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Committee OKs raises for some state workers

By John Miller Associated Press writer

BOISE, Idaho — Legislative budget writers Friday approved \$5 million to be used in fiscal year 2007 for targeted pay raises for state workers in jobs where turnover is high or whose wages dramatically trail their private-sector peers.

The measure also requires state agency directors to use any salary savings they may generate within their departments to compensate employ-

\$5 million plan aims to curb turnover, match private sector

ees for performance — before using that money to address other operational budget priorities.

That provision reflects concern among some lawmakers that Idaho officials were taking money that could have been directed toward boosting salaries and shifting it to other things.

Members of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee said the new money will go primarily to social workers and nurses in the Department of Health and Welfare, as well as to engineers and prison guards.

"We purposely kept the focus narrow, so the money we did distribute had an immediate



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impact," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. "There are many state agencies that probably would have hoped to be on the list. But the broader and more inclusive we made the list, the less impact it would have."

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Guards foil terrorist strike at the heart of the Saudi oil industry

By Hasan Jamali Associated Press writer

ABQAIQ, Saudi Arabia — A burst of gunfire and explosions thwarted an attempt to strike at the heart of the Saudi oil industry.

Suicide bombers in two explosives-laden cars tried to storm into Abqaiq — the largest oil processing facility in the world — a few hours after weekly noon prayers on Friday, possibly hoping to catch guards by surprise on what is normally the quietest day of the week.

But guards opened fire, detonating the vehicles before they reached the gates, Saudi officials said.

Even though it failed, the attack raised fears that militants who have been on the run in the kingdom were now resurgent and targeting the oil industry.

The al-Qaida leader purportedly claimed responsibility, saying two of his militants carried out the suicide attack. The claim was posted on a Web site frequently used by terrorist groups but there was no way to check its authenticity.

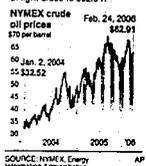
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What does this mean to you?

The impact on oil prices futures was immediate. The price of oil rose by more than \$2 a barrel Friday, an indication of how seriously oil traders fear a successful strike would disrupt world oil supplies. This comes on the heels of three weeks of U.S. average retail gasoline prices falling, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Attack pushes oil up

A suicide bombing attack on a major oil facility in Saudi Arabia sent New York Mercantile Exchange oil prices higher Friday, raising the cost a barrel of light crude to \$62.91.



SOURCE: NYMEX, Energy Information Administration

WILD IN THE CLASSROOM

Snakes In Idaho

Variety: There are 15 different species of snakes in Idaho, but only one is poisonous. Danger: Nobody has ever died from a rattlesnake bite in Idaho. Toxicity: Rattlesnakes in Idaho are generally less lethal than rattlesnakes in Southern states because cold venom is less toxic. Dry bites: Sixty percent of all snake bites on humans are dry — meaning no venom is injected.

Source: Idaho Department of Fish and Game



Judy Black, a special education teacher at O'Leary Junior High School, lets a gopher snake slither down her arm Friday during Idaho Project Wild, a weekend training session for teachers at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game office in Jerome.

Project shows teachers how to add nature to lessons

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

A slithering snake will usually grab your attention.

That is what teachers from Magic Valley were taught on Friday evening as part of a weekend course that teaches educators how to use nature in their classroom curriculums. It's all part of the Idaho Project Wild, which is a nationwide program offered by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Kelvin Hatch, the department's regional conservation educator, immediately grabbed the teachers' attention when he pulled out a gopher snake that slithered around his arm as he spoke.

"It makes me sad that Twin Falls is the hometown inner city," Hatch said. "At one school I visited, only 65 percent of the kids

Learn more

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had ever touched a fishing pole." Although most of the teachers willingly handled the snake, some of them still recoiled as Hatch walked around the room with the writhing reptile.

"It proves that wildlife naturally draws our attention," said Lori Adams, the state project coordinator. "This is one of the ways teachers can use this besides teaching the importance of wildlife."

Adams said the program uses examples from wildlife to assist educators in teaching common curriculum subjects such as math, reading and writing. For example, teachers can show students how to graph the size and weight of bears to teach cer-

tain math concepts.

The program simply shows teachers what is available, and provides them with the resources to teach students. But, ultimately, the teachers decide how they will use the resources.

Hatch said the weekend course, which began Friday evening after school was released, was worth one college credit for the 15 hours of course instruction. Because of the program's popularity, the department is planning to offer another Project Wild course in the fall.

Project Wild has been adopted by all 50 states and Japan as part of a program to immerse nature and wildlife into classrooms, and to supplement class curriculums.

However, on Friday, the class seemed to be more about immersing teachers in wildlife as they began warming up to the idea of a serpent crawling over their shoulders.

Castleford arsenic plan too expensive, state agency says

Officials explain rejection of city's \$500,000 grant

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — To the residents of Castleford, it doesn't matter why the state denied a \$500,000 grant to improve their water system. They just feel abandoned.

"The community on a whole feels like we were put on the back burner to sit and that our wasn't an important issue," said Mayor Rita Ruffing.

During a town hall meeting Wednesday night, representatives with Idaho Commerce and Labor explained why it denied Castleford's application for a grant that would have paid for an arsenic treatment facility and improvement to the water system.

"The bottom line is that given the information in the grant application, the system

could not sustain itself," said Dianna Clough, community development manager with Idaho Commerce and Labor.

She explained that it would have been an injustice to award Castleford the \$500,000 community block grant needed to move forward with the project because the city would not be able to afford the yearly operating and maintenance costs.

Clough illustrated the reasoning to the large crowd in attendance with a metaphor about having a BMW but not being able to pay for gas, insurance and upkeep.

During a slide show presented by Jennifer Nye, community development specialist with ICL, she explained that the city could run a yearly deficit of over \$7,000 in running the arsenic treatment facility.

Annual operation and management would cost about \$76,000, and revenue would be only \$69,000, according to information taken from the

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South Dakota Legislature passes abortion plan to challenge Roe v. Wade

Many on both sides say new Supreme Court more likely to overturn decision

By Chet Brokaw Associated Press writer

PIERRE, S.D. — South Dakota lawmakers approved a ban on nearly all abortions Friday, setting up a deliberate frontal assault on Roe v. Wade at a time when some activists see the U.S. Supreme Court as more willing than ever to overturn the 33-year-old decision.

Republican Gov. Mike Rounds said he was inclined to sign the bill, which would make it a crime for doctors to perform an

abortion unless it was necessary to save the woman's life. The measure would make no exception in cases of rape or incest.

Many opponents and supporters of abortion rights believe the U.S. Supreme Court is more likely to overturn its 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion now that conservatives John Roberts and Samuel Alito are on the bench. Lawmakers said growing support among South Dakotans for abortion restrictions added momentum to the bill.

"I think the stars are aligned," said House Speaker Matthew Michaels, a Republican. "Simply put, now is the time."

Planned Parenthood, which operates the only abortion clinic in South Dakota, has pledged to sue over the measure. About 800 abortions a year are performed in South Dakota.

Some opponents of the bill said abortion should at least be allowed in cases of rape or incest, or where the woman's health is threatened.

If a rape victim becomes preg-

nant and bears a child, the rapist could have the same parental rights as the mother, said Krista Heeren-Graber, executive director of the South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault.

"The idea the rapist could be in the child's life... makes the woman very, very fearful. Sometimes they need to have choice," Heeren-Graber said.

Under the measure, doctors could get up to five years in prison for performing an illegal abortion. The House passed the

bill 50-18 on Friday, and the Senate approved it 23-12 earlier this week. If signed, it would become law July 1.

Money for the anticipated legal fight is already pouring in. Lawmakers were told during the debate that an anonymous donor has pledged \$1 million to defend the ban, and the Legislature is setting up a special account to accept donations.

"We've had people stopping in our office trying to drop off checks to promote the defunding of this legislation already," Rounds said.

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# Bush administration won't reconsider ports deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration said Friday it won't reconsider its approval for a United Arab Emirates company to take over significant operations at six U.S. ports. The former head of the Sept. 11 commission said the deal "never should have happened."

Opponents, including the agency that runs New York and New Jersey ports, took their case to court, while the company, Dubai Ports World, stepped up efforts to change the minds of congressional opponents.

The president's national security adviser said the White House would keep trying to persuade lawmakers — there's more time since the company offered to delay its takeover but the administration wouldn't reconsider its approval.



Longshoremen Carlo Comesso, left, and Dominik Volpe hold signs protesting the proposed running of U.S. ports by a company from the United Arab Emirates, as they stand at the port of Newark Friday, in Newark, N.J.

"There are questions raised in the Congress, and what this delay allows is for these questions to be addressed on the Hill," Stephen Hatley said. "There's nothing to reopen."

Thomas Keen, a former Republican governor of New Jersey who led the bipartisan probe of the Sept. 11 attacks, said the deal was a big mistake because of just connections between the 2001 hijackers and the UAE.

"It shouldn't have happened, it never should have happened," Keen said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

The quicker the Bush administration can get out of the deal, the better, he said. "There's no question that two of the 9/11 hijackers came from there and money was laundered through there," Keen said.

Keen acknowledged the UAE is now being helpful by allowing the United States to dock ships in its country's waters, and helping the U.S. with intelligence.

"From our point of view, we don't want foreigners controlling our ports," Keen said. "This is a legitimate company that had a legitimate bid and won, and here are all these congressmen saying all these things about not wanting this company. It looks to them like it's anti-Arab."

"I think this deal is going to be killed," Keen said. "The question is how much damage is this going to do to us before it's killed."

Keen's comments threatened to overshadow moves by the company and the White House to appease critics by delaying the takeover.

"Governor Keen knows as much as anyone how risky it is to deal with the United Arab

Emirates," said Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee and a leading opponent.

"This just proves that no real investigation was ever conducted, and it's unfortunate that he and the other 9/11 commissioners were not contacted before the government approved this."

The former head of the CIA's Osama bin Laden unit joined in the criticism.

"The fact that you are putting a company in place that could already be infiltrated by al-Qaida is a silly thing to do," said Mike Scheuer, who headed the CIA unit until 1999.

The U.S. operations generating the protests represent about 10 percent of a global \$6.8 bil-

lion acquisition by the state-run company.

Republicans and Democrats in Congress have denounced the Bush administration for approving the deal through a secretive review process designed to protect national security in big corporate mergers.

Lawmakers led by King and Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., plan to introduce legislation next week that would put the deal on hold while the government conducts further investigation.

Hoping to forestall such legislation, Dubai Ports said Thursday night it would postpone its action indefinitely to give Congress more time to look at the deal.



University of California, San Francisco researcher Joe DeRubele poses with photos on his computer of a virus structure, left, prostate tissue, center, and another virus, right, in his office in San Francisco.

# Mouse virus linked to prostate cancer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Researchers said Friday they have found a virus in the prostates of some cancer patients, a remarkable discovery that may suggest disease could play a role alongside genetics and the environment in causing this cancer.

The virus, closely related to one previously found only in mice, was found in cancerous prostates removed from men with a certain genetic defect. The findings open new avenues for studying the most common major cancer among men in the United States.

The researchers, with the University of California, San Francisco, and the Cleveland Clinic, presented the findings at an American Society of Clinical Oncology meeting in San Francisco. They warn that they have not found any links between the virus and prostate cancer, but they are nonetheless excited about prospects for future research.

The mouse virus infected people, but suspect it has been passed on genetically for many generations.

"This is a class of virus no one would have looked for in prostate cancer," said UCSF researcher Joe DeRubele, who developed the so-called "gene chip" that made the discovery. DeRubele's chip contains 20,000 snippets of total genetic material from every known virus. It is the same chip that confirmed a previously undiscovered virus in the cold family that caused the SARS outbreak three years ago.

Klein sent samples of 16 cancerous prostates he removed from patients to DeRubele. DeRubele then placed DNA from the cancerous tissues on the chip, and DNA from eight of 20 patients with two copies of a mutated gene matched with DNA from the mouse virus.

The gene is a vital cog in the body's defense system, coding for an enzyme that helps kill invading viruses. The next with the mutated genes make fewer such enzymes than those with normal versions of the gene.

The virus was found in just one of the 16 other patients, suggesting that genetics play a significant role in the virus's connection to cancer.

"We have made a very fascinating discovery never before seen in humans that is very similar to one found in a mammal that causes cancer," Dr. Eric Klein of the Cleveland Clinic said at a news conference. "But we have not proven this virus causes prostate cancer."

Infectious disease-causing viruses are already blamed for some liver cancers and cervical cancer. That has planted growing suspicions in the minds of scientists that some diseases may play important roles alongside genetics, environment and chance in causing breast, stomach and several other forms of cancer.

Researchers are not sure how

the virus was found in just one of the 16 other patients, suggesting that genetics play a significant role in the virus's connection to cancer.

The researchers said they will now test hundreds more prostate patients and are developing a diagnostic tool to test for the virus in the blood. That way they could test thousands of patients and non-patients alike and figure out if there is any link between prostate cancer and the virus, which causes cancer in mice.

# Libby loses — and wins — on requests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lewis White House aide L. Fletcher "Libby," charged with peering in the CIA's operations, cannot be told the identity of another government official who is said to have told reporters about a CIA operative's identity, a federal judge ruled Friday.

At the same time, U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton said Libby could have copies of notes he took during an 11-month period in 2003 and 2004 while serving as chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney.

The judge also set the stage for a slowdown in late April over the defense's plans to subpoena reporters and news organizations for notes and other documents in the leak of Valerie Plame's identity.

During a hearing Friday afternoon, Walton said Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald can keep secret the other government official's identity because that person has not been charged and has a right to privacy.

The judge deferred ruling on whether Libby can have access to highly classified President's Daily Briefs, summaries of intelligence on threats against the United States. The CIA will prepare a filing on how difficult it would be to find and collect the information.

Ted Wells, Libby's lead lawyer, said Libby did not take notes during the briefings — given by a CIA official six days a week, usually with Cheney — and needs the classified reports to refresh his memory about the national security matters he was dealing with at that time.

Libby, 55, was indicted last year, accused of lying about how he learned Plame's identity and when he subsequently told reporters Libby's trial is set for January 2007.

# Pentagon cites Iraqi training gains, but also sees some negative news

WASHINGTON (AP) — The numbers of Iraqi army battalions judged by their American trainers to be capable of fighting the insurgency without U.S. help has slipped from one to none since September, Pentagon officials said Friday.

But the number of Iraqi battalions capable of leading the battle, with U.S. troops in a support role, has grown by nearly 50 percent. And the number of battalions actually engaged in combat has increased by 11 percent.

The U.S. military says its short-term goal is to train more Iraqi units to a level where they can lead the fight, since that allows American troops to focus on other tasks besides combat and could reduce U.S. casualties.

However, in the longer run, the Iraqi military will have to reach a level of full independence so it can take over the battle against the insurgency and allow the Bush administration to withdraw American troops from the country eventually.

When Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, told the Senate Armed Services Committee last September that the number of Iraqi battalions capable of fighting independently of U.S. troops had dropped from three to one, the news triggered an uproar among Democrats arguing for an early exit from Iraq.

The size of an Iraqi battalion varies according to its type but it usually numbers several hundred.

In a new report to Congress assessing the Iraq situation, the Pentagon also asserted Friday that the insurgency is losing strength, becoming less effective in its attacks, and failing to undermine the development of

U.S. tries to turn Iraq away from civil war.

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an Iraqi democracy.

The report was written last week, before the bombing of a Shiite shrine and a wave of deadly reprisal attacks. It is the third in a series of reports that Congress requires from the Pentagon every three months.

The Pentagon report claimed important successes against the insurgency and said the term "insurgency" may not be necessary appropriate any more because the synergy that once existed among various rebel elements "is breaking apart."

The report asserted that the insurgents have alienated most ordinary Iraqis.

Terrorist attacks have failed to create and spread sectarian conflict, it said.

The report provided a detailed description of progress in training the full range of Iraqi security forces, but it did not mention how many army battalions are rated "Level 1" — those judged to be fully independent.

# Chertoff worried over storm preparedness

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said Friday he is worried the Gulf Coast may not be ready to withstand another major storm as it struggles to recover from Hurricane Katrina.

Less than 100 days before the start of the next hurricane season on June 1, Chertoff said his department is working now with state and local officials to develop plans for evacuations and other emergency response priorities.

But with so much of Louisiana and Mississippi still under reconstruction with partly rebuilt homes and numerous house trailers, "I personally am very concerned," he said.

"I can't tell you when the next

hurricane is going to come, or where it's going to come, but I can envision a scenario in which it will head into a partly reconstructed area that will be vulnerable," Chertoff told reporters.

The Bush administration has approved spending \$3 billion to rebuild New Orleans' levees to a strength sufficient to withstand a storm as strong as Katrina. About 80 percent of the city was flooded when water surged through the levees in some spots after the hurricane struck Aug. 29. The Army Corps of Engineers has set a goal of repairing them by June 1.

Katrina, one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history, left more than 1,300 people dead, hundreds of thousands home-

less and tens of billions of dollars worth of damage in its wake.

Chertoff's comments came a day after a White House report singled out his agency for numerous failures to quickly respond to Katrina. The study also suggested putting the Pentagon in charge of the federal response in some worst-case scenario disasters — currently a Homeland Security responsibility.

In an interview later with The Associated Press, Chertoff said putting the Pentagon in charge would not happen in a storm the size of Katrina. He has called that hurricane "a catastrophe on top of a catastrophe" because of its devastating winds and massive flooding caused by levee breaches.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Online auction begins March 12

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Sponsored by The Times-News, BidItmV.com will offer a wide array of local merchandise and services to online bidders for a ten-day period beginning at 9 a.m. March 12 and closing at 5 p.m. on March 21.

All items are offered by Magic Valley businesses and will be offered during the March 12 - 21 auction period. For more information, visit [www.BidItmV.com](http://www.BidItmV.com) or click on the link on The Times-News Web site at [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com).

### Jerome Democrats to hold caucus

**JEROME** — The Jerome County Democratic Central Committee will hold its caucus at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. The meeting will be in the EMT building, 240 E. Main in Jerome.

For more information, call Gib Anderson, 324-5493.

### Grant will improve Auger Falls project

**TWIN FALLS** — The city of Twin Falls has received a \$500,000 grant from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for wetlands development.

The funds came to DEQ from Idaho Power as part of releasing requirements for the company's Mid-Snake River damns and was earmarked for the creation of wetlands to offset impacts of the company's damns on the river, according to Idaho Power. The grant is being used as seed money for a \$577,000 federal grant to begin development of the Auger Falls wetlands, said Lee Glaesemann, project coordinator for the city of Twin Falls. The city purchased the property in 2002 with the intent of building a wetlands area, Glaesemann said.

"What we hope to do is instead of discharging approximately 7 million gallons of treated wastewater into the Snake River everyday, the plan is to pipe this water to the Auger Falls property and use it to create wildlife habitats and wetlands and at the same time provide additional natural treatment to the water," Glaesemann said.

### Brown Bag lecture today at T.F. library

**TWIN FALLS** — The first of the Magic Valley Area Council-sponsored Brown Bag Lectures will be held at noon today at the Twin Falls Public Library.

The speaker will be James Wood, director of the Herpetology Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho. He'll talk about the Bull snake, an 11,000-year-old fossil found in Twin Falls County.

The program is open to the public at no charge, but those who attend are encouraged to bring a lunch. To pre-order a box lunch or for more information, call the arts council at 734-ARIS.

— compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	As of Aug. 1	As of Feb. 24
Big Wood	114%	87%
Salmou	126%	95%
Little Wood	132%	89%
Dig Lost	114%	83%
Little Lost	101%	72%
Honey Fork/Foxton	118%	91%
Upper Snake Basin	117%	83%
Okley	148%	118%
Salmou Falls	131%	103%

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

# Buhl grade school to get security cameras

## Measure is aimed at deterring vandals at Poplewell Elementary

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** — Poplewell Elementary soon will have four security cameras installed around the grounds of the school.

The camera system will cost the district just under \$8,000 and is expendable to add up to 16 cameras on the circuit.

"There will be a monitor in the school office so someone can keep watch," said Lynn Busmann, the Buhl school board clerk. "Around the back of the school it is hard to see what is going on. The cameras should help prevent vandalism especially at night."

The security-system purchase was approved during the Tuesday night board meeting.

Also during the meeting, Buhl High School athletic director Tom Chivers discussed the current bid for storage shelving and cabinets for athletic gear.

Chivers explained that they are considering a \$18,000 bid for a storage unit containing 27 cabinets. The locking units are needed so that the school's athletic equipment is better accounted for.

"We have the space for storing the equipment but need some units so that each coach can keep the sports gear separate," he said. "Teachers can't go into other teachers' rooms so

this is about the same. There will be some accountability now."

Chivers said that there hasn't been a big problem with equipment getting swapped around and that the storage units would make sure that a problem doesn't develop in the future.

In other district news, the roadway around the new high school will be made into one-way route.

Atkinson said that the one-way is needed because if traffic is coming in from around the west side of the building, buses

and other large vehicles coming from around the east can't get through.

"This goes with putting up fire lane signs and making the loop around the school safer and accessible for firefighting apparatus," Atkinson said. "Last month we were given 90 days to get the signs up and it is coming on us quick. This will take care of some of more of the problem."

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# Farmers get a look at the latest machinery at agriculture show

## Exhibition runs through today at CSI Expo Center

By Bob Kirkpatrick  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — It's touted as an extravaganza for vendors to show off the latest and greatest innovations in farm equipment. What it resembled was a social gathering for local farmers to chat with people they seldom get a chance to see.

"I come here every year to look at things I can't afford," Gerald Holcomb of Kimberly said. "It also gives me the opportunity to give with folks I don't run into everyday."

As many as 90 vendors were scheduled to attend the 29th annual Agri-Attend event at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center, some coming from as far away as New Hampshire. The event continues through today.

On display were high-tech irrigation systems, manure spreaders that squeeze the water out of dairy cow manure; the new 2800 BaleMaster, which produces bales square and round bales; and even waterbeds for cows.

Yes, cow waterbeds. It's the newest innovation in "cow comfort" that absorbs the shock cows endure when lying on their bellies.

"It eliminates the aggravation that offsets milk production," said Gerard Niessink, an engineer with GNE Farm Equipment. "It also prevents the cows from swollen joints and hock problems." Niessink said the inventor of the cow waterbeds claims milk production will increase 13 to 15 percent.

According to Niessink, the water-filled pads give cows superior comfort. He said goats and horses also can benefit from the pads.

Niessink said they are also used in the giraffe stalls at the Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle, keeping them off the cold floors and helping to prevent illness.

The pads, which are manufactured in Holland and Taiwan and cost approximately \$180 per stall, come with a 10-year warranty.



MEAGAN THOMPSON/The Times-News  
Chuck Rogers, of Filiis, takes a closer look at a John Deere 8430 at the 2006 Ag Show at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls on Friday. The tractor is commonly used for heavy tillage in crop farming or on dairies.

are close to that amount, but we still need more help. We have done some research and figure that about 3/4 of the use of the track gets comes from community members other than the high school track team.

Coach Eugene Kramer told the council the school boasts three state champions who are seniors and have never been able to have a home track meet because of the poor conditions of the current track.

"We believe the injuries our track team sustains are directly related to the condition of the track they have to practice on," Kramer said. "Last year, 70 to 80 percent of our athletes suffered shin splints, and I attribute it directly to that track."

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— Eugene Kramer, Burley High School coach

square one," Councilman Ruben Saldana said. Council members questioned why the school district had yet to give money to the el-

"The board has given us their full support and we are scheduled to meet with them at their next meeting," Preston said. Superintendent Mike Chesley said Wednesday that he plans to

# Attorney faces felony Internet enticement charge

## Girl in chat room turns out to be long arm of law

The Associated Press

**BOISE** — Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver obviously plays a convincing role as a teenage girl chatting away on the Internet.

As a result, a former law clerk for the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is accused of using his computer access at the court's law library to try to solicit sex over the Internet from law enforcement officers posing as a 13-year-old girl.



Sheriff Jim Weaver

Robby James Perucca, 30, of Boise, is charged with enticement of a child under the age of 16 over the Internet.

Perucca was charged with a felony in December. Perucca graduated from Boise State University and the University of Idaho College of Law. He worked as a law clerk for Idaho Supreme Court Justice Linda Copple-Trount when the investigation began last June. He left about a month later to join the firm of Anderson, Julian, and Hall LLP in Boise.

A preliminary hearing was held in the case Wednesday. It's not yet known if Fifth District Magistrate Thomas Borresen will send the case to district court, where felonies are tried.

Perucca is accused of using the Supreme Court Law Library computer to have sexually explicit Internet chats with officers including Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver, who posed as 13-year-old "Amber," according to court records obtained by The Idaho Statesman.

The Statesman said Perucca did not return calls seeking comment.

Under Idaho law, a person can be charged with Internet solicitation of minors without a meeting taking place.

# Donation pledge for new track comes with challenge for Cassia

By Renee Woll  
For The Times-News

**BURLEY** — With help from the school district, the city, the county and booster group Giant Nike, Burley High School may finally get a new running track.

The council approved a \$7,500 conditional donation to the track renovation, but the school will get the money only if Cassia County commissioners agree to match the donation.

Track supporters came before the council this week, asking them to donate \$15,000 toward the \$120,000 effort.

"We are trying to secure a grant from the Nike Foundation and we have to come up with half the money before we can apply," track booster Tim Preston told the council. "We

are close to that amount, but we still need more help. We have done some research and figure that about 3/4 of the use of the track gets comes from community members other than the high school track team."

Coach Eugene Kramer told the council the school boasts three state champions who are seniors and have never been able to have a home track meet because of the poor conditions of the current track.

"We believe the injuries our track team sustains are directly related to the condition of the track they have to practice on," Kramer said. "Last year, 70 to 80 percent of our athletes suffered shin splints, and I attribute it directly to that track."

If the county doesn't provide the match, "then we're back to

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— Eugene Kramer, Burley High School coach

square one," Councilman Ruben Saldana said. Council members questioned why the school district had yet to give money to the el-

"The board has given us their full support and we are scheduled to meet with them at their next meeting," Preston said. Superintendent Mike Chesley said Wednesday that he plans to

ask the board to match the city-county donation of \$15,000 if the county comes through with its portion of the funds.

"I'm going to ask that the school district put \$15,000 into the project," Chesley said. "That will be our contribution, pending board approval."

Guyton Honda said he thinks the school has a good chance of getting the Nike grant if the community provides the other funds.

The track will be overlaid with what is called Nike Grid, a layer of rubberized asphalt made from recycled tennis shoes, Honda said.

"We've been told it makes an excellent surface," he said. Track supporters say they hope to have the project completed sometime this summer.

**OBITUARIES**

For burial rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obits@magvalley.com](mailto:obits@magvalley.com). For a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to [www.magvalley.com](http://www.magvalley.com) and click on "Obituaries."

**Erma L. Lowry**



**OKLEY** - Our faithful, precious mother, Erma Louisa Larson Lowry, 99, returned home to her Heavenly Father on Feb. 22, 2009.

She was the firstborn of nine children on Oct. 5, 1906, to John August Larson and Mary Edna Mooso in Oakley, Idaho. She graduated from Oakley High School and worked at the National Hotel in Butley, where she met and married James Hansen Lowry on Nov. 14, 1928, in the Salt Lake Temple. James preceded her in death in January 1972.

Their union was blessed with five children, Helen (Hort) Johnson of Pocatello, Loretta (Wally) deCort, Harris of Butley, Carol (Russell, deceased) Nessen of Knab, Utah, Gerta (Orval) Palmer of Union, Utah, and Ruth Ellen (Leslie) McClure of Draper, Utah. They raised their family on the third generation Andrew Gustave Larson Farm in Oakley where they also raised wheat, alfalfa, potatoes, apples and raspberries. When she lived in the Larson family home, she served as a wife, daughter, sister and mother at the same time! Erma was a woman of vision and industry!

Erma was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. When the Boy Scouts helped her she served them root beer floats. Her smile was quick and beautiful. She was charitable, compassionate, trustworthy, loyal, honest and persistent.

She loved the people in Oakley. In the last few years, the Butley Care Center gave her loving care and her family expresses deep appreciation to them.

Erma is survived by her five girls, 19 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren, and her

sister, Ora of Salt Lake City, Utah, and sister-in-law, Neola of Butley. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Reese and Verle; and sisters, Ann, Ruth, Goldie, Lila and Irene.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2009, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Oakley Activity Center, with Bishop Randy Harby officiating. Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Butley and from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral Monday at the church.

**Kathleen Rose Lovell**



**HAILEY** - Kathleen Rose Lovell, age 54, died on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2009, at her home in Hailey.

She was born Aug. 5, 1951, in Hailey, Idaho, the child of Clarence E. "Tiny" and Oma A. McGraw. Kathy was born and raised in Hailey and graduated from Wood River High School in 1969. She married the love of her life, Thomas Rex Lovell, on Aug. 22, 1970, in Chicago, Ill. Kathy was a homemaker, drove bus for the Blaine County School District for nine years and also did housekeeping and property management. Kathy was a board member on the Planning and Zoning for five years, was a volunteer on the board of directors for the Hailey Cemetery for six years and in the Sheriff's posse in 1978 and 1979. She loved cooking and enjoyed sewing, quilting and genealogy. She had an eye for art and she liked collecting

things such as coins, dishes, dolls and antiques.

Kathy always thought of others before herself and cherished every moment with her grandchildren. She was loving and caring, extending her motherly instincts to not only her kids, but their many friends. The Lovell door was always open. Her guidance as a

mother was a driving force in her success but kids have made in their lives thus far.

Survivors include her husband, Tom of Hailey; her sons, Scott (Tenny) Lovell of Hailey, Paul B. Lovell of Hailey and Andrew F. (Joyal) Lovell of Twin Falls; her daughter, Jennifer A. Lovell of Chicago, Ill.; and her grandchildren, Garrett, Madison, Jaden and Jayceon. Those preceding her in death were her parents and brothers, Charles E. McGraw, Robert A. McGraw and Ramon E. McGraw.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2009, at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailey. Cremation preceded the service. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Wood River Fire and Rescue, 117 E. Walnut St., Hailey, ID 83333. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey, Idaho.

**Proposed building would be tallest in inland northwest**

**COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP)** - A proposed tower on the outskirts of this northern city could be one of the tallest buildings in the inland Northwest.

Earlier this week, Charter Builders LLC, unveiled plans for a mixed-use tower to be built in the city of Fernan. The tower could reach 30 stories, or 300 feet, in height. Fernan Tower would be just outside Coeur d'Alene's city limits.

Fernan Village has no building height restrictions, but Coeur d'Alene officials are considering one to protect scenic views. Several other residential tower projects have been proposed or are in the planning phases.

"We need to make sure that the buildings aren't so large and so bulky that they block out the mountain and lake views that make downtown so desirable," John Bruning, chairman of the Coeur d'Alene Planning Commission, told The Speman-Review.

"We want to have our cake and eat it, too," Fernan Tower would be built

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**John Bruning, Coeur d'Alene Planning Commission chairman**

"We have to get up 60 feet before we get over the top of the freeway," he said. "The freeway noise goes away as we get taller, and we can soundproof the building."

He said the proposed tower has a slender profile, designed to preserve views and minimize blocking of the skyline. The final height of the building is still being considered, and could range from 20 to 30 stories.

"I think this will be a wake-up call to people," said Bruning. "That's what we have been promoting downtown."

A Seattle architect is helping Coeur d'Alene officials draft a building heights ordinance.

The trend toward taller buildings in the area began with the 14-story McEwen Terrace in downtown Coeur d'Alene. The success of that project led to the breaking ground for The Parkside, a 20-story tower across the street.

Buyers have already lined up for The Parkside's 53 condos, even though the building work is completed until late 2007.

**Idaho inmates in Minnesota may have to go elsewhere**

**By John Miller Associated Press writer**

**BOISE** - Idaho inmates housed at a private Minnesota prison since last year will likely have to be moved again, because that state wants the beds for its own growing prison population, correction officials from both states said Friday.

The inmates of the Idaho Department of Correction to scramble to find potential alternatives.

It's looking at facilities in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, though no agreements have been reached yet, Department of Correction Director Tom Beauclair told The Associated Press.

Since Oct. 27, 302 Idaho prisoners have been housed at the Prairie Correctional Facility in Appleton, Minn., because Idaho had run out of space. Idaho's prison population has nearly doubled over the past

decade, to just under 7,000 inmates. Idaho also is considering moving another 150 inmates elsewhere soon, as bed space again is growing scarce.

Minnesota finds itself in a similar situation: Erik Skon, assistant commissioner for that state's Department of Corrections facilities division, said the state next week will move another 36 prisoners to the Prairie facility which is run by Corrections Corporation of America.

After that, Prairie will be full, and Minnesota wants Idaho inmates to leave to make room for its own future inmates.

"Corrections Corporation of America has always said they give the home state priority for those beds. Minnesota is aggressively moving on that verbal commitment," Skon told the AP, adding his state's prison population grew by 11 percent last year, the fastest in the nation. "We're out of beds. We're hoping Idaho will respond quickly."

Idaho hasn't yet received an ultimatum from Prairie officials, though it expects that call "any day," Beauclair said. After that, Idaho would have 30 to 60 days to move its prisoners.



"We've having difficulty narrowing down" where to move them, Beauclair said, adding he'd prefer to housing the 302 prisoners in Minnesota and the 150 others to a single location, so it would be easier to accommodate such things as court hearings and travel.

One of the reasons: The facility in Oklahoma, also run by Corrections Corporation of America, has been mothballed. It could take months to hire and train employees to resume operations, Beauclair said.

It costs Idaho about \$53 per day to house the prisoners in Minnesota, compared to \$48 per day if they stayed in Idaho.

Beauclair was interviewed after his department made a pitch Friday to legislative budget writers on the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee for an additional \$7.8 million for fiscal year 2006 to cover the cost of housing prisoners in out-of-state and county facilities.

He said his budget set during last year's legislature was inadequate to meet needs that have emerged since July 1, including the \$3.5 million bill for housing Idaho inmates in Minnesota for 215 days through June 30, if they wind up staying that long.

**Seattle foundation grants Coeur d'Alene money for new library**

**COEUR D'ALENE** - A Seattle foundation has awarded the Coeur d'Alene Library Foundation \$100,000 for a new building this spring.

The grant comes from Billonaire Paul Allen's Paul G. Allen Family Foundation.

"We are thrilled to be given this recognition and support from such an internationally prominent and highly respected philanthropic organization," said Ruth Pratt, executive director of Coeur d'Alene Library Foundation.

The city hopes to break ground on a new 30,000-square-foot, \$7.2 million library this spring. The foundation still

needs to raise \$900,000 for the project. It will include a 300-seat community room for City Council meetings and other functions.

Allen, the co-founder of Microsoft Corp., is on Forbes magazine's list of the world's wealthiest people. He was also on Business Week's annual list of the 50 most generous philanthropists.

**Man sentenced in repo agent shooting**

**SANDPOINT** - A Priest River man who shot a repossession agent in the head has pleaded guilty to a reduced charge and

**Idaho in brief**

was sentenced to time served.

Bruce Allen Spaude was originally charged with attempted first-degree murder in connection with the Sept. 27, 2002, shooting, Spaude, 41, shot Victor Grant in the head with a .22-caliber rifle as Grant drove away. Spaude's repossessed Dodge pickup truck, Grant, of Greenacres, Wash., survived the shooting.

But the state couldn't prove Spaude intended to shoot Grant, Spaude's lawyer, Ben Featherston, had argued Spaude thought his truck was

being stolen and was shooting at the truck's tires.

Prosecutors agreed to reduce the charge to aggravated assault, but the plea negotiations faltered when a judge declined to bind himself to sentencing recommendations. The charge was reduced again, and last week Spaude pleaded guilty in 1st Judicial District court to misdemeanor injuring another person, because of a firearm. Judge Charles Hosack sentenced Spaude to 180 days in jail with 153 days suspended. Hosack gave him credit for the 27 days he has already spent behind bars. He was also fined \$300, ordered to pay \$72.50 in

court costs, and put on two years of unsupervised probation.

**Child care worker charged with murder**

**CATELLO** - A first-degree murder charge has been filed against a 39-year-old Pocatello woman accused of killing an autistic 2-year-old she had taken to her home for therapy in November. Michelle Bott-Gratman was charged Wednesday by Magistrate Judge David L. Evans set her bail at \$250,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for March 7. Idaho law allows a first-degree murder charge when aggravated battery

against a child under age 12 results in death.

Police allege that Bott-Gratman, 39, of Cateello, was interviewed when she was treating him for autism at her home on Nov. 29. She was an unlicensed counselor working at Achieving a Better Life for Children in Clatskanie, police said.

Police said Bott-Gratman, whose counseling license was revoked because of a drug arrest in 2003, was interviewed the day care in an unlicensed day care. Day care workers then called authorities. Cameron died Dec. 5 of severe head trauma at a Salt Lake City hospital.

- compiled from wire reports

**SERVICES**

**John Franklin (Frank) Leiken** of Gooding, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at the Mary's Gooding Chapel; celebration of life from 2 to 5 p.m. today at Phat Eddy's Cajun Cookin' in Twin Falls.

**J. Fred Winterholler** of Jerome, funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at the Jerome LDS 4th Ward Chapel, 26 N. 100 E.; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary).

**Benjamin Allen Steen** of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main St. E. in Twin Falls (Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

**Ida Mae Ball of Butley**, burial at 11 a.m. today at the Lewisville Cemetery (Payne Mortuary).

**Adeline Marie Parrott** of Jerome, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at the First Church of God, 131 E. Ave. F (Farnsworth Mortuary).

**Elva Smith Jensen** of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3850 N. 3500 E., Kimberly; viewing from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

**Raymond Fuller Orr Jr.** of Buhi, celebration of life for friends and family from 2 to 4 p.m. today at the Snake River Golf in Hagerman (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

**Darrell DeWayne Olmstead** of Jerome, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Sunday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

**Dr. James R. Kiercher** of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Buron Ave.; viewing for family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Carol Poulton Gordon** BURLEY - Carol Poulton Gordon, 73, of Burley, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2009, at Portneuf Medical Center's East Campus in Pocatello.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2009, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, with Bishop R. Scott Bray officiating. Burial will be at the Oakley Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the service Monday at the funeral home.

**Boulevard in Twin Falls.** Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2009, at Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home and one hour before the service at the church.

**Ella Sauer** JEROME - Ella Sauer, 83, of Jerome, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2009, at St. Benedictus Long Term Care Unit.

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

**Iro C. Kuykendall** TWIN FALLS - Iro C. Kuykendall, 89, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at his home at Bridgeview Estates.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**Robert D. Slagel** TWIN FALLS - Robert Dean Slagel, 73, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2009, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2009, at First Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls with family greetings friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

**Sondra L. Mulligan Lee** NAMPBA - Sondra L. Mulligan Lee, 66, of Nampa, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2009, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2009, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel with Pastor David Povey officiating.

**Vilate McLaughlin** SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ. - Vilate McLaughlin, 97, of Scottsdale, Ariz., and formerly of Gooding, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2009, at A&A Assisted Living Center in Scottsdale. Arrangements are pending and will be announced at a later date.

**Estelle N. Iverson** CALDWELL - Estelle Noreen Iverson, 73, of Caldwell, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2009, at her home in Caldwell.

The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2009, at the Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa, Ore. Interment will follow at the Lower Boise Cemetery in Parma. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral chapel.

# MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO



BSU student Rogelio Melbrough poses outside the student union on the Boise State University campus, Friday in Boise.

## BSU tries to bring diversity to mostly white campus

By Rebecca Boone  
Associated Press writer

BOISE (AP) — Walk across the Boise State University campus, and the diversity you're most likely to see is a range of ages, white and young, white and middle-aged, white and senior.

But Boise State has taken notice, announcing that all new students must take a diversity-focused class as part of their required coursework.

American students, particularly Idaho students, tend to be monocultural and need to learn about other societies and other languages," said BSU anthropology professor Bob McCarl. "The whole state suffers from a homogeneity that is not typical of even West Coast states or the rest of the globe."

Roughly 92 percent of Boise State students are white, said Frank Zaig, the

school's spokesman. Seven percent did not report their ethnicity, while 6.7 percent are Hispanic and 2.8 percent are Asian-American. Roughly 13 percent are Black and 1 percent are American Indian.

The school does show more diversity than Idaho's population of 1.3 million, which is 91 percent white. Nearly 8 percent of Idaho residents are Hispanic, while black or Asian residents each make up less than 1 percent of the population. Roughly 1.5 percent are American Indian or Alaska Native.

Instead of requiring a separate diversity class, that would add to the course load, dozens of current classes have been revamped to add more multiculturalism, McCarl said.

English professors may focus on literary literature, while political science professors will discuss contemporary political ideologies — such as the way

different cultures deal with truth and justice matters.

Even some science classes are on the list. Students taking biology will now consider the ways different societies have historically relied on different foods, and which crops controlled the production of those foods.

For example, students will consider the changes wrought by replacing crops used for subsistence, such as corn in some parts of South America, with crops more economically desirable by other countries, such as bananas.

So, they're not just looking at plants from a biological perspective, but from within a global framework of social and economic change," McCarl said.

The requirements will go into effect for freshman this fall.

Lateja Richardson, who started attending BSU part-time in 1997, said she

### How Idaho universities compare to others

This fall, Boise State University joins an estimated 63 percent of colleges and universities nationwide in requiring incoming students to take classes with a focus on diversity, school officials said.		Bowling Green State University in Ohio:	
Idaho's population is among the least diverse in the country. A breakdown of the student bodies at universities in Idaho and elsewhere.		White, non-Hispanic	83 percent
Boise State University:		Black, non-Hispanic	7 percent
White, non-Hispanic	82 percent	Hispanic	3 percent
Hispanic	6 percent	Asian or Pacific Islander	3 percent
Asian or Pacific Islander	3 percent	American Indian or Alaska Native	4 percent
Black, non-Hispanic	1 percent	University of Kentucky in Lexington:	
American Indian or Alaska Native	1 percent	White, non-Hispanic	88 percent
University of Idaho:		Black, non-Hispanic	5 percent
White, non-Hispanic	83 percent	Hispanic	2 percent
Hispanic	4 percent	Asian or Pacific Islander	1 percent
Asian or Pacific Islander	2 percent	American Indian or Alaska Native	1 percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	1 percent	Arizona State University in Phoenix:	
Black, non-Hispanic	9 percent	White, non-Hispanic	70 percent
Idaho State University:		Hispanic	12 percent
White, non-Hispanic	83 percent	Asian or Pacific Islander	5 percent
Hispanic	4 percent	Black, non-Hispanic	4 percent
Asian or Pacific Islander	2 percent	American Indian or Alaska Native	2 percent
Black, non-Hispanic	1 percent	University of Southern California:	
American Indian or Alaska Native	1 percent	White, non-Hispanic	47 percent
Asian or Pacific Islander	1 percent	Black, non-Hispanic	21 percent
		Hispanic	13 percent
		Black, non-Hispanic	6 percent
		American Indian or Alaska Native	8 percent

Source: University records

## Senate panel approves endorsement fund for state share of tobacco settlement

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Senate Finance Committee has approved a constitutional amendment that would create a permanent endowment fund for the millions of dollars Idaho receives annually from the 1998 tobacco industry settlement.

The goal is to protect the money from being used to balance state budgets, as happened in 2002 and 2003.

The measure must still pass the full Senate and the House, and be approved by Idaho voters in November.

Lawmakers who oppose the so-called "Millennium Fund" — the repository for Idaho's share of the landmark pact with the nation's five largest tobacco companies, including Philip Morris and H.J. Reynolds — have been trying for several years to create the endowment.

It stalled on opposition from some lawmakers, including Sen. Dean Cameron. H. Rupert, who worried that putting all the

principal off-limits to the state was unwise, just in case there's another budget crisis.

Thursday's resolution is a compromise measure that would put 80 percent of Idaho's annual tobacco receipts in the endowment, and the remaining 20 percent in a separate so-called "income fund." Once the income fund reaches \$100 million, all future settlement money would go to the protected endowment.

The plan calls for distributing 5 percent of the income fund for health- and education-related efforts, including smoking cessation classes and programs to keep Idaho teens from lighting up.

"I have opposed endorsing the Millennium Fund because of situations of emergency that have arisen in the past," Cameron said before the committee's unanimous vote. "This

is a reasonable compromise."

In 2002, lawmakers earmarked the Millennium Fund for budget balancing amid a downturn in state revenues, drawing the fund down to a zero balance at the start of 2003 after transfers of nearly \$80 million in the two preceding years.

It currently contains about \$4 million, and its market value is expected to grow to about \$1 billion by 2025, according to the 2003 Legislature's budget book.

Supporters of the amendment include Sen. Patti Anne Lodge, R-Huston, who said endorsing the money will allow state investment officials to buy higher-yield equity securities such as stocks, instead of the bonds they're limited to now.

The state estimates it could double its yield, to 8 percent from 4 percent.

"This going to give us a better opportunity to give grants, because we're going to have more money in the permanent endowment," Lodge said.

The endorsement plan's strong support from both Democrats

and Republicans essentially puts an end to plans by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who in January proposed moving up to \$20 million annually from the Millennium Fund into a separate account used to pay medical bills of uninsured Idaho residents.

Idaho's 44 counties pick up the first \$140,000 of indigent's medical bills. The state picks up the rest, and its share has been growing.

That obligation is expected to increase to about \$20 million this year, and Kempthorne offered up the Millennium Fund as a funding solution, in part to start a discussion on how to address the situation, said Brad Foltman, the governor's top budget official. That discussion will likely be put off until next year.

While protecting the money in an endowment is generally a safe strategy, it doesn't address the skyrocketing costs of indigent medical care, which can total hundreds of thousands of dollars for one person, he said.

## Award upheld in McCall eminent domain case

BOISE (AP) — Businesses are entitled to claim damages from local governments when private property where they are located is condemned for a public project, even if the business does not own the property, the Idaho Supreme Court ruled Friday.

The court upheld a decision by a 4th District Court jury against the city of McCall in a case involving a nearly four-acre parcel that the Idaho transportation Department and the city condemned under eminent domain authority in 2003 for a new road.

The jury awarded the owners of the parcel, the Bauseber and his wife, Cherie, \$550,000 for the taking of their land and also found that two concrete

and paving firms operating on the parcel should receive a total of \$485,000 in business damages.

The city appealed the awards, arguing the two businesses — Clearwater Concrete and Valley Paving — did not have a property interest in the condemned land that would give them the right to receive damages. The city noted that neither company had a written lease or agreement to remain on the property and were essentially operating on a month-to-month lease.

But in an unanimous ruling, the Supreme Court said the city's argument that the two firms were "month-to-month" no right to remain on the property ignores the factual

circumstances of the case. "The local court held that under state law, any business that has been operating on a property for at least five years prior to the condemnation of the land is entitled to seek damages from the government agency that takes the property.

The court also determined that the companies can claim damages under state law because Cherie Bauseber is the majority shareholder of Valley Paving and because Clearwater Concrete is located on Seubert-owned land next to the piece of condemned property.

### HARRAL AUCTION

Monday, February 27, 2006  
Located: Wendell, Idaho - 477 Grandview North  
From Wendell city center, go 16 miles south on Hwy 20

Sale Time 11:00am Lunch served by Kathy

**TRUCKS - PICKUPS - GAR**  
1961 Ford F100, V8 gas engine, air brakes and has 5 cubic yard steel dump bed - 1974 GMC truck, 6 cylinder gas engine, 12 flat bed - 1959 GMC truck, 6 cylinder gas engine with a steel dump bed - 1971 Toyota pickup, 4 speed - 1961 Chevy pickup, 6 cylinder, long bed - 1975 Chevy Super Cab, 360 engine, news transmission, 360 engine, 230 4 wheel drive, 360 engine, news transmission, all the above vehicles are a little old, but they all run.

**TRUCK & PICKUP ITEMS - MISC.**  
11 flat bed with 8 sides, tool boxes and a 700 gallon fuel tank with 12 volt pump - 8 milly tool box with rack - 1/3 Union Pacific utility bed - 34 ton frame - 20' dual axle trailer frame - Single axle trailer for motorcycles or etc. - Cox box fiberglass sleeper - Small camper shell - (3) 6' tool boxes - P.T.O. driven 6' boom for Ford tractor hook-up - wheel boom - Dodge and Chevy pickup 4 speed transmissions - Four wheel drive parts and other miscellaneours - Pickup tool box - Shop built single tie dolly - Shop built heavy duty tandem dolly - Truck tires, 22.5, 24.5 both high and low profile - Truck rims - Pickup and car tires and rims - Truck emergency lighting - Truck air hoses - Assorted sizes of light truck shocks - Miscellaneous hydraulic cylinders - Assorted sizes, U joints and yokes - Chain connectors, 12 links and key stock - Slighters - Sprockets, shafts, bearings and chain for manure spreaders and feed boxes - Gates hydraulic - Cummins - Detroit parts heavy duty truck track wheels, transmission rolls, axle seals - Alternators for Cummins and Detroit - Miscellaneous Cummins turbo - (1) E3 speed transmission for Detroit (good condition) - Miscellaneous P.T.O.'s and heavy duty fuel pumps - (1) 15 volt, 3 phase electric motor - Light duty starters, manifolds and carburetors - Chrome quarter fender - Truck accessories, chrome caps, bug nut covers and dolly up lights for trucks and trailers - Air to air cooler for Mack truck - (new) Fedco Ford 9000 radiator - Gear boxes - Mustangs - Chrome trim - Flashes for feed and manure boxes - (2) Gandy Inclinator boxes with extensions, 12 volts - Hydraulic fittings - Miscellaneous oil, fuel and hydraulic filters - Light duty 12 volt pumps - Hydraulic pumps

**SHOP TOOLS & EQUIPMENT**  
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# House panel kills vending machine ban

By Anne Wallace Allen  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Kids, your candy is safe — at least for another year. The House Education Committee voted Friday against a bill that would have banned vending machines in elementary schools and limited their contents to healthy snacks in the upper grades. Lawmakers said they feared the measure would take control from local school districts and harm schools that rely on revenue from the machines.

"People outside of Boise resent government intrusion," said Rep. Jack Burraclough, R-Idaho Falls. "I think there's softer ways of accomplishing the same thing."

Rep. Margaret Henbest, D-Boise, sponsored the legislation, which would have prohibited vending machines in public elementary schools except in areas off-limits to students, and set out limits on fat, sodium, and sugar for the food offered in machines in the upper grades. The bill would also have limited drinks available in vending machines to plain water, low-fat or skim milk, or unsweetened fruit juice.

Twenty-five states are considering similar legislation in the hope of reducing childhood

obesity and teaching children healthy eating habits, Henbest told the committee Friday.

"This is only addressing one piece of the problem," said Henbest, a nurse practitioner. "But it sends a powerful message that we care as policy makers, as leaders, about what our kids are eating."

That's a message the committee wanted to send — but not through a new law.

"This is nothing more than a dictate or a mandate," said Rep. Bob Nonini, R-Coeur d'Alene, who told Henbest the same message could be sent through a House resolution encouraging school districts to adopt healthy eating policies. "I just don't see a need for this."

Several people testified in favor of Henbest's bill. Don Kampers, chairman and CEO of Boise-based Healthwise, told the committee about his nonprofit organization's work in providing health information to the public.

"No matter how well we do our job, what we're doing is

being completely overwhelmed by the obesity trend in this country," he said.

Rep. Mike Mitchell, D-Lewiston, responded to his colleagues' concerns by listing other areas of life the government regulates, such as motorcycle helmet requirements, cigarette smoking limits, and traffic laws.

"Government somewhere along the line said maybe there are a few things that we can hopefully give some direction — and hopefully save some lives," Mitchell said.

But many of the panel members told Henbest they were concerned that schools would lose revenue they have been earning from the machines. And many said that while they supported her work in bringing the matter of vending machines to the public's attention, they felt voting for the bill would overstep the rights of parents and school districts.

"Responsibility starts with the family, and should in these type of issues go no further than the family and local school districts," said Rep. Pete Nielson, R-Mountain Home.

The lawmakers encouraged Henbest to return with a resolution. Burraclough even urged her to do so in the current session. Henbest said she'd think



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## Polygamist judge in Utah to be removed

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A small-town judge with three wives was ordered removed from the bench by the Utah Supreme Court on Friday.

The court unanimously agreed with the findings in the state's Judicial Conduct Commission, which recommended the removal of Judge Walter K. Steed for violating the state's bigamy law.

Steed said he accepted the decision. "I had hoped that the court would see my case as an opportunity to correct the injustices that are caused by the criminalization of my religious beliefs and lifestyle, and I am disappointed the court did not reach those issues in my case," Steed said in a statement.

Steed has served for 25 years on the Justice Court in the polygamist community of Hilldale in southern Utah, where he ruled on such matters as drunk-driving and domestic violence cases. A year ago, the commission issued an order seeking Steed's removal from the bench, after a 14-month investigation determined Steed was a polygamist. Bigamy is a third-degree felony in Utah, punishable by up to five years in prison and up to \$5,000 in fines.

"Judge Steed's relationship with his three plural wives for more than 20 years clearly runs

afoul of the prohibition," the ruling said. "When the laws violated or ignored by those charged by society with the fair and impartial enforcement of the law, the stability of our society is placed at undue risk."

The initial complaint against Steed was filed with the commission in November 2003 by Tapestry Against Polygamy, a group founded by former polygamous women who help others leave the secretive religious colonies.

Steed legally married his first wife in 1965, according to court documents. The second and third wives were married — or "stealed" as the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints refers to it — to him in religious ceremonies in 1975 and 1985. The three women are sisters.

Steed has 32 children by the three women, according to court documents.

"The case provided an opportunity to address the issue of polygamy head-on. But they left that opportunity for another day," Steed's lawyer, Rodney R.

Parker, said to media.

Parker said it's unlikely Steed will appeal the ruling, because the court did not address arguments that even though polygamy is illegal, the case involved consenting adults and Utah's bigamy law is rarely, if ever, enforced.

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## Coiner makes sand for statesmanship

**C**heers, to Sen. Chuck Coiner, R-Twin Falls, for his political courage.

On Feb. 15, the Senate voted 26-9 in favor of a proposed constitutional amendment banning gay marriage in Idaho that will go to voters this November. The House approved the measure on Feb. 6, by a 53-17 vote.

This is the fourth year the subject of gay marriage has come up at the state Legislature.

In voting with the minority — and probably against the wishes of many of his constituents — Coiner said the Constitution defends the rights of all, not just the majority.

"Our gay friends and neighbors" bring diversity, he said. "We are stronger because of it."

It's OK that Idahoans have

an opportunity to vote for this amendment if they so choose. But we're pleased to see Coiner perform like a statesman and not just another politician.

**Cheers, to 5th District Judge Barry Wood of Gooding, who has been recognized by the Idaho Judiciary. He won this year's Kramer Award for Excellence, which was presented to recognize his exemplary work in the administration of Idaho's judicial system.**

In his distinguished career as both a magistrate and district judge, Wood has presided over water-rights cases as the presiding judge of the Snake River Basin Adjudication, handled a high-profile murder case, applied his administrative skills to the management of the 3rd Judicial District, and served on various Supreme

Court committees.

The award is named after former Blaine County District Court Judge Douglas C. Kramer, and honors a judge or judicial employee who has, over an extended period of time, contributed to



improvements in the administration of justice in Idaho.

**Cheers, to California-based Mulholland Positioning Systems Inc., which will move its entire operation to Burley as soon as renovations to the city-owned vacant Kings Discount Store are completed this spring.**

The company, which will eventually create 35 to 50 jobs in Burley, makes postural seating, standing and walking systems for children and adults with cerebral palsy, spinal deficits and other forms of motor development disorders.

A cheer within a cheer goes to the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, which Larry Mulholland credited with convincing him to move his company.

"The SHEDCO really hit all the factors, including cost, liability, and the cost of living for families," he told *The Times-News*.

theater in Old Towne, which really did make Twin Falls different from most cities of its size.

But cheers to owners Dave and Tris Woodhead, who have long been lovers of independent and foreign films and documentaries. They showed movies in Twin Falls for six years that we might not have otherwise had an opportunity to see. The community was made better by their effort.

**Cheers to Rep. Darrell Bolz, R-Caldwell, for putting the brakes on HB 670. The bill was written to keep confidential the names of unsuccessful applicants for public jobs. It would have included all paid and volunteer public jobs — everything from appointees to gubernatorial boards and commissions to high-level jobs such as school superintendent, police chiefs**

and university football coaches.

"My intent was not to cause discord or anything else," Bolz said of the bill, which he had sponsored. "I just wanted to protect the rights of the people."

By sending his bill back to committee, a move that could effectively kill the legislation, Bolz has protected the rights of the people — the taxpayers who pay the salaries of public employees. They deserve to know their tax dollars are being used to pay the people hired for public jobs. This bill would have denied them that right.

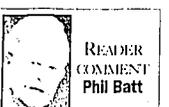
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## Borrowing is a bad road for Idaho

**I**daho is a large, topographically diverse state. It's difficult, and expensive, to build and maintain highways here.

The escalating cost of keeping up to date with our highway program has put us in a financial bind. We rely almost exclusively on users taxes to fund our program. Gas taxes and registration fees are the workhorses, and they should be.

They must be increased periodically in order to keep up with inflation. The last time we increased these taxes and fees was in 1995. I pointed out to my colleagues during my campaign for governor and successfully pushed through an increase after I was elected. There was some grumbling about that, but Idahoans are smart and they know there's no free lunch. Fifteen years later, inflation has eaten up these increases



READER COMMENT  
**Phil Batt**

and more. Our highway program needs more money and the fiscal bind is acute.

Instead of facing this reality, our governor and Legislature have chosen the politically easy way out by borrowing federal highway funds, which will be deducted in future years. It's an innovative way to make our grandchildren pay for today's needs.

The program, known as the GARVEE Act, threatens to further weaken our highway program by allowing legislators and the governor to create where roads are built. This has always been the

province of the Transportation Board, a bipartisan entity that decides these matters strictly on facts derived from exhaustive studies of various states. It's a good system now, and it would be a terrible mistake to let the politicians make these decisions.

Borrowing into the future has become a national feeding frenzy, and it's ruining our personal financial restraint is gone. There are no savings; the average person owes \$10,000 on his or her credit cards; house mortgages often require no principal payments. Most people are saying, "Spend for today; let the grandchildren pay for it."

But the championship for irresponsible borrowing goes to the federal government. Automatic re-election to Congress has been almost guaranteed through unrestrained spending.

Congress and the president shrug off deficits of \$300 billion to \$400 billion annually. They do not seem alarmed at all by this shameful practice, even though it is seriously weakening our country.

To the contrary, they recently approved massive increases to our so-called "entitlements" by a huge expansion of Medicare. Included in those "entitlements" were the notorious "senior" senators and congressmen.

Borrow our highway money, run up more on our credit cards, print more federal money and forget the debt.

Let our grandchildren pay for it, poor grand-grandchildren, even poorer great-grandchildren.

## LETTERS

### Danger of coal emissions is rarely visible

In discussing with some friends two one-sided articles on coal-fired plants written by Michelle Dunlop, it was mentioned in her article that you couldn't see any emissions coming from the plants in Texas. One friend said, "You can't see a bullet coming from your either." It is definitely the most dangerous.

I wonder if the generating plant in Texas sits over a huge aquifer with fractured lava covering it, like the area of Sempra's proposed site in Jerome County. This lava has all sorts of cracks and lava tubes throughout this area that pulls water down through it to the aquifer. (Think of the reservoir that people attempted to build in the same area as the proposed Sempra plant many years ago — the water disappeared into the ground.)

It doesn't matter what kind of lining is used to store the waste after burning the coal. It will not keep 100 percent of the pollutants from leaking into the aquifer. There eventually will be thousands of tons of coal ash waste stored around the plant.

We will also be losing thousands of acres of fertile farmland around the plant and tens of thousands of gallons of water. Some of the water used for farming did go back to the aquifer, while absolutely none of it will with the Sempra generating plant. Plus the farmland for many miles around the plant will be polluted with ash and other contaminants that will eventually be consumed by humans in one form or another.

Read what doctors say about what happens to unborn fetuses when mercury is in the mother's system.

We need to consider the legacy we'll leave our children and grandchildren. Are we willing to sell them out of a clean place to live, clean air to breathe and healthy food to grow and eat for tens of dollars and a few jobs now?

Let's hand together and preserve Magic Valley for our descendants as well as for ourselves.

**DAIRA HUBERT**  
Dietrich

### Coal technology fails to preserve clean air

The National Geographic March 2006 issue includes "The High Cost of Cheap Coal," pages 96-103, and "When Mountains Move," pages 105-123 and should tell doctors say about what happens to unborn fetuses when mercury is in the mother's system.

The charts in the first named article will, I hope, convince you that coal-fired plants are not the way to go. Too much pollution!

"The only two gasification

### LETTERS

power plants in the United States are half the size of most commercial generating plants and have proved less reliable than traditional plants. The technology costs about 20 percent more" (quoted from National Geographic, March 2006).

"When Mountains Move" shows the ruin of ecology in areas of coal mining and nothing is done about it by the government. The Clean Air and Clean Air Act are ignored by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Remember that Sempra will "self-manage" all of its emissions. Will the Department of Environmental Quality and EPA accept this? From an Enron-like company? Will we?

Sempra is a "municipal" plant and under the Idaho Public Utilities Commission will have no controls over it. Please get informed about Sempra. There are groups now meeting in every nearby county and contact the Legislature in Boise.

The National Geographic is available at the libraries, or if you can't find one, call me and I'll send you a copy of the articles mentioned above. My number is 324-7613.

**PAUL WILLIAMS**  
Jerome

### Seek information before voting on bond plan

For parents of children in the Twin Falls School District, it is very hard to surprise to hear that our schools are crowded, the facilities insufficient and the maximum capacity of school buildings will be exceeded in a few years. Given the rising costs of construction, the vote now will only delay the inevitable and result in even higher bond amounts requested for school construction.

Encourage everyone to read all the information available, attend the presentations made by the long-range planning committee, ask questions, and show up for voting on March 1, 2006. Information is available in each of the school buildings, on the *Times-News* Web site, and on the Twin Falls School District Website. I suggest writing down any questions or concerns you have, attending a presentation about the facilities bond and asking your questions. Chances are very good that other citizens also have the same questions but may be afraid to ask.

Please educate yourselves before making a decision that will affect the children of Twin Falls. While the proposed solution may not be perfect for all situations, I can see the good outweighing the bad for children of our city. I will be voting "yes" on March 1.

**ANNE JENSEN**  
Twin Falls

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### 'Good life will be better with school plan

I want to offer a thank you to the people of the Magic Valley. My life has been enriched by the lifestyle in the Magic Valley. There is not a greater sense of community found anywhere. You can't beat the magic living in the Magic Valley. The work ethic from our rural background provides a stabilizing effect on our economy. From the mountains of Sun Valley to the desert of the Snake River Basin, there is never a lack of an unexplored destination. Perhaps that is what attracted many of the great pioneers (i.e., Herne, Bull, Filer, etc.) today to want to say thanks to those that you may not know. Mrs. C. who can always be found at the election polls as a volunteer, Mr. and Mrs. W. who eat lunch only after we have delivered Meals on Wheels to others, Mr. H. who each year takes a youth out to experience a successful hunt, Mrs. J. who sends funny, loving, uplifting emails daily to family and friends, Mr. K. for fighting for our freedoms at Pearl Harbor.

There are countless others. For every city there is a man or woman for each letter of the alphabet that has helped contribute to our great way of life. To all of you, please accept my appreciation for all you have done. Your service to our community is "magic."

Perhaps each of you reading this letter have a desire, large or small, to do it all. Please take the challenge to keep the "magic" in the valley. Your "magic" is performed when you invest a few minutes to reflect upon the educators in your life. What opportunities were you given because of the "magic" of education?

On March 1, each of us has an opportunity to vote on a school bond that would provide the needed physical facilities to allow the "magic" to continue. Take the time to study the issues. We need to

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educate the youth of Twin Falls so they can protect the way of life we enjoy. We want to provide opportunities that will allow our greatest resource to stay and enjoy the Magic Valley.

Perform your own "magic" in March by voting yes!

**DAN KILLEN**  
Twin Falls

### Growth will be coming to Oregon Trail area

No remodeling will be needed at Oregon Trail Elementary because it was built correctly the first time 12 years ago. It was planned for future growth.

The current strategic planning process for education in Twin Falls continues to look to the future and be prepared for growth.

Our school has been continually enrolling. We have added federal programs such as ELL and ILC rooms and had available space for those mandated programs.

The current bond proposal will free up three classrooms by moving the sixth grade to the middle school, thus preventing Oregon Trail from adding portable classrooms for the projected growth in the number of students within our zone.

The projected growth patterns for our Oregon Trail Elementary is as follows:

- TKO is planning a large development of hundreds of homes.
- Volunteer Builders has completed Phase I (Parkwood) with 74 homes and, in Phase 2 (Golden Edge), there will be 77 additional lots. It is projected by its company that in five to seven years there will be close to 400 homes.
- Gary Stone will have close to an additional 300 homes just to the north of our school.
- Gary Nelson, another builder, has completed building 100 homes to be completed by the spring of 2007 that will also impact our school.

Builders, developers, real-

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tors are all saying that the building is occurring all around our school. Have you taken a drive around our community? New construction is all around us. Buckle up! We're growing and need to be prepared to educate our children in adequate facilities and not classrooms with 35 to 40 students in them.

**DARLENE ALLEN**  
**MARY KAY MARTEN**  
**BETTY SHANNON**  
**JUDY WOODY**  
Twin Falls  
*Editor's note: Darlene Allen, Mary Kay Marten, Betty Shannon and Judy Woody are first-grade teachers at Oregon Trail Elementary School.*

### Snowmobilers show arrogance over joke

I read my paper from top to bottom, edge to edge daily — and while I don't always think too highly of the news, it's news.

However, I really feel I must take a stand on a paper in which three snowmobile industry executives are highly indignant over an e-mail joke forwarded to them by a park official (which I wish had been suppressed) — that the joke is not funny in a joke — no matter who sent it — and think that this person should be removed from his duties, just how politically correct is a person supposed to be that a joke cannot be taken as a joke and not a slam? I find the three of them most degrading to the community and feel they, too, should be removed from their current duties. Maybe we can put them in the snowmobiles and hunt them during "snowmobile season." Oh dear, will

they want me removed, too? What really ticked me.

What really ticked me, though, was in the same paper was a completely opposite view of "politically correct" in the story, "Blasphemy?" I can imagine that all over the state there are persons who are saying "get rid of that editor, paper reporter, etc.," because you dared to print something that many Americans do, read or say regarding religion and religious beliefs. Well, I say, good for you.

Such a fine newspaper, including the types which you put up now and again. Keep up the good word and the good reporting.

**CLARE BROWN**  
Hupert

### Energy assistance bill can aid the elderly

With home heating costs expected to increase by as much as 50 percent this winter, millions of Americans will face a financial dilemma. Without additional assistance, low-income Americans and their families may have to choose between paying for their heating costs, their food or their ever-increasing medical bills, including the cost of prescription drugs.

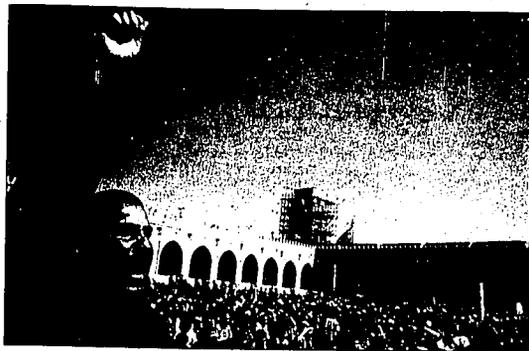
With adequate funding, however, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program can provide much needed assistance. The American Association of Retired Persons supports Sen. Snowe's R-Maine, H.R. S-2320 that will provide additional funding for heating assistance and give people the help they need now.

The Senate is expected to vote on this amendment upon its return from recess.

We must make it clear to our members of Congress that it is unacceptable to leave our most vulnerable Americans out in the cold. Adequate funding for LHEAP must be provided.

**JANICE STOVER**  
Twin Falls  
*(Editor's note: Janice Stover is the president of AARP Idaho.)*

NATION/WORLD



An Iraqi Shiite Muslim shouts slogans after Friday prayers in the Shiite holy city of Najaf on Friday. All groups leaders summoned Iraq's Shiiites and Sunnis to joint prayer services Friday amid a daytime curfew aimed at halting a wave of sectarian violence that has killed nearly 130 people since the bombing of one of Shiite Islam's holiest shrines.

# U.S. leaders urge Iraqis to unite against civil war

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Appeals from religious leaders and an unusual daytime curfew Friday curbed violence that claimed more than 100 lives across Iraq after the bombing of a Shiite shrine. President Bush joined in calling for calm, saying "This is a moment of choosing for the Iraqi people."

Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari reached out to Sunnis and Shiites, promising to rebuild the Shiites' Askariya shrine in Samarra and Sunni mosques damaged in two days of reprisal attacks.

The daytime curfew kept most vehicles and pedestrians off the streets of Baghdad, preventing many people from reaching mosques for the main Muslim prayer service of the week but also blunting protests and preventing attacks.

People were allowed to walk to neighborhood mosques, many of which were guarded by heavily armed Iraqi police and soldiers. Prochairs at several leading mosques urged their followers to maintain calm for the sake of the nation.

But sectarian anger remained high following Wednesday's destruction of a famed Shiite shrine, as did the threat of more violence.

The Iraqi government announced another daytime curfew for Saturday in Baghdad and the surrounding provinces of Salaheddin, Babil and Diyala. And the U.S. military said it would carry out additional security patrols for another 48 hours.

Late Friday, two rockets were fired in a village southeast of Baghdad that includes a tomb revered by Shiites. There was no damage to the tomb, U.S. and Iraqi officials said. Two more rockets exploded in the

British Embassy compound in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, causing minor injuries to two British workers, the U.S. military reported.

Police found at least 27 bodies Friday in Baghdad and other cities and towns. Many were believed to have been victims of sectarian violence, including five Shiite men killed by gunmen who burst into their home in Latifiyah south of Baghdad.

In Samarra, a roadside bomb killed two policemen, and a husband and wife in a passing vehicle were injured when police opened fire after the attack, police said. An explosion set fire to an oil pipeline south of the city.

In Washington, Bush warned Americans to expect more bloodshed and more political wrangling in Iraq.

"We can expect the coming days will be intense," the president said in a speech to a veterans' group. "But I'm optimistic because the Iraqi people have spoken and make their intentions clear."

"They want their freedom. They want their country to be a democracy," Bush said.

The Shiite-Sunni confrontation threatens to scuttle U.S. hopes for a government that will include Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish parties. The Bush administration hopes such a government can win the trust of the Sunni Arab community, the backbone of the insurgency, calming the violence so American troops can begin heading home.

However, the biggest Sunni political bloc in parliament withdrew from talks on a new government to protest the attacks on Sunni mosques. U.S. officials remain hopeful the Sunnis will return to the dis-

ussions, but the crisis may delay forming the government, which had been expected by mid-May.

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad acknowledged the grave danger facing Iraq, but said the attack on the shrine also presented the country with a "moment of opportunity."

"I think this attack has had a major impact here, getting everyone's attention that Iraq is in danger... that they must lead and compromise with each other to bring the people of Iraq together and to save this country," he told reporters.

# Paratroopers face sex-related charges

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The Army has charged seven paratroopers from the celebrated 82nd Airborne Division with engaging in sex acts in video shown on a Web site, authorities said Friday.

Three of the soldiers face courts-martial on charges of sodomy, pandering and engaging in sex acts for money, according to a statement released Friday by the military.

Four other soldiers, whose names were not released, received nonjudicial punishments.

The Army has recommended that all be discharged.

The charges do not mention

the name of the site, but the division has said previously it was investigating allegations that soldiers appeared on a gay pornography Web site. A spokesman for the division said Friday the charges are a result of that investigation.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

If you were to ask me if I had ever seen that at curling, I'd say no.

Pete Fenson of the U.S. curling team regarding a streaker, wearing only a strategically placed rubber chicken, that interrupted the bronze medal match between the U.S. and Great Britain

TRIVIA

QUESTION: The United States hockey team won the gold medal at the 1980 Olympics, beating the Soviet Union 4-3 and Finland 4-2 in the medal round. Name, in order, who scored each American goal in those two games.
ANSWER: below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College BASEBALL CSI at Dixie State College, DII, noon
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CSI at Colorado Northwestern, Rangely, Colorado, 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CSI at Colorado Northwestern, Rangely, Colorado, 5:30 p.m.
High School Postseason BOYS BASKETBALL Decla at Snake River, Highland HS, Pocatello, 3:30 p.m.
WRESTLING State tournaments, Holt Arena, Pocatello

IN BRIEF

Kimberly booster meeting set
KIMBERLY — A booster meeting is set for Monday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. in the media center at the high school to vote on awards and to finalize plans for the awards ceremony set for March 7. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact George Flew at 423-4997.

Fundraiser dinner set for Castletford
CASTLETFORD — A spaghetti/hamburger dinner fundraiser is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 27, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the school lunch room. Proceeds will benefit the basketball team, cheerleaders and pep band on their way to state competition. Dinner consists of spaghetti, skill assessments, bread, green salad, homemade desserts, ice cream and milk. The group will be accepting donations and all donations will be greatly appreciated. Call Brenda at (208) 537-6511 or refer to www.castletford-schools.com.

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TRIVIA ANSWER: Buzz Schneider, Mark Johnson, Mark Johnson, Mike Erzuozio, Steve Christoff, Phil Verchota, Bob McClanahan, Mark Johnson.

Woods out of match play Spartans surge to top of 4A



Tiger Woods rips a shot from among the trees on the third hole during his third-round match against Chad Campbell at the Accenture World Golf Championship, Filday, in Carlsbad, Calif.

The Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Chad Campbell expected overtime against Tiger Woods.

Standing to the side of the 19th green with a 1-up lead, he was so certain that Woods was going to make a 12-foot birdie — doesn't he always? — that Campbell already was planning his tee shot on the first extra hole.

Imagine his surprise, not to mention his delight, when Woods missed his putt.

"I wasn't really all that disappointed," Campbell said with a grin.

Instead of walking over to the first tee, he watched Woods and an entourage of security climb the stairs toward the clubhouse and check out of the Match Play Championship.

Good thing Woods didn't shut the door on his way out.

Minutes later, hometown favorite and fifth-seeded Phil Mickelson lost to David Howell of England, leaving Lefty Welsh on the West Coast for only the fourth time in his career.

In the best group was Vijay Singh, the No. 2 seed, limping along against Pudge Harrington until the Pudge frittered away enough chances to lose on the 19th hole.

Defending champion David Toms, the No. 8 seed, saw his eight-match winning streak end

against Ryder Cup captain Tom Lehman in the shortest match of the third round.

Chris DiMarco was the No. 7 seed and said he doubted there were many players at La Costa with his toughness. What he discovered was that match play starts with birdies, and he only made one in a 3-and-2 loss to Davis Love III.

Six of the top eight seeds had reached the third round. Retief Goosen was the only one left after another high-charged day at La Costa. Goosen, the No. 3 seed, never trailed in beating Luke Donald, 1-up. Not only is he the only top seed remaining, Goosen is the only player who has not trailed at any point through three rounds.

Not that it means anything. "I don't think anybody of the eight that are left are going to be wishing Tiger was here," Love said. "You never know who is the hot player, who's the guy with the hot putter. It's still match play."

Still, the buzz — or what was left of it at La Costa — was Campbell beating the No. 1 player in the world. He is playing so well that his last two opponents did not make a bogey and still got beat.

"I didn't play badly," Woods said. "Chad played really good. He made a lot more birdies than me, make more putts than I did. I had my opportunities to put pressure on him by making

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Eagles men and women ease by Spartans

The Times-News

RANGELY, Colo. — That was easy.

The No. 19 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team breezed by the out-matched Colorado Northwestern Community College Friday night in Rangely, Colo., dropping the host Spartans 104-57 behind a barrage of three-pointers and transition dunks.

CSI opened up a 46-25 lead at half and continued to build their cushion early in the second half, outscoring the Spartans 16-6 in the half's first four minutes. After reserve shooting guard Derek Lorenzen missed the bus to Rangely when the Eagles left on Thursday, red-

shirt freshman Joel "Pip" Nieves took advantage of his newfound playing time to pump in 12 points for the Eagles.

"We came ready because we lost twice back home against Salt Lake," Nieves said.

"We prepared last week. We came ready to play hard and like the championship."

Lorenzen made the trip on his own and suited up for the Eagles, but did not play.

Final official individual statistics were not available on Friday night, but Travis Gabbidon un-

officially led the Eagles with 23 points, while Leon Henry added 12 and Reggie Lary 11 on a night where the Eagles had little trouble scoring off their defensive stops.

"The guys played good," CSI head coach Barrel Peery said. "They really got after it. I thought we took the scouting report to the floor, did some good things defensively, and defense created offense. We got a lot of good shots off our D."

The Eagles improved to 21-6 on the season and 12-3 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play, while the Spartans fall to 4-23 (0-15 SWAC). With a win tonight, CSI will wrap up the regular-season SWAC championship with two games remaining.

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Women CSI 93, CNCC 46

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The 21-year-old Mancuso, known for wearing a tiara in slalom races, gave the American women their first Olympic medal since Picabo Street earned gold in the super-G at the 1998 Nagano Games.

With two strong runs in snowy, foggy weather, Mancuso had a combined time of 2 minutes, 9.19 seconds, 67 seconds faster than silver medalist Tanja Poutiainen of Finland. With a big second run, Anna Ottosson of Sweden took the bronze, 1.14 seconds behind Mancuso.

Mancuso's medal was the second for the Americans in Alpine skiing, gold for the 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, N.Y., when she won the men's combined luge.

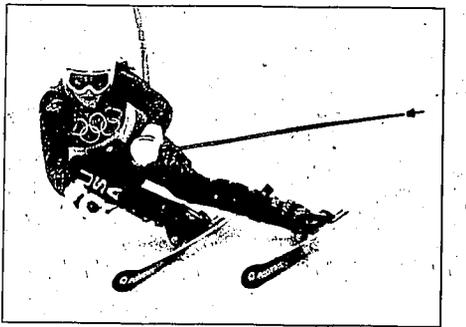
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CROSS-COUNTRY

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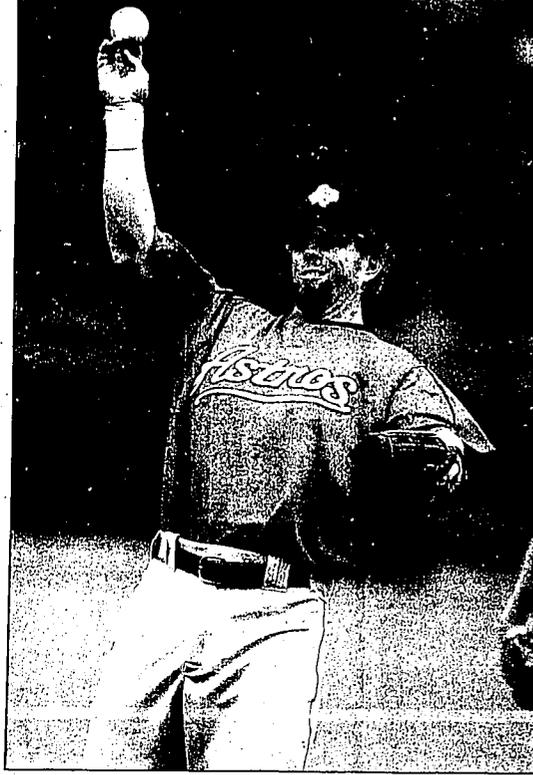
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SPORTS



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# Bagwell arrives at camp

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — The Houston Astros want their money. Jeff Bagwell wants to play.

The standoff between the NL champions and one of their most recognizable players took the expected awkward turn Friday when Bagwell arrived at spring training.

Bagwell had surgery in June on his right shoulder, and the Astros argue that Bagwell is too hurt to play. They filed an insurance claim in January to recoup about \$15.6 million of the \$17 million Bagwell is guaranteed this season.

"This is what I do, this is who I am," he said. "I can't just go away. That's not in my nature. I'm going to need a couple of weeks to see where I'm at and then make a decision from there."

The 37-year-old first baseman fielded grounders, made light throws and spent most of the team's first full-squad workout in the batting cage. He seemed relaxed but felt like the team's front office was watching every move.

"I'd like to get out here, get back on the field. I don't like it as a little bit of a trial camp today," Bagwell said. "I felt like I almost had to try and prove something, but yet I've got to sit back and say, 'No, I don't. I just have to get ready for April 1.'"

Bagwell, the Astros' starting first baseman for 15 seasons, has said the team wants him to quit and that the situation has

created a rift that may never be resolved.

He said the start of this spring training was "a little awkward" with his role on the team questioned for the first time.

"For so long, it's been, 'OK, he's playing first base. Don't even worry about him in spring training,'" Bagwell said. "But it's a different story now, and I fully understand that. That part has been a little weird for me, but that's the way it is right now."

Bagwell has dealt with the arthritic shoulder since 2001 and says the team has never raised the issue "until now. He batted no lower than .266 in the four years prior to 2005, when he missed 115 games following shoulder surgery."

"I've had plenty of conversations (in past years) where I didn't know if I was going to be able to do it, but I've always found a way to do it," Bagwell said. "And that's why I'm here again."

Owner Drayton McLane addressed the "NL champions before the workout and made a point to shake hands with Bagwell," McLane said. He talked briefly and that he wanted to meet with Bagwell in the next few days.

"It's like everything in life — close relationships have different experiences as you go," McLane said. "I've been closer to Jeff than any other player in my history of the Astros. This is a difficult time for him, and

that's where friends help friends and that's what I'm here to do."

McLane flew to San Diego a few weeks ago and met with Bagwell's agent, Barry Axelrod. Bagwell was receptive to the idea of meeting with McLane in Kissimmee.

"Eventually, he and I are going to have to sit down and talk. When that is, we'll figure it out at some point," Bagwell said.

Bagwell is the franchise's leader in home runs (419), RBIs (1,529) and runs (1,517). He returned late last season and could bat but could not throw. He went 1-for-10 with an RBI in the World Series.

Doctors hired by the Astros to examine Bagwell last month told the club that Bagwell's shoulder was still damaged and that the team could no longer expect him to be productive.

"His shoulder is impaired, there's no question about that from anybody," manager Phil Cramer said. "But definitely, you can make too much of what you see or don't see today."

Bagwell said he was mad at the Astros for the way the process has unfolded.

"I understand the business side of baseball," he said. "If I cannot play baseball this year and I am physically unable to play with the Houston Astros, trust me, I want them to collect as much insurance as possible. I'll write the letter. That's not an issue for me. But I just want an chance to see if I can play."

# Bonds: Many homers but no words

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Barry Bonds put on a batting-practice show Friday, hitting some long home runs that impressed observers — even if they did come off a 50-year-old coach.

"He looks good, fresh," manager Felipe Alou said. "If you don't have any bat speed it's hard to catch up with what Pujols throws from such a short range."

Bonds earlier took his batting practice against Noah Lowery and Pedro Lirio, taking most of the pitches to work on his timing and only hitting a couple of balls hard. After getting too far out in front of a pitch from Lirio and grounding it to first, Bonds said, "Nasty changeup. Good changeup dude."

It's unknown how Bonds feels about his progress since he told media members he would not conduct any interviews until they signed a release waiver allowing footage of them to be shown on his upcoming reality TV show "ESPN."

ESPN is not responsible for asking for these waivers, and Alou reporters will be not signing them. ESPN spokesman Josh Kruevitz said, "ESPN original entertainment, a separate division from our news-gathering operation, has been having ongoing discussions with an outside production company for this series, which hasn't been finalized or announced. These requests were a surprise to us."

last season as the knee injuries kept him out of the lineup until September. He showed some signs of life in his return when he returned, hitting five homers in 42 at-bats to give him 708 in his career. He is seven shy of passing Babe Ruth for second place and 48 away from breaking Hank Aaron's record.

While Bonds has impressed Alou with his work in batting practice, the manager said he won't know for at least a couple of more days if Bonds will be ready to play in Thursday's spring training opener against the Milwaukee Brewers in Phoenix.

As far as hitting goes, Alou likes what he's seen so far, comparing it to 2003, when Bonds hit 10 homers in spring training in limited at-bats.

"I believe the way I see him swinging he may not need more than those at-bats," Alou said. "Now playing defense, that's something else. We'll see how it goes. We're not going to rush anything. We have more than a month right now to deal with it."

# Who's better?

## Leinart, Young hope to answer one question

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The link between Matt Leinart and Vince Young grows stronger.

In December, they sat together at the Heisman Trophy ceremony. In January, they faced each other for a national title. Now they're in Indianapolis vying to become the first quarterback chosen in April's NFL draft.

Separating them is the challenge.

"Matt's success at Southern Cal over the last couple of years is almost unprecedented in the history of the school. He really stands offense, he understands defense, and moves the football and makes plays in big games," Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher said.

"Vince, on the other hand, is a different style of quarterback, certainly if not the top, one of the top athletes coming out of the draft."

Leinart led USC to two straight national championships, then Young's performance in January's Rose Bowl that ended the Trojans run. Texas won its first outright championship since 1959 and Young's stock rose so quickly he had to skip his senior season.

Leinart stayed in school another year after winning the Heisman in 2004.

But while Young was busy earning his second straight Rose Bowl MVP award, Leinart's quest to join Archie Griffin as the only players to win two Heismans ended when Southern Cal teammate Reggie Bush won.

On the field, the players admire each other. "I really do. That guy is a freaky runner," Leinart said with a smile.

But the battle between Leinart and Young is no longer about envy or trophies. It's about bragging rights, prestige and cold cash.

Most people expect Bush to be the top pick in April with the top quarterbacks expected to go next. The question is who goes first?

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Matt Leinart

style offense, succeeded Pro Bowl quarterback Carson Palmer at USC and fits the classic dropback model. He was listed at 6-foot-2, 225 pounds last year and spent time studying Peyton and Eli Manning as well as Palmer.

Plus, he's grown accustomed to the pressures of the NFL. "It's about being in LA, being in the limelight and being the only team there that really had success the last couple of years," Leinart said. "I think it's the closest thing to the NFL I've done tons of interviews. I've seen lots of things happen, so I think I'm very prepared."

Young, in contrast, is this year's hot prospect although in the daily two-month evaluation that is the draft, he seems to have slipped a bit lately.

Few thought Young was as polished as Leinart when the season started. But after throwing for 267 yards and running for 200 more, including the winning touchdown, in the Rose Bowl, Young surged.

Team officials love his athletic ability and strong arm although Young believes he must prove more to be taken first or second overall. Houston and New Orleans hold the top two picks.

"It all depends on how much effort I'm willing to put in," Young said.

Quarterback debates are not new at the combine. Some of the more notable battles have been between Peyton Manning and Drew Bledsoe; Ryan Manning and Ryan Leaf; and Tim Couch

and Donovan McNabb.

Leaf, Mirer and Couch are all out of the league, so it's clear that teams must make the right choices to assure future success. To a coach like Fisher, whose Titans have the third pick, that means it will take a lot more work.

"There'll be a lot more study, not only by us, but by other clubs between now and the draft as far as that's concerned," he said.

At this stage, scouts are looking for flaws. Leinart believes they are questioning his arm strength and mobility because he didn't need to use either much at USC. Young has heard the complaints about his unorthodox sideload delivery.

But neither seems concerned.

"Nobody's trying to change me," Young said. "A lot of guys are saying 'don't mess with something that doesn't need to be fixed.'"

Neither Leinart nor Young plans to work out in Indianapolis, choosing instead to make scouts wait to see them in person. Until then, teams will try to devise a way to separate two of the top and most diverse talents in this year's draft.

"Throughout a process like this you're comparing how so and so did in this system when he came out or whatever," Houston coach Gary Kubiak said. "I think anything could happen. I think our options remain open."

# New book swings at baseball myths

BOSTON (AP) — The story has been repeated for decades. It perhaps reached its peak during the 2004 playoffs when the Boston Red Sox beat the New York Yankees and went on the sweep St. Louis for their first World Series title in 86 years.

It goes something like this: Red Sox owner John F. Kennedy sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees in 1920 because he needed the money to finance a Broadway musical, "No, No Nanette."

As a result of the deal, the Yankees became baseball's dominant and most storied team, winning 26 championships in the next 81 years. The Red Sox, shackled by the cost of the Yankees' bargain baseball's inane losses, reaching the World Series every decade or so, only to find some bizarre and heartbreaking way to lose.

The problem is, it's not true. At least according to a new book by Michael Kun and Howard Bloom, "The Baseball Uncyclopedia," a series of vignettes that challenges some myths of the game.

The authors also pontificate on the worst team nickname in the major leagues and worst uniforms in baseball history. They argue over whether Nolan Ryan and Cal Ripken Jr. should be considered great players.

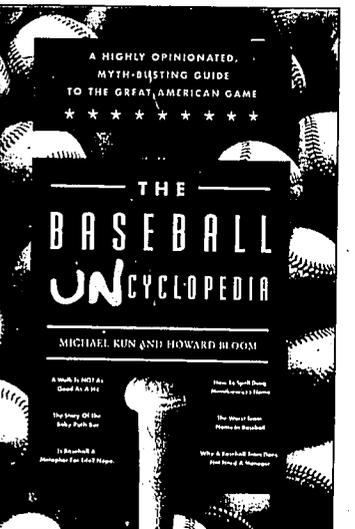
"People are supposed to read it, maybe learn a little bit, maybe have a chuckle, and then have an interesting conversation," said Bloom, who grew up in Massachusetts as a Red Sox fan and lives in Needham. "It's that's what we do, we accomplished our purpose."

Kun lives in Los Angeles but who spent part of his youth in Burlington, Ill., where he became a Red Sox fan. He wrote the chapter on the sale of Ruth to the Yankees.

Frazer did not need money to finance his Broadway musical, Kun said. He was already a wealthy and successful Broadway producer. "No, No Nanette" had not even been written at the time of the deal and would not debut for another five years.

Bather, Frazer simply did not like Ruth and wanted him off the team. Ruth had become a distraction with his demands for more money, his wild behavior and his disputes with management. Newspaper articles at the time never mentioned the Broadway aspect of the transaction.

The authors, both labor lawyers for the same firm, also



"The Baseball Uncyclopedia," published by Emmis Books, is a series of short vignettes that challenges some of the myths of the game, co-authored by Howard Bloom and Michael Kun.

take aim at those fans who regard baseball, and sports in general, too seriously.

"When I hear baseball fans say baseball is a metaphor and helps us define human experience, I am puzzled by that," said Kun, a published novelist.

The authors also take a swing at the Baby Ruth candy bar. Conventional wisdom holds that the candy bar was named after Babe Ruth but Ruth was at the height of his popularity. Ruth Cleveland had been dead 17 years.

"It looks like the candy company was trying to take advantage of Babe Ruth's name without compensating him in any way, and they came up with this crazy story about Ruth Cleveland," Kun said.

The authors address the im-

portance of the manager in baseball. In 1960, the owner of the Chicago Cubs replaced his manager with an eight-man "college of coaches." The result was a disaster. Without a clear chain of command, the Cubs finished with a 64-90 record.

The writers debate two of the game's most notable players, Ryan and Ripken. Kun makes his case for Ripken's greatness based on his skills and durability. Bloom counters that the longtime Baltimore Orioles shortstop was just a 276 career hitter.

They engage in similar tit-for-tat about Ryan. His stats, Kun says, were the result of longevity. Bloom resorts to calling Kun a "moron."

In any case, the two may put together a sequel. But before that, they are in the process of writing "The Football Uncyclopedia."

"There's plenty of material out there," Bloom said.

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Canada's skip Russ Howard yells as Jamie Korab, left, and Mark Nichols sweep during the gold medal match against Finland in curling in Phenixio, Italy during the 2006 Winter Olympic Games on Friday. Canada won the gold medal.

Mark

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Olympics and might have done so again had it not been for a fall while climbing a hill in the final 10 kilometers.  
Kowalczyk, who appeared headed for victory when she entered the stadium, took the bronze for Poland's first medal of the games.

CURLING

**Men**  
FINEROLIO, Italy—The Canadians, silver medalists in 1998 and 2002, left little doubt this time around, routing Finland 10-4 to win their first gold medal.  
Canada has won 29 world championships in curling, the country's second-most popular sport behind hockey. But the Canadians lost to Switzerland in the gold medal match in Nagano, then fell to Norway in Salt Lake City.  
This time, Canada broke it open with six points in the sixth end, or inning, and Finland conceded after eight and settled for a silver medal.  
The United States earned its share of curling glory — its first medal ever in the sport — thanks to an American who knows how to slice it.  
The American men won the bronze by beating Britain 8-6 in the consolation game, jumping to an early lead and then clinching the victory with a simple draw to the middle of the target in the final end. That put the United States on the medal stand along with more traditional curling powers Finland and Canada, who play later Friday for the championship.  
Britain was shut out of a medal one Olympics after Scottish housewife Rhona Martin threw the "Stone of Destiny" to win the gold medal in Salt Lake City. David Murdoch's team is also from Scotland, which is considered the birthplace of curling.  
With the Americans holding the big last-rock advantage known as the hammer for the final end they played defensively and kept the British from building any protection. Murdoch had one rock in the target area, and he put his last rock out from as a guard.  
But Pete Fenson, a Minnesota pizzaer owner, had an open draw around the right to get inside of Murdoch's rock and give the U.S. the bronze.  
In the gold-medal match, Finland led 2-0 after the first end but Canada answered with two in the second. The Canadians then stole points in the third and fourth when Finland had the hammer — or last-stone advantage — and never looked back.

**SPEDSKATING**  
**Men**  
10,000 meters  
TURIN, Italy — Bob de Jong of the Netherlands bounced back from a miserable performance at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games to win a surprising gold in the 10,000 meters, the final men's speedskating event of these games.  
American Chad Hedrick, the world record holder, finished second, completely his set one, gold, one silver and one bronze.  
De Jong's winning time of 13 minutes, 57 seconds was nearly four seconds better than

# Sweden vs. Finland for gold

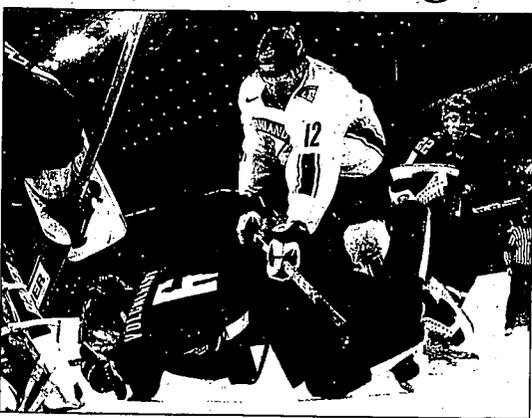
TURIN, Italy (AP) — Tell the Swedish post office to start designing that old Peter Forsberg stamp — the men's hockey team is one win from another gold medal.  
Forsberg set up a goal 34 seconds into the game and Sweden scored four times in the second period to defeat the world champion Czech Republic 7-3 in an Olympic semifinal on Friday night.

The Swedes will face Finland on Sunday for the title. They're guaranteed an Olympic medal for the first time since taking gold in 1994, when Forsberg scored the winning goal to beat Canada in a gold-medal shootout.  
Even after the Lillehammer Games, Forsberg's face showed up on the upper left-hand corner of Swedish letters everywhere.  
Daniel Alfredsson remembers watching his future Olympic teammate on TV with his parents.  
"Great moment in Swedish hockey history," "Yeah," Daniel Alfredsson said, "especially the way it ended." They made a stamp of it for a reason.

Alfredsson and P.J. Axelsson took a goal and assist for Sweden, which was off and running after Forsberg fed Fredrik Modin for a score on the first shot of the game.  
Earning a silver medal will help the Swedes erase the bitter memories of the 2002 Salt Lake City Games when they were upset by Belarus and knocked out in the quarterfinal round for the second straight time.  
"We came out hard on the ice and showed them we wanted to win," Forsberg said.  
The Swedes charged from all angles and used brilliant passing that sliced the offensive zone from end to end and side to side. Even though both rosters are full of NHL stars, the European style shone through on the large Olympic playing surface.

Mark Sirk, Christian Backman, and Johan Johansson, Alfredsson scored in the second period for Sweden, which built a 5-1 lead over its lethargic opponent.  
"I think that we probably had our best first period," Toronto Maple Leafs captain Mats Sundin said. "We've had so many IIs and butts in this tournament and we have not had strong starts, so today we focused on trying to get an early lead."

Ales Hemesky and Vinny Prospal scored 45 seconds apart midway through the middle period to give the Czechs life and hope. But Alfredsson snuffed that out when he found the net from the slot with one knee on the ice with a minute remaining, in the period to make it 6-3.  
Hasek was in goal when the Czechs won gold in 1998, the first time the NHL halted its season for the Olympics.  
**Finland 4, Russia 0**  
TURIN, Italy — The Finns are playing as a team, not as selfish stars, in an Olympics where they have eliminated all the big countries and many of hockey's big names.  
Saku Koivu and Ville Peltonen each scored a goal and set up another as Finland beat Russia 4-0 in the men's semifinals Friday night.  
"Obviously, if you were born in Turin, you want to play Sweden. That's the ultimate," Ville Nieminen said. "The situation can't get any better, can't get any more exciting."



Finland's Olli Jokinen (12) knocks Russia's Anton Volchankov (6) from the ice during the second period of a 2006 Winter Olympic men's ice hockey semifinal game against Russia, Friday, in Turin, Italy. Finland won 4-0 and will play Sweden in the gold medal game.

How good is this for the two bordering countries, where the long winters naturally lead many of their best athletes to the ice?

"The combined population of Sweden (9 million) and Finland (5 million) is less than metropolitan New York City, yet they will play for the gold while the big boys — Canada, the United States, Russia and the Czechs — all sit out. Finland has beaten all of those teams in the tournament.  
And they're doing it by following the most basic of concepts in team play: togetherness can win out over superior talent."  
While U.S. star Mike Modano was complaining about playing time, and Canada coach Pat Quinn said his roster-full of big stars never meshed, the Finns have played like they have been together for 10 years, not 10 days.  
"I've never been on a team that's so tight and together," Kimmo Timonen said. "Everybody's doing their job and working very hard and now this is a big thing we've done as a group for our country."  
The day before the semifinals, Czech star Jaromir Jagr said the

Russians were the best team remaining — but only if they played as a team, a common problem for them in recent years. They didn't on Friday, and now they're back in the bronze medal game for a second consecutive Olympics.  
"We got what we deserved," goalie Evgeni Nabokov said. "I think the score pretty much sums it up. We did not play well and we did not deserve to win. They were hungrier than we were and I don't know why."  
Maybe it's because Finland has played that way from the start, winning all seven games in Turin starting with a 5-0 decision over Switzerland. Five of their seven victories have been shutouts.  
Russia, which has gotten a medal in all but one Olympic men's tournament since 1956, now must beat the Czechs to match the bronze they won in Salt Lake City.  
Finland and Sweden last played in the medal round, in 1998, a 2-1 victory by Finland in the quarterfinals of the first Olympics with mostly NHL players. Finland has never won a gold — Sweden did in 1994 — but did get the bronze in 1998.

Derrik and Iryo-Yung Kim.  
The four-man bobslid finals bring a pair of American teams to Saturday's two final runs, although they were sitting in sixth and seventh place after the first day of competition. Germany, Switzerland and Russia held the top three spots.

**Medals Table**

Nation	0	5	9	Tot
Germany	0	5	9	24
United States	8	9	6	23
Russia	8	4	8	20
Canada	6	8	6	20
Austria	6	6	5	19
Norway	2	8	18	18
Switzerland	5	4	13	12
Sweden	5	2	12	12
Italy	4	0	6	10
France	3	2	4	9
Netherlands	3	2	4	9
China	2	2	4	8
South Korea	4	3	1	8
Finland	0	5	3	8
Estonia	3	0	3	6
Croatia	1	2	3	6
Czech Republic	1	2	3	6
Australia	1	0	2	3
Ukraine	0	0	2	2
Japan	1	0	1	2
Belarus	0	1	1	2
Britain	1	0	1	2
Bulgaria	0	1	1	2
Slovakia	0	1	1	2
Latvia	0	0	1	1
Poland	0	0	1	1

his personal best. Hedrick, who faded in the middle of the grueling race, finished in 13:05.40 — a full 10 seconds off the world mark he set in December at Salt Lake City.  
Netherlands' time was 13:08.80.  
While Hedrick didn't come close to matching Eric Heiden's record of five gold medals from the 1980 Lake Placid Games, he still became the first American to win three medals in Turin and will be remembered for one of the great performances in U.S. speedskating history.  
"I think for De Jong, he no longer will be haunted by his failures in 2002, when he finished 30th in the 5,000 and next-to-last in the 10,000.

**BOBLED**  
**Men**  
CESANA, Italy — Todd Hays, who won the U.S. bobsled team's first Olympic medal in 46 years at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games, said Friday that he will retire following his final two slides at the Turin Games Saturday.  
Hays had a disappointing outing Friday, completing his two runs in 1 minute, 50.99 seconds and his .49 seconds — a sliding eternity — behind Germany's Andre Lange, the gold medalist in two runs, who has found an icy groove on a course with high-banking curves and head-rattling chicanes.  
"Tomorrow will be my last, two bobsled runs and you'll see every ounce of energy that I have in this sport," said Hays, in seventh after his first two runs. "Unfortunately it didn't go as I'd hoped, but fortunately I know there's a lot more things in life than not finishing the Olympic Games with a medal.  
Unless Hays can find some speed Saturday, the 36-year-old will leave Italy without a medal after arriving as a favorite in two events.  
The course proved treacherous for some. Brazil's four-man bobsled team appeared to be uninjured after crashing and sliding through several curves upside down on its opening trip. The next four-man bobsled on the first run, the Brazilians tipped on their side near the bottom of the 19-curve course and driver Ricardo Raschlin was unable to get Brazil-1 back on its front runners.

## Last chance for U.S. to grab gold at Olympics

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Welcome to last-chance Saturday for the U.S. champions, one final opportunity to grab a medal before heading home. Few are more aware of the fast-closing window in Turin than Bode Miller and Apolo Anton Ohno.

Miller, once considered the possible king of the Alpine events, stumbled and tumbled through his first four races without hitting the medal platform and he's taking one more shot in the slalom.  
The gauntlet Ohno gets to the men's 5000 meters, and again in the relay-scram-jumble excitement of the men's 5,000-meter relay. He's already won a bronze in the 1,000 meters, but has yet to match his gold medal of 2002.

The two high-profile Americans anchor the prime-time broadcast on NBC, which offers 9.5 hours of coverage Saturday. The evening show, from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. EST, also will include the final two runs of the four-man bobsled, the women's 12.5km biathlon and the women's 1,000-meter short track speedskating final.  
The next-to-last day is packed with medals: eight gold, plus the bronze medal game in hockey as the Turin Games start wrapping up. Once Saturday is completed, only two events remain — the men's 50km cross-country skiing and the gold medal hockey game between Finland and Sweden.

The Americans aren't playing any more hockey in Turin, and have never won a medal in the 50km. That leaves Saturday as the last chance for the U.S. team to add to its medal count of 23 (eight gold, nine silver, six bronze).

The bronze medal hockey game between the Czech Republic and Russia was set for 1 p.m., and will air live during NBC's five-hour afternoon Olympic block. The last of the women's speedskating races, the 1,000 meters, will be highlighted along with the four-man bobsled final and the men's 15km biathlon final.  
Miller believes he skied well enough to win his first four races in Turin. His results say different: Fifth place. Disqualification. Did not finish. Sixth place.

Place No. 5 the slalom, offers Miller a chance to trade the Turin blues for something shinier. He was a double silver medalist in Salt Lake City and arrived in Italy with high expectations that soon evaporated. But Miller has a history on this hill, in this race. The 2005 World Cup all-around champion lost slalom victory came here.  
His teammate Ted Ligety will try to become the first U.S. man to win two Alpine titles in one Olympics. He took a gold earlier in the men's combined.  
Ohno, with one medal already in hand, hoped to expand his personal count with his two races. He's the only American short track leader with a medal

in Turin, and he has a chance to exceed his two Salt Lake medals.  
The 500 meters is an all-out sprint around the short track, while the relay puts 20 skaters from five countries on the ice in a crush to capture a gold medal. The U.S. has a pair of skaters in the women's 1,000 in Kimberly

Derrik and Iryo-Yung Kim.  
The four-man bobsled finals bring a pair of American teams to Saturday's two final runs, although they were sitting in sixth and seventh place after the first day of competition. Germany, Switzerland and Russia held the top three spots.

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Standard & Poor's 500	+184	1,289.43
Russell 2000	+4.15	736.60

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**Stocks of local interest**

Albertsons	close change	\$25.44 ▼ .11
Con Agri	\$20.95 ▲ .32	
Dell Inc.	\$29.10 ▲ .03	
Idacorp	\$32.68 ▲ .33	
Micron	\$15.88 ▲ .19	

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## Commodities

Oil, by barrel	close change	\$62.91 ▲ 2.37
(April, light sweet crude)		
Live cattle	\$90.07 ▼ .70	
Gold (Feb.)	\$558.80 ▲ 10.40	

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## FDA approves generic Flonase

WASHINGTON — Regulators approved the first generic version of Flonase on Wednesday, touting the move in a rare press release and conference call with reporters as one that should provide users of the allergy drug a cheaper alternative.

Fluticasone Propionate Nasal Spray is the first generic version of Flonase, which has annual sales of more than \$1 billion. The Food and Drug Administration approved the drug in 1994 to treat the nasal symptoms of seasonal and chronic allergies as well as inflammation of the lining of the nose.

GlaxoSmithKline makes Flonase. Roxane Laboratories, of Columbus, Ohio, makes the generic version.

## TV and filmmakers want real New York

Start spreading the news: After years of watching locales stand in for New York, the city that never sleeps has become a fierce competitor in the race to lure film and TV productions.

Last year was New York City's busiest production year in more than a decade — a remarkable comeback after a steep slump deepened by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

In 2005, the city's location shooting days increased 35 percent over the previous year to 31,576, according to the Mayor's Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting. That figure covers television and film shoots that are on location, not in studios or soundstages.

Although New York still ranks second in overall production to Los Angeles, where shooting increased 4 percent last year to 54,876 days, the Big Apple is gaining ground.

New York attracted \$600 million worth of movies and television programs and more than 6,000 additional jobs last year as a result of a new "Made in NY" incentive program that went into effect in 2005, said Katherine Oliver, the city's film commissioner.

## Venezuela to ban two U.S. airlines in March

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuela plans to prohibit Continental Airlines and Delta Air Lines from flying into this South American nation and is restricting flights by a third major U.S. carrier, American Airlines. The head of the nation's federal aviation agency said.

Francisco Patz, president of the National Aviation Institute, said late Thursday the action was taken because the U.S. had placed a similar ban on some Venezuelan carriers, serious routes to the United States 10 years ago due to safety violations. Venezuela said the U.S. has failed to recognize improvements since then.

"We have exhausted all avenues with the U.S. aeronautical authority," the institute said in a statement. "We have been forced to reduce the frequency of flights of U.S. airline companies from the U.S."

The ban will take effect on March 1. Patz told local Globovision television.

— compiled from wire reports

# Ted Turner to step down at Time Warner

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ted Turner, the mercurial media visionary who founded CNN, said Friday that he would seek re-election to the board of Time Warner Inc.

Turner, who is 67, became a director of Time Warner in 1996 when the media conglomerate bought his cable networks company Turner Broadcasting Systems, and he has long held a prominent role in guiding the company's affairs.

In recent years, though, Turner has been spending more time on his various philanthropic efforts and other activities, which include the Turner Foundation, an environmental group, and overseeing his large land hold-

ings, which at 1.7 million acres make him the largest individual property owner in the United States.

Turner also oversees the United Nations Foundation, which he started with a \$1 billion donation to the U.N. in 1997, and co-chairs the Nuclear Threat Initiative with former U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia. He also owns a rapidly expanding restaurant chain called Ted's Montana Grill, which specializes in serving bison meat.

Phillip Evans, a spokesman for Turner Enterprises, Turner's private holding company, said Turner has "indicated for some time that he's wanted to refocus his energies on activities outside Time Warner."

After initially embracing the company's ill-fated merger with America Online in 2000, Turner later became disillusioned and a competitor in a public feud about being pushed aside in the company's hierarchy. In 2003, he relinquished his role as vice chairman.

Turner, whose bold pronouncements earned him the moniker "The Mouth of the South," has occasionally embarrassed Time Warner in the past, complaining that former

CEO Gerald Levin had "fired" him and railing against media consolidation in an article in the Washington Monthly magazine called "My Beef With Big Media."

Turner said in a prepared statement that he was departing after "much deliberation" and wished the company "every success." Evans, the Turner Enterprises spokesman, said Turner would not be commenting further. Turner still owns 32 million shares of Time Warner stock, less than 1 percent of the company's outstanding shares.

Time Warner also announced that Carla A. Hills, a former U.S. Trade Representative, will step down from the board in accordance with the company's retirement policy, which requires directors to retire after they turn 72.

Last month, former AOL executive Miles Gilburne also said he would not seek re-election, leaving Time Warner with at least three spots to fill on its board at its annual company meeting, which is usually held in May. As of the beginning of the year, Time Warner had 14 directors.

As part of an agreement with dissident investor Carl Icahn, Time Warner has pledged to name two independent directors to its board, but that does not have to happen until July, company spokeswoman Susan Dufly said.

## FATE OF DEVICE HANGS IN BALANCE



James Balisillo, center left, co-chief executive of Canada's RIM, speaks to reporters with attorney Henry Bunsow, center right, after a federal court hearing in Richmond, Va., Friday. A federal judge Friday indicated he would rule soon on an injunction on the popular BlackBerry wireless e-mail device. Balisillo tried to reassure BlackBerry owners that their screens would not go dark.

# Hearing on BlackBerry ends without a decision

Millions of users may be affected by patent infringement case

By Stephanie Stoughton  
Associated Press writer

RICHMOND, Va. — BlackBerry owners will have to wait longer to learn the fate of their wireless e-mail devices: A federal judge ended a hearing Friday without making a ruling on an injunction request.

Shares of BlackBerry's maker, Research In Motion Ltd. of Waterloo, Ontario, got a lift in afternoon trading, following the court news as well as the second favorable decision this week from the U.S. patent office.

NTP Inc., a small patent-holding firm that successfully sued RIM for patent infringement, asked U.S. District Judge James R. Spencer to impose an injunction on the service with a 30-day grace period for the parties to work out the details.

The Arlington company also recom-

mended that the judge immediately enjoin sales of new BlackBerry devices and award it an initial \$126 million in damages. RIM has deposited at least \$250 million in escrow, and NTP says that part of money should be reserved just in case newer BlackBerry models infringe on its patents.

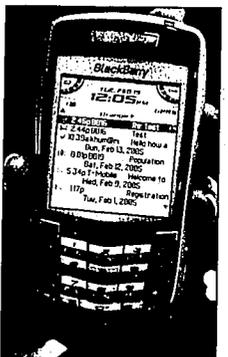
"This is a self-inflicted situation," said NTP attorney James H. Wallace Jr., who compared RIM to a squatter who continued to live rent-free. "It's just time to pay up."

Henry C. Bunsow, a RIM attorney, said an injunction would be in the public's best interests. And the process of excluding government and emergency employees from any ban would prove difficult and problematic, he said.

"It will take a lot of time," Bunsow said.

Bunsow also pointed to a number of critical users who would not be exempted, including government contractors, energy companies and financial institutions.

Although analysts say an actual BlackBerry blackout is unlikely, the uncertainties in this case have rattled everyone from hospital administrators to



The BlackBerry 7100t is shown in this February 2005 file photo.

the Justice Department. There are more than 3 million BlackBerry users in the United States, many of whom rely on the devices for daily communications.

Not surprisingly, Spencer's courtroom was packed with attorneys, reporters and

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# N. Idaho timber town hopes to survive as lone sawmill closes

By Elaine Williams  
The Lewiston Tribune

ELK CITY, Idaho — As promises go, it's not a big one.

"Coming Soon Elk City Steakhouse" reads a sign hanging in the window of a vacant building in this mountain community of 350. But residents are counting it among the most solid indications that Elk City will weather the transition of losing its largest employer, Bennett Forest Industries, which relocated to Grangeville this month.

"They used the mill for a way to live up here," says Jeff Adams, 49, an owner of Elk Country Outpost, who is starting the restaurant. "Now that has to be reinvented if they want to stay."

The mill closure actually is

making the restaurant possible. Adams, who has lived in Elk City about a year, paid less than the asking price: a factor that will keep the restaurant's overhead low.

In the short-term, everyone expects to suffer at a little. "Kindergartners are aware the mill has moved," says Delise Denham, 33, coordinator of a preschool, tutoring and after-school program. (My 6-year-old daughter told me the other day there's only going to be three kids left in the school.")

Enrollment at Elk City Elementary and Junior School has dropped from more than 120 a decade ago to less than 30, but its head teacher, Mike Nelson, believes it will stay open.

Teresa Enos, the officer in charge of the Elk City post office, has closed about 10 of 240 mail boxes in the last two weeks.

"We don't lose that many very often," Enos says. "The worst thing to see was most of them were the long-term people. It's sad."

Property values aren't dropping, though, says Roger Nuxoll, a Realtor and owner of Highland Realty in Grangeville. Elk City is popular among those seeking recreational land. Nuxoll says, "Most of them are from out of state. They really don't care if the mill is there or not."

Some residents are living in trailers during the week and returning to Elk City on the

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# Idaho wages losing out to inflation, report says

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Idaho wages rose at a rate above the national average from 2003 to 2005 but below the rate of inflation.

"We're still not quite keeping up," Ken Dey, a spokesman for the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor, told the Coeur d'Alene Press.

The department released the report Thursday, which showed Idaho wages increased 3 percent while inflation increased 4 percent over the same period. Nationally, wages rose 2.5 percent.

Idaho's wages rank 36th in the nation.

Slightly more than 700,000 people worked in Idaho last year for an average hourly wage of \$16.12.

The Pocatello metropolitan area in southeastern Idaho had the state's largest wage increase of 6.5 percent, rising from \$17.24 per hour in 2004 to \$18.52 per hour in 2005.

"Pocatello is benefiting from the growth of high-technology companies, including AMI Semiconductor, which is the largest high-technology employer," Dey said.

In the Boise metropolitan area, wages rose 2.7 percent to \$17.24 per hour, the highest average wage in the state.

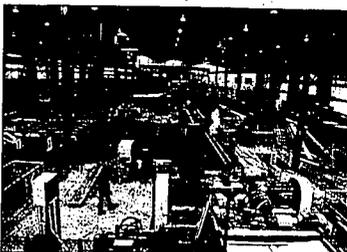
Dey said the area includes workers at high-tech employers Micon Technology and Hewlett-Packard, which pay above-average wages.

In northern Idaho, wages rose 2.5 percent to \$15.10 per hour. Wages in the region are up 12.9 percent since 2001.

The increase in wages is another sign that the state has rebounded from the loss of some 15,000 manufacturing jobs during the nation's recession," Dey said. "In 2001, the private industry average annual wage dropped from the previous year for only the second time."

Dey said Idaho continues to be considered by companies as a possible place to set up shop, mentioning the sporting goods firm Calvelo, which is looking at northern Idaho.

"We remain confident we will continue to see an increase in wages if we can successfully bring in more companies that pay higher wages," Dey said. "Our ultimate goal is to get ahead of inflation."



The new state-of-the-art Bennett sawmill is shown last week in Grangeville.

MONEY

# Wall Street stocks end mixed despite oil, economic worries

By Michael J. Martinez  
Associated Press writer

**NEWYORK (AP)**—Stocks finished an uneven session mixed Friday as investors weighed the implications of a terror attack against a Saudi Arabian oil processing plant and a surprising decline in factory orders. The major indexes also ended the week mixed.

Before the market opened, news reports said two explosives-laden cars attempted to destroy a plant in Beirut. Although officials said the blow of oil was not halted, the news sent oil prices higher, with a barrel of light crude settling at \$62.91, up \$2.37 from the New York Mercantile Exchange.

## Sawmill

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weekends. Since the Grandville mill has only been operating about two weeks, no one knows how well those kinds of arrangements will work.

Denham and her husband, an employee at the Grandville City mill, figured the company would cost them \$11,000 a year for gas and vehicle maintenance. That didn't count the about a 10-hour drive he would be on the road each week from his wife and three kids — the oldest of which is 6.

So when the Idaho County deputy job in Elk City opened, her husband was notified of it even though it meant a pay cut and retraining.

"I didn't get married to be a single parent," Denham says. Business owners noticed a decline immediately. Gas purchases dipped sharply at the Elk County Outpost. Business dropped by more than 50 percent for this slow time of

year when almost every customer is a local at Carol and Dale's, says Valerie, the owner of the restaurant, convenience store and auto repair shop.

Even retirees may feel the effect, say Marilyn and Tom Woods, who have lived in Elk City for 30 years and owned a general store before they retired. The Woods would like the gas. Investors wonder if the basic industries that residents take for granted will continue to be reliable.

Elk City is the largest population center served by 50 miles of highway 14 and the road has always been maintained, says the Woods say. But they wonder if road maintenance will remain a priority now that trucks aren't hauling logs in and unfinished lumber out.

The same goes for repairing electrical outages. The ambulance crew, the only link to medical care more than 50 miles away in Grandville, is stretched thinner than it was just a few weeks earlier, says Deane, one of the five volunteers in Elk City trained to respond to calls.

"The decline has been unfolding for more than a decade, leaving residents resigned to what they call change. No one blames the Bennetts."

"The mill was built here to be close to the source and then there was no source," says Joyce Deane, county clerk and chair of Framing Our Community, a business incubator in Elk City.

"Business-wise, it was only a matter of time before the mill left."

Not is anyone expecting a sudden reversal in federal policies that have slowed timber harvests, says Trent Woods. In the 1980s, annual timber harvests from the Perce National Forest frequently exceeded 100 million board feet. Last year, only 23 million board feet was harvested.

prices rose.

The markets finished the week narrowly mixed, reflecting the push-pull of optimism and concern Wall Street faces. For most investors, returns remain fairly confident on a long-term view of the economy, but a series of economic reports next week could provide new insights — and worries.

There's obviously a very bullish sentiment there when you look at the tape," said Brian Williamson, equity trader at the Boston Company Asset Management. "But you know, the volume's a little quiet, and that sentiment can still change in a heartbeat."

For the week, the Dow fell 0.48 percent, while the S&P

gained 0.17 percent and the Nasdaq rose 0.21 percent.

Technology shares came under scrutiny after Dow component Intel Corp. was downgraded to a market performer by analyst firm Friedman Billings Harnsey after its price target was lowered to \$32 per share from \$51 per share. The analyst blamed lower demand and increased competition for the downgrade. Intel nonetheless rose 7 cents to \$20.36.

BlackBerry device maker Research In Motion Ltd. surged \$4.52 to \$74.05 after a federal judge, presiding over a patent dispute did not issue an injunction that would shut down the company's widely-used mobile

e-mail services. However, the judge was to rule on whether RIM violated another company's patents.

In merger news, British utility National Grid PLC rose \$1.40 to \$55.45 after it confirmed it was in discussions to purchase U.S. natural gas and electric utility KeySpan Corp. for up to \$7.3 billion in cash. KeySpan gained 32 cents to \$41.31.

Gap Inc. was among the notable companies that reported earnings late Thursday. The clothing retailer said its fourth-quarter profits slumped slightly, though they still met Wall Street's forecasts. However, sales growth remains sluggish, and Gap shares dropped 67 cents to \$18.43.

## Patent

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Others interested in the case. More than 50 people had lined up outside the courthouse before the hearing.

After the hearing, IBM CEO James B. Altitude provided assurances that BlackBerry owners would not see their screens go dark. The company has said it has developed software that would work around NTP's patents, though analysts have raised concerns because few details have been released.

IBM also suggested a last-minute settlement was possible. "I'm not rejecting anything," he said outside the courthouse.

But Spencer might not wait. Though he provided no timetable, the judge indicated he would rule as soon as possible, noting that a jury already has heard the case and determined that RIM had violated NTP's patents.

"The case should have been settled, but it hasn't, so I have to

deal with it," Spencer said at the end of the hearing.

As for the government's concerns, Spencer said they would be addressed by any injunction. The Justice Department, which sent its own attorneys to Spencer's courtroom, asked for a 90-day grace period rather than the 30 days recommended by NTP.

Also in patent news, the Patent and Trademark Office rejected a second NTP patent at the heart of the case, two days after ruling on the first. It has now formally rejected all of the key patents, and it has signaled it will invalidate them as well.

RIM shares rose \$4.52, or 6.6 percent, to close at \$74.05 on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Susan Duda, a patent attorney in Alexandria, said the rise may be more related to the company's public relations push during the legal meridian.

"At this point, I see no body has any idea as to judge Spencer's final ruling,"

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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## HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Annual returns are in 11% range. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more this year.

Name: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name. (Not its ticker symbol.) Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letter list.

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# BLAME AMERICA?

## Foes and even friends in the Mideast point fingers at U.S.

By Sally Buzbee  
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CAIRO, Egypt — It may seem bewildering to Americans who see themselves as helping Iraq. The rush to blame the United States for the shrine bombing is a sign not only of the deteriorating situation in Iraq, but the tense state of West-Mideast relations overall. From riots over the prophet drawings to the United Arab Emirates ports dispute to Hamas' election win, little is going right for the United States across the Arab world.

Even a supposed friend — a top Iraqi Shiite leader, Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, who President Bush once praised at the White House — took a poke, after Wednesday's attack on the Askariya shrine in Samarra, saying the U.S. ambassador "gave a green light to terrorist groups."

The outcry, as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was on a troubled visit to the region, is a sign of just how much America's Mideast policy has unraveled in recent months.

Some of that was predictable and even positive: In an odd way, the Bush administration has achieved some success at promoting democracy here. It could have expected that determined foes like Iran and Syria would fight back hard — as they are.

But other, unforeseen problems have cropped up. One is the widespread Mideast belief that Iraq war is going badly, and that the United States is having invaded against Arab wishes — is now responsible for the growing sectarian violence.

Or, as then-Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice once supposedly warned: "You break it, you own it." With Iraq veering closer to civil war, many feel like Dr. Nabil Sallan, a political science professor at Baghdad University who says U.S.-led forces share blame for the shrine bombing "because they are in charge of security in the country... And they are not doing a good job of improving internal security or controlling borders."



Shiite Muslims shout anti-U.S. slogans during a protest against the bombing of the major Shiite Askariya Shrine in the Iraqi northern town of Samarra, in Hyderabad, India, on Thursday.

### Analysts

Beyond Iraq, there have been other controversies undermining U.S. stature here that no one could have foreseen.

First was the "culture war" fight over the drawings of the Prophet Muhammad, and the serious misunderstandings it exposed on each side. Countries like Iran and Syria found the perfect chance to kick back at America — the symbol of the West — allowing violent riots that accused Europe and the United States of seeking to destroy Islam. Those protests then spread.

Then there was the Islamic militant group Hamas' victory in the Palestinian elections, leading to more tension over

American support for Israel. Old friends Egypt and Saudi Arabia told Rice this week they won't go along with U.S. hopes for a total aid ban to a Hamas-led government.

Next — almost incredibly to many in the region — there was the dispute over the United Arab Emirates and whether it can be trusted to keep U.S. ports safe.

It may have stemmed from understandable American fears about security after Sept. 11. But many here see the UAE as the model of Arab modernity — the one country actually doing things right. They say American fears as simple anti-Arab bias.

That dispute won't be simply clearly resolved, either, because America needs places like the UAE: Who else will allow the

United States to base spy planes on its territory, or keep freighters to Iran from carrying the building blocks of nuclear weapons?

Even Abu Ghraib still causes a stir here. When new pictures of Iraqi prison abuse emerged this week, Egyptian critics promptly used them to accuse Rice of hypocrisy for citing Egyptian human rights woes.

The problem is that the Middle East is in fact deeply divided — torn among authoritarian governments, a genuine thirst for democracy and feelings of powerlessness and rage toward the West that lead people toward extremism.

Complicating it all are sectarian tensions, mostly Shiite-Sunni, that are easily exploited by the likes of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. The leader of al-Qaida in Iraq is seemingly determined to cause not just civil war in that country, but internal Muslim divisions across the region.

Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah — no friend of the United States — hinted at just that Thursday when he told huge Shiite crowds in Lebanon: "Let's not blame each other. We shouldn't give them that opportunity. We should limit the accusations to the American occupation, its agents and the 'takfir' (Sunni extremist) murderers. Toward those our rage should be directed."

In the end, it may never be known who actually blew up the shrine: Many Shiites did immediately blame "takfir" — Sunnis so extreme, like Zarqawi, that they believe Shiites are infidels. Many Sunnis in turn immediately blamed extremist Shiites, saying they blew up the shrine to appear more like victims and strengthen their political hand.

All sides — Shiite, Sunni, Hezbollah, Iran, friend, foe — blame the United States. Why? In the end it may boil down to this: America is the outsider. And if you're an outsider trying to get your way, sometimes everybody else pulls together just enough to blame you.

# Lethal injection for executions under scrutiny

## Debating the death penalty

Recent court decisions have prompted death row inmates in more than a dozen states to challenge execution methods.

States with death penalty



All but 12 states and the District of Columbia authorize the death penalty.

SOURCE: Death Penalty Information Center

WASHINGTON (AP) — Death row inmates in more than a dozen states are fighting lethal injection, and with surprising success. What once appeared to be a long-shot legal argument now seems to be gaining ground. Judges from California to Louisiana, and even at the nation's highest court, are entangled in disputes between state prison officials and inmates who claim their executions may be painful.

The eventual outcome of the cases could be sweeping because every state that has capital punishment, except for Nebraska, has lethal injection. Nebraska uses only the electric chair.

"Every lawyer worth his salt is putting in a lethal injection challenge," said Richard Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center, which opposes capital punishment.

An emerging issue is the role of medical professionals in ending the lives of prisoners, providing an unprecedented behind-the-scenes look at jailhouse executions. The Supreme Court refused this month to let Missouri put to death an inmate despite the state's assurances that it uses a board-certified surgeon to mix the drugs and insert intravenous lines into the prisoner's groin. The inmate claims that the doctor, whose name is kept secret, would violate medical ethics.

Earlier this week, California postponed an execution because no doctor or nurse would agree to administer a fatal dose of barbiturate. A judge is reviewing the state's system.

Based on the experience of other states, California, which has 650 condemned inmates, could be in for a long delay in executions.

In Louisiana, no inmates have been executed since 2002 as the state contests a lawsuit over the timing of its executions and the mix of drugs used. New Jersey, where a moratorium is now in place, was ordered by a state court two years ago to reconsider its system.

Although lethal injection does not appear to be in jeopardy, states could face new requirements for drugs and training. Legal battles are ongoing in California, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia, according to anti-death penalty groups.

A mandate that licensed medical personnel help with executions could pose practical

problems for states, however, because the American Medical Association and other medical groups have long opposed that.

"The people most qualified for doing executions are prohibited from doing it," said Dr. Jonathan Groner, who teaches at Ohio State University College of Medicine and Public Health.

The administration of a fatal dose of drugs was considered more humane than other methods used over the years: electrocution, firing squad, gas chamber and hanging.

For now, the Supreme Court is President Bush, who often makes part of the fight, whether inmates can bring last-minute civil rights challenges to lethal injection. The court has a chance to bring his review to address a contention that the drug cocktail used in most states causes pain that amounts to cruel and unusual punishment.

A Florida case that could be acted on as early as Monday raises that issue, and a second one, from Tennessee, comes up for a vote this spring.

The Supreme Court has never before told states how they can impose capital punishment.

Death penalty supporters do not believe the Constitution guarantees convicted felons the right to a pain-free execution and think the Supreme Court, with two new members named by President Bush, will condone lethal injection.

"There is practically no chance that lethal injection as such would be thrown out," said Kent Scheidegger, legal director of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation.

## State stops issuing certificates to illegal immigrants

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee stopped issuing driving certificates to illegal immigrants Friday after lawmakers voted to require state applicants were using fake papers and bribes to get cards.

The program could be scrapped altogether after a review by state investigators. Safety Commissioner Jerry Nicely said.

The program was meant to improve driving safety by ensuring immigrants knew traffic rules. One major problem, Nicely said, was the variety of documents, such as utility bills or housing leases, that people could use to prove they lived in Tennessee. The department was flooded with certificate requests, and employees were overwhelmed trying to verify the paperwork, he said.

Some smaller-size certificates were labeled "not valid for identification" in bold red letters, but federal prosecutors say banks accepted them as legal identification and they were passed off as official ID at other places.

A dozen people pleaded guilty in recent months after federal investigators found shuffles from as far away as New Jersey had brought South and Central American immigrants with fake residency papers to get certificates at state licensing centers in Knoxville.

In January, federal prosecutors filed charges that state license examiners in Murfreesboro accepted bribes to provide out-of-state illegal immigrants with driver's licenses and certificates. Two people were sentenced to two years in prison after pleading guilty, and others are awaiting trial.

The schemes could have resulted in hundreds of fraudulent certificates, officials said.

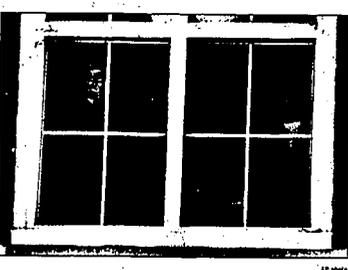
## Student dies after fall at dorm

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Two students horsing around in a college dormitory crashed through a third-floor window early Friday and fell onto concrete below, school officials said. One was killed, and the other was critically injured.

Investigators do not believe drugs or alcohol were involved. University of North Carolina spokeswoman Lisa Katz said.

The two young men were "just running horsing around, playing" and went through a window at the end of a hallway, she said. Officials said the window had double-pane security glass with wire mesh. Its ledge was about 2.5 feet above the floor.

Keith Shawn Smith, a 20-year-old sophomore from Greensboro, died at a hospital. Tyler Joseph By Danvey, a 19-year-old freshman from Asheville, was injured. Details of their injuries were not released.



Students peer from a neighboring dormitory toward the broken window in Stacy Residence Hall at University of North Carolina, out of which two students fell on Friday.

In 1995, an 18-year-old UNC freshman fell to her death while climbing to the roof of a classroom building before dawn.

## Marines to form special ops

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — The Marine Corps formally entered the world of military special operations Friday by establishing a separate command devoted to small-unit tactics and stealthy reconnaissance.

It's work they've done as far back as World War II, but never before as part of the U.S. Special Operations Command. The change means battalions of Marines will be focused on special ops while just as many SEALs and Army Green Berets and Rangers are.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld made the change official after arriving at Camp Lejeune aboard an Osprey tiltrotor aircraft. He said special ops Marines will help "seek new and innovative ways to take the fight to the enemy."

Demand for highly trained special operations forces has increased as the U.S. war against terrorists continues.

"We face a ruthless enemy that lurks in shadows," Rumsfeld said. "It has become vital for our forces to be able to see, hear and understand what is going on in new and unconventional ways to succeed in meeting the peril of our age."

The Marines plan to establish their first special operations company in May and have the command fully staffed with about 2,500 troops by 2010. The command will recruit corporals, sergeants and officers with reconnaissance experience and language training.

As part of the change, the Marine anti-terrorism brigade headquartered at Lejeune will go out of business and shift some of its troops to the special operations command. "The command will have combat battalions on both U.S. coasts, along with support units and schools to teach special operations skills to U.S. and foreign

troops. Units to train foreign military officers will deploy within months, Marine Commandant Gen. Michael Hagege said. A special operations company will deploy with an expeditionary unit aboard ships by the end of the year, other military officials said.

The Tampa, Fla.-based U.S. Special Operations Command will control the Marines' special forces. Special operations will give the Marines "a role they otherwise would not be able to get, to do counterterrorism," said military analyst John Pike of Washington-based GlobalSecurity.org.

"The struggle against al-Qaeda is a growth industry and the Marines want a piece of that," Pike said. "The special operations community is getting a lot larger and they need more people."

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WORLD

# Philippines governor calls off search for landslide survivors

**GUINSAUGON, Philippines (AP)** — With only 139 bodies recovered and nearly a thousand villagers missing, officials in the Philippines Friday declared an end to the search for survivors of the landslide that engulfed the town of Guinsaugon a week ago. Emergency crews will continue their efforts on helping survivors who lost their homes in the disaster.

"We have decided to move on to recovery and rehabilitation of survivors because our greater responsibility... is to rebuild the lives of those who have been devastated by this disaster," Ferrer Llerias, governor of Southern Leyte province, said Friday.



A U.S. Marine crawls in the mud at a landslide area Friday in Guinsaugon, Leyte, southeast of Manila. The 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit was diverted from an exercise to join the search for survivors.

Hundreds of U.S. Marines and other rescue workers have been digging Guinsaugon out from under the mud for the past week but not a single person has been found alive since the first hours after the Feb. 17 disaster.

Rescuers have retrieved 139 bodies, including three more on Friday. Another 974 people are believed buried beneath tons of earth that swept over the village when a mountain collapsed, Ferrer said.

Search teams plan to continue looking for bodies for a week

or two before the area is converted into a memorial. Officials plan to shore up the earth so it settles as a giant mound with the remaining bodies inside.

Llerias said the decision to call off the search for survivors came after heavy rain on Friday forced rescue teams to halt their work for risk of further landslides.

Wet conditions have hampered search teams, which

include Philippine soldiers, U.S. Marines, and Malaysian and Taiwanese workers, since the early hours of the disaster in the southeastern Philippines.

The decision to abandon the search was accepted by villagers staying at temporary shelters, the governor said. She added that donations for the 3,314 evacuees left homeless by the disaster were beginning to pour in.

# Market director charged with negligence

**MOSCOW (AP)** — The director of a Moscow market where the roof collapsed, killing at least 61 people, was charged with negligence, prosecutors said Friday, as hope faded for finding more survivors after Europe's second most deadly street accident this winter.

Hundreds of workers labored around the clock to clear the enormous mound of concrete and steel at the Basmanny market using power shovels and other heavy equipment — an indication of the limited hopes that anybody was alive underneath.

said the market's director, Mark Mishiyev, had been charged with negligence leading to deaths, which carries a maximum sentence of at least three years.

Zuyev also said prosecutors had ordered an analysis by explosives experts and a comprehensive construction analysis would follow.

Officials had all but ruled out terrorism as the cause of the collapse, saying it was probably due to the buildup of heavy snow, design flaws or maintenance errors.

Mayor Yuri Luzhkov held out little hope for finding anybody

alive in the wreckage.

"Maybe there is some kind of zone where there may be people, but the probability of this is very small," Luzhkov said.

Emergency Situations Ministry spokesman Viktor Beltsov said late Friday that the death toll had reached 61, but Russian news agencies cited Luzhkov as saying that 61 were killed.

Authorities had said 57 bodies were recovered from the wreckage and one man died of his injuries Friday. It was unclear whether the new figure was due to the finding of more bodies or deaths among the injured.

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# Militants bring hostage to meeting

**WAHIL, Nigeria (AP)** — Bringing with heavy weapons, masked militants responsible for a wave of violence targeting Nigeria's oil industry showed off a 68-year-old American hostage Friday who appeared to be the international community to help secure his release.

Mauro Hawkins of Kosciuszko, Texas, said he turns 69 on Wednesday and wants "freedom" for his birthday.

The militants, who claim to be fighting for a greater local share of the country's oil wealth for their impoverished region, seized Hawkins and eight other foreign oil workers from a barge in the Niger Delta's mangrove swamps Feb. 18.

The 15-minute encounter Friday took place in the middle of the river with the militants in five boats and journalists in two.

Hawkins seemed upbeat despite being surrounded by gunmen standing over him with Kalashnikov automatic rifles, rocket-propelled grenades and tripod-mounted machine guns.

The repeated militant demands that neutral third parties like the United Nations or President Bush get involved in negotiating the release of the hostages, who also include two other Americans, two Egyptians, two Thais, one Briton and one Filipino.

The militants have said they don't trust President Olusegun Obasanjo.

"You need to get the U.N. involved. They can do a lot of

good," Hawkins said.

Tell President Bush we want to get this thing settled," he added, before the militants steered their boat around and headed back into the mangrove swamps, firing their AK-47s skyward for show.

Nigeria is Africa's leading oil exporter and the United States' fifth-largest supplier, usually exporting 2.5 million barrels daily. The violence has cut off about 20 percent of the country's crude production and sent oil prices up sharply in international markets.

Hawkins was unshaven and his gray hair was matted, but he wore a clean blue and red-checked shirt and green trousers as he sat in the blue, twin-outboard skiff.

He said the hostages' nine-day captivity had been "tolerable" and they were eating noodles, eggs and tea twice daily and sleeping in air-conditioned rooms. He said they passed the hours "just chatting."

"We're being treated quite well," Hawkins told reporters who traveled two hours by launch from the southern city of Warri. "Let's hope it ends well."

The militants — who invited reporters to meet them in the Niger Delta but didn't say they were bringing a hostage — also reiterated demands that two of the region's leaders be freed from prison and demanded payment for alleged environmental damage from oil companies.

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# London mayor to be suspended for Nazi remark

By Vanora McWalters  
Special to the Los Angeles Times

**LONDON** — The flamboyant leftist mayor of London will be suspended from office for two weeks for likening a Jewish journalist to a concentration camp guard, a British tribunal ruled Friday.

The adjudication Panel for England, which judges abuse of office by public officials, ruled that Ken Livingstone had brought his office into disrepute by acting in an "unacceptably insensitive manner."

Livingstone, whose history of outspoken campaigning against racism and for underdogs of every kind has repeatedly got him into trouble with successive British governments over the years, said he was considering an appeal.

"This decision strikes at the heart of democracy," he said. "Elected politicians should only be able to be removed by the voters or for breaking the law. Three members of a body that no one has ever elected should not be allowed to overturn the votes of millions of Londoners."

Livingstone's deputy, Nicky Gavron, who would stand in for him if the suspension takes force next Wednesday as scheduled, argued that the incident had "all blown out of all proportion" and described the ruling as absurd. Baroness Sally Hamwee, chairwoman of the

city's legislative assembly, said she was "quite taken aback" by the length of the suspension.

But there was no questioning the facts. The punishment was for an incident that occurred more than a year ago in which Livingstone came out of a publicly funded pro-gay party at City Hall and got into an argument with a young reporter for a conservative newspaper. The reporter, Oliver Finegold of the Evening Standard, pointed a tape recorder at Livingstone and asked him how the evening had gone.

"What did you do? Were you a German war criminal?" Livingstone asked in response.

The nonplussed Finegold said he was Jewish and was offended by the remark.

"I assumed once he was aware of that he would apologize, the diatribe would cease and that would be the end of the matter," Finegold wrote Friday in The Evening Standard.

And the mayor did go on. "Well, you might be Jewish, he said, "but actually you are just like a concentration camp guard. You are just doing it because you are paid to, aren't you?"

Livingstone also accused The Evening Standard, owned by Associated Newspapers, of being "a load of scoundrels and reactionary bigots" with a "history of supporting fascism" before walking off.

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Section C

## Taking time for spiritual discipline

A life that lacks discipline is a life out of control. Look around. Look within.

Overindulgence in food, work, leisure — anything that keeps us from maintaining balance — has a corresponding negative effect on our lives.

We struggle with our weight, we are driven by our jobs, we return relaxation into sloth — or neglect other responsibilities. Time is measured in seconds, minutes and hours. A life is measured in how we use that time.

For many Christians, Lent is an opportunity to gain some discipline and use time for better purposes.

TOM  
SCHAEFER

This coming Ash Wednesday — the beginning of the 40-day period of Christianity that encourages reflection and prayer — is a perfect time to commit your life to spiritual discipline.

If you follow other religious traditions, you may want to use the rhythms of your faith to regain that discipline.

For me, I'll start with personal reading ("Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter") and devotional time with my wife. We plan to use the book "Show Me the Way" by Henri Nouwen as our spiritual discipline.

As a Catholic priest and teacher, I offer meditations and prayers that give purpose and meaning to time.

Most of us can affirm the words he offers in one of the best prayers:

"Why, O Lord, is it so hard for me to keep my heart directed toward you? Why does my mind wander off in so many directions, and why does my heart desire the things that lead me astray?"

"Let me sense your presence in the midst of my turmoil. Take my tired brain, my confused mind and my restless soul into your arms and give me rest — simple, quiet rest."

Spiritual discipline comes in a variety of ways — personal devotions, quiet meditation, fasting, communing with nature and the God who created it. Whatever the means, the will needs to commit to renewal and repentance. It won't happen on its own.

If you have a spiritual discipline you follow, or plan to follow, I'd like to hear about it. What have you found? Help!

Let me know by e-mail (tschaefer@wvchinaeagle.com) or regular mail (Tom Schaefer, c/o Knight Rider Newspapers, P.O. Box 820, Wichita, KS 67210).

As Nouwen and other spiritual writers remind us, we need to use our time wisely. Finding a spiritual discipline can help restore a life out of balance and in need of renewal.

It will be time well spent.

Tom Schaefer covers religion for the Wichita, Kan., Eagle.

## Churches plan Ash Wednesday services

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Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is next week, and services are planned at several Magie Valley churches.

In Jerome, an Ash Wednesday service will begin at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A.

A simple supper will be served at 6 p.m., and fellowship will follow in the fellowship hall the same time.

The First Presbyterian Church will host a series of community Lenten worship services and luncheon fellowship every Wednesday during Lent — March 8, 15, 22 and 29 and April 5.

Lunch will be available at 11:30 a.m. with the service beginning at noon. Lunch also will be

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## RAISING BARS

### Jailhouse ministers try to sow the seeds of change for inmates

By Julio Pence  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Duane Luchsinger has a gift for connecting with people.

The Twin Falls radio station manager's personality encourages other folks to share, but he also carries with him a powerful antidote to emotional and spiritual pain: the Bible.

Once a week Luchsinger puts his personality and his Bible to work in a focused way when he enters the Twin Falls County Jail and participates in the jailhouse ministry that has been evolving for the past decade and a half.

He sits with inmates, sings with them and talks with them about their problems. Luchsinger shows them how to find guidance from and take solace in Christian teachings.

"The Bible is absolutely a wealth of principles that make your life worth living," he said. "In Matthew 11:28 it says, 'Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Many are not even aware of this invitation from Jesus.'"

Luchsinger is one of about three dozen volunteer lay chaplains — both men and women — who visit the Twin Falls County Jail. The men work with male inmates and women with the female prisoners.

In addition, prisoners can participate in non-denominational services performed by ordained ministers from the community on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. No inmate is forced to attend, but a majority does, according to Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey.

"The ministry allows inmates to talk about their problems," Tousey said. "They take it pretty seriously. It's just a tremendous benefit both in and outside the jail."

Tousey acknowledges that some inmates go to Bible classes and services simply to get out of their cells. But he thinks the jail chaplain program has saved the taxpayers' money that would otherwise have been spent on psychiatric services.

It also helps those who work inside the judicial system to get better cooperation from inmates, the sheriff says. And occasionally, some inmates turn



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Jailhouse chaplains Hugo Meyer, Darlene Stockton and Warren Barry enter the Twin Falls County Jail with Bibles in hand. Meyer and Barry have been working with inmates for 15 years, and Stockton has been working with them for about five years.

their lives around as a result of the jailhouse ministry.

"We don't get them all, but a number of prisoners are turning to the Lord," said Warren Barry, a longtime jailhouse chaplain.

Barry, who is in his 80s, has been part of the ministry for about 15 years. During that time, the program has expanded to include a ministry for deputies and a ministry that seeks to give an anchor to people who have recently been released from jail.

And it's not only Twin Falls County that offers a jailhouse

ministry. Most jails around the nation are following the trend, Tousey says.

In Jerome County, Earl Gilmarin was a jail chaplain for almost 20 years. When he first started, Gilmarin would go into individual cells, but these days the ministry in both Jerome and Twin Falls counties takes place in common areas of the jails.

"Usually the men would participate because they were so desperately bored, but after a while they would start to get interested," he said. "Usually the questions would lead to a

scripture, and then a lesson would take off. You're exposing them to the gospel message, but the Holy Ghost is nudging at them, and that is nothing you have any control over."

Which is not to say that some inmates aren't already well-versed in the Bible. Some know at least as much as those performing the ministry, Gilmarin says.

"And many times, inmates will request ministers from their own churches. When that happens, Tousey says the Rev. Gale Mitchell, who is in charge of the Twin Falls jail ministry

Then the righteous will answer him 'Lord.... when did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth; whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

— From Matthew, Ch. 25

program, makes the appropriate arrangements.

Volunteers for the Twin Falls County jail ministry must undergo training, according to Tousey. That's so the lay ministers understand the con games that some inmates play, he says.

And new jailhouse chaplains have to know which religious literature has been approved for use in the jail and what aspects of the law must be adhered to. Even then, new chaplains will be accompanied by more experienced chaplains for a while.

"It takes time, experience and a lot of grace," Mitchell said.

The endeavor pays off with some hefty emotional and spiritual rewards, the participants believe.

"What is really exciting is when you see an individual come to Bible study several weeks in a row and you see a change in demeanor, or they ask a question, or they connect some subtle matter," Luchsinger said.

And even better is when, "I'll see someone on the street, and someone will say, 'I was an inmate, and now I'm going to church, and I turned my life around.' Nothing warms your heart more," Barry said.

Times-News correspondent Julio Pence can be reached at 432-3334 or by e-mail at jpence@magievalley.com.

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It's wonderful to know that a person can take a gift given from God and not just share it with people, but encourage them to follow their heart and listen to the voice that comes to us and embrace it.

— Kevin Hughes, acquaintance and supporter of Thietten

By Karma Metzger Fitzgerald  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jaime Thietten is a soul singer.

Not a sweat-soaked songstress in a smoke-filled bar, but one who sings from her soul — and feels the words in her heart.

The Twin Falls native has broken through on Christian pop charts and has made a name for herself in the competitive world of contemporary Christian music.

Though she now lives in Nampa, she still makes time to return home to perform. After all, this community has supported her career since she was singing three-part harmony with her mum and sister at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Grandview Drive. Next weekend, Thietten will sing at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome where concert organizers hope her power ballads will prepare hearts and minds for the Lenten season.

Thietten, 30, said her mother inspired a love of music. Both she and her sister, local voice teacher Kayla Coullar, have continued to both perform and teach music as they've grown into adults. But her mother says it was clear, from an early age, Jaime had a calling.

"There was just something magical in her voice," Judl Thietten said. "Just something that moved you. It was the whole package. You just couldn't take your eyes off her."

By high school, her talent was clear to people outside the family. Kevin Hughes grew up in Twin and attended the same



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church as the Thiettens, but was quite a bit older than Jaime. When she enrolled at Gem State Academy, a boarding school in Caldwell, Hughes was teaching math there. At graduation, Hughes requested a copy of her first CD. He says he knew then she had what it would take to make it in the music business.

"It's wonderful to know that a person can take a gift given from God and not just share it with people, but encourage them to follow their heart and listen to the voice that comes to us and embrace it," Hughes said. "She's very encouraging when she sings."

Hughes' faith encouraged Thietten. But before her music took off, she had to find the right path. She played with a

rock band for a while, the Shenanigans.

"We had fun, but I thrashed my voice," she said.

Thietten knew she wanted to sing positive music — nothing depressing like what she was hearing on top 40 radio. She turned to her faith, asking God what she should be doing since her string of gigs singing '80s covers wasn't fulfilling.

Thietten returned to the music she'd first learned to sing with her family. Once she started performing Christian music, everything started falling in place. Her question was answered.

In the summer of 2000, she got the chance of a lifetime. Popular Christian singer Michael English played the Twin Falls County Fair and he needed an

opening act. But the performance didn't happen. Thietten got sick just before the concert. Very sick. But nothing was going to stop her from singing with one of her favorite musicians. Patience and prayer paid off and though she could barely speak, she gave the performance of a lifetime on that stage.

English has since invited her to perform on the program he does for the Trinity Broadcasting Network. She's also shared the stage with Clay Walker, Avolon, Tree63, ZacGill and other performers in more than 70 concert dates a year.

A single off her second CD hit No. 2 on Nashville Christian stations and stayed in the top

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RELIGION

RELIGION LETTER

Grace is sufficient to save you; works are not

It's amazing how many people think they can make it up to heaven on their own merits. Certain religions are even teaching that our "good works" will impress God so much he'll forgive all about their sins. This is an outrageous lie. It is the person who relies on his good works for salvation because you can never know for sure how many good deeds it will take to satisfy your God.

Thank God for Jesus! He was guiltless, yet he gave his life for us so we could be saved from Hell.

Galatians 2:16 says, "...for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." Ephesians 2:8-9 tells us, "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

We can do nothing to save ourselves. It is by grace alone that we are saved. John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

His grace is sufficient for you and me. Please ask him to save you today.

CALVIN AND KRISTIN KECK, Jerome

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MISSIONARY



Sister Monica Zollinger has been called to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the California North Beach Mission.

Zollinger is the daughter of Thales and Bonnie Zollinger, who are in the Springdale 2nd Ward. She is in the Burley 12th Singles Ward. She entered the mission training center Feb. 22.

The Times-News welcomes notices of church missionaries. Send information to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Treva Tegan, South Idaho Press office, 230 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

Lent

Continued from C1. available after the service. Everyone is welcome. And St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome will host its annual Lenten luncheons from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays through April 7, at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. Homemade soup, salad and pie will be available for \$5 per person. For more information, call 324-8794.

In Rupert, the United Methodist Church, 605 H St., will hold an Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. A soup-and-sandwich supper will be served at 8:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. Lenten luncheons will be held on April 13. Each luncheon will feature a simple soup and bread or cookie and a speaker.

Pastor Jerry Steele will speak March 7 on "Planting the Seeds of Faith." The Rupert United Methodist Men will prepare lunch.

On March 12, the speaker will be the Grace Circle and the speaker will be Jim Rodgers.

The Ruth Circle will fix lunch on March 21; Peggy Garbanson will speak.

Elaine Steele will speak March 28, and the Deborah Circle will prepare lunch.

On April 4, the speaker is Carl Clark, and the Wesleyan Circle will fix lunch.

The St. Nicholas Mime Group will present a program April 11, and the United Methodist Women executive will prepare lunch.

The public is invited. Donors will be accepted for the church's mission program, United Methodist Council on Religion. For more information, call 436-3354.

Christian rock bands will perform today at 7 p.m.

Church news

completed the DVDs of the Icelandic Handbell's community Christmas concert. Anyone wanting a copy should contact a handbell ringer. A youth meeting for sixth-graders through senior high will begin at 6 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 464 Carriage Lane N. For information about the youth meeting, call Bobby Jones at 733-7023 between 5 and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

An Ash Wednesday service will be held at noon Wednesday at the 3rd main chapel at the church. Everyone is welcome.

First Presbyterian Church to present guest speaker

JEROME — Dr. Richard Hagerman will be the guest speaker for worship Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. Lunch will follow in the fellowship hall.

The church will sing "Awesome God." The choir will sing "Awesome God." Following worship, the deacons will host a "Get Acquainted with your Deacon" pancake breakfast.

All are welcome.

Wright, Rider will play piano, organ duets Sunday

TWIN FALLS — Doug Wright and Willa Rider will perform piano and organ duets during worship at 10:10 Sunday at the Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Drive S.

Pastor Dale Metzger will speak on "He Transfigures You and Me" from Mark 9:2-9 and Psalm 50:1-6.

Congregational singing will be led by Fred Cogburn with Rider at the piano.

Prayer and study groups will meet at their regular times and places. Bible study of Isaiah meets at 2 p.m. Tuesdays, and the Peace Keeping class meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

For more information, call 734-5268.

Hollister church will hear from J. Roy Haley Sunday

HOLLISTER — J. Roy Haley of Buhl will speak on "Give God a Chance" for worship at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hollister Presbyterian Church, 2461 Central Ave.

Scripture reading is Psalms 34:1-22. C.M. Laning will lead the worship. J. Roy and Irma Haley will provide special music.

Refreshments will be served after worship. Visitors are welcome.

Country gospel singer will speak, sing in March

TWIN FALLS — Country gospel singer and songwriter Lee Larson will speak and present concerts at several locations in the Magic Valley in March.

Larson has recorded three compact discs and tours with his wife. He is a member of the Pacific Gospel Music Association.

Larson's schedule follows: Concert at 10 a.m. Friday at Bridgeway Estates.

Preaching at 11 a.m. March 4 at the Buhl Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Concert at 6 p.m. March 4 at the Twin Falls Seventh-day Adventist-Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Drive S.

Concert at 1 p.m. March 5 at Woodstone Retirement Center, 491 Caswell Ave. W.

Concert at 5 p.m. March 5 at the Heyburn Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1250 21st St.

Christian Movie Night begins Friday in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Christian Movie Night will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at the Calvary Chapel Twin Falls.

"The Visitation" is a supernatural thriller based on Frank Peretti's best-selling novel. Miracles are happening in the town of Antioch where everyone is talking about the mysterious drifter with the incredible powers. The townspeople are divided, and when happenings at the revival tent take on a bizarre and frightening twist, an ex-minister has to confront his own inner demons and unlock the secret of the visitation. Admission is free.

St. Jerome's holds crab feast, concert on Friday

JEROME — A crab feast will be held Friday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church hall, 216 Second Ave. E.

Dinner, featuring cracked crab, salad and French bread, beer, wine and other beverages, begins at 6 p.m. A silent auction and raffle will follow.

Cost is \$35 for adults, \$20 for ages 7 to 14, and free for under age 6. Tickets are available from Colleen Crozier at 324-4257 or Debby Mick at 323-1187, or at the door. Proceeds will go to Capstone Ministries.

James Thietten will present a concert after the dinner.

Iowa college choir will perform in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The A cappella Choir from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, will present a concert at 7 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church.

The program will be in three parts: Part 1 features songs about the birth of Christ, then progresses to his crucifixion and resurrection and concludes

with a hymn of praise. Part 2 consists of lighter music that is often virtuosic. Literature ranges from Irish dance "moon music" to "past life music" to dramatic music.

Part 3 is a short dramatic sketch with spirituals, folk songs, gospel songs and hymns. The choir will close with its traditional finale, "Beautiful Savior."

The public is invited. Admission is free; donations will be accepted.

Singer, songwriter Brent Vernon presents concert

RUPERT — Singer, songwriter and musician Brent Vernon will present a concert at 6:30 p.m. March at the Rupert Baptist Church, 623 S. Third St.

The performance will feature Vernon's songs and music and an appearance by his "friend — Sam" to entertain all ages.

Vernon has toured 48 states, Canada, Australia and the Caribbean, with 200+ concerts per year. His music, namely the song, "If You're Not In It" from his latest CD, "A Thousand Pictures," was enthusiastically received by

Christian radio stations across the United States and topped the charts in several markets.

A fellowship time with Vernon will follow. Dessert and coffee will be served.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Pastor Russ Sharrack at 436-0546 or 436-1322.

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World Christian group thinks small to tackle big changes

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil (AP) — Church leaders in the World Council of Churches has taken its work seriously — each of its meetings has grown bigger and more ambitious over the past six decades.

But now even some of the most ardent backers of the WCC's mission are wondering if smaller may be better.

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In the West, mainline Protestant churches face graying congregations and declining influence. Some denominations, most notably Anglicans, also are in danger of splintering over disputes on gay clergy and same-sex blessings, Pentecostal and evangelical movements, Muslims' keep streaming through Africa, Latin America and elsewhere — but accounted for less than 2 percent of participants at the WCC gathering which ended Thursday.

"The ecumenism of structures, documents and speeches has reached its limits," said Norberto Saracco, a Pentecostal pastor and theologian from Argentina. "We cannot continue in this way."

It was more than just grumbling from groups outside the WCC. Many of the churches, whose core membership includes mainline Protestants, Anglicans and Orthodox churches, (the Roman Catholic Church is not a member, but cooperates closely)



Moderators Marion Beat, left, Rev. Samuel Kobla, center, and Catholics Aram I are seen during the Ninth Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Porto Alegre, Brazil, earlier this month. During the WCC's latest global assembly — bringing together 4,000 envoys from more than 350 churches — delegates challenged the group to look hard at whether such parliament-style, mega-meetings are still relevant when Christianity is being rapidly reordered around the world.

The keynote address of the conference repeatedly raised the idea that Christian churches need to find clearer ways to connect and cooperate beyond simply sharing the stage at meetings and issuing joint communiques.

Catholics Aram I, the spiritual head of the Armenian Apostolic Church, sounded at times like a CEO, saying the WCC must become more "efficient and credible" and reverse an "in-house mood of restlessness," with the group's income falling about 30 percent since 1999.

Aram, the moderator of the assembly urged for more outreach to the evangelical powerhouses and stressed that the WCC members must learn how to engage more with youth or risk becoming spiritual dinosaurs.

"The ecumenical movement, for some, is getting old. For others, it has already become obsolete," he told the conference last

week. "Institutional ecumenism has been preoccupied with its own problems and, therefore, lost touch with the issues facing the churches."

The modern map of the Christian world has little in common with the Euro-centric model at the WCC's founding congress in 1948. The founding centers of gravity now reside in the countries where European missionaries once brought the faith.

"Mainstream Christianity is aging and falling in number," said Aram said. "Christianity is re-emerging with new faces and forms... that have dramatically changed the Christian panorama."

But it's not clear what that means for the WCC and its tradition of big tent meetings. The only consensus is that it cannot afford to freeze out the Pentecostal, evangelical and related churches, which some experts predict could account for more than a third of the world's 2.2 billion Christians in less than 20 years.

The handful of Pentecostal and evangelical guests at the

Brazil conference expressed a desire for closer contact with the WCC, but gave no clues on how it could happen. There is still deep resistance across the movements for such pan-Christian alliances.

Many pastors worry that the WCC will try to rein in their spontaneous style of worship and their plans for expansion, which are often bankrolled by what's called "the Gospel of prosperity" which says God sends you money if you help the church.

But the mainline churches seem to have little choice but to make room. Some WCC veterans say the future could include fewer academic speeches and large conventions. Instead, they foresee more attempts at joint worship and social programs — especially those aimed at young people in the West.

"Many people, especially youth, have lost hope and confidence in official deliberations for unity," said the Rev. Jabob KVC, vice principal at the Malankara Orthodox Syrian seminary in India. "They have been seeking alternative channels of Christian unity."

It could be as simple as flipping the equation, some say. Phase out the big congresses of like-minded delegates and concentrate on those who have drifted away from the churches. "To make myself understood is make it easier for understanding," Heuvelink said. "Grassroots people speak best for the church."

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# Old-time hymns finding new life in contemporary churches

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — A funny thing happened last summer at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall, Texas. A stippling of hymn books arrived, and not by mistake.

Lake Pointe is a megachurch with contemporary-style worship. Years back, it dissolved its choir and got rid of its hymnals in favor of Christian "praise" music, played by a rock band, with lyrics flashed on big screens.

But in August, sensing demand, the church debuted its "Classic Service," an early Sunday morning alternative service with choir, piano, organ and lots of congregational singing — out of those shiny new hymnals.

The first Sunday, Pastor Steve Stroope and his staff prepared a room for 200. Nearly twice that many came, forcing a move the next week to the church gym. A second batch of hymnals was ordered. The service now regularly draws 300 to 350, with chairs covering the basketball court.

"We've scratched an itch," Stroope said. Call it a counter-reformation, or a return to traditional worship wars, but more and more churches that cast their lots with contemporary worship are beginning to innovate through tradition, giving folks some old-time religion — especially hymns.

Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Calif., founded by Rick Warren, author of "The Purpose-Driven Life," is famously and influentially contemporary in worship style. But last September it added a Sunday service called "Traditions," complete with hymnals, to its several worship style options.

"Although it is not one of our larger venues, it is extremely popular with those who attend," said Gerald Stanton, part of Saddleback's pastoral staff. "Across the country and across denominations, there are churches that feature contemporary worship but offer a traditional option. Quite a few, including Allentown Presbyterian in Allentown, N.J., and Spokane Valley United Methodist in Spokane Valley, Wash., use the term 'classic' to describe the service."

"Classic" makes the chuckle. It sounds like oldies rock for business, said Mark Miller, McClintock, an assistant professor of the practice of ministry at Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, Tenn. Others, including Stroope, said "Classic Service" reminded them of "Coca-Cola Classic," a term born of the New Coke fiasco.



Classical hymn composers like Thomas Dorsey ("Precious Lord, Take My Hand") are making a comeback on Sunday mornings.

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No one can dispute that the contemporary-style worship has helped churches grow by pulling in "unchurched" young and middle-aged people, who tend to like the informality and rock-influenced music. It's still far more common to see a mainline church experimenting with a contemporary service than a contemporary-style church trying out tradition.

But some students of the contemporary style say that much of its music lacks the melodic sophistication of enduring hymns, or the poetry and doctrinal depth of lyrics penned by such writers as Charles Wesley ("Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"), Isaac Watts ("When I Survey the

Wondrous Cross"), Fanny Crosby ("Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine") or Thomas Dorsey ("Precious Lord, Take My Hand").

And while traditional worship can be stiff and uninviting, the contemporary experience — music, big screens, mood lighting — is often derided as "church lite."

Stroope, 52, describes himself as equally fond of contemporary Christian music and hymns. He signed on as Lake Pointe's pastor in 1998, a few months after it was founded by seven families in an abandoned bait shop. Now Lake Pointe has 10,000 members and a \$12 million budget — and the contemporary worship style is clearly one of the reasons.

But as Stroope watched the church grow, he worried that a percentage of his loyal members were gritting their teeth through the electrified praise music. "We just really felt that there was a group of people in our church that come out of the builder generation (pre-baby boomers) who very graciously, because they love everything else about our church, tolerated our style of music," Stroope said. "I just realized that we had grown to such a size that we probably had a critical mass of those folks."

## Church music, old and new

Don Blackley is music leader for the "Classic Service" at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall, Texas. But he's a fan of all styles of sacred music. Here are some of his favorites in various categories:

### Hymns

- "Amazing Grace" Text: John Newton; music: traditional
- "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Text: Thomas Chisholm; music: William Runyon
- "How Great Thou Art" Text: Carl Bobbig, Stuart Hine; music: Swedish folk melody
- "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" Text: Edward Perronet; music: multiple tunes/settings
- "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Text: Isaac Watts; music: Lowell Mason

### Gospel songs

- "The Old Rugged Cross" Text and music: George Bennard
- "In the Garden" Text and music: C. Austin Miles
- "Because He Lives" Text: Gloria Galtner, William Galtner; music: William Galtner
- "To God Be the Glory" Text: Fanny Crosby; music: William Doane
- "Victory in Jesus" Text and music: E.M. Bartlett
- "The Solid Rock" Text: Edward Mote; music: William Bradbury

### Newer hymns

- "Amazing Love" Text and music: Graham Kendrick
- "Lamb of God" Text and music: Wilfrid Paris
- "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Text and music: Graham Kendrick
- "As the Deer" Text and music: Martin Nyström

### Contemporary music choruses

- "With All My Heart" Text and music: Bobbie Moon
- "You Are My All in All" Text and music: Dennis Jernigan
- "I Love You, Lord" Text and music: Laurie Klein
- "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Text and music: Rick Founds
- "Holy Ground" Text and music: Geron Davis
- "Thy Word" Text: Amy Grant; music: Michael W. Smith

— Source: The Dallas Morning News

# Educators try to counter Holocaust denial in Iran

The Dallas Morning News

When Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad declared the Holocaust a "myth" a week before Christmas, he set off a buzz saw of criticism.

He also triggered an unprecedented effort to teach Iranians the truth.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum used its Web site to denounce Ahmadinejad in English, Arabic and Farsi. The Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles invited 35 U.S.-based Iranian journalists for a day of Holocaust education, some of which was beamed back to Iran via satellite TV.

"Our goal in terms of Iran is to go over the heads of the mullahs to the population," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, the center's associate dean.

In a speech broadcast live on Iranian state television, Ahmadinejad said, "They have fabricated a legend under the name 'massacre of the Jews,' and they hold it higher than God himself, religion itself and the prophets themselves."

His denial of history came at a time where there has never been more institutional Holocaust education. Museums dot Europe and the Americas — in Texas alone there are centers in Dallas, Houston and El Paso. There's even one in Nazareth run by Palestinians. Anyone with internet access can find more reliable and detailed sites than ever, many with multimedia features.

Ironically, the statements by the president of Iran may represent good news, said Elliot Dlin, director of the Dallas Holocaust Museum.

"In a way it's evidence of the success of Holocaust education that it has become part of the political discourse of Iran," he said.

"Twenty-five years ago, he would have had no idea what it was even about."

And yet, Dlin and other educators say, the persistence of Holocaust denial in Iran and elsewhere might indicate that their work is still important and necessary.

The United Nations observed its first official commemoration of the Holocaust this year on Jan. 27 — the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. That same weekend, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the University of Texas at Dallas hosted a three-day seminar on the school's Richardson campus. More than 350 teachers attended or participated via streaming video.

They listened to Holocaust experts from the Washington museum, other teachers who have taught about the Holocaust,

and a Jewish survivor of the Nazis.

"Teaching the teachers is No. 1," said Henry Greenbaum, who was sent to Auschwitz as a teenager. "We go to spread the word."

The Holocaust museum puts on four or five seminars a year for teachers. This was the second to be held in the Dallas area.

Most American students know a bit about the Holocaust. Most have heard of Hitler. A few have seen "Life Is Beautiful" or the 1977 movie about a Jewish father and son caught up by the Nazis.

And a few come into class denying that the Holocaust ever happened; the teachers said.

"I always have one or two who don't know what it was," said Barbara Shappius, who teaches 10th-grade history at Melrose High School in Dallas.

The seminar started with the basics: The Holocaust was the systematic attempt by the Nazis to kill every Jew in Europe, and eventually the world. Some were shot in trenches they were forced to dig. Others were herded into death camps and gassed. Many of the details were preserved in the Nazis' own extensive records of the operation.

The teachers peered the experts with questions: Did Hitler really have Jewish ancestry? No, the tale was first spread by Hitler's opponents, who were trying to discredit him in the eyes of his anti-Semitic followers.

Did Americans know what was happening? Oppression of Jews was widely reported from 1938 until the United States joined the war in 1941, but the death camps didn't exist at that point. Once the U.S. joined the war, information from behind Axis lines was hard to get.

Did any Nazis express regret? Only after the war.

Some Western commentators have suggested that the Iranian rhetoric is mostly politics — part of a campaign against Israel and the United States.

But while politics plays a role, Ahmadinejad almost certainly believes what he says, said Mohsen Saegara, a visiting scholar at Yale University.

Once the U.S. joined the Iranian revolution would not have brought into Holocaust denial, he said. But now, Holocaust denial is taught by some professors in Iranian universities and supported by influential Iranian religious scholars, he said.

It's part of a worldview that says "the world has a board of directors and this board of directors are Zionist and Jewish people," he said.

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# Women's friendship founders after dust-up over daycare



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

She is still in school. The baby's father left her. She asked me to be with her when the baby is born.

A few months ago, Anthony started seeing someone. His girlfriend is very jealous of my friendship with him and the fact that his daughter looks up to me. Heidi and the girlfriend don't really get along. Heidi asked me again if I would go with her when she goes into labor and I told her yes.

Should I honor Heidi's wishes and be there with her or should I stay away until after the baby is born? I don't want to hurt anyone.

**FRIEND IN OHIO**  
DEAR FRIEND: Of course you should honor Heidi's wishes and be there for her. She is probably nervous and frightened about the delivery, and you would be a comfort to her. If the girlfriend doesn't like it, that will be her problem. Please don't make it yours.

**DEAR ABBY:** If I go to a buffet restaurant, how much of a tip should I leave at the table? I want to do it right. My friends have told me that because this is a kind of "self-serve" restaurant, we can leave whatever amount we like.

**CONFUSED IN WESTMINSTER, CALIF.**  
DEAR CONFUSED: If you want to "do it right" leave 10 percent.

board was premature. Although I understand your outrage as a protective parent, everyone might have been better served had you withdrawn your child from the day-care center until Annika returned, and not jumped the gun. Frankly, you are lucky to have your son out of there. The teacher, who appears poorly suited for her job, should have been dismissed instead of reprimanded.

Only you can decide whether or not to reconcile with your best friend. Because Annika lives across the street, I see no point in trying to avoid her. However, you both might be happier if you asked someone else to be your midwife.

**DEAR ABBY:** Seven years ago, I became close friends with "Anthony" and his wife, "Erika." Erika died unexpectedly, leaving behind her husband and two children, "Heidi" and "Dustin." Heidi and I became very close, and she began looking up to me as a mother figure. Seven months ago, Heidi found out she was pregnant.

Boetie Bailey



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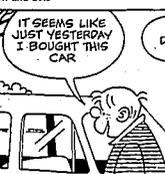
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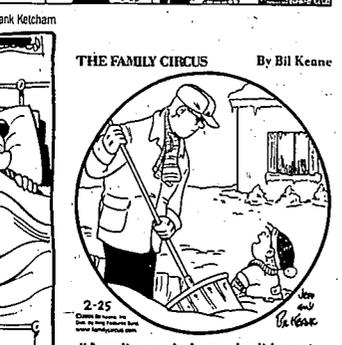
By Charles M. Schulz

The Wizard of Id



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

Donna the Monaca



By Hank Ketcham

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

DEAR ABBY: My 3-year-old son has been attending a day-care center that is run by my best friend, "Erika." Annika was out of town attending a funeral, one of her staff members kicked my son in the head, because he was "in her way." When I questioned the teacher, she smacked about it and didn't deny it.

I wanted the matter addressed immediately. I called our state licensing division to have the matter investigated. The following week, when Annika returned, she advised me that child care for my son would be terminated in two days. The teacher received a simple written warning.

Annika said I didn't give her the chance to correct the problem with the teacher before calling the state. I am livid that I have no desire to go to my former best friend, and she lives across the street from me. This all happened last week. Should I give it time, or stand my ground? Am I overreacting about this or should I reconcile? My decision will be based on your reply.

—OVERWHELMED IN TEXAS  
DEAR OVERWHELMED: Your call to the state-licensing

# Towers, electrical lines take toll on birds

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that more than 180 million birds die each year in collisions with communications towers and electrical transmission lines.

This day in history: Billboard magazine announced on Feb. 25, 1955, that sales of new, big-loued 45 rpm records had surpassed those of 10-inch 78s, which had been the industry standard for more than 60 years.

We have the ancient Romans to thank for condoms. It is believed they created the first using goat bladders.

**By the numbers:** Each Goodyear blimp is 192 feet long and 59 feet high. It uses 60 miles of wiring to connect its computer to 7,650 blue, red, green and yellow lights. Each blimp holds 202,700 cubic feet of helium and can cruise at 45 to 50 mph.



RANDOM KINOS OF FACINESS  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

More than 333,000 people were killed by the two atomic bombs that the United States dropped on Japan.

Mark Twain is quoted as saying, "The human mind is full of lies, damn lies and statistics." His true Iwain wrote it down, but he made it very clear that he was quoting British prime minister Benjamin Disraeli.

Speaking of misquotations, the Bible doesn't contain either of these oft-quoted truisms: "God helps those who help themselves" or "Cleanliness is next to godliness."

Virginia Woolf's lifelong nickname was "The Goat." Blame her brothers for the coinage.

The offspring of a female horse and a male donkey is a mule. The offspring of a female donkey and a male horse is a hinny. Neither mule nor hinny can reproduce.

# Student tries to correct police, gets ticket

CHATTAHOOGA, Tenn. — A college student has been given a lesson from a judge after his day in court — don't correct the police.

Clay Palmer, a student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, honked his car horn when he saw police stop their patrol car, turn on blue flashers to go through a red light and then turn the flashers off.

**Odds and ends** — He got a ticket for violating the city noise ordinance.

The charge was reduced to a warning Wednesday when he went before a judge who told him he acted wrongly.

"The horn blowing is not the real problem here, it's that you were trying to correct the police and they didn't need correcting," Judge Russell Bean said.

Palmer left traffic court saying he still believed officers were abusing their authority.

It see this cop with his blue lights come screeching up beside me and I didn't know what was going on," Palmer said. "Before they got to the next light, I could see they turned their blue lights off."

Palmer said officer Matthew Pugliese forced him onto the hood of his car and issued him a ticket for honking the horn when there was no reason.

Pugliese said he was helping another officer track down a speeder when Palmer saw him pass through the red light.

Bean said Pugliese was right and Palmer was wrong.

"I expect officers to follow the rules like everyone else," Bean said.



CANINE COMMUTE

Golden retrievers, owned by Jon Morse, of Aurora, Colo., sit in their owner's vehicle during a visit to a dog park on Thursday. Sitting at the wheel is Samantha, while Barkley, front seat left, and Tanner get some air at the window.

Utah zoo staff teach orangutans to get along

SALT LAKE CITY — Thanks to patient zoo staff, a baby fur vest, Hattie Zoo's baby orangutan, Acara, is now living and learning alongside her mother, Eve.

Eve gave birth to Acara last Mother's Day, the dangerous long labor forced zoo staff to birth the baby by Caesarean



Man busted after drugs maled without label

MILL VALLEY, Calif. — A man who allegedly mailed a half-pound of marijuana without an address label on the package was arrested after authorities returned it to his sender.

Steve Coburn, 41, of Mill Valley was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of drug possession for sale and investigators found another 1.5 pounds of marijuana worth \$10,000 at his home behind Tamalpais High School, said Det. Matt Lehin of the Marin County Major Crimes Task Force. The private Corbin Madera, a shipping company where Coburn tried to mail the package on Feb. 16 followed company protocol by opening the package to see whether the label was accidentally sealed inside, Lehin said.

Once they opened it up and saw what was inside, they immediately called law enforcement," Lehin said.

Investigators said they are not sure whether Coburn forgot to affix the address label or it fell off, but it had a return address on it that led to Coburn.

— compiled from wire reports

## 'WEST SIDE' CAST



The Oakley Valley Arts Council has announced its cast for the spring production of "West Side Story." The production is under the direction of Connie Ellison and Laura Rice. Lead actors are Clint Webb as Tony, Heidi Miller as Maria, Lisa Kozal as Anita and Eugene Moreno as Bernardo. More than 40 other youth and adults from the community will participate. The performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 2 through 8 at the Howell Opera House in Oakley. There will be a 2 p.m. matinee on March 11. Tickets are on sale now and can be reserved by calling 677-2787.

## Gooding County hospital kicks off volunteer program

**GOODING** — On March 1, Gooding County Memorial Hospital will begin its volunteer program, offering a variety of areas within the hospital that community members can volunteer for, including physical therapy, patient escort, nursing and administration.

Physical therapy volunteers will assist with duties such as, customer service, filing, checking/stocking supplies and tending to treatment rooms. Patient escort volunteers will assist in guiding patients and family members to their destinations within the facility as well as assist with other duties and sorting daily mail.

Nursing volunteers will assist on the nursing floor with duties such as delivering patient trays, companionship for patients, check supply levels and other customer service related duties. Administrative volunteers will assist numerous departments with various projects.

"Volunteers can be the highest valued individuals in an organization in relations to providing patient comfort and a personal touch," said Chief Executive Officer Earl Fitzpatrick. "We look forward to this program increasing the already high level of quality care provided in the facility."

Gooding County Memorial Hospital has teamed with the White House to become a certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award, a national program recognizing Americans who demonstrate a sustained commitment to volunteer service.

"We are extremely proud to associate our new volunteer program with the President's Volunteer Service Award. Once the program begins, we will be able to recognize the dedication of our volunteers on a national level," said Shellee Amundson, community relations director at the hospital.

Those interested in becoming a volunteer can request an inquiry packet by calling 934-4433 or visiting the hospital, 1120 Montana St.

## NICE GIFT



Photo courtesy of MILDRED LEHMAN

Loan Officer, Rick Lauda, of the Farmer's National Bank of Buhl, presents a check for \$3,000 to the director of the Southern Idaho Learning Center, Melody Allen Lenken, for the Center's scholarship fund. The Southern Idaho Learning Center scholarship fund recently received \$1,000 from Farmer's National Bank of Buhl. The gift will help students from low income families to benefit from the services of the center. The mission of the non-profit organization is to enable students, ages 5 to 21, with learning problems, especially those with learning disabilities and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder to achieve their full potential. For more information, call the Learning Center by calling 734-3934.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Local students named on WSU fall honor roll

Several local students have been named to the Washington State University President's Honor Roll for the fall 2005 semester in Pullman, Wash. Students must earn a 3.75 grade point average for the semester or have maintained a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

Castellero: Billy J. Hamon, Meridiane Jeffrey Scott Blasiak, Whitney Theri Golden and Heather Ann Hallert.

Paul: Jennifer Dawn Ross, Twin Falls; Christie Dyan Larson, Alshu; Mottie Szankic and Don Day Wise III.

### ISU names local students to dean's list

The Idaho State University 2005 fall semester dean's list for the College of Technology has been announced.

Students on the dean's list for the school on this list include:

Burdley: Lana K. Harper, Gooding; Loren H. Harley, Hazelton; Todd L. Okelberry, Burgett; Jacob B. Giles and Dayne A. Hansen, Twin Falls; Erin S. Harper.

### Oregon university announces dean's list

Janet Jessup and Christine Petersen of Justice and Narकारी Bandhoni of Twin Falls have been named to the Eastern Oregon University dean's list in La Grande, Ore.

### Local residents named to ISU dean's list

**PORTLAND** — The Idaho State University 2005 fall semester dean's list for the College of Arts and Sciences has been announced.

The following students are listed by hometown:

Buhl: Belle B. Baggs and Nicole M. Pearson.

Castellero: Luis E Hernandez.

Kimberly: Danton L. Bradshaw, Erin N. Conley, Nikole E. Hlutt and Rachel L. Kasulick.

Murfing: Chad D. Watts.

Twin Falls: Geoffrey H. Barnum, Keith E. Henson, Thomas G. Hilliard, Brad L. Hyatt, Nikki L. Kern, Gay E. Park, Marilu Perez, Virginia A. Reynolds, Susan Richards, Elizabeth B. Riddleberger and Bradley D. Walden.

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## ISDB participates in national reading event

The Times-News

The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind is participating in the nationwide "Read Captions Across America" project as part of the "Read Across America" celebrations, sponsored by the National Association of the Deaf and the National Education Association.

"Read Across America" event is a part of the NEMAS "Read Across America." Read Captions Across America is the first national reading event that puts emphasis on the importance of captioned media as a reading tool for children with or without hearing loss.

The CMP is a nonprofit organization that provides the nation's largest free loan captioned media library and also acts as a captioning information center, maintaining a database for use

by those who are searching for captioned media, captioning agencies, or wanting to learn to caption themselves.

Captions are text forms of the spoken word and also often contain sound effects. Captions can be carried on DVD, videotape, broadcast TV and cable TV. While captions were originally developed for deaf and hard of hearing persons, they are increasingly used by others to develop reading skills.

The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind participates in the Captioned Media Program, provided by the U.S. Department of Education and has free loan of captioned educational media available.

For more information, call Shirley Calvert, CMP manager at 934-4457 or e-mail to shirleycalvert@idstate.edu or Robin Swenson, CMP clerk at 934-4457 or robin.swenson@idstate.edu.

## Education program raises money for furnishings

**TWIN FALLS** — The College of Southern Idaho Early Childhood Education program is raising money for furnishings when the program moves to the old bridge club building at 240 Falls Ave. A fundraising garage sale will be held March 16. Donations for the sale will be accepted from 8 a.m. to noon today and March 3.

For more information about the event or about items that can be donated, call Evita Fox at 732-6872 or efox@csi.edu.

## Kimberly library adds new books

**KIMBERLY** — The Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison W., has added several new books to its shelves.

Adult fiction: "Memory in Death" by L. D. Robb; "Death Dance" by J. A. Faircliff; "Edge of Evil" by L.A. Jance; "Gone" by Lisa Gardner; "Inbecoming Behavior" by Stephanie Rowe; "Carolina Isle" by Jude Deveraux; "Always a Bride-maid" by Sarah Webb; "The Fall

Pine Polka" by Lorena Landvik; "Mad River Road" by Joy Fielding; "One Last Look" by Linda Lael Miller; "The Hut Club" by John T. Lescroart; "More Than Friends" by Barbara Delinsky; "Sinister Shorts" by Perri O'Shaughnessy; "Breakwater" by Carla Neggers; "Sea Change" by Robert B. Parker; "Call" by Stephen King; "Mirror Mirror" and "Wicked: The Life and Times of The Wicked Witch of the West"; "Son of a Witch" and "Confessions of an Ugly Step-sister" by Gregory Maguire; "The Persian Jiggle Club" and Alice's Pills" by Sandra Dallas; and "Philippa" by Rosamund Wiseman.

Children's fiction: "The Quilter's Daughter" by Wanda E. Brunstetter; "The Beach House" by Sally D. John; "A Distant Music" by B. L. Hoff; "A Love Woven True" by Tracy Peterson; "The Witness" by Dee Henderson; "In All Deep Places" by Susan Meissner; "The Plainsman" by Lori Copeland; "Storm Surge" by Rene Gutteridge; and "The Truth Teller" by Angela Elwell Hunt.

Adult non-fiction: "Rachel's Tears: The Spiritual Journey of

Colombine Martyr Rachel Scott" by Darrell Scott; "Good Things from Tag Sales and Flea Markets" by Martha Stewart; "47 Ways to Stop the Pain" by Charles B. Inlander; and "Homemade Soups" by Susan Boston.

Juvenile fiction: "The Berenstain Bears and the Frangible With Chores" by Stan & Jan Berenstain; "Franklin's Bicycle Helmer" by Paulette Bourgeois; "Clifford Goes to Hollywood" by Norman Bridwell; "Arthur's Reading Race" by Marc Brown; "I Hate Bullies" by Hans Wilhelm; "Happy Valentine's Day Little Critter" by Mercer Mayer; "Wild, Wild Wilkes" by Joyce Kilmer; "Patrick's Day" by Gail Gibbons; "Kiss Good Night" by Amy Vest; "Double Trouble" by Ellen Javernick; "Molly McLean and the St. Patrick's Day Parade" by Steven Kraft; "St. Patrick's Day" by Brenda Hawke; "Click Clack, Quack-Quack: An Alphabetical Adventure" by Doreen Cronin; "A Bizzard Year: Timmy's Almanac of the Seasons" by Gretel Ehrlich; "The Cannibals" by Ian Lawrence; "Macho Madness" by Elizabeth

Larlene; "Angels in Pink" by Lenore McDaniel; "Abhorsen," "Jared" and "Sabriel" by Garth Nierst; and "Skybreaker" by Kenneth Oppel.

Juvenile non-fiction: "Tens Living The Ultimate Challenge: God's Way" by John M. Thirburn; "The Great Wall of China" by Adele Richardson; an "Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul: Journal" by Jack Canfield.

For more information, call 423-4556.

## Hailey student sent to meet president

**TWIN FALLS** — Today, Amy Craner DiFrancesco, 17, of the Snake River Council in Twin Falls, will join seven other Scouts from around the United States to deliver the annual Boy Scouts of America's report to the Nation from March 4 to 8 in Washington, D.C.

She will be at the Snake River Council Office, 2908 Falls Ave. E. for a send-off at 11 a.m. today and will call commands for the opening flag ceremony of the Congressional Award at 4 p.m. at O'Leary Junior High

## Somebody Needs You

**Reading** — The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education programs is in need of volunteer tutors for students age 16 and older in reading, English, math and English as a second language. Call 732-6536 or (800) 680-0274, ext. 6536.

**Bed, freezer** — The College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging has reported that an elderly disabled man is in need of a hospital bed and small chest freezer. Call 308-9377.

**Dinner** — Hospice Visions is in need of groups, clubs, community organizations or individuals to help with the organization's success in providing dinner to a family after the death of a loved one. Call Flo Slatter at 735-0121.

**Clothing** — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center is in need of twin mattresses and box springs in good condition. Infant and children's clothing and disposable diapers are also needed. To donate items, drop them off at 1526 Highland Ave. E. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, the office is closed from noon to 1 p.m. Call Cassidy at 736-2166.

**Volunteers** — The Building Excellence in Academics, Character and Health program is in need of volunteers to mentor a BEACH student, age 9 to 13 for one hour a week. Mentors are

This public service column is designed to match needs in the community of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call the Red Cross Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 320 p.m. on Wednesday, sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Please submit your request by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Call weekly to retain request.

needed from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Central Elementary, 311 N. Lincoln in Jerome and the Jerome Middle School, 116 Third Ave. W. Training and activities are provided. Call Joy Karavadas at 324-3396, ext. 2831.

**Transportation** — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Magic Valley, a Faith in Action Program Inc., is in need of volunteer drivers to transport two diabetic patients on Tuesdays and Thursdays to the nephrology center, located north of the Montana Steakhouse. One patient is located south of the airport and the other is in Glendale. Treatments begin at 11 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Delivery or pick up of either patient on one or both days is needed. Mileage reimbursement and volunteer insurance is available. Call 733-6333.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**School, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd.** She will also make a presentation.

Each year, the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America selects a delegation of seven or eight youth to present the Boy Scouts of America Report to the United States Congress to the Speaker of the House and the President of the United States.

"This is truly an opportunity of a lifetime. It is an honor not only for me, but for the Snake River Council, the state of Idaho and Scouts in the Western Region," DiFrancesco says.

She was installed as the 2005-2006 National Venturing President during the USA annual meeting in May 2005. Her term expires this May.

DiFrancesco is the first National Venturing President from the Western Region. She is the youngest president and the third young woman to be honored.

## BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

**RUPERT** — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced the results of American Contract Bridge League sanctioned open

pairs play for Feb. 21. North/south: first, Vera Mai and Nanette Wordland; second, Pat Stephenson and Mildred Wolf; third, Ella Ann and Lisa Aozorn; and fourth, Elise Helms and Linda J. Hakola. East/west: first, Gary and Barbara Carney; second, Chuck and Shirley Hunter; third, Gladys Neffert and Marie Price; and fourth, Leo and Donna Moore.

The club plays bridge at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Rupert Elks. Resolutions are served. The club invites all area bridge players. For more information, call 878-3997.

## M-C Auto Collectors meets Thursday

**BURLEY** — The Mini-Cassia Auto Collectors is holding its monthly club meeting at 7 p.m. March 2, Polo's Cafe, 1255 Overland Ave.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page C-14.

**200 Employment**  
**OPERATOR**  
**Mixer/Loader Operator**, for local fertilizer plant. Must be able to lift 50 lbs, experience with skid steer loader preferred. **Pay DOE.** Apply in person at **Western Farm Service Co.** 154 E. Idaho, Wendell, ID.

**PRINTING**  
**Full-time** **Printing** **Idaho Falls, ID.** is looking for experienced Mueller **Rotary Lithrone**, **MGO folder**, and **Heidelberg GTO Operators.** Full benefits, pay DOE. Mail resume to **Falls Printing, 520 Park Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83402, or email to jmh@fallsprinting.com or call 208-323-1500.**

**PROFESSIONAL**  
**Fire School** has an opening for an intensive **Behavioral Intervention Specialist** to work in the school setting with students who have developmental disabilities. The IBI specialist's role is to provide individualized therapy in the school setting to reduce or eliminate maladaptive behavior that severely limits or prohibits the student's natural development and participation in the school. The position requires at least a bachelor's degree in a human service field, completion of the IBI course, passing of the IBI test and completion of the IBI project. Pay commensurate with experience. The closing date will be posted as needed. To apply contact **Sandra Roberts at 208-326-5981**

**200 Employment**  
**DAIRY**  
**Milker full-time & part-time.** Small 100 cow dairy in Gooding. Call 208-934-4972.

**PROFESSIONAL**  
**Youth Specialist** to supervise at-risk youth at residential facility in Rupert & Competitive salary & benefits. Send resume to **Idaho Youth Ranch 1276 S. 400 E. Rupert ID 83356, or email to jmc@iyrh.org. EOE**

**200 Employment**  
**MECHANIC**  
**The City of Gooding** has a full-time position for an **Auto Mechanic.** For details contact 934-5689, EOE, drug free work place.

**PROFESSIONAL**  
**Behavioral Consultant** Seeking individuals with a degree to impact our community. Must have a BA or BS degree in Social Sciences or related fields. PT and FT (daytime hours available), full benefit package for FT. Come join our team of highly motivated and outgoing professionals. Call **Stacy 208-737-0572**

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**MECHANIC**  
**Experienced Diesel Mechanic** needed. Good pay with benefits! 208-934-4510

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**RESTAURANT**  
**Breakfast Cook** position. Experience preferred. Apply in person at **Snake River Grill 611 Frogs Landing Hagerman, Idaho.**

The Times-News & South Idaho Press Currently taking applications for the Mini-Cassia area. **Carriers Wanted!!!** Adult and Junior routes.

- WALKING ROUTES**  
**RT. 161: Paul** South Idaho Press West of Main Street within city limits  
**RT. 162: Paul** South Idaho Press East of Main Street within city limits  
**RT. 188: Rupert** South Idaho Press A Street to H Street & Pashema Way to 20<sup>th</sup> St.  
**RT. 228: Burley** South Idaho Press McBride Circle to Almo Ave. & East 27<sup>th</sup> to Diana Dr.  
**RT. 231: Burley** South Idaho Press Burton to Fairmont & Toton Dr. to Pratt Place

- RT. 1812: Rupert** South Idaho Press G Street to K Street & 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
**RT. 403: Burley** Times-News 7 Day Delivery Overland to Almo Ave. & East 16<sup>th</sup> to East 19<sup>th</sup>  
**RT. 404: Burley** Times-News 7 Day Delivery Almo Ave. to Bennett & 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> St.  
**RT. 405: Burley** Times-News 7 Day Delivery Overland to Hilland & East 16<sup>th</sup> to Railroad Ave.

- RT. 406: Burley** Times-News 7 Day Delivery Burton to Overland & West 16<sup>th</sup> to West 21<sup>st</sup>  
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**200 Employment**

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**200 Employment**

**GENERAL**  
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**Spare Mfg Co.** is accepting applications for Full-time Machinist for conventional lathes, mill, etc. experience in both metal and plastic machining. Clean environment. Benefits include Health dental, life insurance vacation, paid holidays and 401k plan. Applications available at **Spare Mfg. Plant Security Office 2152 S. Lincoln Jerome, ID 83338**

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**200 Employment**

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Dishwasher  
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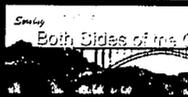
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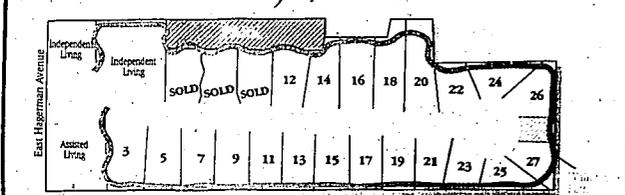
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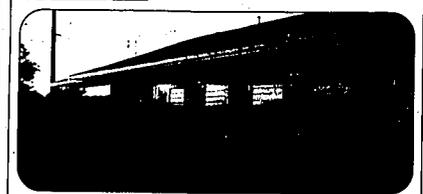
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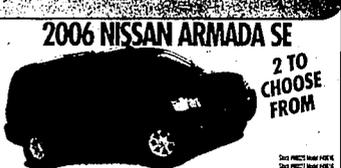
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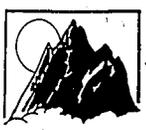
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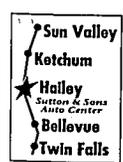
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