuclear security council to transfer the Iran dossier to the Security Council, which could impose sanctions or take other harsh action.

Foreign ministers from those nations, plus the United States, Britain and France, also said the Security Council should wait until March to take up the Iran case, after a formal report on Tehran's activities from the watchdog agency.

Any of the five permanent members of the Security Council — all nuclear powers themselves, can veto an action voted by the full council membership.

Iran and other foreign ministers discussed Iran at a private Security Council meeting at the home of British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw. After the four-hour meeting, which spilled over into the early hours of Tuesday, a joint statement called on the International Atomic Energy Agency to report the Iran case when it meets in Vienna on Tuesday.

Foreign ministers from Germany and the European Union also attended the dinner and agreed to what amounted to a compromise — take the case to the Security Council but allow a short breather before the council meets, which would be a divisive debate.

The group agreed that the IAEA "should report to the Security Council its decision on the steps required of Iran, and should also report to the Security Council all IAEA reports as resolutions as adopted relating to this issue," a statement from the group said.

The IAEA has already found Iran in violation of nuclear obligations and issued a stern warning to Tehran in September. Thursday's vote would be the next step, one long sought by the United States.

Iran insists its nuclear program is intended only to produce electricity. The United States and some allies say Iran is hiding ambitions to build a nuclear bomb, but the Security Council members have been divided about how strong a line to take.

On Monday, Rice said the world agreed that Iran should not have the means of developing a nuclear weapon, and she criticized Iran's response to Russian attempts to mediate in the standoff.

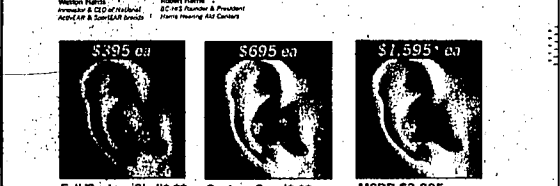
"We believe that there is a lot of life left in the diplomacy," Rice said. "After all, going to the Security Council is not the end of diplomacy. It's just diplomacy in a different, more robust context."



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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Walsh will undergo surgery to have 14 inches removed from the tip of his nose, as soon as he is done celebrating.

Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle on Indiana Pacer President Donnie Walsh's recent comment that Ron Artest will be missed.

TRIVIA QUESTION:

Pittsburgh became the first No. 6 seed to reach the Super Bowl since 1990. There have been four No. 4 seeds to play in the Super Bowl. Name two of them.

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School BOYS BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.
Buhl at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.
Hagerman at Ruff River, 7:30 p.m.
Hansen at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.
Kimberly at Aberdeen, 7:30 p.m.
Lighthouse Christian at Cashtford, 7:30 p.m.
Magic Valley Christian at Murrtaugh, 7:30 p.m.
Richfield at Carey, 7:30 p.m.
Shoshone at Camus County, 7:30 p.m.
Twin Falls Christian at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Postseason
4A Great Basin West
See related story.
3A SCIC
See related story.
2A Canyon Conference
Gienna - Ferry at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.
Wrestling
Jerome at Buhl, 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

HS softball league announced

TWIN FALLS — The Line Drive Softball Super League will form a new league for high school players this summer. Teams will be composed from local high schools in AA and A divisions. League games will be played during the week and tournaments on weekends allowing high school teams to play together during the summer.

IYSA plans annual SoccerFest in Boise

BOISE — The Idaho Youth Soccer Association will be holding their annual SoccerFest on Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Holiday Inn in Boise. This year Ted Weyland, who began his refereeing career in 1976, will be conducting sessions in Player Management, Effective Refereeing, Positioning and Foul Recognition as well as other topics. Stephen Gabbert, who is currently on the U.S. Soccer National coaching staff and a former player, will teach sessions entitled Best Practices for Coaching Soccer in the U.S. and Focusing Youth on Developing the Youth Player.

Hagerman girls grab Southside title

By Diane Philbin Times-News writer
MURTAUGH — Hagerman continues its drive to state as the No. 1 seeded Pirates defeated the No. 3 Oakley Hornets 47-38 and claimed the top spot out of the Magic Valley Southside Conference. No. 2 Ruff River eliminated No. 4 Hansen in a loser-out game, 52-45. Monday and will play Oakley for the second spot out of the Southside Conference on Wednesday.

Hagerman 47, Oakley 38

The future looks bright for Hagerman as its young lineup continues to play as a seasoned group.

2006 Southside Tournament
Monday's games
Hagerman 47, Oakley 38
Loser-out
Ruff River 52, Hansen 45
Wednesday's games
State play-in
Oakley vs. Ruff River, 7:30 p.m.

Most of the night, the team was run by the sophomore Axelson, who appears to always want the ball in her hands. Axelson scored 12 points including a pair of threes.
The always steady Smith scored five points, picked Oakley for four steals and dished out five assists.
Freshman Breccia Mangum scored a game-high 18 points and pulled down 13 rebounds for the Pirates.
'We just got out-executed in some areas,' said Oakley coach Brett Graham. 'I'm very happy with our effort. We have to get ready for the game Wednesday, which will be the same kind of game. The girls know they can still go to state and they are hungry for that win.'

Senior Brooke Critchfield led Oakley with 16 points.
Oakley standout senior Jenara Peterson was only able to play about three minutes in the first quarter before picking up her second foul at the 5-minute 30-second mark. She scored her first points of the game with four minutes remaining in the second quarter and finished with 10.
In the second half, Hagerman came out and won the clock. 'We ran the clock the way it is supposed to be done,' said Hagerman coach Luanne Axelsson.
The largest Hagerman lead was 41-28 with about five minutes remaining in the game.
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Team unto himself

Small Florida school has one-man wrestling squad

By Steven Wine Associated Press writer

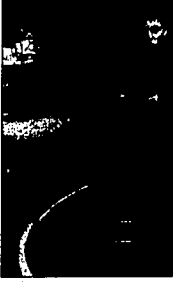
MOORE HAVEN, Fla. — Equipment for the small school wrestling team in Moore Haven, Fla., includes six custom-made uniforms, two pairs of shoes, two knee pads, a warmup sweater and a lucky ski cap. It all belongs to Trey Toms. He is the 'Tribbers' one-man team.



Moore Haven High school wrestler Trey Toms, center, works out with LaBelle High's Mickey Clay, left, at the LaBelle High school Friday in LaBelle, Fla.

That familiarity stems from having four starters and a number of reserves back from the 2004-05 team. That made the Tigers a contender in many pre-season prognosticators eyes. Judging from their late-season surge, it's warranted.
The team's confidence has Hartison cautiously optimistic heading into Tuesday's home game against No. 3 seed Minico (6-14, 2-4).
The 13-7, 5-1 Tigers swept Minico during the regular season, but both were tough battles.
'You can't overlook anyone this time of year,' Hartison said.
Hartison's point guard Daniel Ramirez is starting to score more later in the season, making her a solid offensive threat.

Moore Haven High school wrestler Trey Toms, left, poses with his mother Kim Toms, right, at their home Friday in Moore Haven, Fla.



He didn't have a team. We didn't have a coach," district superintendent Wayne Aldrich said. "That was a problem."
So the Toms family decided to start a team. Their idea won support from school officials and approval from the state — with the stipulation that he have a coach. Toms' mom volunteered, even though she didn't know the difference between a fireman's carry and a half nelson.
'I can't even keep score,' she says.
She and Trey travel to tournaments together in the family's Ford Expedition, with their next destination the district meet Thursday in Fort Myers.
'The Tribbers' wrestling program is 'Trey,' Moore Haven athletic director Janis Brown says. 'Everybody is very supportive and quite pleased to have him represent us.'
A 135-pound senior, Trey hopes to improve on his finish last year, when he won one match at the state tournament before being eliminated.
He went 31-12 at 125 pounds as a junior. This season he's 12-2 despite injuries that have curtailed his schedule, with both losses to unbeaten wrestlers.
His success inspired him to the school yearbook to devote a page to the wrestling team: him.
'They're proud they have

the hottest team in the bracket is Filer (8-12, 5-3) which enters the tournament on a four-game conference win streak, having notched victories over each of its other four SCIC opponents.
'The difference I would have to say is that the girls are just playing as a team and they have a lot of confidence right now,' said Wildcats head coach Jim Annala.
'They're playing for one another and most of all they're just being very coachable. What we have to do is we have to be able to rebound and play good defense and limit teams to one and done when they shoot the ball.'
Filer visits Dietrich (8-10, 5-3) at 7 p.m. Wednesday.
'We've played fairly well towards the end of the season,' said Jerome head coach Val Christensen. 'We've got to execute on offense and play good defense, obviously. We've played some good game this year and let down a little. It depends on which of our teams shows up. Basically, I feel like we're playing pretty good. Filer beat us the last time we played. We're going to go in for a fast start and we've got to do better job on defense and we've got to rebound better.'
Kimberly (7-11, 4-9) is another of the tournament's wild cards, with its success predicated upon its mental game.
'We got to step up and play a little bit better offensively than we did this last part of the season,' said Bulldogs head coach Rich Bishop. 'The outcome is going to come down to the team that steps up and wants it the most.'
Buhl is still looking to erase the goose egg in the win column, but they've played some tight games over the course of the season. Under the tutelage of victory would definitely make for a sweet finish.
'We're going to win in there with nothing to lose,' said Indians head coach Mitch Opravica. 'That's the neat thing about sports — no matter what happens during the regular season, playoff time is playoff time.'

Jerome readies for postseason run

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

JEROME — The fact that the top two seeds in the upcoming Great Basin West girls basketball tournament was decided by a tiebreaker shows how competitive this postseason likely will be in the area's 4A ranks.
No. 2 seed Jerome handed top seed Burley its first loss of the year last week and the Tigers appear to be hitting their stride just in time for the playoffs.
'When we played them, the first time Burley got us in a pretty good,' Tigers head coach Will Hartison said Monday evening. 'It was reversed last week. We are pretty evenly matched.'

think about it.'
That familiarity stems from having four starters and a number of reserves back from the 2004-05 team. That made the Tigers a contender in many pre-season prognosticators eyes. Judging from their late-season surge, it's warranted.
The team's confidence has Hartison cautiously optimistic heading into Tuesday's home game against No. 3 seed Minico (6-14, 2-4).
The 13-7, 5-1 Tigers swept Minico during the regular season, but both were tough battles.
'You can't overlook anyone this time of year,' Hartison said.
Hartison's point guard Daniel Ramirez is starting to score more later in the season, making her a solid offensive threat.

off the dribble.
Sandy Schenk is a great 3-point shooter, setting a new Minico single-season record with 42 trifectas. The previous record of 40 had been held by Claire Bodensteiner and Kaly Gillette-Shippin.
The game will likely be a low-scoring defensive struggle with offensive putbacks and defensive rebounds likely the telling difference. Minico's posts must deliver upfront.
No. 1 Burley (17-3, 5-1) hosts No. 4 Wood River (2-18, 0-6) tonight.
The Wolverines are capable of an upset, led by the inside-outside combo of Kristen Minlard and Lauren Morganhauer. Wood River is a competitive team.
But Burley is a balanced squad with a number of capable

Great Basin West Tournament
Tuesday's games
No. 3 seed Minico at No. 2 Jerome, 7 p.m.
No. 4 Wood River at No. 1 Burley, 7 p.m.
Thursday's games
Tuesday winners at higher seed, 7 p.m.
Tuesday losers at higher seed, 7 p.m.

SCIC Tournament
Tuesday's game
No. 5, seed Buhl at No. 4 Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday's games
Tuesday winner at No. 1 Gooding, 7 p.m.
No. 3 Filer at No. 2 Declo, 7 p.m.

SPORTS

White wins Winter X gold Carey, Dietrich advance in Northside tourney

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — If this is the year Shaun White handles pressure, it could be a golden trip to Turin.

Frazzled by the tension at last year's Winter X Games, White has used it as motivation this year. Winning every event he's entered leading into the Turin Olympics. He closed out his final tuneup in typical flair, landing three 1080s during a final-run 91 Monday night at his second gold at this year's Winter X Games.



Shaun White is cheered on by the crowd as he competes in the men's snowboard superpipe event during the Winter X Games in Aspen, Colo. Monday.

"It's crazy because this whole thing to the Olympics has really messed my head up because everybody's telling me how important the Olympics are," White said. "At first I was like, 'whatever, just do well and go to the Olympics.' Just that having that kind of mellow attitude made me land everything. It was really coming just over me to be at the Olympics now. It's been an awesome season."

That's for sure.

The 20-year-old from Carlsbad, Calif., let the pressure get to him last year's Winter X Games and was bumped out of the top three on the final run. He ended that but failed on such a big stage. White went to New Zealand to work on combining jumps, in particular consecutive 1080s (three complete rotations). He got it down and hasn't lost since winning all five Olympic qualifiers to make the U.S. halfpipe team.

White kept his roll going at the Winter X, winning the slopestyle competition on Saturday and capping it with his sixth gold overall — tying Shaun White's all-time record in a halfpipe field that included seven Olympians.

Local connection

Buhl native Willie Elam finished fifth in his SnowCross quarterfinal heat, completing the course in 345.993 seconds. The time did not qualify him for the semifinal heats.

Want a favorite for Turin? White has left little doubt.

"I've still got some stuff up my sleeve for the Games," White said. "I don't want to let out of the bag right now, but I definitely have something planned."

Nicknamed the Flying Tomato for his mop of scraggly red hair, White took the lead after the first three runs, landing a 90.33. No one came close to that the rest of the way — U.S. Olympian Mison Aguirre was second with an 88.66 on his first run — but White capped the night by hitting consecutive 1080s in the middle of the run and another at the end.

"It's definitely the run I've been working on for a while," White said. "It was nice to see it work."

Aguirre, a high school senior from Duluth, Minn., had the last chance to beat White and had a good run going, but fell midway through trying to land a 1080.

But he was far from disappointed with his second-place finish.

"I told the girls we had to come out and have a good first, and they came out and played good defense and forced me into turnovers," Dietrich head coach Ely Shaw said.

Senior point guard Nicki Miller led the way with 15 for Dietrich, while Jason McCormack added 13 and Caidin Dill 10. All-time Musersh scoring leader Beth McLarn scored 12 points to lead Carnas County in its final game of the season.

"Beth McLarn, you have to give her credit," Shaw said. "We put a lot of pressure on her, and she still came away with 12 points."

Local sports

Dietrich plays Carey in a 6 p.m. loser-out game on Wednesday before the 7:30 p.m. game against Richfield. The Dietrich junior varsity squad came away with the conference V championship, having Carey 66-60 in a hotly-contested overtime battle.

Spurs quiet jazz, 79-70

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Tim Duncan scored 20 points and Tony Parker added 17 to help the San Antonio Spurs open an eight-game road trip with a 79-70 victory over the Utah Jazz on Monday night.

Manu Ginobili scored 10 and Nazr Mohammed ended a late rally by Utah with a block and a free-throw play in the final minutes to help the Spurs pull back ahead of Dallas for the best record in the Western Conference.

Cavalliers 103, Bobcats 91

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — LeBron James scored 30 points in three quarters to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 103-91 victory over the gimpy Charlotte Bobcats on Monday night.

The win improved the Cavaliers to 5-0 against the Bobcats while extending Charlotte's franchise record losing streak to

Flyers rally past Rangers

NEWYORK (AP) — Joni Pitkanen scored his second goal of the night in the 12th minute and the Philadelphia Flyers rallied with three in the final 11 minutes to stun the New York Rangers 3-2 on Monday night against Edmonton. The eight-game losing streak was two short of the team record.

Chad Kilger added a goal. Matt Sundin had three assists and Ed Belfour made 33 saves, including 30 in the first two periods.

two-man advantages in the third period to help Toronto snap an eight-game losing streak.

Kyle Wellwood also had a power-play goal for Toronto in its first victory since Jan. 7 against Edmonton. The eight-game losing streak was two short of the team record.

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Atkins scored 19 points in his first start for Memphis as the Grizzlies spoiled the return of Yao Ming to the Rockets' lineup.

Atkins, released from the Washington Wizards, signed with Memphis a week ago.

Timberwolves 110, Celtics 85

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Timberwolves got the better of their deal with Boston Celtics — for one game at least.

Marcus Banks led the way with a season-high 20 points and six assists and Mark Blount added 16 points and 10 rebounds to support Kevin Garnett's 15 points and nine rebounds.

Hornets 94, Bucks 93

OKLAHOMA CITY — David West hit a foul line jumper with 0.1 seconds left to lift New Orleans.

Michael Redd scored 32 points to lead Milwaukee.

Maple Leafs 4, Panthers 2

SUNRISSE, Fla. — Darcy Tucker and Jeff O'Neill scored on

straight injury and 11th in its last 14 games.

Dallas' Sergei Zubov tied it at 2 with 4:37 left in regulation, and Philippe Boucher also scored. Jonathan Cheechoo and Alyn McCauley scored for the Sharks.

Blues 3, Flames 2, SO

ST. LOUIS — Rookie Lee Stempniak called up from the minor leagues earlier in the day, scored in the fifth round of a shootout to lift the Blues.

Stempniak also scored the tying goal in the second period for the Blues, who win for only the second time in 13 games.

Red Wings 5, Wild 4

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Defenseman Andreas Lilja scored his first goal in 71 games to help Detroit improve to 7-1-1 in its last nine road games.

The Times-News

SHOSHONE — The Dietrich Devils kept their season alive with a 59-25 victory over the Camas County Musersh on Monday's loser-out round of the Magic Valley Northside Conference Tournament in Shoshone. After a slow start tripped up the Blue Devils in their previous loss to Richfield, Dietrich came out fired up, taking a 21-7 advantage over the Musersh after one quarter of play.

Whitney Peck put up a game-high 17 points for the Panthers. Teammates Lucy Peterson and Brenna Silva notched 14 and 12 points, respectively. Jettie Curran recorded a team-high 13 points for the Outthroats.

Carey 61, Community School 25

SHOSHONE — Carey closed out the Community School Outthroats' season with a 61-25 loser-out victory Monday night in Shoshone.

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Carey faces Dietrich in another loser-out game on Wednesday in Shoshone.

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our boys rose to the challenge to have a chance to win. Warriors head coach Bret Walker said, "It was just a very entertaining, close game."

DeKruyf finished with 9 points, with Paulson pumped in a game-high 22 to lead Magic Valley Christian. Twin Falls Christian (6-11) was led by Stephen Killinger's 16-point night. The Warriors are back in action tonight at Dietrich.

Wrestling

Gooding 46, Flir 26

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No. 4 Villanova beats Louisville

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allan Ray matched his season high with 26 points and No. 4 Villanova equaled its best start in Big East with a 79-73 victory over Louisville on Monday night.

The Wildcats (16-2, 7-1) twice seemed to have control of the game with a double-digit lead but the Cardinals (14-7, 2-6) pulled close twice before losing for the fifth time in six games.

As usual, Villanova relied on its defense for almost all of its offense. Mike Nardi had 26 points, Randy Foye added 19, all but two in the first half, and Kyle Lovry had eight. They came out to a game-opening 39-20 percent of the Wildcats' points, and the four had all but five of the points in the 72-70, last-second win over Notre Dame on Saturday.

ranked seventh in the preseason poll and reached as high as No. 4 during the season, fell out of the Top 25 on Monday.

Villanova had a one-point lead in the first half that Louisville cut to five at the half. The Wildcats again used the 3-pointer, they finished with 14, to pull away to a 63-48 lead, but the Cardinals clipped away by going inside and they got within 70-69 with 3:40 to play on a basket by Devin Padgett.

Nardi made two free throws and scored on a layup before Foye scored on a putback with 1:45 left that made it 76-66.

Villanova finished 14-for-26 from 3-point range, while Louisville was 12-of-23 in what started out like a long-range shootout and became an old-fashioned inside game late.

Ray and Nardi each had five 3s. Nardi getting two of his — was fouled three times when he was fouled in the act of shooting the 13-0 run that made it 63-48.

Dean was 5-for-7 from beyond the arc and the Cardinals shot 55.8 percent overall (29-for-52), a huge improvement

over their season-low 33.9 percent in Saturday's loss at Rutgers. They ended a run in which they shot less than 40 percent in four straight games.

In a mood that might be what would be hard if there was no defense being played, both teams hit nothing but 3-pointers for a span of 5:54 in the first half.

Villanova made seven 3s and the Cardinals had five in the long ball run and nine of the 14 points accounted for a lead change.

The last of the 3s was by Itay with 7:06 left in the first half and it gave Villanova a 34-20 lead. It was the Wildcats' 16th 3 in the half, matching the most Louisville made up in a game this season.

Dean hit the last of the Cardinals' 3s in the run and it also their last point as 4:59 as the Wildcats went to 41-30. Dean and Terence Williams hit consecutive 3s and Dean added three free throws as the Cardinals closed the half with an 8-2 run to get within 43-38.

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One-man

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does remind him constantly that I've given you a great part of my life to drag him around everywhere."

When not coaching, Kim Moore teaches reading to seventh- and eighth-graders in his home. Her husband, Tommy, manages a farm business, which prevents him from attending most of his son's matches. But he wrestled at the University of Maryland and encouraged Try to take up the sport.

Try is 5-foot-7 — the same height as his dad.

"My son was a very small kid, and other sports just weren't available to him," Tommy Toms says. "I would bring up wrestling, but the only wrestling as far as I was concerned was pro wrestling on TV. Then around seventh grade I talked him into going to watch a wrestling event at the University High School. He was interested and was naturally good to watch with."

As a sophomore, Try practiced with the team at Clivston High School. He now works out with the LaBelle High team, making a daily one-hour round trip.

He missed only one practice in the past two years — when his dad was in the hospital.

"You have to give Try credit for his drive and love of the

sport," LaBelle coach Tony Zucchetto says. "It's a unique situation. He has had to go to a lot of things by himself. I'm sure he's had to suck it up mentally to get through a tournament on his own."

Try has developed a close relationship with Zucchetto's son, who wrestles, and wore their wrestling shirt at the state tournament last year in tribute. He was invited to pose with them recently for some of their team pictures, and every LaBelle wrestler wears one of the photos that included Try.

"The kids on that team are like my brothers," Try says. "I love every one of them. But I'm

not a LaBelle wrestler. I'm Moore Haven."

Try's typical day is a long one. He goes to school at 7 a.m., heads for LaBelle at 2 p.m. and usually arrives home around 7 p.m.

That doesn't mean he doesn't wrestle. After dinner he polishes moves on the black mat in his living room.

"He's the presale with his sisters and they're not very cooperative," his mom says. "His dad had shoulder replacement surgery, so he can't show him how. They just roll around by himself."

That's how a one-man team works.

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Southside

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Qualey scored 38 points in a game-high 22 to lead Magic Valley Christian. Twin Falls Christian (6-11) was led by Stephen Killinger's 16-point night. The Warriors are back in action tonight at Dietrich.

Oakley on Wednesday for the second spot and a trip to state. Junior Charlotte Freestone scored a game-high 20 points including two 3-pointers and Amanda Urie added 11 for the Huskies.

"Basically, we maintained the lead, which was the key to the game," said Raft River coach Jeremy Qualls. "Hansen slowed down the pace and their defense took away some shots by our post. And we made some mental mistakes late."

Raft River led at the half 26-18.

Senior Cheryl Ward led the Trojans with 10 points. Seniors Brittany Hansen, Breanna Sheridan and sophomore Nicole Harper each added eight.

Raft River 52, Hansen 45

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SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- EXTREME SPORTS
Winter X Games, at Aspen, CO, ESPN 7 p.m.
BASKETBALL
Illinois at Wisconsin, ESPN 6 p.m.
Florida at Mississippi, ESPN2 6 p.m.
Georgetown at DePaul, ESPN CLASSIC 8:30 p.m.
HOCKEY
Minnesota at Colorado, OLN 7 p.m.

BASEBALL

2006 Season West Atlantic Conference Baseball Standings
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BASKETBALL

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Team W L Pct. GB
New Jersey 11 11 .500 0.0
Philadelphia 10 12 .455 1.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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San Antonio 10 11 .476 0.0
Houston 9 12 .429 1.5

Area ski report

By Tom Iversen, Staff Writer
A snow-covered ski season is under way in the area. The snow is mostly from the west, but it has been a good snowfall for the area.

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Utah - The Utah ski resorts are the best ski resorts in the area. They are the best ski resorts in the area and they are the best ski resorts in the area.

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Baseball - The baseball games were the best games in the area. They were the best games in the area and they were the best games in the area.

Favre strongly considers retirement

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre says he has not yet made a decision on whether to play next season, but would lean toward retirement if he had to decide right now.

RODEO

Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association announced the 2006 season schedule. The season will start in March and end in November.

lower abdominal injury

The Canucks said Monday night that the Canadian star was scheduled to have surgery in Philadelphia on Wednesday. The Olympic hockey tournament starts Feb. 15 in Turin, Italy.

After further consultation with one of the leading physical therapists who specializes in sports injuries it was decided that surgery was the best course of action.

Seahawks' van crashes a gate

DETROIT — The Seattle Seahawks have felt like gate-crashers to this NFL party ever since they arrived in Super Bowl. But they were not expected to take so literally.

Jazz retiring Malone's No. 32 in March

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz will retire Karl Malone's No. 32 and unveil a statue of the two-time MVP on March 21.

Terrell Owens meets with Denver Broncos

DENVER — Terrell Owens and his agent visited Denver on Monday, talking with coach Mike Shanahan to see if the Broncos would sign him.

IOC to carry out Turin doping tests

ROME — The International Olympic Committee will conduct doping tests at the Turin Olympics after the Italian government decided not to press its demand to carry them out.

Bengals receiver Henry arrested on gun charges

ORLANDO, Fla. — Cincinnati Bengals receiver Chris Henry was arrested on gun charges Monday.

Texas A&M seeks restraining order

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Texas A&M sought a restraining order Monday against the Seattle Seahawks.

Team Canada defender will miss Olympics

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Vancouver Canucks defenseman Ed Jovanovski will miss the Olympics because of a lower abdominal injury.

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Market Watch

Jan. 30, 2006

Dow Jones Industrial	10,899.92	▲7.29
Nasdaq composite	2,306.78	▲2.88
Standard & Poor's 500	1,285.20	▲1.46
Russell 2000	730.87	▲0.20

Stocks of local interest

Albermarle	\$27.62	▼.11
Con Agri	\$27.74	▲.03
Dell Inc.	\$26.66	▲.39
Idacorp	\$31.64	▲.27
Micron	\$14.93	▲.43

Commodities

Oil, by barrel	\$68.35	▲.59
(March, light sweet crude)		
Live cattle	\$93.25	▲.65
Gold (Feb.)	\$565.80	▲7.00

Jury selected for Enron fraud trial

HOUSTON — A jury of Houston-area residents was selected Monday for the trial of former Enron Corp. chiefs Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling, accused of orchestrating the massive fraud that came to symbolize an era of corporate scandals.

A court clerk swore in the 12 jurors and four alternates, and U.S. District Judge Simi Lake instructed them not to talk about the case during their service. He also ordered them not to read, listen to or watch news reports about the trial.

Garden Cafe will get honor at Boise event

TWIN FALLS — The Garden Cafe and Bakery will be one of six Idaho businesses to be honored as "Star Entrepreneurs" by the Idaho Small Business Development Center in Boise Wednesday, Feb. 1. The six will be recognized for having taken advantage of multiple services from the SBDCC and for exhibiting an entrepreneurial spirit in growing their successful businesses.

Randy and Jane McCarron opened the Garden Cafe in July of 1997 at Kimberly Nurseries. At that time the cafe had seating for 18 customers with space for 16 more during warmer weather. It moved to the corner of Eastland and Addison in December 2002 and now employs 45 people. The ISDBC at the College of Southern Idaho played a key role in helping the McCarrons with computerized accounting, supervision, and other managing skills.

Wal-Mart, Target sales rise in January

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has estimated that January sales will be at the high end of the company's forecast. The world's largest retailer said Saturday that sales at stores opened at least a year, known as same-store sales, are expected to rise 4.7 percent, which would be at the high end of its 3 percent to 5 percent projection. Same-store sales are considered the best indicator of a retailer's health.

For the week ended Saturday, food sales outpaced demand for general merchandise.

Meanwhile, its rival Target Corp. said last week that same-store sales will rise anywhere from 4.5 percent to 5 percent for the month. Target had originally forecast same-store sales growth in the range of 3 percent to 5 percent.

Briefly

Full Resorts Chairman and CEO Adam Aaron will resign June 28, his 10th anniversary in the roles, the Colorado company said Monday. Grand Teton Lodge Co. near Jackson, Wyo., is one of the properties owned by Full Resorts, the second-largest ski operator in North America.

Cour D'Alene-based Hecla Mining Company on Monday sold its shares of Amax Gold Inc., generating a \$37 million gain and netting \$57 million of cash proceeds.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Kraft to cut 8,000 jobs, close some plants

Company won't say how Idaho facilities affected.

By Mike Collas
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Kraft Foods Inc., the nation's largest food manufacturer, said Monday it would eliminate 8,000 more jobs, or about 6 percent of its workforce, and close up to 20 production plants as it broadens an ongoing restructuring effort.

Kraft said the cuts would save

an additional \$700 million in annual costs, atop a targeted \$450 million in savings it already had hoped to achieve through a restructuring that began in January 2004.

Northfield-based Kraft already had announced closures of 19 production facilities and the elimination of 5,500 jobs. Kraft said Monday that those efforts are on track but it is expanding the restructuring plans to include more cuts.

The company said it intends to close plants in Broadmead-ows, Victoria in Australia and Hoover, Ala., but did not announce the other facilities it plans to close. Kraft also said it

would trim 10 percent of its brand portfolio.

Kraft said the additional cuts would cost the company \$2.5 billion, bringing the total cost of its overall restructuring to \$3.7 billion.

Kraft has a cheese plant in Rupert and a sales office in Boise. Corporate spokeswoman Penny Yentman declined to give any further information about the impact on those facilities.

Kraft announced the moves Monday while reporting fourth-quarter earnings results that beat analysts' expectations.

Earnings for the October-December period totaled \$773 million, or 46 cents a share, up

from \$628 million, or 37 cents a share, a year earlier. Revenue rose to \$9.66 billion from \$8.78 billion a year ago.

Excluding 10 cents in restructuring charges, Kraft posted a 56-cent operating profit. Wall Street had expected a profit of 53 cents a share, based on the consensus estimate of analysts polled by Thomson Financial.

When the maker of Kraft cheese, Nabisco crackers, Oscar Mayer meats and Post cereals announced its 2004 restructuring, there had just been a shake-up at top management that followed more than a year of disappointing sales and earnings.

At the time, Kraft executives blamed the poor results on American consumers' increased health concerns, which had put the entire packaged food industry under severe pressure to change quickly. The company's troubles cost marketing expert Betsy Holder her job of co-CEO and head of North American operations in December 2003. That left Roger Dermody solely in charge.

The job and the restructuring and the earnings were announced after the market closed for the day. Kraft had risen 71 cents, or 2.4 percent, to close at \$30 on the New York Stock Exchange.

PUMPED-UP PROFITS

Gas pumps are seen Monday at an Exxon gas station in Boston. Exxon Mobil Corp. posted record profits for any U.S. company on Monday, \$20.72 billion for the fourth quarter and \$36.13 billion for the year. Exxon's profit for the year was also the largest annual reported net income in U.S. history, according to Howard Silverblatt, a senior index analyst for Standard & Poor's.

As Exxon's earnings soar, some lawmakers outraged

By Steve Quinn
Associated Press writer

DALLAS — Exxon Mobil Corp. posted record profits for any U.S. company on Monday — \$10.71 billion for the fourth quarter and \$36.13 billion for the year — as the world's biggest publicly traded oil company benefited from high oil and natural-gas prices and solid demand for refined products.

The results exceeded Wall Street expectations and Exxon shares rose, but some lawmakers expressed outrage at the industry's latest profit surge, renewing calls for a windfall profits tax and increased investment in alternative fuels.

The company's earnings amounted to \$1.71 per share for the October-December quarter, up 27 percent from \$1.32 billion, or \$1.30 per share, in the year ago quarter. The result topped the then-record quarterly profit of \$9.92

billion. Exxon posted in the third quarter of 2005.

Exxon's profit for the year was also the largest annual reported net income in U.S. history, according to Howard Silverblatt, a senior index analyst for Standard & Poor's. He said the previous high was Exxon's \$25.3 billion profit in 2004.

"What do you expect when you combine record oil and gas prices and strong operations everywhere else?" said analyst Fadel Gheit at Oppenheimer & Co. "Unless prices collapse, earnings in 2006 will make 2005 look like a cake walk."

The company said its average sale price for crude oil in the U.S. during the quarter was \$52.23 a barrel, compared with \$38.85 a year earlier. It sold natural gas in the U.S. on average, for \$1.34 per 1,000 cubic feet, compared with \$6.61 during the same period a year ago.

Exxon's vice president of in-

Exxon Mobil breaks earnings record

Exxon Mobil reported record profits for any U.S. company on Monday, the latest oil giant to benefit from high fuel prices.

COMPANY	YEAR	NET INCOME	Exxon Mobil's annual net income
1 Exxon Mobil	2005	\$36.13 billion	\$36.1 billion
2 Exxon Mobil	2004	\$25.30	
3 Citigroup	2005	\$24.0	
4 Ford Motor Co	1998	\$22.1	
5 Exxon Mobil	2003	\$21.0	
6 Citigroup	2003	\$17.9	
7 Citigroup	2004	\$17.0	
8 Bank of America	2005	\$16.9	
9 General Electric	2004	\$16.6	
10 Exxon Mobil	2000	\$16.0	

vestor relations Henry Hubble said that while strong commodity prices clearly helped drive the record earnings, the company also deserved credit for its ability to complete projects on time while keeping costs in check.

"We continue to identify world-class projects, invest in industry-leading returns, and are well-placed for continued growth," Hubble told analysts in a conference call. "Our record results show a disciplined approach and we continue to deliver superior value to our shareholders."

Exxon's profit lifted the combined 2005 profits for the country's three largest integrated oil companies to more than \$63 billion.

Investment Phillips said last Wednesday that its fourth-quarter earnings rose 51

SpongeBob is growing, absorbing criticism

Cartoon character is a marketing phenomenon

By Andrea K. Walker
The Baltimore Sun

In the real world, a guy with buck teeth, shorts pulled above his waist and a square-shaped head would be relegated to the geek crowd.

But in the lands of television and make-believe, that person exists as the ubiquitous and popular cartoon character SpongeBob SquarePants. Despite his oddball look and behavior, young kids, teenagers and parents adore him — and think he's kind of cool.

Some consumer activists believe his image is so powerful among kids that they are blaming him in part for the obesity problem among the young. They want Viacom Inc., owner of the Nickelodeon channel of Nickelodeon, to change his waist and a square-shaped head would be relegated to the geek crowd.

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The Public Interest for the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood is threatening a class-action lawsuit regarding the issue.

Nickelodeon, for its part, said SpongeBob is also on the front of packages of carrots, spinach and some citrus fruits. SpongeBob fruit is an option in Burger King kids meals.

The network also argues that it takes part in a variety of health initiatives aimed at kids, including a partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to Generation to combat childhood obesity.

Whatever side you choose, there's no question that SpongeBob, who looks like a hunk of cheese but is actually a sponge that lives in a pineapple at the bottom of the sea, has grown from a simple cartoon character to a powerful marketing phenomenon.

SpongeBob brings in about \$1 billion in annual retail sales, generating thousands of products from slippers and Popicles to curtains and underpants, according to Nickelodeon and retailers.

"It's a symbol that can appeal to a wide range of people," said Meryl Gardner, a consumer psychologist and associate professor of marketing at the University of Delaware. "Because kids like him and parents don't dislike him, he becomes a common denominator."

New Roth 401(k) suitable only for rich or lower-income

By Jeff Brown
Knight Ridder News Service

As if retirement investing weren't complicated enough, now you may be offered a new option — the Roth 401(k).

Provided at work at the boss' option, it combines features of the traditional 401(k) with those of the newer Roth IRA. The biggest draw is the opportunity to take money out in retirement tax-free.

Sounds like the ultimate, doesn't it?

Well, not exactly. The Roth 401(k) only fits the needs of em-

ployees at the two ends of the spectrum — a very well paid and the very low paid.

Roth 401(k)s were created as part of the tax reform package of 2001, but employers, could offer them until this year. Like many of the 2001 changes, Roth 401(k)s will exist only through 2010 unless Washington extends them.

It's safe to assume, however, that although new investments might not be permitted after 2010, any made before 2011 will continue to enjoy the promised benefits.

Not many employers have

adopted the Roth 401(k) yet, but you may start hearing more about them, so here's a guide to how they work.

As with a traditional 401(k), the Roth variety is funded with money deducted from your paycheck.

The employee's maximum 401(k) contribution is \$15,000 this year, or \$20,000 for those 50 or over. If you divide your contribution between both types of 401(k)s, the combined contributions must not exceed those limits.

Investments in traditional 401(k)s are in pretax money, thus

saving you income tax on the contributions. Roth 401(k) investments are in after-tax money, so there is no tax deduction on what you put in.

However, withdrawals from the Roth 401(k) will be tax-free, while traditional 401(k)s with draws are taxed at income-tax rates. There's no annual tax on profits earned in either type.

Employers who offer Roth 401(k)s also must provide traditional 401(k)s, and any employer contributions must go into the traditional type, since these are considered pretax contributions.

Both types of 401(k) require

investors to start making annual withdrawals of a minimum size once they turn 70. But investors with incomes below certain limits should be able to switch their Roth 401(k) money into Roth IRAs after leaving their jobs, thus avoiding that requirement while still making withdrawals tax-free.

Why aren't Roth 401(k)s as popular as you would expect?

Mainly because they lack the traditional 401(k)'s up-front tax deduction on contributions. A worker in the 25 percent tax

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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401(k)

Continued from B4 bracket could save \$2,500 in income tax by putting \$10,000 into a traditional 401(k), allowing him to save more, supercharging investment results. Generally, it's best to take any possible tax savings as soon as possible, since that gives you more time for the money to grow. But if that investor ended up well-to-do, using the Roth might be a better bet to avoid a higher tax rate in the future to deal with the deficit and other problems. So the Roth 401(k) offers a chance to pay tax on contributions today to avoid a higher tax rate on withdrawals later.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Washington Post article discussing investment strategies for 401(k) plans, comparing traditional and Roth options, and highlighting the importance of tax efficiency and long-term growth.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of American Stock Exchange data including American Most Active, American Gainers, American Losers, American Diary, American Indexes, and American Stocks of Local Interest.

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Table listing various bean commodities with their respective prices and changes.

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