

Today: Variably cloudy, a few snow showers.

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Access to records is tightened Idaho Legislature leans toward increased security

The Associated Press

BOISE — The Idaho Legislature followed a national trend toward increasing secrecy of government records over the past five years, passing twice as many laws restricting release of information as measures that increased access to documents, according to an Associated Press analysis.

Of the 60 bills affecting public records disclosure that were proposed from 2001 through 2005, 33 passed. Of those, 22 created new or additional laws limiting the public's ability to view records created by state or local governments and 11 created more openness in government records or meetings.

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Ag Dept. looks at a possible mad cow case

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department is investigating a possible case of mad cow disease, the agency's chief veterinarian said Saturday.

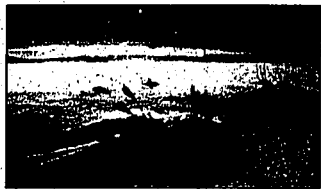
A routine test indicated the possible presence of mad cow disease, said John Clifford, the USDA official. The agency would not say where the animal was from.

The cow did not enter the human or animal food chain, Clifford said. The department is conducting more detailed tests at its laboratory in Ames, Iowa, and should have results in four to seven days.

"This inconclusive result does not mean we have found a new case of BSE," Clifford said, giving the abbreviation for the disease's formal name, bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

Inconclusive results are a normal component of most screening tests, which are designed to be extremely sensitive, he added in a statement. In humans, eating meat products contaminated with mad cow disease has been linked to more than 150 deaths worldwide from variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a rare and fatal nerve disease. A majority of the deaths were in Britain, where there was an outbreak mad cow disease that started in the mid-1980s.

U.S. government investigators have found two cases of mad cow disease. The first was in December 2003 in a Canadian-born cow in Washington state. The second was last June in a cow that was born and raised in Texas.



This land adjacent to Fairfield may someday hold about four homes per acre.

Ill at ease on the prairie



Laloy Gustavson, left, Lucille Funk and Chuck Packham, all longtime residents of Fairfield, talk about the possibility of the town's size more than doubling. 'I'd love to see the town be a ghost town, but I'd hate to see it be a city too,' says Gustavson of the development prospects that are on the horizon for Fairfield.

Photo by BRADY THOMPSON/The Times-News

Fairfield gears up for housing boom

By Karma M. Fitzgerald Times-News writer

FAIRFIELD — With a population of 450, Fairfield is a tiny dot if any on most maps. But that could change soon.

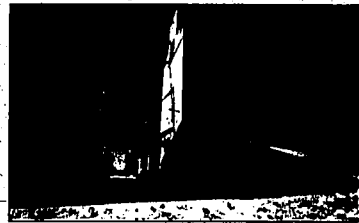
Like many southern Idaho towns, Fairfield is growing. Three subdivisions are in the works and more developers are eyeing the community. Once complete, those three developments alone will provide 1,300 homes.

"That growth is being welcomed with resignation by longtime local residents who are eager to see their hometown thrive but afraid of losing their way of life."

"Growth is fine as long as they want to live in a small town and not turn it into something like they used to live in," said Lucille Funk.

Fairfield is a close-knit ranching community nestled at the base of Soldier Mountain. It used to be the kind of place where everyone knew everyone else, where doors were left unlocked and keys were left in cars. The 2000 census recorded 395 people in town and only 76 percent of the available houses occupied. In the past two years, the population has increased by more than 50 adults and there are waiting lists for housing.

For the most part, Fairfield's attraction is its proximity to the



An abandoned grain elevator located at the edge of Fairfield is a stark reminder of what the town was in its heyday.

prosperous economy of Blaine County. Just 30 miles north, that county's construction and tourism sectors are booming. Land values have soared, sending middle-income wage earners in search of affordable housing. Nearby communities of Carey, Richfield and Shoshone are seeing unprecedented growth as well.

Sitting around the long tables at the Fairfield Senior Center, Funk and her neighbors say they're watching the coming changes carefully. They say the small-town connections are still here, but becoming more difficult to maintain. Many of the newcomers are commuters who live in Fairfield but work in the Wood River Valley or other

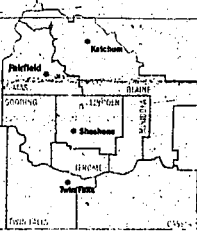
larger towns nearby. "I used to be able to tell you the names of all the kids in the school, but I can't anymore," Mike Lammons said. "So many people commute, we don't ever see them."

Bonnie Sweet said she doesn't leave her keys in her car anymore, but sees the growth as something necessary to keep the town alive.

Her husband, Bill, said it's been 30 years since the town has prospered. Until a couple of years ago, more people were leaving than staying. "Change is going to come," he said. "It's how you go about it."

City officials say they're doing

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Bid goes to public for comment

By James Colter Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — The proposed annexation of 205 acres of county land has cleared another hurdle and now will be put up for public debate.

The annexation would open the door to more than 1,200 homes in two subdivisions. It was approved Tuesday by Fairfield's Planning and Zoning Commission.

"The public hearing on the annexation is set for 7:07 p.m. April 13 at City Hall."

"Let's get everyone in here and let them spew everything out because the closer it gets to happening, the more people seem to get up in arms about stuff like this," councilman Jay Cutler said.

Planning and Zoning Admin-

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Former Yugoslav leader dies in prison

By Anthony Dutech and Dusan Stojanovic Associated Press writers

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Former Serb leader Slobodan Milosevic was found dead in his prison cell Saturday, abruptly ending his four-year U.N. war crimes trial for orchestrating a decade of conflict that killed 250,000 people and tore the Yugoslav federation asunder. He was 64.

A leader of beguiling charm and cunning, Milosevic, the man rebuffed by the United States as "the butcher of the Balkans" was a hero to many Serbs (despite losing four wars and impoverishing his people in the 1990s while trying to create a "Greater Serbia" linking Serbia with Serb-dominated areas of Croatia and Bosnia.

Milosevic apparently died of natural causes, according to the U.N. tribunal that was trying him on 66 counts of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. His chronic heart ailments and high blood pressure had caused numerous long recesses.

His death came nearly five years after he was arrested by Serb authorities and extradited to The Hague as the first sitting head of state ever to be indicted for war crimes.

It meant there would be no verdict for the leader accused of ethnic massacres in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo and was sure to increase criticism of the tribunal for what has been a long, expensive and ultimately wasted proceeding.

The trial, which began in February 2002, will be terminated, tribunal spokeswoman Alexandra Milonov said.

The chief U.N. war crimes prosecutor, Carla Del Ponte, expressed regret, saying she believed she would have won a conviction.

"I also regret it for the victims—the thousands of victims, who have been waiting for justice," Del Ponte told Swiss television DRS while visiting her native Switzerland.

Milosevic was accused of being behind a brutal campaign of ethnic cleansing against non-Serbs during the wars that erupted as the Yugoslav federation began breaking apart in 1991, and his death was cheered by many in the Balkans.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today Partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated snow showers... High in the upper 30s

Tonight: Increasing clouds with occasional snow showers. Low in the lower 20s

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy skies becoming mostly cloudy with snow showers developing late. High in the lower 40s

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST
Today: Partly to mostly cloudy with a few snow showers

High in the upper 30s
Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies with snow chances continuing

Low in the lower 20s
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with snow showers returning late

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists weather for Boise, Burley, etc.

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Today Highs: 28 to 34 Tonight's Lows: 3 to 12

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Today Highs/Lows: 37 to 42 / 21 to 26

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Today Highs/Lows: 37 to 42 / 21 to 26

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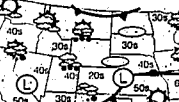
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President shocked by arrest of former adviser

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Saturday said he was shocked and saddened to learn that former domestic policy adviser Claude Allen was arrested.

Fairfield

Continued from A1. Mayor David Hanks said they've declared a moratorium on some of the larger developments until they can complete a \$65.9 million study.

Records

Continued from A1. Only one of the new Idaho laws was in direct response to the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Comment

Continued from A1. Istor Scott Stephenson told the council that the developers know they are probably two years out on the project.

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What: Public hearing on Fairfield annexation. Where: Fairfield City Hall.

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Lottery and Weather Information

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Surprising fact: A movie called 'Fairfield, Idaho' is currently in production. 'We were looking at the map, it sounded right and we picked it,' said director Darwin Meiners.

on an open prairie.

'There is also some resentment toward newcomers who own homes in Fairfield, but don't spend time in the community — or even change their license plates to show they live' in Camas County.

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NATION/WORLD

Bush sure Iraqi government will succeed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Saturday he is confident a unified Iraqi government will settle sectarian feuds that Iraq leaders fear could lead to civil war.

The attack led to the deaths of hundreds and pushed the country to the brink of civil war between rival Muslim sects.

convene parliament on March 19 for the first time since it was elected nearly three months ago.

brutal killings. I can understand why many of our fellow citizens are now wondering if the entire mission was worth it.

Suspects detained in Iraq

... BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. and Iraqi forces detained 20 suspected insurgents early Saturday.

Iraqi forces led the joint operation and discovered several rooftop fighting positions, assault rifles and firebombs.

Army says friendly fire deaths are declining

WASHINGTON (AP) — The rate of friendly fire deaths for soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan is substantially lower than in other major military conflicts.

Friendly fire deaths The U.S. Army has confirmed that 10 soldiers in Iraq and seven in Afghanistan were killed by U.S. or other coalition troops.

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Fellow Quakers remember American hostage killed in Iraq and his work

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Word spread quickly through the Quaker congregation that one of their own would not be coming home.

mand has reviewed other incidents, and there have been some reprisals or administrative punishments handed out.

Boyc said that in addition to the engagement with weapons being fired from air, land and sea, soldiers become fatigued and equipment can malfunction.

The rate of friendly fire deaths. "Combat is highly complex and stressful," Boyce said.

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Tom Fox's body was found Thursday evening, three days after he didn't appear in a video of Christian activists who had been taken hostage in Iraq.

A member of the Christian Peacemaker Teams holds a sign for an Iraqi hostage Tom Fox during a memorial in the West Bank town of Hebron, Saturday.

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WORLD

# A decade of bloodshed

Former Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic was found dead Saturday in his cell at the Hague, Netherlands, where he was on trial for war crimes.

**1990** Milosevic became president of Serbia and took control of Kosovo and annexed it.

**1991** Milosevic encourages Serbs in Croatia to take up arms.

**1992** U.N. cease-fire in Croatia.

**1993** Bosnia-Herzegovina declares its independence.

**1994** NATO Bosnian war; Milosevic deploys troops.

**1995** NATO deploys troops to crush Bosnian war.

**1996** Milosevic's 100th birthday.

**1997** Parliament named him president of Yugoslavia.

**1998** Milosevic's 60th birthday.

**1999** NATO deploys troops to crush Bosnian war.

**2000** Yugoslavs vote directly for president for first time; Milosevic ousted.

**2001** Milosevic was flown to The Hague to face war crimes charges.

**2005** Trial began due to Milosevic's health.

**2006** Trial adjourned.

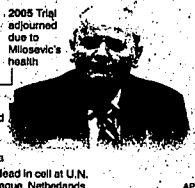
**2007** Trial resumed.

**2008** Trial resumed.

**2009** Trial resumed.

**Jan. 24, 2006** Tribunal rejected his request for medical treatment in Russia.

**March 11** Milosevic found dead in cell at U.N. detention center near The Hague, Netherlands.



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# Leaving a legacy of upheaval

Milosevic's death calls into question future Serb cooperation in tribunals

**BELGRADE** — Serbia-Montenegro (All) — The stock of Slobodan Milosevic already had been rising among Serbs who watched his feisty performance at his war crimes trial at The Hague.

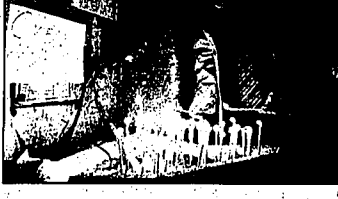
His death makes him a martyr to his supporters and brings into serious question Belgrade's future cooperation with the U.N. tribunal just weeks before a European Union deadline for Belgrade to hand over fugitive Bosnian Serb wartime commander Gen. Ratko Mladic.

"Milosevic's death will tear to shreds the tribunal's credibility which has seriously been tarnished already," Toma Filip, Milosevic's family lawyer said, pointing to the deaths of other suspects in custody at the detention center near The Hague, Netherlands.

Convicted former Croatian Serb leader Milan Babic, a star witness in the Milosevic trial, killed himself in prison last week, the second time a detainee committed suicide. The first was Slavko Dokmanovic, another Croatian Serb leader, in 1996.

The deaths have created the impression for many in Serbia of the Hague as a gulag for Serb nationalists — a place where the West lets them rot away and was likely to increase its pressure on the government from hard-liners not to extradite other suspects.

"I low are they now going to explain to the Serbian people that Milosevic was not severely ill, as he had claimed, and that the Hague jail is safe for the Serbs?" asked political analyst Branka Gruhic.



Supporters of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic light candles in front of the Socialist Party headquarters on Saturday.

Milosevic, who suffered from heart problems and high blood pressure, had recently demanded to be temporarily released to go to Moscow for treatment.

But presiding judge Patrick Robinson refused, ruling that even with Russian guarantees to send him back the court was "not satisfied ... that the accused, if released, would return for the continuation of his trial."

Milosevic, 64, was found in his bed Saturday at the detention center and apparently died of natural causes, the tribunal said. He had been examined by doctors following frequent complaints of fatigue or ill health that delayed his trial, but the tribunal could not immediately say when he last had a medical checkup.

Ivica Dacic, the caretaker president of the Socialist Party echoed the views of many here Saturday when he said: "Milosevic did not die in The Hague, he was killed in The Hague."

Former Czech foreign minister Jiri Dienstbier, who served as U.N. special envoy for human rights in Yugoslavia from 1998-2001, cautioned his death could be used by extremists who will proclaim him a national hero.

Those fears took little time to materialize. The ultranationalist Serbian Radical Party, staunch allies of Milosevic during the war, said in a statement that "after Milosevic's death, nothing will be written in Serbia."

The Radical party promises to the citizens of Serbia that it will no longer tolerate the harassment of the Serbian patriots and their families," citing "a

leged "harassment" by Serbia's pro-Western President Boris Tadic and Foreign Minister Vuk Draskovic.

Milosevic was branded by the West as "the butcher of the Balkans" but hailed as a hero by many fellow Serbs, complicating the government's efforts to capture other war crimes suspects still at large as it faced increasing international pressure.

EU foreign ministers threatened last month to freeze talks with Serbia, the dominant republic in the loose federation that is the successor state to Yugoslavia, on his EU membership bid, setting a March deadline for Belgrade to hand over Mladic.

Mladic and Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic were

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# Turning the slow wheel of justice

Milosevic's death, Saddam case show a need to streamline trials

By Robert H. Reid  
Associated Press writer

**Analysis**

**BRUSSELS, Belgium** — Slobodan Milosevic's death and the chaotic prosecution of Slobodan Milosevic and other indicted war criminals show a need to streamline trials of ousted rulers to prevent them from stalling the proceedings and rallying their followers.

Milosevic was found dead in his cell Saturday, but court on trial before the U.N. court in The Hague since February 2002 on 66 counts of crimes, including genocide, allegedly committed during the Balkans wars of the previous decade.

By comparison, the Allied tribunal at Nuremberg took less than a year to try, convict, sentence and hang the 10 top Nazi defendants following World War II.

With Milosevic, however, the prosecutor's decision to file such a large number of charges all but guaranteed a slow, ponderous trial, experts say.

The court's decision to let Milosevic handle his own defense worsened the defendant's health and brought even more delays.

The trial of such a pivotal figure accused of so many atrocities presented a formidable challenge to a system of international justice that emerged only after the end of the Cold War.

Unlike the Nazis, who documented their crimes, Milosevic was careful not to leave a paper trail. Decisions were taken among a small circle of top officials, requiring the prosecution to find witnesses from a select group.

The prosecution's star witness,

and Iraqi authorities as they prepared the prosecution of Saddam in far-off Baghdad — a dangerous city with its own unique problems of violence and security.

U.S. officials close to the Saddam case said they believed The Hague prosecutors made a mistake in filing too many charges against Milosevic.

To avoid the same pitfalls, U.S. and Iraqi officials decided instead to divide the prosecution of Saddam into a series of smaller, more narrowly focused cases — each involving specific atrocities.

The first trial, which began Oct. 19, was limited to the roles of Saddam and seven co-defendants in the deaths of about 140 Shiite villagers following an assassination attempt against the ex-president in Dujail in 1982.

Other cases, such as alleged mass murder of Kurds, the suppression of the Shiite revolt of 1991 and the 1990 invasion of Kuwait, are in various stages of preparation and may be tried later.

If Saddam is convicted of a capital offense before the whole series of trials is completed, Iraqi authorities have the option of executing him and forgoing the rest of the proceedings.

The Iraqi court also has refused to allow Saddam to handle his own defense, and when his attorneys walked out during a raucous session in February, the chief judge appointed replacements.

After a few weeks of a boycott, the original defense attorneys returned to court. A get-tough policy by the new chief trial

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# Lapses in port security could open door to attacks, study says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lapses by private port operators, shipping lines or truck drivers could allow terrorists to smuggle weapons of mass destruction into the United States, according to a government review of security at American seaports.

The \$75 million, three-year study by the Homeland Security Department included inspections at a New Jersey cargo terminal involved in the dispute over a Dubai company's now-abandoned bid to take over significant operations at six major U.S. ports.

The previously undisclosed results from the study found that cargo containers can be opened secretly during shipment to add or remove items without alerting U.S. authorities, according to government documents marked "sensitive security information" and obtained by The Associated Press.

The study found serious lapses by private companies at foreign and American port, aboard ships, and on trucks and trains "that would enable unmanifested materials or weapons of mass destruction to be introduced into the supply chain."

The study, expected to be completed this fall, used satellite and experimental monitors to trace roughly 20,000 cargo containers out of the millions arriving each year from Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Most containers are sealed with mechanical bolts that can be cut and replaced or have doors that can be removed by dismantling hinges.

The risks from smuggled weapons are especially worrisome because U.S. authorities largely decide which cargo con-

tainers to inspect based on shipping records of what is thought to be inside.

Among the study's findings: • Spotty problems were not limited to overseas ports. A warehouse in Maine was graded less secure than any in Pakistan, Turkey or Brazil. "There is a perception that U.S. facilities benefit from superior security protection measures," the study said. "This mind set may contribute to a misplaced sense of confidence in American business practices."

• No records were kept of "curious" inspections in Guatemala for containers filled with Starbucks Corp. coffee beans shipped to the West Coast. "Coffee beans were accessible to anyone entering the facility," the study said. It found significant mistakes on manifests and other paperwork. In a statement to the AP, Starbucks said it was reviewing its security procedures.

• Truck drivers in Brazil were permitted to take cargo containers home overnight and park along public streets. Trains in the U.S. stopped in rail yards that did not have fences and were in high-crime areas. A shipping industry adage reflects unease over such practices: "A container at rest is a container at risk."

• Practices at Turkey's Port of Izmir were "totally inadequate by U.S. standards." But, the study noted, "It has been noted that way for decades in Turkey."

• Containers could be opened aboard some ships during weeks-long voyages to America. "Due to the time involved in transit (and) the fact that most vessel crew members are foreigners with limited






credentialing and vetting, the containers are vulnerable to intrusion during the ocean voyage," the study said.

• Some governments will not help tighten security because they view terrorism as an American problem. The U.S. said "certain countries," which were not identified, would not cooperate in its security study — a tangible example of the lack of urgency with which these issues are regarded.

• Security was good at two terminals in Seattle and nearby Tacoma, Wash. The operator in Seattle, SSA Marine, uses cameras and software to track visitors and workers. "We consider ourselves playing an important role in security," said the company's vice president, Bob Waters.

## Cargo container shipments vulnerable when crossing seas

A study by the Department of Homeland Security, obtained by the Associated Press, revealed that cargo containers can be opened, allowing weapons of mass destruction or other materials to be added without anyone knowing. "Operation Safe Commerce" examined how 20,000 cargo containers flow from foreign countries to the United States from beginning to end. One investigation found:

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## On the Waterfront: Feds worried about the mob

NEW YORK (AP) — Justice Department lawyers warned eight months ago that a nefarious element had infiltrated important East Coast ports, but they weren't talking about terrorists or Arab shipping companies.

In a civil suit filed in July, prosecutors accused the International Longshoremen's Association, the 65,000-member union that supplies labor to ports from Florida to Maine, of being a "vehicle for organized crime" on the waterfront.

Packed with tales of corruption, embezzling and extortion, the complaint accused union executives of being associates of the Genovese and Gambino crime families.

The U.S. attorney's office asked a judge to seize control of the union, remove its officers and "put an end to the conspiracy among union officials, organized crime figures and others that has plagued some of the nation's most important ports for decades."

The allegations, assailed by the union as untrue, are inching toward trial amid heightened concern over port security.

The recent furor has revolved around the planned purchase of

several U.S. shipping terminal operations by a company based in the United Arab Emirates. Critics say Dubai Ports World's Middle East ownership makes it ripe for infiltration by terrorists.

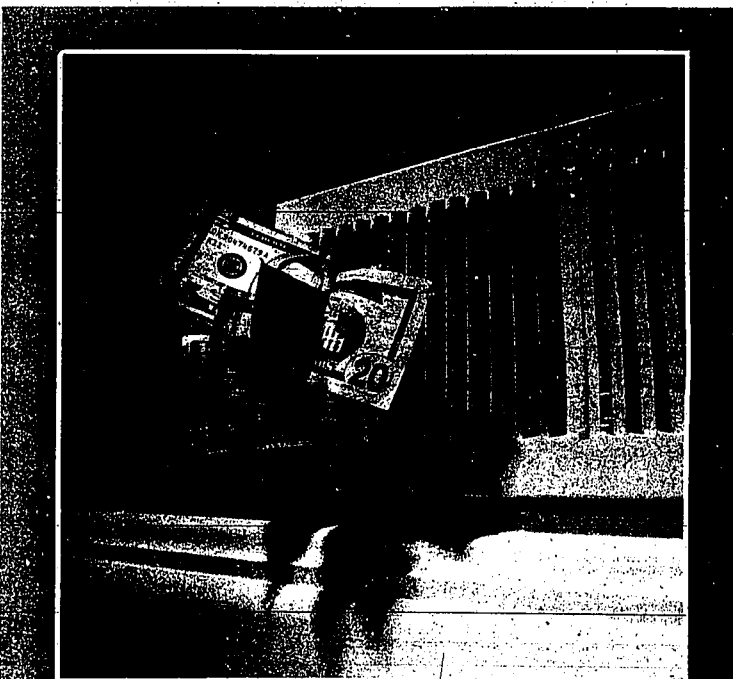
The company moved to defuse the controversy Thursday by pledging to turn over its American operations to a U.S. company.

But some port security experts say America already has a fifth column, of sorts, at work on its docks: gangsters who have made the piers friendly territory for drug smugglers and cargo thieves.

"Do we really think that terrorists aren't going to exploit this situation?" asked New York Sen. Michael Bloomberg, chairman of the state Senate's Homeland Security Committee.

Terrorists could use gangland networks to their advantage, said Joseph King, a former Customs Service agent and now a professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

"It is an invitation to smuggling of all kinds, whether it is heroin, or weapons, or human trafficking," King said. "Instead of bringing in 50 kilograms of heroin, what would stop them from bringing in five kilograms of plutonium?"



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# SAT error highlights imperfections

Testing industry is stretched too thin, critics say

By Justin Pope  
Associated Press writer

For the last five years, Hamilton College in upstate New York has been one of a growing number of colleges not to require the SAT exam. The test causes too much anxiety, Hamilton concluded, and there's a risk of missing bright students who don't test well.

On Tuesday night, Hamilton's faculty voted unanimously to make that policy permanent. By coincidence, the next morning brought a reminder that there's another potential downside to standardized tests — news arrived that 4,000 SAT exams taken last October had been mis-scored.

"They do a lot of things right," Hamilton dean of admission and financial aid Monica Inzer said of the College Board, which owns the exam. "But it shows how vulnerable we all are when we depend too much on one test."

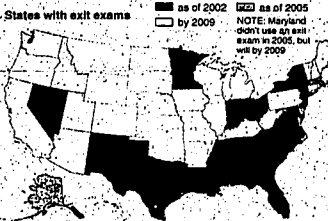
"The error affected fewer than 1 percent of test-takers, and shouldn't affect admissions decisions — though Inzer noted it's too late for students to apply to schools they might have considered with a higher score."

Experts say mistakes are inevitable in any operation on the scale of grading millions of tests. Still, the episode is likely to spark wider discussion about standardized tests — both college entrance exams and the growing number of high-stakes, state-level exams that how much risk of error is tolerable when students' futures are at stake?

"Recent years have seen a number of scoring errors on state-level tests, graduate school exams like the Graduate Management Admission Test. Some were small and caught early, others significant. In 2003 and 2004, 4,100 people were incorrectly told by the Educational Testing Service they failed a teacher licensing exam." In 2000, more than 8,000 Minnesota high

## Bigger workload for SAT graders

As more states are giving standardized exit exams, the same companies that grade the SAT are often grading the state-level tests.



SOURCE: Center for Education Policy

school students were mistakenly told they had failed a state exam, and dozens missed their class graduation ceremonies.

"That mistake prompted a previous incarnation of Pearson Educational Management, which also scores the SAT, to pay a \$7 million settlement. On college admissions bulletin boards this week, there was talk of lawsuits in response to the SAT gaffe, along with angry comments from students and parents.

While the SAT error was comparatively small in scale, "it is such a visible program, that people freak out," said Scott Marlow, vice president for the New Hampshire-based National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment.

"These students and their families are so anxious, and something like this even though it's relatively minor out of the millions of kids who took standardized tests this year, it rattles their sense of anxiety even more," said Wylie Mitchell, dean of admissions at Bates College in Maine, another SAT-optional school.

Critics of standardized-testing seized on the error as confirmation the testing industry — dominated by CEB/McGraw-Hill, Harcourt Assessment and Pearson — is stretched too thin for the public's good.

"The volume is way up, and the people with the competence

to do this don't exist," said Robert Schaeffer of the group Fair Test, which opposes many of the ways standardized tests are used.

A recent report by Education Sector, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, portrayed a highly competitive industry facing huge pressure from its biggest clients — the states — to cut costs and deliver results

quickly. That time pressure is sometimes reinforced by contract provision for financial penalties if scores are late, coming back.

Pearson says the SAT error may have been caused by excessive moisture that caused answer sheets to expand and some marks to be unreadable. Spokesman David Hakensen said Friday Pearson has invested heavily in quality and capacity; since 2000, it has increased its number of scanners by 66 percent, added 60 percent more processing space and increased its report printing capacity 45 percent.

"We take any mistake seriously and we feel terrible about it, of course," he said. "The people administering this test are people too and are aware that this is important stuff and feel bad when this happens."

Most of the incorrect scores were off by fewer than 100 points on the 2,400-point test, and only 16 changed by 200 points or more, the College Board said.

Marion said companies like Pearson are improving their processes, but the increased demand and time pressure may be negating the progress. In any case, perfection is impossible.

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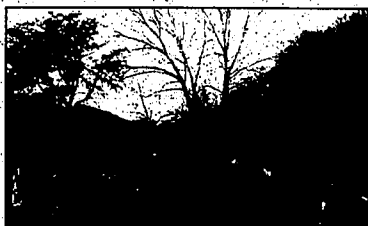
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# House fire in rural Indiana kills couple and four children

SHOALS, Ind. — A house fire, possibly sparked by a wood-burning stove killed a couple and their four young children early Saturday shortly after they returned from a trip, officials and relatives said.

The bodies of the two adults and an infant were found near a side door on the first floor, said State Police First Sgt. Jeff Franklin. They appeared to have been overcome by smoke as they struggled to "escape the house, located in a rural forested valley crisscrossed by streams and gravel roads in a rural area of southwestern Indiana. The bodies of the other children were found in a first-floor bedroom.

The victims had been burned beyond recognition, Franklin said. Their names were not being officially released until a coroner could positively identify the bodies. Autopsies were scheduled for Saturday.



Indiana state fire marshals and others examine the remains of a home in Shoals, Ind., Saturday following a fire that killed a family of six, including four young children. The fire, possibly sparked by a wood-burning stove, destroyed their rural home hours after they returned from a trip to Missouri.

## Tennessee house fire kills 9 members of family

EVENSVILLE, Tenn. — A house fire killed nine members of a family, including six children, in eastern Tennessee early Saturday officials said.

The fire occurred about 6:15 a.m. and may have started on the second floor, where the victims were sleeping, said Rhea County Sheriff Mike Neal.

Funeral director Randy Garrison identified the three adults: Ann Alexander, 42; Krystal Alexander, 25; Misty Marie Alexander, 23; John David Smith II, 17; Jennifer Marie Edwards, 16; Lexie Weeks, 5; Angel Dawn Weeks, 2; Jaden Rhea Sallivan, 1; and Clarissa Sanchez, 1.

The victims were members of an extended family, Garrison said.

## Nation in brief

Justice report released Friday, the day before the second anniversary of the bombings, expanded on its January report that faulted the FBI for sloppy work but concluded the government did not misuse the anti-terror Patriot Act against Ford's attorney, Brandon Mayfield.

FBI experts mistakenly matched fingerprints found on a bag of detonators in Madrid to Mayfield's after the March 11, 2004 train bombings that killed 191 people and wounded more than 1,500.

Mayfield, who was jailed for two weeks in 2004 on a material witness warrant, was released after the FBI acknowledged the fingerprint was not his.

## O.C. trio gets six years for taped sex assault

SANTA ANA, Calif. — The son of a former Orange County assistant sheriff and two friends were each sentenced to six years in prison for the videotaped sexual assault of an unconscious teenage girl.

The sentences came Friday after the victim told the judge she had been violated "in every way possible" and urged the maximum penalty so her attackers could feel the same pain she did.

## DOI criticizes FBI over fingerprinting error

PORTLAND, Ore. — An FBI mistake linking an Oregon lawyer, a Muslim convert, to the 2003 Madrid train bombings was a "startling event" that led to improved fingerprint identification but more needs to be done, according to a federal report.

The 330-page Department of

# Newspaper: CIA employees, workplaces easily identified by Internet searches

CHICAGO (AP) — The identities of 2,800 CIA employees and the locations of two dozen of the agency's covert workplaces in the United States can be found easily through Internet searches, according to an investigation by the Chicago Tribune.

The newspaper obtained the information from data providers who charge fees for access to public records and reported on its findings in Sunday editions. It did not publish the identities or, other details on its searches, citing concern it could endanger the CIA employees.

Not all of the 2,653 people the newspaper said it could identify as CIA employees were supposed to be covert, an issue

raised in the Justice Department investigation of whether someone in the Bush administration leaked the identity of CIA operative Valerie Plame to reporters in 2003.

Some in fact were non-covert analysts or senior executives, such as former CIA Director George Tenet. But the newspaper said it shared some of its findings with the CIA, and that the agency acknowledged the partial list of names included covert employees.

"Cover is an issue we look at all the time, and we are always looking to improve it," CIA spokesman Tom Crispell told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Through the data providers,

the newspaper said it identified people by telephone listings, real estate transactions, voting records, property tax records and other financial and legal documents. The investigation also uncovered internal office phone numbers of the agency and covert mailing addresses used by undercover operatives.

"Cover is a complex issue that is more complex in the Internet age," the CIA's chief spokeswoman, Jennifer Dyck, told the Tribune. "There are things that worked previously that no longer work."

The Tribune also located two dozen CIA facilities in Chicago, northern Virginia, Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah and Washington state.

# GOP gets first look at '08 hopefuls

By Jeff Zeleny  
Chicago Tribune

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The race for the White House, an unusually long and crowded one, unofficially started here Saturday as a flock of ambitious Republicans began auditioning before influential party activists who will help choose the successor to George W. Bush.

The president, of course, isn't leaving the Oval Office for nearly three more years and the November congressional elections are a pressing priority. Yet the 2008 campaign marks the first race in a half-century where neither party has an heir apparent, setting the stage for a wide-open contest tinged with intrigue and uncertainty.

So six prospective candidates traveled to the Southern Repu-

lican Leadership Conference, introducing themselves to nearly 2,000 delegates from 37 states. It was a festival to the future face of the GOP, with four senators and two governors debuting before a presidential-size audience.

There were campaign signs, cocktail parties and country tunes, all accompanied by Republicans outfitted in red, white and blue. The mood of celebration stood in stark contrast to a string of controversies that have consumed the White House and the GOP-controlled Congress in recent months.

"It's a big boost for Republican spirits," said Sen. George Allen of Virginia, who is among those weighing presidential bids. "You can say, 'Oh, gosh, we're in on this, and the other, but I think people come out of here recharged and reinvigorated.'"

But even as the inspection began for the fresh crop of Republican hopefuls, a heavy dose of introspection also was under way among party strategists and leaders here who worry whether the administration's challenges will become a burden in the midterm elections.

The conference, which featured a closed-door briefing by senior White House officials, unfolded against a backdrop of anxiety over the party's direction. Miststeps in the Bush administration — among them the collapse of a deal to allow 2 Dribal company to oversee six U.S. ports — have prompted a rebellion among some Republicans in Congress.

"We're a party in fear right now. We're a party worried deeply about losing," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

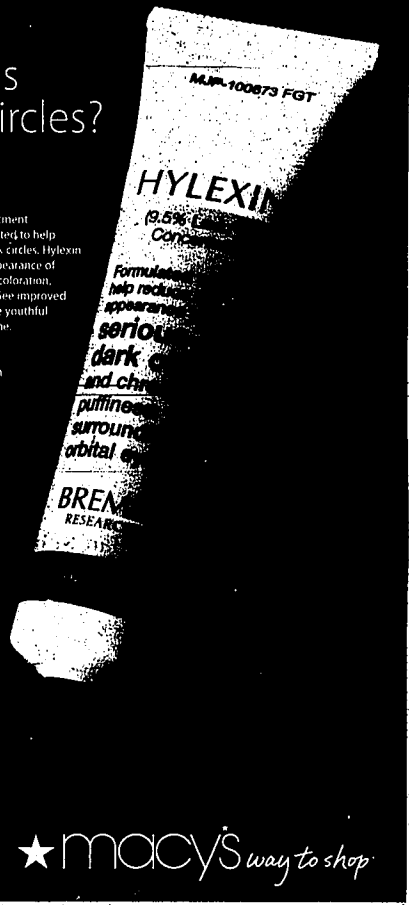
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NATION

# Taxpayers foot bill for about \$1M in car leases

By Matt Stearns  
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Taxpayers paid more than \$1 million last year for members of Congress to lease vehicles, including dozens of gas-guzzling SUVs and expensive luxury cars. Some members of Congress use the office budgets to lease Lexuses, Lincolns, Cadillacs, an Infiniti, even a BMW 530i, which one auto critic called "one of the world's best sport luxury sedans." The lease prices of some cars topped \$1,000 a month.

A few leased two cars on the taxpayers' dime; two lawmakers leased three.

Leasing cars is a little-known perk used by 136 members of the 435-member House of Representatives in 2005. The Senate doesn't allow its members to lease cars with their office budgets. Last year, the House leases cost at least \$1.05 million. Taxpayers also paid for hundreds of thousands of dollars more in gas and insurance.

Defenders of the system say that leasing cars can be cheaper than reimbursing lawmakers for driving their own cars through districts that often sprawl over thousands of miles. If members and staff use their own cars on official business, the House reimburses them a maximum of 44.5 cents per mile.

Critics agree that the practice can be a good deal for taxpayers when members lease efficient, inexpensive cars.

For example, Rep. Sue Myrick, R-N.C., leased a Honda Accord that cost less than \$215 a month — and got good mileage to boot.

"She wanted something responsible with the taxpayers' dollars," said Andy Falk, Myrick's spokesman. "It's appropriate, and it gets the job done."

But too often, critics say, members of Congress choose luxury. They say that's especially troubling when lawmakers are dealing with soaring budget deficits by cutting dozens of popular federal programs, such as student loans.

"If they're telling everybody to tighten their belts and they're leasing these luxury cars, it just doesn't fly in Florida," said Keith Ashdown, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, a nonpartisan watchdog group.

Indeed, members of Congress could lease less expensive — and less flashy — cars through the General Services Administration, the federal government's purchasing agency, which negotiates bulk lease prices for the federal government. SUVs can be leased through the GSA for as little as \$300 a month, according to the GSA Web site. Four-door, mid-size sedans cost \$250 a month.

The most expensive vehicle leased was a Ford Expedition for Rep. Michael Ross, D-Ark., for \$1,424 a month. The cheapest is a Chevrolet Tahoe leased by Rep. John Carter, R-Texas, for \$210.65 a month.

Many members report only the cost of a lease and not the make or model of the vehicle.

The most popular models identified were SUVs: 19 members of Congress reported leasing the Chevrolet Tahoe or its twin, the GMC Yukon. They get about 15 miles per gallon in the city.

House Majority Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo., whose district covers 5,500 off-remote miles in southwestern Missouri, leases a Tahoe for \$883.00 a month.

"Because his district is rather spread out and he frequently takes a lot of staff with him, this is the vehicle he's used for some time," spokesman Burton Taylor said.

Rep. Charlie Fangel, D-N.Y., took around his 16-square-mile Manhattan district in a Cadillac DeVille that costs nearly \$1,000 a month, in nearby Queens. Democratic Rep. Gregory Meeks chose a Lexus for \$1,000.25 a month.

Neither Fangel's nor Meeks' office returned calls.

Ross, whose Arkansas district covers nearly 21,000 square miles, spent the most taxpayer money on cars in 2005: a total of \$36,543.04 for an Expedition, a Ford 550 and a Ford Crown Victoria.

The median annual income of Ross' constituents is about \$30,000, according to the U.S. Census.

Ross' leases are expensive because they're short term and high mileage, said Rachel Kleinman, his spokeswoman — although so are most other lawmakers' leases. She said she didn't know whether Ross had shopped around for a better deal.

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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Pastor takes closer look at pressures on today's teens

WARSAW, Ind. (AP) — Scott Greene leaps to spike the volleyball but holds back, letting it drop on his side of the net. "Scott" a teammate yells, exasperated. "That's the second time," another chides.

It's a typical scene repeated in high schools across the country: A student makes a mistake, is embarrassed and hears from classmates.

But Greene is no typical student. The 33-year-old youth minister has returned to school for two weeks to get a glimpse of the pressures facing teenagers.

"I wanted to come in and take the temperature of the high school and give students a forum to express their concerns," he said. "I wanted to come in and feel the pressures that students feel."

Greene, who works at Warsaw Community Church in this community about 50 miles southeast of South Bend, is taking classes, eating lunch and hanging out with students in the hallway.

He plans to share his observations with school administrators and parents — including a survey on his blog — and use what he learns to improve how he deals with teenagers in his church work.

The 2,000-student school already allows youth pastors to talk with students at lunch. Principal Jennifer Brumfield said the project was a chance to get another view of the stresses students are under.

"We thought it would be a good idea to have an independent source come in and do a climate survey of what's working and what's not," she said.

Greene has found the going tougher than expected.

He left his algebra assignment at home on his kitchen table. He was late for English class one day because he left his project in his locker and had to go back to get it. Another day, he stumbled when reading a poem about himself.

He meant to say his real name was Thomas and that he goes by his middle name, but instead he read that his real name is Scott.

"Wait, I read that wrong," he



Scott Greene, second from right, a youth minister with the Warsaw Community Church, takes part in a gym class at Warsaw High School, Thursday in Warsaw, Ind.

said to the laughter of the class.

Another awkward moment came when he edited the lunch line one day and hesitated, looking for a familiar face to sit with. After a moment, a group of girls called him over.

"I had that sinking feeling of not knowing anybody," he said.

But those challenges pale in comparison to what some students have shared while he's been with them.

Warsaw is a community of

about 12,400, where farming and two large orthopedics companies provide many of the jobs. Yet 15 percent of the students participating in Greene's blog survey said their families depend on income they receive from after-school jobs.

Most disturbing, though, was that about 30 percent of the students said they had experienced a sense of hopelessness in the past week. "That just breaks my heart," Greene said.

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Tough out the chutes

CSI rodeo kicks off Friday night

By Diane Philbin Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Bull riders were tossed left and right at the first night of the 29th Annual College of Southern Idaho Rodeo...

In the most popular event of the traditional rodeo, bull riding, there was only one cowboy out of the 11 contestants entered that was able to stay on board long enough to put a score on the board.

The beststock won the battle as only Alex Dudley from Utah Valley State College was able to register an 8-second ride for 65 points.

Even the top bull rider of the region, Austin Martiny from CSI, was tossed.

"He lucked, that's all I can say," said Martiny who has already won two events in earlier rodeos. Several of the top regional cowboys and cowgirls held the top spots in their events after the first night.

Three riders from CSI were leading the bareback riding as Bud Munns and Sky Grant tied with a 7.3 and Brad Reeder followed with a 6.7. Josh Adams from Utah Valley State and Scott Baker from Salt Lake Community College were close behind with 6.1.

Adams who finished second



College of Southern Idaho bareback rider Bud Munns scores a 7.3 during his first round ride Friday night at the 29th Annual CSI Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo at the CSI Expo Center in Twin Falls.

in the region last year and 14th in the national, is in third place in the regional standings—five points behind Reeder.

"I should've ridden my horse for more points," said Adams. "I needed to stay closer to my rigging and get my spur

licks in better."

No. 3 in the regional breakaway roping standings, Charlie Percival of SLCC, led with a 2.2.

Katie Shiner of Idaho State University was close behind with 2.8 and Jaimie Goutdard from ISU rounded a 3.6.

Threvor Townsend of ISU led the calf roping with 11.3 followed by Jade Anderson of Utah Valley State with 12.2 and Chase Whitaker of Utah State University with 15.8.

The regional leader in goat tying, Texie Rose from Weber registered the fastest time with 7.5. Chelsea Brower of ISU followed at 8.6 and Josie Jarvis of Weber was in at 8.9.

In team roping, Courtney Dobson of Weber State and Clint Annev of ISU were 9.5 followed by Shad Field and Riley Prubst of Utah Valley State with 14.

The top three riders in saddle bronc riding were among the leaders after the first night. The leader, Levi Berry from Weber scored 75 with No. 3 Matt Morrison of CSI close at 73 and Golden Eagle teammate and No. 2 Ryan Mackenzie scoring a 66. In steer wrestling, Seth Hatlock from Weber finished in the top spot at 14.3 and Shane King from Utah State followed with a 15.1.

The barrel racing had Becky Lively of CSI the leader with a 16.18 followed by Kaylee Freed of Weber with 16.24 and Sammie Melling at 16.28.

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Biffle and Stewart ready for rerun

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Nobody should be surprised if Greg Biffle and Tony Stewart turn Sunday's UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway into a rerun of the race two weeks ago at California Speedway.

The NASCAR Nextel Cup stars who finished second and first, respectively, in last season's standings, were the class of the field at California, only to wind up in the back of the pack after late-race engine failures.

That left Biffle 38th and Stewart 22nd in points after the first two races of 2006. But neither driver seems worried.

"You know what, our whole team feels really, really good about last week — like we won almost," Biffle said. "Spirits are high because the fact is that we have good race cars and we're running very well. And that's the key."

"We had great pit stops, we had a great pit strategy, we had the fastest car for most of the day. Tony Stewart was a little faster at times, but that is the confidence we need to keep going race after race."

Instead of worrying about the fast race, Stewart is thinking about the big picture — NASCAR's Chase for the Nextel Cup championship. He'll have a playoff at the end of the season that will include the top 10 drivers in the standings and any other driver within 400 points of the lead after the first 26 events.

"Oh yeah," he said. "With the way the point format is, we've got to be in it to get it done. We don't have to worry if we're 600 points out, as long as we're in the top 10. So, you can have a disappointing day, as far as your finishing position."

Stewart, the two-time and reigning Cup champion, seems to get off to a slow start just about every year.

In 2005, bad luck and frustration were his nearly constant companions in the early going and Stewart was buried deep in the standings before closing out the year with 19 top 10 finishes in the last 22 races.

HEADED TO NATIONALS CSI men beat Dixie, win Region 18



CSI forward Reggie Larry is fouled by Dixie State guard Ben Murdock during the second half of the Region 18 championship game Saturday at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene.

The Times-News

COEUR D'ALENE — Losing was not an option.

All the Dixie State College (Utah) Rebels needed was to inbound the ball, get fouled and hit a few free throws. College of Southern Idaho point guard Terrence Calvin would have none of that. With 16.9 seconds left in Saturday's Region 18 men's basketball championship game and his Golden Eagles trailing 68-66, Calvin swiped the ball away from Rick Shuff in the Dixie State backcourt, darted into the lane, missed a shot which Travis Gabbidon rebounded and dropped back for a layup with 7.7 seconds left to give the Eagles a 70-66 lead.

Dixie State sophomore point guard Ben Murdock need up the floor in an attempt to answer, but rolled over CSI guard Zarrion Ferret, and was called for an offensive foul with two seconds left. Ferret took the ensuing inbound pass, was fouled by Dixie State's Milan Stanovic, hit two free throws with 1.2 seconds left and ensured that CSI would win its third straight Region 18 Tournament title and return to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., with a stunning 72-69 victory over the rebels.

Only seconds before, a Steve Neal block ignited a CSI fast break that ended with Calvin finding Gabbidon open for a pull-up jumper to draw the Eagles to within one point, 69-68. After nearly 40 minutes of clawing just to get a shot to drop — CSI shot under 42 percent from the field — the Eagles came up huge when it mattered.

"Our guys, we kept talking and talking and talking about it. Keep coming, keep coming, keep coming," CSI head coach Barrett Peery said. "We couldn't get the ball to fall. Guys like Travis and Z, those were good shots, but we couldn't get anything to fall."

CSI won by turning their season's Achilles' heel on the Rebels and matched Dixie State's 22 rebounds after halftime after getting outscored 19-10 in the first half. Gabbidon, Reggie Larry and Micah Rollin all pulled down seven boards to lead 24-CSI. Larry pumped in a game-high 20 points on 8-of-10 shooting.

"He was tenacious on the glass tonight," Peery said. "He kept trying to get a piece of it and keep it a live and that's what you need to do. That's what you need to do when you can't get them to fall the easy way."

Gabbidon finished with 16 points, while Calvin added 11 points and five assists. Both Gabbidon and Larry were named to the all-tournament team, while Calvin took home MVP honors for his clutch performance. Moleni Haukuale led the 21-12 Rebels with 14 points.

The Eagles trailed 43-37 at the half despite hot starts from both Larry and Calvin. Larry led the Eagles with 12 first-half points, while Calvin chipped in eight, including two three-pointers.

The Dixie posts made good on early second chances, as both Haukuale and Latis August finished with six first-half points.

The NCAA National tournament begins Tuesday, March 21, in Hutchinson.

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Eagles baseball backs up Grundy

CSI manufactures nine runs on ace's off day

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If all's well that ends well, things are good in the world of College of Southern Idaho baseball.

The Golden Eagles rounded out their 2006 CSI Tournament schedule with a 9-6 victory over the Malaspina University-College Mariners of Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada, Saturday afternoon at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls. CSI sophomore ace Troy Grundy didn't have his best stuff and gave up four runs — three earned — in 3.3 innings pitched. Still, the CSI offense picked up its starter, plating six runs in the first three innings en route to improving to 19-5 on the season.

"That's the thing," CSI head coach Boomer Walker said. "I thought our pitching, outside of the first game,

2006 CSI Tournament

at Skip Walker Field Saturday's games Treasure Valley CC 10, Malaspina 2; CSI 9, Malaspina 6; Treasure Valley CC 4, Dawson CC 3

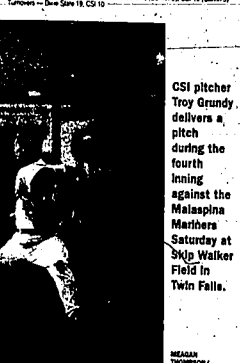
wasn't as good as it's been for us. I told the guys after the game, 'Don't start believing the stats you have. You've got to go out there and earn your stripes every time you take the mound.' They just have to go out and know what makes them good and then they take the mound."

Freshman left fielder Kyle Resser continued to get the job done at the plate Saturday with three RBIs and a walk. Resser's two-RBI single in the bottom of the fifth plated both Jordan Daley and Jeff Wickes, extending the CSI lead to 4-0. Daley, Mike Griffin and Cody Howerton also drove in runs for CSI.

"We were finally able to come out this weekend and basically show our pitchers that we were there to kind of back them up because they've picked us up so much throughout the season so far," Resser said. "Helping us win a couple two-nothing, one-nothing games. It was

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CSI pitcher Troy Grundy delivers a pitch during the fourth inning against the Malaspina Mariners Saturday at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls.



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## EDITORIAL

### Cameron's highway deal fits within Idaho's budget

To John or Jane Q. Public, trimming \$18 million from a \$218 million government road program request is like taking parsley off the plate.

To a governor who wants that program, it could be a reason to start a fight.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne was

wasn't very fussy when the n a n c e A p p r o p r i a t i o n s Committee passed a \$200 million version of the Connecting Idaho plan last week. Kempthorne's initial proposal in January asked for \$218 million.

It's not just the money that has the governor gritting his teeth. The road plan approved and shaped by IFAC co-chair, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, clipped the number of Connecting Idaho projects from 11 to six. Additionally, the \$200 million appropriation is separated from the other state highway budget of \$499 million. That way, the entire road budget won't be held up by a potential veto by the governor.

But IFAC's decision does a big favor for lawmakers, future state leaders and Idaho's taxpayers, by carefully assuming long-term road debt. The Connecting Idaho plan depends on grant anticipation revenue bonds, or GARVEEs, to raise money ahead of federal road plan revenue.

But as with all debt, road bonds have to be paid off some time.

The more we build, the more long-term debt we assume. The positive with the bonds is that they allow the wait to build vital projects.

The negative, however, is that future highway dollars go into debt payments, not road maintenance.

So just like any family that chooses to minimize its future debt, IFAC chose to trim GARVEEs.

"I believe at \$200 million — we can afford that payment," said — Cameron, whose measure passed 13-7

in the committee.

His plan apparently was the best one offered. A version of governor's plan went down 12-8, and a \$274 million alternative from Sen. John McGee, R-Idaldwell, failed 18-2.

Kempthorne wasted no time criticizing the vote. "It was said during today's committee debate that this proposal is simple and meager. I agree," he said in a statement after the vote.

**Our view: The Legislature's budget committee took a wise and austere path on road bonding. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and our issues.**

Idaho Transportation Board Chairwoman Chuck Winder also criticized how the project selection makes road construction political.

"They are trying to take away the board's ability to make those decisions in a nonpolitical environment," Winder said. "It's people trying to pick projects."

But the push for GARVEE projects was political from the start. The initial project list offered roads across Idaho to curry favor. Although board members are qualified to prioritize the projects, those board members are also appointed by a governor. Politics will remain with projects, whether they're approved by board members or legislators.

As with most legislation, the Cameron compromise isn't perfect. Moving approval of GARVEE projects to the Legislature adds delays. But it's a necessary move. More study and approval can go into a road that is bonded for longer periods.

And some of the cuts will hurt Magic Valley. The IFAC version trimmed spending on a new bridge over the Snake River Canyon, as well as improvements to Highway 75, near Timmerman Hill.

Bonding for a new bridge may be a wise route in the future, but it's not the case in 2006. Cameron and IFAC did the right thing with a growth approach on the first GARVEE projects.

Maybe Kempthorne won't appreciate that decision, but the next governor of Idaho probably will.

WASHINGTON — At the beginning of this year — or even a month ago — no one would have guessed that a real business transaction between two foreign-based firms would prove to be the lever for breaking up the governing Republican coalition in Washington.

But that is exactly what happened in the eruption of political protest over the proposed takeover of rough operations at six U.S. ports by Dubai Ports World from the London-based Peninsula and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. Congressional Republicans, spurred by what members describe as a wave of grassroots protest, were poised to block the takeover.

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Rep. Tom Davis of Virginia, a committee chairman, told the Washington Post, "This is probably the worst administration ever in getting Congress' opinion on anything."

The realigning was fueled by talk-show and cable-TV commentators stressing that the proposed new operators are based in the United Arab Emirates. Efforts by the White House to point out that the UAE has been an ally in the war on terrorism and has provided important logistical support to the U.S. did not quiet the uproar, and an offer to begin an additional 45-day security review of the deal came too late to reverse the tide of public opinion.



Even before the ports deal broke into the news, congressional Republicans were beginning to signal their inclination to go their own way — regardless of White House wishes. Despite six months of leadership by the president in 2005, his proposal for introducing private accounts into Social Security never caught on with the public and, as a result, it never even came up for a vote in the House and Senate.

The Bush budget proposals struggled throughout the year and finally were approved only in an overtime session. But this ports issue was striking because it tested Bush's political credibility on what had been his strongest front — national security. His reputation in that area has been damaged by the continuing strife in Iraq and the levees in New Orleans.

week's Washington Post-ABC News Poll — 80 percent of Americans now believe he headed for civil war.

In a pointed comment on the proposed ports deal, House Speaker Dennis Hastert said, "We (in Congress) will continue to use our best judgment on how to protect the American people." He left the clear implication that Bush was not necessarily doing that.

Democrats were understandably gleeful at the spectacle of the Republicans fighting among themselves — especially over what purports to be a national security issue. Partisan Democrats such as Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, the head of his party's Senate campaign committee, jumped on the ports issue quickly — hardly expecting that the Republicans would be grabbing for space around the bandwagon.

Now the Democrats are broadening the argument, claiming that the Dubai deal is another example of the White House's unwise and incapable of anticipating, serious problems — whether they involve the insurgency in Iraq or the levees in New Orleans.

But before the Democrats get too gleeful, they ought to ponder the nationalist sentiment that was also fueling this populist rebellion. Some portion of the antagonism stemmed directly from the fact that this is an Arab-based company.

Another Post poll this week reported that more than two out of five of those surveyed said they had recently heard negative comments about Arabs. Attitudes toward Muslims, the survey said, are even more negative now than immediately after the 9/11 attacks.

The same nationalist spirit poisons the current debate about immigration. Talking to public officials recently from states such as Massachusetts and Illinois — far from the southern border — I heard blunt expressions of the negative public reaction to the changing demographics of rural and suburban communities that have received many new immigrants.

Liberals like Schumer ought to reflect that they are playing with fire when they help shake this fever.

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## Tax reform ideas earned a fair shake

Idaho legislators have an extremely large and important challenge in front of them this year — providing property tax relief to Idaho citizens. This is a tax policy decision that requires much thought and serious debate. The property tax issue is complicated by differing needs and differing taxation districts. The fact that some parts of the state are experiencing rising property taxes while others are not adds to the dilemma.

The solution in one county may not be the same as it will be in another. One idea may sound like a good fix for one area, but it also needs to be the right fix for all. Looking at the big picture is always the change district with the need. This is up the Legislature to come up with a solution that fits the entire state and hundreds of taxing districts, not just one or two.



just nine votes to send a bill to the House floor. Every bill that we heard had that opportunity to move forward, and eight succeeded. Each idea deserved a chance and so all ideas were heard.

Out of the process came bills to eliminate a property tax loophole known as the "developer's discount," a bill to cut in half the maintenance and operations levies for schools that move that to the state general fund, a bill to increase the homeowner's exemption to \$75,000 and include land, a bill to expand the circuit breaker exemption by raising the level of income for eligibility and increasing the amount of the exemption, a reverse mortgage

bill that would also be available to those qualifying for the circuit breaker.

Other bills are now being considered by the Senate. The Senate may choose to adopt, reject or amend the House legislation. That means the House role in the whole debate is far from over.

You may expect that we will continue to discuss and debate this tax issue at the Statehouse. Expect that we will also continue to be vigilant and do the right thing by Idaho taxpayers. This will take time. We don't wish to rush and end up with less than our best effort. What ever comes out of all this discussion probably will not be exactly what the average taxpayer wants or expects. It will be the best that the entire Legislature can agree upon.

Property owners must still do their part to help curb spending by cities, counties and school districts as this is what adds fuel to property tax increases. Attend local budget hearings and be part of the process. Make

your feelings known on spending policies. Be aware that all bond issues, no matter how worthy, end up on your tax bill. If they're issued, Schools must also be held accountable for expenditures as they usually make up about 40 percent of your tax bill. Look for and suggest ways to eliminate duplication or over-lapping or any other way of saving money. Be aware of the difference between levies and needs. You are willing to ask for more or better services, you also must expect to pay for them.

Lately, property tax is assessed, levied, collected and spent at the local level. The state receives no property tax monies. This is why property tax is truly a local issue and why each of us as taxpayers must do our part.

Rep. Dolores Crow R-Barnett, represents District 13, Canyon County, and is a member of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee. She also serves on the Commerce and Human Resources committees.

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## LETTERS

### School bond plan will attract top workers

I fully support the school construction bond. Our schools are currently being stretched to where quality education is hard to deliver due to large class sizes and outdated facilities and equipment. The world and the work place continue to evolve at a rapid pace, and our schools need to be able to deliver high-quality education to each student so they may be a valuable member of our community.

We want high-paying jobs in our community. More businesses with high-paying jobs will locate here if we have an excellent education system. These businesses want to be able to hire from the local population. I know when we try to recruit highly paid professionals from other parts of the country, the first thing they are concerned about are the schools for their children. We must act now because in three years, our schools will be

at a point of not being able to deliver an education a parent or employer would consider adequate. As class sizes increase, the quality of education decreases. By passing this bond now, the new school facilities will be ready, and our students will continue to receive the education needed to compete for the best jobs.

DOB SEASTROM  
Twin Falls

### Expansion has pushed T.F. to new possibilities

We moved to Twin Falls from southern California nearly 12 years ago and moved to the east of town near Shoshone Falls. We have friends that moved with us to the west of town, to Meander Point. At that time, we considered ourselves to be living in the "country," far from any development. Well, take a drive in either direction and it's hard to miss the housing developments approaching our town. "Twin Falls is undeniably

growing, and why shouldn't it? This is a fabulous community for young and people to live here. Let's face it, Idaho and Twin Falls have been discovered, and with this growth comes responsibility.

Yes, I'm chairman of the proposed school facilities bond, I read in the March 5 editorial that "Twin Falls is the largest city in Idaho with only one other high school. How can that be? I grew up in rural Lompoc, Calif., with a population of approximately 22,000 in 1976 (the year started high school) and we had two high schools. I have two children, a sophomore and a sixth-grader. Even though my sixth-grader will only reap the benefits of new school construction and renovations that this bond will provide for one or two years, I understand the importance of a healthy school district to the future of our community and its children. I've heard some people argue how this will unfairly increase their property taxes and I must ask, "Where are our priorities?" I understand that the average price of a home in Twin Falls is approximately \$125,000. This would result in a property tax increase of about \$103 a year. For comparison, that's less than the price of an X-Box or a new TV. I must state the same price as five trips to McDonald's or the movies for a family of four or a couple of tanks of gas in our SUVs. Everyone continues to say how important a quality education is, and I feel now is the time to back it up by voting "yes" on March 14. It is necessary that cannot be delayed. We will inevitably have to update our school facilities, and it will only cost more the longer we wait. So I say, "If not now, when?"

ROBIN SEASTROM  
Twin Falls

### School plan will enable more opportunities

First, I want to congratulate Coach Matt Harr and the Twin Falls Bruin boys basketball team for capturing the 5A state basketball championship last week in Idaho Falls. The team's teamwork and dedicated effort on everyone's part were certainly rewarded with this outstanding achievement. I am in total agreement with the long-range planning committee's recommendations regarding the upcoming bond issue vote on March 14. As Twin Falls continues to grow, new school facilities need to be built and other buildings need to be expanded. It is an effort to keep up with increasing enrollment. One element of the bond issue that has not received much discussion is that by having two high schools, we increase the opportunity for our students to participate in activities. This would include all school-sponsored activities, not just athletics. I am excited that Twin Falls students will have double the opportunity to participate in drama, debate, yearbook, journalism, band, or

chestra, live performance groups and many other school activities. This part of high school life allows our young people opportunities to participate in activities and experiences that will help them develop personal characteristics for becoming successful adults.

Of course, high school is not all about the activities, but studies have shown that students involved with activities are happier about their high school experience and much more likely to stay in school and graduate.

With two high schools, we will be able to provide twice as many opportunities for our youth to participate and we achieve. Let's do what is best for the young people of Twin Falls by passing the bond issue on March 14.  
TED L. POPPLEWELL  
Twin Falls  
(Editor's note: Ted Popplewell is the principal at Oregon Trail Elementary School.)

OPINION



LETTERS

Bond plan doesn't provide all the answers

The current school bond proposal leaves several questions unanswered.

1. Why are we building a school in a congested commercial area? Traffic in that area is already a concern with the announcement of Wal-Mart coming. There are pedestrian safety issues at the current high school on Filier Avenue. Will pedestrian safety issues multiply with Wal-Mart, Costco and the mall within walking distance for lunch? Several hundred ninth graders included in the high school will be on foot during lunch.

2. Why would we build a school on a comparatively expensive commercial property? With the current increase in property values, this property could be sold and provide funding for other district needs. Soon the bond for the high school auditorium will be retired, bringing a drop in property taxes. It is questionable we could meet the facility needs without increasing tax rates.

3. Why spend \$39 million for a school whose design is based on an educational theory unproven in Twin Falls students? Why separate buildings for learning communities? The school district is just now implementing this concept. It says the advantages are to provide smaller learning groups to deliver a better education. When students choose a community in eighth grade will there be little opportunity to choose electives outside that community? And will opportunity to choose teachers be limited to within that community? Students that age will base their community choices more on friendships than future career choices.

4. Why is it necessary for the new school to be near the College of Southern Idaho? The information is vague on what joint classes would actually be offered. Currently, a small number of high school students attend classes at CSI. Distance from CSI has nothing to do with that number. If there are two high schools in town, CSI classes would be available to both schools. If there is to be open interaction between the schools as the bond suggests, I doubt CSI would want to have a building on campus hanging around the campus, nor would the high school want college students with the building hanging around the high school.

The bond is asking too much money to put a school of questionable design in an already congested area of town. There are other options to solve the problems facing the school district. We must take the time to make the right decision regarding the education of our children.

DIANNE DERRICOTT  
Twin Falls

Bickel Elementary needs reconfigured classes

The Twin Falls long-range planning committee recognizes the need not only to build a new high school but to renovate and reconfigure the existing public schools. Bickel Elementary School, which is more than 65 years old, would receive many needed upgrades. Students currently take the ISAT test (as required by No Child Left Behind) upstairs in the computer lab where temperatures have reached 110 degrees.

Last year, the music teacher did not have a classroom and had to "travel" with her instruments and materials to the classrooms. This year, there are 28 and 29 students in the kindergarten sessions. Breakfast is served in the classrooms and

students rush through lunch to make sure the cafeteria is cleaned and ready for physical education.

Bickel has the finest and most enjoyable, hard-working students. The teachers and staff members are dedicated to providing the quality education that all kids deserve. Parents are cooperative and grateful. The community support has been valuable and much appreciated. Escorted works. Most would a common goal and the results are superior. These kids are the future.

Please join me in voting "yes" on March 14.

KELLI SCHROEDER  
Twin Falls  
(Editor's note: Kelli Schroeder is the principal at Bickel Elementary School.)

School bond plan uses the wrong location

I am in favor of another high school in Twin Falls, but not in favor of the proposed location and the "all-or-none" bond plan.

Is the proposed location best because it is next to the College of Southern Idaho? Currently about 400 THS students receive credit at CSI. Most classes are taught at THS. Is CSI for the high school students? What benefit will CSI offer to students who attend the college?

CSI — a four-year college? Yes, will need more land. No, then why a girl's softball program and classes for the Boise project in November Boise Junior College?

Why locate in the most traffic-congested part of Twin and near the old THS Wal-Mart and St. Luke's hospital want to build on Pole Line. What is the traffic pattern on the truck route and the future St. Luke's highway "fly path"?

Consider the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center-St. Luke's merger and new fairgrounds pavilion choices. What happens to the existing CSI campus? Is it to be renovated and additional land purchased for school additions? The pavilion may relieve some of the CSI area traffic.

The long-range facility planners did not examine non-district parcels because the land value would escalate and become unaffordable. Will the property be sold to the public? Name the school after the property seller. Under eminent domain, private property may be obtained for the public good and fair compensation paid. Is a high school for the public good?

The property tax base is growing rapidly. More than 650 new building permits and 1,100 building lots were approved in 2005. What is the growth pattern now? The future growth area is in the middle and high school age in the south?

The new THS costs are building, \$20.25 million plus land, \$5.5 million, cost of \$25.75 million, cost of \$33.65 million, but the project total equals \$37.6 million.

What are costs for new THS site, property, administrators, student custodians and building maintenance?

Why an "all-or-none" ballot? What is the education priority? Why not separate ballots to renovate the grade schools, the junior highs and the THS totaling \$12.1 million? Move the middle temporary classrooms to THS as they become available.

We must support education. However, we studied this issue, asked the right questions and gotten real answers. Did the school board unanimously support this bond?

On March 14.  
DICK TANAKA  
Twin Falls

High school needs new equipment

As a chemistry teacher at Twin Falls High School, I encourage voters to support the upcoming facilities bond.

In addition to building a new high school, the bond includes plans to improve and upgrade the science department facilities at Twin Falls High School. For example, when the students plug in all the "hot" plants or experiments in our overcrowded chemistry lab, the breaker trips.

Parents tell me that we still use the tables they sat in as students and are surprised at our antiquated equipment. This situation and other safety issues would be taken care of with the proposed improvements. Our view has brought into the 21st century so that our students would have access to the newest technology. Our students will be equipped for jobs in a very competitive global market, and state-of-the-art labs are essential to prepare them for their future.

I have been working with the students of Twin Falls High School and would support any measure that would enhance their education.

Thank you for putting "yes" on the proposed bond issue on March 14 for all of our children.

KATE DAHL  
Bald  
(Editor's note: Kate Dahl teaches chemistry at Twin Falls High School.)

School expansion was good then and now

Several years ago, I ran for a seat on the Twin Falls School Board.

I proposed that we transform O'Leary Junior High into a second high school, possibly a technical high, bring all ninth-graders into the two high schools; turn Stuart into a middle school; bring sixth grade into middle school; build a second middle school on the east side.

Obviously, the public rejected my idea.

Now we have an opportunity to re-vote that decision at 11:55 a.m. on March 14. Please put it off no longer!

Vote yes on Tuesday!  
BERT REMALEY  
Twin Falls

School bond plan good for residents, business

I'd like to express my appreciation for the fine job the citizens committee did pulling together the information on the Twin Falls school bond.

Twin Falls is in a tough presentation about a week ago and was very impressed with the information and depth with which the committee went to in order to project growth rates, shifts in school populations by moving the ninth grade to the high schools, the creation of a transferable school concept, and all the supporting documentation as to why this makes sense for Twin Falls and the children that will be in and enter the job or education system in the future.

That is what this is all about — investing in the most important resource we have, our children.

I do not get to vote on Tuesday, but I will get to pay the increased taxes due to the businesses we own and operate in Twin Falls. I'd like to ask you to vote for me in support of the school bond. It is the right thing at the right time.

CON R. PAULOS  
Jerome

Water war continues in wet season

There's snow in the mountains and water in the streams. The reservoirs are filling and more rain seems likely. All in all, it's shaping up as a good season ahead.

So what's all this fighting over Idaho water rights? In private discussions, courtrooms and legislative halls, there's an ongoing debate over how to allocate Idaho's water. Senior users insist their rights be filled. Junior users, mostly groundwater pumps across the Eastern Snake River Plain, are resisting.



READER COMMENT  
C. Tom Arkosh

Agreement doesn't seem easy, but here's why it's so important to preserve the states long history of respect for water law.

A group of southern Idaho canal companies and irrigation districts known as the Surface Water Coalition came together last year over a mutual sense that water rulings by the Idaho Department of Water Resources were eroding the priority rights of senior water users.

Idaho's water doctrine is a simply stated principle: the first in time is first in right. If you put water on a beneficial use always has the first right to that use. To say it simply, first in time means first in right.

It's not hard to see why some would want to change that. In times of scarcity, junior users could curtail water use until seniors are satisfied. Obeying this law, however, would leave some junior users without water. Instead of limiting their own use of water, some legislators have been using words which senior water users

are entitled to use as a result of their earlier priority. This has resulted in the senior water right holders having an insufficient water supply to divert.

For at least a decade now, Idaho has been in a long-term drought. This year may be starting out pretty well, but we all know that when it comes to the weather, there are no long-term guarantees. With water scarce, whose water should be filled first becomes critical.

As matters stand now, water is being routinely taken out the Eastern Snake River Plain aquifer by junior water right holders. By some accounts, more than 2 million acre feet of water annually is being pumped by junior users.

Meanwhile, water those use rightfully belongs to senior rights holders is being depleted. Springs that once ran full are low or dry. Lights which have been on for a century are meaningless if there's no water to fulfill them.

Junior users point to all kinds of "remedies" for this, but none have come down to letting them continue to take water belonging to seniors or asking senior users to pay for the scarcity caused by the juniors. That's not fair and not fair and senior right holders



ROBERT SAMUELSON

Build the wall, tighten immigration

It's a time to build a real fence or a wall along every foot of the 1,989 miles of the U.S.-Mexican border. There can be only two arguments against this approach: keeping out illegal aliens: (1) it is not possible, but we don't want to try; or (2) we don't want it to work — then, we would have to let our southern borders to anyone but criminals and terrorists.

Either way, we need more candor in our immigration decisions. The House and Senate Congress is considering its first major immigration legislation in years.

In 2005, the Border Patrol seized 1.8 million people trying to enter the United States illegally; 98.5 percent of them were caught along the Southern border. Of those who got through and stayed, the estimate: about 500,000 annually, about two-thirds lack a high school education. Even a country accepting of newcomers as the United States cannot effortlessly absorb infinitely numbers of poor and unskilled workers. Legal immigration is only 75,000 to 1 million annually, many of them also unskilled.

I do not like advocating a fence. It looks and feels bad. It's easily mislabeled as racist. It would stigmatize a Mexico. The imagery is appalling, but it beats the alternative: a growing underclass and social tensions. It's time to stop trying to force the construction of about 10 miles of steel and concrete barriers up to 15 feet high in San Diego has a better chance of success. That sector by about 95 percent since 1992, reports Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., a supporter of a U.S.-Mexico fence. Sure, there will be tunnels and ladders. But getting in will be harder. Policing will be easier.

We also need to stiffen employer fines for hiring illegal

aliens. Businesses should have to check prospective workers against computer databases with Social Security numbers, passports or immigration documents. New software is available to inspect physical documents, which are easily forged. Even these lax rules are widely flouted and poorly policed.

There are an estimated 10 million to 12 million illegal aliens in the United States.

Fewer jobs and genuine border control ought to curb illegal immigration. Good. Naturally there's another point of view. It is that the United States needs more unskilled workers to fill jobs native-born Americans won't take. One solution is to admit more unskilled workers legally. By this view, Hispanics are assimilating economically and culturally in fast some grade in the past.

Perhaps, but common sense and available evidence suggest skepticism. If there are "shortages" of unskilled American workers, the obvious solution is to raise their wages. A Texas roofing contractor testified to Congress that he could get enough roofers at \$9 an hour to do the job. He'd have to pay \$12. Higher wages will bring forth more workers. Perish the thought. Business groups, led by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, are clamoring for "guest workers." That's a euphemism for cheap labor. These business groups seem unperturbed by extravagant increases in CEO pay. But they're horrified by anything that might raise the wages of maids, waitresses, laborers or gardeners.

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lies are moving into — and reshaping — the American mainstream. But average trends look less encouraging. Since 1980, about 50 percent of the increase in people living below the government's poverty lines are Hispanic. That has to be mainly immigrants and their American-born children.

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Assimilation takes time. The big difference between today's Hispanic inflows and past immigration waves is that those stopped. History or restrictive laws intervened. There was time for newcomers to adapt. Left alone, there's no obvious reason why the present Hispanic immigration should even pause. Today's unskilled arrivals make it harder for yesterday's to get ahead. The two compete.

There's a paradox. To make immigration succeed, we need to curb some immigration. If we let the present Hispanic immigration stop, we will have American-born children, who are U.S. citizens. It is not their fault that they are the poorest of the poor. They are the poorest of the poor. They are the poorest of the poor. They are the poorest of the poor.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek magazine.

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barren, unpopulated wasteland.

My mind that there have been fine coal-fired sugar plants using less than modern technology located right in the hearts of Idaho and Oregon citizens. They're horrified by anything that might raise the wages of maids, waitresses, laborers or gardeners.

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**Why Bush has trouble just saying no**

President Bush summoned reporters to the front of Air Force One last week to issue his 134th veto power warning Congress not to try to block the transfer of the management of six U.S. ports to an Arab-owned firm. But a good bet that his threats won't result in an actual veto. The first 133 didn't.

Bush is the first president to complete an entire term without exercising his veto power since John Quincy Adams, which seems counterintuitive. Bush is an Action Man who believes the essence of political leadership is strong and decisive action that creates its own political reality. Bush is also an ardent believer in

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the executive power. He takes an expansive view of his prerogatives as commander in chief and continues to push for more, including the line-item veto. So why hasn't he used the veto as often as he has? The answers have their roots in Republican control of Congress. Bush's singular notions of power and the coalition by GOP congressional leaders that their fortunes would rise and fall with the president's. The result has been a classic Kumbaya game, where veto threats don't really mean veto threats, although they don't mean nothing, either.

One-party control of both sides of Pennsylvania Avenue has never asserted a veto-free presidency. Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt vetoed 635 bills enacted by Democratic Congresses. But unlike Roosevelt and the fractious Democrats of his era, Bush and the Republican leaders in Congress for the most part agree, sharing a not-so-anti-abortion, pro-war, anti-tax, not-so-anti-spending philosophy. And aides say both sides are pledged to resolve differences before they reach the

**MICHAEL GRUNWALD**

veto stage; Bush's top lobbyist told the National Journal last year that if Bush ever did veto legislation, it would be by "mutual agreement" with GOP leaders.

This was the first time since the mid-1950s when liberal Republicans had full control. It could work together as a governing coalition, says lobbyist "Win Weber, a former GOP House member whose clients include the United Arab Emirates." Coming back with-out a veto, that's a sign of the party's cohesion and the president's strength.

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presidential plan — even when he's clearly changing that plan, as when he co-opted the Democratic proposal to create the Department of Homeland Security or when he incorporated a popular Democratic idea to raise \$100 to veto a bill on his own tax-cut plan. A veto does not square with this aura of all-powerful, agenda-setting leadership. It's defensive, reactive, measure, used to block someone else's initiative, suggesting a lack of discipline within the Republican ranks.

So when the Bush administration has floated veto threats, on issues ranging from stem cell research to last year's highway bill warned off it.

exceeded \$284 billion, "the president's senior advisers were concerned that he veto the bill," but it included a provision weakening sanctions against Cuba, "the President would veto the bill." The final bill had \$1 billion dollars above the president's marker, but the Cuba provision was stripped. Bush signed it.

On philosophical issues, Bush's veto threats have often turned debates over principle into tests of partisan loyalty, helping congressional leaders persuade recalcitrant Republicans to toe the party line. On budget issues, Bush's threats have pushed GOP leaders to come down a bit to his spending targets — on the highway bill, the original House proposal was \$350 billion — but he has let them decide how to meet the targets. So Bush has been able to propose cuts in cotton subsidies, water projects and certain military hardware without having to worry that the cuts would be enacted.

But this delicate choreography no longer seems to be working for a lame-duck president with sagging poll numbers. When Bush threatened to veto a provision banning torture, Sen. John McCain threatened to buck off, and the president faced in the face of overwhelming opposition, agreeing to a face-saving compromise on McCain's terms. The part controversy looks like another breakdown in party discipline; mindful of this year's congressional elections, McCain and others distanced themselves from Bush, and one back-bencher told the president "not just NO but NO, NO."

"He can't go on automatic support on this one," says Rep. Tim Cole, R-Okla. "It's not enough to say: Trust me. There's nothing in it for me."

By the end of the week, Bush seemed to be caving again, although as usual he was not describing his actions that way. It was a bit of a surprise when he signed the bill, but also a statement that asserted his right as commander in chief to the bill. He signed it for all, one more reason why a believer in executive power might not use his power to veto laws he doesn't like: He might not think he needs to follow them.

**City should rethink antique store signs**

As I watched the news on Channel 11 KMVT, I was shocked to see that the city of Twin Falls had made Blue Cow Antiques (the Camerons) take down their flea market signs.

When I was a vendor at the Filter flea markets, promoted by Blue Cow Antiques, I ate in restaurants in Twin Falls, I bought gas in Twin Falls, I bought other items in stores in Twin Falls. All I saw were vendors do the same. Blue Cow Antiques signs were nicely done and always taken down promptly after the market.

The established businesses do not want craft sales, flea markets or antique shows because they think it is taking away from their market. They don't look around and see how much money those events bring into their community.

Were the signs a violation of a city code or just irritating someone? The signs help bring customers in to the vendors at the flea markets keeping coming back. Hopefully Twin Falls will rethink this and let the Camerons use their signs again.

**RUDY PARKIN**  
**JUDY PARKIN**

**What's Colner's stand on marriage?**

Cheers to Terry Roemer of Jerome's your critique of Sen. Colner in the Wednesday, March 8, letters was right on.

Jeers to Sen. Colner: you voted no on the Marriage Amendment and the right to hunt legislation. Sen. Colner, you ran for the Senate on the water issue. You were the expert in that arena. That smoke screen you used, I'm sure, missed out on the real Chuck Colner.

Your answer, "The Marriage Amendment and the right to hunt legislation were both flawed." Sen. Ted Kennedy says that stuff is a load. How do you tell us where you stand? Can you say in 20 words or less? Can you tell us what we missed in that water campaign you ran? DR. DANIEL H. HAYMORE  
**Twin Falls**

**People power will win over Sempra interests**

Having had a glimpse at the map Sempra submitted to the Bureau of Land Management for a gas pipeline, tracks and pipelines across public land, I drove to ground zero, heading for the flashing light atop its meteorological tower.

As I drove there, I thought about the homes and farms that are close to the site about 350 cans of coal dust of each week, of dust and noise. I thought of the tower's significance: it is to test the dispersal patterns for billions of pounds of pollutants to be released each year causing smog, acid rain and global warming, and more than 100 pounds of oxidizing mercury, toxic acetone, and methylmercury, toxic acetone to fetuses. This will be a difficult smokesack to love.

In thought of how a lake disappeared through the porous lava there, of thousands of tons of sludge and ash and other residues that will be stored in a series of billions of gallons of water that will be evaporated.

Today I received the first issue of Sempra's beautiful, green-tinted monthly newsletter. It mentions nothing about these things I thought about; the only green thing it mentions is \$1.4 billion. It implies that the more energy, when there is no reason to think they do. It does not mention that this power cannot be used in the state of California, because Californians have decided it would be hypocritical to buy energy from such plants which may not be used in California.

Sempra's pamphlet mentions neither strip mining coal, nor that wind and solar energy are available in the state, nor that hydro power can supply baseload power, or that the Colorado State Legislature is considering bills to fund such energy. A list of things that should be considered:

Last Thursday (March 2), Sempra's representatives invited legislators to a free breakfast and seminar. Citizens from our area took their lunches on the bus as they rode to testify in Boise.

They waited for hours, while Sempra experts testified, I pro- I was in the Magic Valley have, of necessity, become quite expert about coal-fired plants, expert enough that thousands of us have signed petitions saying we don't want the plant here.

Sen. Parks says that if we don't want it, it will not build the plant. Then it should leave. At a Citizens Protecting Resources meeting, Sempra's experts informed, passionate concern will win out over money. I hope he was right.

**REV. HUGH FEISS**  
**Jerome**

**One-year moratorium a ploy to help Sempra**

This newspaper published articles regarding court judgments against coal-fired generators in California. Sempra's proposed coal-fired generator has brought pandemonium to Magic Valley.

through the back door of a few Jerome County residents. Rep. Shornik Block's two-year moratorium is needed to determine what is best for Magic Valley. Dom is not so immediately as Sempra be in the driver's seat.

We still live with bureaucratic problems pertaining to waste disposal from the Idaho nuclear engineering laboratory.

Mr. Tev's March 4 Times-News article depicts Idahoans as sentimental, touchy-feely people. Such evidence of qualities may cause people to appear naive and half-witted, unquestioning industries which may harm Magic Valley's environment. Idaho has been my home for 45 years. I am not an old hippie, baby boomer, environmentalist, nor do I have family in Idaho.

Sempra's one year moratorium is a dangling carrot, very glibly in my opinion. I have a great deal of respect for environmental agencies complete studies on complicated issues in 12 months? I implore lawmakers not to bite the carrot, nor succumb to lobbying from the "good old boy" treatment by its behemoth industry, and ask lawmakers to support Rep. Block's two-year moratorium.

Only a 12-month moratorium gives Sempra everything to gain and nothing to lose, while Magic Valley has nothing to gain and everything to lose.

Have you seen these homogenous structures on the Indian reservations in New Mexico or Arizona? The areas do not appear prosperous or progressive

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but seem scantily populated on the issue. Idaho was one of the first five clubs organized and Gooding is No. 132.

I admit that I was concerned about the public drinking aspects of the group, but we decided to "go for it" anyway. Not one of the Gooding area people who expressed interest in this club was interested in coming to Drinking Liberally for the "drinking." Many do not think alcohol is the original "members" are devoted Christians and very involved in their respective churches. (Yes, you can be a Christian and a liberal at the same time.)

The purpose of this group is strictly to socialize with like-minded people over a beverage of their choice. We exist deliberately close to Rowley's Pub & Grill as a meeting place due to its family-friendly, well-lit, non-smoking atmosphere.

So please don't let the "drinking" part keep you away from our group. We are aware that we live in a conservative, small-town community where certain things can become exaggerated. We do not want to lose interested "members" due to a misunderstanding about our purpose. And we don't want to have our message minimized and discarded due to an inaccurate perception.

I know some people who have a lot to offer a group like ours but may not feel comfortable if they think it's going to be a "bunch of drunks." The people I've known who do not happily anticipating networking and support among others who share their concerns about alcoholism. I don't want to get plastered over a keg of beer. Please understand that "drinking" can refer to non-alcoholic beverages as well as beer.

In addition, this group is for liberal-minded individuals, democrats with a small "d." I suggest a more self-defining title. We are not the part of the official Democratic organization.

**DIANA ROWE PAULS**  
**Gooding**

**Many local legislators still don't get it**

After listening to all the excellent testimony given at the House Environmental, Energy and Technology Committee hearing on the Bill 698 (two-year moratorium on coal-fired plants) in favor of the bill and why there should not be any more coal plants built here, can help but wonder what part of "we don't want a coal-fired plant in Magic Valley" doesn't the State Legislature get?

With the exception of those from District 25 and Rep. Sharon Block from Twin Falls, the others appear to be deaf. They seem to want to demand with Sempra until the citizens are exhausted and the plant is built and all of southern Idaho is contaminated air, water and soil resources.

To make matters worse, there are no Magic Valley representatives on the House Environmental, Energy and Technology Committee. The committee hasn't voted on the bill, but they will be satisfied to consider the issue a local one and pass the bill back to the Jerome County commissioners. I am sorry that by ignoring the fact the air and water pollution moves great distances, which means that the pollution from the proposed plant is not just a local issue.

In addition, with a number of proposals for coal-fired plants in the works for all of southern Idaho, it is best to make sense that lawmakers would not give citizens a time out so that Idaho — not some other state — can put plans in place to stay in control of its resources.

**LEW PENCE**  
**Gooding**

**Local '70s playen'**

Call me a sucker for the '70s, but I thoroughly enjoyed JUMP Co.'s recent "Jump '70s Spectacular!" I want to congratulate everyone involved for putting on a fantastic show. I was very impressed with the talent and enthusiasm of the performers.

Someone who worked behind the scenes deserves much applause, too. The music, movies, television shows and commercials, clothing and the fun of it all. I was very impressed with the talent and enthusiasm of the performers.

**People power will win over Sempra interests**

These plants exist to supply energy for very large cities such as Denver. When such plants operate without vigilance, good environmental procedures, those living nearby suffer the consequences. This latest effort of Sempra is feudalistic. It appears they feel it's they who own the town and if Magic Valley doesn't play its game, they'll take the toys and leave.

For now Magic Valley possesses these remaining valuable "toys," not Sempra. If coal-fired generators are to be the best supplemental energy choice for Magic Valley and southern Idaho, the decision should be made only after intelligent, methodical, and investigative, unburied processes. If you believe Sempra is Magic Valley's last opportunity to get a coal-fired generator for other industry which needs a lot of water to operate) located in Magic Valley, think again.

**CLAY LANN**  
**Twin Falls**

**A year is hardly adequate to answer Sempra issues**

Everyone is asking "What is wrong with a one-year moratorium?" It's simple. Sempra likes a one-year moratorium because it won't be ready for at least one year, so what is the big deal. The big deal is that the county of Jerome and the state of Idaho need time to consider the health of citizens, the quality and quantity of our drinking water and the visibility from Idaho needs to take the time. Idaho needs to consider if it wants these types of coal-fired plants and if it does, it should consider proper controls and restraints to protect everyone.

Once this plant is built, and if we don't like it, it is very difficult to remove. A list of things that should be considered:

1. Emission rates for particulate matter.
2. Nitrogen oxides.
3. Water vapor plumes, brown inversion layers, dusty plumes.
4. Sulfur dioxide and sulfur trioxide.
5. Acid rain.
6. Heavy metals.
7. Mercury.
8. Limit exposure to coal dust.
9. Regulate dust from storage piles.
10. Regulate fly ash emissions.
11. Limit or regulate lime, limestone, soda ash and bottom sludge.
12. Regulate dry evaporation ponds.
13. What is done with high levels of salty cooling tower water?
14. Regulate scrubber blowdown.
15. Regulate storm water runoff.
16. Make roads safe from fog and rain.
17. Leakage detection, collection and mitigation systems from storage ponds.
18. Regulate the cleaning and disposal of creosote, ash, sludge and sludge from evaporation ponds.
19. What to do about stray power lines.
20. What to do with employee sewage and what to do with all the cleaning solutions, waste oil, acids, water treatment chemicals, and solvents.
21. What to do about fires in coal stacks.
22. Proper fire safety.

Do you really want to leave all these issues up to Sempra and accept its word for it that these problems have been solved to the benefit of area residents? It takes time to consider all these issues. I really don't think two years will do the job but it will certainly be a good start.

There is one thing I am certain about, however. We should not be building a coal-fired plant over our drinking water and air close to a large population.

One year won't even start to address everything that is impacted. Please consider signing or writing your legislators and ask them to give us more than one year.

**RALPH FRIEDEMANN**  
**Jerome**

**Dems drinking is for non-drinkers too**

I would like to clarify an understandable misperception of the Drinking Liberally Club that just started in Gooding.

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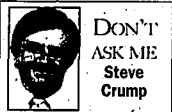
Section B

## Accents happen around here

Do you talk funny? I think so, I personally, don't have an accent, but almost everyone around me does.

And Portland State University linguistics professor Jeff Conn agrees.

Conn has been studying the way folks in the Pacific Northwest speak, and according to an interview with the Oregonian newspaper, concludes that which is to say you are fracturing the king's English and annoying everyone within earshot.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

He's found, among other things, that residents of Idaho and Oregon:

- Inflect the last few words of a sentence. This tends to make simple, declarative sentences sound like questions. Yes, we talk like Valley Girls?
- "Merge" their vowels.
- "Marry" "merry" and "mary" sound the same. So do "caught" and "cot."
- Shift their vowels. This means that "root" somehow rhymes with "kid." And "bug" rhymes with "beg."
- Have a lot of trouble with the letter "a." That's why "hand" comes out sounding closer to the vowel in "band" than the vowel in "cat."

Of course, in southern Idaho you have to mix in the Missouri dialect that Mormon settlers brought west with them. Many Idahoans can't pronounce an "r" followed by an "r" to save their souls.

"Oh, *Drumby*, what a gorgeous orange farm!"

It may surprise you — it sure surprised me — that learning to speak English with an American accent is an entire industry nowadays.

Linguists say standard American English — you know, the way that Brian Williams and Bob Schriver and other TV network anchors talk — is called Standard Midwestern. The ideal is to speak like Walter Cronkite.

"In television," former NBC News correspondent Linda Ellerbe said lamously, "you're not supposed to sound like you're from anywhere."

It doesn't work that way on the other side of the TV screen, though. And as a rule, the further west you go in America, the flatter the vowels.

"That's why stores don't have 'sales' in these parts; they have 'sells'.

Most Idahoans would be happy as clams if the letter "s" simply went away.

Think not? Walk into your workplace Monday morning and ask the guy or the gal in the next cubicle to pronounce the words "anchovy," "accident" and "absorbent" and "admiral."

I'll bet you 50 cents that they sound like "inchoy," "accidant," "edamint."

"*utoburnin*" and "*utside*."

Do the words "effect" and "effect" sound different from each other in Idaho? Not a chance. And they're both pronounced "ifect."

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## Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	Seasonal peak
Balmon	118%	106%
Big Wood	120%	114%
Little Wood	125%	111%
Big Lost	121%	102%
Little Lost	105%	85%
Henry's Fork/Teton	117%	102%
Upper Snake Basin	112%	96%
Oakley	143%	130%
Salmion Falls	127%	114%

As of March 11

\*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.

†An indicator of the snowpack's health.

# Serving people, one mouthpiece at a time

## Youth group helps Fairfield football team

By Jamey Colter  
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — There seems to be an abundance — if not absolute overkill — of media attention aimed at negative things involving Idaho's youth: drug use, truancy, crime, to name a few.

But in Fairfield, there are still young people who care about their community and the ability to assist the citizens and institutions in any way they can.

As part of the Future Community and Career Leaders of

America (FCCLA), Sara Hinton and others involved with the group have been assisting the Fairfield community for nearly four years.

"Our last project was raising money to buy adequate mouthpieces for our football players," said Hinton, the president of the Fairfield chapter.

According to Hinton, the Fairfield High School football team has been using mouthpieces that weren't up to standard and were in dire need of replacement.

"As a statistician for the football team, I saw two concussions last year, one resulting in a Life Flight to Boise," added Hinton.

So Hinton decided that she would commit to raising money for the purchase of mouthpieces, as well as being able to do a project for her FCCLA team.

With the assistance of the community of Fairfield and the Donnelly Sports in Twin Falls, Hinton and her FCCLA teammates were able to raise enough money to buy mouthpieces for all of the starting Fairfield football players.

"We attended a women's football conference put on by head football coach Randy Jullt," Hinton said. "After seeing the equipment used by football players, we just decided this was a cause that needed to be addressed."

These kinds of things are exactly what the FCCLA is geared towards, Hinton explained.

"It used to be Future Homemakers of America, but around 10 years ago they changed it to the FCCLA," noted Carol Lee Fogg, organization adviser.

Now, instead of learning traditional home economics subjects, students are taught

community leadership, and community service skills.

"But changing the name didn't affect the gender that is the norm at most meetings, claimed Fogg.

"There are only two boys on the team," said Hinton.

The FCCLA team is gearing up to attend a state meet at the end of March.

"We're pretty excited about going to state. It's going to be really fun," said Fogg.

The state meet is held in Boise and will consist mostly of team members giving speeches and presentations on the community service projects they have done throughout the year.

"We will be giving a speech on the mouthpiece project we did," said Hinton.

At state, students will have the opportunity to qualify for nationals, held in Nashville, Tenn.

"Last time I went to nationals in Philadelphia," said Hinton.

Hinton and her teammates are looking forward to nationals this year, but funding the trip is a worry that they will have to face before they can start packing.

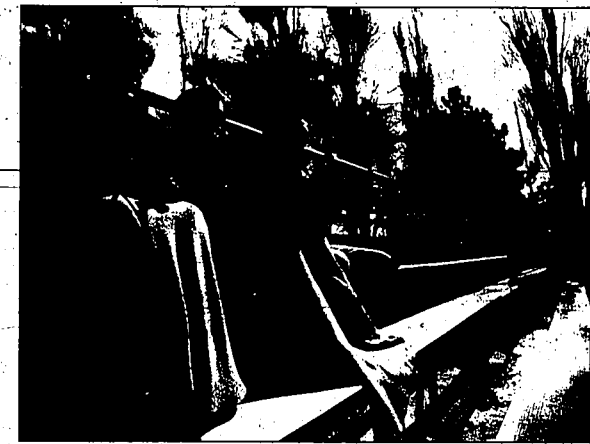
"It can cost upwards of \$1,000 per student, including flight and hotel rooms," said Hinton.

"So, in the FCCLA fundraising spirit, members are accustomed to, they will begin strategizing for ways to raise the necessary funds for their adventure."

"We tried to have a spaghetti feed and talent show in February, but the power went out right after the spaghetti was served," said Hinton.

"We've scheduled the fundraiser for March 14," said Hinton. "We hope the lights will stay on this time."

# FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME



The Adams family from St. Albert, Alberta, watch their son Darren pitch for the Malaspina Mariners on Saturday during a baseball tournament at CSI. From left are Darren's mother, Maureen Adams; his sister, Lindsay Adams; and his father, Blaine Adams.



Dennis and Julie Loozil of Belse huddle around a small propane heater as they watch their son D.J. Loozil play for Treasure Valley Community College of Ontario, Ore., Saturday at CSI.

## Brrr! Baseball fans turn out despite frigid wind chill

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With Saturday afternoon temperatures stalled in the mid-30s, baseball fans at the College of Southern Idaho's 2006 tournament at Skip Walker Field looked more like football fans.

Dawning heavy coats, hats, mittens and blankets, spectators clustered to keep from freezing to the metal bleachers.

And at least one family used an especially unusual method — at least for baseball fans — to stay warm.

Dennis and Julie Loozil, who were in the stands to watch their son D.J. play for Treasure Valley Community College, huddled inches from a

propane space heater they purchased the previous night.

"After yesterday's game, we knew it was going to get even colder," Julie said. "And I don't think we could have survived another day."

So they made a trip to Home Depot and bought a propane heater, a "best hundred bucks I ever spent," Dennis said, over the hiss of the heater.

Any fan lucky enough to snag a seat near the heater's agreed. And those who weren't so lucky wandered over between innings to enjoy a fleeting moment of warmth.

But the heater was little consolation to most of the spectators.

Even fans of the Malaspina Mariners, a team from Nanaimo,

British Columbia, thought a wind chill below freezing was a bit ridiculous for baseball weather.

Mariners' devotees Blaine and Maureen Adams shared a blanket with their daughter, Lindsay.

"We didn't bring these blankets with us," Blaine said. "We had to buy them here."

But the Adams' — who flew in from St. Albert, Alberta — said they're used to this weather; they just didn't expect it in southern Idaho.

"We got this weather in May," Blaine said while he and his family watched their son Darren pitch against the Treasure Valley team. "You know, he's used to throwing snowballs, eh," he said with a smile.

Blaine's joke wasn't far from the

truth. The CSI ground crew had to scrape snow off the field before play could begin Thursday.

The Adams' said Canadian baseball fans know how to keep warm.

"Layers," Maureen said. "I've got on about six layers now. We learn to dress like this in Alberta."

The Idahoans in town for the tournament had a few tricks up their coat sleeves, as well.

"We'll be happy to get back to the hotel and get in the hot tub," said Treasure Valley fan Julie.

But until then, the heater would have to suffice.

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## Couple turns tree stump into art

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Losing a favorite tree turned out to be more bearable than Kathy McDowell expected.

Last month, McDowell and her fiancé, Kirk Holt, had a 70-foot pine in their front yard cut down because they feared high winds could topple the tree and crush their house.

But instead of removing the stump, Holt and McDowell turned it into a hulking lawn ornament that puts any plastic flamingo to shame. They had a six-foot segment of the stump carved into a giant, snarling bear.

The totem pole has drawn much attention in the two weeks since it was carved by filler chain saw artist Gary Cogswell.

"Every other day somebody stops by to ask about it," Holt said. "It's becoming dangerous.

### Grin and bear it

Cell chain saw artist Gary Cogswell at 326-5828

"A couple times, we've seen people almost wreck," McDowell said. "People driving by slow down to look at, sometimes even stop in the middle of the road."

And what do people think?

"Well, I've had quite a few people ask who carved it and they could get one," Holt said.

She refers them to Cogswell, who has been sculpting bears from pine, walnut and ash since he learned the finer points of chain saw carving from a friend in Stanley about six years ago.

Cogswell said that most of his bears share similar appearances — cartoonish facial features at big round bellies — but the character of the wood makes each one unique.

A woodcutter by day,

Cogswell also carves smaller 1-foot-high bears, as well. McDowell has one of those bears (too, though the little cub stays indoors).

Cogswell carved Holt and McDowell's bear in about six hours. He hammered two large black marbles into the wood that serve as warm, welcoming eyes.

"I really wanted a grizzly that looked real," Holt said. "But like this one, too."

Next week, McDowell and Holt plan to run their sculpture with a forklift in order to seal and protect the wood. Then, they'll cut it in a sealant.

They'll also attempt to move it closer to the house. Holt estimates the bear weighs at least a ton, so he'll use a forklift to transport.

Once there, McDowell said she may decorate the bear — maybe not now but surely for next Christmas.

Holt and McDowell said their bear is the best use of a stump



Kirk Holt and Kathy McDowell stand with their wooden bear carved from the trunk of an old pine tree in the front yard of their home in Twin Falls on Saturday.

They've ever heard of. It cost \$250 to have it carved. McDowell said she's seen similar carvings for sale at local sporting goods stores for \$1,700.

"Well sure, I like it," Holt said.

"But I'd be willing to trade it for a nice trailer."

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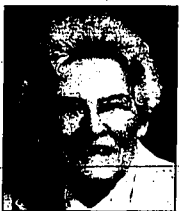
Wilma Alice Murphy Beer Routh



JEROME — Wilma Alice Murphy Beer Routh, 87, of Jerome, passed away March 6, 2006, at the home of her youngest son, Ronald, in Sierra Vista, Ariz. Wilma was born Dec. 7, 1918, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the daughter of William H. and Cora B. Pickford Murphy. She attended Lincoln Elementary and Twin Falls High School, graduating in 1937. She was married to Harry L. Beer from which time she departed Twin Falls, settling in Spokane, Wash., where she married Lester E. Routh in 1954. Wilma and Lester then moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where they lived until Lester's death in January 1993. Wilma then resided briefly in Twin Falls before moving to be with her eldest son, Gary, in Wendell, Idaho, in 1993 until her death in December 2004. Wilma is survived by her stepson, James E. (Darlene) Routh and David L. (Dorothy) Routh; 19 grandchildren, Nancy, Dana, Tracy, Abby, Sarah, (Wife), Barbara, Amy, Donnie, Sarah (Beer), and supporter throughout her life — to include raising two of her grandchildren, Dana and Tracy, through high school. She was constantly involved with friends and family, sharing their good times and bad. A woman of faith, Wilma attended Christian Services throughout her life. Wilma is survived by her two sons, Gary L. (Deanna) Beer and Ronald K. (Dottie) Beer, her stepsons, James E. (Darlene) Routh and David L. (Dorothy) Routh; 19 grandchildren, Nancy, Dana, Tracy, Abby, Sarah, (Wife), Barbara, Amy, Donnie, Sarah (Beer), and support throughout her life — to include raising two of her grandchildren, Dana and Tracy, through high school. She was constantly involved with friends and family, sharing their good times and bad. A woman of faith, Wilma attended Christian Services throughout her life.

The funeral for Wilma will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park" with Pastor Jim Tubbs officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. The family would like to thank the hospice staff of the Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center for the professional care and support provided to Wilma. Wilma will be truly missed by all that knew her. The family suggests memorials be given to the American Cancer Society, c/o Hazel Wilder, 359 Orchardway Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83401.

Mollie Mae Dearth Alexander



TWIN FALLS — Mollie Mae Dearth Alexander was born March 4, 1919, in Parsons, Kan., and passed away March 9, 2006, in Twin Falls, Idaho. She was the only child of John (Jack) Cleveland Dearth and Adele Elaine Carls Dearth. She received her elementary education in Wheatland, Wyo., and Whitehall, Mont. Mollie graduated from Whitehall High School in Whitehall, Mont. She was a member of Spurs, Delta Delta Delta Sorority and an expert make-up man on the University Bible team.

Alexander, Mollie was preceded in death, in 2002, by her husband of 63 years, A. John Alexander. Mollie dedicated her life to the service of others: her family, friends, neighbors, and anyone in need. She was completely unselfish, caring, and loving. She shared her heart generously and often with a touch, a phone call, or a handwritten note. Her passions were her family, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension and its parish family, her sisters in the PEO Chapter AL, as well as neighbors and friends at Bridgeway Estates where she resided for the past five years. Mom brightened the lives of all who knew her. She will be dearly missed and fondly remembered.

Dorothy 'Marie' Edinborough



GOOSEBAY — Dorothy 'Marie' Edinborough, 93, of Goosebay, passed away March 10, 2006, at the Good Samaritan Center in Idaho Falls. She was born June 3, 1912, in Haviland, Kan., to William Robert and Dorothy Smith. She married Gerald Edinborough on July 1, 1932, in Idaho Falls, Kan. They were married 69 years. They moved to the Hagerman area in 1930. In 1949, they bought a farm northeast of Goosebay and operated that until they retired in the 1970s. Marie worked in the laundry at the Idaho State School for the Deaf and Blind until she retired in 1977. She was a member of the Nazarene Church. She was a loving, caring mother and grandmother.

Marie is survived by a son, Charles (Irene) of Rigby; grandsons, Scott, Ryan, Gary and Steven; granddaughters, Christal and Karen; two great-grandchildren, Maxine Loyd and Dorothy Braundt; sisters-in-law, Agnes Ledigo, Dorothy Sisson and Donna Patterson; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald; her son, Don; two sisters; and two brothers.

SERVICES

- Carol Lynne Walker of Kimbo, celebration of life gathering from 2 to 5 p.m. today at the Turf Club in Twin Falls. (Arlene Chapel and Tribute Center in Boise).
Robert 'Bob' W. Rucker of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert LDS Chapel.
Ida Holstrom of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Jerome LDS Stake Center on North Tigger Drive; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.
Johnnie D. Barnes of Twin Falls, cryogenic service at 1 p.m. Monday at Reflections of History Mausoleum in Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 11 a.m. until noon Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.
Leslie Ann Bergl of Hallett, memorial service at 3 p.m. Thursday at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Ketchum (Wood River Chapel of Hallett).
Katherine Rusch Loosley of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605-11 St.; viewing one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).
Marlan E. Bigley of Lewiston and formerly of Kimberly, memorial service at 10 a.m. March 25 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Lewiston (Vassar Rawls Funeral Home in Lewiston).

Victor Gallo



BURIE — On March 7, 2006, our beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather peacefully passed away in his sleep at home. Victor Gallo was born Oct. 4, 1920, in Plymouth, Mass. to Victor Gallo and Teresa Schiavetta Gallo. At the age of 4, he was sent to Italy. There he lived with his grandmother and attended school in Italy. When he was 18, he avoided the draft in Italy when he came back to America. At the age of 21, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, fighting through Africa and Italy in the 34th Infantry Division. Victor lived through 3 1/2 years of front-line fighting as a Battle Engineer in Italy. Victor helped liberate the town of Busca, where he had grown up as a child. While fighting in Italy, Victor met Mary Giannelli Ruher, whom he married on May 29, 1947, a marriage that lasted 57 years. To this union two children were born, a daughter, Luella, and a son, Gary Victor. Mary and finally were to lead an adventurous life: from building a successful restaurant, to farming, vineyard and building homes. They lived a rich and successful life. Work was his passion, and he passed it on to his children. He believed in honesty and integrity and in any job doing was worth doing right. Victor is survived by his daughter Luella (Dewon) Ruher, son Gary (Shebana) Gallo; grand children, Tru (Daniele) Ruher, Travis (Bethany) Ruher, Aaron (Samantha) DeBrynn Kops, Clayton Ruher, Danielle (Soni) Meier, Anthony Gallo and Nicole Gallo; five great-grandsons: sister, Renee Silvester in Florida; brother, John Gallo in California; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary. We will always love you and we miss your courage, guidance and perseverance. No public services are planned. Cremation was under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, in care of Hazel Wilder, 359 Orchardway Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83401, or the American Heart Association, 270 S. Orchard, Suite B, Boise, ID 83705.

Lewis Sylvester Wendell



WENDELL — Lewis Sylvester Wendell, 78, went to be with his Lord on March 11, 2006. He was born Feb. 19, 1928, in Fishertown, Pa., the son of Laurence Sylvester Wendell and Madge Clark Wendell. He married Bonnie Allen Kern on March 23, 1956, in Texas. Lew served his country in the United States Air Force, retiring in 1967 after 20 years of service. He then went to work in the Civil Service in Anchorage, Alaska, and retired again in 1983. Lew and Bonnie then returned to Texas and then settled in Wendell, Idaho, in 2000. Lew was a member of the Wendell United Methodist Church and the Grand Lodge of Texas AF & AM, Somerset No. 1205, Somerset, Texas. Lewis is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Bonnie Wendell of Wendell; his sons, Lewis S. "Buddy" Wendell Jr. of Hallett and Victor J. (Janet) Wendell of League City, Texas; granddaughters, Joni Wendell, Candy Wendell, Michelle Wendell and Stephanie

one sister; and one great-grandson. At Lew's request, there will be no services. His ashes will be spread by his family in the mountains of Idaho in the spring time. Memorial may be made in Lew's name to the charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Anna May Hoskins

For red Hill Country Club as office manager until retirement. Anna May's hobby was selling antiques at her booth in an open air market in Pomona, Calif. She was preceded in death by brothers, Fred and Jay; and a sister, Orna Glodowsky. She is survived by nephews, Mary Ellen Woodworth and Jayne Petersen; and nephews, Max Hoskins, Ben Hoskins and Greg Hoskins; and their children and grandchildren.

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DEATH NOTICES

- William 'Scott' Moorehead. FILIER — William "Scott" Moorehead, 47, of Filier, died Thursday, March 9, 2006, at his home. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Family will meet friends one hour before the service Tuesday at White Mortuary. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.
Paul C. Elledge. BOISE — Paul Clinton Elledge, 90, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 10, 2006, at his home. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 16, 2006, at the Belyea Funeral Chapel in Boise. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour before the service Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.
Hugo Eichelberg. GOODRICH — Hugo Eichelberg, 91, died Friday, March 10, 2006, at the Ashley Manor in Boise. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding.
Donald E. Rupert. JEROME — Donald E. Rupert, 77, of Jerome, died Saturday, March 11, 2006, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.
Herbert Turner. TWIN FALLS — Herbert "Herbie" Turner, 69, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, March 9, 2006, in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome.
Peter G. Snow. BURLEY — Peter Gregory Snow, 53, of Burley, died Saturday, March 11, 2006, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Funeral Home in Burley.

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Mary LaVere Olson Dean Maxfield

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 HEYBURN — Mary LaVere Olson Dean Maxfield passed from this world on March 9, 2006, after a short battle with cancer.

She was born in Heyburn, Idaho, on Sept. 19, 1922, and was the beloved second daughter of Leo Peter Olson and Vera Carl. She leaves behind a legacy of courage, compassion and love. Her joy was her family. Every act of graciousness, giving and sacrifice were a reflection of her deepest wish that her family live well, do well, and be happy. The keeper of a determined spirit, she raised six children largely on her own and continued in full employment until her 80th year. Never complaining, always loving, she was and will remain an inspiration in the lives of her large family and in the lives of countless others who know her. Her memory lives on as a guide and comfort to us all.

Our Mom and Grammy was a devoted member of the LDS faith who possessed an indomitable will and personified the pioneer spirit.

She was very proud of her children, grand- and great-grandchildren and is survived by the following children, Harold Randall Dean, Steven



Way Dean (Karen), Colleen Larue Werzinski (Ron), Carmea Sue Christensen (Kyle), Kim Louise Lee (Alan) and Kent Dean (Kaleen). Grammy adored her 17 grandchildren, Tamara, Michelle, Julie Ann, David, Richard, Emily, Stephanie, Steven, Sonya, Yanya, Melissa, Christina, Kylie, Jaclyn, Shaundra, Tony and Ashley. She traveled over her 14 great-grandchildren, Reagan, Ariadne, Ian, Andy, Elena, Cyrena, Veronica, Sabrina, Sylvia, Damlan, Dayton, Morgan, McKellie, and Roman. She is survived by five siblings, Virgil Olson, Hazel Hulse, Darlene Whitesides, Nita Wells and Arland Olson. She was preceded in death by an elder



sister, Fern Rutledge. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 13, 2006, at the Miller Creek 5th Ward LDS Church, 4220 S. 420 E. in Murray, Utah, where friends and family may call from 11 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Care Source Hospice, 1621 E. 4500 S., Salt Lake City, UT 84117. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley, Idaho. Fly away—The wind is your kiss on our cheeks and your whisper in our ears.

Ida Evelyn Prentice Houston.

Always thinking of others!  
 JEROME — The essence of the 93-year-old woman named Ida Evelyn Prentice Houston. Ida was born on Nov. 1, 1912, in Yoder, Wyo. She was the fifth of six children born to Evelyn Andrews and Albery Prentice. Ida passed on March 6, 2006, at the Alpha House in Jerome. The family moved to Jerome, Idaho, in 1926 to join in the construction and running of the Blue Light Service Station and later the Star Garage, along with Del Houston and they moved to Elko, Nev., on April 29, 1933. In 1945, a baby girl, Helen Oleta, was added to the family. Del and Ida farmed in the Pleasant Plains area from 1933 until 1971. They retired to Wendell and then to Underwood, Wash. After Del's death in 1989, Ida returned to Jerome with her daughter and grandsons. Ida's greatest love was her family — her husband, Del; her daughter, Helen; and her grandsons, Brian and Aaron, and their families. Her siblings, in-law, and her friends were also of special importance to her. In 1980, Ida took up counting cross-stitch and found that she was an artist. All who have seen her creations are in awe of the intricacy and beauty of her work. On March 1, she was working on a counted cross-stitch piece for one of her great-granddaughters.

Ida is remembered by her daughter, Helen Oleta Smith and her sons; her grandsons and their families, Brian, Christy and McKenzie Houston of Phoenix and Aaron, Terrence, Innaer and Leslie Houston of Las Vegas. Many nieces and nephews will miss her as well. Missing her, also, are the many young adults who called her "Grandma." Being ahead with her husband, Del; her father and mother, Albery and Evelyn Prentice; her brothers, Tom (Ruth) Prentice of Wendell, George (Lila) Prentice of Moses Lake, Wash., Jim (Hildegard) Prentice of Wendell; and sisters, May (Carl Oster) of Moses Lake, Wash., and Alta (Frank) Sellers of Hazelton. Also passing earlier were her brothers and sisters-in-law, Aubrey (Lyola) Houston of Underwood, Wash., Eualine (Harvey) Downing of Jerome and Oleta (Emanuel) Nelson of Jerome.

The family wishes to thank the caregivers at Alpha House. Your love and kindness shown to Ida were beautiful. She loved you just as much as you loved her.

Memorials may be sent to the residents fund at Alpha House or the Jerome County Historical Society.

Ida will be remembered at a service at 1 p.m. Monday, March 13, 2006, the Jerome LDS Stake Center on Tiger Drive. Bishop Kurt Thompson will preside. Viewing is planned from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Tugboat says killer whale

SEATTLE (AP) — Luna, the juvenile killer whale, from Washington state waters who got lost in Canada's waters a good five years ago, apparently died Friday when he was strangled by a tugboat propeller, Canadian authorities said.

Luna, known to scientists as L-98 and a member of one of Washington's three resident orca pods, or family groups, wandered into Nootka Sound on the west side of Vancouver Island in 2001 and stayed, worrying ecologists and annoying boaters and sealplane pilots with his friendly curiosity.

"We don't know 100 percent but we do believe it was a seal plane pilot's tugboat propeller," said spokeswoman Lana Sloan with Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Transient killer whales, which range along the coast preying on seals and other marine mammals, occasionally come through the long, twisty sound, but tend to avoid human traffic.

LDS president will rededicate temple in Chile

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — President Gordon B. Hinckley, leader of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is expected to be in Chile this weekend to rededicate a temple in Santiago. It would be Hinckley's first public event since December, when he traveled to Sharon, Vt., to pay tribute to church founder Joseph Smith. The 85-year-old church leader underwent surgery in January to remove a cancerous growth from his large intestine.

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## Anti-abortion protester treated for ulcers after 56-day fast

**WILDER** — A 68-year-old man who fasted for 56 days hoping to spur abortion legislation spent a few days in the hospital for treatment of an ulcer related by lack of food.

Walter Hayes said he lost more than 50 pounds during the fast, which started on the first day of Idaho's legislative session and ended on Saturday.

Hayes said he survived on water and salt tablets during the nearly two-month fast, despite threats from his wife and friends and warnings from his doctor that he could die. He became so weak from not eating that he sometimes needed a wheelchair, Hayes said.

He was trying to persuade the legislature to pass a law that included fetuses in the state's definition of a person, which would essentially make abortion murder.

With no prospects of that law

### Idaho in brief

passing, he decided to stop the hunger strike when South Dakota's governor signed a law that banned most abortions.

Hayes was hospitalized Thursday night and sent home on Saturday.

### Seven Idaho Guardsmen to be awarded medals

**POST FALLS** — Seven Idaho Army National Guardsmen who served in Iraq will be awarded medals at a ceremony here next week.

On March 19, at the Post Falls Armory, the seven Guardsmen will be given medals, ranging from the Purple Heart for Sgt. Duane Anderson, who was wounded in action, to Bronze Stars for four soldiers for heroic

or meritorious service during operations against the enemy.

Two others, Sgt. James Hirsch and Sgt. Kai Patacsil, will be given Army Commendation Medals.

The 116th Brigade Combat Team spent a year in northern Iraq at Kirkuk on patrol, restoration and economic development missions.

"What made us so successful is that we knew how to interact with people," said First Sgt. Michael Kishi, who will be given the Bronze Star. "We saw both the Iraqi and enemy as people. When we worked with the Iraqi people one-on-one, we got a better understanding of the

enemy. We did a good job of finding a balance and winning the hearts and minds of people."

### Two-state prison plan runs into roadblock

**LEWISTON** — Officials in two adjacent counties in Idaho and Washington were hoping to build a corrections facility together to save money, but legal trouble may prevent the proposal from coming to fruition.

Nez Perce County in Idaho and Asotin County in Washington have found they face a legal barrier concerning transportation of prisoners across state lines.

A person who is arrested is entitled to an extradition process before he is moved between states.

Dan Spickler, Nez Perce county prosecutor, said the

counties could consult with the state attorney general's office about moving the prisoners from Washington to the joint prison in Idaho.

"The counties would also have to deal with jointly planning for growth and increasing the size of the planned detention center

in Nez Perce County. "The easiest way I guess is going to be annexing Asotin County into the state of Idaho," joked Ron Wittman, chairman of the Nez Perce County Commission.

— compiled from wire reports

## Parents, leaders in Utah community to discuss problem of racial slurs at school athletic events

**PROVO, Utah (AP)** — Utah County parents will meet with black community leaders to discuss what they believe is a pattern of racial slurs being yelled during school-sponsored athletic events.

The community meeting, called black and white students and their families, comes on the heels of a letter of opinion sent to a Provo High School player who says she was the target of a racial epithet during a recent game.

While Springville Junior High School coach David Kindrick says his team may be guilty of poor sportsmanship, he was unable to determine if the slur was used by one of his players, according to the Feb. 27 letter to Provo High player Maykeha Cox and Provo freshman basketball coach.

Cox's father, Keith Smith, who says a derogatory epithet for blacks was yelled at his daughter during a game against junior high ninth-graders, said he doesn't feel the letter was sincere.

Although school officials say the matter has been resolved, Smith says racial slurs are too frequent during sports games at Utah County schools.

"We have another generation of kids who are being taught, this is OK," Smith said. "It's OK in competition for me to put another person down because of their race."

Kindrick said he doesn't think racial slurs are uttered much at Utah County athletic events.

"From my experience I'd say no," he said. "I just haven't seen it. There's not much diversity."

Utah County is a largely homogeneous region. The 2000 U.S. Census counted 1,096 blacks in Utah County. That's 0.2 percent of the county's population of 599,536. Nationally, blacks make up 12.1 percent of the population.

Michael Styles, director of the Utah Office of Black Affairs, plans to attend the community meeting Thursday.

"I think, first of all, we need to get to the heart of the problem and find out what really tran-

spired and find out, you know, as a community, how do we as a community want to address something like this," he said.

The incident at the basketball game wasn't the first time race issues have erupted recently in Utah County.

In January, a Lehi High School basketball coach was accused of using a racist term about the manner in which team members were dancing.

Leiston Allen, the mouth of a Lehi bilingual basketball player, talked with the coach and believes he won't repeat the word again.

Allen, who moved to Eagle Mountain about 18 months ago, takes issue with what he believes are lax Alpine School District policies to discipline employees — who — think — such comments.

"One of the things I've noticed moving to Utah from California, people don't realize what is racial," Allen said. "I had that to be the kicker. ... You can't hide behind the times. You need to know what is offensive

and what is not."

And black players aren't the only ones who say they've been targeted.

Maylene Ornelas plays for Mountain View High School's girls basketball team. She moved to Orem from Chihuahua, Mexico.

"I remember in one game, every time I grabbed the ball fans from the opposite team started calling, 'USA, USA,'" she said. "Some people were saying 'Mexican loser' (when) I didn't make any three-pointers."

"At another game, she said, as she sat toward the basket, she fell down and people shouted, 'USA, USA.'"

"I try to play my game and don't listen. I let my game speak for me," she said.

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## Fake IRS agents seek personal information

**LEWISTON (AP)** — Tax season is swirling in and e-mail scans near Lewiston with several residents reporting people posing as Internal Revenue Service employees seeking personal information and bank account numbers.

JoAnn Preko of Lewiston said someone contacted her claiming to be "an agent of the U.S. government Internal Revenue Service."

"When you hear U.S. Government, you think it's legit," Preko told the Lewiston Tribune for a story in Saturday editions. "I knew it was a big fake. It's pathetic. And why they called me so many times, I have no idea."

Preko said the caller told her she was eligible for a \$5,000 to \$12,000 grant because she had filed her taxes last year. She said the caller told her he needed her savings and checking account information to deposit the money.

Preko's case is one of several instances of fax-related fraud attempts reported to law enforcement since the first of the year.

Spokane Better Business Bureau spokesman Zan Doery said a warning time for people to target tax payers and get personal information.

"Right after the New Year, people are looking at their taxes, filing at their feet and have much they overpays during the holidays," she said. "It's a recipe for debt disaster, and these callers know that."

The IRS warns tax payers that it will never send unsolicited mail or ask for social security numbers over the phone or through e-mail.

The Nez Perce County Sheriff's Office says someone filed a report last week after receiving an e-mail that appeared to have an IRS logo. The e-mail said the IRS had tracked down a person's spending habits and found that he was owed a refund.

It said that if he wanted a refund, he needed to provide his Social Security number, credit card number and ATM personal identification number, according to the sheriff's office.

## Crump

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"Heck, we don't even get 'As' on our report cards. We get 'E.'"

Someone fluent in Received Pronunciation, the dialect of English that they speak on the BBC in London, would proclaim that we mountain-dwelling Americans are simply ignorant.

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may mean "unlearned." Yet in Oxford, Idaho — that's 18 miles northwest of Preston — the word is pronounced "ignurant," and it means "surly."

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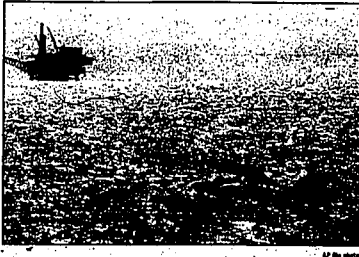
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# OIL RIG OR SANCTUARY?

Ocean platforms become haven for overfished species



A pod of dolphins frolics in March 2005 near oil platform Grace in the Santa Barbara Channel off Ventura, Calif. Fish counts by the University of California, Santa Barbara, show rockfish and other species seeking out unnatural habitat, including oil platforms because of massive over fishing and the destruction of natural reefs they once called home.

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Marine biologist Milton Love drives a hybrid car, wears a banner of leftist icon Che Guevara on his laboratory wall — and has backing from big oil.

The reason is his finding that long-neglected oil platforms off California's Central Coast may be a haven for overfished stocks of groundfish.

The research is good news to oil executives, who are looking for reasons not to pay hundreds of millions of dollars to remove the platforms once the oil stops flowing.

Environmentalists say oil companies are hiding behind fish to escape their obligation to remove the rigs.

"Just because fish are there doesn't mean the platform constitutes habitat," said Linda Krop, an attorney for the Santa Barbara-based Environmental Defense Center. "That's like taking a picture of birds on a telephone wire and saying it's essential habitat."

The 27 platforms — skeletal-looking structures that house dormitories, offices and massive pumps — were installed over the last four decades and now produce 72,000 barrels of oil daily. Environmentalists and coastal residents despise them for disrupting the ocean's natural ecology and otherwise flawless coastal views.

Federal law requires oil companies to remove the platforms when operations are complete, though no one knows whether it will be years or decades before deposits under the sea floor run out.

Oil companies already are pressuring state and federal officials to keep the rigs in place. Love's finding that platforms provide homes for bocaccio, cowcod, and other fish.

Love said many fish adopt platforms because they can't reach ruined natural reefs where they once thrived.

Claims that platforms help fish haven't convinced federal officials. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Wednesday it might eventually consider letting platforms remain as fish habitat, but wanted to know more about their effects on marine life.

Since the 1950s, when heavy

Overfishing has led to an economic disaster, leading some fisheries to close and causing the groundfish fleet to shrink by a third.

If the platforms were removed, environmentalists contend, fish would return to the natural reefs that hug Southern California's coast: boulder fields and low-lying, rocky outcroppings that can host sponges and other invertebrates.

Love, a UC Santa Barbara researcher, films fish in a submarine that hums around the platforms and then counts them in his lab.

His findings: Large fish prefer crevices at the platforms' base, while smaller ones like the middle section above their predators.

At Platform Gull, which stands in 739 feet of water nine miles off the Ventura coast, Love found what he believes to be the highest density of two species of overfished rockfish in Southern California.

Love stresses that his research doesn't draw conclusions about whether the platforms should be removed. What's irrefutable, he says, is that some platforms are surrounded with fish packed as tightly as "cocktail wieners in a can."

"If anyone wants to come up and count the fish, we'll provide the first beer," says Love. "But they're going to have to bring the rest. And they're going to

need a few cases because we have 11 years of research."

Love gets about 80 percent of his research money from the government, and the rest from the California Artificial Reef Enhancement Program, a Sacramento nonprofit group funded almost entirely by oil companies.

The group has contributed about \$100,000 a year to Love's research since 1999, executive director George Steinbach said.

Love says no amount of industry money can sway his research — fish either cluster at the platforms or they don't. And because they do, his personal view is that the rigs should stay in place, cut below the waterline so that ships can pass safely over them.

"It's immoral to kill large numbers of animals anywhere on earth, and if you remove a platform you'll kill many millions of animals," he says.

Proposals to keep the platforms are modeled on programs in the Gulf of Mexico, where more than 200 rigs have been converted into artificial reefs either by toppling them or by cutting them below the waterline.

Krop, the environmental lawyer, says rig-to-reef conversions make more sense in the Gulf of Mexico because the waters there have a mud bottom, not natural reefs.

# ISU may be forced to cut tuition

Official: School will have to get more competitive

POGATELLO (AP) — Plans for a new statewide community college system could force Idaho State University to cut tuition at its Center for Higher Education campus in Idaho Falls to match rates at other schools.

Legislators on Thursday reached agreement on a statewide system that would include new programs through Boise State University, Lewis and Clark State College, Idaho State University, and Eastern Idaho Technical College.

Idaho now has two community colleges, North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene and the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. The four-year institutions would apply to the state Board of Education for permission to begin community colleges and would split \$5 million in state money for startup costs.

ISU interim president Mike

Galagher told the Idaho State Journal the community college plan could help the school address remediation problems at the university, which currently is at more than 40 percent in some freshman math classes.

"We would like every student who enrolls at ISU to be fully prepared and have no discontinue forms," Gallagher said. "This is kind of exciting really."

ISU has 2,600 students, 2,000 of which are lower-division students at its Idaho Falls campus.

The school charges full-time students taking eight credits or more about \$2,000 a semester. That's compared to about \$950 at the College of Southern Idaho.

Galagher said the school would likely make up for the expected decrease in tuition rates by enrolling more students at the school.

"It's like business of any kind. If you reduce costs, you have to make up for it in volume," Galagher said. "What we lose in terms of fees will be made up in terms of more students enrolling."

He said students from surrounding counties may opt to stay closer to home and attend schools in their own counties at a reduced rate, meaning ISU will have to get more competitive.

"It's going to leave the decision to students and that's one of the beauties of this," he said.

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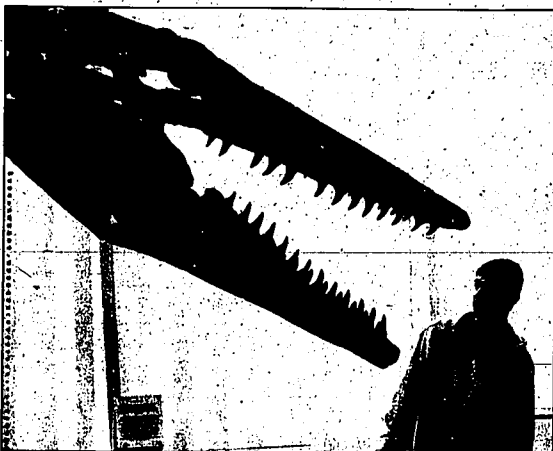
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West View High School student Tyler Wald, 18, looks at the fossilized remains of a tyrosaurus proriger, Feb. 15 at The Museum of Idaho in Idaho Falls. Savage Seas, the museum's seventh featured exhibit, took a year and a half to set up.

Museum opens fossil exhibit

By Tim Woodward  
The Idaho Statesman

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Museum of Idaho Director David Pennock admits to having a touch of "rose eyes."

"The population base, the Boise corporate offices, the number of major donors there — having all those things would make the job of running this museum a lot easier."

That said, he doesn't even try to contain his enthusiasm when discussing the nonprofit museum's three-year track record or its new exhibit, Savage Seas.

"This is truly the museum of Idaho," he said. "It's a monument to what the people of Idaho can do. Tens of thousands of hours of volunteer labor have been donated to put these exhibits together. We've had 10,000 kids from all over Idaho come here on school buses. That's more than the population of Idaho Falls. We've had 10,000 visitors from Boise alone, including a family that comes every year on their sons' birthday. And when they get here, they see something unique — something they won't see anywhere else."

Savage Seas, the museum's seventh featured exhibit, reflects the penchant of Pennock and Program Director Nick Galley for the unique. They spent a year and a half lining up displays from sea-monster replicas to fossilized shrimp, gleaned from sources as diverse as the Black Hills Institute, Fossil Butte National Monument and the Museum of Ancient Life.

The result is a portrait of a time and place many Americans don't know.

"I'm embarrassed to say that before we started this, I didn't know that this whole area was once an ocean," Galley said. "I never saw had dinosaurs and great lakes, but I didn't know that 80 million years ago everything from the Arctic Circle to the Gulf of Mexico was an ocean. They're the plates of the Earth shifted and the water receded, leaving mountains and lakes."

Idaho Falls, now buried under ice and snow, was once under a tropical-sea. Savage Seas includes a display of fossilized

“ This is the most interactive and the most educational exhibit we've had. ”

— David Pennock,  
Museum of Idaho  
director

palm fronds, unarticulated and a shark fossil found in eastern Idaho's Bear Lake County.

The exhibit's most eye-catching display is a replica of the skeleton of a tyrosaurus proriger, a 45-foot marine lizard and, with its Tyrannosaurus rex-like head and acres of teeth, the personification of a sea monster. "T-rex ruled the Earth, and (Tyrannosaurus) ruled the sea," Galley said. The exhibit weighs 700 pounds.

"We could have put it on racks, but we wanted to suspend it from the ceiling and have it at eye level so it's right in your face. We wanted to immerse the visitors. The creatures are right here. You're swimming with them."

The giant marine lizard is the biggest creature, but a giant turtle rivals it as a crowd-pleaser. "It's my favorite of all of them," 17-year-old Moses Castaneda of Idaho Falls' Westview High School said during a school field trip to the museum.

"I have two turtles at home, but nothing like this. Mine are only about a foot long."

Towering over him was a replica of the fossil of an Archeopteryx, the largest and earliest known to have existed.

It lived some 70 million years ago and weighed more than 4,500 pounds. "The animals are so huge!" Westview student Tyler Wald, 18, said in tones approaching reverence. "It's just overwhelming. And it's fascinating to know that they existed right here. I didn't know anything about that at all."

In another room of the 9,500-

square-foot exhibit, a skeleton of a 13-foot fish chases a skeleton of a 4-foot fish, both prehistoric predators. "There were sea monsters more than 40 feet long and sharks that were 50 feet long and had mouths so big you could walk into them standing straight up," Galley said. "It really was a savage sea."

The big fish chasing the "little" fish are replicas, but a short walk takes visitors to a room with displays of real fossils capturing moments in time: a fish choking to death on a fish too big to swallow, a wasp's fatal landing, 40 million-year-old leaves so perfectly preserved they look as if they could have fallen last year.

Suspended from the ceilings are replicas of 55 prehistoric flying reptiles, dinosaurs and a real public high visitor's identity form. One scientific name Pezomachus had a 25-foot wing span and scooped fish into its pelican-like beak from the ocean over what is now Kansas.

Several displays encourage guests to touch the fossils. Two include materials for making fossil rubbings.

"This is the most interactive and the most educational exhibit we've had," Pennock said. Some displays compare prehistoric creatures with their contemporary counterparts. In some cases, gar, crocodiles, charrs, sculpin — the differences are slight. In others, the strangest arguably being a shark with a circular set of teeth resembling a Skisaw blade, there are no contemporary counterparts.

"We thought it was important to show that some things evolved and some didn't," Galley said. The museum, operated by the Bonneville County Historical Society, has evolved to become a significant tourist attraction. Guests have come from every state and every continent except Antarctica. The University of Idaho, Pennock said, has measured the museum's economic impact on the Idaho Falls area at almost \$1 million in the three years since it opened.

Savage Seas runs through June 22. The next exhibits, Guns of the West and Idaho fly fishing, will open July 10.

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Budget cuts spell more trouble for dying trees

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Budget cuts to the U.S. Forest Service could limit efforts to save a dying northern Idaho tree that is a critical food source for grizzly bears, birds and other forest animals.

The whitebark pine has been disappearing during the last 100 years because of an exotic fungus, hungry beetles and wildfire suppression, leaving only a few stands in the Selkirk Mountains. Nearly 90 percent of the whitebark pines in the region have been killed by white pine blister rust and mountain pine beetle infestations, mostly in northern Idaho and north-west Montana.

Local rangers and researchers have been working to save the tree, but federal budget cuts could serve as another obstacle for the tree's restoration. About \$50,000 used to help save the dying trees has been left out of the U.S. Forest Service's budget.

Rangers had used the funding to grow new seedlings, research and to protect them from other plants and animals. Now northern Idaho rangers are looking for funding elsewhere to save the dying trees.

"The tree has just been knocked back so far. We're just trying to give it a helping hand," Bonners Ferry District Ranger Mike Ferrin told The Spokesman-Review newspaper in Spokane, Wash. "Whether it has fur, scales, feathers, needles or leaves, it's just part of our job to maintain those species on the landscape."

Grizzly bears west of the continental divide depend on seeds in the trees cones for about 40 percent of their diet. The seeds are a rich source of fat, protein and carbohydrates and readily available for bears emerging from hibernation in the spring, said Robert Kenzie, a research ecologist with the Forest Service in Missoula, Mont.

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# Idaho distiller markets vodka shots in a pouch

GRANT (AP) — For Distilled Resources, formerly Silver Creek Distillers, the future could be in the bag.

Among the many products coming out of the soon-to-be expanded Jefferson County distillery, perhaps the most striking is the ShotPak, a 50-milliliter shot of flavored vodka packaged in a colorful plastic pouch.

The ShotPak is only part of Distilled Resources' growing business, which director Gray Otley and operations manager Bill Scott expect to double this year.

The company is spending \$1.5 million to expand its warehouse space to 40,000 square feet.

The distillery started out as an ethanol plant in the late 1970s. By 1980, it was no longer in operation. Otley's father, Phillip, and two other investors from Sun Valley bought the plant from the federal government with the idea of distilling vodka from Idaho potatoes.

The brand they developed, Silver Creek, got good reviews but failed in the marketplace. They changed their business model in 1996 and began making Teton Glacier vodka for World Wide Wine & Spirits of Norwood, N.J.

Since then, the company has

concentrated on making high-quality bulk spirits using Idaho potatoes and certified organic grain, and seeking companies that want to develop niche brands.

Blue Ice, another vodka is made for 21st Century Spirits, a company in the San Francisco Bay area. Hedeous, a liqueur designed to compete with Jagermeister, is made for a client in New Orleans. Zygo, a peach-flavored vodka blended with taurine and guarana, is made for Icon Brands, a New Hampshire company.

Not having to market a brand allows Otley and Scott to concentrate on manufacturing and research.

During Teton Glacier's run, they'd go, perhaps one, call a year from a potential customer. Now they're getting about 15 calls a week from people with ideas to develop or take to the marketplace.

"We have to be selective now," Otley said.

In the case of ShotPak, officials from the Southern California company came to Distilled Resources with the idea defined.

"It was sort of a mouth that led them to Distilled Resources."

"There are a limited number of companies that do custom

distilling," said Rich Stark, vice president for marketing.

They had approached a distillery in Las Vegas and another in the South but eventually settled on the Idaho company.

Stark said he and his partners in ShotPak have been an "ecstatic" with the results they've gotten from Distilled Resources. But the real test is going to come as the product is rolled out in Southern California.

ShotPaks are designed to hang from racks at check stands, to appeal to people on the go and their impulse-buying habits.

The product has already gone to market in Connecticut, and the response has been extremely positive, Stark said. Distributors are calling about it.

"So many opportunities are being put in front of us," he said.

Otley and Scott say the more different-size bottles they can get their products into, the greater the sales opportunities will be.

Blue Ice is due to be out in a 1.75-liter bottle, which will allow it to be sold in volume stores such as Sams Club and Costco.

The increased volume of packaging is going to require more space, as will the increased consumption of raw material, another reason for expansion.

# Weight-loss clinic owner faces charges

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Provo owner of two weight-loss clinics was charged Friday with 36 felony counts related to an alleged insurance scam.

Kelli Telford Lundahl Behle, 46, who owned and operated M.D. Diet Weight Loss and Nutrition Clinic in Murray and Orem, was billing insurance companies for a doctor's services, according to a criminal

complaint filed in 3rd District Court in West Jordan.

But the doctor claimed, he didn't treat the clinic's patients didn't know his name was being used to bill for services provided by Behle, who is not a doctor, according to the court records.


Insurance companies reported the clinics filed claims for reimbursement of medical treatment under the doctor's

name in 2003 and 2004, according to the complaint.

Behle's bank records allegedly show she deposited the reimbursement checks into her business account. The checks were made out to the doctor and endorsed with his signature, although he says he never signed them and never authorized anyone else to do so, according to the complaint.

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# Eagle Mountain looks to promote more tourism

PROVO, Utah (AP) Eagle Mountain is seeking a bigger share of the millions of dollars the state's tourism industry brings to local economies.

The town has asked the Utah Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau to add Cedar Valley to its tourism advertising campaign.

"The Utah Valley tourism board just put together information about tourism in Utah County," said Eagle Mountain Mayor Brian Olsen. "As I was going through the brochures I noticed that our city lacks quite a bit in this."

The city's annual celebration, Pony Express Days, will be tied in with events at Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park this year, he said, noting he asked bureau managers to help the city spread the word about the event.

"They were so excited and felt so bad that they left that out, they are going to update that in their next publication," he said.

Councilwoman Linn Strouse said Eagle Mountain should petition the Utah Department of Transportation to put a sign in Cedar Valley indicating "our interesting historical things for tourists."

The city could also work with the Hutchings Museum and Thanksgiving Point in Lehi to offer more options to tourists, she said.

Joel Racker, president and CEO of the Utah Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, said that during a recent meeting of Utah County mayors he asked each city to make sure all events they would like advertised are listed on the bureau's Web Site, www.utahvalley.org, and on brochures. "We said please go back and see what we've got listed for your area and see if it needs to be updated," he said. "That is our job, to promote all areas of the county, north, south, east and west."

Cultural heritage tourism is proving in popularity and the bureau has recently pitched ideas for local tours to several tour companies, hoping to get those companies to add stops in Utah County to existing tours to Temple Square and Utah's national parks.

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### Two men plan to run for Newcomb's seat

**BURLEY** — Two Burley men announce plans to run for the House of Representatives District 27 seat that House Speaker Rep. Bruce Newcomb will vacate at the end of this year.

Fred Wood, a retired Burley doctor, said at a press conference that he will try for the seat. Wood grew up on a farm near Homedale, which he said was a contributing factor in his decision to run for the Legislature. He expressed a common concern that too many of Idaho's young people leave home due to a lack of employment opportunities.

Burley resident Ben Maggart fled his intentions to run for the seat, also. A former pilot, farmer and entrepreneur, Maggart has family ties in Mini-Cassia dating back more than 90 years, he said. The 67-year old Republican is related to former state senator Lee Wright and state auditor Curtis Wright. Maggart says he would work to encourage growth in his district, especially looking at expanding the number of jobs available to college graduates.

### Thieves break into Albion City offices

**ALBION** — The Albion Fire Station, City Office and Public Library were broken into last weekend. A window in the east side of the city office was pried open and the latch broken to gain access to the office and library. Police Chief Bruce Bristol said. An ax taken from the fire station may have been used to break the lock on the door between the office and the library.

Thieves made off with a computer and accessories from the city office, a very small amount of cash from the library and a bag belonging to a firefighter from the fire station, Bristol said. The break-in in the city office was investigated, and Bristol asked anyone with information to call the city office at 673-5352.

### Man requests stop signs at intersection

**BURLEY** — Dick Gee, who lives at the intersection where Matt Hilling and James Seeb were killed Feb. 11, asked the city to install stop signs on Hilling and Albion avenues at Seventh Street last week. He presented a letter formally asking for the stop signs with 14 petitions bearing signatures of 157 neighbors.

Councilman Don Dean suggested the city have its streets manager, Leon Bedke, and Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins take a look at traffic accidents on the road and decide which road would be best served by stop signs.

Mayor Jon Anderson said Higgins and Bedke should look at the issue during the next two weeks while city attorney Randy Stone prepares a change in the stop sign ordinance to accommodate new signs. Councilman Dennis Carver said motion to have Stone prepare the ordinance. It passed 4-2.

### Council: Off-duty officers can be armed

**RUPERT** — Off-duty police officers are authorized to be armed under a policy approved by the Rupert City Council. The policy, which includes on and off duty officers, outlines numerous issues dealing with police officers' weapons, including the type of guns they may carry, how the guns are to be maintained and inspected, and when the guns may be fired on-duty.

Off-duty officers may carry their duty weapon or a personal gun of at least 9 mm caliber, under a written request approved by the police chief. Officers must qualify with a personal weapon on an approved course conducted by a firearms instructor before being allowed to carry the weapon.

### Police investigate fire at empty house

**PAUL** — A suspicious fire broke out at 3:15 a.m. Tuesday in an empty home at 210 S. 600 W. near Paul. The blaze did extensive damage to the inside of the house and kept investigators on scene throughout the day.

West End Fire Chief Randy Sutton said he hopes a report determining the cause of the blaze will be issued by state investigators next week.

The state Fire Marshal arrived on the scene at 9:30 a.m. to investigate the fire, which apparently broke out in the driveway or in the basement, Sutton said. No one was injured in the incident.

The home is owned by Steve and Robin Hahn, of Oregon, January of Paul.

Compiled by Jami Whitford from the South Idaho Press

# AGGING



Mary Brown helps her 13-year-old daughter Killy Brown work her horse, Heart, at their farm southwest of Burley on Thursday.

# TRACKING

## Government farm ID plan raises questions

By Cathy Roemer  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** — The enormity of tagging and electronically tracking every animal in the United States hit home to livestock owner and 4-H Club leader Maria Brown recently when her Cassia County extension office informed her that 4-11 steers in the country would be required to have radio frequency identification (RFID)/EID tags this year.

Another surprise, she said, was when the extension office asked if she had registered her "premises" (farm, ranch, acreage) with the state.

Brown's experience is what farm animal and poultry owners across the nation can come to expect in the next few years as the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Animal Identification System (NAIS) becomes a reality. Also known as the U.S. Animal Identification Plan (USAIP), the USDA is behind the farm-to-fork tracing system that allows government tracking of animals from birth to slaughter.

In light of concerns about tracking disease outbreaks, the USDA claims that new technology will be utilized to replace outdated tracing techniques, such as branding, tattooing, and ear tagging. Recent attempts at utilizing bar codes on cattle didn't fare well because the codes are often hard to read and the lifespan of bar codes are relatively short, reported the USDA in recent studies.

"I knew the program was out there," Brown said. "But I didn't really think about the impact it could have." Like Brown, many owners of small non-commercial farm acreage (i.e., hobby farms, wineries and recreational animal owners) remain curious as to what the program is and exactly who will fund it under its scope.

NAIS is a combination brainchild of the USDA and the National Institute for Animal Agriculture whose corporate members include Cargill-Meat Solutions, Monsanto Company, pharmaceutical giant Schering-Plough and the National Pork Producers Council. In 2002, the USDA, through the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) began drafting standards and a strategic plan to develop a "40-hour trace-back" system to stop any outbreaks of animal disease — such as Creutzfeldt-Jakob's disease and bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

Idaho is one of many states to sign on and is fully engaged in the first goal of NAIS — premises identification. With voluntary sign-ups, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture brought alongside Global Animal Management (GAM), a data collection company. According to USDA records, GAM has "successfully" extracted data from Idaho's brand database, which resulted in 13,907 unique premises identification numbers.

A brand owner, Brown questions tactics of a "voluntary" program that has assigned more than 13,000 brand owners premises ID

numbers. However, the proposed plan will make premises and animal identification mandatory in January 2008. By January 2009, the NAIS strategic plan says the system will be fully implemented with all components mandatory including "enforcement" for the reporting of animal movement.

As a 4-H leader and horse enthusiast, Brown says reporting animals going from one premises to another is a logistical nightmare. "Between March and August I would have over 1,100 incidences of animals coming and going (that) I would have to report on," she said.

But John Chubburn, USDA animal industries deputy administrator, said ultimately that (that) may not be the case.

"The USDA has not put out the regulations yet, only the draft," he said. "There are a lot of things about this that are still up in the air."

That concerns legislative and computer systems analyst Javier Davis of Idaho Falls. "The program," she said, "it will turn animal ownership into a privilege, not a right."

Davis said it could eventually lead to a plethora of mandatory health exams, vaccinations and how and where animals are kept.

"You have to look at it long-range" to see how invasive it is," she said. Jason Ahola, University of Idaho herb extension specialist, said it is important to remember that the

### NAIS will prohibit any person from:

- Removing an identification device
- Causing the removal of an identification device
- Applying a second identification device, altering an identification device to change its number
- Altering an identification device to make its number unreadable
- Selling or providing an unauthorized identification device
- Creating a counterfeit identification device

### Proposed rules

- Animal owners must report within 24 hours:
  - any missing animal
  - any missing tag
  - sale of an animal
  - death of an animal
  - slaughter of an animal
  - movement of an animal off the farm or homestead
  - movement of an animal on the farm or homestead

plan is only a proposal at this point. "We don't have answers to some of the specifics," he said. "At this point there are a lot of unknowns about who will pay for the equipment and how all animal movement will be recorded."

Ahola said there is a lot of misinformation "out there."

However, Mary Zanolli, a Cornell University attorney, noted numerous specifics in her recent analysis of the NAIS proposed standards and strategic plan.

"The premises" that the Department (USDA) plans to subject to global positioning system (GPS) surveillance and distance radio-frequency readings are the homes of these tens of millions of citizens," she said. "What the department is proposing is enormously intrusive surveillance against unsuspecting innocent citizens who have done nothing more than to own an animal which is a common form of personal property under our American system of law."

In light of what Zanolli says are "numerous and insurmountable flaws" in the proposed plan, the USDA should "carefully consider alternative methods that would be much more successful in accomplishing its stated objectives," Brown writes a voluntary rather than a mandatory program.

"Let those who benefit from it be the ones to use it," she said.

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## Woman dedicated her life to service of God, others

By Trena Tegan  
For The Times-News

**NOIITI BEND, Ore.** — Sister Mary Teresa Tracy dedicated her life to service to others and to God.

A great loss was felt by those who knew her when she died Feb. 27 at the age of 81.

She was born Aug. 29, 1924, in Great Falls, Mont., the daughter of Aloysius and Mary (Byrne) Tracy. Although she was born in Great Falls, her memories were of her family farm located near the smelters town of Rupert. It was in that home that the family knelt together every evening to recite the rosary. Missing Sunday Mass was not an option, even though cows had to be milked first and, in the winter, the snow had to be shoveled, the car urged to a start and then run the five-mile distance to St. Nicholas Church. Her parents were second-generation Irish Catholics. Her mother, who had been a teacher before marrying and giving birth to seven children, saw it that her children learned their Catholicism and attended "vacation school" which was taught by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

She attended school in Jackson, Acquila and Rupert and then enrolled in St. Anthony School of Nursing in Pocatello. The school was operated by the Sisters of Mercy and she soon fell in love with their. Her

*aLife*  
Remembered

**Sister Mary Teresa Tracy**

Born: Aug. 29, 1924  
Died: Feb. 27, 2006

Survivors: Nieces Mary V. (Mel) Peterson, Maureen (Carlo) Sanchez all of Blackfoot and Marie (Wayne) Sall of Boise; nephews, John B. Perryman of 111 Pocatello, Tracy (Cathy) Tracy of Rupert, John (Sharon) Tracy and Michael (Blaine) Tracy of Boise, James Tracy of Silvertown, Ore., and Raymond (Mary) Tracy of Bakersfield, Calif.

lived in September 1942. After a year as a student nurse, she entered the Religious Sisters of Mercy in Omaha, Neb.

She completed her course in nursing at St. Catherine's School of Nursing in Omaha. She earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing at the College of St. Mary in Oughlin and in 1967 a master's degree in hospital administration at Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.

She served as a staff nurse, clinical supervisor and clinical instructor in Nebraska and Iowa and as a director of schools of nursing in Idaho and Missouri. She also served as administrator/CEO for hospitals in Centerville, Iowa; Joplin, Mo.; Natopia, in 1981, when the Sisters of Mercy, Omaha Province, made the decision to launch a new ministry to address the housing needs of the poor. She was called upon to give leadership to this new venture.

She received the Guardian Angel Award at Mercy Housing's 20th Anniversary Gala in 2002. This award is given to individuals or organizations that demonstrate exceptional commitment to the Mercy Housing mission which is to create and

strengthen healthy communities by providing support services to low income families.

Always actively engaged as a member of her religious community, she was elected by the sisters to serve two terms on the Omaha Mercy Leadership Team. Even in retirement, she continued to be an advocate for the poor by serving on the boards of Mercy Housing, Idaho, Coos Elderly Services and Habitat for Humanity.

She also chaired the oversight committee of the McAuley Ministry Fund which supports the efforts of Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Associates in providing services to the needy.

She celebrated 60 years as a professor of Mary in 2002 and had expressed gratitude frequently for the many opportunities for personal growth as well as the challenges of the many and varied works of Mercy she had been called to do.

She felt they supported Catherine McAuley's vision of her vocation which was "to help to serve the poor."

Trena Tegan is a writer for the South Idaho Press in Burley. She can be reached at 678-2201.



TWIN FALLS SCHOOL BOND ISSUE OVERVIEW

# Bond money to be spent districtwide

**TWIN FALLS** — With the Twin Falls School District asking the community for a \$49.7 million to help school facilities meet future enrollment increases, some are wondering why it costs so much.

The Twin Falls School District Long-range Planning Committee is spearheading one of the largest campaigns in the district's history. But contrary to what some believe, the bond issue would not only pay for an additional high school — it would also fund an entire grade reconfiguration and upgrade the current facilities to help the district meet rising state graduation standards.

"We are one of the last districts in the state to still be on the junior high system," said Scot McNeley, co-chairman for the planning committee. "And, really, it's something that other districts

**School Bond**

To read other people's opinions about the school bond issue, or to share your own opinion, visit <http://www.magicvalley.com>

have changed for a good reason." According to the U.S. Department of Education, students benefit from a high school system because it gives them an additional year — during the ninth grade — to prepare for college or technical training. High schools offer academic and career counseling to students, as well as preparation courses for entrance exams.

"When ninth-grade students are detached from the high school, they don't receive the message about receiving

credits," said Wiley Dobbs, superintendent of the Twin Falls School District. "That tends to be the time when you see a higher number of dropouts."

But some in the community are concerned that a grade reconfiguration is not worth the cost.

"In my mind, a middle school is not much more than a glorified junior high," said Don Puder, a former educator and department chairman at the College of Southern Idaho. "The only difference is that it doesn't have the ninth grade. I just can't buy into the philosophy of a middle school until I see any good justification."

Puder said the main reason he would not support the bond election is because homeowners are the ones who end up paying for the community's wish list.

"Many of us are on a fixed retirement

income, but the city keeps throwing these taxes at the homeowners," Puder said. "I think they have too many things on their plate right now, so I definitely will not support this unless they change the tax structure."

Besides the grade-reconfiguration, the district's facilities do not meet some federal requirements in the Americans with Disabilities Act. If voters approve the bond election, the planning committee will use some of the money to modify classrooms for students with special needs, and make the school buildings accessible for students with physical disabilities.

"What we want people to know," McNeley said, "is that we are not spending \$49 million only on a new high school, but we are investing into all the schools to help them meet projected growth over the long term."

## Property tax primer

**What a homeowner pays**

The average price tag on a three-bedroom, two-bath home in Twin Falls is \$125,000, according to Vicki Surber of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

Qualifying for the homeowner's exemption. In this case, the homeowner's exemption would be \$50,000, which would bring this home's taxable property down to \$75,000.

This homeowner would pay \$1,433 a year in property taxes, according to 2005 tax levies. Here is how much goes to each entity:

- City of Twin Falls: \$358
- Twin Falls County: \$327
- Twin Falls School District: \$370
- College of Southern Idaho: \$378
- College County Ambulance District: \$15
- Twin Falls Highway District: \$85

• Total: \$1,433

## Where your \$49.7 million would go:

**Proposed new high school**  
(Washington Street and North College Road.)  
Cost: \$37.6 million

The proposed high school would accommodate up to 1,500 students, although it would open with a core student enrollment of 1,200 students. About 22 acres of the 58 acres owned by the school district could be leased or sold for private use, or the district could keep the land for future expansion. If voters approve the bond, the high school would open by fall 2009.

**Harrison Elementary**  
Cost: \$830,000

Money would be used to expand the existing cafeteria so it could double as a multipurpose room. It also would pay for the remodeling of some classrooms to accommodate students with special needs.

**Sawtooth Elementary**  
Cost: \$735,000

The money would expand the existing cafeteria so it could be used as a multipurpose room. Some rooms also would be remodeled to accommodate students with special needs.

**Existing Twin Falls High School**  
Cost: \$6.515 million

More than \$6.5 million of the bond would be used to reconfigure the existing high school so it could accommodate ninth-graders. The high school also would expand the existing cafeteria, remodel the fine arts classrooms, remodel the former Industrial arts classroom for use as a professional technical classroom, add boys' and girls locker rooms and a lobby between the competitive and practice gyms, update chemistry classrooms, remodel orchestra rooms and replace the existing wood bleachers with aluminum bleachers.

**Robert Stuart Junior High**  
Cost: \$100,000

The school would get a computer technology classroom. The addition would be complete by 2007.

**Morningside Elementary**  
Cost: \$960,000

The school would expand the existing cafeteria so it could double as a multipurpose room. The money also would pay for additional drop-off areas and visitor parking. Some classrooms also would be remodeled for special-needs students.

**Perrine Elementary**  
Cost: \$1.15 million

One of the most crowded elementary schools in the district, Perrine would expand the existing cafeteria so it could double as a multipurpose room. Site safety measures such as additional drop-off areas and visitor parking would be built to reduce congestion at the start and end of school. A computer lab would be added, and some classrooms would be remodeled to help accommodate students with special needs.

**Lincoln Elementary**  
Cost: \$510,000

More than \$500,000 would be used to add a computer lab to the elementary school and to remodel some classrooms for students with special needs.

**Bickel Elementary**  
Cost: \$1,205 million

More than \$1.2 million would be used to build a cafeteria that would double as a multipurpose room, as well as remodel some classrooms for students with special needs.

**Verla C. O'Leary Junior High**  
Cost: \$100,000

After the grade reconfiguration, O'Leary — as well as all other junior high schools in Twin Falls — would be reconfigured into a middle school system — meaning that the sixth grade would be moved from the elementary schools to middle schools, and the ninth grade would be moved to the freshman-level of high school. Some classrooms also would be modified to accommodate students with special needs. The additions would be completed by 2007.

**Impact of the \$49.7 million school facilities bond on this property owner**

If passed on March 14, the school facilities bond would add an additional \$1.38 to each \$1,000 of taxable property, raising this property owner's annual tax bill \$104.88 a year for a maximum of 20 years. However, the bond issue would be paid off sooner than that.

**Impact of the Twin Falls County Fair Board's \$1.2 million, two-year override levy on this property owner**

If passed on May 23, the fair-ride levy would add an additional 20 cents to each \$1,000 of taxable property, raising this property owner's annual tax bill an additional \$15.20 a year for two years.

## Property taxes at a glance

Property taxes are used to pay for schools, cities, counties, local law enforcement, fire protection, highways, libraries and more.

- Most homes, farms and businesses are subject to property tax. Taxes are determined according to a property's current market value minus any exemptions.
- Each year, taxable property must be assessed. Twin Falls County assesses 20 percent of all homes, businesses and farm ground each year. "We don't hit everyone every year," said Deputy Assessor Mary Gates. "The other 80 percent are adjusted using the sales data we have." The county assessor estimates how much a typical buyer would pay for the property on Jan. 1. To do this, the assessor generally uses sales prices from properties in the county to develop guidelines for the assessment of each property.
- The assessor also considers the features that influence what a buyer would pay for property, such as size, location, quality, age and condition.
- A property assessment also includes improvements on the property, including any buildings, paving or other structures that add value to the land.
- All nonexempt property, including personal property, is subject to property taxation. Any nonexempt furniture, fixtures, equipment, or machinery used in a business or for generating income is subject to assessment and property taxation.
- If you disagree with the assessed value of your property, you can file an appeal. Contact your county clerk to file an appeal with the board of equalization, which is composed of county commissioners. If you disagree with a decision from the board of equalization, you may appeal that decision within 30 days to the state board of tax appeals or to the district court.
- The amount of property tax is determined by the budget needs of the taxing districts, such as the county, city, school district, fire district, etc., where the property is located. Officials for each taxing district decide the annual budget needed to provide services.
- The law does not limit the amount of tax that can be levied or increase from one year to the next. The law requires current market value, as of Jan. 1 each year. This may mean a large or a small decrease or increase in value from the previous year. The market value of all properties in your neighborhood may have increased or decreased. From the previous year, the assessor may have discovered better information resulting in the decrease or increase in the estimated value of your property.
- The law does limit the amount taxing districts (local governmental units) can increase the generally nonvoter-approved revenue to be received from property taxes. Each taxing district can increase its generally nonvoter-approved property tax revenue it will receive by 3 percent plus a growth factor for new construction and assessment. However, voter-approved issues like bonds and overrides may exceed the limitation.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

## Second high school would aid sports scene

**By Joe Paisley For The Times-News**

Gaze into my crystal ball, gentle reader, and see what 2009 portends.

I see large crowds in high school gymnasiums as Twin Falls High battles Burley with the conference crown on the line.

Conference crown?

Yes, a vote to build a second public high school in Twin Falls could move both schools into the Class 4A ranks, making for natural and meaningful rivalries that so many other cities enjoy.

That is a definite possibility since Twin Falls voters will consider on Tuesday a \$49.7 million bond issue that

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would include a second public high school.

Look at how things are now and how much better they could be in the future.

Twin Falls High's numerical advantage has made such rivalries like The Battle of the Bridge pretty watered down of late.

It's been a big one judging from November 2004 numbers posted on the Idaho High Schools Activities Association Web site.

Splitting the Bruins enrollment in half (1,970 to 985) would still make it one of the larger 4A schools around. Burley's enrollment then was 881, Jerome's 875 and Wood River 833. Minico's was 1,154, making the Spartans the big boys on the block.

**Dropping the Bruins enrollment to Class 4A levels would simply level the playing field, not put Twin Falls High at any disadvantage.**

Dropping the Bruins enrollment to Class 4A levels would simply level the playing field, not put Twin Falls High at any disadvantage.

Such a move would help the district with more ticket revenue and shorter road trips. Twin Falls entering the Great Basin West conference would mean all its league games are 45 minutes to an hour away in . . . of two to three and a half hours.

More Bruins fans could make the trip while fans from the Mini-Cassia area and Halley may come down for more meaningful conference contests.

Class 4A schools with rivalries could develop as well. In most sports, 5A schools don't play varsity games below 4A.

As a smaller school, Twin Falls High and the other TF school, could schedule 3A foes.

"Think Buhl or Declo wouldn't like a shot at the Bruins? You know that answer already."

Joe Paisley is the former Times-News sports editor.

## Middle-school move would bring district in line with peers

**By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer**

**BURLEY** — The Twin Falls School District and the Boise School District are the only ones in Idaho still grouping grades seven through nine in junior high.

Cassia County School District recently decided to adopt the middle school system, which it had been dis-

cussing for more than eight years. So why has Cassia County — as well as the majority of Idaho's school districts — made the costly decision to move to the middle school system?

Administrators say it costs too much not to change.

"Students in the ninth grade are high school students, but they don't take high school as seriously when they're in the middle school," said Mike

Chesley, superintendent of the Cassia County School District. "And the bottom line is that 89.9 percent of schools in the nation have a nine-through-12 configuration."

The U.S. Department of Education cites studies that cite a variety of benefits of middle schools, including lower dropout rates at the ninth-grade level, a higher number of students who enroll in higher education and more

students meeting academic proficiency levels.

"We need to do more intervention for middle school students who are not meeting proficiency levels," Chesley said. "Right now they take a course, such as math, every other day. After the grade reconfiguration, they will be able to take math every day, which we hope will help student proficiency."

MAGIC VALLEY

TWIN FALLS SCHOOL BOND ISSUE OVERVIEW

Going to the polls

Where: All Twin Falls schools  
When: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday

To register: You must be a U.S. citizen with photo I.D. and proof of residence.

A look at the consequences for the bond

What if the school bond fails?

- More modular classrooms
- More students per classroom
- Double-shifting at schools
- Year-round school
- Reduction of electives to provide additional classroom space

What if the school bond passes?

- \$37.6 million to build a second high school
- \$12.1 million to renovate schools, meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards and switch to a middle school system.

How we compare

No state help: Idaho is the only state that does not help fund school facility construction, and requires that 100 percent of the funding be paid for through tax dollars. The state also requires a two-thirds vote to pass school bond levies.

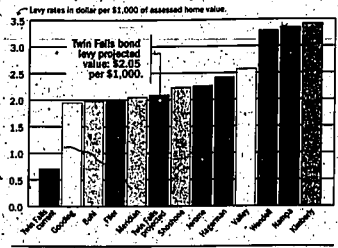
Lowest facility levy rate: Twin Falls School District currently has

the lowest facility levy rate in southern Idaho.

Over-capacity schools: Twin Falls High School will be over capacity by the end of this calendar year. Based on estimated population growth, all schools will be over capacity by 2009.

Sources: Idaho State Board of Education and the Long-Range Planning Committee.

Comparative levy rates



Source: Long Range Planning Committee

School bond competes with other issues

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One school at a time... That's how the Twin Falls School District's Long-Range Planning Committee has sought to win community support for the \$49.7 million school bond election. The committee, which was appointed by the school district to help schools meet rising enrollment needs, received approval from the school board on Jan. 9 to begin organizing a campaign for the largest school bond election in the district's history.

If approved, the bond money would pay for an additional high school, as well as renovations to most of the district's existing school buildings. It also would facilitate a district-wide grade reconfiguration from the current junior high system to the more commonly used middle school system.

The planning committee, which comprises business owners, school administrators, teachers and other members of the community, has been visiting Twin Falls schools to educate school employees on Tuesday's bond election.

Although there is no question that Twin Falls schools are reaching capacity — some would say they have already exceeded it — the planning committee faces a challenging election. The \$49.7 million bond election is one of three bond elections facing Twin Falls voters this year. A \$5.2 million referendum for an expansion of the Twin Falls Public Library was defeated Feb. 7, a \$1.2 million two-year override levy to expand fairgrounds facilities will go to voters May 23, and on the horizon, but still unscheduled, is a possible bond issue to improve the city's water treatment plant to meet federal arsenic standards.

"There has always been some cause for concern about that," said Scot McNeley, co-chairman-of-the-Twin-Falls Long-Range Planning Committee. "But I feel we have done a very good job at doing our homework on these projects, and really we hope the public will look at each one of these projects as they stand on their own merit."

High school site selection

Most suitable location is near CSI, says Twin Falls school chief

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When you're building a home, it's all about location. Ditto that for building a high school.

Real estate prices are rising in north Twin Falls along Pole Line Road as developers view the advantages of the U.S. 93 alternate route, especially with the possibility of a new hospital and large retail chains.

“When we looked at the properties the district owns, we found that the Hankins and soccer field properties were too small and not well positioned.”

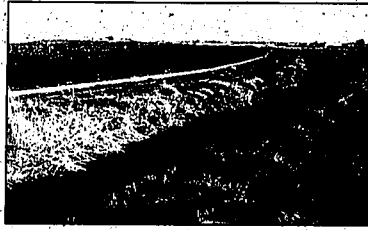
— Wiley Dobbs, Twin Falls School District superintendent

Some voters are wondering why the school district is not trying to sell the property and using the money to reduce the current asking price of the bond election. The Twin Falls School District Long-range Planning Committee says it has considered using other properties owned by the school district, but after months of research, it found the proposed Washington Street site the most affordable.

“When we looked at all three of the properties the district owns, we found that the Hankins and soccer field properties were too small and not well positioned, and one of the properties required utility connections that would be another cost for us,” said Wiley Dobbs, Twin Falls School District superintendent. “But the main reason we chose the Washington Street site was because of its proximity to CSI (College of Southern Idaho).”

With more high school students enrolling in dual-credit courses — courses that qualify as high school and college credit — Dobbs said it is an invaluable location situated only feet away from the CSI.

HANKINS ROAD



- Location: 3200 Hankins Road.
- Size: 57 acres.
- Details: The property does not meet the minimum acreage requirement that is needed to accommodate the proposed high school. There is also some concern about Hankins Road, which may be too narrow for school buses and additional traffic.

SOCCER COMPLEX



- Location: Falls Avenue at 2700 East.
- Size: 58 acres.
- Details: Although the property meets the minimum of 58 acres needed for the proposed high school, the property's L-shape will not accommodate the size requirements for the proposed building. There is also a canal that runs through the property, which would require an additional cost to work around.

WASHINGTON STREET



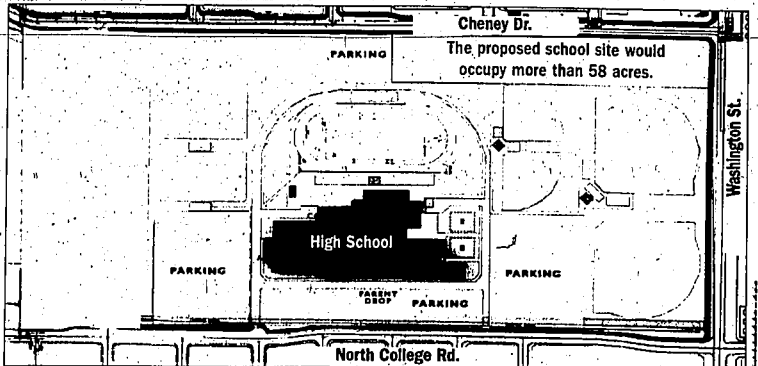
- Location: Washington Street North and North College Road.
- Size: 80 acres.
- Details: After evaluating the three properties owned by the school district, the Washington Street site was chosen as the site for the proposed second high school. The district will have the ability to use the additional acreage for future growth, or to lease the space. The property has the additional benefit of its proximity to the College of Southern Idaho, which could make it easier for high school students to participate in CSI courses.

Best of the Blog

Magic Valley Education is a Web Log — also known as a Blog — that promotes discussion among the community and students. Those who wish to comment can remain anonymous or speak on the record. Visit Magic Valley Education at <http://www.magicvalley.com/blog/> to read more about the bond issue facing Twin Falls voters this week.

Right, the school district has the option of leasing the 22 acres to the north to private business, or retaining it for future expansion of the school.

Note: This two-page section (comprising pages C-3 and 4) is a compilation of previously published Times-News stories on Tuesday's proposed \$49.7 million school bond issue.



LOCAL HONOR ROLLS

GOODING HIGH SCHOOL

GOODING — Gooding High School announced its first semester honor roll.

- High honors, 3.50 to 4.0: Curtis Anderson, Sandra Aya, Seph Behrman, Malory Frampton, Erica Garcia, Sun Hobley, Maliah Huggins, Dana Nelson, Elsha Scheer, Whitney Schurmer, Tisa Storey, Britanie Toome, Mowen Bow, Stef Campa, Danielle Lamp, Adam McLean, Nate McLean, Caleb Morris, Shyanyna Rinehart, Zack Sebala, Ryan Warren, Tyler Wines, Heather Barth.

- Jacob Bow, Ashley Burnett, Rachel Draxson, Blair Gerratt, Melissa Greenwood, Mallory Metcalf, Megan Pierson, Diana Reed, Cheryssa Robinson, Danielle Stuber, Christine Anderson, Kendra Cockrill, Colton Knopp, Jessica McLean, Lara Nelson, Michael Arkoosh, Lana Infanger, Ana Ascena, Ashley Maden, Daniel Ranallo, Niel Abramowski, Carrie Bigler, Jordan Ringa, Karley Brunam, Junkie Jensen, Maura Zarate, Justin Pirko, Fab Niino.

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- Stephanie Dickson, Honors 3.0 to 3.49: Karen Storey, Todd Thomas, Matt Egan, Josh LaCroix, Katie Randall, Justin Rogers, Katie Faulkner, Emme Kaytor, Senay Miller, Maggie Martinez, Miguel Sarmila, Jessica Thatcher, Calvin Walgarnott, Haley Gill, Julio Ledezma-Hernandez, Rusty Gil, Jeff McDougal, Rolando Gutierrez, Tiffany Jackson, Zulena Juarez, Fred Miller, Kimberly Strout, Seven Toone, Amelia White, Briana Evans, Phil Leguineche, Casey Nelson.

- Misti Jessop, Joe Paul, Melissa Shadwick, Alina Cabrera, Rene Huber, Melissa Lopez/Brennan, Tina Huber, Cinia Ledezma, Eban Brien, Ashley Garcia, Lorin Stewart, Amy Thrasher, Cassie Anderson, Tyler Braga, Jesse Ellis, Alissa Fletcher, Javier Rojas, Samantha Peiry, Kashi Wilson, Dustin Mauston, Anna Thuerber, Sean Kure, John Patterson, Rebecca Simons, Jessica Burnett, Andrew Jensen, Chase McCleod, Hillary Stewart, Jennifer Brew, April Campus.

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School announced its first semester honor roll.

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- Heather Schaeffer, Ryan Seasmom, Daniel Segal, Joseph Simonson, Samantha Spencer, Emily Strain, Jequishun Sweet, Robert Szanto, Kara Tarter, Cierra Vandergewen, Kelly Wiseman, Courtney Waltes, Emma Ward, Tishan Warner, Alexander Weiss, Jonathan Weese, Alicia Wilson, Shelby Woodhouse, Dana Whitton, Jiancheng Wu, Alice Yeggy, 3.50 and above: Amy Adamsom, Ryan Dodi, Amanda Basser, Dallen Bastian, Ashley Wilson, Connor Bennett, Michael Bieleberg, Noah Boggess, Kelsey Benwick, Timothy Bork, Britany Hobbs, Ashley Budden, Jessica Jones, MADALENE CLARK, JORDAN KEATING, Erin Collins, Nathan Couder, Elizabeth Dodi, Kristine Dohard, Ashley Ewanick, Isiah Federico, Shere Haggan, Joshua Harris, Elizabeth Hawkes, Carson Howerton, Cheyanna Janaisch, Abigail Jerome, Travis Johnson, Katherine Krumm, Bailey Laker, Kamilla Mallory.

- Rebecca McArthur, Patrick McKain, Jordan Meyers, Joseph Nurtling, Jacob Pierce, Anna Romanow, Layne Reeves, Chance Regua, Sean Retinger, Anthony Rodriguez, Derik Ruedi, Michael Salinas, Marissa Sanchez, Jamie Sparrow, Piper Stephenson, Piper Strington, Patrick Tabrett, Kristin Victor, Chelsea Welch, Bryant Ward, Rosemary Waintrip, Justin Welker, Brandon Wilbur, Mason Workman, Juniors: 4.0: Maura Allan, Rachael Allard, Drew Brauer, Kelsey Clark, Andrew Farnworth, Kaylee Fausell, Madison Fisher, Michelle Fritts, Jess Gregg, Lisa Harris, Ashlee Hiasler, Ashley Itrro, Byron James, Kelsey Jardine, Jessie Jensen, Ashley Kern, Britanny Lodes, Elyse Leister, Maazema Makas, Tiffany McCalvey, Abby McCreley.

- Erin Nunneley, Tracy Savage, Joaquina Seaman, Jeremy Stunley, Aaron Turner, Rachel Tabrett, Allison Tucker, Cora Van Dyk, Ashley Vaughn, Daniel Weiland, Chedi West, Matthew Wills, 3.50 and above: Travis Arrington, Haley Basch, Nathan Brenner, Madeline Cary, Risa Casperson, Amanda Conrod, Cory Cook, Chandra Crum, Tracy Cummings, Kent Doster, Duay Easter, Nicole Edmunds, Randi Fischer, Ian Firmshell, Amanda Frey, Travis Fries, Elizabeth Hie, Kaylee Howell, Lacey Huggan, Kathleen Jernigan, Lena Harter, Alexis Hawkins, Kaltrina Holcomb, Gregory Holton, Matthew Holston, Victoria Johanson, Kristie Johnson, Dujana Kurbegovic, Andrew Legg, Logan Lynch, Kara Mahoney, Karisa Martin.

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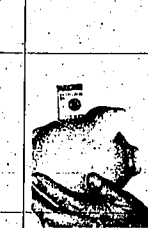
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- Mitchell Howard, Tyler Silveira, Amanda Staggs, Destry Weckes, Jessica Welch. Honor 3.0-3.49 GPA: Kacie Eastman, Marlene Rodriguez, Ethan Tervy, David Zavala, Storm Brito. 7th grade: Tanner Bishop, Ashley Harris, Dakota Hoggland, Destry Weckes, Dylan Kinoy, Savannah Levecher, Rita Zimmers. 8th grade: Tanner Bishop, Jordan Clark.

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- Sophomores: Gabriela Medina, Desive Pasquale, Presabean, Calvin Krutson, Jenna Valguore. Middle school: High honor 3.5-4.0 GPA: Michael Brubaker, Angela Sargent, Corey Lopez, Brandon Murks, Melissa McCoy, Nancy Munge. Freshmen: Gabrielle Machado, Megan Choate, Amanda Elmer, Nikki Wiggins, Julie Kaminski, Elizabeth Lopez. Juniors: Jordan Beery, Patrick Farnsworth, Eduardo Hernandez, Nathan Peyer, Ashlin Brown.



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Regulator: China must step up protection of environment or disaster is inevitable

BEIJING (AP) — China must sharply improve environmental protection or it could face disaster following two decades of breakneck growth that have poisoned its air, water and soil. The country's top environmental official warned Saturday...



Residents look out over the Songhua River near a sign marking a water testing station on the outskirts of Harbin in northeast China's Heilongjiang province in this November 2005 file photo. Experts from China and Russia have concluded that the spring thaw of the frozen Songhua River will not release more pollutants from a toxic spill in November, Beijing's top environmental official said on Saturday.

China's cities are among the world's smoggiest and the government says its major rivers are badly polluted, leaving hundreds of millions of people without enough clean drinking water. Protests have erupted throughout the country over fears of contamination...

The agency also will develop an environmental law enforcement team, it said. "We will have some difficulties in realizing this objective," said Jiang Weidun, a vice chairman of the commission...

The spill of potentially cancer-causing chemicals used in dyes and resins into the Songhua River prompted fears that the contaminants could be trapped in winter ice and cause long-term contamination.

Zhou said farm products from the region have been found safe and experts from China and Russia have concluded that the spring thaw will not release more pollutants.

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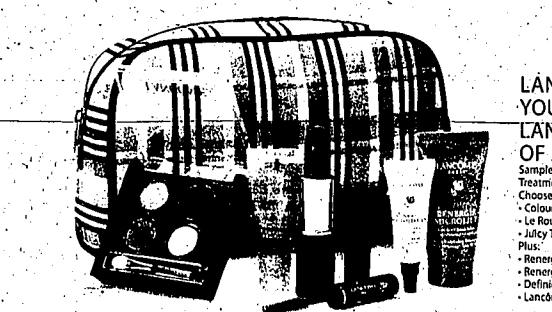
Jordan executes two militants for slaying of U.S. diplomat

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Two militants were executed by hanging Saturday for the killing in Amman of a U.S. diplomat, police said. Laurence Foley, a 60-year-old administrator of U.S. aid programs in Jordan, was gunned down outside his Amman home on Oct. 28, 2002...

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# Brazil gears up to be world's top ethanol supplier

By Alan Clanderling  
Associated Press writer

**SÃO TOME, Brazil** — In an agribusiness complex ringed by fields of 12-foot-tall sugarcane, a giant mechanical claw dumps stalks by the tons into an even larger crushing machine. Here's where the renewable fuel used to power seven of every 10 new Brazilian cars gets its start.

Sugary slurry flows into a row of gleaming stainless steel distilling tanks, transforming cane harvested only hours earlier by machete-wielding farm laborers into ethanol, the alternative fuel now promoted by President George Bush to end what he calls America's addiction to imported oil.

While Bush set 2025 as the target date for replacing three-fourths of the oil imported from the Middle East with American ethanol, Brazil already satisfies nearly half of its domestic passenger vehicle fuel demand with ethanol.

After decades of government intervention and subsidies, the industry here is a thriving, free market business, complete with ethanol pumps at every filling station in Latin America's largest country. Millions of cars run on either ethanol, gas or any combination of the two. And there's plenty more land available for sugar cane cultivation as the planet's biggest sugar producer gears up to become its undisputed long-term ethanol supplier.

Brazilian ethanol producers and international energy experts agree that the United States will probably never come close to reaching Brazil's potential as an ethanol superpower. But they say Brazil offers clear lessons on how to boost domes-

tic ethanol use. What the United States needs most, they say, are more cars that run on the fuel, and filling stations that offer it.

"Petroleum is almost history," warned Celso dos Santos, commercial director of the Cocamar farmers cooperative that owns the São Tome distillery. "People stopped using wood for fuel and replaced it with coal. Then came petroleum, but we're getting to the end of the petroleum era."

With the sickly scent of pure alcohol wafting through the air around the Cocamar plant, a thousand workers toil around the clock during the March to November cane harvest season, distilling 92,500 gallons of ethanol daily that is trucked away for immediate sale at the pumps.

Sugarcane waste is burned to generate steam for the turbines, meeting all the plant's electricity needs. Excess power will soon light up half the homes in São Tome, a southern Brazilian town of 6,000 people.

The technology isn't even cutting edge, but the industry is making profits like never before and has a bright future thanks to a 1970s decision by Brazil's former military dictators to subsidize ethanol production and require distribution at every gas station.

A 1980s Brazilian fuel with cars that ran only on ethanol petered out when oil prices fell in the early 1990s. But the fuel came back into vogue in 2003 when automakers started rolling out cars that run on gasoline, ethanol or any combination of the two. With international oil prices reaching record highs, Brazilian drivers turned to "flex-fuel" cars, buy-



A worker cuts sugar cane in São Tome, Paraná state, Brazil, on Tuesday. Within a few hours, the sugarcane harvested will be transformed into ethanol, the alcohol fuel substitute for gasoline now promoted by U.S. President George Bush to end what he calls America's addiction to imported oil.

ing ethanol at half the price of gas until late last year. Some experts predict flex-fuel car sales will reach 90 percent of Brazil's new car market this year, while others say recent ethanol price hikes could keep penetration at the current level.

Getting a fraction of that acceptance in the United States could take decades, analysts say, even with new incentives and regulations.

"Since the government does not dictate what happens in the marketplace, the process will be much slower than what Brazil experienced," said Amari Elbeldi, an economist and international sugar analyst at Iowa State University.

A small but growing percentage of American-made vehicles are manufactured to run on the U.S. version of ethanol called E85, which is 85 percent alcohol distilled from corn and 15 percent gasoline. But many American drivers don't even know their vehicles can run on E85, and the fuel is available at only 610 American filling stations.

Brazil's state-imposed pump price for gasoline includes much higher taxes than the price U.S. consumers pay. Gas in Brazil now costs the equivalent of \$4.69 per gallon. Pure ethanol — taxed at slightly lower levels and cheaper to produce — goes for about \$3.59 per gallon at all of the nation's 30,000 stations. It fueled 48 percent of Brazil's passenger vehicles last year.

Meanwhile, Brazil is trying to encourage ethanol use in countries from Asia to Europe.

President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said in Britain this week that Brazil wants "to plant the oil of the future" and promote radical changes in how world generates energy.

Brazilian ethanol makers intent on boosting exports have been bearing ever since Bush used his January State of the Union address to plug ethanol.

"We felt that in our share price," said a smiling Paulo Diniz, chief financial officer of Grupo Cosan, Brazil's largest ethanol producer and the world's second-largest after the U.S.-based Archer Daniels Midland Co.

A few years ago, Cosan was lucky to host a tour every four or five months for big foreign investors. Now the firm gets visits every two weeks, including a VIP tour in February for Google

Inc. billionaires Larry Page and Sergey Brin.

Cosan is considering an initial public offering on Wall Street within the next year and a half, Diniz said. Other foreign companies may consider jumping on the bandwagon by buying Brazilian ethanol firms.

"Phones have been ringing all over the world after Mr. Bush spoke," said Cristoph Berg, an ethanol analyst with Germany's IFC, Ltd., a commodities research firm. Investors "are waking up to the notion that ethanol really seems to have entered the mainstream."

Brazil's ethanol experience hasn't been so rosy for consumers in recent months. Prices surged during the annual November-March production lull while the cane grew. Ethanol remains cheaper than gas, but

flex-fuel car drivers can get better fuel efficiency with gas when the price difference between the two narrows significantly.

In São Tome, the cooperative that owns the ethanol distillery is betting on its best profits since it bought the operation in 1993. Cocamar's production cost is \$1.10 per gallon, and wholesalers are buying the fuel for \$2.68 — up from \$1.44 last year.

About the only thing that could hurt Brazil's ethanol industry now would be an almost unimaginable plunge in international crude oil prices, currently trading above \$60 per barrel, said Almir Hasenhorst, the distillery's industrial manager.

Oil could drop to \$35 or \$40 per barrel, and ethanol producers would still make money.



Sugar flows into a row of gleaming stainless steel tanks at São Tome's distillery, Paraná state, Brazil, on Tuesday. The sugar cane will be made into ethanol.

## Most of Hamas Cabinet members to come from outside legislature, incoming PM says

**GAZZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)** — Incoming Palestinian prime minister and Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh said Saturday that a majority of the ministers in the Cabinet he is assembling would come from outside the newly elected legislature.

Haniyeh has been negotiating with different Palestinian factions to put together a coalition government by the end of this month in the wake of the Islamic militant group's overwhelming victory in Jan. 25 parliamentary elections.

Hamas has been working to bring Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah Party into the Cabinet, but Fatah leaders have said they prefer to serve in the opposition.

Hamas spokesman Salah Bardawil said the group told Palestinian parties they must decide by Monday whether to join a Hamas-led government. Bardawil said two small parties were expected to join — the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (a radical PLO faction) and Independent Palestine, a party led by human rights activist Mustafa Barghouti.

Hamas sent letters Saturday outlining its political program to all parties. Bardawil said. "We gave them two days to evaluate and study this program," he said, adding that a final round of talks with representatives from all parties would be held Monday. Haniyeh told journalists Sat-



Incoming Hamas Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, center, smiles as he leaves a meeting with members of the Palestinian Bar Association in Gaza City, on Saturday.

urday that negotiations over his Cabinet were nearing an end and legislators would be a minority in the new government.

"The largest number of ministers will be from outside parliament. We'll form a government that mixes between the political, the technocrats, the independents and the experts, so it can be prepared on all fronts," he said.

Haniyeh spoke after meeting with an umbrella group of Palestinian lawyers. According to minutes of that meeting, Haniyeh said that after his Cabinet is formed, he expects to send a delegation of ministers on a tour of the Arab and Islamic world and possibly to Europe.

The United States and European Union have threatened to cut off hundreds of millions of dollars in aid the Palestinian Authority after Hamas takes power if the group does not renounce violence and recognize Israel's right to exist. Hamas leaders say they had no plans to moderate their ideology.

On Saturday, Abbas met with international Mideast envoy James Wolfensohn and appealed for continued international aid even after Hamas takes power, according to presidential aide Nabil Abu Rdeneh. "We told him that the international community should continue providing the Palestinian Authority with money," he said.

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# Michelle Bachelet sworn in as Chile's first woman president

VALPARAISO, Chile (AP) — Michelle Bachelet, a Socialist pediatrician who suffered prison, torture and exile under Chile's military dictatorship, was sworn in as the nation's first female president on Saturday.

Bachelet took her oath before Senate President Eduardo Frei at the crowded Hall of Honor of Chile's Congress in this port city near Santiago. Outgoing President Ricardo Lagos named the white and blue presidential sash he was wearing and handed it to Frei, who placed it on Bachelet.



Chile's new President Michelle Bachelet waves after being sworn in as Chile's first female president at Chile's congress in Valparaiso on Saturday.

The 54-year-old president appeared relaxed and waved her right hand in response to salutes from people in the stands.

Some 30 foreign leaders and several prominent women, including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, attended.

Bachelet's inauguration marks a deep cultural change in this male-dominated, conservative society, where divorce was legalized less than two years ago, abortion remains illegal, and women often earn up to 40 percent less than men doing the same work.

Already, she's challenged the traditional power structure by appointing what she calls a "party government" — with equal numbers of men and women at more than 250 key jobs. She made the appointments without the traditional, lengthy negotiations with the political parties.

In addition, Bachelet has also vowed to promote legislation that would force political parties to include a certain percentage of female candidates.

Bachelet was elected to a four-year term in a Jan. 15 runoff vote to replace Lagos, a fellow Socialist. Bachelet served as Lagos' defense and health minister.

At an International Women's Day celebration, Lagos called Bachelet's election "proof that we have expanded the limits of what is possible in Chile nowadays."

A separated mother of three, Bachelet is the first elected Latin American leader who didn't rise to power with the help of a powerful husband. She says her victory reflects profound changes in Chilean society.

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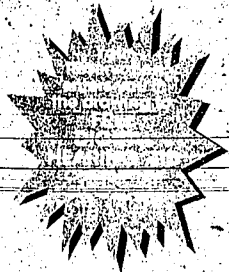
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Computer store owner sues for right to satirize Wal-Mart with tasteless T-shirt

By Abigail Goldman  
Los Angeles Times

Computer store owner Charles Smith is the first to admit the T-shirts and mugs he designed to lampoon Wal-Mart Stores Inc. are in bad taste.

But Smith had wanted to make a point by comparing the giant retail company to the Nazis. So he created slogans playing off the Bentonville, Ark., company's familiar logo, including "I (Heart) Wal" (star) OCAUST. They have family values and their alcohol, tobacco and firearms are 20 percent off."

Wal-Mart was amused. The company launched a legal battle by writing a cease-and-desist demand that forced Smith to file suit Monday in federal court in Atlanta—with the help of Ralph Nader's legal aid group, Public Citizen—in order to sell the products.

At stake, Smith said, is his right to publicly criticize the world's largest retailer—or any other company.

"It's about free speech and the right to comment on corporations and their images and their trademarks," said Paul Alan Levy, the Public Citizen lawyer representing Smith. "Just because the trademark owner doesn't like (it) doesn't mean it isn't a permissible use of language."

In his lawsuit, Smith asks the court to rule that his products are protected by the First Amendment and do not infringe on Wal-Mart's trademark because there is no likelihood someone might think they were sponsored by Wal-Mart.

Wal-Mart said it was required by trademark law to protect its name and logo.

"Wal-Mart will aggressively protect our brand by taking appropriate legal action against those that inappropriately use our name or improperly profit from our name," Wal-Mart spokeswoman Sarah Clark said.

The case is the latest to pit corporate trademark rights against free-speech rights. In a suit that ended in 2004, for example, Mattel Inc. lost to an artist who used Barbie dolls in photographs parodying the iconic toys.

First Amendment rights might win out in Smith's case as well, one legal expert said.

"There's a pretty strong free-speech argument," said Neil Netanel, a University of California, Los Angeles law professor and an expert in copyright, intellectual property and First Amendment law. "It's clear that what's happening is an effort to criticize and parody the trademark owner to make a point, then courts will generally side in favor of the parodist."

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In five months, Smith sold just one \$16.99 shirt, receiving \$5.10. Then, in December, Wal-Mart lawyers wrote to Smith and CafePress, demanding that they agree to stop selling the designs and that Smith stop using the domain name walocast.com.

The online store complied. Smith did not.

With no way to sell his products, Smith turned to Robert Greenwald, creator of the anti-Wal-Mart documentary film "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Prices," who helped Smith find an attorney.

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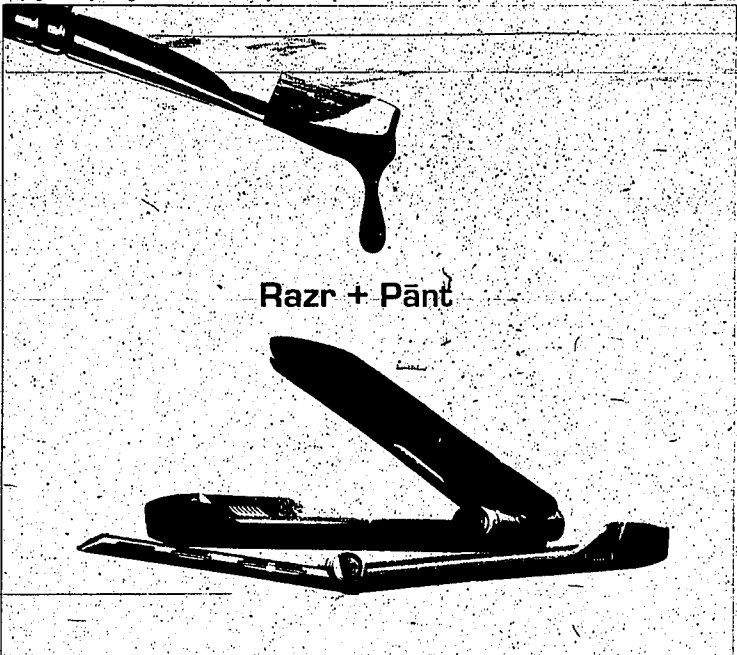
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By Jane Engle  
Los Angeles Times

More countries, states, cities, hotels and rail services recently have moved to ban smoking. Among the changes:

Disneyland earlier this month banned smoking at the Disneyland and Paradise Pier hotels. The third hotel at the California theme park, the Grand Californian, has been banned since opening in 2001. "Very few guests request smoking rooms," said Denn Walker, spokesman for Walt Disney Parks & Resorts in Burbank, Calif. Out of tens of thousands of reservations for the two hotels, for stays through 2010, only 35 had requested such rooms, he said last month.

Westin Hotels & Resorts has barred smoking in all 77 of its hotels in the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean since Jan. 1. The policy applies to guestrooms and public areas; smoking may be allowed in designated outdoor zones.

Westin, which claimed it was the first big hotel chain to go smoke-free, deep-cleaned 2,400 rooms for the changeover and replaced items such as air filters.

The District of Columbia City Council voted in January to ban smoking at indoor work sites, bars and restaurants. The law, expected to take effect in January, doesn't apply in the halls of the U.S. Congress.

The Senate of Virginia voted Feb. 13 to ban smoking in most public spaces, including restaurants. The bill faced an uncertain future in the House of Delegates.

Britain's House of Commons voted Feb. 14 to ban smoking in pubs and clubs. Reuters news service reported. Passage was expected in the House of Lords. The ban would take effect in mid-2007, Ireland passed a similar law in 2004.

Switzerland in December joined Belgium, Britain, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden in banning smoking on the national rail network, officials said. Several other European rail systems restrict it, to varying degrees. In France, the high-speed TGV trains have been

smoke-free since 2004.

Not everyone, of course, is on the anti-smoking bandwagon.

Disney hotels in Europe and Asia set aside rooms for smokers, Walker said. At the Disneyland Resort Paris, park guests may smoke in most places except indoors and while in line, he added. He said each resort made its decision based on local demand.

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Perform basic lift maintenance using sockets, crescent wrenches, hammers, punches, pliers, screwdrivers, and electrical meters; and the Lift Mechanics during general maintenance projects and repairs. Must provide the following tools: 1/2" socket set, open end wrenches 3/4" - 1 1/2", hammers, small set of punches and pliers. The position is generally subject to two shifts: 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Entry level wage \$9,600 - Six months experience in a mechanical or electrical discipline required.

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317 W. Main Street, Idaho Falls, 83405  
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## Visit colleges to make the best decision

By Abigail Leichman  
Knight Ridder News Service

Spring break is prime time for high school students and parents to check out prospective colleges. These fact-finding trips can be time-consuming and expensive, especially to distant campuses. On average, the cost of airfare, hotel, rental car and meals for a student-parent pair is nearly \$1,000.

Is it worth the money? You bet, says Cliff Kramon of Trinity, N.J., an independent college adviser with his teacher wife, Sami. "This is a decision that involves four to five years of a student's life and \$40,000 to \$175,000 of the family's finances," he says. "Spending some significant dollars on researching the choices would certainly seem warranted."

This is coming from a guy who has taken more than 950 campus tours — and offers homemade videos of about 350 of them (\$15 at collegiate choice.com) for those who can't make the journey.

Here are Kramon's tips for making the most of a college visit:

- Call ahead and schedule your trip at a time when classes are in session. Experiencing the campus in action is crucial.

- Consider visiting another college near the one you're targeting. But don't visit more than two campuses in one day.

- If you're given a choice of guides, upperclassmen are preferable because they have more experience to share.

- Ask if there is an information session in addition to the tour. Guides don't always have the latest freshman statistics or financial-aid facts.

- If an on-campus interview is offered, go for the tour so you'll sound knowledgeable about the school and can ask informed questions.

- Request to sit in on a class in an area of interest or meet the coach for a particular sport.

- Hang around the surrounding area to get a feel for off-campus life.

- Have lunch on campus. This gives you a chance to

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## What to ask

What size classes can freshmen handle? Printed student-faculty ratios are misleading.

What are the core requirements, if any?

What number of courses must be taken each semester to graduate in four years?

What is the geographic and ethnic diversity on campus? Is housing guaranteed for four years, and do most students stay on campus after sophomore year?

What is the social life like? How important is the Greek system, and do they have separate houses?

Do freshmen usually get the courses professors teach, or do they often get classed out?

How prevalent is classroom instruction by teaching assistants?

How competitive is the academic environment? Is there a writing center and other forms of tutoring? Which courses and professors are a most popular?

Is there a study-abroad program? Are sports intramural or optional? Is it practical to have a car on campus, and if not, is public transportation available?

Are students involved in religious and community service activities? Are the dorms code, single-sex by floor or wing, or segregated? Are fraternities common?

How helpful is the college for getting internships and summer jobs? Are study books, top-ranked students should ask about honors programs.

# TOGETHER AGAIN

## Family reunites after chance phone call

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It started with a phone call to *The Times-News* circulation department.

Bob Cuellar wanted a copy of a newspaper photo. Shauna Wescott, a customer service representative, took the call. When Bob gave his last name, Shauna recognized it as the one her mother had before being adopted.

"Himm. Do you happen to have family in Buhl?" Shauna asked.

"No, I don't think so."

"Do you know someone named Verla?"

"Yeah, I do," Bob said.

"Do you have a sister named Linda who was given up for adoption?"

"Yeah," said Bob, who was beginning to wonder how Shauna knew so much about his family.

"Well, I think you're my uncle," Shauna said.

Turns out, Shauna was speaking to her uncle, Shauna's mom, Linda Kimber, was adopted when she was an infant. Shauna had never met her mother's biological family, and it had been 40 years since Linda had seen some of her siblings.

"The chance phone call was about to change that. Last month, Linda traveled from Pocatello for a family reunion at her brother Joe Cuellar's house in Twin Falls.

At Joe's house, members of the Cuellar family gathered in anticipation. Sister Lisa McClinn came from Boise. Bob made the trip from Fairfield. Brother Nino came from across town.

They were nervous. Nino and Joe hadn't seen Linda since she was a baby. Lisa and Bob hadn't had contact with her in more than 20 years. Joe sat on the couch wringing his hands and peering out the front window. Any minute now.

Shauna had reunited with this aunt and these uncles a few weeks earlier.

"We knew Shauna was family the instant we saw her," Lisa said. "It was the nose. We recognized the nose."



Linda Kimber, left, is reunited with her sister Lisa McClinn of Boise and brother Bob Cuellar of Fairfield in February after being separated for 23 years.

Lisa and Shauna look remarkably similar: facial features, mannerisms — even voices.

But what would Linda look like? How would she feel about them?

Linda spent the entire car ride wondering the same things about her family.

"What are they going to be like? Am I going to be what they remember?"

Everyone was about to find out.

Linda's car pulled into the driveway, and the siblings crowded in the living room.

Before Linda could knock, Lisa opened the door, reached out and grabbed her sister's hand. Both women tilted their heads back and laughed like schoolgirls. The ice was broken.

Linda was introduced to each sibling. Hugs, tears — but mostly laughter.

"I've known they've been out there, and I've been trying to find them," Linda said "or everyone had calmed down. They'd been looking, too."

"My father passed away a couple of years ago," Bob said. "And at times we've tried to get ahold of her, but by that time she'd gotten married so we didn't know her last name. And we never had a phone when we were younger. Then when we did, our numbers weren't in the book."

Nino is the only sibling who remembers the circumstances surrounding the adoption. Their parents never explained to the children, and the family

doesn't talk about it much. Even Linda isn't sure about the details — so she doesn't resent the unusual decision her parents made so many years ago.

"Our parents were going through a tough time," Nino said. "Dad was hardly working. It was wintertime and Linda was sick."

Verla Wescott, a friend of the Cuellars, offered to care for Linda until the family got back on their feet. But as time passed, Linda developed a bond with Verla. She'd become Verla's child. At age 2, Linda was officially adopted.

"I know, Verla was a great friend of my mom who couldn't have children of her own," Bob said. "I think it was the best situation for both families."

The Wescotts moved away

from Twin Falls when Linda was 8, and the families lost track of each other.

Linda has five other siblings who couldn't make it to the reunion, but plans are under way for a meeting later this year, when Linda expects to meet the mother who put her in another woman's arms.

Until then, Linda — who looks like her natural mother, Lisa said — wants to spend as much time as she can with Bob, Lisa, Nino and Joe.

"I regret not growing up with them," Linda said with tearful eyes. "But I'm hoping I can get to know them now."

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## Daughter's death from flu moves parents to influence national policy

By Susan Loveston  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As he waltzed his turn at the microphone, in an Atlanta auditorium filled with doctors and scientists, Gary Stein wavered whether what he had to say would make much difference. These were the experts, he realized, the people who spend a lifetime studying viruses and vaccines. They already knew all the facts, the statistics.

Still, they didn't know 4-year-old Jessica.

So Stein began talking, as a father who once had a little girl with hair the color and shimmer of champagne, who loved dress-up and Barbie, and who was as feisty as they came until the day in January 2002 when she caught the flu. Less than 72 hours later, she was dead.

Stein thought he could get through the main points of his remarks without stumbling. But as he stood before the Federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, explaining how his family had been devastated, he choked up.

"Nothing and no one will ever fill the void left by Jessica," Stein told the gathering. "It hit me pretty hard," he admitted later. It may have hit the experts hard, too.

### Juvenile flu deaths

Age distribution of influenza-associated deaths, for children younger than 18. From the 2003-04 influenza season:  
Younger than 2: 32 deaths  
Ages 2-4: 23 deaths  
Ages 5-11: 19 deaths  
Ages 12-17: 15 deaths  
Total: 93 deaths  
\* Latest available figures.  
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

member committee voted for a surprise revision in national policy: It unanimously recommended that starting this fall, all children ages 2 to 5 be vaccinated annually against influenza.

The previous recommendation advised flu shots only for children ages 6 months to 23 months and those 6 months and older with chronic illnesses. As long as they are generally healthy children older than toddlers tend to just get sick from the flu. They go to doctor's offices or outpatient clinics, but are seldom admitted to the hospital.

Children still suffer a "substantial" amount of influenza, however, said Raymond Strikas, an associate director at the National Immunization Program, which is part of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And that was the

major impetus for the committee's decision late last month. Its expanded coverage even includes parents and older siblings, because they also suffer by getting sick themselves or taking time off work to care for ailing youngsters.

All told, nearly 17 million additional people now will be urged to get protection against the flu, bringing the total to more than 120 million men, women and children across the United States.

"We're saying, 'This is the standard of care,'" Strikas said. "This is what you should be doing."

The new recommendation brings some comfort to Jessica's parents, who live in suburban Falls Church, Va.

Explained Doris Stein, "If there are other kids that will get vaccinated . . . Her words hung in the air, but the inference was clear: Other parents want to bury a child.

In this country, influenza is a serious public health problem that many health officials complain does not get the respect it deserves. It kills more than 36,000 Americans a year, of whom most are very young or very old or suffering from conditions or diseases that compromise their body's ability to fight the virus.

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Doris and Gary Stein of Falls Church, Va., read to daughter Krista. Behind them is a painting of another daughter, Jessica, who died of flu at age 4. Gary Stein's testimony at a federal panel helped secure a revision in national policy: The panel unanimously recommended that all children ages 2 to 5 be vaccinated annually against influenza.

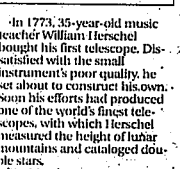
**FAMILY LIFE**

**Sky calendar through Saturday**

**Planets:**  
 One hour before sunrise:  
 Venus: ESE, very low  
 Jupiter: SSW, low  
 One hour after sunrise:  
 Mars: WSW, very high  
 Saturn: SE, high  
**Moon:** Full moon 4:35 p.m.  
 Tuesday, 5 p.m.

**Uranus' accidental discovery**

Last summer came the news that, for only the fourth time in history, a new planet had been discovered in our solar system. But this week marks the 225th anniversary of the first such discovery.



**SKY WATCH**  
 Chris Anderson

In 1773, 35-year-old music teacher William Herschel bought his first telescope. Dissatisfied with the quality of the instrument's poor quality, he set about to construct his own. Soon his efforts had produced one of the world's finest telescopes, with which Herschel measured the height of lunar mountains and cataloged double stars.

On March 13, 1781, while searching for double stars in Gemini, Herschel came across something not shown in his star catalog. Herschel thought it was a comet, which seemed to be moving against the stars in the night sky that followed.

Later that year, when an orbital had been calculated, Herschel was forced to admit that his discovery was a new planet, later named Uranus.

Herschel's reluctance is understandable. Prior to Uranus' discovery, it had simply not occurred to most astronomers that other planets might exist. Five planets had been known since antiquity and could be seen by anyone with care to look for them. Johannes Kepler, a century before, had constructed a mathematical model of the planets' orbits based on the five Platonic solids (the only symmetric forms whose sides are regular polygons).

Ironically, Herschel was not the first to see Uranus. Because it is barely visible to the unaided eye, several others had previously cataloged Uranus, missing it for a faint star. The first record of it appears in a star catalog of 1690, where John Flamsteed logged it as his 34th star, 45 Ursae.

*Next week: The best time of year to see evening planets.*

Chris Anderson is the production assistant and observatory manager at the Linkletter Planetarium at the Herriot Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

**Twin Falls Senior Center**  
 530 Shoshone St. W.  
 Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. Cost is \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
 Pool room open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Menus:**  
 Monday: Chicken or in king with noodles, green beans, salad, bread, chesecake  
 Tuesday: Barbecue ribs, potato salad, vegetables, coleslaw, fruit, rolls, dessert  
 Wednesday: Lasagna, french bread, spring vegetables, garden salad, pineapple cake  
 Thursday: Baked ham, mashed sweet potatoes, peas with onions, bread, Jell-O salad, dessert  
 Friday: Corned beef and cabbage, bread, carrots, green applesauce, fish dessert

**Activities:**  
 Tuesday: M.V. Bridge Club Bingo study  
 Monday: Quilling, Monday Bridge  
 No exercise on Mondays throughout March  
 Medicare D  
 Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday  
 Blood pressure  
 Tax assistance  
 Wednesday: Baked corn  
 Wednesday: Quilling  
 Elks Card Club  
 Medicare D  
 Canceled  
 Board meeting, 1 p.m.  
 Thursday: Center pinocchio Tax aid  
 Medicare D  
 Friday: Blood pressure  
 Lunch bingo  
 Quilling  
 Exercise  
 Saturday: Closed

**West End Senior Citizens Inc.**  
 1010 Main St., Buhl.  
 Monday: Pork roast dinner, 1 p.m.  
 Monday: Soup and sandwich  
 Tuesday: Cheeseburgers, french fries, Jell-O, fruit, dessert  
 Wednesday: Cook's choice  
 Thursday: Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, fruit Jell-O, birthday cake, ice cream

**Activities:**  
 Today: Buffet, 1 p.m.; \$4 for seniors; \$5 for people under age 60 and \$3 for those age 12 and younger  
 Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
 Cards, 6 to 9 p.m.  
 Monday: AARP tax assistance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Wednesday: Drive-in movie, 7 to 9 p.m.  
 Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
 Thursday: Blood pressure check, 11:45 a.m.  
 Birthday dinner  
 Saturday: Community breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.

**Filer Senior Haven**  
 222 Main St.  
 Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each mealtime.

**Menus:**  
 Monday: Baked meatloaf, creamed potatoes, sliced carrots, coleslaw salad, bread and butter, fruit cocktail, cookie  
 Wednesday: Smorgasbord  
 Thursday: Corned beef, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, lime Jell-O, french bread, fruit sauce

**Activities:**  
 Monday: Face class, 1:30 p.m.  
 Bingo, 6 to 8 p.m.  
 Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
 Cards, 1 p.m.  
 Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
 Face class, 1:15 p.m.  
 Thursday: Taxes, 8 to 11 a.m.  
 Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.  
 Friday: Face class, 1:30 p.m.  
 Saturday: Spaghetti feed, bingo, 5 to 8 p.m.

**Jerome Senior Center**  
 212 First Ave. E.  
 All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.

**Menus:**  
 Monday: Spaghetti, meat sauce, corn, green salad, fruit, cookies, garlic bread  
 Tuesday: Hash brown casserole with ham, California blend vegetables, fruit medley, fruit cocktail, cake  
 Wednesday: Beef stroganoff over noodles, country mix, apple-carrot salad, blueberry squares  
 Thursday: Hot turkey salad, au gratin potatoes, creamed corn, fruit salad, banana pudding  
 Friday: Corned beef, cabbage, potato wedges, carrots, under the sea salad, shamrock cookies

**Activities:**  
 Monday: Fitness class, 11 a.m.  
 Bowling  
 Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday  
 Bingo, 1 p.m.  
 Snack bar, 6 p.m.  
 Early bird, 6:45 p.m.  
 Bingo, 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday: Balloon volleyball practice  
 Taxes, 10 a.m. to noon  
 Fitness class, 11 a.m.  
 Pinocle, 7 p.m.  
 Thursday: Commission for the blind, 1 p.m.  
 Susan Brown sings  
 Friday: St. Patrick's Day dinner  
 Pinocle, 1 p.m.

**Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.**  
 310 Main St. N., Kimberly  
 Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.

**Menus:**  
 Monday: Potato soup, toasted cheese sandwich, green salad, fruit, cookie  
 Wednesday: Hamburger, macaroni salad, fruit, cookie  
 Friday: Lasagna, green beans, salad, birthday cake, ice cream

**SENIOR CALENDAR**

**Gooding County Senior Citizens**  
 308 Senior Ave.  
 All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

**Menus:**  
 Monday: Pepper steak, potatoes, gravy, carrots, salad, dessert, bread  
 Tuesday: Beef stew, fruit, dessert, corn muffins  
 Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, stir fry vegetables, plums, cookies, bread  
 Thursday: Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and carrots, lime Jell-O, vegetables, St. Patrick's Day cake, rolls  
 Friday: Leftovers

**Activities:**  
 Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
 Pinocle, 12:30 p.m.  
 Wild One, 6 p.m.  
 Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
 Hand and foot, 6 p.m.  
 Bridge, 6:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
 Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.  
 Thursday: Quil social, 9 a.m.  
 Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
 Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.  
 Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.  
 70's, 4 p.m.  
 Pinocle, 7 p.m.  
 Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.  
 Bowling, 1:30 p.m.  
 Bingo, 6 p.m.  
 Saturday: Dinner and dance with music by Hank's Band

**Hagerman Senior Center**  
 140 E. Lake  
 Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12.

**Menus:**  
 Monday: Barbecue chicken, potato rounds, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert  
 Wednesday: Tamale pie, green salad, fruit, chips, salsa, bread, lemon pie  
 Friday: Corned beef, cabbage, salad, vegetables, fruit, bread, carrot cake

**Silver and Gold Senior Center**  
 Elder  
 Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and cake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

**Menus:**  
 Monday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, broccoli, coleslaw, fruit  
 Thursday: Corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, salad, fruit, sugar cookies

**Activities:**  
 Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

**Blaine County Senior Center**  
 127 Third Ave. S., Hailey  
**Menus:**  
 Tuesday: Fish or chicken, hush puppies, green beans,

haked macaroni and cheese, lemon/carrot/Jell-O salad, banana pudding  
 Wednesday: Bacon or veggie quiche, hash browns, casserole, morning glory muffins, cantaloupe slices, lemon bars  
 Thursday: Roast pork or corned beef and cabbage, new red potatoes, green peas, tossed green salad, rolls, chocolate fudge cake with frosting  
 Friday: Roast pork or corned beef and cabbage, new red potatoes, green peas, tossed green salad, rolls, chocolate fudge cake with frosting

**Activities:**  
 Monday: Trip to Jackpot, 8:30 a.m.  
 Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.  
 Exercise, 1:15 p.m.  
 Wednesday: Board meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
 Poetry group, 12:30 p.m.  
 Thursday: Exercise, 1:30 p.m.  
 Friday: St. Patrick's Day and birthday celebration

**Three Island Senior Center**  
 492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry  
 Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

**Menus:**  
 Monday: Potluck  
 Tuesday: Oven fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, bread  
 Thursday: Corned beef and cabbage, carrots, potatoes, pears and Jell-O, bread, cake and ice cream

**Activities:**  
 Monday: Tax aid, 1 to 4 p.m.  
 Potluck  
 Fiddlers  
 Tuesday: Germ, 10:30 a.m.  
 Quilling, 1 p.m.  
 Thursday: Birthday party, 2 p.m.  
 Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.  
 Saturday: Tax aid, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Camas County Senior Center**  
 127 E. Willow, Fairfield  
 Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Cost of the meal is \$3.50; children under 10 pay \$2. The suggested donation for those 60 years and older is \$2.50.

**Menus:**  
 Tuesday: Porcupine meatballs, fruit, salad, bread, dessert  
 Wednesday: Casserole, fruit, salad, bread, dessert  
 Friday: Corned beef, cabbage, fruit, salad, biscuits, dessert

**Activities:**  
 Monday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.

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**Where kids go for advice**

Kids, when you need advice, whom do you ask? Here are the results, according to a Just Kids, Inc. and Harris Interactive survey of 1,278 kids ages 10-17:  
 Mom, 69 percent  
 Friend, my age, 67 percent  
 Dad, 46 percent  
 Older friend, 38 percent  
 Sister/brother, 36 percent  
 Teacher, 30 percent

**Coming next week**

**Smile or frown?**

Inside the mind of a kid-party clown.

Next week in Family Life

**Dogs and children?**

Maybe not until school age

The Washington Post

Certain dog breeds — German shepherds and Dobermans are more likely to bite children than other breeds; children age 1 and

**"Real Estate Corner"**  
 THE SIMPLE THINGS COUNT

by Laura Fitzgerald  
 Re/Max American Dream Realty

If you're selling your home, you're probably wondering just how far you should go with improvements. The answer: Don't go overboard.

It's the little things that count. Look at your home objectively. What do you see? Overgrown shrubs? A messy garage, yuck! In the driveway? Dingy kitchen walls? Clean thoroughly.

Make things look orderly, but keep major modifications and improvements at a minimum. Larger expenditures are risky. You'd be surprised how many prospective buyers whisper to their spouses, "We'll have to re-do this."

Remember, prospective buyers are trying to visualize your home with their own possessions. Any redecoration should be discrete and subdued.

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**Never miss the action.**

The Times-News

**SINUSITIS or COLD**

Because the symptoms of sinusitis sometimes mimic those of colds, you may not realize that you need to see a Sinus Specialist. If you suspect that you have sinusitis, review these signs and symptoms. If you suffer from three or more symptoms, Sinus Center-Idaho can help!

SYMPTOM	SINUSITIS or COLD	
	SINUSITIS	COLD
Facial pressure/pain	Yes	Sometimes
Duration of illness	Over 10-14 days	Under 10 days
Nasal Discharge	Thick, yellow green	Thick, whitish or thin
Fever	Sometimes	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain in upper teeth	Sometimes	No
Bad Breath	Sometimes	No
Coughing	Sometimes	Yes
Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes
Sneezing	No	Yes

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ENGAGEMENTS

O'DWYER-BRADEN.

**HEYBURN** — Christy Dawn O'Dwyer and Charles Lee Braden announce their engagement. O'Dwyer is the daughter of Patty O'Dwyer of Heyburn and the late Raymond E. O'Dwyer. Braden is the son of Judy M. Braden of Paul and the late Robert W. Braden.

WINKLE-BURKHART.

**TWIN FALLS** — Becky and Greg Winkle of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Lynne Winkle, to Kelly Matthew Burkhardt, son of Allen and Kerrie Burkhardt of Rogers, Ark. Winkle is a 2002 graduate of Filer High School. She is serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Meade, Md. Burkhardt is a 2000 graduate of Rogers High School. He also is serving in the army at Fort Meade. The wedding is planned for

O'Dwyer attended Burley Christian Academy and is employed at Stinker Station No. 66 in Heyburn.

Braden is a graduate of Minico High School and is employed at Conversion Inc. in Paul. The wedding is planned for Sunday, March 19, at Carmo Special Events Center. A reception to honor the couple will follow the ceremony at the center.



Tara Winkle and Kelly Burkhardt Saturday, March 25, at Fort Meade. A reception to honor the couple will follow the ceremony.

MURDOCK-DEBOARD

**TWIN FALLS** — Carl Lee Murdock and Joseph DeBoard announce their engagement. Murdock attended Twin Falls High School and is employed at American Classifieds in Twin Falls. DeBoard is the son of Roger and Linda DeBoard of Twin Falls. He is a graduate of Twin Falls High and is employed at Ashley Furniture in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for 3 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Nazarene Church in Twin Falls. A



Joseph DeBoard and Carl Murdock reception to honor the couple will follow the ceremony.

WEDDING

CORN-TUCKER

**TWIN FALLS** — Jenny Corn and Mark Tucker were married May 14, 2005, in Ambergris Caye, Belize. A reception was held in May at the Boise Train Depot. The bride is the daughter of Michael and Deborah Corn of Meridan. The groom's parents are Tony and Rebecca Tucker of Twin Falls. The bride and groom are both graduates of Boise State University. She is employed by King



Mark and Jenny Tucker Pharmaceuticals, and he is a manager for Lowes.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE WICKHAMS

**HAGERMAN** — Bobby and Huberta Wickham of Hagerman will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the home of Fred and Mary Mavencamp, 1251 S. 630 S. Bobby Wickham and Huberta Bowman were married March 19, 1956, in Collinsville, Okla. They lived in Oklahoma and Idaho, mostly living in Oologah, Okla., until 1983 when they settled in Hagerman. He worked as a heavy equipment operator and welder all his life. She worked as a nurse's aide and housewife. The event is hosted by their children, Dottie (Nathan) Hughes of Hagerman, Mary (Fred) Mavencamp of Hagerman and Robert (Joffae) Wickham of Oxbow, Ore.

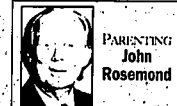


Bobby and Huberta Wickham The couple has seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

School officials shouldn't spank students

A group has formed in New York City to lobby for the prohibition of corporal punishment in public schools. They asked me to sign a petition to that effect, which I did in November. At that time, I was concerned that my endorsement would create the impression that I am anti-spanking. I am not. Nor, however, am I pro-spanking. I feel there are exceptional times when a spanking is warranted and is arguably the best of all possible disciplinary responses.

(However, I think most spankings delivered by most parents are unduly stupidly and accomplish nothing.) I simply believe that the government should not be the arbiter of parent discipline, and that existing child abuse law is sufficient to deal with parent behavior that is being slowly "dumbed down". I do, however, believe that if individual school districts will not prohibit the use of corporal punishment—which is the case in North Carolina and a number of other states, most



PARENTING John Rosemond

ly Southern—then it's high time state government stepped in, gave these districts a good legal spanking, and put the ban in place for them. School officials have no business spanking students, period. In the first place, there is absolutely no evidence that students in school districts that allow corporal punishment are any better behaved than students in schools districts that disallow it. Spanking is not the upping point of good discipline at school. (There is good and reliable evidence, however, that the children of parents who occasionally spank are generally happier than those of parents who do not believe in spanking, but this correlation, not cause-and-effect.) Teachers in Texas, for example, administer nearly one of every four school spankings in the United States. In

Mississippi, one out of every 10 students is eventually paddled. Neither of these states can claim the prize for "Most Well-Behaved Students."

Second, it is obvious to students that a school administrator's desperate measure. Effective discipline is never administered in desperation. Another way of saying the same thing: Correction and discipline are incompatible. In that context, a person who is administering a spanking is admitting defeat.

Third, statistics concerning school spankings suggest an underlying racism. Consider that black students comprise 17 percent of the public-school population yet receive 39 percent of school-based spankings. It could be that black parents are more likely than white parents to give severely permission to spank, but that is no excuse for forbidding an outcome that can be used to claim racism.

Last, but by no means least, in order for a spanking to be effective, an intimate, trusting relationship must pre-exist between the spanker and the spankee. In the absence of such a relationship, a spanking is likely to produce not better be-

havior, but resentment and even more rebellion. Needless to say, principals and teachers don't qualify. Neither do some parents, but they're the last to realize that about themselves. Some grandparents qualify, but grandparent is as far as I'd extend the privilege under any circumstances.

Unfortunately, the National Coalition to Abolish Corporal Punishment in Schools (NCAACP) is allied with End Physical Punishment of Children (EPPCC) in USA and The Center for Effective Discipline groups that want the federal government to disallow parental spanking—law that would inevitably lead to the government assuming an increasingly totalitarian role in matters of child discipline. On their Web site, www.stopphysical.com, NCAACP makes its position clear, assuming no claims about spanking, such as "it teaches children to hit someone smaller and weaker when angry."

This, my dilemma. Family psychologist John Rosemond answers parents' questions on his Web site at www.rosemond.com.

Gemini, reflect on all things bright and beautiful

**IF MARCH 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** Expect smooth sailing and pleasant celestial skies in the months ahead—until June, when your zodiac character could be put to a test. In early October, responsibilities could be heaped on your shoulders, but you can avoid getting overwhelmed if you just don't take on a car payment or go into debt at that point. Late October may prove lucky, as helpful opportunities may appear and if you have most in your self big improvements in your life are possible. The cosmic lights turn red again in late January and February, so work hard but avoid initiating anything of key significance.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Your week ahead can flow effortlessly if you put your trust in others and refuse to bow to outside pressures. Pay close attention to the human element and business will take care of itself.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You're the cat's meow. So purr in public and win the affection and respect of others with your best and open when dealing with others to elicit confidences. The golden nugget of information you receive makes wise decisions possible this week.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Listen and learn. Living vicariously through others may be fun, but eating nonfat ice cream and having the pleasure without the guilt. Learn to sort the truth from falsehoods during this week.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Love is sometimes a risk. You may

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jeopardize your heart or your money this week. The only way to triumph is to have faith in others and remember that sharing is at the root of all relationships. A good week.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Situations are coming to a satisfactory climax. It might be a good week to get a physical checkup, even if you're not a professional. You are likely to hear just what you need to hear.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** The deck may be stacked in your favor. Play your cards right and a new love may blossom or that raise or promotion can be obtained over the next several days. Don't ante cash late in the week.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** A new hook-up could have stars in his or her eyes when you are concerned. Bask in admiration and be kind. Don't feel threatened late in the week if another wants to know your secrets.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Talk it over. Perfect communication between you and others can add good luck to any endeavor this week. Don't plant your feet into the ground. Be wise to budge over minor matters.

Daughter is hurt when gift gets only 'nice' reception

**DEAR ABBY:** My parents recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. As their gift, I had my mother and father read Life Lessons and Stories as Seen Through the Eyes of Their Daughter to honor them and everything they have taught me. My brother pre-read it for me, and told me several times how impressed he was with the content and that he loved the idea. My fiancée was also moved and expressed her approval. They even asked for their own copy.

"When I presented it to my parents, they were a bit confused. I tried to explain, then I asked them to just read it, hoping they would understand how much I love, respect and cherish them. They read it and simply said, "Nice." Mom read it at work a few days later. Her comment, "It was a nice tribute." My brother asked them what their thoughts were; he was sure they would appreciate the effort that went into it. He seemed as confused by their

DEAR ABBY Joanne Phillips

cool reaction as I was. I'm not sure what I was expecting, but "nice" was not it. Not one thing has been mentioned about it since, and frankly, the whole thing has left me a bit hurt—Am I a spoiled brat looking for recognition, or am I justified in my hurt feelings?

**— FEELING EMPTY IN FLORIDA** DEAR FEELING EMPTY: A gift such as the one you have described must have taken much time and effort, so it's not surprising that you are hurt and disappointed that your parents "ho-hummed" it. The time may have come to ask yourself if your past efforts to please, them,

or to excel, were greeted in a similarly withholding manner, because it's a technique that some people use to control others.

I wouldn't blame you if in the future, you remembered your parents' anniversaries with something less personal—a "nice card," a token gift, or even an epilogue for the book titled "More Life Lessons My Parents Taught Me." I'm sure something will come to mind.

**DEAR ABBY:** I married "Jake" a good man—but I'm very unhappy. We became engaged in late 2004 while my father was dying of cancer. We hoped to be married before Daddy passed away, but we were too late.

Jake wanted us to be married immediately, so after the funeral and my first holiday season with Daddy gone, setting a wedding date or being excited about marrying was far from my mind. Jake understood, and eventually I gave in. We eloped a few weeks later.

**DEAR MISERABLE L.A.:** I hope you will continue seeing your counselor, because you need more help than "one dose" in an advice column. Your engagement took place at a time when the most significant male figure in your life was dying. Because of his own insecurities, he took advantage of the fact—and of you. Your counselor can support you emotionally while you untangle yourself from this mess. Your problems are not over, and they will take a while to resolve.

THE HOGGANS

**WASHINGTON CITY, Utah** — Robert and Rosemary Hoggan of Washington City, Utah, and formerly of Rupert, will be honored at a celebration party for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Main Street Chapel, 82 N. Main, Washington City. Casual attire and no gifts are requested. They were married Feb. 9, 1956, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They owned and operated Hoggans Lumber & Canvas in Meridian, Idaho, and operated stores in the Mini-Cassia area for 40 years before retiring to The George, Utah, area. They have six children, Bob Jr.



Rosemary and Robert Hoggan (deceased). Kevin, Marcel, Roseanne, Daren and Sharon (foster daughter). They have 10 grandchildren with one on the way. Cards can be sent to the couple at 237 E. Todd Place, Washington City, UT 84780.

Quick! Hide your pet's bed

**Newsday** Murphy beds hit their peak in that 2-foot wide by 2-foot high by 10 inches deep, \$199.95, at www.midnight-pass.com, or call 877-897-7700.

The fold-down bed's cabinet is made of ecologically sensitive rubber-tree wood and weighs 21 lbs. with a height of 10 inches deep, \$199.95, at www.midnight-pass.com, or call 877-897-7700.

Shredder is a household danger

**The Washington Post** Home paper shredders pose serious injury risk to toddlers, according to a recent investigation by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The agency found that half of injuries studied involved children under 3, and more than 70 percent involved children under 12. Four kids, aged 2 to 6, needed a amputation after mishaps with shredders. A safety alert from the commission can be found at www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PUB/S15127.pdf.

Weekly deadline

The Times-News welcomes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements and photos. That is, anniversaries of 50 years or more.) To submit an announcement, stop by the office at 132 Fairfield St. W. in Twin Falls and fill out a form. The announcement also can be sent by email to rama@magcityvalley.com. E-

mailed, the photo needs to be sent in .jpg format as an attachment. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday, if you miss that deadline, your news might not be published in advance of the event. With questions, call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

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## STORK REPORT

### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Donald Ryan Cresswell, son of Lisa Christine Donald Pace Cresswell of Shoshone, was born Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006.

Clinton John Palmer III, son of Angela Marie and Clinton John Palmer Jr. of Hagerman, was born Thursday, March 2, 2006.

Isabel Debra Spencer, daughter of Melinda June and Curtis Layne Spencer of Jerome, was born Friday, March 3, 2006.

### St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Martin Duarte III, son of Martin Duarte and Joann Dudley of Jerome, was born Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006.

Jason Alexander Gregory, son of Shane and Karolee Gregory of Jerome, was born Monday, Feb. 27, 2006.

Tea Dawn Lindsay, daughter of Mick and Crystal Lindsay of Jerome, was born Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006.

Vanessa Janae Piles, daughter of Egidio and Sandra Pires of Wendell, was born Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006.

Karstyn Noel Dayley, daughter of Kaika Jade Dayley of Jerome, was born Wednesday, March 1, 2006.

Hunter Stanley Stringer, son

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: **Jami Whited**, The Community Page, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Or fax to: 734-5539. **Deadline:** Noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. **More information?** Call Jami at 735-3278

of Cody and Shauna Stringer of Jerome, was born Friday, March 3, 2006.

Ainsley Marie Tennant, daughter of Andy and Shelli Tennant of Jerome, was born Friday, March 3, 2006.

### St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Alexandra Moya, daughter of Erika Mojaras, and Carlos Moya of Halley, was born Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006.

Jordyn Blair Falkenstein, daughter of Kathleen and Marshall Falkenstein of Bellevue, was born Monday, Feb. 20, 2006.

Francisco Javier Regalado Jr., son of Susan Powers and Francisco Regalado of Halley, was born Monday, Feb. 20, 2006.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHEER CHAMPS



Photo courtesy of Minico High School Cheerleaders

The Minico High School Cheerleaders placed first in the varsity division and tied for first place in the overall category at the Rocky Mountain Cheer Competition held Feb. 25 in Meridian. They will be competing at the Idaho State Cheer and Dance Competition Saturday in Nampa and will travel to California to compete at nationals at the end of March. The hard-working girls will be also cheering for team member Stacy Tarbot who will not be able to attend.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### ISU announces fall dean's list

POCATELLO — The Idaho State University 2005 fall semester dean's list for the College of Business has been announced.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must have completed at least 12 semester credits and received a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

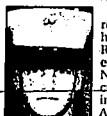
Students on the list are: Tyler David Huffman, a Jerome; Shane Hamblin, Kimberly William Humphries, Rupert; Jamie Smith, Twin Falls; Tam Bolton,

## SERVICE NEWS

### Marine completes basic training in California

Marine PFC Joshua D. Malberg completed recruit training at MCRD San Diego, Calif., on March 3, when he qualified for the Expert Marksman Badge. He joined the Marines in 2005 following graduation from Twin Falls High School.

He will report for combat training at Camp Pendleton, Calif., on Monday. After he completes the training, he will report to Missouri for combat engineer training.



Malberg

His other grandparents, Robert and Connie Bray, reside in St. George, Utah.



Photo courtesy of LTW JAMES

From left, Abby Bragg, Capt. Brian Pike, Chase Bragg, Chief Jim Munn and SRO Officer Matt Winter.

## Police honor citizens

TWIN FALLS — On Feb. 9, Abby Bragg, Mitch Thiwees and Chase Bragg were awarded the Chief's Partnership Recognition plaque at the Twin Falls High School.

On Jan. 8, Bragg was standing at the window of her home and noticed a vehicle traveling slowly up and down her street. There had been several vehicle burglaries and vandals in the neighborhood and Abby became suspicious. She watched as two individuals got out of the suspect vehicle and began creeping around cars in the

neighborhood. The individuals in the vehicle seemed to be "casing" the street, so Abby called the police.

Meanwhile, Thiwees and Chase got into their vehicle and followed the suspect vehicle until a license plate number was obtained. She was then able to call this license plate into Twin Falls Police Department dispatchers. As a result of this tip, three individuals were taken into custody and later confessed to committing vandals to the suicidal female, she let go of the riding and turned



Photo courtesy of LTW JAMES

From left, Capt. Brian Pike, Brandon Hestley and Chief Jim Munn.

## Man receives police award

Twin Falls — On Oct. 1, 2005, as Brandon Hestley was going home, he called into the Twin Falls Police Department stating he thought he saw a subject standing on the opposite side of the bridge railing on the Old Towne Bridge. Police officers responded and found a female subject hanging onto the bridge railing. As officers began speaking to the suicidal female, she let go of the railing and turned

to fall from the bridge. The officers were able to grab the female and she was eventually brought back to safety. Due to Hestley's willingness to get involved, the woman came to no harm and was able to receive treatment.

On Feb. 9, Twin Falls Police Chief Jim Munn and Captain Brian Pike presented Mr. Hestley with the Chief's Partnership Recognition plaque.

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Twin Falls relatives are his mother, Robyn; brothers, Staff Sgt. Nathan Sess, currently serving in the U.S. Air Force; Dan and Evan, sister, Jessica Sess; father, Larry; and grandparents, Gene and Gail Malberg.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Formal dresses available to teenagers in need

TWIN FALLS — Cinderella House is starting a project to help young women who can't afford dresses and accessories for proms and other special occasions.

CSA organizers will supply a dress for the teenagers to keep and as many supplies as they can. So far, the house has about 200 formal dresses and the group is looking for donations of dresses, shoes, stockings, jewelry, hand bags and other items.

Gift tags will be given to the teenagers that include make-up samples, hair spray, combs, brushes, shampoo samples and more.

The group is located in the Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Drive. Teenagers can apply through their school counselor or other personnel or call for application forms.

For more information or to make donations, call Hazel Johnson at 733-6103, Dayle Clark at 734-3955 or Dorothy Amazeen at 732-8118.

### St. Patrick's Day Gala takes place Friday

RUPERT — St. Patrick's Day Gala, sponsored by the Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children and the Mini-Cassia Task Force Team, will be held Friday at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 85 S. 200 W.

A buffet dinner will begin at 7 p.m. and dancing will begin at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$45 for a couple. After 8:30 p.m., tickets at the door will be \$7 per person or \$10 for a couple.

The event will include a silent and live auction, dinner, dancing and music.

For more information, call 679-6700.

### Minidoka County Fair Board meets Wednesday

RUPERT — The Minidoka County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at its office in the McGregor Building at the fairgrounds, 85 E. Baseline Road.

The Minidoka County Fair Board is looking for a theme for the 2006 County Fair. Rules for the contest are: theme must be portrayed in artwork and words, must be done in black ink, can be hand drawn or computer generated, must include the words "Minidoka County Fair, July 31 — Aug. 5, 2006, must be no bigger than 7 by 9-inches and should include something about Rupert's Centennial. Entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. May 31. The entrant's signature should be in small letters at the bottom of the page.

### Local 4-H'ers learn to weave at classes

SHOSHONE — The Lincoln County Extension Office is holding weaving classes from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Fridays, March 17 through April 14, in the conference room.

Supplies needed are scissors and a fiber stick pass.

For more information, call the Lincoln County Extension Office at 866-2406.

### M.V. Singles Square Dance Club holds potluck dinner

HERMISTON — The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold a St. Patrick's Day potluck at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the American Legion Hall. Participants should bring a potluck dish.

For more information, call Vera Young at 734-4647 or Betty at 536-2243.

### 4-H'ers raise funds for walk-in refrigerator

HERMISTON — The Central Idaho 4-H Camp is holding a fundraiser-to-help-replace a walk-in refrigerator at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in the north side of the Messersmith building at the Jerome County Fairgrounds.

Pork roll or tri-tip beef will be served with Dutch oven potatoes, vegetables, salad, roll and dessert. The cost is \$12 per person or \$40 for family of five or less. A live and silent auction will be held and a \$1 pie auction.

Tickets are available in advance from any camp board member or at the door the evening of the event.

For more information, call Steve Scher at 636-5654, Karrie Ricketts at 520-2223, Felicia Anderson at 326-6661 or the Lincoln County Extension Office at 866-2406.

### Women's group accepts scholarship applications

RUPERT — The Rupert Business Professional Women are accepting applications for a scholarship to be presented to women enrolled in an accredited college or v.o.tech.

Applicants must be age 25 or older. The scholarship award is based on financial needs. Applications must be in by March 30.

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

### Cassia County Parade holds theme contest

BURLEY — The Cassia County Parade theme contest is underway. Entries need to be related to the general topic "Community, Neighbors and Friends."

The deadline is April 15. The person who submits the winning theme will receive \$50.

Send entries to: Kim Greger, 177 S. 250 E., Burley, ID 83318.

### Twin Falls city offers classes for spring break

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls City Parks and Recreation Department is offering several projects during spring break.

The classes are open to children and adults age 7 and older and are held from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

March 20: Spa day. Students can make bath salt, body lotion and lip balm. The cost is \$10.

March 21: Students will make a ceramic fountain. The cost is \$20.

March 22: Students will make a ceramic bead necklace. The cost is \$12.

March 23: Glass fusing class. The cost is \$15.

March 24: Students will make a suncatcher mosaic. The cost is \$15.

For more information or to register, call 736-2265.

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For more information, call 735-1205.

### Moms on the Run meet Tuesday at Tomato's

TWIN FALLS — The local Moms on the Run group will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at Tomato's Italian Grill, 1309 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The cost is \$0.50 and lunch will be provided. Complimentary childcare will be at the Nazarene church.

Stephanie Gartner from Cooper Norman Company will share tax saving ideas and Arlene Stout, Ingle will speak. Women of all ages are welcome. Supervision for home-schooled children will be available in Room 212.

For more information or to make childcare reservations, call Josie at 324-1233 or Genu-

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## D.L. Evans' newest site now open in Twin Falls

The new D.L. Evans Bank Twin Falls Financial Center opened for business at 506 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. on Feb. 13. An open house is scheduled for March 15 from 4 to 7 p.m. A ribbon cutting will be at 4:30 p.m.

The inaugural staff for the new location includes branch manager James P. Evans, loan administrator George Leonard, real estate loan manager Jim Kern, and investment representative Penny Treat.



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Chris Baldus

Among the list of services the Twin Falls Financial Center offers are branch banking, commercial lending, real estate lending and investment services. There's more.

D.L. Evans Bank opened its first branch in Albion in 1904. Today, the bank has administrative offices in Burley and 16 branch offices in Albion, Burley, Rupert, Twin Falls, Jerome, Boise, Meridian, Ketchum, Pocatello, Hailley and Nampa. It also has mortgage lending offices in Boise and Twin Falls.

Idaho Supreme Court Justice Roger Burdick, master of ceremonies at the 84th annual Jerome Chamber of Commerce Awards and Board Installation Banquet on March 3, announced the 2006 chamber board. The 2006 president is Chris Barber of Caynside Bank. The 2007 president-elect is Mike Schute of Hillex Poly Company. The board members are Jerry Crozier of D.L. Evans Bank, Kathy Ream of Hillex Poly Company, Sue Grimsman, individual member of chamber, Blair Crouch of Crossroads Point, Bryan Co-owner and President of Craig Insurance, Brent Glassinger, owner of Inter-mountain Fabrication, Jennifer Traugher, manager of Jerome D.L. Evans Bank, and Gary Parrish, Idaho Fish and Game. Sylvia Moore Futrell will remain on the board as ex-officio member and Sue Thomason as 2006 Ambassador Club President.

Hillex Poly Co., the nation's largest plastic bag manufacturer, awarded Business of the Year by the Jerome Chamber at the banquet. Academy of Finance, a cosmetology school won the chamber's New Horizon Award. In both cases, the chamber thanked the businesses for their support of the community. Academy of Finance is owned and operated by Wendy Florence. It's in downtown Jerome.

Jerry Crozier of D.L. Evans Bank was named Ambassador of the Year at the Jerome Chamber banquet.

And in conclusion, the Jerome Chamber awarded Megan Lammer and Cody Luper each a \$500 scholarship to the college or university of their choice. These were the chambers 2005 Junior Ambassador Scholarships, which were awarded based on the winners' commitment to the program.

Kevin Cash, recently of the Old Topons Restaurant, took over the management of Rowdy Pub & Grill in December, reports the Gooding Chamber of Commerce newsletter. Kevin brings 23 years of experience in food service to the operation.

The Gooding Chamber's president for 2006 is Joyce Jones, with Jane Zimmerman as vice president. New board member Shelle Amundsen is secretary. Vern Eames is treasurer, again. And the other new board members are Val Nelson and Jim Schoetter, says the chamber newsletter.

Times-News news editor Chris Baldus can be reached at cbaldus@magvalley.com or 735-3259.

# Family savings look scary

By Neil Irwin  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Meet the typical American family. It has about \$3,800 in the bank. No one has a retirement account, and the neighbors who do only have about \$35,000 in theirs. Mutual funds? Stocks? Bonds? Nope. The house is worth \$160,000, but the family owes \$95,000 on it to the bank. The breadwinners make more than \$43,000 a year but can't manage to pay off a \$2,200 credit card balance.

That is the portrait of the median American household as painted by the Federal Reserve Board's Survey of Consumer Finances. The survey, which does not distinguish between sizes of families, nevertheless offers the most detailed look available of the balance sheet of U.S. households.

The Washington Post asked a half-dozen financial planners to review the Fed data about what different groups of Americans own and what they owe. We asked them what advice they would give someone confronting the financial situation faced by the average American, including children, or at the midpoint at which half of the population is above and half is below each indicator. They don't like what they see.

"It's actually sobering," said Peter Speros, managing director of Sullivan, Bruyette, Speros & Blayne Inc., a wealth-management firm in McLean, Va. "These numbers are just so much worse than I would have thought. It's a real eye-opener."

Specifically, Speros and the other planners said, if the average family walked into their offices, they would sit them down and give them some tough love. Time to pare down expenses, the financial advisers would say, in order to build a cash reserve big enough to get everyone through a layoff or other unforeseen adversity. And the family would get an earful about saving more aggressively for retirement, so they could have some hope of retiring at a reasonable age and maintaining the stan-

## Savings Snapshot

The Federal Reserve's latest Survey of Consumer Finances draws on a sample of 4,522 U.S. households to provide a snapshot of Americans' net worth, income, assets and debts in 2004. Financial analysts draw some worrisome conclusions: U.S. families don't save enough for retirement, don't have sufficient cash on hand for emergencies and have too much money tied up in individual stocks rather than mutual funds.

	THE YOUNG (Household headed by person aged 35)	MID-CAREER (Household headed by person 45 to 54)	THE RETIRED (Household headed by a retired person)	LOWER INCOME (Household income between 20 to 39.9 percent)	UPPER INCOME (Household income between 80 and 89.9 percent)
<b>MEDIAN INCOME</b>	\$32,900	\$61,100	\$24,400	\$25,700	\$104,700
<b>MEDIAN NET WORTH</b>	\$14,200	\$144,700	\$139,800	\$34,300	\$311,100
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>					
Checking or similar account	86.4%   \$1,800	91.8%   \$4,800	90.4%   \$4,200	87.3%   \$1,500	99.1%   \$11,000
Hold stocks directly	15.4%   \$4,400	23.2%   \$14,500	19.4%   \$45,000	8.2%   \$8,000	35.8%   \$15,000
Hold mutual funds, similar investments	8.3%   \$8,000	18.2%   \$50,000	16.2%   \$75,000	7.6%   \$25,000	26.2%   \$33,500
Have a retirement account	40.2%   \$11,000	57.7%   \$59,500	32.9%   \$47,000	30%   \$10,000	81.9%   \$70,000
Have cash value life insurance	11%   \$3,000	26%   \$8,000	29.7%   \$5,000	19.2%   \$3,900	29.5%   \$10,000
<b>NONFINANCIAL ASSETS</b>					
Own a vehicle	82.9%   \$11,300	88.8%   \$18,800	79%   \$10,100	85.3%   \$7,900	95.9%   \$25,800
Own their primary residence	41.6%   \$135,000	77.3%   \$170,000	75.8%   \$130,000	57%   \$100,000	91.8%   \$225,000
Own other residential property, such as a vacation home	5.1%   \$82,500	16.3%   \$90,000	12.8%   \$100,000	6.9%   \$65,000	19.3%   \$98,000
Own equity in a business	6.9%   \$30,000	15.7%   \$144,000	3.5%   \$120,000	6.1%   \$30,000	16%   \$100,000
<b>DEBT</b>					
Hold debt backed by their primary residence	37.7%   \$107,000	64.6%   \$97,000	24.6%   \$42,000	29.5%   \$53,300	76.8%   \$133,000
Hold an installment loan, such as a car or student loan	59.4%   \$11,900	50.2%   \$12,000	22.8%   \$7,300	39.9%   \$8,000	60%   \$15,100
Have a credit card balance	47.5%   \$1,500	54%   \$2,900	25.9%   \$1,400	42.9%   \$1,900	57.6%   \$2,700

SOURCE: The Federal Reserve

of living they and their family are accustomed to. Only 49.7 percent of American families even had a retirement ac-

count in 2004. Those at the median are not the only Americans who need help. The planners had advice

for the typical family headed by someone who is young, middle-aged, retired, and for the affluent and poor. The bad

news: Each of these groups need to do some things differently. The good news: Their problems are not hopeless.

## PROFESSIONALS' ADVICE

### The young: Capitalize on time

The Washington Post

Households headed by someone under age 35 have one big factor in their favor: time. These families and individuals tend to have plidding savings to the tune of \$12,900 in net worth, and only \$1,800 in cash savings among those with a bank account.

But because they are young, these numbers don't represent a crisis. Such families may have 30 or more years until retirement, which is plenty of time to accumulate wealth. Many are already doing some of the right things to build their finances, such as buying a house: 41.6 percent owned their primary residence in 2004, up from 39.9 percent in 2001.

Financial advisers would counsel the typical young family to start paring expenses now and saving more. That \$1,800 in cash savings amounts to less than three weeks of pay for the average young family, leaving them highly vulnerable to financial catastrophe in event of an illness or other setback.

### Upper income: Curb expenses

The Washington Post

Upper-income Americans suffer from some of the same problems as other families but may not know it.

Those near the top of the pay charts, with \$104,700 in annual income, have more savings than those in middle-income brackets — a median net worth of \$311,100, to be precise, according to the Fed data. But it may not be enough to give them a comfortable retirement. They may, financial planners say, be lulled by their comfortable incomes and lives into thinking they're better positioned long term than they are.

That's because the affluent in this category don't just earn more, they spend more. The typical family has \$25,800 in vehicles, \$10,000 more than average families. They have a median of \$100,000 in cash savings, but as a proportion of their incomes, that's only a little better than all families.

Another example of spending reached home is that 20 percent of such families own a secondary resi-

"We recommend three to six months of emergency funds," said Carolyn Juan of Asa Advisors LLC. Moreover, only 40.2 percent have a retirement account, which is the most tax-efficient vehicle through which to begin preparing for the long run. More young people should take advantage, even if it means having to forgo buying a new car or going out to eat, Juan said.

Young people have significant levels of debt: their debt payments amount to 17.8 percent of their income, compared with 14.4 percent for all families. Financial planners said this figure does not particularly disturb them. It makes sense, they would have more debts than others, as they have only begun to pay off student loans and home mortgages.

The experts are less thrilled with the composition of young families' debt. Almost half carry a credit card balance with a median \$1,500 balance. "It's about good debt versus bad debt," said Bard Malovsky of Sagemark Consulting in Virginia. "Borrow money for college is a decent investment."

That strikes Charles Berk of USB Financial Services Inc. as high a proportion. "Most people focus on the first home and building up net worth as opposed to a vacation property," Berk said. A second home "can be a lot of fun, but for this family, if they have a car loan and kids they have to put through college, their financial assets are really quite low relative to their income."

Planners also note another wrinkle in average affluent families' finances: About 16 percent of them own equity in a business. That could create challenges if opportunities — as family members head toward retirement. Those with a significant portion of their assets tied up in a business will need to find some way to turn it into a cash to meet living expenses as they age. Many of them likely are small businesses, so holding a public offering on the New York Stock Exchange isn't exactly an option. Experts suggest detailed planning far in advance of retirement.

### Mid-career: Start planning

The Washington Post

Households headed by someone age 45 to 54 would appear, at first glance, to be in better shape than their younger counterparts. They make more, \$61,100 a year, and have a six-figure net worth.

Yet their financial situation is more dire than that of young people, financial advisers said. Like young people, those who are in this demographic haven't saved nearly enough for retirement. Unlike the young, they don't have much time to make up the deficit.

"They're the ones in the most trouble," said Fred Glickman, senior vice president at financial planning firm Bern-ard R. Wolfe & Associates Inc. in Chevy Chase, Md.

More than 40 percent of families headed by someone in this age range have no retirement account at all. Of those who do, the median value is \$55,000, which planners said is woefully inadequate to fund retirement. "If they're used to living on \$61,000 a year,

that's not going to last them very long," Glickman said.

To support themselves at 80 percent of their current income from age 65 for the rest of their lives, this family would need more like \$1.5 million in savings at retirement, said Jaco Jordaan, a financial planner with Financial Advisors, the wealth-management unit of PNC Financial Services Group Inc. These families likely have 10 to 20 years left to accumulate that kind of cash, which would be a major challenge, Jordaan said.

He would advise a family in that situation to begin maxing out contributions to their 401(k) or similar retirement plan at work, including taking advantage of "catch-up" provisions that allow larger tax-deductible contributions to such plans than younger workers can make. Such families may want a regular or Roth IRA. If they do not sharply increase their savings rates, these middle-aged families will be forced to live a significantly more modest existence during retirement.

### The retired: Tap home equity

The Washington Post

Retirees on average are living on very low incomes — a median of \$24,400 — but have significantly more money tied up in their homes than other low-income Americans.

For example, 75.8 percent of families headed by a retiree own their home, but only 24.6 percent have any debt on that home. Those numbers tell some financial advisers one thing: The average retired person should look for ways to convert that equity in his home into cash that might improve his standard of living.

"It seems like people are reducing their lifestyle in order to have more assets left on their death," said Bard Malovsky of Sagemark Consulting in Annandale, Va. "It doesn't make a lot of sense."

They might instead consider a reverse mortgage, through which they could remain in their home while receiving funds, which would then be repaid when the home is eventually sold.

He cautioned that a person pursuing that approach should get professional advice and analyze the details carefully. Another option would be to refinance to sell the home and rent an apartment, said Charles Berk, a Washington-based first vice president of USB Financial Services Inc., thus turning the home into cash and avoiding the hassle and expense of maintaining a house. "That way, the maintenance is taken care of and they have the capital to supplement their lifestyle," he said.

Many retirees appear particularly vulnerable to one potential investment mistake, judging from the Fed data, said the financial planners. About 19 percent own stocks directly, and the median value of those portfolios is \$45,000. For most people, it makes far more sense to invest in low-fee, diversified mutual funds that own hundreds of stocks than to pick a few and own them directly, advisers said. Yet only 16 percent of retirees owned stock in mutual funds and similar investment pools.

# YOUR BUSINESS

## CAREER MOVES

### Bank employees

**TWIN FALLS — D.L. Evans** bank chief executive officer. John V. Evans Jr. announced the 2005 Magic Valley Employee of the Year recipients.

Becca Burbank serves as operations support specialist in the corporate headquarters in Burley. She is a 1994 graduate of Minico High School and a 1996-97 Rick's College graduate. Burbank started her banking career with D.L. Evans Bank in 1995 as a teller and became the North Burley branch financial services representative in 2001, executive assistant in 2003, and operations support specialist in 2005.

Chris James serves as administrative assistant in the processing center in Burley. She is a 1991-92 Cassia native and attended College of Southern Idaho, earning an associates degree in communications. She worked for the bank since July 2003 and has written freelance for the local paper covering sporting events. Chris is an active member of the team and is involved in the Boy Scouts of America and other local youth groups. Chris and his wife, Tina, have two children.

Katy Andrus, loan processor, is a valuable member of D.L. Evans Bank's processing team. She is a 1998 graduate of Wendell High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho where she was an intern on the Internship Program as well as president of Phi Theta Kappa. Andrus is a lifetime member of the Magic Valley community.

Carol Nye has been a teller for the Albion branch since 1998. She lives in Malta with her family.

Suzette Wilde, South Burley, has worked for D.L. Evans Bank for the past three years as a financial services representative and has over thirteen years of banking experience as a teller and loan officer.

Diane Allen, Rupert, is senior loan assistant and has over 30 years of banking experience. She is a lifetime resident of the Magic Valley and has two grown sons and a wonderful

granddaughter. She enjoys spending time with her husband and family camping and traveling.

Nancy Tellez, worked for the bank since 2002 and serves as loan assistant and backup financial services representative and teller for the Albion branch. She is a graduate of Minico High School and has lived in the Jerome area for the past seven years with her husband and two daughters.

Tena Highbarger, Twin Falls, has more than 16 years of banking experience and has worked for D.L. Evans Bank for the past eight years in various positions such as receptionist, new business development, and currently holds the position of loan processor and currently holds the position of loan processor and currently holds the position of loan processor. She has a master's degree in banking and finance and is married with two children. She participates in school fund raisers, Relay for Life and regularly donates blood to the American Red Cross.

Tina Myers, Twin Falls, has been a valuable member of the D.L. Evans Bank team since October 2001 and is currently serving as a bank benefit specialist and the Magic Valley Premier Club coordinator. She is a graduate of Minico High School and has lived in the Twin Falls area for the past 20 years. Myers is married and has one daughter.

Nester Lopez, data center, has worked for the bank at telecommunications technician since 2003. Nester and his wife live in the Twin Falls area and he is active in community sports events. He readily volunteers his time in extra curricular bank functions and is a positive, dedicated member of the data center team.

Con Paulos — Magic Valley business leader. Con Paulos was recently named State Chairman of the Year by the International Action Committee, the political action committee arm of the National Automobile Dealers' Association. The award was given at the national convention in Orlando, Fla.

Paulos is the owner of Team Con Paulos Chevrolet-Pontiac-GMC in Jerome and Team Con Paulos Volkswagen/Azuda in Twin Falls. In addition to heading two of the state's most successful dealerships, Paulos also owns and operates several Subway restaurant locations in

Idaho.

Jimmi Sommer — Technology Law Group announced that Jimmi Sommer has been selected to serve on two committees of the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Success Center: the SBSC Advisory Board and the Networking and Events Committee.

As director of public and legislative affairs, Sommer manages the Technology Law Group's public relations plan, including its commitment to Community Initiative. She is

currently serving on the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce's Legislative-Affairs Committee for the 2006 Legislative Session.

Sommer holds a master's degree in public administration from Boise State University and a bachelor's degree in international studies from George Fox University and is a 1994 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Lytle sign employees — Lytle Signs announced the promotion two employees.

Phyllis Briggs has been promoted to production manager. He will be responsible for all production issues including work flow, quality control, scheduling, pricing and family life in Twin Falls. He has been on Lytle Signs for 15 years.

### CONTRIBUTIONS



Photo courtesy of Burley High School Drama and Speech Department. Pictured, at left, is Monica DeLora from Burley High School, accepting Wal-Mart's donation to the school's drama and speech department from Nikki Garza, personnel manager and community involvement coordinator for the Burley Wal-Mart.

### Wal-Mart theater donation

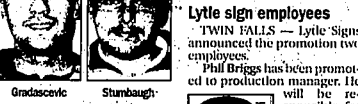
The Burley High School Drama and Speech Department received a donation of \$1,000 from Wal-Mart's Community Donation Center. Donations such as this help the Bobcat Theatre to continue producing plays including the one-act play "Charles Aunt," which will be April 13 and 14 in the King, Elm Arts Center Little Theatre and "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," which will be May 12 and 13. They will also be competing in a one-act play festival in April.

### Wells Fargo aids home buyer education

The Wells Fargo Foundation and the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation each recently contributed \$5,000 to the Finally Home! Home Buyer Education Program administered by the Idaho Partners for Home Buyer Education. The contributions will assist with educational contract expenses associated with providing education for first-time home buyers in Idaho.

Wells Fargo, through its various foundations, has contributed \$50,000 to the program since its inception in 1999. In addition to the contribution, 14 Wells Fargo loan officers are also volunteer instructors in the program.

Twin Falls and Jerome. Paulos is celebrating his 26th year as an automobile dealer in the Magic Valley. He was recently recognized as the "Twin Falls Chamber Lifetime Achievement Award winner."



Truck drivers — TWIN FALLS — Emr Gradscevic and Kenneth Stumbaugh each completed Professional Truck Driving School's three-week class and obtained their Class A commercial driver's licenses. Gradscevic graduated Feb. 17, Stumbaugh on Feb. 21.

Chad Jones has been promoted to floor supervisor. He will be responsible for assisting the production manager in all phases of production, including quality control, Jones and his family live south of Idaho Falls.

Jan Yingst — Twin Falls, So. — Jan Yingst, of Primary Therapy Support, attended the Combined Sections Meeting of the American Physical Therapy Association in San Diego, Calif.

Yingst is a member of the Idaho Physical Therapy Association and the American Physical Therapy Association.

been employed at Lytle Signs for three years.

Debbie Lemon — TWIN FALLS — A Full Life Agency announced Debbie Lemon as their new administrator.

Lemon has been with the company for two years and has eight years of home care industry experience.

Trevor Tarter — TWIN FALLS — Trevor Tarter of the financial-services firm Edward Jones has achieved the professional designation of accredited asset management specialist.



Tarter completed the program from the Denver-based College for Financial Planning. Study topics included understanding the asset management process and understanding asset allocation and strategies.

Michael McBride — Michael G. McBride, general partner and private investor with JPM Partnership, has been named to the Idaho Community Foundation board of directors.

McBride serves on the board of directors for Independent Meat Company and retired in 2005 as vice president of marketing for the corporation. He has served as president of several area organizations and was an advisor and vice president of Idaho, a state-wide nonprofit organization that promotes Idaho products and services.

Sharon Buckle — Sharon Buckle, owner of Sunrise Landscape Design, College of Idaho, recently attended the Idaho Horticulture Expo sponsored by classes at the College of Southern Idaho.



She attended a seminar led by the nationally known landscape designer, Julie Moir Messyng. She will be responsible for a full range of design, landscape implementation and horticulture consultation. Buckle offers a "Spring Garden Review," which helps homeowners identify ways to decrease garden maintenance. Buckle has 25 years of experience. She has a bachelor's degree in Biology from Albion College, Idaho.

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Cactus Pete's — JACKPOT! New — Cactus Casino announced their annual Team Member Recognition program winners.

Teresa Vicente-Cortes, cashier at the Plaza Hot Express, was chosen as Team Member of the Year and was awarded a new Chrysler 300 with all taxes and fees paid by the company.

Michael Gates, slot attendant at the Plaza Hot Express, was chosen as Team Member of the Year and was awarded a new Chrysler 300 with all taxes and fees paid by the company.

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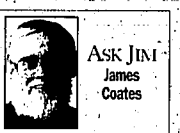
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# What to do when the printer spits out useless pages

Q. I hope that you can help me fix a problem with my printer. I print a document every time I print a document using Microsoft Word 2003. I asked for help with results from my local computer retailer, from Microsoft Office Assistant, and now even a friend who is an IT manager at Lucent Technologies. All have been unsuccessful in helping me. Every time I print a document only in Word 2003, I get a second sheet of what I call a sheet of specs. Here is an example:   
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ASK JIM — James Coates   
Title: Bill Williams   
Subject:   
Author: William G. Williams.   
I have followed all of the advice I have been given by the experts, and it's all been to no avail. This is causing me to use excessive amounts of paper. I really need help insofar as possible.   
—Bill Williams via e-mail   
A. Those "specs" getting printed on a separate page every time you order Microsoft Word to print a document are known as the "document properties" at Microsoft and your problem is quite simple to solve.

Mr. W. There are settings under Page Setup, which is under the File tool in the Word command bar, that include a command to print a properties sheet each time a document is sent to the printer.   
Fixing this is easier by far than was explaining your problem to the four of us you have asked for help. Click on File in Word's command bar and scroll down to Options. When the Options menu pops up, click on the tab for Print.   
There you will find a heading called "Include with Document." Below that is a check box for document properties. Remove the check, and our nation's forests will be a safer and your problem of always getting an unwanted page will disappear.   
Q. I really need help because I can no longer backup my Quicken files on my old 3.5-inch floppy disk because the program needs more disk space

than a floppy has. Also, my Zip drive is no longer attached to my new Windows XP computer. Furthermore, I have been unable to back up my Quicken files to a CD because I cannot find a "burn" command. I have tried several programs that are supposed to make this CD-burning procedure easy, without success. I have even tried to get help in the Microsoft book "Microsoft Windows XP Edition 2" under "Step by Step," Page 101. I get the message "Put disk in drive" (it is already in a drive).   
Why have they made it so hard to make backups onto a disk?   
—Bill Williams, Basking Ridge, NJ   
A. You think you've got problems. Mr. W. I've got to explain to readers why out of all my e-mails I decided to answer two questions from a guy named Bill Williams. It's partly because the Quicken question is very timely. However, I also finished

answering the two questions before I noticed that the notes were from the same guy using different versions of his name and address. Ya got me, B.W./M.W.   
Anyway, dealing with backups of Quicken files vexes a lot of people doing their taxes this time of year. Your computer is either telling you that you are, trying to use a faulty CD or perhaps that your CD drive is defective. Regardless, it's a far better idea to buy an inexpensive hard drive that plugs into a USB port and use it to store those Quicken files containing your entire financial portfolio. In fact, we'd all be advised to get one of these inexpensive devices, use it to store our really important information, and put it somewhere safe.   
Do this and you won't need to worry about whether your computer or any other machine can or cannot work with CDs or floppies or aging Zip drives in the future. Thumb

drives are gadgets about the size and shape of a pack of chewing gum that include a USB connector and a memory card. A 16-megabyte one costs in the \$20 neighborhood.   
You plug the thing into the USB port on that new Windows XP machine, and its icon will appear in the My Computer folder. Drag and drop your Quicken data files onto the icon, and the backup is done on a rugged piece of equipment that works with all new computers. These slim devices are more reliable than CDs, which are prone to failure from scratches on the surface, warping or just confusing software, as you are experiencing right now.   
Contact Jim Coates via e-mail at jcoates@rlrinc.com or via snail at 10000 E. Main Street, Suite 100, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago IL 60611. Questions can be answered only through this column.

Tell us your business   
Please e-mail items to   
Money editor Chris Baldus   
at cbaldus@magvalley.com

# Group unites female business owners

By Phyllis Furman  
Knight-Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — Denise Spencer wants to import jewelry from Istanbul. Tamar Freudman dreams of opening a consultancy that would help businesses cater to the needs of the disabled. Melissa Millam's goal is to launch Blue Lily, a line of organic skin-care products.

Within minutes of meeting at Ladies Who Launch, just growing, for-profit women's business group, these would-be moguls were trading business cards and offering each other business advice.

Call it the golf course for entrepreneurial women. Men have long teed up for business leads. Now, women who want to start their own companies have a shot at networking — but in a far different way.

Founded by two refugees from the corporate world, attorney Victoria Colligan and Columbia M.B.A. Beth Schoenfeld, Ladies Who Launch brings together aspiring and established women to launch Blue Lily.

The starting point for these sessions is the "incubator," a group therapy styled meeting where 12 strangers each get a shot at presenting their ideas.

The setting is a loft-like, no-

fills office space in Manhattan's garment district, where water and nothing else is served. The women differ widely in style, with some carrying Gucci handbags and wearing designer jeans, while others opt for non-nonsense slacks and boots.

Members serve as each other's focus groups. "Home-works" includes critiquing a peer's project. Eight hours of incubator sessions cost \$300.

At a recent meeting, Millam, the aspiring cosmetics mogul, said she's funding her start-up on her credit card and handed out photos of the packaging for her Blue Lily line.

Incubator "graduates" have the option of paying \$500 for a full-year membership to join the group, giving them access to larger peer groups.

There also are discounts to girl-power events, such as a recent one at the Lotus Club in Manhattan where hundreds of women gathered to hear Sila Cosmetics founder Jeanine Lobell.

"This is designed to expand your vision and clarify your goals," Schoenfeld told the women at a recent meeting. "Creativity and entrepreneurship are contagious."

It may sound like fluff. In fact, Ladies Who Launch doesn't teach its members any of the nuts and bolts of starting a busi-

ness, such as how to secure financing. But that hasn't stopped women from signing up faster than bargain-seekers at a \$450 40-percent-off sale.

Begun three and a half years ago, Ladies Who Launch has spread to 22 cities across the country, where independent contractors pay a \$5,000 license fee for the right to run sessions.

Some 150 women in New York are now members of the cheerleading fest. Colligan and Schoenfeld have just signed a book deal with St. Martin's press. And corporations are taking note, with Avon and Comptone Bank signing on as sponsors.

Schoenfeld, whose past jobs include stints at cosmetic giant Clinique, as well as at do-it-yourself start-ups, believes the appetite is growing for this kind of service as women increasingly seek alternatives to the corporate world to better balance career and family.

"Women are starting businesses at twice the rate as men," she said, rattling off a statistic from the Center for Women's Business Research.

"One of the assumptions of Ladies Who Launch is that the women in the group will heat things up for each other by tipping off their friends about products they've seen during the sessions."

Schoenfeld, herself, is a walking advertisement for her members and her office is filled with books, fragrances, and handbags made by her members.

Fashion designer Kathlin Argio learned the power of a Schoenfeld endorsement after the Ladies Who Launch exec wore one of her dresses to a recent big event. The payoff: Stacy London, the host of TLC show "What Not to Wear," liked it so much, she wore an Argio dress on the "Today" show.

Elizabeth Mateo says she would be nowhere without her business idea — a networking group for Hispanic women, called Casa Naranja — without the women she met during her Ladies Who Launch sessions.

"One of the women urged me to get a press release out," Mateo said. "Another woman, a marketing consultant, gave me practical advice about how to connect sponsors and gave me the names of sponsors to contact."

That was a year ago. Now this Washington Heights native has launched her business and is looking to take it public.

"They gave me a vision of what I should be doing," Mateo said. "Nothing ignites your fire more than a group of supportive women who say, 'you can do it.'"



Organic cattle rancher Bob Elliott poses on his 750-acre Dorsey Creek Ranch, Feb. 14 near Basin, Wyo. Elliott has proposed a 137-home subdivision on his ranch, and he intends to cluster the homes into tight rows, leaving 60 percent of the land open for continued organic ranching operations.

# Rural subdivision draws skepticism

By Ruffin Prevost  
The Billings (Mont.) Gazette

BASIN, Wyo. — The scene has played out many times before across the West — a real estate developer facing pointed questions about plans for a housing development that would encroach on rural farmland.

But this time, the proposed 137-tightly clustered homes weren't in an agricultural community near Denver or Salt Lake City. These were planned for the wide-open spaces of Big Horn County, which has a population density of four people per square mile.

"This is driven by the concept that you can preserve farmland while creating housing, instead of just taking the land and chopping it up," said Bob Elliott, who is proposing the development. He is an organic cattle rancher seeking to subdivide his Dorsey Creek Ranch.

Elliott's 750-acre property is situated along the banks of the Greybull River six miles west of Basin in a meadowy, rolling landscape of wind-swept valley in the shadow of northwest Wyoming's Big Horn Mountains. Home to about 1,300 people, Basin is an agricultural community and the county seat for Big Horn County.

More than 30 people crowded into a cramped courthouse basement meeting room in mid-February for a tense and emotional public hearing on Elliott's proposal.

The issues that came up — housing density, wetlands, wastewater treatment, wildlife habitat and property values — are hardly new to the West. But they are new to Basin in Big Horn County, which is seeing a growing trend of development reaching into isolated communities whose zoning regulations don't address such complex issues.

"We've never had any kind of proposal this big, ever," said county planner Jim Walker. "Just to give you an idea, in the last 10 months we've approved two major subdivisions. One was 10 lots on a 40-acre parcel, and the other was four lots on a six-acre parcel."

An earnest and soft-spoken man with a professional manner, Elliott grew up in upstate New York and started organic farming in Virginia in 1972.

His ranching odd figure in a part of Wyoming where locust trees and ranchers live in tight-knit but spread-out communities, places where outsiders are rare and most folks are relatives or lifelong friends.

His idea of creating rows of closely spaced homes, each on a lot of about one-third acre, has been met with quizzical interest from some and outright hostility from others.

"I think it's a very good concept," Elliott said before Tuesday's hearing. "It requires homeowners who really want to be part of something, instead of keeping a few acres of their own."

"This is housing within a community where people want to be surrounded by working farmland," he said. "Instead of keeping a few acres of their own, they'll have use of a 750-acre ranch and hundreds of square miles of adjacent public land."

But after listening to Elliott's proposal, many at the meeting remained unconvinced.

Some expressed concern about lot density, traffic and dust along unpaved county roads.

"A few didn't think buyers would be interested in good low acre, the sprawling properties nearby."

"I'd be very careful about this if I were you," said Andy Dowling, who warned Elliott of developments across the region that have failed.

"This is a very difficult area, where everybody has a large piece of ground," Dowling said. "We have 80 acres, and we're the small guy on the block. I think you're pushing very hard with this many houses in this type of area."

Adjacent landowner Tom Anderson had concerns about the site of the proposed wastewater effluent lagoon, which would be about 1,000 feet from his water well.

"That's right on top of us," Anderson said. "It would be right in our backyard." County regulations require a minimum of 100 feet between septic systems and wells.

In an effort to explain his vision for the project, Elliott passed around a bag of edge-seed, explaining that he didn't anticipate yards on the lots, but saw instead xeriscapes of drought-tolerant native grasses.

"It's not a gated community," he said. "It's not 'McMansions.' It's going to be modest-sized homes for people who want good views and a nice atmosphere."

At one point, Elliott handed out copies of a landscape by painter and Ceramics saying it was the inspiration for arranging the rows of homes in his development to face the Big Horn Mountains.

"I think it has a model for saving farmland," Elliott said. "I got the idea in when I was in Fort Collins, Colo. When farms there were going to be chopped up, this was a way to have housing, and keep the farm."

Clustered development has been promoted around Fort Collins for about seven years, said Larry Smith, planner for Larimer County, Colo.

"It makes a lot of sense for a lot of folks because if you own 35 acres, you have to maintain 35 acres," Smith said. "Sometimes it might be better to have smaller parcels but also have an open area owned and maintained by the whole group."

Timun said the concept is to locate homes along the edges of the property, as Elliott's plan generally calls for, leaving open space for agricultural use.

Though it has been practiced for more than 20 years in other parts of the country, Timun said the concept is relatively new in Colorado and the West.

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# Tatoos in the modern workplace pose culture clash

By Brandy Dellavega  
Reno Gazette-Journal

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Jason Lardon started to worry after he ran out of long-sleeve shirts to wear to work. Part of Lardon's six-month-old tattoo covering his left arm from elbow to shoulder, was "visible" from under his short-sleeve dress shirt.

"I forgot that a San Francisco partner was in town and would be able to see part of my tattoo," Lardon said from the law office of Carlisle, Delloverson, Hirschfeld & Kraemer in Reno. He asked his lawyer, "I should go home and change."

Because the 21-year-old college student wasn't seeing a client that day, his boss said he didn't believe it was inappropriate.

"Given the labor shortage, it's important to look toward diversity," said Devon Reese, an attorney at CDH. "Businesses sometimes looking beyond appearances can be hard."

Not all companies share his philosophy, and sometimes might not look twice at exposed ink or metal, a baby boomers might find it offensive to display body art at work.

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Not everyone in attendance was opposed to Elliott's vision. Fred Collingwood said he had his neighbors for failing to see the opportunity in a development like Dorsey Creek.

"I don't understand it," he said. "I've heard nothing but negatives. I've heard some valid concerns, but nobody's had looked at the positives."



Jason Lardon showing the tattoo he normally covers. Lardon in the type of clothing he wears while working at a law firm in Reno, Nev.

Martynuk's whose father, Guy, owns Body Graphics, is a third-generation tattoo artist.

"Tatoos are a lot more accepted now, especially on women," he said. "I get doctors, police officers, executives coming in to get large pieces."

But he conceded that negative attitudes about people with tattoos still exist. "In the summer, I will have cops ask me if I'm in a gang," he said. "Older women will pull their children away."

As a result, some employers won't hire someone with body art, even if it is hidden.

"It is an issue," said Pamela Tsuji, branch manager of Staffmark in Reno, a company that matches job seekers and potential employers.

Clients used to tell us not to hire people with tattoos. But because of what we're learning in the community and in training, we try to keep more of an open mind."

Tsui agreed the appropriateness of body art at work depends on the company and job position. "It doesn't really matter if they are not interacting with the public," she said.

"Many" companies enforce dress codes due to the fact that their employee is the first person a customer sees.

Stephen Hirschfeld, CEO of CDH and the Employment Law Alliance, said employers can legally restrict body art unless individual states have additional legislation.

"Employers want their employees to look a certain way to create a certain ambience," Hirschfeld said. "The reality is tattoos, piercings, body art can be restricted by dress codes or uniform requirements."

That isn't stopping lawsuits filed against companies with restrictions on body art.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission enforces discrimination laws regarding age, disability, equal pay, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion and retaliation. Several employees have used these laws

to sue employers. An employee sued Costco Wholesale Corp. in federal court, for religious discrimination, arguing her facial jewelry was required by her religion, the Church of Body Modification. A judge dismissed the suit, ruling that Costco attempted to make reasonable accommodations for her and that her religion did not require she wear piercings at all times. The decision was upheld by the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Guy Martynuk, owner of Body Graphics Tattooing, is careful about who sees his ink. "I have been tattooing for 35 years and I have nothing below my wrists," he said. "I have to deal with the Health Department, the city, and they just immediately look you up."

Lardon says he isn't worried, but his business prospects, whatever he does in the future, it will be in a formal environment," he said. "I won't make a big deal of it and I won't wear long sleeves."

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