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A chocolatier's gotta do ... When he's not bustin' broncos, this cowboy can be found whipping up a bunch of truffles. Page D4



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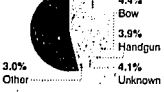
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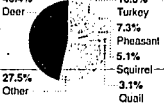
Hunting injuries

Vice President Dick Cheney's accident this weekend involved a shotgun, the most common weapon used in hunting injuries.

Weapon involved, 2002



Game involved, 2002



SOURCE: International Hunter's Education Association

Cheney violated rule and state law

By Nedra Pickler Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney apparently broke the No. 1 rule of hunting: Be sure of what you're shooting at. He also violated Texas law by failing to buy a hunting stamp.

Cheney wounded fellow hunter Harry Whittington in the face, neck and chest Saturday, apparently because he didn't see Whittington approaching as he fired on a covey of quail in Texas.

Whittington, a hunting safety expert interviewed Monday, agreed it would have been a good idea for Whittington to announce himself — something he apparently did not do, according to a witness.

Cheney stressed that the shooter is responsible for avoiding other people.

"It's incumbent upon the shooter to assess the situation and make sure it's a safe shot," said Mark Birks, president-elect of the International Hunter Education Association and hunter education coordinator in New Mexico.

The Parks and Wildlife Department said Cheney and Whittington will be given varying citations for violating game law by not having an upland game bird stamp, a requirement that went into effect in September. Cheney had a \$125 nonresident hunting license, the vice president's office said Monday night in a statement, and has sent a \$7 check to cover the cost of the stamp.

Cheney, an experienced hunter, has not commented publicly about the accident. He avoided reporters by leaving an Oval Office meeting with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan before the press was escorted in.

Press secretary Scott McClellan said he did not know until Sunday morning that Cheney had shot someone.

DID YOU REMEMBER?



DeeDeeDeNormanda, 85, left, and Arda Unjlan, 93, dance the Rumba Bolero at the annual Valentine Spaghetti Festival at the Sunshine Senior Center Monday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Survey: Guys outspend gals on Valentine's Day

By Monica Hatcher Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Cupid may strum a man's heartstrings on Valentine's Day, but he pulls on his purse strings all year long.

On Valentine's Day when American couples celebrate love and romance with flowers, candy, cards and dinner, the average man will shell out \$128 compared with his lady companion who will spend about \$74, according to a survey released by Discover Card.

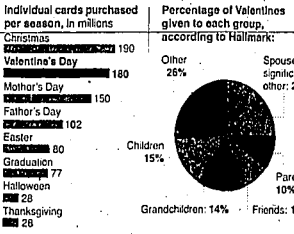
A word to those who may get nothing for Valentine's but a good-night kiss: One-third of women surveyed said they wouldn't drop a dime today on their sweetie pie.

But spending behavior on Valentine's Day may be more the rule year-round rather than the exception.

When it comes those little extras purchased with "The Relationship" in mind, the average guy can spend as much as \$12,000 a year on maintaining goodwill with the

Valentine's second only to Christmas

Individual Valentine's Day card purchases are second only to Christmas cards, according to Hallmark Cards Inc. A quarter of the Valentines are given to spouses or significant others.



woman in his life, according to a breakdown of relevant expenses by Best Life magazine, a men's health magazine based in Emmaus, Pa. Best Life consulted 13 sources, including the National Restaurant Association, market research firm Mintel and the National Retail Federation, and concluded that the cost of a 50-year marriage is

Some things to keep in mind today

- Kiss with caution:** A study released last week in the online British Medical Journal found that intimate kissing raises the risk of meningococcal disease for adolescents and young adults, already at a higher risk of the disease.
- Credit counter:** That seems to be the conclusion of a new survey commissioned by Fair Isaac Corp. It found that men want a woman with a good sense of humor, while women prefer a guy who has a steady job and pays his bills on time.

Politics or your job

New policy says county employees must resign to run for elected office

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — County employees will now have to choose between their job and running for a county office.

County Commissioners Bill Brockman and Gary Grindstaff on Monday approved a new political campaigning policy stating that county employees who wish to run for a county office must resign upon filing or announcing their candidacy.

The same does not apply to the county's elected officials, who can openly campaign even when they're on the clock. "That's how they get their job," said Commission Chairman Gary Grindstaff. "It's just part of our job being out talking to people."

Commissioner Bill Brockman agreed.

"As commissioners, we are not actually running for a position," Brockman said. "When we go to a meeting and answer questions, those are things we do every day in the line of duty."

Brockman and Grindstaff said the policy was needed to ensure county departments run smoothly during election time.

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— Bill Brockman, T.F. County commissioner

campaigning at the same time they're trying to do their job," Brockman said. "I think we've seen problems in the past, but if (the policy) didn't stem from any particular incident, we're not prohibiting anyone from running for office. We're just trying to keep the workforce moving without any giant distractions."

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Grandmother fights to keep school in Gooding

State plan would close local school for deaf, blind

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

BOISE — Two years ago, her grandson couldn't communicate with her.

"He was frustrated, he was upset, he was flustered," said Thelma Franek, grandmother of Kyle Franek.

Franek moved with her grandson from Weiser to Gooding, so Kyle could attend the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Within a year, Kyle, who is blind and cannot speak, learned to sign 65 different phrases. His grandmother takes sign language courses at the school to understand 7-year-old Kyle.

"I can't believe how much he has learned," Franek said. "He's doing so much better. It's hard to explain. It's getting an education."

Today, Franek will bring to the Capitol a petition with 1,000 signatures opposing a plan that was presented to a joint legislative committee on Monday that potentially could disband the Gooding ISDB campus. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee recommended the plan be forwarded to the Senate and House Education committees for discussion. However, the members voted against attaching a specific timeline for implementing the plan.

State officials have been concerned for some time about the declining enrollment at ISDB. The school has 601 students en-



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rolled in its outreach program and 75 who attend courses and live at the school in Gooding. This residential component of the school's enrollment has dropped by nearly 50 percent since 1992.

Three members of the joint committee investigated the school's enrollment trends and recommended that the residential program at Gooding be replaced with five to six regional day programs.

"We needed an opportunity to bring our educational model into the 21st century," said Sen. Patti Anne Lodge, R-Tulsa, who worked on the proposal.

With an enhanced outreach program, the blind and visually impaired students would be mainstreamed into public schools. Deaf and hard of hearing students would be bused to the five or six regional programs to attend school during the day.

Rep. Kathy Skippen, R-Emmett, also played a role in drafting the proposal. Skippen noted the importance of ISDB to the community of Gooding and mentioned that the Legislature should consider that when moving forward. In November, Gooding residents turned out

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Colder with a slight chance for snow flurries. Highs middle 30s.
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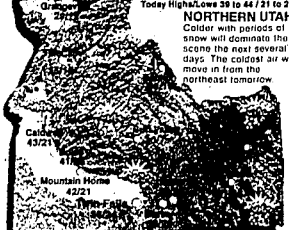
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IDAHO'S FORECAST

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A large and deep trough of low pressure will deepen across Idaho. Arctic air will move over the Rockies and to the west by Wednesday with much color temperatures and light snow.

BOISE
Today: Highs 41 to 43. Tonight: Lows 21 to 27.
Tomorrow: A better chance for light snow. Highs middle 30s. Lows middle 20s.
Tomorrow: Colder as snow flurries with a decent chance for light snow. Highs upper 20s.



Yesterday's State Forecast: All of Idaho: Low: 9-19. Snow: weather dry. A cold, cloudy, foggy to heavy snow. No rain. Light snow on the north side of the Snake River. No rain. Snow on the Snake River in the mountains. No rain.

GREGG MIDDLEKUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I don't believe in pessimism. If something doesn't come up the way you want, force ahead. If you think it's going to rain, it will."
Gregg Middlekuff, Oregon

County

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Grindsfald said the county's elected officials worked on the policy for about a year. He said the policy will enable county officials to run their departments "smoothly without having conflict and having people campaign on county time."
County Commissioner Tom Mikesell cast the lone no vote. He said the policy would prohibit some of the most qualified people from running for office.
"I think as elected officials, we should do everything we can to encourage people to run for office," Mikesell said. "I think the public expects us to set an example and I think by dissuading people who work for us from running for public office, we break the public trust. We virtually eliminate anyone who knows and works in the system from having a job, supporting their family and paying taxes while running for office."
In 2004, Sheriff Wayne Housley put former sheriff's deputy Robin Stuehlfeld on unpaid administrative leave when Stuehlfeld ran against him for sheriff. Stuehlfeld, who no longer works for the county, questioned the legality of the new policy.
"Personally, I think it violates the Constitution," Stuehlfeld said.
Dan Chadwick, executive director of the Idaho Association of Counties, said he didn't know of any other Idaho counties that had such a policy, though there might be one. But he said the discussion is nothing new. It comes up every year around election time.
"This comes up most frequently in sheriff and prosecutor races and it comes up whenever an employee is running against their boss," Chadwick said. "The issue is loyalty and the sensitive nature of the information and making sure that sensitive information does not become an issue in a political campaign."

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to voice concern over closing the ISDB campus.
ISDB Interim Superintendent Harvey Lyter said the proposal was consistent with recommendations made by an Idaho State Department of Education subcommittee.
Frank maintains that students like her grandson will not get the same educational opportunities through mainstreaming at regionalized programs as they do in a residential campus. Kyle only received about an hour of individual outreach attention when he attended school in Weiser and that wasn't nearly enough, Frank said.
She'll meet today with Rep. Margaret Henbest, D-Boise, the proposal's third author.
"You cannot mainstream these kids like this," Frank said.
Legislative subcommittee plan for Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind
Rep. Margaret Henbest, D-Boise; Rep. Kathy Skippen, R-Emmett; and Sen. Patti Anne Lodge, R-Hudson; looked into enrollment and funding issues in the ISDB in Grafton. Here's a summary of the plan they suggested as prepared by the Legislative Services Office.
Deaf and hard of hearing education would be provided through day programs -- not residential campuses -- at five regional locations: Kootenai or Bonner counties; Nez Perce or Latah counties; Canyon or Ada counties; Twin Falls, Gooding, Jerome, Cassia or Minidoka counties; Blingham County.
Programs would be started and run by a local school district under a negotiated agreement with ISDB.
The student's home school district would be responsible for transportation to the program site and would be funded at the standard 85 percent state match.
Blind or visually impaired students generally would be mainstreamed into the public school system, with the help of additional blind outreach staff. Summer camps would provide intensive training for visually impaired students on Braille and mobility skills.
Compared with the ISDB fiscal 2006 budget of \$8,155,600, this plan would cost an additional \$14,949,000 for a total of \$23,904,600.
The Gooding campus would be used for a substance abuse treatment center for the general population and a residential treatment program for female offenders statewide.
"Teachers here all have a big heart. I just don't want them to close this school,"
Times-News reporter Michelle Daulton can be reached at mdaulton@magicvalley.com

Exhaustive research helps Hallmark determine ways to express love

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Turns out love may actually be a universal language.
The year's first greeting card maker, Hallmark Cards Inc., has for the first time analyzed individual cities' data for top-selling Valentines, and it yielded a surprising thing.
They were all the same — a result of the exhaustive research Hallmark carries out before any card goes on the shelf. It's a survey of analyzing sales numbers — and trend — hunting in search of the perfect valentine.
Researchers at the Kansas City-based company expected the choices of customers to be as different as the cities they call home. But it turned out 53.5 percent of the thousands of options Hallmark offered last Valentine's Day, was the top choice of consumers in New York and Los Angeles, Minneapolis and Miami, and virtually every other city in the country.
"Whatever it was, it was different card in every city," said spokeswoman Rachel Bolton. "It was just a surprising thing."
Jessica Ong product manager for the company's Valentine's card line, had an idealistic suggestion for the sales numbers' meaning.
"it speaks to the fact that people are more alike than they are different," she said.
The card's face is a deep red cross, with "For the One I Love" across the top in black script, a large picture of a red rose in the center, and a thick black ribbon cutting through the middle. Inside, it simply states: "Each time I see you, hold you, think of you, here's what I do. I fall deeply, madly, happily in love with you. Happy Valentine's Day."
The card's designer, Marcia Meulengracht, said she was not at all surprised the card sold five times better than the average Valentine — so well it's being offered for a second year.
"I can't tell you how much I would want to give and what I would want to receive," Meulengracht said. "A guy wants to say he still loves her. A gal wants to know he still does. She wants to get those huggers. He wants to think he'll get lucky."
It's never as simple as just artistic intuition, though. The National Retail Federation estimates 62 percent of Americans will buy Valentines this year.

Love

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\$590,400 — not including inflation.
Flowers can run him \$300; dinner at \$200; a Valentine's movie and concert tickets \$752, according to the informal look at the cost of maintaining a 21st-century relationship.
"Sound unbelievably high?"
"It sounds low to me," said Charles Smith, 30, who's been married for a year and anticipates he spends as much \$12,000 a year on his wife — because his wife doesn't like to cook.
Smith, the owner of a mesquite extermination franchise, said he expects to spend about \$250 for Valentine's Day.
Bachelor restaurateur Eric Cornudas, 43, also said the sum sounded low, especially in light of his wife's birthday, which costs more to entertain and buy, and where, in his view, women tend to expect more.
"In Miami, you can bring a girl out to eat for 40 or 60 percent," Cornudas said. Love may be blind, but somehow it stills sees green, he said.
Naturally, these numbers vary widely by age, class and re-

he may pay for the movie, but I will pay for dinner. It all depends more on who has more money.
"Is spending big bucks on a relationship for Valentine's Day or any other day really necessary?"
"We have surely attributed the idea of giving a gift or spending money on someone as a sign of love," said M. Gary Neuman, a Miami-based psychotherapist and author of "Enamored Infidelity: How to Affair-Proof Your Marriage."
"Keep in mind, when we spend our money on someone there is a subtle commentary about the value of your relationship when I am away from you is to give to you, to enhance your life to some extent."
Unfathomably thoughtful gestures — many of which come with price tags great and small — go a long way in ensuring a happy relationship, he said.
"There are a couple of reasons why men may spend more than women, Lovell said.
"Traditional gender roles," she said. "When it comes to gift giving and relationship building, there is an expectation that he will pay for the eating and for the movies, both as an expression of his feelings and a step in working towards a partner relationship."
"Women generally make less than men, about 75.5 cents for every dollar a man earns."
"Since that is a historical trend, it will affect spending patterns for men and women in a relationship," Lovell said.
"Robert Neely, 38, a construction foreman, said he will spend about \$600 this Valentine's Day on dinner, flowers, concert tickets and a diamond tennis bracelet for his girlfriend.
Valentine's Day gifts are expected to ring up \$1.7 billion in sales, according to the National Retail Federation, one of the most lucrative holidays for retailers.
"As for how much he spends a year, he said it has never crossed his mind."
"Whatever it is, it's all right. I don't have any qualms about it, neither do most men."
For Alexander Slata, 25, who writes for a Web site, it's not about the money.
"I don't care if he gives me a \$2 or a \$200 gift, I care about the attention."
— Alexander Slata, Web site writer

Millions in Katrina aid squandered: a debit card for a \$450 tattoo

By Hope Yen
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Ann Archer says she was puzzled when she suddenly received a \$2,358 check for Katrina housing relief last fall. While many of her neighbors were still awaiting aid, the government was repeatedly offering her money and a trailer she didn't ask for.

"The New Orleans retiree says Federal Emergency Management Agency workers were surprised, too, when she tried to send the money back.

"They shouldn't be making a salary if they're screwing up this badly when our city needs help," Archer said. "It's wrong, flat out wrong."

In the weeks after the Aug. 29 storm, the government squandered millions of dollars in Katrina aid, including handing out \$2,000 debit cards to people who gave phony Social Security numbers and used the money for such items as a \$150 tattoo, federal auditors said Monday.

Overcharges, poor accounting and abuses will take "months or years" to rectify, the Government Accountability Office and the Homeland Security Department's inspector general concluded in preliminary reports on how billions of dollars in taxpayer money is being spent.

FEMA recognizes it "made many, many mistakes," and is working on improvement, said Homeland Security Inspector General Richard Skinner. "But

they're not where they should be in some cases, the government will have little legal recourse to recoup payments to contractors for payments."

Separately, the Justice Department said Monday that federal prosecutors had filed fraud, theft and other charges against 212 people accused of scams related to Gulf Coast hurricanes.

Fifty people have pleaded guilty so far, the latest report by the Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force said. Many defendants were accused of trying to obtain emergency aid, typically a \$2,000 debit card, issued to hurricane victims by FEMA and the American Red Cross.

The GAO report found that up to 800,000 of the 2.5 million applicants who received aid under the emergency cash assistance program — which included the debit cards given to evacuees — based their requests on duplicate or invalid Social Security numbers, or false addresses and names.

In other instances, recipients improperly used their debit cards intended for food and shelter for \$450 tattoos, \$450 ring, a \$1,100 diamond engagement ring and \$150 worth of products at "Condoms to Go."

The reports called for stronger controls to verify the eligibility of disaster victims who apply for aid over the phone and Internet, better planning of emergency supplies for hurricanes and improved

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GAO audits:
<http://www.gao.gov/doc/secrity/repasrest.html>

accounting of FEMA's vast inventory of temporary housing. "The White House and Homeland Security officials defended administration actions against the criticism that it still going strong more than five months after the storm."

"I reject outright the suggestion that President Bush was anything less than fully involved," White House Homeland security adviser Frances Fragos Townsend said. And Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff rebuffed the idea that his department was preoccupied with terror threats at the expense of natural disasters.

Chertoff announced the creation of a full-time FEMA response force of 1,500 new employees and the establishment of a more reliable system to report on disasters as they unfold.

Sensors deemed the problem shown in the new reports. "Once again, FEMA failed to adequately plan for the very type of disaster that occurs virtually every year," said Susan Collins, R-Maine, who chairs a Senate panel reviewing the government's response to the storm.

Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said hurricane victims and taxpayers alike were being "ripped

off." "It's unacceptable and ultimately infuriating. We need to do everything we can to insist that FEMA and DHS prepare for the next disaster," he said.

The audits released Monday do not try to estimate a total dollar figure on waste and abuse, but GAO auditor Gregory Kutz told senators during a hearing that it was "certainly millions of dollars; it could be tens or hundreds of millions of dollars."

That includes money for hotel rooms for evacuees that were paid at retail cost. Among the charges: \$438 rooms in New York City and beachfront condominiums in Panama City, Fla., at \$375 a night.

FEMA also may have bought too many temporary homes, including 10,777 units that currently sit empty in sinking mud in Hope, Ark.

Meanwhile, a one-day "snapshot" investigation found a handful of cases where hurricane victims improperly sold free military foodstuffs known as "Meals-Ready-to-Eat" on eBay.

The reports weren't all negative. An initial review by Skinner found that FEMA's decision to sign a contract with Carnival Cruise Lines for Hurricane Katrina housing shortly after the Aug. 29 storm "was reasonable under the urgent circumstances."

The six-month, \$236 million deal with Carnival for three full-service cruise ships — which initially sat half empty for several weeks on the Gulf Coast —

had been criticized by lawmakers of both parties as a prime example of wasted spending in Hurricane Katrina-related contracts.

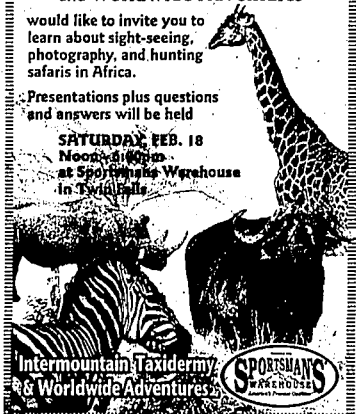
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Home from prison, ex-gov. says he won't run for office again

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Former Gov. John G. Rowland said Monday he would give up life in politics and possibly pursue the kind of work he did in federal prison, teaching inmates job skills and providing counseling.

"When you lose your freedom, it's a very humbling experience," he told The Associated Press during an interview in his home. "It puts a different perspective on things."

The three-term Republican returned to Connecticut, three days after finishing a prison sentence for corruption. Row-

land, 48, served more than 10 months of a yearlong sentence at a prison camp in Pennsylvania.

Rowland has been mentioned as a mayoral candidate in his native Waterbury, Conn.

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White House predicts safe landing for housing market

WASHINGTON (AP) — The high-flying housing market should make a safe landing but gradually losing altitude, the White House suggested Monday.

Housing has been an important source of power for the economy as home sales soared to their highest in more than five years running. Low mortgage rates were a factor behind brisk housing activity.

A gradual slowing of home building activity is more likely than a sharp drop because the elevated level of house prices will sustain homebuilding as a profitable enterprise for some time, according to President Bush's annual economic report to Congress.

The direction of the housing market is being closely watched. Most private analysts also are expecting gradual moderation. If the housing market were to collapse, it would pose grave dangers to the country's overall economic health.

House prices, which have risen rapidly in value, also will probably see slower growth this year, Matthew Slaughter, a member of the White House's Council of Economic Advisers, said during a briefing on the report.

Even with a housing slowdown, the economy is expected to log respectable economic growth this year, according to the White House's projections.

The president's report projects that the economy will grow by 3.4 percent as measured from the fourth quarter of last year to the fourth quarter of this year. In 2007, the economy should register another solid year, growing by 3.3 percent, he said.

The president's report examines economic conditions and key challenges. These include rising health care costs, the massive strain on federal resources that will come from the looming retirement of millions of baby boomers, and heated trade and budget deficits.

In other matters, the report said:

"The decline in Americans' personal savings rate "may not be cause for much alarm for retirement preparedness." The personal savings rate last year dropped to its lowest point since the Great Depression.

The savings-rate measure doesn't provide a complete picture of households' finances because it does not capture gains from such things as higher real-estate values or financial investments, the White House report and private analysts say.

Limiting the massive portfolio holdings of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mae would decrease "the likelihood of systemic problems with little adverse impact on the liquidity of the market." Proposals before Congress would curb the mortgage giants' holdings.

"Pushing back at least one year, if not two, on the economy's downturn after being jolted by the devastating Gulf Coast hurricanes and high energy prices," The United States economy continues to demonstrate remarkable resilience, flexibility and growth," he said.

"Bush gave credit for that to the hard work of Americans workers" as well as his own policies that cut taxes and aim to keep them low. The economy grew by 3.1 percent last year, its measured by gross domestic product from the fourth quarter of 2004 to the fourth quarter of 2005.

The unemployment rate, which averaged 5.1 percent in 2005, should dip to 4.9 percent this year and hold steady at that rate next year, according to the White House's forecast.

Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, also should moderate this year. Consumers prices, which rose by 3.4 percent in 2005, are expected to go up by no more than 2.4 percent this year and next year, the report said.

Katrina victims leave hotels for trailers, friends' couches, own cars

By Rukmini Callimachi Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — About 12,000 families made homeless by last year's hurricanes began checking out of their federally funded hotel rooms around the country Monday after a federal judge let FEMA stop paying directly for their stays.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency promised the evacuees from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita that they will still receive federal rent assistance that they can put toward hotel stays or other housing. But the agency will no longer pay for their hotel rooms directly.

Earlier in the day, attorneys for the evacuees pleaded with U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval for a last-minute reprieve, saying the rent assistance will not be enough for decent living accommodations or continued hotel stays.

"These people are going to be

homeless. We've heard from a lot of people who are going to be sleeping in their cars," said Bill Quigley, a lawyer for the evacuees.

But Duval denied the request. FEMA said the majority of those checking out had made arrangements for other housing. But some said they had nowhere to go except their own cars, a relative's couch or back to a shelter.

Mary Smith looked for a low to take her to one of the lower-income neighborhoods across the Mississippi River in suburb New Orleans, where she was told she might find a rental. "I only got my rent check last week. It's not enough time to find a place," said Smith, 43, for whom the Crowne Plaza had become home.

"I got nowhere to go," said 21-year-old Meschia Davis, pulling her 1-year-old behind her and balancing three bags of clothes. Although Davis had received

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— Bill Quigley, lawyer for the evacuees

her FEMA check, she said the only apartment she, \$1,800 could rent was one that was damaged in the storm. She had hoped it would be finished by her checkout time Monday, but it wasn't.

Several said they were heading back to Houston and

Atlanta, their original evacuation destinations, giving up jobs in New Orleans in search of a place to sleep.

By Monday afternoon, about 17 people had arrived at a state-run shelter in Shreveport. Those who tried to use the rent checks to pay for hotel stays found they ran out of money fast. "I can't pay no more," said 18-year-old Aziza Guy, who seemed lost on the wide, asphalt boulevard outside the Day's Inn.

About 10,500 families, or 88 percent of the 12,000 homeless families, have received rent-assistance checks from FEMA, said Liberty Turner, the agency's transitional housing director.

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"We have caseworkers down there and most people have already received rental assistance," Paulson said. "I just gave approval to purchase 10,000 more travel trailers. We're working also with some of the apartment owners to rehab some of the apartments down there. We are going to make sure that people are taken care of. But the judge recognized that, and recognized that the right thing to do is to get them out of hotels and into some decent housing."

Monday marks the second wave of evacuees losing FEMA financing of their hotel rooms. Last week, the occupants of roughly 4,500 rooms lost FEMA funding after failing to ask the agency for extensions.

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Phil Brown, actor who played Luke Skywalker's uncle in 'Star Wars,' dies at 89

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Phil Brown, who played Luke Skywalker's loving but doomed Uncle Owen in "Star Wars," has died of pneumonia. He was 89. Brown died Thursday at a hospital in Woodland Hills, said his wife, Ginny. Brown worked in stage and

film for more than 60 years, many of them spent in England, but many remember him as Lucas' loving uncle in George Lucas' 1977 blockbuster. His character tries to give Luke a normal childhood on a farm and keep him from knowing his Jedi roots. Imperial storm

troopers later kill Uncle Owen and his wife, Beru. He got the role when Lucas, filming scenes for "Star Wars" on a London sound stage, needed an actor with a strong American accent. Brown spent a month or so in Tunisia filming a handful of scenes.

After years in England, Brown returned to California in the early 1940s and with his "Star Wars" link he became a popular figure at science fiction conventions. He also played a council elder in a 1999 short film, "Battlestar Galactica: The Second Coming," inspired by the 1978

TV series "Battlestar Galactica." Brown, the son of a doctor, was born in Cambridge, Mass., and graduated from Stanford University. In the 1940s, he worked on Broadway, helped found the Actor's Laboratory, a theater group in Hollywood, and found work as a director.

In the 1950s, Brown was blacklisted during the communist scare in the U.S. A longtime progressive, Brown always denied being a communist. Besides his wife of 65 years, he is survived by a son, Kevin, of Hawaii; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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EDITORIAL

CAFO revisions go too far in Gooding County

If you're a Gooding County commissioner, you probably got the message last week.

The public gave elected leaders an earful on Feb. 6 at a planning and zoning meeting that discussed revised confinement animal feeding operation rules. Those revised rules had drastic revisions for density of animals on land, and new definitions for CAFOs and waste systems.

Too drastic, in fact. Among a crowd of 200 at the county fairgrounds, 86 testified on the new rules. All but two opposed them.

Those opponents justifiably had a leg in their breeches. Many new definitions would have put small livestock operations and hobby farms into the category of a highly regulated CAFO. Even some of the commissioners admitted the revisions needed more work.

Our view: Gooding County commissioners had the right intentions, but not enough tools to rewrite livestock rules. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

county CAFO rules was a last resort to get some assistance from the state. They say state policing of CAFO regulations, from Department of Environmental Quality and Idaho State Department of Agriculture, has turned into skam milk.

"The whole problem comes down to the state," Commissioner Bob Morgado said in Saturday's *Opinion* column. "DEQ and Department of Ag doesn't enforce anything. It's a big problem."

Saying the state doesn't enforce anything may be a stretch. But the county is probably a rounder when it tries to sort out which state agency is assigned which task.

Hence, the commissioners tried to revise the rules to their genuine intentions of tighter controls. But the effort snowballed quickly to draconian caps on animal units per acre and multiple land-use applications. Once the new CAFO ordinance got through on a 2-1 vote, the county had no choice but to put them up for public review for a blustering.

Among those opposed to the changes was ISDA's dairy bureau chief Mark Patten, who said the county can't regulate state agencies to regulate CAFOs beyond state law, and that the proposal was "too ambiguous."

Maybe so, but perhaps the state's ambiguous rules are responding to Gooding County commissioners' concerns has created a rash to action.

Give the commissioners more forgo regulations, but if the county is going to create new ordinances, it will have to try again. As now drafted, the new rules don't appear ready for state or local use.

By creating a review committee that includes various interests, including livestock operators and members of the dairy industry, the county could accomplish its goal with more public support.

Homeschool pupils already have a count

Tuesday's editorial claimed that nearly 14,000 Idaho schoolchildren are unaccounted for. It didn't differentiate between missing public school children and homeschooled children. Homeschoolers aren't "missing." They're simply unregistered.

It claimed the state has lost track of 6.5 percent of Idaho's schoolchildren, or twice the national average; and that these "missing students appear to be homeschooled." Yet, the reporter's author, Dr. Kelly, in a recent press conference, estimated the number of Idaho homeschooled students at 4,700, which is less than the national average. Presumably, more than 3,000 of these "missing students" are not homeschooled but unregistered with public schools.

Contrary to your editorial, private schools in Idaho are not required to register students with the state, so there is no dependable source for a private school registry.

The editorial stated that it's time to do more homework on school students in our state. Why? Should Idaho expend precious resources overseeing a group that has historically thrived under freedom



READER COMMENT
Summer Kabakoro

from government intrusion? Has oversight within the public school system been successful in reducing truancy, the dropout rate or falling students? Considering recent studies which reflect that Idaho's public educated students score lower nationally, one could suggest that the state fix its own problems before attempting to "fix" homeschooling, whose students score above average on a national level and whom world class universities are welcoming with open arms by revising their stringent admissions policies to recruit home-educated students.

It states, "When homeschooling is done properly, it can work." One could make the same claim about public education, although, considering the latest international test scores of average U.S. public high school students, one could

argue it often doesn't.

When the writer states, "with that liberty comes a burden of proof..." he's opening a can of worms. Is he suggesting that the burden of proof is on parents to prove their innocence? Our Constitution places the burden of proof on the state — to prove that a defendant is guilty? It would be intolerable to add additional burdens on parents who have already invested time, energy and private finances to educate their children without taxpayer support.

Sections 33-202 of the Idaho Code states it is the parent or guardian of each school-aged child who has the responsibility to ensure their child is properly educated. It's ultimately the prerogative and responsibility of the parent to decide the manner of that instruction. None of these systems is authorized to keep tabs on the other, nor does the state have the responsibility to keep track of students other than those enrolled in public schools.

Additionally, none of these institutions is infallible when educating our children. No Child Left Behind policy requires our schools to lower the academic bar to allow every

child to graduate. The result is that many college students are unable to perform basic academic tasks.

The editorial claims 14,000 "missing" Idaho students are an embarrassing conundrum. What should embarrass any sensible Idahoan is that the Governor's Task Force on Children at Risk blew a whopping \$74,000 on this dangerously flawed study.

In the state's search for "un-schooled" children, there's a much more fertile ground to explore among 240,000 public school students. Approximately 25 percent of them don't graduate from high school. Idaho ranks very high among those who do graduate but never go on to college (55.2 percent). Growing numbers of those who do attend college are unable to do basic college-level work.

The editorial was written on the basis of hearsay rather than research. In the future, readers would appreciate a newspaper dedicated to providing us with facts.

Summer Kabakoro of Twin Falls home schools her children and has been home schooling for 10 years.

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Political corruption has eroded U.S. character

Actually, that's a good question. What did happen to integrity and ethics?

Unfortunately, we can't ask members of the Republican Party, for they are in a meeting trying to discover loopholes around those two topics.

"Oh, I'm truly sorry for what I have done. It wasn't my intent to steal from the state, but I bought myself a new Mercedes and an all-expense paid golf trip to Hawaii. I am so ashamed."

You were ashamed of what, perhaps that you were caught? Sounds like Jim Bakker all over again.

After reading on the Internet through some ethics and finance-based discussions, it seems to me that a majority, not all, of conservatives are focused more on conserving only one thing and that is their way of life. This way I can brought up that the future health of every spending... it's called greed. I'm sure I'll get hell for that. I can take it and give it.

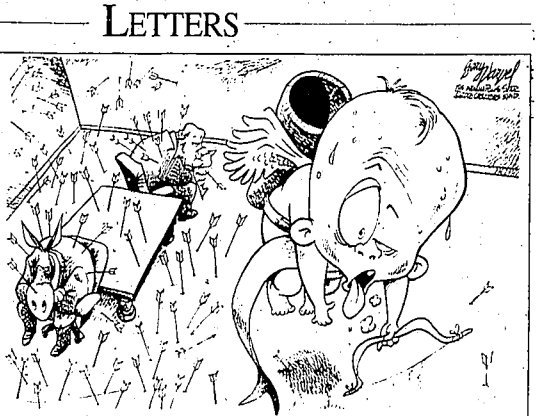
I understand that some Democrats are guilty of being unethical, too. I believe in standing up against corruption and injustice, wherever it may be found. I'm not that big on John Kerry, but at least he did the duty when he was called on.

Everywhere I turn now, in politics or elsewhere, somebody who calls someone else on wrongdoing is actually the bad guy. That is corruption. Whether it is a whistleblower or a "messenger" trying to awaken the controlled masses, this person is almost always told to "leave it alone or you'll be sorry."

The "scales of justice" are going to be tilting more and more in the favor of justice as the months go by. Those who are furious with us calling them on their actions are just desperately clenching their power positions with their corrupt little hands.

Whoever you are, even by local politics, will soon see the culmination of your actions. I'm not getting all "Judgment Day" here. I'm merely speaking the truth as I know it. We seem to have forgotten, intentionally or not, the wonderful phrase passed down throughout the centuries called "The Golden Rule." Do unto others as you would have others do unto you. It seems that some people pass these messages onto their kids and then tend to do exactly the opposite themselves. That's such a shame.

JAMES GLANDON JR.
Twin Falls



their head, and something of a laughing stock.

What in the world may you publish such an ill-researched, biased load of rubbish about the consequences of allowing Sempra to build its polluting, out-dated, toxin-belching plant in our state? Why try to give your readers the impression that Sempra comes bringing gifts and prosperity like some sort of benign corporate "Father Christmas?"

No wonder your reporter, Michelle Dunlop, who wrote the feature isn't taking any calls.

I have you (and Ms. Dunlop) perhaps underestimated the intelligence of your readers? Do you think we don't already know that the future health of every man, woman, child, cow, fish, potato and pint of milk within a 50-mile radius of the proposed plant is being threatened by Sempra?

Come on, *Times-News*. Sempra wants to build this plant for one reason and one reason only. So that they can make fat profits selling electricity to California, whose own environmental protection laws would never in a million years allow them to build the heastly thing in their state.

I think you and Ms. Dunlop owe your readers an apology. Or, at the very least, the truth. Otherwise, we won't be able to help wondering if someone in your office is being taken on a lovely golfing trip to Scotland.

DIANA FASSINO
Ketchum

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Back Stennett, stop Sempra

Did you read the "opinion" printed in *The Times-News*, Section 1A, 10 and Section A-11 on Sunday, Jan. 22? Hopefully, you did. If you did not, you should.

It said it all as to why we should call a halt to allowing Sempra to come to Magic Valley and run our clean air, pollute our water and food, harming every living, breathing thing, including people, plants, and animals.

All the people within a 100-mile radius of the proposed coal-fired plant should be allowed to decide on fate, not three, lame County commissioners.

The Legislature should step up and follow through with Sen. Cliff Stennett by backing all five of his bills to stop Sempra, yay.

If Sempra is allowed to come here and build the plant, how long do you think it will be before the wells start drying up and farmers' crops are shocked out by the pollution covering the ground? Farmers will start losing their farms and moving away because Sempra is using the water the farmers need to grow food for people and animals.

On very young children and other citizens will have many more health problems.

As a resident of Idaho for 29 years, I feel we do not need or want Sempra in Idaho.

Please stop Sempra now.

MIRIAM DELEPH
Dewey

Scribed math program negates progress

I read with dismay the article in *The Times-News* on Feb. 1, about the Saxon math program in the Cassia County School District. Like Open Court Reading (currently in use in the Twin Falls district), all students throughout the district are expected to be on the same page in the same text on the same day. The article admits that this kind of program prevents some students from moving ahead and makes a more difficult for districts to struggle with math. The attitude for them seems to be, "So what? Get over it."

Provisions of "No Child Left Behind" mandate that by the year 2014, all children will achieve at a proficient level in reading, math and language. Maybe educators are on the right track after all. If these provisions continue to be used, all the advanced students will have died of boredom and the low-achieving students will have fallen so far behind, dropping out of school will be their only choice.

I hope that by the time I have children who are in school, the pendulum will have swung back closer to reality and these districts will be using a one-size-fits-all curriculum, cheats more students than it benefits.

NED BURNS
Halley

Coal-plant stories followed Fox model

Has *The Times-News* been taking lessons from Fox News on how to force the public view of its "fair and balanced" coverage of the news? I sincerely hope you will rethink the position you appear to have taken on the grossly promiscuous risk-free reporting on offer from Sempra. Otherwise, having been a well-respected newspaper in the past, your risk becoming like Fox is discredited, mocked, and condemned by anyone with a brain in

T.F. school facilities not keeping up the pace

On March 14, voters in the Twin Falls School District will be asked to vote on a \$44.7 million bond issue to provide long-range improvements to our school facilities. This funding will provide for a second high school, renovation of our old high school with both new housing grades nine through 12, reconfiguring the current junior high system to a middle school concept for grades six through eight, and improvements to elementary schools for kindergarten through fifth-grade children.

As a community, we can act

Texas plant coverage lacked sufficient facts

I found your series on the local coal-fired power plant issue to be exceedingly biased. The use of your particular headlines and photos generate an initial impression of "gee, this was a good thing for Robertson County, and look how similar their life is to ours."

Not so. Whether it is rainfall, prevailing winds, surrounding mountains, proximity to the Gulf of Mexico, temperature, or

just about any other criteria, it would be hard to find two more disparate locations in the continental United States than the areas of Robertson County, Texas, and Jerome County, Idaho. Robertson County average annual rainfall is 34 inches (crops don't require irrigation), Jerome County average annual rainfall is 10 inches (two crops grown without irrigation and we're subject to severe drought conditions).

Robertson County is on level to rolling terrain, with sandy loam in the uplands and goes way to deep alluvial soils in the river bottoms. About 15 percent of the area was originally prairie, the balance being timbered with hardwoods in the uplands, and elm, hackberry, ash and pecan in the bottom lands. Jerome County is sagebrush and lava rocks, unless irrigated during the growing season.

Robertson County has relatively flat or sloping land in all directions with the Gulf of Mexico to the south. Jerome County is located in a valley surrounded by mountains on all sides.

Robertson County winds come from the Gulf of Mexico or the north, depending on the relative temperature. Jerome County winds are southwesterly with periodic inversions against the northern mountain range.

Robertson County has lignite coal. Jerome County has access to hydro, wind, nuclear, geothermal, and gas power sources.

"We can exercise options. The greatest option, and the cheapest, is using our common sense to conserve energy. It's the little things that can make a huge difference if we all contribute — there's power in numbers, after all. Turn off sprinklers when rain is forecast; insulate the house, windows and doors; water the field, not the road; turn off unneeded lights (and tell the companies we shop from to do the same)."

It's nice that Robertson County is happy with its coal-fired plant, but I would still wish for a cleaner energy facility for them. Coal is a dirty energy. It's the little things that can make a huge difference if we all contribute — there's power in numbers, after all. Turn off sprinklers when rain is forecast; insulate the house, windows and doors; water the field, not the road; turn off unneeded lights (and tell the companies we shop from to do the same).

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Herk Schwabbe
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Seth Champlin
Stephen Clementis
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Lauri Andrews
Guadalupe Beveira
Samuel Belin
Tegan Brady
Joshua Bryant

- Marcus Claps
Alli Conrie
Kaitlin de Jong
Wyatt Lewis
Andrew Foster
Byron Littlefield
Wesley Hill
Britt Inoué
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Hannah Mox
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Northeast digs out from record snow

By Roger Patterson
Associated Press writer

Drivers shoveled out their cars, marooned travelers waited impatiently for trains and planes to get back to full service, and utility crews struggled to restore power Monday after a record-breaking weekend snowstorm across the Northeast.

Most highways were in good shape in time for the morning commute, though many city streets and sidewalks were still snow-packed and slippery.

Hundreds of schools canceled classes from West Virginia to Massachusetts, but youngsters did not get a holiday in New York City where subway continued running and major streets had been plowed despite a record-breaking 26.9-inch snowfall.

"I never want to see snow again," Laura Guerra, 27, of Miami, said after spending the night on a cot at New York's LaGuardia Airport. She said she had never seen snow since she was 4, "but I got it out of my system."

The storm blanketed the East Coast from Maine to the mountains of western North Carolina, where Italiansville got 20 inches of snow and a scenic highway remained closed Monday by 6-foot drifts. Unlike most of the Northeast, where the snow fell on Sunday afternoon, light snow continued falling in western North Carolina on Monday.

Airlines worked to catch up after canceling hundreds of weekend flights at major airports from Washington to Boston, stranding travelers across the country.

All three major New York-area airports - Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark - had reopened with limited service by Monday morning.

Amtrak still had numerous storm-related schedule changes. Some passengers were stranded Sunday on the Long Island Rail Road east of New York City, where trains got stuck in the snow. One train was marooned for five hours until LIRR service into Manhattan resumed on Monday morning, but one branch on Long Island still sat idle.

"Usually the trains never stop. It's never been like this," Rebecca Karpus said Monday as she waited to return home on the LIRR after being marooned at Penn Station since 6:20 p.m. Sunday. "It's really paralyzed us."

"It's very, very poor emergency planning on the part of the Long Island Rail Road to have passengers stranded for 10, 15, 17 hours," fumed Walter Garcia, 39, who spent almost 18 hours at Penn Station.

The storm also knocked out power across parts of the Northeast, most severely in Maryland, where utilities said more than 48,000 homes and businesses still had no power Monday. About 100,000 customers lost power Sunday in New Jersey, but almost all of them had electricity again on Monday.



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WORLD



Former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein gestures in court inside the heavily fortified Green Zone in Baghdad, Iraq on Monday. Saddam Hussein was forced to attend the latest session of his trial Monday, looking haggard and wearing a robe rather than his usual crisp suit as he shouted, "Down with Bush."

Hussein lashes out at Bush, judge

BAHAGDAD, Iraq (AP) — Hussein shouted in his courtroom.

Saddam Hussein gave up his usual suit for a traditional Arab robe and headscarf slippers. His half brother and co-defendant, Barzan Ibrahim, was wearing only a white undershirt and long, brown underwear as he yelled and shouting and struggling into the courtroom.

The troubled trial of Saddam and seven co-defendants resumed Monday in Baghdad with the theatrics, indignance and shouting matches of days past on display once again — as the tough-talking chief judge forced them to attend despite a defense boycott.

Judge Khalid Abdel-Rahman pressed ahead with the proceedings, allowing Saddam his outbursts but sharply interrupting him when he strayed off-topic or tried grandstanding.

When Ibrahim sat on the floor with his back to the judge, Abdel-Rahman let him stay there, and the former intelligence chief eventually quietly got up and sat in his chair.

In the meantime, prosecutors made their strongest attempt yet to link Saddam directly to killings in the 1980s, presenting execution orders with his signature. They also put on the stand two former members of his regime including one of his closest aides, Ahmed Hussein Khudair al-Samarrai, the head of Saddam's presidential office for 16 years.

Twenty-six prosecution witnesses have testified since the Saddam trial began Oct. 19, many providing accounts of torture and imprisonment in a crackdown launched following a 1993 attempt on the Iraqi leader's life in the Shiite town of Duqali.

But none of the witnesses could directly pin them on Saddam.

Saddam and his seven co-defendants are on trial in the killing of nearly 150 Shiite Muslims in Duqali. If convicted, they could face the death penalty by hanging.

The defendants have rejected court-appointed lawyers named to replace their own defense team who walked out of the trial last month and are demanding the removal of Abdul-Rahman, the chief judge. In Jordan, Saddam's chief defense lawyer said there were no plans to end the boycott and denounced the court for forcing the former leader to attend.

"This is a cheap attitude," Khalid al-Dulaimi told The Associated Press.

Hussein was physically forced into the room Monday, shouting and struggling with guards holding him by the arms. Saddam and the other defendants walked in the courtroom apparently having decided to comply with the judge's order rather than risk getting the same treatment as Ibrahim.

Hussein made clear there was opposition to being ordered to attend, with Saddam shouting chants against President Bush. "Down with Bush, Long live the nation," Saddam yelled, waving his finger.

Pro-Preval protests erupt in Haitian capital; at least one dead

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Supporters of Haitian presidential candidate Rene Preval, erected smoldering roadblocks across the capital and occupied a luxury hotel Monday. At least one protester was killed, but U.N. peacekeepers, denied witness accounts that they had shot him.

As Port-au-Prince descended into chaos, Preval returned to the capital for the first time since Tuesday's election. He was the clear winner with

about 90 percent of the votes counted, but supporters claimed electoral officials were tampering with results to prevent him from getting the majority he needs to avoid a runoff.

Barricades made of old tires were ablaze across the capital. Protesters let only journalists and Red Cross vehicles pass.

If they don't give us the final results, we're going to burn this country down!" a protester screamed.

Interim government installed after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted in a bloody rebellion two years ago. A popularly elected government with a clear mandate from the voters is seen as crucial to avoiding a political and economic meltdown in the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation.

Gangs have gone on kidnapping sprees, and factories have closed for lack of security.

Preval arrived aboard a U.N. helicopter from his rural home

in north Haiti. Leaders of the interim government, the top U.N. representative in Haiti and ambassadors from the United States, France, Canada and Brazil planned to urge Preval to appeal for calm, said Michel Bruneau, chief of staff of Interim President Boniface Alexandre.

Landing at a U.N. base, Preval was asked whether he had a message for his supporters. "Not now," he said, and kept walking.

In the middle-class Tabarre neighborhood, Associated Press journalists saw the body of a man on a street, blood soaking Preval's image emblazoned on his T-shirt. Dozens of witnesses said Jordanian U.N. peacekeepers in a jeep opened fire, killing two people and wounding four. The body of the second reported victim was not seen.

U.N. spokesman David Wimhurst first denied that peacekeepers injured anyone.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

F&W seeks public input on wolf plan

HELENA, Mont. — The 60-day comment period on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's advanced notice of its plan to remove the Rocky Mountain population of gray wolves from the endangered species list began Feb. 8 and continues through April 10. Comments should be mailed to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, western gray wolf recovery coordinator, 545 Shepard Way, Helena, MT 59601. For more information, visit <http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/wolf>

BLM asks for people to serve on council

TWIN FALLS — The Bureau of Land Management has six vacancies on its Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council. The council is one of four in Idaho that helps manage 11.8 million acres of public land.

Members serve three-year terms, and must fall into one of three categories: Category 1 is for holders of federal grazing permits, representatives of energy and mineral development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use or commercial recreation; Category 2 is for representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental groups, archaeologists or historic interests, dispersed recreation users or wild horse and burro organizations. Category 3 is for state, county or local elected officials, employees of a state agency that manages natural resources, members of an American Indian tribe, academics in natural sciences or members of the general public.

The Twin Falls council has two vacancies in Category 1, one in Category 2 and three in Category 3.

Applications are available at area BLM offices or online at <http://blm.gov/rac/id/index.htm>. Deadline to apply is March 27.

Energy conference to be broadcast at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center will host a live conference "Industrial Efficiency Initiative: Save Energy, Maximize Profits" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 9 in Room 276 of the Taylor building at the CSI campus.

The teleconference is being produced by the U.S. Department of Energy, the Northwest Food Processors Association and the Food-processing Industry Resource Efficiency Team. Anyone responsible for managing or controlling energy costs and who is interested in improving productivity and profitability is encouraged to attend.

Cost is \$60 per person. To register for more information, go to <http://www.nwipa.org>, or call NWIPA at (503) 327-2200 or the CSI Community Education Center at 732-6288.

Republicans to hold Lincoln Day party

TWIN FALLS — The Republican Party is hosting a Lincoln Day banquet Feb. 25 at the Turf Club. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by a prime rib dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each. To buy a ticket or for more information, call Mike Hopkins, 735-0712, or Kristina Glascock, 738-4075; or Jennifer Gose-Bell, 735-4400.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	Feb. 9	% season
Salmon	123%	85%
Big Wood	136%	97%
Little Wood	128%	88%
Big Lost	142%	82%
Little Lost	107%	70%
Henry Fork/Teton	125%	87%
Upper Snake Basin	130%	88%
Oakley	157%	114%
Salmon Falls	114%	100%

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

Lawsuit takes aim at coal-fired plants

Activists: EPA allowing use of old technology

By Matt Gouras
Associated Press writer

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Environmental groups sued the Environmental Protection Agency on Monday, accusing it of disregarding the Clean Air Act and allowing the energy industry to back away from requirements that it use the cleanest technology available for new power plants.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Washington, D.C., contends a December memo from EPA administrators to the coal industry set a new policy on permits for new coal-fired power plants without any public comment or disclosure. The environmental groups say the policy weakened the requirements, and they want it reversed. "We believe any coal-fired power plant must be analyzed under the Clean Air Act against, and compared to, the cleanest and most efficient method of burning coal," said Jim Jensen, executive director of the Mont-

ana Environmental Information Center. His group filed the lawsuit along with the Environmental Defense Fund. However, in 2005, coal came knocking on the state's door yet again. This time, it came in force, and it came in the form of a merchant power plant. Idaho has three proposed coal-based power plants on the horizon, including a 600-megawatt plant northeast of Jerome and a 520-megawatt plant in Power County. The Power County plant is proposing to use the coal-gasification method preferred by the environmental groups who filed the lawsuit.

EPA spokesman John Millett said the agency is reviewing the lawsuit, but believes the environmental groups have wrongly interpreted the EPA requirements. At issue is a requirement under the Clean Air Act that new power plants use the best technology available for reducing emissions. Jensen said his group believes that means new power plants should be required to use a process that converts coal to natural gas before burning it. But a memo from the EPA to an industry lobbyist said new power plants may use a lower standard, possibly causing

more pollution, he said. "It's a classic special interest deal done by the Bush administration," Jensen said. Millett said the clean coal technology touted by the environmentalists should be considered a refining process and not covered by the Clean Air Act's regulation of power plants. The Montana group is involved in the lawsuit because of a plan to build a new power plant in Great Falls. Jensen said the lawsuit could force the Great Falls plant to use the new gasification technology when it

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ACCIDENT SETS OFF SALVAGE YARD FIRE



A Twin Falls firefighter battles a fire Monday morning at Budget Auto Salvage, 11554 Addison Ave. West. According to Battalion Chief Jack Barnes of the Twin Falls Fire Department, the fire started about 10:30 a.m., when a forklift operator moving a stack of cars collided with a power line. No one was hurt. The fire burned for about three and a half hours, destroyed 50 to 60 cars and knocked out power to about 15 people.

Dietrich schools accept land gift

Citizens group petitions board to stop Sempra

By Rusty Tews
Times-News correspondent

DIETRICH — Forty acres has been donated to the Dietrich School District, which plans to sell it to the highest bidder. "This donation really, really helped the school district," said Dietrich Superintendent Ed Simon. "The donors are to be commended."

Under terms of the gift, half of the proceeds of the sale will be earmarked for bleachers for the school's gymnasium. The other half will be used for academic purposes.

The donors were a consortium of investors that included Hubert Shaw, Leon Hubsmith and Vanco Hubsmith is a current school board member. The board authorized Superintendent Ed Simon to solicit bids for the property as well as bids for a manufactured home the district acquired in a land trade.

In other business at the Feb. 7 meeting, Concerned Citizens of Lincoln County spokesman Jerry Heimeringer presented the board with petitions in opposition to the proposed Sempra coal-fired plant.

"We have a responsibility as educators to consider the coal-fired plant at Jerome," Heimeringer said. "We have to decide if the construction of this plant will enhance our children's lives." Heimeringer, an elementary teacher at Dietrich school, said: "The plan is just a gift for the kids."

The group's petition contained nearly 300 signatures, with 230 of them from patrons of Dietrich schools.

"I don't know how each of you feels about the plant," said district trustee Heimeringer. "I'm not in favor, but as a board member I... want to go through the list to see how my own constituents feel."

The board authorized a resolution to oppose construction of the Jerome coal plant contingent on a poll of the signatures on the petitions. Later in a phone interview with board Secretary Mafel Stimpson, results of the poll indicated that a majority of residents in each board member's precinct opposed construction of the coal-fired plant. The board will formalize a resolution in March.

Rusty Tews lives in north Shoshone. He can be contacted at etwamch2@yahoo.com.

David Johnson to take Twin Falls council seat vacated by Maughan

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Come next Monday, David Johnson will be sworn in at the newest member of the City Council.

He'll serve out the remaining two years of Councilman Dennis Maughan's term. Maughan is leaving his job as the director of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's Foundation and moving to Walla Walla, Wash., to take a job as director of development with the St. Mary Medical Center.

Maughan said Monday that serving on the City Council has been one of the most gratifying things I've ever done. Mayor Lance Clow said 17 people expressed interest in Maughan's seat, and after "deliberate and careful consideration" it was determined that Johnson was the best person to take over Seat 2. The City Council on Monday, with Maughan abstaining, gave Johnson its stamp of approval.

Johnson, general manager of the Con Paulus automobile dealerships in Twin Falls and Jerome, lost to Greg Lansing last year in a three-way race for a seat on the City Council.

Clow called Johnson, "Someone who has served the

community not necessarily in the limelight, but more often in the shadows."

He said Johnson was always there when his community needed him.

Johnson was at a National Auto Dealers Association Convention in Orlando, Fla., and could not attend Monday evening's council meeting.

"That's exciting," Johnson said when told of the news in a phone interview Monday night from Orlando, Fla. "I think the council made a good choice and I hope I can stand up to the job Dennis Maughan has done. I think he did an outstanding job as a councilman."

Johnson came to Twin Falls in 1979 to study business at the College of Southern Idaho, supporting himself by pumping gas and working at a convenience store. He left college a year later to go to work as a car salesman at Telsen Motors.

"I had a wife and two little girls at home and I decided I needed to make some money," Johnson said. He was later recruited by Roy



Johnson

Raymond Ford, where he eventually worked his way up to general manager. The dealership owners, Roy and Verna Marie Raymond, were killed in a plane crash in 1997. Johnson ran the company on his own for awhile, but he couldn't afford to buy it. That's when Jules Harrison stepped in as a partner. In 1999, Con Paulus recruited Johnson to be the general manager of his automobile dealerships in Twin Falls and Jerome.

Johnson credits his success to the people who helped him along the way. "There have been a lot of people around me who have helped me and encouraged me," Johnson said.

Johnson sat on the local board of the United Way for four years and served on Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Hospital Board for six years. As a representative of Con Paulus, he's been involved with the Boys and Girls Clubs and Safe Kids organizations.

"I care about the community," Johnson said. "I put roots down here and I care about the outcomes."

Johnson said two of the biggest issues facing the city are water quality and planning for infrastructure to support growth. Johnson said he's not "a lone

ranger" and he believes boards should come to a consensus on things. However, he said he's not afraid to stand alone when it comes to something he believes is right.

"I'm not necessarily influenced by a group," Johnson said. "One of the worst things you can have on a board is group-think. I'm strong enough to be the lone voice if I need to be."

Johnson said he looks forward to taking his seat on the City Council. The term will end in January 2008 and Johnson will have to run in the November 2007 election if he wants to hold on to the seat. Council members are paid \$750 a month and get \$405 per month deposited in an IRS 125 account for unreimbursed expenses.

"I'd like to thank the current council for their confidence in me," Johnson said. "I have a lot of respect for the work they're doing."

Johnson is married to Kay Lynn, who works as the human resources and marketing representative at Con Paulus. He has two grown daughters from an earlier marriage.

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Board approves new sign for Twin Falls Senior High

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — We seem to love flashy signs that can scream pictures across a sea of lights, so why not add a little flare to the high school?

The Twin Falls School Board unanimously approved a new sign for Twin Falls Senior High School on Monday night. It will replace the current sign which has advertised Bruin games and events for more than twenty years — and it will do it with a little more spunk.

"This will have incredible shades and graphics," said Rex Lytle of Lytle Signs, Inc. "It will be able to do a lot more than our old one."

First Federal is donating the sign and paying for the maintenance that will be required. Lytle Signs — which held a twenty-year contract to maintain the new sign — will continue to maintain the new sign.

"I know better than to ask the district for a \$20,000 sign," Lytle said. "So will be entirely donated by First Federal." But the old sign, with its outdated or-

ange bulbs, will be missed. "It's a tired soldier," Lytle said. "It's been there for 20 years, but now it's hard to find parts for it, we'll have a hard time maintaining it."

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Spencer J. Lind



TWIN FALLS — Spencer J. Lind, 49, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006. Born Feb. 1, 1958, in Richfield, Utah, Spencer also grew up in Richfield and graduated from Richfield High School in 1976. From an early age, Spencer was gifted in all things mechanical, and that gift became his occupation of 30 years. After high school, Spencer worked in Salt Lake City and then moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, and established Portable Maintenance & Repair, a business that provided on-site truck, tractor and industrial equipment. Spencer's pastime included things mechanical also. His boat and jet ski. He loved water-skiing on the Shoshone Falls Reservoir above the Snake River. He also enjoyed alfalfa farming and growing his own vegetables. Spencer had many friends who goes out to his extended family consisting of six sisters, the Encarnacion and Carmela Salinas family including Fernando, Diane, George, Cheryl, Orlan and Marlene. The entire Salinas family included Spencer in all of their family celebrations, brought

never declined and more often volunteered without an invitation. Spencer will be greatly missed by his family and friends. His family loved him very much. Spencer is survived by his mother, Horn Sombrero Lind of Richfield, Utah; and siblings, Neeta M. Lind (Jeffery L. Filliprup) of San Francisco, Calif.; Nathan E. Lind of Salt Lake City; and Naomi J. (Richard D.) Turner of Richfield, Utah; three nephews and four nieces. He is also survived by his beloved dog, Wicky, and cat, CoeCee of Twin Falls, Idaho. He will be adopting them. He was preceded in death by his father, Rufon Lind of Vernal, Utah; and his brother, Tommy R. Lind of Richfield, Utah.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, at the Magley Mortuary Chapel in Richfield, Utah. Friends may call from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Magley Mortuary. Burial will be next to his father in the Richfield City Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Magley Mortuary, 1334 S. Main, Salina and Mantle, Utah. The online guest book is at www.magleymortuary.com.

him meals and took care of his place when Spencer was away. Spencer had many friends around Twin Falls that will miss him and would describe Spencer as generous to a fault. There are numerous stories of Spencer helping out strangers who were down on their luck. He was greeted heartily around town and was admired for his knowledge of mechanics. He loved to recount his fond memories of working alongside his dad with his beeping business. His friends describe his obsequious with guests and how he made sure everyone had a chair to stay and visit. If any of his neighbors needed help he

Emily McFarland



MURTAUGH — Catherine Emily Tolman McFarland, a 91-year-old resident of Murtaugh, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at BridgeView Estates in Twin Falls.

She was born April 7, 1914, in Hillspring, Alberta, Canada, the daughter of James Logan and Emily Alberta Tolman Smith. The day following her birth, Emily's mother passed away. This left eight children for her father to raise. Because of the enormous responsibility felt by her father, Emily was legally adopted by her mother-in-law, Ormus Albert and Catherine Driggs Tolman. They gave her a wonderful life and she always felt the love they had for her.

Emily attended school in Oakley, Idaho, and completed her education in Canada, receiving her baccalaureate license. While living in Canada, she worked several years as a hairdresser until meeting her sweetheart, Charles Clyde McFarland. They were married on Feb. 19, 1941, in Burley, Idaho. Together, they made a life of farming and ranching. Emily worked side-by-side with her

husband in the fields and in working the cattle. They raised a wonderful family and instilled in them the value of hard work. Emily enjoyed her home and yard and spent countless hours in making her surroundings beautiful. She had many attributes and used these priceless talents in making her house a home. She enjoyed crafts, working in her flower gardens and was an outstanding oil painter. She also enjoyed riding horses and dancing. She was an active

Retha I. Howe



HEROME — Retha I. Howe, 75, of Jerome, passed away Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

She was born Feb. 22, 1930, in Don Valley, the daughter of William Henry Jenkins and Mary Belle Barker Jensen. She married Norman E. Howe in 1964. They raised three children. Retha loved to cook and bake. She also loved bingo. She will be remembered as a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

Retha is survived by her husband, Norm Howe of Jerome; daughters, Loretta (Steve) Love of Sacramento, Calif., and Lorraine (Rick) Under-

grandchildren; and many extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; five sisters; two brothers; a son, Larry Howe; and one grandson.

The funeral for Retha will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at the First Baptist Church, 300 First Ave. E. in Jerome, with the Rev. Rudy Bunker officiating. A visitation will be conducted from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, where family will receive friends call on Feb. 15. Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the Jerome Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICES

Scott L. Shepherd

GOODING — Scott L. Shepherd, 49, of Gooding, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of service Thursday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

James R. Seech

BURLEY — James Richard Seech, 14, of Burley, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, in Boise. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Henry H. Holland

RUPERT — Henry H. Holland, 87, of Rupert, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2006, at the Warren House in Burley.

A vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 602 F St. in Rupert. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, with the Rev. Father Mike St. Marie as celebrant. Burial with military services will be at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 p.m. until the time of vigil service Thursday and one hour

before the funeral Mass on Friday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Basus-en Funeral Home in Burley.

Matthew W. Hilling

BURLEY — Matthew William Hilling, 17, of Burley, died Feb. 11, 2006, in Burley from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, with the Rev. Neil McFarlan officiating. Friends may call

from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St., and one hour before the funeral Thursday. Burial will follow the service at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn.

James E. Arbaugh

HEROME — James E. Arbaugh, 82, of Jerome, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2006, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Howe-Roberts Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

SERVICES

Leon Briggs of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2950 Normal Ave.; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral at the church. Graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Jones Cemetery east of Idaho Falls (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS 7th Ward Church; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Cody Russell Arthur Cornelison of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary.

James Michael Nottle of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS 7th Ward Church; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Margaret Mary Gonzales of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary.

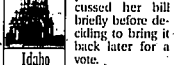
Ruth Lachelle Koch Ellenberg of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Rupert LDS West Stake Center; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary.

Richard L. Kunz of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary; friends may call from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the mortuary.

Lawmaker seeks to ban vending machines in schools

By Anne Wallace Allen Associated Press writer

BOISE — Rep. Margaret Henbest is used to being ribbed by her colleagues about her stand against junk food. "Every time I ride my Schwinn Aerodyne I think of you," said House Education Committee Chairman Jack Barracough when Henbest stood before the committee Monday morning to propose banning vending machines in elementary schools and limit their contents in upper grades.



Barracough's bill, which discussed her bill briefly before deciding to bring it back later for a vote.

"The diet of many children appears to be as I think it's very well worth discussing," said Barracough, R-Idaho Falls. The proposal by Henbest, D-Boise, at a news conference is aimed at getting junk food out of schools to help children avoid obesity and other health problems. She started taking an interest in the problem of childhood obesity a few years ago. "The children I see as a nurse practitioner seem increasingly overweight when I track them on growth charts," she said. Henbest said obesity costs the state of Idaho \$200 million each year in associated health problems. Many other states have already limited school vending machines, or are considering plans to do so, she said the committee.

It's not clear how much of a difference Henbest's bill will make in elementary schools, which in Idaho generally don't have vending machines available to the children. But Henbest said her bill is important anyway, to keep such schools from acquiring the machines in the future. "I've seen more and more media attention about the issue of our health, our well-being, what we eat," she said. "I don't think we've really marked down that road of forming policy behind those concerns." Henbest's bill would also limit the sodium, fat, and sugar in products offered in secondary-school vending machines. Drinks would be limited to drinking water that is not carbonated, sweetened, or otherwise flavored; lowfat or skim milk; or 100 percent fruit juice. The law would apply to contracts entered into after July 1, 2006.

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Forest Service official pushes for live trapping, not choppers, to track wolves

By Kyle Arnold Associated Press writer

BOISE (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service official who last month withheld approval of a state plan to use helicopters to help track wolves in a central Idaho wilderness told congressmen Idaho legislators Monday he will likely approve the plan — just not as soon as they'd like. Jack Troyer, regional director for the Forest Service in Ogden, Utah, told a House Resources and Conservation Committee meeting that the request just has to go through a longer study process. Federal law protects wilderness areas from most encroachment by motorized vehicles, including helicopters, except to save human lives. Idaho had wanted to dart wolves from helicopters in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, then have the

helicopters land briefly to allow biologists to fit the wolves with radio collars. State officials wanted to gather information on packs that live in the rugged, remote region. Troyer was called before the committee to explain his Jan. 10 decision against the helicopter darting plan. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service turned over day-to-day management of Idaho's 600 wolves to the state on Jan. 5. Still, the Forest Service's refusal to let Idaho track wolves with helicopters helps highlight the conflict that still exists between state and federal agencies in managing an animal protected under the Endangered Species Act. Rep. John E. Wood, R-Idaho, said activist environmentalists have been given more clout in the decision-making process than state lawmakers, who sent an official letter to Congress last week asking lawmakers in Washington, D.C., to push for

the helicopters. State Fish and Game officials said they already legally fly helicopters over the wilderness to monitor wolves and big game such as elk. "I think hovering for hours and hours with a helicopter would have a greater net effect than landing," Sen. Brad Little, R-Emmett, told Troyer. Still, Troyer told lawmakers that for now the state would have to settle for using traps to collar wolves. Troyer said federal law governing wilderness areas — plus dozens of letters and the threat of lawsuits from three conservationist groups — prevented him to turn down Idaho's request. For the helicopter plan to be approved, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Forest Service will first have to conduct a lengthy environmental study on the impacts of landing the helicopters, he said.

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Counties question Kempthorne's college plan

BOISE (AP) — Local government officials are worried by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's plan to help pay for community colleges in county money.

Kempthorne has drafted a plan to create new community colleges across the state, but wants counties whose students take advantage of that opportunity to pay as much as \$500 per student. County leaders say that might increase costs for them, and might make property tax increases more likely.



"We have a top-down mandate," said Daniel Chadwick, Idaho Association of Counties executive director. "There is no control over the numbers or our cost to county government."

Kempthorne said his plan to have counties help pay the tab is cheaper than building new community college buildings. His proposal would use existing meeting space in local schools and community colleges.

Idaho has two community colleges in Twin Falls and Coeur d'Alene. But many cities like Boise, Idaho Falls and Pocatello have few options for students who don't qualify for four-year institutions.

Home counties are already required to pay \$50 per credit to send students to the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls or North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene. Counties that support community colleges with property taxes are exempt from paying that bill.

Three percent teacher pay raise clears hurdle

BOISE (AP) — The House Education Committee wants to raise the pay of all Idaho school teachers by 3 percent.

Last month, Idaho lawmakers approved a 3 percent pay raise for state employees. That doesn't

include teachers.

On Monday, Rep. Mack Shirley, R-Redburg, proposed a 3 percent pay raise for all the state's school teachers. House Education Committee Chairman Majority Leader Bart Davis, D-Idaho Falls.

The lawmakers also want the state to help schools with bond debt and give poor schools more money. The third part of the proposal would establish an emergency account to replace unsafe schools.

With Idaho's homeowners concerned over rising property taxes, small districts like

Democrats take the lead on school building plan

BOISE (AP) — Democrats are looking to jump out in front on legislation to help fix deteriorating schools and build new ones.

In the Idaho Statehouse, lawmakers are crafting proposals to help give districts more money, partially in response to an order from the Idaho Supreme Court to better fund school construction. School districts say they need more money to build new schools and renovate deteriorating buildings. A judge ruled in December that the state has failed to give students a "safe environment conducive to learning."

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has legislative and veto powers to pass a constitutional amendment to lower the threshold to pass school bonds from a two-thirds majority to 60 percent.

Four Democrats, including Majority Rep. Shirley Hingso and Lewiston Rep. John Rusche, are

trying to take the lead on the school construction issue and will unveil a three-pronged attack later this week.

"We know we need to be doing something," said Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, D-Idaho Falls.

The lawmakers also want the state to help schools with bond debt and give poor schools more money. The third part of the proposal would establish an emergency account to replace unsafe schools.

With Idaho's homeowners concerned over rising property taxes, small districts like

Lapwai say they can't pass bonds large enough for a multi-million-dollar project like replacing a deteriorating high school. School administrators like the idea of an account to renovate aging schools.

Regardless of the need and the court order, a solution to the school construction issue won't be easy, said House Education Committee Chairman Jack Barracough, R-Idaho Falls. He warned the state won't just start building schools for districts.

"We don't want to discourage bonding through the normal process," he said.

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Coal power

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secured an air permit for the plant.

At present, those pushing the Great Falls plant say it will use a bridge technology, and later projects could use the technology advocated by environmentalists when it becomes viable.

Tim Gregori, general manager for Southern Montana Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative, said it will use the best workable technology, and the gasification method has not yet proven reliable.

"It's a noble goal, but I think we need to allow the technology to mature before we make it a mandatory concept," Gregori said. "We're at step two. We have to get to step three someday. Right now, we really are the best technology in the world."

His group's plant will use a method that is far cleaner than found in traditional coal-fired plants, he said.

The lawsuit, a petition for review of a final agency action, was filed in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Movies	Feb 14, 15, 16	Feb 17, 18, 19
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End of the Spear	7:15-9:45	7:15-9:45
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Run with Dick	7:30-9:45	7:30-9:45
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Walk the Line	7:45-9:30	7:45-9:30
Curious George	7:15-9:00	7:15-9:00
Pink Panther	7:00-9:15	7:00-9:15
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Nanny McPhee	7:00-9:15	7:00-9:15
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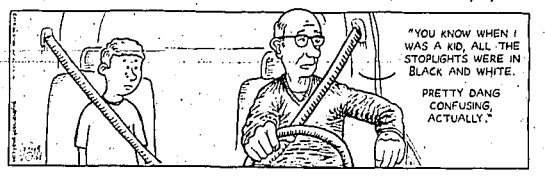
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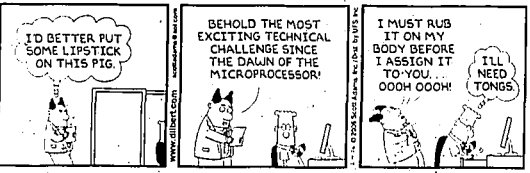
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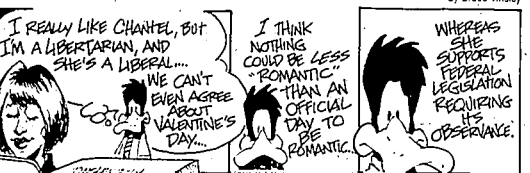
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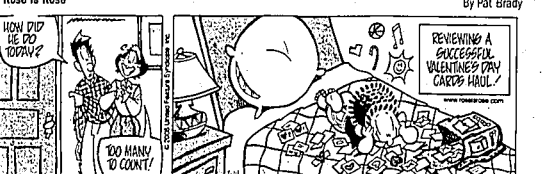
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Aries: Say it at the office with roses

IF FEB. 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Take Valentine's Day seriously this year as you could be ready to pair off with a soul mate or start the family you have always wanted. All the balls are in your court, whether you are looking to win recognition in the career arena or looking for a lifelong partner. You can gain the most favorable points in business in May and June when your ability to follow through on a significant ambition is at a peak. In November your charm is at the forefront and you can bond with important people or stumble into a lucrative position. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Remember your Valentine! Even if sending him or her roses at the office where everyone will be watching your generosity and good taste. Or delight a loved one with a new holiday. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Bargain your way to the head of the class. Be willing to negotiate terms. The way to your Valentine's heart may be through a good business deal or a single perfect rose delivered to the office. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Everyone needs a friend over if the friendship only lasts long enough for an elevator ride.

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

Make amends with someone close and you might be given the keys to the city or a heart-felt hug. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Celebrate this holiday for lovers with a sweet surprise for your favorite someone. Be careful to write down addresses and phone numbers so you don't miss out on an important meeting. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Trade in a secret. Take someone into your confidence and they may offer a valuable piece of data in return. Expect a surprise from your sweetheart that could bring you close tonight. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Cupid's arrows are being set loose in many directions - but might land in the wrong place. Don't take someone's whimsical flirtation too seriously or take a loved one for granted. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Treasure your best relationships. Go ahead and share chocolates with your friends at work, at school or pass out treats to your business buddies - but save the very best pieces

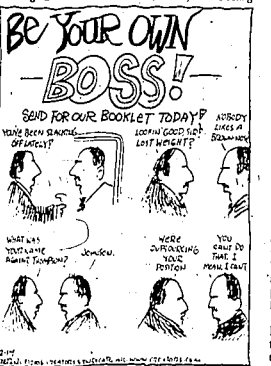
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Non Sequitur



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Strange Brew



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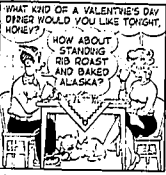
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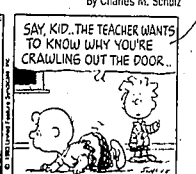
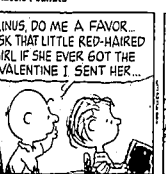
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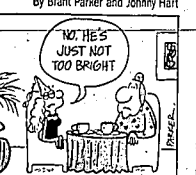
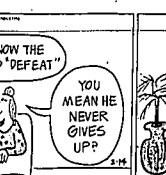
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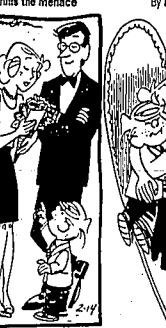
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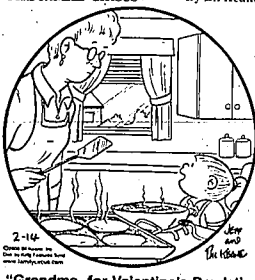
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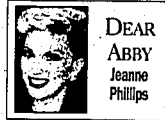
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keene



"Grandma, for Valentine's Day let's have heart-shaped pancakes."

Husband's sexual fantasies are wife's worst nightmare



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together nearly five years. He has two beautiful children.

Over the weekend, I had a friend over. We had a few drinks, and my husband asked if I wanted to try "something new." I thought he meant between us, but when I said yes, he went to my friend and asked her to join us. We had never discussed having a third person join us in our "private time." I would never be with anyone besides my husband.

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column ever since I immigrated to the United States from Asia in 1950. It has been a very useful tool for me in learning about your culture.

Now I need your help. I am going back to work soon, and it is hard on the kids. They do not want to go to day care after school — they are 10 and 5 — but they cannot stay home alone. They still need supervi-

sion.

The reason I am going back to work is because we need the money. My husband had to let off after 30 years working at one company. However, he cannot take early retirement because he is still too young.

I would like to mention to the kids that we are heading for financial trouble, so that's why they have to go to day care. Please reply ASAP. My husband has found a job, but we need the extra income.

WHY WOULD HE ASK HER WITHOUT CONSULTING ME? I am really hurt and offended because now I think he is interested in her, and I'm not enough for him. He did apologize. He said he thought that's what I wanted.

I no longer know how to act around him because he made me feel so worthless. Should I forgive him?

HELEN IN HOLLYWOOD
DEAR HELEN: I don't know how many links your husband had, but it appears he had at least one too many and acted on an impulse to live out a sexual fantasy. Should you forgive him? Yes, but not until you have hushed this whole episode out in the sober light of day — and are fully assured that he is faithful and intends to remain that way.

DEAR CURIOUS: The little tube is a "mezuzah," and it's hung on the doorposts of the homes of observant Jewish people. The cylinder contains a parchment scroll inscribed with verses from the Old Testament written in Hebrew, which remind the dwellers every time they leave or enter to be faithful to the Commandments and to Jewish values. (One wit has suggested that the "tubes are actually electrically charged to zap any anti-Semite who tries to enter!)

FAITHFUL READER INTEXAS
DEAR READER: Tell your children that you love them and are doing what you feel is best for them. However, telling them your family is "headed for financial trouble" might be a burden that is too heavy to place on them. It is enough to say that you have taken the job temporarily because the family "needs the money right now." They will be able to understand that without becoming frightened or insecure.

DEAR ABBY: A new family moved into our neighborhood a couple of weeks ago. They have this little tube tacked next to their front door they call a "me-

zuzah." I'm embarrassed to ask them what it's for. Have you ever heard of one, and can you answer my question?

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Are you feeling down today because you don't have a special Valentine? The surest cure for the blues is to do something for someone else. So how about logging on to OperationDearAbby.net and sending a Valentine message to our troops stationed away from home today? I guarantee I'll give you a lift, and give a boost to the spirits of our servicemen and women who could use one.

Lupercalia came before Valentine's



What is Valentine's Day without the classic Valentine's message hearts? The majority are made from the same recipe as Neccos, those coin-sized chalky disks that come in rolls. Although the New England Company (NECCO) pumps them out 18 hours a day year-round at a rate of 12,640 hearts a minute, they're on sale for only the six weeks from Jan. 1 to Valentine's Day.

This day in history: Valentine's Day was originally Lupercalia, a four-day Roman festival that took place in the middle of February. Lupercalia festivities began with the sacrifice of a goat for fertility and a dog for purification.

Next, a lottery randomly linked unattached women and men. They were encouraged to become lovers for the year.

Meanwhile, married but childless women lined up for a race of naked young men randomly brandishing whips. If a woman were hit with a lash, it was considered an indication that she would become pregnant that year.

time when marriage was forbidden.

After the tamer Valentine's Day celebration replaced Lupercalia, both holidays went into decline. In the Middle Ages, some Europeans decided that Feb. 14 was the day that all birds started picking mates, which resulted in a revival of the long-dead Valentine's Day festival.

Something to remember on this Valentine's Day: women's bodies reject heart transplants more often than men's do. There's a good reason for that here, but we're not going to do that.

Whatever the state of your relationship is this year, happy Valentine's Day.

The Roman Catholics, following their tactic of Christianizing indigenous holidays, supplanted the fertility elements with chaste romanticism by concocting a story about a St. Valentine's who supposedly promoted love in a

Actually, there were at least three early St. Valentines, according to the Catholic Encyclopedia.

There's no evidence that any of the three St. Valentines had anything to do with the tradi-

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmongers@mingo-barrett.com

Nothing says love like a new nose

Odds and ends

SHANGHAI, China — Nothing says love on Valentine's Day like a box of candy and a bouquet of roses. Er, make that noses.

China's obsession with plastic surgery is finding an outlet in couples who are going under the knife to get matching noses or eyes as a sign of their love for one another, the official newspaper China Daily reports.

"I suggested it as a way of celebrating our relationship and bringing us closer together with a special kind of bond," Liu Yan, 24, was quoted as saying of the nose jobs she suggested to her 28-year-old boyfriend.

Liu said her boyfriend "loved the idea" and readily paid the \$1,200 cost of surgery.

"We're very happy with the results," Liu added.

women's brassieres fled to it.

The fence has attracted worldwide attention since it was started by four local women at Cardrona on South Island on New Year's Day 2000 to mark the "liberation" of the new Millennium.

Thousands of tourists now stop to photograph it each year.

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Jeane Allen, wife is a Christian.

Pride put up the sign in Auckland, New Zealand, and a letter from the village's property owners association outlining the covenant on signs.

"We had some residents who lodged complaints about Pride's sign," said Steve Herwig, president of the Lost Bridge Village Board of Trustees. "We're not trying to pick on anybody."

Herwig says the board allows professional sign-makers, real estate and construction signs, house number signs, and temporary directional signs for garage sales, parties, open houses, political campaigns or other events.

Pride admits the sign violates the covenant, but says he drove through the village and photographed several prohibited signs in other yards. He says the covenant is not being enforced evenly. Herwig says Pride can appeal to the board.

Business at Shanghai's ever-growing number of plastic surgery clinics has risen by up to 30 percent since the beginning of the month, fueled both by Valentine's Day and the recently concluded Lunar New Year, when young people typically receive job bonuses and cash gifts from older relatives.

Some clinics advertise special Valentine's Day packages. Can-Bo Plastic and Laser Surgery Hospital, a Chinese-U.S. joint venture, is offering a 20 percent discount from Feb. 14-17, said a manager at the clinic, who identified himself only as Mr. Chen.

"You can also get some free fees," he said.

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Property owners object to commandments sign

LOST BRIDGE VILLAGE, Ark. — After posting the Ten Commandments in his yard, John Pride discovered his village has an 11th commandment: no yard signs.

Pride says he simply wanted to discourage burglars after some of his neighbors' houses were broken into. His sign underlined the commandment "thou shall not steal."

"I'm going to deter people from breaking into my home in a positive manner," Pride says. "I'm going by a morally positive approach."

Pride, who is a Buddhist, says the idea came from his partner,

Computer glitch may have caused property-tax mess

VALPARAISO, Ind. — A house estimated to be worth \$121,900 was erroneously valued at \$400 million.

Now officials say the glitch has resulted in budget shortfalls, and could lead to possible lawsuits in municipalities and school districts.

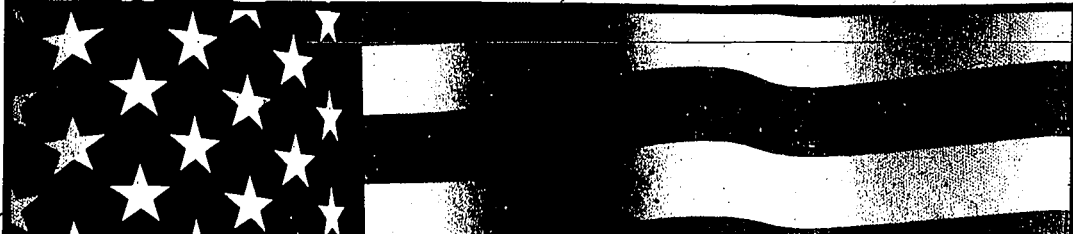
An outside user of Porter County's computer system may have triggered the mess by accidentally changing the value of the house, said Sharon Lippert, director of the county's information technologies and service department.

County Treasurer Jim Murphy said the house was usually carried about \$1,500 in property taxes; this year, the owner was billed \$8 million.

— compiled from wire reports

Lone campaigner rallies against 'bra fence'

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Residents of the small New Zealand district of Cardrona have voted unanimously to retain the area's "bra fence" a farm fence out in the country with hundreds of discarded



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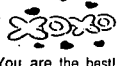
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My Big Hunk
Honey!
We love you. You are the best!
One for all, all for one,
always havin' lots a fun!

**Yer Butterly, Buddy
& Momomo**



LOVER'S

Happy V Day
to my beautiful princess.
Love you tons, Fathead




You were so sick for 16
months.

Love & Prayers from
me, Renee, Donna &
Dusty brought you back
to us.

Love

Everyone who knows you,
Loves You So Much.



Special people deserve
special days. This day
is one of yours.
I love you Sweetheart!
Just me



XOXO

Dear Brock,

Would you mind very much
if I sorta had a little crush on you forever?

**Happy Valentines Baby
Love, Tonya**

To my Scummer Lover.
I'll Dance on the Deck anytime
Your First Mate



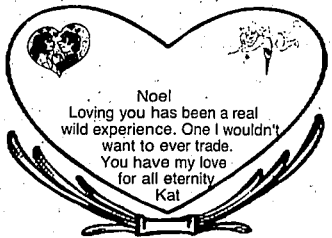
Bob
If you didn't catch this when
you printed this! Surprise!
Your heart and soul are all I need

Happy Valentines Day

Love, Smokey

Noel
Loving you has been a real
wild experience. One I wouldn't
want to ever trade.
You have my love
for all eternity

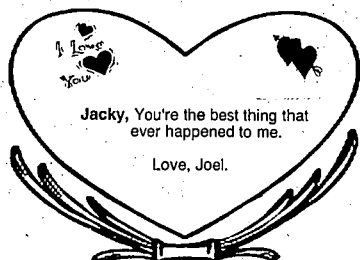
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**I Love
You**

Jacky, You're the best thing that
ever happened to me.

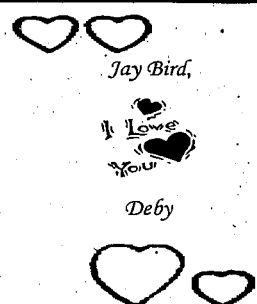
Love, Joel.



Jay Bird,

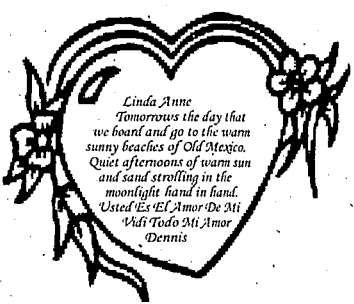
**I Love
You**

Deby



Linda Anne
Tomorrow's the day that
we board and go to the warm
sunny beaches of Old Mexico.
Quiet afternoons of warm sun
and sand strolling in the
moonlight hand in hand.
Usted Es El Amor De Mi
Vidi Todo Mi Amor

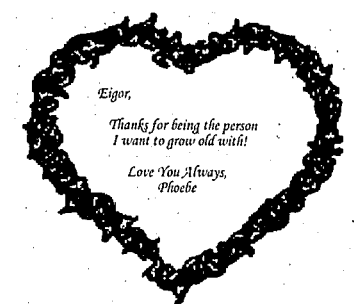
Dennis



Eigor,



Thanks for being the person
I want to grow old with!

Love You Always,
Phoebe



Happy Valentines Day

To All Our Children
and Grandchildren
Loving you Always
Nana and Papa DeZorzi





To

Alek, Brady, Nolan, Tucker & Baby
Happy Valentines Day
to Our Very Special Grandchildren.
We love you so much!


Papa & Grandma Auferheide

XOXO



This verse is dedicated to my
sweet **Don Chappy**
Hot pilot, you make
me so happy,

That my
heart beats
bada-bada-
BANG




When I gently touch
your slick Nanchang.

You are one big brained,
intelligent dude.

Blessed with all kinds of
amazing aptitudes

And yes, I know you think
Valentine ads stupid,
But don't blame me -
This one's from Cupid!

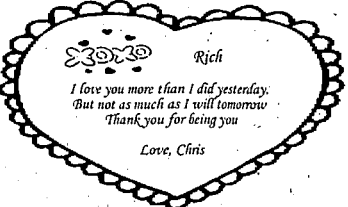
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Love, CRE8TIV



XOXO Rich

I love you more than I did yesterday.
But not as much as I will tomorrow
Thank you for being you

Love, Chris

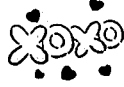


K.C.

Most awesome husband, dad and grandpa,
I love you!

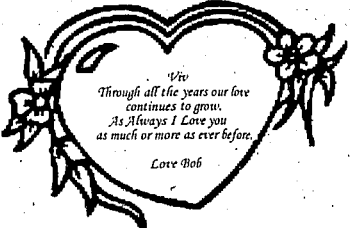
XOXO

Yours Forever,
H.J.



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As Always I Love you
as much or more as ever before.

Love Bob



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BONNEVILLE

Casa No. CV-05-4647
SUMMONS
KATHRINE D. CUMMINGS and TERESA C. HOWELL,
Plaintiffs,
vs
JOAQUIN D. PEREIRA and DANIEL PEREIRA,
Defendants.

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You have been sued by Kathrine D. Cummings and Teresa C. Howell, the Plaintiffs, in the District Court in and for Bonneville County, Idaho, Case No. CV-05-4647.

The nature of the claim against you is a claim for damages resulting from an automobile accident on June 23, 2005.

Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No. and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 624 N. Capitol Avenue, Idaho Falls, Idaho, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney, Gregory L. Crockett of Hopkins, Rodden, Crockett, Hancock & Hoopes, PLLC, 428 Park Avenue, PO Box 51219, Crockett Falls, Idaho 83405, telephone 208-523-4445.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff.

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By M Southwick, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF FEBRUARY 21, 2008 HEARING ON PROPOSED INCLUSION OF LAND AND FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF MITIGATION INTO THE NORTH SNAKE GROUND WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF FEBRUARY 21, 2008 HEARING:

Please take notice that on Tuesday, February 21, 2008, at 10:00 AM, at the office of the North Snake Groundwater District ("District"), 152 East Main Street, Jerome, Idaho 83308, the District Board of Directors will conduct a hearing on the proposed inclusion of lands, facilities and water rights set forth below into the District and the designation of the owner or user of such water rights as a member of the District for mitigation purposes. Persons interested in, or who may be affected by, such inclusion shall appear at the hearing and show cause in writing why such lands, facilities and water rights should not be included within the District and the owner or user thereof deemed a member of the District for mitigation purposes. Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 42-5214, the failure of any person to file with the district office an objection to inclusion as a mitigation-only member prior to the noticed hearing shall be taken as an assent on such person's part to such inclusion. The owners, their ground water rights, wet locations, and places of use are, as follows:

Owner	Water Right	POD Description	POU Description	Mitigation	County/NSGWD Election Division
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Shaw, William Hubert	37-07149	06S 19E 29N NESWSW	06S 19E 29N NNWN, NNWN, SWNW, SWNW, SENW	X	Lincoln / 5
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Shaw, William Hubert	37-08705	06S 19E 20N NWNESE	06S 19E 20N NENE, NNWN, SWNE, NNWN, SWNW, SENW, SWSE, SESE	X	Lincoln / 5
Shaw, William Hubert	37-08719	06S 19E 29N NENE	06S 19E 29N NENE, SWNE, NESE, SESE	X	Lincoln / 5

DATED This 19th day of December, 2005
Is/Angelina M. Leavitt, Secretary/Clerk North Snake Groundwater District

A more detailed description of the land and facilities within the listed sections appears on the Individual water rights records which may be obtained from the Idaho Department of Water Resources through its offices (State Office: 208-287-4800; Southern Region, Twin Falls: 208-736-3033) or website (www.idwr.state.id.us). A compilation of the IDWR water right records is also available for inspection at the office of the NSGWD at 152 E. Main Street, Jerome, Idaho.

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FOUND small male dog around 2005 in NE Jerome. Dark brown with collar, no tags. Call 208-529-2295

FOUND 2 pictures of boys under a religious print that was purchased at Deseret Industries in Twin Falls. 208-324-2642.

FOUND Bassett Hound, female, around 3-4 years old, collar. Found by Project Mutual in Rupert. Call 312-1937 or 436-6258

FOUND camera lens on North Washington in Twin Falls. Call 208-733-9284.

LOST Border Collie, long hair, black and white, last seen in Gooding. No collar. Call 208-886-7935.

LOST Cocker Spaniel, Burley area. Buff, female, answers to Roy, wearing blue collar. 208-431-9844.

LOST Fly helmet, Black/Silver with black goggles. Feb 4th at the Upper Diamond Field snowmobile unloading parking lot. Call Joe at 208-308-3789

LOST prescription glasses in a Ray Ban case between Munt and 3700 North. Call 208-736-7203.

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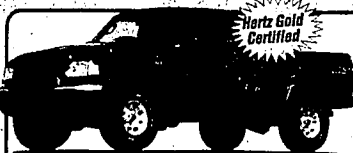
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- CD
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SPORTS

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

66 That's not for me to talk about.

99 Wayne Gretzky during a Monday press conference when asked about the integrity of professional hockey.

TRIVIA QUESTION: What short track skater won the 1,000-meter final in 2002 after every other skater in the race fell down?

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School - BOYS BASKETBALL: 4A Great Basin West... 3A SCSIC... 4B Northside Conference...

IN BRIEF

CSI holds hoops homecoming

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball teams will hold a homecoming dinner from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16 in the Student Union building.

CSI offers teacher appreciation special

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho employees and all Magic Valley public school teachers and families will be offered free admission to this Friday and Saturday men's and women's basketball games against Salt Lake Community College at the CSI gymnasium.

T.F. club volleyball sign-ups available

TWIN FALLS — Registration forms are now available for the Twin Falls club volleyball program at all Twin Falls schools. The registration due date is Feb. 15.

MVRMC Hoopfest fundraiser announced

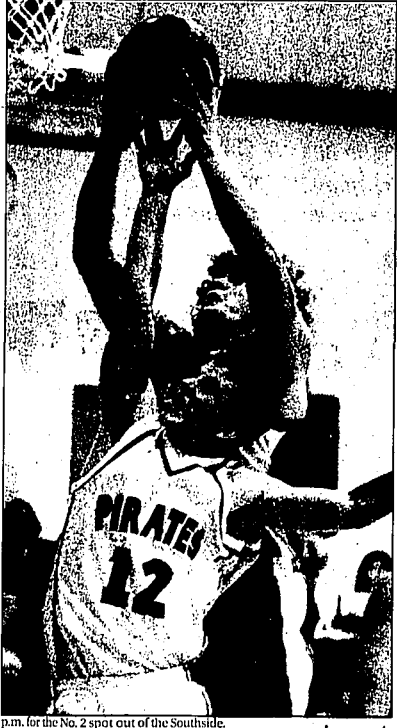
TWIN FALLS — Hoopfest 2006 will be held Friday, March 17 beginning at 5 p.m., the College of Southern Idaho Gymnasium. The fun-filled evening serves as a fund raiser supporting Children At Risk Evaluation Services (CARES).

TRIVIA ANSWER: Steven Bradbury, Australia

Wolves howl over Pirates

Castleford upsets Hagerman in Southside tourney

2006 Southside Tournament at Murtaugh High School Monday's games Lower-out Oakley 53, Murtaugh 45 Championship Castleford 39, Hagerman 38 Tuesday's game Hagerman vs. Oakley, 7:30 p.m.



Hagerman's Cory Potter (12) battles Castleford's Drew Terry for a rebound Monday night during the second quarter of their Magic Valley Southside Conference Championship game in Murtaugh. Castleford 39, Hagerman 38 10:19:10 - 38 11:19:10 - 38... Winner: Castleford 39, Hagerman 38... Loser-out: Oakley 53, Murtaugh 45

MURTAUGH — No. 2 Castleford overcame 23 turnovers as the Wolves held on to defeat fourth-seeded Hagerman 39-38 to win the Southside Boys Magic Valley Conference Tournament Monday. "We're not real pretty on offense," said Castleford coach Tyler Gaston. "And we don't always execute real well. But we do pride ourselves on our half-court man-to-man defense."

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Panthers take Northside crown

Dietrich ends Bears' season

By Nathaniel Garbrandt Times-News writer

2006 Northside Tournament at Shoehorn High School Monday's games Lower-out Dietrich 70, Siles 52 Championship Carey 48, Richfield 41 Tuesday's game Dietrich vs. Richfield, 7 p.m.

SIOSHONE — Just because the Carey Panthers had owned the conference up to the championship game didn't mean the Northside trophy was going to be handed over easily.

Richfield controlled the tempo from the game's outset en route to a 32-29 lead heading into the final frame. But foul trouble soon began to taking a pivotal toll, as junior forward Shayne Buckner collected his fourth foul with 2:42 left in the third.

Kildow vows to return from Monday crash

By Bob Baum Associated Press writer



SAN SCARICO, Italy — It all happened so fast: the initial wobble at 50 mph, the awkward leg splits, the tumble, the "Oh, no!" instant when things really got scary for Lindsey Kildow. The American skier sprang popped into the air, out of control, limbs flailing and poles flying, until she slammed back to earth 15 feet away, her head snapping back on the icy snow.

Lindsey Kildow of the United States speeds down the course during the Women's Downhill training in San Scairico Pralveite, Italy at the Turin 2006 Winter Olympic Games Monday. Kildow crashed on her downhill training run and was taken down the mountain on a stretcher. teared knee ligaments. "She's a smiling happy girl, and she's smiling again now," Street said by telephone after visiting Kildow at the hospital.

coach Dick Simpson, "and this was a hard and a good-fought game." Richfield controlled the tempo from the game's outset en route to a 32-29 lead heading into the final frame.

Winter Olympics TV Schedule

Tuesday *Women's hockey: Italy vs. Russia, Canada vs. Sweden, and Switzerland vs. Germany, MSNBC, 6 p.m.

Class 2A district wrestling begins

The Times-News

WENDELL — With Oakley and Raft River splitting for the postseason, Wendell usually emerges as the top 2A-1A team contender in the area. This year should be no different, but expect a stern challenge from Valley.

The two-day District IV meet starts at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Wendell High School. It concludes Wednesday. The top two advance to state.

For the defending champion Trojans, heavyweight Stephen Medina is a solid contender. Wendell is short in the lowest weights but has good groups in the middle weights. Returning state qualifiers include: Michael Sams, 150 pounds; Jake Gold, 155; Brad Stacie, 160; Kenny Koopman, 145; and Tyson Bowers, 160.

Pressure's on in 4A sub-district

TWIN FALLS — Everyone wants to win, but taking second place in the Great Basin West is not what you want to do. A second-place finish in the four-team tournament sets you up for two state play games. One loss and your season ends. It's really tough to get to state if you don't fit out your region, said Burley coach Jack Bagley. "It's win or else."

Great Basin West Tournament

Wood River at Burley, 7 a.m. Minico at Jerome, 7 p.m. Tuesday's games Tuesday losers, 7 p.m. Tuesday winners, 7 p.m.

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Market Watch

Feb 13, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	-28.73	10,892.32
Nasdaq composite	-22.07	2,239.81
Standard & Poor's 500	-4.13	1,262.86
Russell 2000	-6.60	710.53

Stocks of local interest

	close	change
Albertsons	\$25.10	▼ .02
Con Agira	\$20.45	▼ .02
Dell inc.	\$31.57	▼ .22
Itacorp	\$31.82	▲ .56
Micron	\$16.19	▼ .21

Commodities

	close	change
Oil, by barrel	\$61.24	▼ .60
(March, light sweet crude)		
Live cattle	\$91.47	▼ 1.42
Gold (Feb.)	\$539	▼ 11.20



Luciana Rosas checks her text messages while catching a late lunch at a McDonald's restaurant last month in Chicago. McDonald's Corp. said for the first time Monday that it uses wheat and dairy ingredients to flavor its fries.

McDonald's admits that fries could cause allergic reactions

Fast food giant does about-face on ingredients

By Dave Carpenter
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Not long after disclosing that its french fries contain more trans fat than it thought, McDonald's Corp. said Monday that wheat and dairy ingredients are used to flavor the popular menu item — an acknowledgment it had not previously made.

The presence of those substances can cause allergic or other medical reactions in food-sensitive consumers.

McDonald's said until recently that its fries were free of gluten and milk or wheat allergens and safe to eat for those with dietary issues related to the consumption of dairy items. But the fast-food company quietly added "Contains wheat and milk ingredients" this month to the french fries listing on its Web site. The company said the move came in response to new rules by

the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the packaged foods industry, including one requiring that the presence of common allergens such as milk, eggs, wheat, fish or peanuts be reported. As a restaurant operator, Oak Brook, Ill.-based McDonald's does not have to comply but is doing so voluntarily.

McDonald's director of global nutrition, Cathy Koplen, said its potato suppliers remove all wheat and dairy proteins, such as gluten, which can cause allergic reactions. But the flavoring agent in the cooking oil is a derivative of wheat and dairy ingredients, and the company decided to note their presence because of the FDA's stipulation that potential allergens be disclosed.

Boise-based J.R. Simplot Co. supplies McDonald's restaurants with more than half their fries.

"We knew there were always wheat and dairy derivatives in there, but they were not the protein component," Koplen said. "Technically there are no allergens in there. What this is an example of is science catching up and McDonald's responding as more is learned, she said.

While the company wanted to

make consumers aware that fries were derived in part from wheat and dairy sources, she said, those who have eaten the product without problem should be able to continue to do so without incident.

Since it was posted on McDonald's Web site, the acknowledgment has stirred anger and some concern among consumers who are on gluten-free diets.

"If they're saying there's wheat and dairy derivatives in the oil, as far as anyone with this disease is concerned there's actually wheat in it," said New York resident Jillian Williams, one of more than 2 million Americans with celiac disease, an autoimmune disorder triggered by gluten.

"They should have disclosed that all along," she said. "They should never have been calling them gluten-free."

McDonald's has been reluctant to risk changing the taste of its popular fries. It pledged in September 2002 to switch to a new oil that would have the level of harmful trans fatty acid in its cooking oil that it has, she said. She plans filing product quality and customer satisfaction as priorities while continuing testing.

Advice sought in Knight Ridder sale

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Knight Ridder was scrambling Monday to assemble a panel of independent journalism experts to evaluate buyers of the San Jose-based newspaper company, as required by its corporate charter.

A provision in Knight Ridder's articles of incorporation mandates that unless the board of directors determine a new owner would continue the company's "journalistic excellence," the buyer must win 80 percent of shareholders' votes for a sale to be approved. As part of that process, the board must form an independent panel to review a winning bidder. The panel's findings are not binding on the board.

That requirement, first reported Saturday by the San Jose Mercury-News, left corporate governance experts scratching their heads over its implications for the possible sale of Knight Ridder, the nation's second-largest newspaper company. Knight Ridder has put itself up for sale at the insistence of its largest shareholders, who are unhappy with the company's financial performance.

Google shares continue slide

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc.'s stock price dropped by more than 4 percent Monday, accelerating a recent shift in sentiment that has caused some of the most prominent investors to become more circumspect about the online search engine leader.

Barron's cast the latest pall on Google with an article outlining several risks that threaten to squeeze the company's profit margins and cut its market value in half.

The gloomy scenario further dampened investors' enthusiasm for Google, whose market value has plunged by 27 percent during the past month to wipe out nearly \$40 billion in shareholder wealth. Google's shares fell \$16.91, or 4.7 percent, to close at \$345.70 on the Nasdaq Stock Market. The shares peaked at \$475.11 on Jan. 11.

Broker Merrill Lynch working on a trade

NEW YORK (AP) — In a deal with broad ramifications for the securities industry, retail brokerage giant Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. is in talks to trade its asset-management business for a large stake in money manager BlackRock Inc., according to reports published Monday.

The deal would transform BlackRock into one of Wall Street's top money managers, with an asset base of around \$1 trillion, according to The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times. Both papers said the deal could be completed this week, citing unnamed sources close to the discussions.

The Journal said the deal under discussion would give Merrill a 49 percent stake in BlackRock, whose market capitalization was \$8.4 billion on Friday. It said an announcement could come on Tuesday or Wednesday, but it is possible the deal may not be completed.

— compiled from wire reports

A man's gotta do what a man's gotta do

When he's not out bustin' broncos, Wyoming cowboy can be found whipping up a bunch of truffles

By Ruffin Prevost
The Billings Gazette

MEETEETSE, Wyo. — Like many of the cowboys on the rodeo circuit, saddle bronc rider Tim Kellogg has a second job doing ranch work. But he also spends much of his spare time making chocolates.

And not just any chocolates, but the kind folks stand in line for.

"At Christmas, my chocolate truffles and candy, really whatever Tim was making, it was all so popular we had people waiting outside the store for us to open up in the morning so they could buy it," said Jody Horvath, owner of Reindeer Ranch in Cody, a gift and home decor shop that carries Kellogg's chocolate truffles and other gourmet candies.

Kellogg's kitchen and original retail outlet — the Meeteetse Chocolate — are in downtown Meeteetse, where he has lived for the last four years.

Before opening the store in September 2004, Kellogg made truffles as holiday gifts for friends and family, carrying on a tradition he learned from his grandmother.

"She never wanted anyone in her kitchen, so the only way you could get to lick the beater or the spatula was to help her out," Kellogg said.

"All of a sudden, one day I realized I knew how to make all this stuff."

Kellogg was saving for a new bronc saddle two years ago, when his mother recommended he try selling his truffles at a summer art fair in Cody.

"I didn't want to because it was a lot of work, and I thought they wouldn't sell on the Fourth of July in the hot weather," he said. "But I ended up selling out."

After getting steady requests for more from friends and lo-

On the Net
For more information about the Meeteetse Chocolate, visit <http://www.meeteetsechocolate.com>

Saturday. Kellogg decided to rent a Meeteetse storefront and open Saturdays only. His goal was to start small and keep things simple.

"I've never been that scared to get on a bronc, but the morning I opened this store, I had no idea what I'd gotten myself into," Kellogg said. "I was really nervous."

Word of mouth and steady repeat business kept the store growing. And things really took off last year after Kellogg opened a Web site and ramped up for what turned out to be a busy holiday season.

Kellogg has more than 30 varieties of truffles, along with brownies, cookies, cheesecakes and other confections, all made by hand from fresh, local ingredients.

His best-selling truffle has a center flavored with Coors beer, an idea that started as a joke.

"I'm usually drinking a Coors when I'm cooking," Kellogg said. When a customer asked what new flavor Kellogg was working on, he joked about a Coors-flavored truffle.

"Then-I thought, 'Why not?'"

It has since become a favorite, and he has added a truffle with Guinness, a dark Irish brew. His latest creation is a jalapeno-flavored truffle, which Kellogg says isn't hot, but has a mild, tangy kick.

"It's something different, and that's half the fun of getting chocolates, trying something new," he said.

New for Valentine's Day is a champagne truffle, which Kellogg is offering with a set of champagne flutes with hand-painted hearts.



Tim Kellogg creates hand-made gourmet truffles and other confections from fresh, local ingredients last week at his shop in Meeteetse, Wyo. His Meeteetse store offers more than 30 varieties of truffles, made using recipes and techniques Kellogg learned from his grandmother.

Lay gave Wall Street a rundown of Enron's problems

By Kristin Hays
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp. founder Kenneth Lay disclosed hundreds of millions of dollars in quarterly losses and a surprise \$1.2 billion writedown in shareholder equity six weeks before the company fell into bankruptcy proceedings in December 2001, jurors in his fraud and conspiracy trial heard Monday on a tape of a quarterly earnings conference call.

But prosecutors contend he still held back some bad news from investors or wrongly described the losses as one-time

events to give Wall Street false hope that business would improve, while he allegedly knew the company was in serious trouble. Lay is on trial alongside former CEO Jeffrey Skilling.

The defense teams contend there was no fraud at Enron and negative publicity coupled with loss of Wall Street confidence fueled its collapse.

Lay lawyer Michael Ramsey kicked off the third week of the trial Monday by trying to show that his client hid nothing when he disclosed a list of problems that included a \$638 million third-quarter 2001 loss and the reduction in shareholder equity

"Was this a surprise, the writedowns?" Ramsey asked former Enron investor-relations chief Mark Koenig, in his seventh day on the witness stand Monday.

"They were a surprise," Koenig said.

The losses stemmed from bad investments in broadband and water ventures and the unwinding of so-called Raptors, four fragile financial structures backed by Enron stock used to hedge inflated asset values and keep hundreds of millions of dollars in debt off the energy company's books. When the company's stock price fell

throughout 2001, the hedges crumbled.

Lay assured analysts on the mid-October 2001 conference call heath Monday that Enron "cleaned up some items here" and expected no credit-rating downgrades — which would alert investors that more problems were brewing.

Six weeks later Enron filed for bankruptcy protection amid revelations of off-the-books debt and inflated profits. The collapse of what was once the country's seventh-largest company left thousands of jobs and wiped out billions in investors' wealth.



Former Enron CEO Kenneth Lay looks at a screen showing transcripts of a conference call about a Wall Street Journal article during Lay's fraud and conspiracy trial Monday in Houston.

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil.

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Table of closing prices for various types of beans.

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Table of closing prices for various grain products.

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Table of closing prices for different grades of wheat.

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