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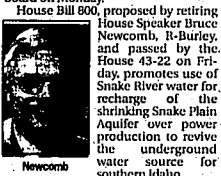
AQUIFER RECHARGE

Idaho Power ready to fight

Utility: Newcomb bill may raise rates, spark court action

By Pat Maiconato Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If the Legislature passes an aquifer recharge bill, it's likely to bring a court challenge by Idaho Power Co. In fact, company executives, let that message sink in during a discussion with The Times-News editorial board on Monday.



House Bill 800, proposed by retiring House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, B-Burley, and passed by the House 43-22 on Friday, promotes use of Snake River water for recharge of the shrinking Snake Plain Aquifer over power production to revive this underground water source for southern Idaho.

Gregory Panter, Idaho Power's vice president of public affairs, said the legislation constitutes a huge hit on the company and its 480,000 power customers — 95 percent of which are in Idaho — by potentially taking water away from hydroelectric plants. Furthermore, the bill could also violate the 1984 Swan Falls agreement between the company and the state, which he said resolved major issues in water allocation.

The Swan Falls pact guaranteed the power company minimum summer flows of 3,900 cubic-feet-per-second in summer, and winter flow rights of 5,600 cfs at the Swan Falls dam. The company also subordinated its hydro-power water rights in excess of those flows to upstream beneficial use.

A 1994 statute designated recharge as a beneficial use, but recognized that Idaho Power's rights were not subordinated to recharge, Panter said.

Newcomb's proposal would turn that around, making recharge primary over power.

The company is not part of the long-standing conflict between groundwater and surface water user. But the legislation would draw the company off

PIPING THE CANYON



New growth in Twin Falls means new pipe along Canyon Springs Road. Here workers replace old sewer lines with larger pipes that can handle increased flow. The 10-inch lines laid in the 1960s are being replaced with modern 18-inch pipes along a stretch of the road that leads to Centennial Park and the public golf course.

City replacing sewer line under Canyon Springs Road

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Don't head down Canyon Springs Road unless you have a little extra time on your hands.

The city has begun a replacement of one-half mile of sewer line and the road has been narrowed to one lane of traffic. Drivers can expect a 15-minute delay, said Lee Glasemann, the city's project coordinator.

"The line is one of three main sewer trunks going to the wastewater plant," Glasemann said.

He said the city is replacing a 10-inch sewer line installed in the 1960s with a new 18-inch line.

"It reached the end of its life," Glase-

mann said. "I low big was the city 40 years ago!"

Canyon Springs Road is the only road into the canyon that serves the city's wastewater treatment plant, Centennial Park and Canyon Springs Golf Course. Glasemann said the project's contractor is DEBCO, an Orofino-based company with an office in Twin Falls.

When the project began earlier this month, construction activities that required lengthy road closures were done at night. But now it is expected that most of the remaining work will be done between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. To limit public inconvenience, construction has been scheduled seven days a week and is expected to be completed by April 6.

Mercury issue likely Risch's call

Legislature fails to act on rule impacting coal power plants

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

BOISE — Should he step into the federal mercury rule — a rule that impacts potential coal-fired power plants in Idaho — is unclear once again, following a House committee meeting Monday.

The state's position on the federal mercury rule — a rule that impacts potential coal-fired power plants in Idaho — is unclear once again, following a House committee meeting Monday. The committee opposed legislation that suggested the state maintains its current course — without coal-fired plants — at least until the Legislature could review a study on mercury in Idaho next January.

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SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION: Senate to vote on plan that calls for using \$5 million to pay for school maintenance and creates a revolving loan fund to help fix unsafe or insufficient schools.

Christianity may mean execution for Afghan man

By Kim Barker Chicago Tribune

KABUL, Afghanistan — Abdul Rahman told his family he was a Christian. He told the neighbors, bringing shame upon his home. But then he told the police, and he could no longer be ignored.

Now, in a major test of Afghanistan's fledgling court system, Rahman, 42, faces the death penalty for abandoning Islam for Christianity. Prosecutors say he should die. So do his family, his jailers, even the judge. Rahman has no lawyer. Jail officials refused to let anyone see Rahman on Monday, despite permission granted by the country's justice minister.

"We will cut him into little pieces," said Hosnia Wafayoshi, who works at the jail, as she made a cutting motion with her hands. "There's no need to see him."

Rahman's trial, which started Thursday, is thought to be the first of its kind in the country. Afghanistan is still recovering from

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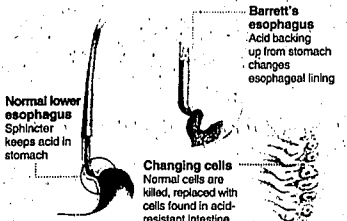
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He is my son. But if a son does not care about the dignity of his family, the dignity of his father, God can take him away. You cannot make anything out of such a son.

— Abdul Manan, 75, father

Migrating cells can damage lining

Barrett's esophagus, a condition found in the lower part of the esophagus, is caused by changes in cells due to the presence of stomach acid, which could cause cancer.



SOURCE: Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research

Study: Chronic heartburn fuels cancer

Researchers debate how to treat people at most risk

By Lauran Neergaard Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Chronic heartburn appears to be fueling the nation's fastest-growing cancer, esophageal cancer.

Some 3 million Americans are thought to have a type of esophageal damage from severe acid reflux that puts them at increased risk for the deadly cancer — and new research is exploring whether it's possible to zap away that damage and block the cancer from ever forming.

"The million-dollar question

is can we prevent cancer," says Dr. Vik Sharma of the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz., who is leading one of the newest studies, using radiofrequency energy to burn away the damage. "That has not been answered."

But it's a question taking on new urgency as doctors chart a six-fold increase in the last two decades in the main type of esophageal cancer.

About 14,500 Americans will be diagnosed with esophageal cancer this year, the American Cancer Society estimates. Most won't be diagnosed until they

feel such symptoms as trouble swallowing and loss of appetite. The prognosis is grim: Just 16 percent of esophageal cancer patients survive five years, and 13,770 are predicted to die this year.

Most have esophageal adenocarcinoma, the type linked to severe chronic heartburn.

With this "gastroesophageal reflux disease," or GERD, a loose valve allows stomach acid to regularly back up into the delicate esophagus. In a fraction of heartburn sufferers, most over age 50, severe GERD over many years actually

changes the lining of the esophagus: When the stomach acid kills cells in that lining, the esophagus eventually starts healing itself with more acid-resistant cells — which happen to be cancer-prone.

It's a condition called Barrett's esophagus, and Barrett's sufferers are thought to be at least 30 times more likely than the average person to get esophageal cancer.

Here's the rub: Esophageal cancer is slow-growing and doesn't appear overnight. Just one in 200 Barrett's patients develops cancer every year, cautions Dr. Stuart Spechtler, a gastroenterologist at the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST
Today: Generally cloudy with a slight chance for widely scattered rain or snow showers. Highs middle 40s.
Tonight: A few longer snow showers early, otherwise mostly cloudy. Lows near 30.
Tomorrow: The clouds part and temperatures warm some. Highs around 50.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST
Today: A slight chance for rain or snow showers. Highs reaching the mid 40s.
Tonight: A couple of snow showers early then mostly cloudy. Lows mid 30s.
Tomorrow: Clouds decreasing with highs in the middle 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
Scattered mountain snows and valley rain showers will be around today into early tonight. Skies clear some by tomorrow as a weak ridge of high pressure moves over.
BOISE
Today Highs 33 to 41. Tonight's Lows: 19 to 18.
A couple of showers cannot be ruled out today, but into early tonight. Skies will clear some tomorrow and a small warming trend takes place into Thursday.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
'I had never leads through inspiration. People like to work with people going places and are starved for the energy and excitement that business was always meant to have.'

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST
Today: Cloudy with a few rain or snow showers. High 47.
Tonight: A few lingering snow showers. Low 30.
Wednesday: Clouds part, a bit warmer. 50/31.
Thursday: Warmer with partly sunny skies. 59/35.
Friday: Partly sunny and mild. 58/32.
Saturday: Shower chances return. 59/35.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS
Temperature: Today 47, Tomorrow 47, Wednesday 50, Thursday 59, Friday 58, Saturday 59.
Precipitation: Today 0.00", Tomorrow 0.00", Wednesday 0.00", Thursday 0.00", Friday 0.00", Saturday 0.00".
Humidity: Today 76%, Tomorrow 76%, Wednesday 76%, Thursday 76%, Friday 76%, Saturday 76%.
Barometric Pressure: Today 30.0, Tomorrow 30.0, Wednesday 30.0, Thursday 30.0, Friday 30.0, Saturday 30.0.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET
Today: Moonrise 1:28 AM, Moonset 11:47 AM.
Tomorrow: Moonrise 1:32 AM, Moonset 11:41 AM.
Wednesday: Moonrise 1:36 AM, Moonset 11:35 AM.
Thursday: Moonrise 1:40 AM, Moonset 11:29 AM.
Friday: Moonrise 1:44 AM, Moonset 11:23 AM.
Saturday: Moonrise 1:48 AM, Moonset 11:17 AM.

REGIONAL FORECAST
Today: High 47, Low 30.
Tomorrow: High 47, Low 30.
Wednesday: High 50, Low 31.
Thursday: High 59, Low 35.
Friday: High 58, Low 32.
Saturday: High 59, Low 35.

NATIONAL FORECAST
Today: High 47, Low 30.
Tomorrow: High 47, Low 30.
Wednesday: High 50, Low 31.
Thursday: High 59, Low 35.
Friday: High 58, Low 32.
Saturday: High 59, Low 35.

WORLD FORECAST
Today: High 47, Low 30.
Tomorrow: High 47, Low 30.
Wednesday: High 50, Low 31.
Thursday: High 59, Low 35.
Friday: High 58, Low 32.
Saturday: High 59, Low 35.

CANADIAN FORECAST
Today: High 47, Low 30.
Tomorrow: High 47, Low 30.
Wednesday: High 50, Low 31.
Thursday: High 59, Low 35.
Friday: High 58, Low 32.
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Christianity

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23 years of war and the harsh rule of the Taliban, a radical Islamic regime that fell in late 2001. Even under the more moderate government now in power, Islamic law is supposed to be followed, and many killings require the death penalty for anyone who leaves Islam for another religion.
'We are Muslim, our fathers were Muslim, our grandfathers were Muslim,' said Abdur Mannan, Rahman's father, who is 75. 'This is an Islamic country. Imagine if your son told a police commander, also a Muslim, that he is a Christian. How would this affect you? It's very difficult for us.'

Mercury

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The correct course of action is to let the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality continue on under the governor's directive," said Rep. George Eskridge, R-Dover.
Eskridge made the motion to hold Senate Concurrent Resolution 131 in committee, effectively blocking the bill out of the House, Environment, Energy and Technology Committee voted 11-2 to do so.
Last year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released its Clean Air Mercury Rule, which reduces mercury emissions nationwide from coal-fired power plants over time. With no plants in the state, Idaho was in a unique position in regards to the federal program: opt out - keeping coal-fired power plants out of the state - or opt in - allowing energy companies to purchase "excess" emission credits from other states and build in Idaho. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne had instructed DEQ to join the federal program. However, the rule is on hold currently with EPA.

Aquifer

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The sidelines and into the fight, which is exacerbated by six years of drought, Panter said. The company is being turned into a scapegoat when the problem is overextension of the aquifer.
'It's not right and it's not fair,' he said.
Idaho Power executives warn that the issue will land in court if the bill becomes law, a costly lawsuit to the state.
'We think the agreement does not subordinate us to recharge,' Panter said.
'To questions posed by Newcomb about the Swan Falls agreement and recharge, the Idaho attorney general's office found that Idaho Power water rights above the minimum flows are held in trust by the state for any subsequent beneficial upstream use' approved by the state, and that includes recharge. The attorney general's office also wrote that the laws regarding Swan Falls 'only created an incidental benefit in favor of Idaho Power and did not give rise to any vested rights or priorities.'
Idaho Power Chief Executive Officer J. LaMont Keen said the state's opinion opens a "Pandora's box of Swan Falls."
Panter added that the bill's impact is questionable for the current year. Irrigation season starts April 1, so even if the bill passes and goes into effect July 1, it won't result in recharge this year, Panter said. 'All it does is lead to litigation.'
But on Monday, Newcomb introduced an emergency clause to HB 800 which would put the law into effect, if passed. The amendment was to be heard by the House Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday.
Earlier, Newcomb had said the possibility of a recharge would only happen every decade or so - when there was

The end for School for Deaf and Blind?

BOISE (AP) - A bill to abandon the 100-year-old Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, where enrollment has been shrinking and per-student costs are on the rise, is on the House Education Committee agenda for Tuesday.
The enrollment at the Gooding school in southern Idaho has shrunk to 70, and it costs about \$82,000 per pupil per year to educate students who live at the 40-acre facility. The school also offers classes to people who don't live on campus, but only 8 percent of all blind and deaf people in Idaho live close enough to attend.
'Three members of the legislative budget-writing panel, Rep. Margaret Henbest, D-Boise, Rep. Kathy Skippen, R-Emmett, and Sen. Patti Anne Pedersen, R-Huston, say the residential school should be abandoned in favor of a regional approach that puts more children with hearing or seeing disabilities in mainstream classes.
One possible use for the school would be to turn it into a treatment center for mothers who are addicted to methamphetamine, Skippen said.

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CORRECTION

Photo caption listed wrong woman
A photo in Saturday's Times-News Community section contained an incorrect caption. Jeannine Barneye was standing with Lee DeVore as he received an award from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley. The Times-News regrets the error.

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IDAHO

# House panel passes support for 10 Commandments displays

By Kyle Amond  
Associated Press writer



BOISE — A measure asking Congress to let elected officials and government bodies publicly display their religious beliefs is headed to the Idaho House floor for a vote.

The State Affairs Committee passed the nonbinding resolution 16-1 on Monday. The request, already approved by the Senate, comes in response to court rulings that limit the acknowledgment of God in public prayers and pledges, said Bryan Fischer, director of the Idaho Values Alliance.

Congress is considering a proposal that would ban federal courts — including the U.S.

Supreme Court — from making rulings on public officials' acknowledgment of God, including bans on the Ten Commandments being displayed on public property, the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance and the national motto "One nation under God."

In 2002, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, encompassing most of the western United States including Idaho, deemed the words "under God" unconstitutional in the Pledge of Allegiance. That ruling was later overturned by the Supreme

Court on a technicality.

Also, in 2004, the Boise City Council decided to remove a Ten Commandments monument from a city park after 40 years, citing the potential for costly litigation.

Fischer says the bill in Congress, backed by Idaho Republicans Rep. Butch Otter and Sen. Larry Craig, will stop judges from legislating from the bench.

It would also punish judges who disregard the ordinance by considering banned cases.

"I think it's important that our Constitution protects the freedom of religion, not the freedom from religion," said Brandt Swindell, co-director of Keep the Commandments Coalition.

Rep. Bill Sall, R-Kuna, said action by Congress would protect the Idaho Legislature, which opens each session of the House and Senate with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho is opposing the resolution and the bill in Congress, saying it would limit the rights of religious minorities and atheists.

"The act would slam shut the federal courthouse doors to religious minority parents, school children and others who seek nothing more than to have their religious and free speech claims heard before the courts most uniquely suited to entertain such claims," said Mary Durand, ACLU Idaho lobbyist.

## Court: Committees can be closed to public

By Christopher Smith  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Idaho Supreme Court ruled Monday that the state constitution does not limit the power of the Legislature to close committee meetings, rejecting an argument by the Idaho Press Club and other groups that framers intended all lawmaking proceedings to be conducted publicly.

The Press Club sued the Legislature in 2003 for closing some meetings of official committees, arguing that the state constitution states the "business of each house" must be conducted "openly and not in secret sessions."

But in a 3-2 decision, the Idaho Supreme Court upheld 4th District Judge Kathryn Sticken of Boise, who had determined the framers of the Idaho Constitution intended only the general sessions of the House and Senate always to be open, not the committee hearings.

"None of the delegates (to the constitutional convention) argued that legislative committee meetings should be either open

or closed," wrote Justice Daniel Elsmann for the majority. "That is simply not a matter they were concerned about."

Writing for the minority, Justice Jim Jones countered that there is nothing in the constitution that authorized the Legislature to conduct any business in committees.

"Just because the Legislature has chosen to conduct a good deal of its work in its various committees does not mean that the legislative business conducted in these committees can be shielded from public view," Jones wrote.

Idaho House Speaker Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said he was pleased with the court's finding upholding the Legislature's power to close committee meetings whenever it deems necessary. But he said Republican leaders in the House and Senate were at work on a new rule that would prevent closures of committee meetings except in rare instances.

"We have a joint rule that we might discuss, that would address abuses of executive privilege," Newcomb told The Associated Press.

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NATION

# Bush to nation: Look beyond the bloodshed

President says Iraq shows some progress



Bush

As the president delivered the latest installment in an upbeat defense of his Iraq policy, opponents used the day after the third anniversary of the invasion to step up their criticism.

Three potential 2008 presidential candidates, Democratic Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson and Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska — offered critical assessments in separate speeches to the International Association of Firefighters' legislative conference in Washington.

Bush fielded questions for nearly an hour at the City Club, a forum known for its tough interrogations of world leaders. Not only was he grilled on Iraq, but he was also asked to justify his war beyond the bloodshed and signs of progress.

The president was asked why he deemed Iraq — which turned out not to have weapons of mass destruction — as enough of a threat three years ago to launch an invasion, in contrast to nuclear-ambitious Iran today.

"One difference was that, in Iraq, there was a series of unanimous U.N. Security Council resolutions that basically held the Iraqi government to account, which Saddam Hussein ignored," Bush said. Still, he said Iraq was a concern, on the question of nuclear weapons and on its role in Iraq.

The White House has accused Iran of meddling in Iraqi politics and of supporting armed militias in Iraq by sending money and weapons, including components for increasingly lethal roadside bombs, Iraq and the United States have urged to talk about Iraq, but Bush said, "It's very important, however, for the Iraqis to understand that the discussion is limited to what we feel like they need to know our position."

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## Iraqis say Marines killed members of two families

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Residents gave new details Monday about the shootings of civilians in a western Iraqi town, where the U.S. military is investigating allegations of sexual misconduct by American troops last November.

The residents said troops entered homes and shot and killed 15 members of two families, including a 3-year-old girl, after a roadside bomb killed a U.S. Marine.

The military, which announced Friday that dozen Marines are under investigation for possible war crimes in the Nov. 19 incident, said in a statement Monday that a witness at the aftermath of the shootings in Haditha, 140 miles northwest of Baghdad, was presented in support of the allegations.

The charges against the Marines were first brought forward by Time magazine, which reported this week that it obtained a videotape two months ago taken by a Baghdad journalist student that shows the dead still in their nightclothes. The magazine report mirrored what was told independently to The Associated Press by residents who described what happened as "a massacre." However, Time said the available evidence did not prove conclusively that the Marines deliberately killed innocents.

A military spokesman said Monday the allegations were being taken "very seriously."

Khaled Ahmed Isayef, whose brother and six other relatives were killed, said the roadside bomb exploded at about 7:15 a.m. in the al-Subhani neighborhood, heavily damaging a U.S. Humvee.

A U.S. military statement in November described it as an ambush on a joint U.S.-Iraq patrol that left 15 civilians, eight insurgents and a U.S. Marine dead in the bombing and a subsequent firefight. The statement said the 15 civilians were killed by the blast, a claim residents denied.

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# Insurgents, gangs continue violent ways

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — At least 39 people were killed by insurgents and Shiite sectarian gangs, police reported Monday — continuing the wave of violence that has left nearly 1,000 Iraqis dead since the bombing last month of a Shiite Muslim shrine.

As the Iraq war entered its fourth year, police found the bodies of at least 15 more people — including that of a 13-year-old girl — dumped in and near Baghdad. The discoveries marked the latest in a string of execution-style killings that have become an almost daily event as Sunni and Shiite extremists settle scores. Sectarian killings have swept across Iraq since the Feb. 22 bombing of a Shiite Muslim shrine in Samarra. An Associated Press tally, including the deaths reported Monday, put the toll at 993 since the golden dome atop the Askariya shrine was left in rubble by two bombers, who are believed to remain at large.

Among those killed in 10 reported violence Monday were 19 policemen, who are prime targets for insurgents, most of them Sunni militants, trying to break the will of the mainly Shiite police force.

As night fell on Monday, a bomb struck a coffee shop in northern Baghdad, killing at least three civilians and injuring 23 others. The bomb was left in

# Protesters denounce election

MINSK, Belarus — Thousands of opposition supporters gathered in the center of the Belarus capital Monday for a second night, hoping their protest would help overturn a presidential election that the U.S. said was flawed by a "climate of fear."

The United States and the European Union called for new elections on Belarus, where the numbers of demonstrators was smaller than on election night and prospects for a Ukraine-style "Orange Revolution" seemed remote.

With overnight temperatures at 20 degrees, protesters set up a dozen small tents and vowed to turn the demonstration into a round-the-clock presence. Most of the tents were draped with historic national flags favored by critics of authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko, who has scrapped them for a Soviet-style version.

"This is our last chance," said Vladimir Flivsky, a 20-year-old student who had wrapped one of the red-striped white flags around his shoulders and wore a pin in the same colors saying "For Freedom!"

# Category 5 storm slams into Australia

CAIRNS, Australia — Metal roofs littered streets, wooden houses lay in splinters and banana plantations were stripped bare after the most powerful cyclone to hit Australia in three decades lashed the country's eastern coast Monday.


Amazingly, the storm caused no reported fatalities, and only 30 people suffered minor injuries. But the damage from Cyclone Larry, a Category 5 storm with winds up to 180 mph, was expected to run into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

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a plastic bag inside the shop in a market area of the Azamiyah neighborhood, police Maj. Fahih al-Mohammadevi said.


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## EDITORIAL

### Darrington law provides a fair loophole on registry

As promised, the Idaho Legislature has delivered on numerous fronts to get tough on crime, especially on the issue of sexual offenders.

Last week, the governor signed a bill that passed easily through both houses, lifting the statute of limitations for the prosecution of sex offenses. Now, a perpetrator or a molested child can't hide from his or her crimes years after the fact.

Laws like these will reaffirm society's intolerance for sexual crimes. But it's also refreshing to see the pendulum hasn't swung too far.

Sen. Dennis Darrington, R-Declo, who chairs the Senate Judiciary Rules Committee, has crafted a sensible fix for removing the sexual offender label.

According to SB 1425, if a defendant who is convicted of rape is under 21 and no more than three years older than the victim, the court may exempt him from having to register as a sex offender. The bill passed unanimously through the Senate and awaits House debate.

The rule could be a significant measure that helps mediate what has been an emotional issue regarding young men who are prosecuted for statutory rape after consensual sex with a minor. For starters, the measure would not change a guilty defendant's sentencing, whether it be probation or jail time. If a court or judge

finds the defendant requires these terms, they still stick. Furthermore, the exemption from the sexual offender registry would only come after all parties have agreed to the exemption, and the defendant has demonstrated "by clear and convincing evidence" that he is not at risk to commit another sexual offense crime.

The law is written in a way to address situations where a defendant has relations with a minor who is close to his own age. Darrington's law doesn't dismiss a state's ability to prosecute those crimes.

That may not be good enough for some people who feel the statutory rape element penalizes young men who make mistakes. But the law, and prosecutors' ability to use it, will continue.

But when that defendant has paid for his mistake, and is ready to move on, there's something wrong with forcing him to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life. A young defendant who has consensual sex with someone under 18, but close to him in age, is drastically different than an offender who preys on children.

"This came about because there has been numerous cases of consensual sex where someone has had to register as a sex offender," Darrington said. "I don't understand why we need to keep those people on the sex offender registry when there was no force involved."

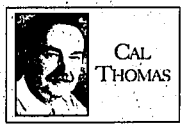
Darrington's law takes a fair approach of justice that doesn't force the defendant to pay for his entire life.

**Our view: A new bill provides some valid exemptions to the sexual offender registry law. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

## What would Reagan say now?

Not so long ago, in a country that now seems far, far away, Ronald Reagan told the nation, "We don't have deficits because people are taxed too little. We have deficits because big government spends too much."

He uttered those words in a year when Democrats controlled the House (the body in which spending legislation originates) and the national debt, according to the Bureau of Public Debt, was \$2.3 trillion.

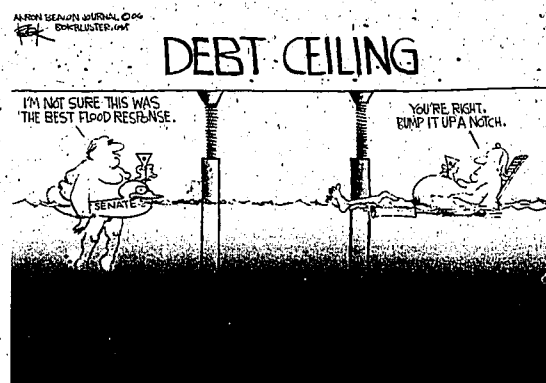


CAL THOMAS

Last week, a Republican Senate voted to raise the debt ceiling to nearly \$9 trillion. Senators quickly passed a record \$2.8 trillion budget. What would Reagan say now? He said "cutting taxes is outrageous. For years I've asked that we stop pushing onto our children the excesses of our government." He called for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution and labeled the budget process a "sorry spectacle."

The Senate vote increased the debt ceiling for the fourth time in five years. The statutory debt limit has now risen by more than \$3 trillion since President Bush took office. That any Republican majority could preside over such fiscally irresponsible spending ought to be grounds for revoking their party membership.

This is mostly about politics, not terrorism. Republicans fear that only jobs of money will endear them to voters in sufficient numbers to recede their increasingly precarious majority. Why should Republicans be re-elected when one of the major reasons the GOP exists is



to reduce the size and cost of government and free more people to do for themselves instead of restricting their liberties through cost and overreaching big government? Sen. Jim DeMint, South Carolina Republican, rightly expressed his concern, "Spending on his colleagues' political nervousness." They want to go and say they are helping people but we are not helping people when we are selling out their future.

DeMint might have added that it doesn't help people to cause them to rely on and pay for ever-expanding government. Such a policy stifles initiative and personal responsibility and discourages incentive. It goes against the "American ethic" that was one of America's foundational principles.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, South Carolina Republican, observed, "This is the final nail in our coffin if we don't watch it." Graham said Republican spending habits are demoralizing voters: "I don't think we properly understand

the keys to our electoral success." Sen. Arlen Specter, Pennsylvania Republican, defended spending an additional \$7 billion for health and education programs, claiming those areas have lacked money in recent years. He is kidding? The Bush administration has shored the biggest new entitlement program in history—a prescription drug benefit for the elderly. And he's not forget "No Child Left Behind," which massively increased federal education spending when there is no evidence of a connection between money and academic achievement.

Perhaps the real culprit is not Congress, but us. The Pew Research Center poll of March 14 found that only 55 percent of Americans rate the deficit as a "top priority." That contrasts with the 1990s when the deficit resonated more strongly with voters as long as we are willing to take the money in exchange for our votes, politicians will give it to us. This must change, not only because we are in debt up to our eyeballs, but also be-

cause many of the note holders are, or might become, our enemies.

Mounting testing for all government programs and term limits for Congress are the answer to never-ending debt, but neither is likely to happen.

Reagan said his favorite president was Calvin Coolidge. In 1923, when Coolidge was vice president, he said, "After order and liberty, economy is one of the highest essentials of a free government."

Coolidge led the presidency with a surplus. So did Bill Clinton. That a Republican Congress and administration are engaging in such promiscuous spending is obscene. If voting in Democrats—who in the past engaged in deficit spending—punishes Republicans, little will change. What do?

Maybe it's time for a strong, third party, or failing that, another revolution.

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## LETTERS

isties, not that our teachers engage children's minds for lifelong skills.

The levy funding made no provisions for new teacher hires for the current rates. The district office would rather hire paraprofessionals to assist the teacher-student ratio. State required numbers for each classroom is 22 students; the state then pays in units of 18 1/2 per classroom. Why aren't schools receiving double funding for classrooms with 30 students? Because there's more money to be had by issuing a bond full of empty promises rather than to allocate and reprogram to accommodate the current situation in our schools.

MICKEY TANNER  
Twin Falls

### Threat of coal-fired plants is overblown

For 10 years, I lived near two coal-fired power plants in Arizona-New Mexico border. We never had any coal dust. I heard any complaints and never saw any signs the plants were even in operation. The plants were forced to shut down because of mercury poisoning, not any black lung disease, no mercury poisoning, and I don't take any medications.

All the hypothetical black lung and mercury poison issues were true, but all the people in areas east of the Rocky Mountains would be dead or dying from pollution caused by coal products. The citrus fruits from Florida would be "poisoned" by the coal-fired plants there. DeSere Ranch, the largest cattle ranch in the country near Orlando, would not be able to continue operations if it were "poisoned" by three adjacent coal-fired plants.

Were you aware that many floodlights and all fluorescent lights contain mercury and other heavy metals? Same with computers. How do you dispose of these items? I'll bet most folks simply throw them

in the trash. Were you aware that natural phenomena like volcanoes, forest fires and undersea geological activity generate much more mercury than the current coal-fired plants? Did you also know that many of the local sugar beet facilities were powered by coal without the stringent emissions controls required for power plants? Were you aware that developing nations like China are the largest global threat to coal-fired plant pollution? That's because they do not require the stringent emissions controls that we have in the United States.

Within 25 years, the world's power demand is expected to double. Will Idaho be left in the dark? No morning coffee, no pumped irrigation water, no power to operate computers. Do you know that the law continues to import power from adjoining states like the nearly 50 percent Idaho imports today (from coal-fired plants in Wyoming, Montana, Utah). Sharing is something that is generally learned in kindergarten. I guess some folks would just rather take.

MARIGLE CROSSLEY  
Twin Falls

### Plant opponents present no real alternatives

Here are some thoughts regarding the proposed coal-fired plant:

Some folks say they can live on things produced only in Idaho and we don't need anything from "outside." That's their logic for not wanting to send power out of state. Where do they get their clothing? Fuels? Food? Cars? Building products? Computers? Furniture? These items are manufactured elsewhere using large amounts of energy, much of which comes from coal. (These items are not manufactured in the local store where you buy them) Perhaps we should learn to be cooperative Americans.

Some folks are saying they don't want our local air contaminated by power plant emissions. How about the sources that exist already?

Odors and chemical emissions in the air and water from large dairy farms are ongoing contamination problems that we seem to avoid discussing. By the way, agricultural emission issues are not stringently controlled by regulatory agencies like industrial and utility emissions are.

Some folks are worried about aquifer water being contaminated by "leakage" from the proposed plant. How about the tons of nitrogen, phosphate and pesticides that are already dumped on farmland every year? Does it just vaporize? Also, the lava fields throughout the area are the result of volcanic activity. Did you know that the lava contains mercury and that volcanic activity, forest fires and undersea geological activity is a larger source of mercury than coal-fired plants?

How many farms use higher sulfur "off-road" diesel (OK for tractors) in their pickup trucks rather than buying higher cost low-sulfur diesel required for on-road use?

I see lots of letters from opponents of the proposed plant. I am also aware of people who are in favor of it but are afraid to comment publicly for fear of retaliation to the workplace (fired, lost customers). It's sad that people cannot freely speak their minds.

Do the folks who are concerned about the environment concern themselves with four-wheelers, snowblowers, SUVs, wood-burning fireplaces and other equipment that emits a far greater share of pollution than "controlled" sources?

Quite a few folks have said they don't want/need coal-fired generation in Idaho. But when they hear reasonable alternatives? The technologies you are either not commercially viable, are not available 24/7/365 or are too costly. Another reason sounds great but difficult to "manage." Are you ready for a nuke plant?

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## LETTER

### Keep us informed on ANWR politics

Sens. Craig and Crapanzano that we have Gov. Kempthorne as the next Secretary of Interior, maybe our team can stop the secret

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ED CHUPA  
Twin Falls

# Some ask: Why seek pardon for Rosa Parks?

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — During the 50th anniversary of the Montgomery bus boycott last year, civil rights leaders called for a pardon of Rosa Parks over her arrest for refusing to give up her seat to a white man.

But now, some — including the pastor of the church Parks attended in Montgomery — are coming out against the idea.

With a bill moving through the Alabama

Legislature to pardon Parks and perhaps hundreds of others for violating segregation-era laws, they say a pardon implies she did something wrong.

Why would brave people like this need to get a pardon from anyone? Someone needs to tell them that we treated you wrong," the Rev. Joseph R. Bernhart, pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Church, said Monday. "I want my grandson to know what she did."

However, Mary Smith Ware, 69, urged passage of the pardon legislation. The black woman was arrested and fined \$10 for refusing to give up her seat on a crowded city bus about two months before Parks' arrest.

"I should be pardoned because I feel I didn't have to get up and give my seat to anyone," Ware said.

State Rep. Thad McClammy, a black Montgomery Democrat and sponsor of

the bill, said the pardons will spell out that they are being issued because the Jim Crow laws were wrong. "In no way trying to compromise history," McClammy said.

The idea of pardoning Parks, who died in October at age 92, and others was raised during the December celebrations in Montgomery honoring the 50th anniversary of her arrest and the start of the Montgomery bus boycott.

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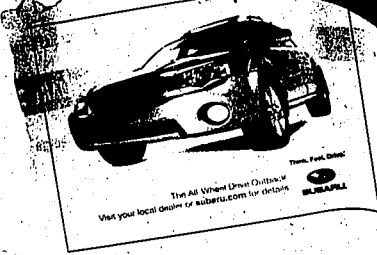
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Brady shares his views on Sempra

**JEROME** — Jerry Brady, Democratic candidate for Idaho governor, will meet with Citizens Protecting Resources at 7:30 Tuesday at the Fish & Game Building on Highway 93 to oppose construction of the Sempra Energy coal-fired power plant in Magic Valley.

"We have alternatives to this plant," Brady said. "This is not the place for it. Southern Idaho is not the place for it. We have pollution-generating coal technologies. It's time to stand up and just say 'no' to Sempra."

Brady will also meet with the president of the College of Southern Idaho at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the CSI Campus, 315 Falls Ave., Taylor Building, Room 112.

### Magic Valley online auction ends tonight

**TWIN FALLS** — If you like the exciting world of eBay, you'll love the Magic Valley's most fascinating Internet auction site — Bid and Buy. And it comes to an end at 8 p.m. at [www.Bidditwin.com](http://www.Bidditwin.com). Sponsored by *The Times-News*, Bidditwin.com offers a wide array of local merchandise and services to online bidders. All items are offered by Magic Valley businesses and have been offered during the March 12-21 auction period. For more information, please visit [www.Bidditwin.com](http://www.Bidditwin.com) or click on the link to the auction site from *The Times-News* Web site at [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com).

### Meeting for blind, visually impaired set

**BOISE** — A regular meeting of the Board of the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired will be at 9 a.m. March 24 at the commission's office, 120 S. Cole Road. For more information, call (208) 334-3220.

### T.F. Republican

**Women meet Monday**  
**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls Republican Women will meet for a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the Red Lion Inn, 135 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The cost is \$10.

Steve Casey, Tom Luna and Steve Smylie will all three are candidates for state superintendent of public instruction. Membership dues are \$25, and may be paid at the meeting or sent to treasurer Joan Jagels at Room 611, Twin Falls, 83303. Guests are not to have members to attend luncheons.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Joyce Grundstaff by Friday at 943-5755.

### Arthritis program begins March 28

**TWIN FALLS** — An arthritis and fibromyalgia self-help program will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, starting March 28 through May 2, at the District Health Office located on the College of Southern Idaho Campus at 1020 Washington St. N. The cost is \$30 and includes the "Arthritis Help Book" and all course material. Pre-registration is required.

The course will give participants the knowledge, confidence and skills needed to take a more active part in arthritis care, or organizers say. Participants will meet others with arthritis or fibromyalgia, and learn about nutrition, medication, exercise, relaxation techniques and arthritis care management tips.

For more information or to register, call the Arthritis Foundation Utah/Idaho Chapter at (800) 444-4993 or visit [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org).

— compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of norm.
Salmon	118%	106%
Big Lost	129%	126%
Little Wood	124%	116%
Big Lost	120%	106%
Little Lost	107%	83%
Herzog Fork/Teton	107%	107%
Upper Snake Basin	111%	101%
Oakley	144%	139%
Salmon Falls	141%	139%

\*A comparison of basin snowpack on this date, with a 30-year average. \*\*% indicates of basin snowpack by

## SHE KNOWS THE REGULARS

# A smile at the first window

By Sandy Miller  
*Times-News writer*

**TWIN FALLS** — She could have been managing one of the local McDonald's years ago, but there's no other place Glynora Day would rather be than working the first window.

"It's there, she said, she can make a real difference.

"I like greeting people," she said. "If they sound a little grumpy, I try to use a soft voice."

Day works the morning shift at the restaurant on the corner of Addison Avenue and Washington Street, so she's bound to have a few sleepy-eyed, grumpy customers. But she sees them as a challenge and chances are, there's a smile on her face by the time they pull to window number two.

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Day knows her regulars by their voices and orders alone. Some of them are creatures of habit, like the guy who works for the concrete company who always orders a large orange juice with ice. Or a certain newspaper humor columnist who orders his coffee black, with cream and sugar. But even after 29 years of taking people's orders, one thing she can't quite understand is why anyone would top off a double quarter pounder with cheese and a super-sized order of fries with a Diet Coke.

"You might as well forget it," she said.

Day was born in Missouri and later moved with her family to Castelford. She loved growing up in a small town with her three siblings and their father, who worked for a dairy south of Twin Falls, and her mother, a homemaker who did alterations.

She graduated from Castelford High School, and was driving down Main Avenue one night when her younger sister-in-law, who she later married, Duane, now a retired mechanic. They married and settled in Hansen and recently celebrated their 39th anniversary.

"He's an awesome husband," she said.

"They have a grown daughter and five beautiful grandchildren."

When her daughter was in elementary school, Day decided to go back to work. She took a job at the Henderson on Blue Lakes Boulevard and they bought, and later transferred to the Pole Line Road location where she worked for 15 years. She's been at the current location since it



MEGAN THOMPSON/For The Times-News

Glynora Day works the first window at the McDonald's restaurant on the corner of Washington and Addison. Last May, after almost 30 years with McDonald's, she decided to give retirement a try. It lasted five months. She returned to the first window in October, to many of her customers' delight.

opened a few years ago.

Day said she had any desire to work her way up to management.

"I don't want to be a manager. They said, 'I'll let the younger people do that.'"

Day tried retirement, but it didn't take. Her co-workers thought she was kidding in May and at first, it was kind of nice. She had plenty of time to tend to her garden, one of her passions.

"I have a beautiful lawn with flowers and a pond," she said. "Our backyard overlooks a pasture."

—She said it's not unusual to have turkey, chicken, goose or duck wander in her yard.

But in October, as the temperature cooled, Day went back to work part-time. She plans to take the summer off to enjoy her garden and camping and fishing with her husband.

"It's just something to do during the winter months," she said.

Day said she begins each morning at 5 a.m. with prayer at her church.

"It starts our day," she said. "It

gives you a clear mind. You talk to God and start the morning right."

Then it's off to work, where she remembers everyone's orders and puts smiles on grumpy people's faces. After the morning rush and the breakfast dishes are done, she goes about the rest of her day.

"Whenever I'm done, I go home," Day said.

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## Fireman's dedication leaves legacy at department

By Jaml Whitte  
*Times-News writer*

**JEROME** — Even as a teenager, the moment Donald Rupert saw a fire truck he jumped at the chance to join in the action.

"If it had wheels and he could get to it, he would go out and help if he could," said his son Dan.

Rupert died March 11. He was 77. Firefighting and serving the public was a passion that stayed with him his whole life.

At 14, Rupert worked at a gas station and in 1963 joined one of his own called Don's Conoco. In 1948, he married Wilma Shropshire, whom he met at the Moose Hall. From then on, they shared a love for dancing and belonged to several clubs.

He joined the fire department in 1948, shortly after World War II when the rural fire district merged into the city fire department. When they separated, he joined the Jerome Rural Fire Department. He served for 58 years, and as chief on and off for 25 to 30 years according to a 1998 *Times-News* article.

That commitment is amazing to so many.

"As one fellow firefighter put it: 'We're volunteers on call 24/7 and to do that for more than 50 years as he did, it's so hard to measure that amount of time ...

### Donald Rupert

Born: June 28, 1928.  
Died: March 11, 2006.

Survived: His wife, Wilma of Jerome; daughter, Carolyn (Glenn) Reddick of Jerome; son, Dan Rupert of Meridian; three grandchildren, Chad Reddick of Boise, Stacy Parker of U.S.A., Pensacola, Fla., and Angelina Rupert of Boise; two great-grandchildren, Jonathon and Arfal Parker of Pensacola, Fla.; and his sister, Reta Jones of Jerome.



You can whip out a number on a calendar and think, 'That's a long time,' but really think about how long that is. That's quite an accomplishment."

Regardless of what was going on, holidays, birthdays or family gatherings, the minute a call came out for a fire he was on his way.

"It didn't matter if we were close to dinner or in the middle of it," said his daughter Carolyn Reddick. "He just liked helping people out."

When he had served the department for 50 years, the mayor Dennis Moore honored him with keys to the city and named Aug. 4, 1998, "Don Rupert Day."

In 2003, Rupert was honored by his fellow firefighters. "Although he wasn't active, they created an honorary position so he could still go to fires," Carolyn said. "They let him keep his radio and he always had it on."

—He always made sure to stay in touch with the firemen as well. If something was going on in the department — or if men got hurt — Rupert was quick to find out what was happening and helped if he could.

His dedication to fighting fire was so great, that he even fought through a heart attack to be there.

Dan said his mom remembered getting a sick feeling one day as she saw fire trucks driven by Rupert wasn't feeling well and as they fought a fire others told him to get back to town. He finally relented, but about a mile down the road he told the driver to turn around, that he wasn't going to leave the men.

It wasn't long after his return when the fiery heat took its toll and Rupert did get to the hospital, where he discovered he had a heart attack. Three hip replacements didn't slow him down too much,

either. Dan said as soon as he could walk he was back out at the station and chasing fires again.

The dedication and time Rupert spent on the department has inspired many fellow firefighters through the years.

"He taught me everything I know about firefighting and how to be a leader in the department," said Joe Robinson, chief of the department. "He was very well-respected in the department and in the community in general."

One of the things that impressed Robinson most was Rupert's dedication to the department.

"We're just kids compared to them," the firefighter said. "For me, being on the department with him, it's just a rare privilege that I'm able to do that, and it's unfortunate now that some of the new kids won't have that opportunity. He was always a very good example and set a good example."

—One of the things that impressed Robinson most was Rupert's dedication to the department.

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## Fire station proposal concerns Cassia

By Ron Wells  
*For The Times-News*

**BURLEY** — Cassia County Commissioners joined with Shoshone city officials in expressing concern over plans to relocate fire stations operated by the Bureau of Land Management.

Commissioners sent a letter to Twin Falls BLM Manager Howard Hedrick asking that they be allowed input on any future decisions to move the BLM's interagency fire station from Cassia County.

"The letter was in response to a letter commissioners received from the city of Shoshone, which had been sent to Hedrick expressing similar concerns."

The decision to relocate a dispatch center resulted from the BLM's decision to co-locate with the U.S. Forest Service in Twin Falls. Hedrick wrote Wednesday, "Since that time, think things have changed to the point that the issue should probably be visited again," Hedrick said. "I received the letter from Cassia County today and will be letting them know that I plan to revisit the issue, but I have yet to discuss the plan with Forest Service officials who were involved in the 2002 decision."

Shoshone Mayor J.R. Churchman told Hedrick in his letter that in light of recent efforts to place fire stations in remote areas of rural counties — such as Carey Rogerson and Bellevue — it seemed prudent to consider pulling fire stations from Shoshone and Burley and placing them at Twin Falls in an effort to centralize operations.

Churchman told Hedrick that Shoshone is close to vast tracts of public lands and is centrally located to all lands in the Twin Falls district. There has been a dispatch center in Shoshone for eight or nine years.

"What specifically is not working in your current arrangement?" Churchman asked. "What's broken?"

He expressed concern about the economic impacts to the city of Shoshone if the city of BLM seek public involvement before making any decision concerning the dispatch center.

Hedrick agreed that a change bringing the loss of 10 to 15 jobs in Shoshone and adding them to Twin Falls may not be noticed by Shoshone, but it would certainly impact Shoshone.

"I am from southern Idaho and I understand the economic impact such decisions could have on the community. It's reasonable to talk with them," Hedrick said. "We have, since the National Fire Plan, put trucks in many economic hotspots including Malin, Castelford, Almo and Hagerman."

Hedrick does not want that to change.

"When we place trucks in those towns, we buy gas there and our crews make purchases locally," he said. "It is a positive economic impact and I want to see that continue."

The commissioners asked that Hedrick contact County Administrator Kerry McMurray to set up a date to meet with them, something Hedrick says he will do in the near future.

— Ron Wells writes for the South Idaho Press in Burley. She can be reached at 678-2201.

## Wendell to put back barricades

By Blair Koch  
*Times-News correspondent*

**WENDELL** — Concerned citizen John Arano called on the Wendell City Council to make the intersection of Hagerman Street and 2nd Avenue West a street safer.

A few months ago the city decided to remove the barricades on the end of 2nd Avenue West so that traffic and emergency vehicles could turn on to Hagerman Street, which runs north-south on the west end of town.

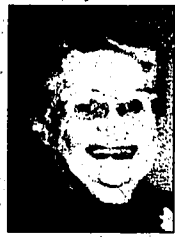
However, hilly terrain on Hagerman Street makes the Please see WENDELL, Page B6

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Alice Marie Wheeler



PAUL — Alice Marie Wheeler, an 87-year-old resident of Pocatello, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2006, at Highland Estates in Burley.

She was born July 13, 1918, in Blackfoot, Idaho, the daughter of Raymond and Mary Annell Wheeler. She attended schools in Riverside and Moreland, graduating in 1936. She married Mearl Wheeler in Montana on Oct. 3, 1941. Their marriage was solemnized on Oct. 9, 1941, in the Logan LDS Temple.

They began their lives together in Pocatello, Idaho. They moved to Idaho, living in Riverside and Arco, then moved back to Ohelwa, Wash. They moved to Paul in 1960 and built their home on Highland Drive. She has resided at Highland Estates in Burley for the last 15 months and enjoyed her time there. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandma and great-grandmother. Her family meant the world to her. She enjoyed keeping her hands busy with sewing, patchwork, puzzles, plastic canning and quilting. She kept her mind busy doing word search puzzles, music and reading. She also had an ex-

tensive collection of salt and pepper shakers from around the world. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, having served in many capacities. She served in the Primary Mutual and Relief Society, and most notably, the ward librarian for more than 20 years. She also enjoyed serving as a Cub Scout den mother.

She is survived by her children, Janice Barnes of Rhyolite, Utah; Dix and Linda Wheeler of Paul, Idaho; Kent and Melaine Ashby of Riverton, Utah; and Sandra Wheeler of Skowhegan, Maine. She has

14 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mearl; sons, Mearl Jr. and Larry T. Wheeler; parents, Raymond Taylor and Mary Taylor Halverson; stepfather, Frank Halverson; and brothers, Glen, Var, Fay and Elmer.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 24, 2006, at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St. in Paul. A graveside service will follow at 4 p.m. the same day at the Moreland Cemetery in Moreland, Idaho. Friends may call from 5 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Highland Estates, and Pauline and the Idaho Home Health and Hospice staff for their kindness and compassion given to Alice and her family.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Temple Building Fund, in care of Bishop Kelly Arritt, 349 Larkspur Way, Paul, ID 83347.

Don H. Lindsay



BURLEY — Don Hymas Lindsay, 76-year-old Burley resident, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, March 19, 2006, following an extended illness.

He was born Oct. 8, 1929, in Rupert, the son of Rupert C. and Zina Hymas Lindsay, the fifth of six children. Don was a hard worker from the time he was young. He attended school in Rupert but attained his graduation certificate while serving in the Navy. He loved Scouting and earned scoutmaster and helper awards to learn. Don will be remembered for his quick wit, irrepressible smile and his love of others.

He married his sweetheart, Irma Frost, on June 9, 1950, in the Salt Lake Temple. They moved to Idaho Falls in 1956, where Don worked for INL Westinghouse, Inc. They moved back to the Twin Falls area in 1966, where he worked for Ore-Ida Foods and Minico Auto Parts until his retirement in 1997. Together

they raised two daughters and eight sons. Don's happiest times were when he was surrounded by his children and grandchildren, whom he loved and was so proud of all of them.

Survivors include his wife, Irma; his 10 children, Shirley (Mary), Wallace of Blackfoot, Randy (Sharyn) Lindsay, Clyde (Becky) Lindsay and Craig (Kathi) Lindsay, all of Burley; Dennis (Vickie) Lindquist of Bonanza, Utah; Kirk (Norma) Lindsay and Debbie (Johnnie) Montoya, all of Salt Lake City, Utah; Kevin (Deborah) Lindsay of Ellensburg, Wash.; Wes (Stephanie) Lindsay of Rupert, and R.I. (Shanna) Lindsay of Paul; two sisters, Velota Kent of Rupert and Mae (Paul) Mabey of Heyburn; a brother, Bob Lindsay of Fountain Valley, Calif.; 35 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. He was

preceded in death by his particularly dear niece and a niece and a grandson, Don Edward Lindsay.

Don's family would like to especially thank the nurses and aides from hospice for their attentive care, along with Dr. Spuckman and Dr. Harris.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St., with Bishop Michael E. James officiating. Burial will follow in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley with military rites by the local veterans. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral Wednesday at the church.

F. Grant Haycock



BUIH — F. Grant Haycock, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed in his home from our lives on March 19, 2006.

He was born April 20, 1936, to Ida Wing and Loren L. Haycock in Springville, Utah. He resided in Springville, San Francisco and Salt Lake City until being drafted into the Army 2nd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery in 1959 and received an honorable discharge in 1961. He returned to Utah where he married his high school sweetheart on July 20, 1966, in Jackson Hole, Wyo. They called Utah home until 1998, when they moved to Buhl, Idaho.

He graduated from the University of Utah in 1972, having received a master of architecture degree. In 1975, he entered the private practice of architecture and over the years designed projects which included renovation and modernization of the Utah Bank Building (National Historic Register), Bonnevile and Orange Street Millennium Security Facility, design and construction work at Sandpoint, along with many diversified commercial, residential and correctional facilities projects. Post-graduate work included the Raunpeg Expedition in Nakbe, Guatemala, where he studied Mesoamerican

Mayan Architecture. After relocating to Buhl, he began a career in construction management, and as owner of Enteknetics LLC, he managed construction operations in the area, including work on the new Buhl High School which was completed in 2005. Throughout his life, he enjoyed a great love of the outdoors, which meant numerous camping, fishing and hunting expeditions with his wife and children. Many fish were caught and released, along with fishing poles of all kinds; adventures were had at Yellowstone Park, Lake Powell and Flaming Gorge around campfires and beaches. Love of life, he satisfied a love of flying by obtaining a pilot's

license, which afforded him the opportunity to soar with eagles. He spent many hours in the cockpit of his beloved 1946 Ercoupe, flying between Twin Falls, Jackson and Buhl.

He is survived by his wife, Terie (Betty); children, Tamra Wagner of Arizona and Jeff Roberts of Utah; two grandchildren, Mike VanCamp of Arizona and Brooke Hale of Idaho; three great-grandchildren, Cayle Alyssa, Madeline Ashley and Morgan Grace; brother, James H. Haycock of Buhl, Idaho; sister, Constance Barrett of Pocatello, Idaho; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, loved ones and assorted outlaws. He is preceded in death by his son, David Grant Haycock; mother, Ida; and father, Loren.

Funeral services will be privately held, in lieu of flowers, the family encourages contributions to the American Cancer Society or Livestrong Foundation. The family wishes to express deep gratitude to the staffs of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Elks Rehabilitation of Boise, Mountain States Trust Insurance and Hospice Visions of Twin Falls for their compassion and grace during a difficult journey. Arrangements and services of White Mortuary "Chapel of the Park."

State investigates wolf encounter

SALMON (AP) — Officials with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game are investigating a man's report that he had a close encounter with a pack of wolves while hiking with his dog.

Rick Turner said he was hiking with his dog, a Labrador-Pitbull mix named Lucy, on Saturday in Donnelly Gulch in central Idaho. He said they stopped to check out a dead cow elk when he spotted a gray wolf about 300 yards away, which then disappeared.

Turner said he and his dog next stopped to watch three bull elk when he noticed a different wolf, black this time, about 100 yards away. The wolf, which Turner said weighed about 150 pounds, worked its

way closer to Turner and his dog until it was 50 yards away. Turner said he picked up a piece of sugarbeet and started waving it in the air and yelling, but the wolf closed to within 20 feet before stopping, and then moving off. Turner said he then saw the rest of the pack, four more black wolves and three gray wolves.

"I've never been so scared in my life," Turner, a logger and experienced hunter, told the Idaho State Journal. "I've been in the mountains all of my life, but this definitely changed my way of thinking."

Tommy Latham with Fish and Game said the wolf was likely after the dog. Lucy, "That's typical behavior," Latham said. "They very much dislike other canines."

Local outfitter Luke Cramley said he found fresh wolf tracks around the dead cow elk, about a quarter-mile from where Turner said he had the encounter with the black wolf.

Latham said he found no evidence that the wolves had killed the elk. But he said he thought there might have been a wolf kill somewhere nearby judging by the activity of birds, which swooped off wolf kills. Latham said it was the first wolf-human encounter he had investigated in the region.

"We'll probably never know what that wolf was thinking," Latham said. "But if it was chasing Rick, it would have got him. You can't outrun a wolf, you can't outrun a mountain lion, and you can't outrun a bear."

DEATH NOTICES

Henry G. Wilcoxon

WILCOX — Henry G. "Glenn" Wilcoxon, 74, of Glens Ferry, died Friday, March 17, 2006.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Glens Ferry. Arrangements are under the direction of Rust Funeral Home, McKinley Chapel in Mountain Home.

James Claude Rigger

HAILY — James Claude Rigger, 80, of Haily, died Sunday, March 19, 2006, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 23, 2006, at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Haily, with the Rev. Shawn Carty officiating. Cremation preceded the service. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Haily.

Ethor Short

BURLEY — Ethor Christina Short, 97, of Burley, died Friday, March 17, 2006, at her daughter's home in Marysville, Calif.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

1350 E. 16th St. in Burley

Friends and family may call one hour before the funeral at Rasmussen Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Richmond Crematorium. A complete obituary will appear later.

Donald Wayne Ingram

BURLEY — Donald Wayne Ingram, 79, of Burley, died Friday, March 17, 2006, at his home.

At Don's request, no formal funeral will be held. A family celebration will be held at a later date. Cremation was under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Adeline Hansen

GOODING — Adeline Hansen, 92, of Mesa, Ariz., died formerly of Gooding, died Sunday, March 19, 2006, in Mesa, Ariz.

No local services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Matposa Gardens in Mesa, Ariz.

James Lester Jones

GOODING — James Lester Jones, 78, of Gooding, Monday, March 20, 2006, at the Gooding, Rehabilitation and Living Cen-

ter. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Service in Gooding.

Bob Franklin Davis

GOODING — Bob Franklin Davis, 70, of Gooding, died Monday, March 20, 2006, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Service in Gooding.

Mary E. Jering

GOODING — Mary E. Jering, 88, of Twin Falls and formerly of Gooding, died Monday, March 20, 2006, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Service in Gooding.

Nannie Lee Miller

GOODING — Nannie Lee "Nancy" Miller, 98, of Gooding, died Monday, March 20, 2006, at Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Gooding.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Service in Gooding.

SERVICES

2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls

J. Riley Scott of Wendell, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Wendell LDS Church; family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Demary's Wendell Chapel and from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Edna O'Rourke of Atascadero, Calif., and formerly of

Jerome; graveside service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Cemetery, West Avenue 1 (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Janet Lynn Parrott Knedel of Meridian and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Meridian (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

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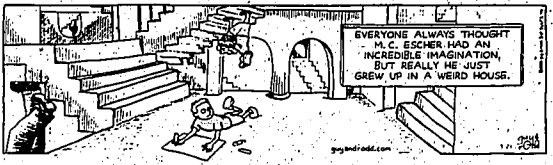
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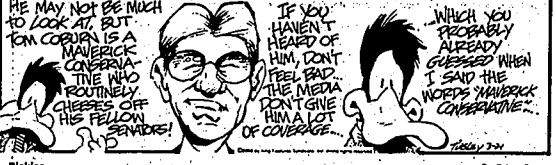
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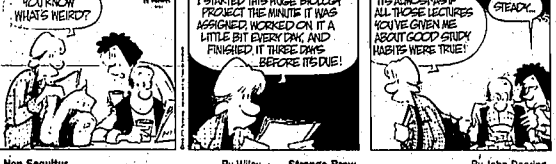
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## Better not fight city government, Scorpio; Gemini's moodiness might mar morning

IF MARCH 21 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Peacefulness and tranquility are your lot for the coming 12 months. Because you are generally content and serene, you may not usually compete in the dog-eat-dog world of commerce. However, if there is some area that needs improvement, make a wish and plan to take steps in late November or early December when people will most readily grant you favors or give you plenty of assistance. That is the best time to start any matter that will boost overall prosperity and to permanently solve some of life's riddles.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): A little industry and initiative can pay off. Cash might not grow on trees, but that doesn't mean you can't pick some up. Avoid confronting anyone in the day when touchy feelings may be in play.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Don't waste your money on a new car or under your time and emotions on a minor issue. Remain focused on long-range objectives and follow through on recent business promises.

**CELESTIAL** (May 21-June 20): Minor moodiness may mar the morning. Be on your best be-

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havior and don't step on other people's toes to have your way. Little squabbles subside quickly but could bar progress.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Hurry and worry could temporarily deter you from your path. A brief period of aggravation will quickly pass, so hold off on presentations or important discussions until late in the day.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): It is said that in spring a young man's fancy turns to love. You may be thinking of the things you love to do as well — get the swirlyout of mothballs or the bicycle out of storage.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Juggling career and family matters without dropping the ball could cause strain. This might be a good day to talk over your needs and enlist cooperation so that things run more smoothly.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be a trooper. Follow the lead of others and have faith that the path chosen will be delightful. Plan a reasonable schedule as your sense of purpose may waver or

energy could falter.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't fight city hall. An unexpected bill or added expense could trigger an unpleasant outcome. It is futile to get caught up in minor matters that could temporarily block your way.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be logical, not emotional. Being in too much of a hurry could mean you forget to feed the cat or accidentally spill a latte on your new suit, right before an important meeting.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get organized. It is easier to be a success in the wide world if you start your day from the comfort of a well-ordered home. Some people think a messy desk is the sign of a disorganized mind, late on your new suit, right before an important meeting.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Implement the suggestions. Follow your dreams and don't be limited by the past. Although you may need to work to earn your bread and butter, the things you create will gain may be the most valuable.

# Wife's secret a betrayal

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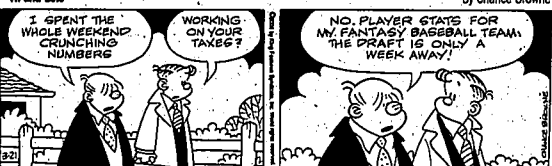
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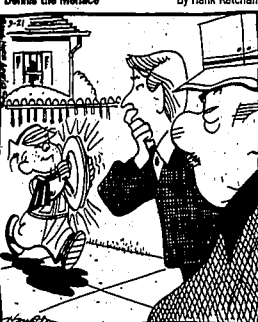
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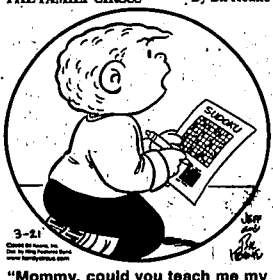
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



**DEAR ABBY:** Your response to "Hurt and Sad in Trenton," whose wife slept with a married man before they were married, stunk.

"Hurt's" wife should have said right from the start: "This is who I am; this is where I've been. Take me as I am or let's go our separate ways." If she'd been honest, he'd have no cause to complain.

Reflecting back on years spent in ignorance turns happy marriages bitter, as one realizes one was played for a fool. Suddenly the "innocent" flights out of old assume an ominous character. Is it not better to risk a relationship at the beginning by telling the truth, than to risk its implosion years later when the truth will come out?

"Hurt" deserved sympathy, not an attack. His wife betrayed his trust, not with sex before she met him, but with lies afterward.

**DEAR ABBY:** I, too, have been married 15 years. We also have two children, 11, 100, recently learned about my wife having an affair with a married man, but it happened during the last year or so. I never strayed — not once.

She betrayed my love for her, and I'm a gaww wreck. "Hurt and Sad" should walk in my shoes. He was by no means betrayed by something that happened before he knew his wife. Unlike mine, his wife has honored her marriage vows.

The problem in their marriage is his Middle Ages attitude



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeane  
Phillips

that regards women as chattel. His wife is not a used car. He needs a therapist, badly, and I happen to know a good one who is helping me through the toughest time of my life. Oh, and since I live only one town away from him, let "Hurt and Sad" that if he's tossing his "shit" into the "gutter," let me know where and when. I'd be more than happy to embrace his "dirty laundry."

She sounds like just the person I'm searching for to restore my trust.

—DEVASTATED IN PRINCETON, N.J.

**DEAR ABBY:** It seems to me that "Hurt and Sad" is looking for a way out, a justifiable excuse to prove to his Catholic family and friends that divorce was "unavoidable." He says he'll stay for the children, but peppers her with accusations. Maybe he's hoping she'll be verbally abused into filing for divorce so he will be off the hook.

He needs to stop hiding behind the church and start following all of the Catholic faith, not just those beliefs he agrees with. Her sins are only to be resolved between her and her God. She does not need her husband's "almighty" grace. If he's as perfect as he insinuates, I'll be the first to nominate him for sainthood.

—VIC IN DALLAS

deserves better. His lofty ideals seem to take precedence over all else, and his comments do not portend a bright future for them.

To paraphrase your words: The place for a good wife (or husband) is neither on a pedestal nor in the gutter. It's on a comfy sofa, each with an arm around the other — cuddling and secure in the knowledge of the love they share.

—GARY IN WORCESTER, N.Y.

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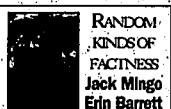
## For all their flapping, flies go only 4.5 mph

A housefly can flap its wings 200 times a second, but its forward speed is only 4.5 mph. This day in history: Time for Spring Cleaning! On March 21, 1947, New York City police discovered the bodies of Langley and Homer Collyer, two eccentric recluses who had trouble throwing things away. One brother had become trapped when a ceiling-high wall of old newspapers collapsed; the other was incapacitated and starved to death.

Is real estate a great long-term investment in the short-term sometimes, but not historically. Average home prices in the United States, adjusted for inflation, have risen just 4 percent per year from 1890 to 2005.

The tomato, although used like other vegetables, is technically a fruit. Similar non-vegetables include okra, zucchini, squash, pumpkin, eggplant and cucumber.

Lucky enough to keep your



job after a major downsizing? Watch it. Researchers found that the risk of dying from a heart attack immediately doubles for a purge-surviving employee, and can grow to five times normal over the following four years.

If you have astaxophobia, you have a deep fear of uncleanliness.

After a 1998 health study found that credit-card debt was often linked to depression, drinking, smoking and declining grades, the University of Minnesota banned credit card vendors from its campus, and prescribed a credit counselor for its students.

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Nathan Travis Lewis

JEROME — Nathan Travis Lewis, 23, of Jerome, died Saturday, March 19, 2006, in Jerome from complications associated with pneumonia.

He was born April 5, 1982, in Jacksonville, N.C., to Jason Lewis and Julie Strimmons. Born with the crippling condition of spina bifida, Nathan experienced a life wrought with pains and challenges hardly imagined by most of us. However, he faced these daily burdens generally with high spirits and an enviable level of acceptance. One could spend a lifetime wondering about the compassion of God that he would place such a burden on a member of his flock. The burden was not a test for him to endure (God only gives us burdens that we are able to bear), but rather it served as a lesson to those of us that knew him. Able to smile through unbearable pain and unfathomable hardship, Nathan



luster with his departure.

Nathan Travis Lewis, your mission here is complete. You have enriched the lives of all that knew you. You are mercifully released from the burdens of this world and returned to God with our thanks for your suffering. We are all certain that you are finally running and playing in ways that you were never allowed to here on earth, and the only footcages that you lose are when, persuaded by your great heart, that you concede the race to those weaker and slower than yourself.

You are already missed so very much.

Nathan's life will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome. Family and friends may call one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

Thelma Mamie Ordaz Jones

TWIN FALLS — Thelma Mamie Ordaz Jones, 85, of Twin Falls and a longtime Rogerson resident, died Sunday morning, March 19, 2006, at Alpine Living Center in Twin Falls.

Thelma was born July 4, 1920, in Capitan, N.M., to Charlie and Arma Richards, Adams. She was raised in New Mexico until age 20. Thelma married John Ferguson and later Phil Ordaz. In 1971, she married Ruben Jones and later divorced. Thelma was a stay-at-home mom all her life and was devoted to her children, grandchildren and great- and great-grandchildren.

Surviving Thelma are her children, Joe Ferguson of Arizona, Jim (Sharon) Ferguson, also of Arizona, Gene (Marie)



Ordaz of Oregon, Phyllis (Steve) Platoff of Rexburg, Idaho, Elaine Todd of Kimberly, Patty (Bart) Hutchison, also of Kimberly, and Mike (Gina) Ordaz of

Jerome, a daughter-in-law, Joan (Gene) Alvey of Inampa, Idaho; a brother, Dick Adams of Twin Falls; 27 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, one great-grandchild, her step father, a brother and a sister.

A celebration of Thelma's life will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at the First Church of God, 131 E. Ave. F in Jerome, Idaho. The family suggests that contributions to the Jerome Food Bank and may be given to funeral, chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1142.

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Senate will vote on school construction bill

BOISE — The Idaho Senate will get to vote on a plan being disputed by some school officials that calls for using \$5 million to pay for school maintenance next year and creates a \$25 million revolving loan fund to help fix unsafe or insufficient schools.



Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, proposed the plan in response to an Idaho Supreme Court ruling Dec. 21 on a 16-year-old lawsuit that ordered the state to come up with a new way of paying for school construction.

It cleared the Senate Education Committee Monday morning on a 6-3 vote, after passing a vote of the full House March 8. Bedke's bill orders schools to put aside money each year for maintenance. It also would increase state bond money to help subsidize bond payments approved by local voters. In addition, it allows the state to take over a school district with unsafe schools, fire the superintendent, and order a property tax increase to pay back a state construction loan if voters fail to do so in two elections.

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stop signs at the intersection here to see, said Avar.

"It is a very dangerous intersection. If you don't see the stop sign and someone is there, you'll run right into them," he said.

In support for changing the intersection, LeRoy Austin said, "I understand his concern. You do have a dangerous intersection."

Mayor Rex Strickland thought that the intersection should be safe enough because stop signs were in place on all three sides of the intersection and another sign — indicating that it was a dangerous intersection — was already installed.

"If we have a sign acknowledging that it is a dangerous intersection, then we need to fix it," said Irene Rounsefell, council president.

An idea from an audience member to station collapsible barricades at the end of 2nd Avenue West was decided to be a go.

"I would like to say that it was my idea," said Councilman Don Bunn. "But someone has suggested that we get collapsible barricades up again so that fire trucks can just drive through them if they need to."

The avenue would once again become a dead end for regular traffic.

The council decided to look into installing barricades in the near future.

In other Wendell road news, the Wendell Highway District informed the city that police officers will no longer be allowed to park just outside southern city limits to catch speeding vehicles.

"Police have been sitting on county ground with their radar guns and chasing us into town," said Lena Smith, with the WHD. "The area will be fenced off."

Smith also said that where police officers were behind a canal bank to catch speeders was dangerous.

"I know that they have taken special driving classes and all, but it is only about 25 feet of visibility from where they are sitting. The cop can't see beyond the canal," he said.

Strickland expressed his concern that the highway district didn't come to the city with their complaints before taking action.

"It isn't my place to talk to your police officers," said Smith.

Blair Koch covers the Wendell City Council. She can be reached by mail at blair\_2006@mt.com or by calling 316-2607.

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America Bynes  
**She's the Man** (13)  
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4-H member Joe Maxwell, 14, holds his prize-winning Golden Laced Wyandotte rooster last week at his home in Hagerman. Maxwell has been raising chickens since he was 7 and enjoys working with the birds as well as making the custom chicken coops that house them.



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A Chinese Ringneck Pheasant on the Maxwell place.

## FEATHERED friends

### Building backyard responsibility with chickens

By Karna Metzler Fitzgerald  
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — In seven years in the chicken business, Joe Maxwell has become an expert. He can offer advice, show off a grand champion bird or two, even earn a little money on the side — admirable accomplishments for any veteran of the bird business.

The catch: Joe Maxwell is just 14. He simply turned a backyard adventure into a passion for poultry.

Getting started in the chicken business is simple, Maxwell says. It takes a bit of time, a small financial investment and a love of birds.

"It's a fun thing to do," Maxwell said. "If you like animals, it's a great thing."

Maxwell has about 25 birds in his main flock and another 10 or so show and game birds. The flock wanders freely in the yard of his downtown Hagerman home. When he started out, he just helped his dad feed a few laying hens. But as he learned more and gained confidence, he started adding to his flock.

The key to success, he says, is starting small. At first he pur-

chased only a few baby chicks (each year). Now, he has an incubator and breeds 10 to 15 birds for sale. In addition to a dozen or so he raises for meat or eggs.

"It's always been 'around' chickens," said Joe's dad, Dan Maxwell. "One thing's just led to another."

Dan Maxwell said Joe has learned a great deal from raising chickens, including basic business skills and old-fashioned work ethic.

"He's learned he has to get out here every day and take care of them."

The Maxwells' said getting into the chicken business requires little initial investment. They built their first coop with scrap lumber and wire. Each coop they make gets a bit more elaborate, but not expensive — just plywood, two-by-fours, chicken wire and metal roofing.

They save money on feed by using simple blends of grains and grinding them with an old-fashioned meat grinder. Recycled coffee cans serve as water containers. Sagebrush, cut from a friend's place, makes a perfect roost.

At most, Joe Maxwell says he spends one or two hours a day



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Two shades of brown eggs from Buff Orpingtons, and a green-shelled egg from an Araucana.

caring for his chickens.

"As long as (chickens) have a good environment, the temperature stays constant and they have a sturdy egg when animals can't get to them, fresh food and water, they don't require a lot of extra time," said Jennifer Eversole, animal health supervisor at D & B Supply in Twin Falls. "They need to be tended with the basics."

The biggest mistakes people make with young chicks are not keeping them warm enough or handling them too much, Eversole said.

Two reminders before you begin building a flock: Check local zoning ordinances for livestock regulations. And make sure your neighbors won't complain about early-morning crowing or clucking.

**Choosing your chicks**

Eversole recommends

Golden Sex Links or Buff Orpingtons as mellow birds that can adopt well to kids taking care of them.

Bantam breeds — the miniatures of the chicken world — also make good pets, according to Anne Rallison of Valley Co-ops.

"They're smaller in size than regular chickens," she said. "They're more colorful, and there are many different kinds."

If eggs are the goal, both Rallison and Eversole recommend White Leghorns as consistent layers of white eggs. For those who prefer brown eggs, Buff Orpingtons or Rhode Island Reds are also reliable.

Araucanas, tall chickens with beard-like tufts of feathers around their beaks, are known as "Easter egg chickens" because they lay multicolored eggs ranging from light blue to green.

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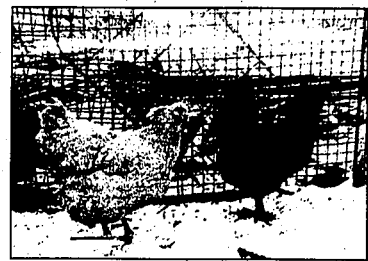


**Hear them cluck**

Go to the web for a video story about Joe Maxwell and his chickens.



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Above, a Buff Orpington, left, and an Araucana — both good egg-laying breeds — in a Shoshone backyard.

Left, one of Joe Maxwell's Barred Plymouth Rock hens, far left.





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Tuesday, March 21, 2006

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Some themes of play repeat themselves enough that the reader will eventually work out that they occur all too often in real life, as well as in the slightly artificial world of the bridge column.

One of those themes is the end-play. This can be brought about to obtain a ruff and discard, or to force the defenders to lead a suit that you would rather not broach yourself, or indeed for a whole host of other reasons.

Today's deal sees South in a very respectable spade slam, which appears to rely on the diamond finesse. On a club lead however, it becomes far better than that.

Instead of relying on the diamond finesse, declarer should be able to draw trumps, strip off the plain suits, then cash the diamond ace and lead up to the diamond queen. Perhaps East may win his diamond king and be explained if he started life with a doubleton diamond king. But there is an even better line.

Win the club, cash the heart ace, draw trump, then take all the clubs, pitching a diamond from dummy. When you lead the heart queen, if West plays low, pitch another diamond from dummy.

When East wins, he will have to lead a diamond into the ace-queen. If you have a ruff-stuff to let you ruff in hand and pitch the diamond queen, if West covers the heart queen, you ruff, and take your best shot in the diamond suit, as described above.

**NORTH** ♠ 9 6 5 2 03-21-A  
♥ A Q 9 5 5  
♦ A Q 6 5  
♣ 7 6 3

**EAST** ♠ 10 3  
♥ K J 8 6 5 4  
♦ K 10  
♣ 5 4

**SOUTH** ♠ A K J 4  
♥ A Q 10  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ A K Q J

Vulnerable: East-West  
Dealer: South

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2 NT Pass 3 Pass  
4 Pass 5 All pass

Opening lead: Club 10

### BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:  
♠ 10 3  
♥ K J 8 6 5 4  
♦ K 10  
♣ 5 4

South West North East  
? Pass 3 Pass  
4 Pass 5 All pass

**ANSWER:** Bid two hearts. Just because the opponents open with a strong bid, you do not have to remain silent. If you feel like bidding, do so — it may disrupt their auction or cause them to misjudge the deal altogether.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@manpage.com.

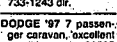
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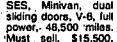
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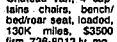
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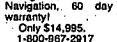
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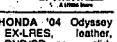
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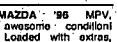
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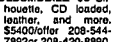
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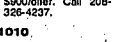
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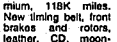
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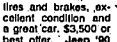
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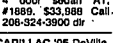
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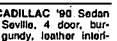
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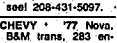


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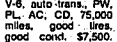


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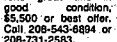
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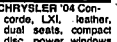
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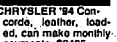
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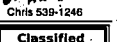
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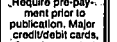
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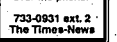
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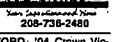
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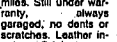
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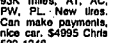
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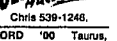
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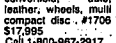


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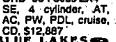
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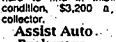
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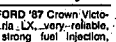
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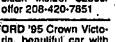
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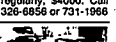
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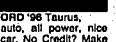
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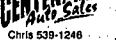
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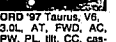
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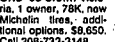
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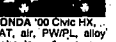
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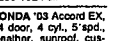
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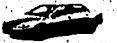
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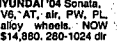
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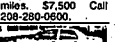
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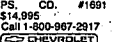
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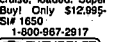
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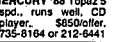
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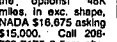
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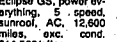
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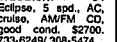
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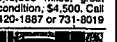
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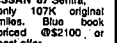
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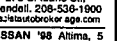
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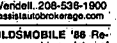
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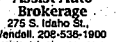
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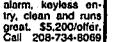
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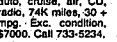
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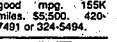
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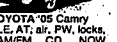
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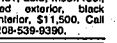


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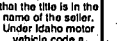


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MORNING LINE

Dateline: Hutch

Times-News sports writer Eric Larsen is traveling with Seton Hall's Southern Idaho men's basketball team and will be on the scene in Hutchinson, Kan., this week to bring you the latest from the NCAA basketball tournament.

Eric Larsen

IN BRIEF

Canyon Springs hosts tourney

**TWIN FALLS** — Canyon Springs Golf Course will hold the first men's amateur golf tournament of the 2006 season on Saturday and Sunday. Golfers interested in competing must have an IGA handicap and must register by Thursday. Entry fee is \$50 and all late entries will be accepted. Call Canyon Springs at 734-7609 to sign up.

Northside Babe Ruth registering players

**JEROME** — The Northside Babe Ruth Baseball league is registering players ages 13-15 (as of April 30, 2006) from Jerome, Lincoln and Gooding counties for the upcoming season.

All players wishing to participate must attend a registration session either Monday, March 27, or Wednesday, March 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Jerome Recreation District Center located at 2030 S. Lincoln. Please bring the player's birth certificate (if new to the league), a parent or legal guardian and a \$65 registration fee.

For more information, contact Larry or Debbie Bos at 324-0104 or Daric Bobrowski at 324-2346.

T.F. Soccer league recruiting players

**TWIN FALLS** — Twin Falls Soccer Officials is recruiting players for U11-U13, and U14 Boys and U12 and U14 Girls Competitive Teams for the spring season. Girls ages 10-14 can apply by calling head coaches, Sasha Pavlovic at 733-9411 or Kaita Kaufman at 410-2881 from 5-7 p.m.

Running the Rocks run/walk set

**AMERICAN FALLS** — The First Annual Running the Rocks Fun-Run/Walk will be held March 26 at Messacre Rocks State Park.

The event will feature three events: 5K Walk, 5K Run and 10K Run. All events will start at 10 a.m.

Race day registrations begin at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to pre-register to insure they receive their T-shirts the day of the race.

Both courses are set as an out-and-back route and follow paved park roads that are mostly flat but do contain some moderate hills along the courses. Awards will be given to the top three overall finishers in each event and also to the top three finishers in each age group.

Proceeds of the event will go to help with Lions Club programs, and community projects in the area. For more information or to receive an entry form, contact the Messacre Rocks State Park office at (208) 548-2672 or (208) 705-6462.

Compiled from staff reports

## Ready to win

### CSI men focused on national title chase

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

**-HUTCHINSON, Kan.** — Barret Peery is happy to be in Hutchinson, Kan. — not too happy, though. The first-year College of Southern Idaho men's basketball head coach spent the last four days leading the team bus from Twin Falls to Hutchinson, helping the driver navigate through rest stops and practice stops. Now that they've arrived at the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I National Tournament, Peery and his No. 20 Golden Eagles are ready to pull another Megellan-esque feat and navigate their way to Saturday's national title game at the Hutchinson Sports Arena. "You know, for us, the team has done everything to get us here," Peery said of the CSI coaching staff. "We're just excited to be here. But you know — I always talk about it in a very greedy way. We want more than just to be here. We want win games and make a run at this thing like 15 other teams' do."

The task at hand

The 24th Golden Eagles start that run at 3:30 p.m., MST today against the nation's eighth-ranked team, the \$2-2 Southwestern Illinois College Blue Storm of Belleville, Ill. The Blue Storm is led by sophomore forward Steve Stiemler, the nation's No. 11 scorer. The two-time Region 24 player of the year is averaging 21.9 points per game this season. He really shoots the ball well, understands how to play, reads screens, gets on the glass, posts up and gets on the foul line," Peery said.

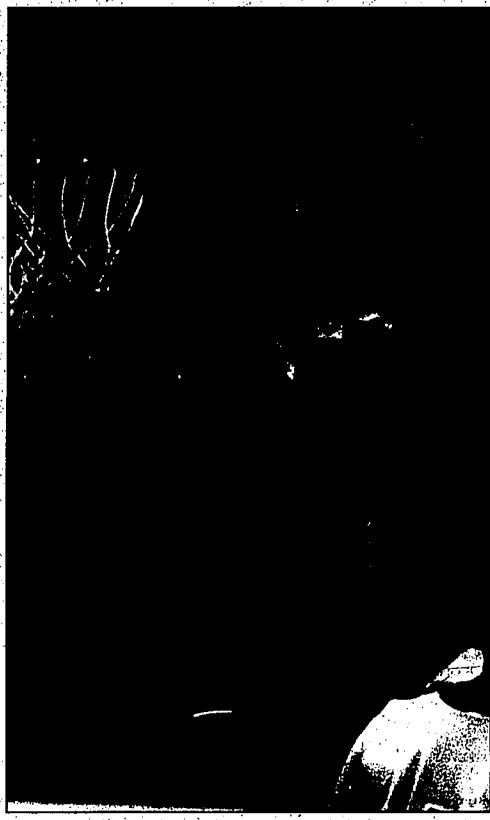
No other Blue Storm player averages double-digit scoring, which means the Golden Eagles will do everything they can to harass and wear down Stiemler.

Aside from making Stiemler work for his shot on the offensive end, CSI will go after the talented scorer when they have the ball and look to wear him down.

"I think when you play a guy like that, the most important thing you can make sure you do is make him work," Peery said.

"One of the things that I want to do is I want to make sure we make him guard. I want to make sure he has to use energy on the defensive end as well as the offensive end. Because you know the kids going to play at the offensive end to find his shots and get himself going offensively, but we need to make him work defensively as well." As always seems to be the case, rebounding will be a major point of emphasis for CSI.

Southwestern Illinois is the No. 6 team in the nation in two-point field-goal shooting



College of Southern Idaho sophomore forward Reggie Lary attempts a dunk past the defense of redshirt freshman Sammie Wahren during Monday's pre-NCAA Tournament practice in Hutchinson, Kan. At front is freshman guard Bryce Brunson (5).

percentage, connecting on over 57 percent of their shots from within the arc. The Blue Storm is also 20th nationally in free-throw shooting at 68.9 percent. Against such a solid-shooting opponent, CSI simply cannot afford to give up second-chance scoring opportunities. If starters Travis Gabbidon, Reggie Lary and the rest of the CSI front court crew can keep the Blue Storm off the glass, the Golden Eagles will look to open the game up and take advantage of their superior athleticism. "I think if we work at it and get after it, we can really get up under them and make it hard for them to run their stuff," Peery said. "Then I think our defense can create some offense. I think that when we're at our best is

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## Eagles travel to TVCC

By Nathaniel Garbrandt  
Times-News writer

**ONTARIO, Ore.** — After taking care of some more scenic West Athletic Conference business with a three games to one series win over the College of Eastern Utah last weekend, the CSI Golden Eagles basketball team hits the road again today for a make-up doubleheader against Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore. The Chukars boast a 13-4 record on the season, having just wrapped up their Holiday Inn Spring Break Classic tournament on Sunday with a 14-4 championship victory over Gays Harbor.

"They're just a real scrappy group and they always play hard," said CSI head coach Boomer Walker. "They play well at home and they get excited to play."

The SWAC-leading Eagles (11-3 conference) split with TVCC on March 1 at home, dropping Game 1 by the score of 1-0 before notching a 6-0 victory in Game 2.

With a critical four game home series Friday and Saturday against the Community College of Southern Nevada, which sits just behind CSI at 15-5, the outcome of today's nonconference road trip may come down simply to the Eagles' motivation.

"For us, this trip into our season, we're always trying really hard to get our guys up for that game," said Walker. "We really want to get our guys ready and everybody healthy and ready to roll for the Southern Nevada series."

Given the meager stakes and with the Eagles having put seven pitchers on the hill against CEU, expect plenty of pitch time for the reserves both at the plate and on the mound.

"We'll probably get some different guys in the game," said Walker. "And we've been doing a lot of pitching this weekend, so we'll have to sit down and map that out and see what we're going to do."

Action starts at 2 p.m. MST.

## Tagliabue to retire

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Paul Tagliabue is retiring as NFL commissioner in July after more than 16 years on the job.

The 65-year-old commissioner has led the league since 1989, when he succeeded Pete Rozelle, and agreed last March to stay to complete the television and labor deals.

He finally got that done 12 days ago, finishing the most arduous labor negotiations since the league and union agreed on a free agency-salary cap deal in 1992.

"I believe that now is a positive time to make the transition to a new commissioner," Tagliabue said in a statement.

Roger Goodell, the NFL's chief operating officer and Atlanta general manager Rich McKay are the two leading candidates to succeed Tagliabue. Baltimore Ravens president Dick Cass is considered a dark horse.

Tagliabue has said he wants to avoid the kind of seven-month deadlock that occurred between him and the late Jim Fink after Rozelle stepped down in March 1989. Owners will begin the search for a new commissioner at their meetings next week in New Orleans.

Tagliabue called Pittsburgh's Dan Rooney, the NFL's senior owner, early Monday to tell him of the decision.

The announcement was made officially in an e-mail to the other owners at noon EST.

"We have a collective bargaining extension in place, long-term television contracts, and have undertaken many other strong elements in league and club operations," Tagliabue said.

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## Kahne corrals 2nd career victory

The Associated Press

**HAMPTON, Ga.** — Early in the Golden Corral 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Monday, things were heading in the wrong direction for Casey Kahne.

He started from the pole in a race delayed a day by rain, but by Lap 100 he was 10th and his No.9 Dodge was doing "some funny things" as he drove around the 1.54-mile track. When the race was over, however, Kahne was having the last laugh.

By keeping his wits during the early struggle, by pushing for a midrace change he thought might turn things around and by taking care of his tires on a day when several other drivers couldn't, the 25-year-old drove away with his second career Nextel Cup victory.

Marked Greg Biffle with 80 laps left and held on, parring Mark Martin's final thrust with 11 laps remaining, and giving Dodge its first win at a 1.5-mile track since Ryan Newman took the team owner's (Everham) nod to call me for at least two weeks. I was not happy. I was disappointed in how I had raced and the way I had worked with my team and I needed a break.

Kahne said he started thinking about things he'd done wrong and vowed to start watching — and learning — how the sport's top drivers handled themselves during the grueling schedule.



NASCAR driver Casey Kahne, left, is framed by the trophy and team owner Ray Everham, right, as he celebrates his win of the NASCAR NEXTEL Golden Corral 500 in victory lane at Atlanta Motor Speedway, in Hampton, Ga., Monday.

"I wanted to try to learn from the best people out there," he said, and Monday's race provided an opportunity to apply those lessons.

"We started on the pole but by Lap 50 we were ninth or 10th and we were struggling," Kahne said. "The car was sliding around a lot, but I did not get upset. I just said, 'Let's just keep working hard.' Last year, I would have been so upset about getting passed by those cars I would have been overly aggressive and would have worn our tires out. You can't do that in a 500-mile race if you want to be strong at the end."

Instead of running the tires off his car, Kahne reasoned that a rubber inserted into his car's springs during practice Friday needed to be removed. Team director Kenny Francis was hesitant, not wanting to give up track position, but Kahne pressed the issue and that adjustment was made on a stop near the midpoint of the race.

"Last year I might not have been able to make that call, but today I felt strong enough to say we needed to do it," Kahne said. "And the team trusted me enough to do it."

By Lap 225, Kahne was back in third behind Biffle and Jimmie Johnson. He passed Johnson, who finished sixth; nine laps later and then chased down Biffle, who led 128 laps but wound up 16th after running out of gas late.

Kahne's crew won the race off pit road following the final yellow flag and their driver took it from there. Martin was fourth on that restart, but he got past Roush Racing teammates Biffle and Matt Kenseth and zeroed in on Kahne.

On Lap 314 of 325, Martin made his move and got his No.6 Ford alongside Kahne's Dodge as they wound lapped traffic.

"We ran him down, but he got a handful of steering wheel and found some more speed," Martin said. "He got up on the wheel and got it done."

SPORTS

# Pistons down Hawks

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Rasheed Wallace had 26 points and eight rebounds to help the Pistons clinch the Central Division title with a 91-84 win over Atlanta.

Detroit (53-13) also reduced its magic number to clinch the Eastern Conference's best record to nine over Miami. The Hawks have lost five of six.

Chauncey Billups and Richard Hamilton added 14 points each for the Pistons, who had five players score in double figures. Ben Wallace only had five points, but added 13 rebounds, four steals and three blocks.

Al Harrington led the Hawks with 23 points and Joe Johnson had 17.

**Lakers 105, Celtics 97**

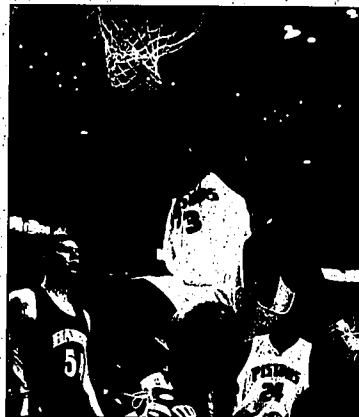
BOSTON — Kobe Bryant had 43 points, five rebounds and five steals and the Los Angeles Lakers salvaged the finale of a three-game road trip with a 105-97 win over the Boston Celtics on Monday night.

Bryant shot 18-of-39 and Lamar Odom added 17 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers, who never trailed and pulled a half-game ahead of Sacramento for fifth place in the Western Conference.

The Lakers avoided falling below .500 for the first time since Oct. 9, 2004, as Jan. 3 dropped them to 15-16.

Paul Pierce scored 26 and Tony Allen added a season-high 16 for the Celtics, who have lost four of five to drop four games behind Philadelphia in the race for the eighth Eastern Conference playoff spot.

The Lakers' first two games of their road trip ended with missed contested 3-pointers by



Detroit Pistons center Ben Wallace, (3) dunks against Atlanta Hawks center John Edwards (54) in the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday.

Bryant scored on a driving layup with 1:20 to play in the game to extend the Lakers' lead to 101-94. He then made two free throws with 49.8 seconds left.

Bryant scored 16 points in the fourth quarter, including the Lakers' last 12.

Smush Parker scored 14 points and Kwame Brown had 11 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers.

500 for the first time since the 1975-76 season.

Corey Maggette added 20 points for the Clippers, who haven't been this many games over the break-even mark since they were the Buffalo Braves. Appropriately, the Clippers were wearing orange and black Braves uniforms from the franchise's inaugural 1970-71 season for retro night.

Yao Ming had 25 points and 17 rebounds for his 27th double-double as Houston lost its fifth straight game.

The Clippers outscored Houston 12-2 in a span of 4:15 in the fourth quarter to take an 89-80 lead with 5:16 to play.

**Clippers 99, Rockets 91**

HOUSTON (AP) — Clippers guard Sam Cassell scored 24 points and the Los Angeles franchise moved to 13 games over.

The Lakers' first two games of their road trip ended with missed contested 3-pointers by

The Lakers lost to New Jersey 92-89 Friday and to Cleveland 96-95 Sunday despite leading by as many as 18 against the Cavaliers.

# Baylor rips New Mexico, books trip to Sweet 16

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Baylor has a simple plan for when things get tight in the NCAA tournament: Get the ball to Sophia Young.

Young scored 15 of her 21 points in the second half and the defending NCAA champion Lady Bears beat 11th-seeded New Mexico 87-67 in the second round of the Albuquerque Regional on Monday night.

Baylor (28-6) advances to play the winner of Tuesday's second-round game between second-seeded Maryland and No. 7 seed St. John's in University Park, Pa.

The Lady Bears' eighth straight NCAA tourney victory was convincing, but it wasn't easy. They had to overcome a seven-point first-half deficit.



Baylor's Sophia Young, left, goes after a loose ball against New Mexico's Jana Francis in the second half during an NCAA second round women's basketball tournament in Tucson, Ariz., on Monday.

**LSU 72, Washington 49**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — LSU was at its best for less than 15 minutes Monday night — and that was enough to blowout Washington 72-49 in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Seimond Augustus scored 26 points and top-seeded LSU broke open a tight game with a big second-half run, beating Washington 27-10 in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

**Utah 86, Arizona St. 65**

TUCSON, Ariz. — Fifteen-point deficits are nothing to Utah.

The fifth-seeded Utes erased another one, this time in the first half, and went on to rout the 4 seed Arizona State 86-65 Monday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

**Michigan State 67, Kentucky 63**

ROSEMONT, Ill. — The Michigan State Spartans withstood a late-game scoring drought by holding Kentucky scoreless for more than five minutes, and beat the Wildcats 67-63 on Monday in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Fourth-seeded Michigan State, last season's national runner-up, plays the winner of Tuesday's Duke-Southern California game in the round of 16 in Bridgeport, Conn., on Sunday.

Aisha Jefferson led Michigan State with 16 points — 14 in the first half — and Liz Shimek scored 12 points on 4-for-13 shooting — after scoring 27 in

**Stanford 88, Florida St. 70**

DENVER — At this rate, Candice Wiggins' will rewrite the record book at Stanford. Might bring a title or two back to The Pauley, as well.

The sensational sophomore finished with 34 points and seven rebounds Monday night to lift the Cardinal into the third round of the NCAA tournament with an 88-70 victory over Florida State.

**Oklahoma 86, BYU 70**

DENVER — Oklahoma's Courtney Paris finished with 30 points and 15 rebounds Monday night to lift the Sooners to an 88-70 victory over Brigham Young in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The 6-foot-4 freshman had her 27th-straight double-double by halftime despite BYU's intense pressure, which initially threw Paris off her game. Those pressures didn't last long.

The second-seeded Sooners (31-4) won their 19th straight, moving to the San Antonio Regional semifinals, the first time coach Sherd Coale's team has been there since 2002. The Sooners will play the winner of the later game between Stanford and Florida State.

**North Carolina 89, Vanderbilt 70**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Ivory Latta believes the North Carolina Tar Heels are road tested and ready.

The junior guard scored 27 points, and the top-ranked and top-seeded Tar Heels tumbled out the pro Vandy crowd in an 89-70 victory Monday night. In the second round of the NCAA tournament.

With the victory, the Tar Heels (31-1) reached the regional semifinals for a second straight year and the 10th in their last 12 tournament appearances.

They will play either Purdue or UCLA, who play Tuesday night, on Sunday in Cleveland.

**DePaul 73, Tulsa 67**

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Khari Smith came through and DePaul is going to the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament for the first time.

Smith tipped a pass to herself, hit a go-ahead basket and converted a three-point play with 53.8 seconds left Monday night as DePaul scored the final 10 points to beat 12th-seeded Tulsa 73-67 in the San Antonio Regional.

The fourth-seeded Blue Demons (27-6) will face top-seeded LSU in the regional semifinals Saturday.

## Ready

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getting easy baskets.

Aside from Stember, Peery sees reserve guard David Scoville as the team's major difference-maker.

The 6-foot-5 freshman from Indianapolis is averaging 5.3 points and 3.5 rebounds per game.

"He comes off the bench real quick, is like a starter," Peery said. "It's a really active player. Guards and runs the floor and really gets on the glass. I think he's a guy that can change the tempo of the game and the flow of the game with his activity and his effort."



CSI sophomore guard Zarryon Ferrell follows through on a three-point attempt during Monday's shoot-around at the Hutchinson Sports Arena in Hutchinson, Kan. Ferrell and the Golden Eagles open play today against Southwestern Illinois College.

## Eagle eyes

2006 NCAA Tournament at Hutchinson, Kan. (all times MST)

Tuesday

**Round 1**

Arkansas-Fort Smith (29-3) vs. Monroe College (N.Y.), 9 a.m.

Williston State (N.D.) (22-10) vs. Georgia Perimeter College (28-6), 11 a.m.

Highland Community College (Ill.) (31-3) vs. Southwest Tennessee Community College (32-2), 1 p.m.

Southwestern Illinois College (32-2) vs. College of Southern Idaho (24-8), 3:30 p.m.

Iowa Western College (28-6) vs. Northwest Mississippi Community College (29-2), 5:30 p.m.

Arizona Western College (27-5) vs. Coffeyville Community College (Kan.) (30-4), 7:30 p.m.

On the horizon: With a win, CSI will play Wednesday at 7 a.m. against the winner of Today's Highland CC vs. Southwest Tenn. CC game, and the Golden Eagles play that game loser at 9 a.m. Thursday morning. On the radio: All CSI games will be broadcast on 1270 AM KTFI.

CSI season leaders (per game): Points — Travis Gabbidon 16.5; Rebounds 14.7; Blocks — Larry 7.7; Gabbidon 6.7. Assists — Jermald Calvin 6.0; Darrell Jenkins 4.1; Steals — Calvin 3.0; Zarryon Ferrell 1.4. Blocks — Larry 1.5; Gabbidon 0.8.

### Practice notes

Reserve sophomore post Micah Rollin has been on light practice duty after taking a hard fall on an alley-opp attempt during Saturday's practice at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyo. Rollin, who averages 3.6 points and 3.5 rebounds per game, suffered a bruised hip on the play. He has been stiff, but is fully expected to play.

Golden Eagles have been a big draw for NCAA Division I scouts already.

With every CSI sophomore still unsigned, scouts from the University of Wyoming, Oregon State University, the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and St. Bonaventure, among others, have frequented CSI practices and shoot-arounds.

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# Japan beats Cuba in WBC

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Forget beisbol. This was yakuza at its best, and the inaugural World Baseball Classic belongs to Japan.

Ichiro Suzuki and his less-famous countrymen beat Cuba 10-6 in the championship game Monday night, ripping a page out of the book of the winning a major international tournament.

Suzuki doubled, singled and drove in a run. He also scored three times, including in a four-run first inning that proved Cuba's pitchers are vulnerable, after all.

Cuba's fans perked up when their team, wearing its lucky red uniforms, pulled to 6-5 on a two-run homer by Frederick Cepeda with one out in the eighth. Akinori Otsuka, the former San Diego Padres reliever now with Texas, came on and

retired the side.

Suzuki singled in the ninth to score Munenori Kawasaki on a close play at the plate and make 10-5.

Kawasaki slid, turned and stuck his right hand just inside of catcher Ariel Pestano's left foot to — perhaps — touch the plate. Japan broke it open the next run single by pinch-hitter Kosuke Fukudome and a sacrifice fly by Michihiro Ogasawara.

Otsuka allowed a run in the ninth before closing it out for a save.

Japan took a 4-0 lead in the top of the first while hitting the ball out of the infield just once.

Cuba starter Omarromero was on a short leash to begin with but was yanked after throwing 23 pitches.

He retired leadoff hitter Kawasaki, then loaded the bases on infield singles by

Tsuyoshi Nishiohka and Nobuhiko Matsunaka, and a walk to Suzuki.

Vijay Chandray Odell came on and hit Hitoshi Tamano on the left elbow with a pitch to force in the second run, walked Ogasawara with two outs to bring another, before Toshiaki Imae hit a sharp, two-run single up the middle to make it 4-0.

Eduardo Perez hit a leadoff homer for the Cubans in the first, but they didn't score again until the sixth, when they made it 6-3.

One of Cuba's two runs that inning was unearned due to an error by shortstop Kawasaki, who earlier in the game made two brilliant plays.

Japan took a 6-1 lead by scoring twice in the fifth on three straight hits — Suzuki's leadoff double and singles by Matsunaka and Tamura.

## Tagliabue

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"I am honored to have been commissioner since late 1989 and to have been meaningfully involved with the league, its owners, clubs, coaches, players, fans and media since 1969."

Tagliabue will stay on with the league as a senior executive and a consultant through 2008, part of the contract extension he signed last July.

Tagliabue's term will be remembered most for labor peace following strikes in 1982 and 1987. His close relationship with Gene Shustartz, the league's executive director, finally led to a long-term agreement after five years without a contract.

Before becoming commissioner, Tagliabue was a league lawyer who spent much of that time as the NFL's representative and unofficial lobbyist in Washington.

"He has been a tremendous

asset to our league and the direction we have taken," said New Orleans owner Tom Benson.

"We have experienced very positive growth in the area of revenue sharing and broadcast contracts, we have secured long-term labor peace and have also even encountered some of the worst of times following 9/11, but throughout it all Paul has been a leader, a friend and a voice that many others within our league and other leagues have followed."

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

- BASEBALL
Dodgers vs. Marlins, ESPN, 11 a.m.
BASETBALL
NHL second round, South Carolina vs. Florida State, ESPN, 5 p.m.
NIT, second round, Minnesota vs. Cincinnati, ESPN, 7 p.m.
Women, NCAA Division I tournament, second round, ESPN2, 8 p.m.
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Rockets at Mavericks, TNT, 8 p.m.
Sons at Jazz, 8:30 p.m.
HOCKEY
Thrashers at Bruins, OLN, 8 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Table with columns for team names, conference, and game results. Includes sections for NBA Eastern Conference, NBA Western Conference, WNBA Eastern Conference, WNBA Western Conference, and NCAA Division I.

Area ski report

By Roger Johnson
The snow machine has been a real help in the area this week. The snow machine has been a real help in the area this week. The snow machine has been a real help in the area this week.

Table with columns for team names, conference, and game results. Includes sections for 2008 Ryder Cup Points, Golf, and Hockey.

Aggies assistant being interviewed for Idaho job
MOSCOW, Idaho — Utah State assistant basketball coach Don Verlin will interview for the vacant head coaching job at the University of Idaho, according to a newspaper report.

Eagles release QBs McMahon, Hall
PHILADELPHIA — The Eagles released quarterbacks Mike McMahon and Andy Hall for the vacant head coaching job at the University of Idaho.

Swimmer breaks own world record
MELBOURNE, Australia — Lisset Jones broke her own world record in the 100-meter breaststroke at the Commonwealth Games, finishing in 1:05.09 seconds Monday.

Amelle Mauresmo is No. 1 on WTA Tour
LONDON — Amelle Mauresmo took over the No. 1 spot in the WTA rankings from Kim Clijsters on Monday.

Commission to look into boxer's death
EVANSVILLE, Ind. — The death of boxer Kevin Payne prompted Indiana authorities to order an autopsy and a commission to look into the death.

Shaquille O'Neal fined \$5,000 for foul
NEW YORK — Miami Heat center Shaquille O'Neal was fined \$5,000 for a foul during a game against the Chicago Bulls.

Transactions
A list of player transactions including trades, signings, and releases from various teams.

Rodeo
A list of rodeo events and results, including the National Finals Rodeo.

Baseball
A list of baseball games and results, including MLB and minor league games.

Hockey
A list of hockey games and results, including NHL and AHL games.

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2008 Ryder Cup Points

Table showing points for various teams in the 2008 Ryder Cup, including Team USA and Team Europe.

GOLF

Table showing golf scores and results for various tournaments, including the PGA Tour and European Tour.

HOKEY

Table showing hockey scores and results for various leagues, including the NHL and AHL.

MOTORSPORTS

Table showing motorsport results, including NASCAR, IndyCar, and other racing events.

Compiled from wire reports
A collection of news snippets and reports from various sources, including sports and general news.

## Market Watch

March 20, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	+5.18
11,274.53	
Nasdaq composite	+7.93
2,314.11	
Standard & Poor's 500	-2.47
1,305.08	
Russell 2000	-0.47
745.62	

## Stocks of local interest

	close	change
Albertsons	\$25.81	▼ .05
Con Agri	\$19.75	▲ .11
Dell Inc.	\$29.76	▲ .68
Idacorp.	\$31.99	▼ .39
Micron	\$14.82	▲ .05
Sempra	\$46.80	▼ .43

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## Commodities

	close	change
Oil, by barrel	\$60.42	▼ 2.35
(April, light sweet crude)		
183.31		▲ .32
Gold (Feb.)	\$558.6	▲ 1.0

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## Learn to sell to government

**TWIN FALLS** — Business owners are invited to a free workshop today in the Federal Room at the College of Southern Idaho's Taylor Building, room 276, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

The workshop, sponsored by the city of Nampa, Idaho Commerce & Labor, the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Idaho National Laboratory will discuss how to sell products and services to government agencies.

To register or for more information contact the Idaho Business Network at 1-800-842-5858 or e-mail to [lnb@business.idaho.gov](mailto:lnb@business.idaho.gov).

## Web chat to focus on women in business

**WILMA GOLDSTEIN**, Small Business Administration's assistant administrator for women's business ownership, will host the SBA's March Web chat on Business Growth for Women Entrepreneurs, March 23 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Goldstein answers questions about starting and growing a small business. Chat participants will receive information on small business training, counseling and mentoring as well as other small business issues for women entrepreneurs. They will also be able to learn about loans and resources to help them overcome barriers to business start-up and growth.

Participants can join the live Web chat by going online to [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) and clicking on "Your Small Business Voice Online Chat."

## Onelda Ltd. files for bankruptcy

**ONEIDA, N.Y.** — Onelda Ltd., which was once the world's largest maker of stainless steel flange, has filed a pre-negotiated plan to reorganize under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection that calls for the company to shed about \$100 million in debt.

Onelda filed its plan Sunday in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York in Manhattan, said Richard Mahony, speaking on behalf of the 126-year-old company.

## Michaels Stores put up for sale

**IRVING, Texas** — Michaels Stores Inc., an arts and crafts retail chain, put itself up for sale Monday and said its longtime president and chief executive, Dr. Michael Rouleau, is retiring. His shares rose nearly 13 percent.

Michaels said its decision to put itself up for sale as part of a broader exploration of its strategic options was driven by a desire to boost shareholder value and improve its financial performance.

The Irving-based retailer said it would leave the CEO post vacant, and named Jeffrey N. Boyer and Gregory A. Sanford as co-presidents to succeed Rouleau in that position.

— Compiled from wire and staff reports



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An E85 fuel pump is shown March 3 at the Ohio Department of Agriculture in Columbus, Ohio. The fuel consists of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent petroleum. The fledgling U.S. ethanol industry is anticipating some growing pains this summer.

# Solution?

## Ethanol industry braces for some unwanted attention

By Brad Foss  
Associated Press writer

**WASHINGTON** — After a spurt of good fortune, the fledgling U.S. ethanol industry is anticipating some growing pains that could bring it unwanted attention this summer.

Ethanol's public profile rose significantly for the better last July when Congress passed an energy bill that mandates the doubling of biofuels output by 2012. In January, President Bush gave the industry a further boost with a strong endorsement in his State of the Union speech. And with the imminent phaseout of a petrochemical additive to gasoline to reduce tailpipe emissions, more U.S. motorists will depend on the corn-derived fuel than ever before.

But there's trouble looming: The ethanol industry might not be ready to satisfy the expected summertime jump in demand. And by crimping the overall supply of motor fuel, this could contribute to a spike in gasoline pump prices at the start of the country's peak driving season.

That, at least, is the view of the Energy Department, which issued a report last month detailing the challenges midwestern ethanol producers will have in getting their fuel to key markets along the East Coast, because of railroads, trucking and other distribution bottlenecks. The report also highlighted concerns about the limited output capacity of an industry still in its infancy.

The Renewable Fuels Association, a trade group representing ethanol producers such as Archer Daniels Midland Co. and Pacific Ethanol Inc., says the industry's challenges and their influence on gasoline prices are being overblown. The association sent an angry letter to the Energy Department last week, questioning the overall thoroughness of its research and accusing it of creating "unnecessary fears in the marketplace."

Still, ethanol-related worries hang over the U.S. market, contributing to a 42-cent-per-gallon increase in unleaded gasoline futures since mid-February. There are other factors behind the recent wholesale gasoline price spike, including soaring oil prices, strong demand and persistent strains on the U.S. refining system. The average retail price of gasoline in the United States is \$2.51 a gallon — the highest level since October — and some analysts say \$3 is a possibility by summer.

Wholesale prices for ethanol, meanwhile, have surged to roughly \$2.75 a gallon, or about 50 cents per gallon higher than usual, according to the Oil Price Information Service of Wall, N.J. Because ethanol makes up one-tenth of every gallon of unleaded gasoline with which it is blended, this windfall for ethanol producers ends up costing motorists an extra 5 cents per gallon at the pump.

High prices will spur more ethanol production — there are 33 new plants under construction — but some minor near-term complications can be expected due to the rapid increase in demand, said Bob Dinneen, president of the Renewable Fuels Association and the

author of the letter sent to the Energy Department.

Dinneen said the industry is taking steps to mitigate the problems, such as filling ethanol storage tanks on the East Coast before summer arrives and contracting barges that can ship ethanol down the Mississippi River and then up the Atlantic seaboard.

Energy analysts said it's unclear whether ethanol producers can manufacture and distribute enough supply once U.S. refiners phase out the use of a petrochemical called methyl tertiary butyl ether, or MTBE, which enables gasoline to burn more completely, and this more closely, but carries some public health risks.

The refining industry says it warned Congress for years about the difficulty ethanol producers would have in offsetting the loss of MTBE, which accounts for about 10 percent of the volume of every gallon of gasoline with which it is blended.

"When it comes to ethanol, Congress is guilty of more irrational exuberance than on any other issue," said Bob Slaughter, president of the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association.

California, New York and Connecticut have banned MTBE in recent years, but consumers from Virginia to New Hampshire, as well as in Texas, still depend on it.

MTBE, a natural gas derivative, has been the oxygenate of choice since the mandate was established roughly 11 years ago as a byproduct of the Clean Air Act.

But MTBE also has been found to contaminate drinking water supplies and it may cause cancer, exposing the petroleum industry to lawsuits filed by water districts and municipalities on behalf of their citizens. After Congress refused to grant the industry protection from such lawsuits, retailers made clear their intention to stop using MTBE.

Valero Energy Corp., Exxon Mobil Corp. and Shell Oil Co., the U.S. subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell Plc, all plan to cease using MTBE in gasoline by May 5, spokespersons for the companies said.

Valero, the country's largest independent refiner, estimates the

country's total gasoline supply will shrink by 145,000 barrels per day of about 1.5 percent, once MTBE is removed — a transition expected to be complete by May 5. That is when an obscure provision of the energy bill goes into effect, eliminating the use for a so-called oxygenate in gasoline.

Now it is up to ethanol producers for the U.S. ethanol industry right now is that it was caught off guard by the oil industry's faster-than-expected phaseout of MTBE. "Refiners made the decision to accelerate the removal of MTBE, not ethanol producers," Dinneen said.

Perhaps the biggest issue is distribution. Gasoline with or without MTBE can be shipped in large quantities through an extensive network of pipelines. But ethanol, which tends to corrode pipelines, must be transported on trucks, trains and barges in relatively small batches to storage terminals where it is then blended with gasoline.

"I suspect there will be enough ethanol, but that logistics — getting rail and truck transportation to furnish the ethanol to key markets — will be the nightmare, that drives prices," said Tom Kloza, an analyst at Oil Price Information Service.

The trucking industry is faced with a multiyear labor shortage and railroad capacity is tight because of strong demand to ship coal, grain and steel.

Arac harvesting.com (2002)

Ethanol refueling locations with public access

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## IRS may let marketers buy your tax information

Knight Ridder News Service

**PHILADELPHIA** — The Internal Revenue Service is quietly moving to loosen the once-inviolable privacy of federal income-tax returns: If it succeeds, accountants and other tax-return preparers will for the first time be able to sell information on individual returns — or even entire returns — to marketers and data brokers.

The change is raising alarm among consumer privacy-rights advocates. It was included in a set of proposed rules that the Treasury Department and the IRS published in the Dec. 8 Federal Register, where the official notice labeled them "not a significant regulatory action."

IRS officials portray the changes as housecleaning measures needed to update outdated regulations adopted before it began accepting returns electronically. The proposed rules, which would become effective 30 days after a final version is published, would require a taxpayer to obtain written consent before selling tax information.

Critics call the changes a dangerous new breach in personal financial privacy. They say the requirement for signed consent would prove meaningless for many taxpayers, especially those hurriedly reviewing stacks of documents before a filing deadline.

"The normal intention is that the taxpayer just signs what the tax preparer puts in front of them," said Jean Ann Fox of the Consumer Federation of America, one of the groups fighting the changes. "They think, 'This person is a tax professional, and I'm going to rely on them.'"

Criticism of the proposal also came from U.S. Sen. Barack Obama. D-Ill. in a letter last Tuesday to IRS Commissioner Mark Everson, Obama warned that once in the hands of third parties, tax information could be sold and handled under even looser rules than the IRS sets, increasing consumers' vulnerability to identity theft and other risks.

"There is no more sensitive information than a taxpayer's return, and the IRS's proposal to allow these returns to be sold to third-party marketers and database brokers is deeply troubling," Obama wrote.

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The announcement did not mention potential sales of tax information. It said the proposed rules were guided by the principle "that tax return preparers may not disclose or use tax return information for purposes other than their own preparation without the knowing, informed and voluntary consent of the taxpayer."

## Wal-Mart to hire up to 150,000 in China expansion

By Marcus Kabel  
Associated Press writer

**BENTONVILLE, Ark.** — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. plans to hire up to 150,000 employees in China over the next five years, five times its current number of employees, the company said Monday.

Wal-Mart has targeted China, which has long been a major supplier of its products, as a key region for its international store growth. It has 56 stores in China with about 30,000 employees and plans to open 20 more stores this year.

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Amy Wyatt declined to say how many stores the Bentonville, Ark.-based retailer will add longer term. Wal-Mart generally only makes full-year projections one year at a time for its new store plans in the U.S. and internationally.

"We could hire as many as 150,000 (new employees) in the next five years," Wyatt said.

The news comes less than a week after Wal-Mart moved to expand in another fast-growing region, Central America, by taking a majority stake in a regional retail chain that it first bought last September. Wal-Mart took over Central American Retail Holding Co., also known as CARHCO, for an undisclosed price.

Wal-Mart bought about \$18 billion in goods from China in 2004, the last year for which it has released numbers, Wyatt said.

The region is a key part of Wal-Mart's strategy of growing internationally, where it is active in 15 countries including China, Japan and Korea in Asia, Britain and Germany in Europe, Canada, Mexico and eight countries in Latin America.

Wal-Mart does not provide a country-by-country breakdown of international financial results. The total international division accounted for about 20 percent of last year's overall net sales of \$312.4 billion.

But Wal-Mart's international division is growing faster than its larger U.S. operations. In 2005, the international division saw net sales and operating income rise 11.4 percent, compared to 9.4 percent for sales and 6.2 percent for operating income at the U.S. division minus Sam's Club.

Wal-Mart's international side had more than 450,000 employees last year, compared to more than 1.3 million at 3,400 stores in the United States.

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SOURCES: National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition; U.S. Department of Agriculture AP

MONEY

# Building material prices rising, while trade feuds persist

By Jim Landers  
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS—Two of the oldest trade feuds with U.S. neighbors are over building materials. The United States has fought with Mexico since 1990 over low-price imports of cement. The United States fought with Canada even longer over low-price lumber.

Building materials costs are soaring, which undercut arguments that Canadian and Mexican producers are exporting at fire-sale prices. The Gulf Coast is only beginning to rebuild after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. President Bush meets his counterparts from Mexico and Canada at the end of March in Cancun, Mexico.

"So are those reasons enough for a truce"—yes. For lumber,

ber—well, even an optimist would not move that way.

On March 4, Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez, U.S. Trade Representative Bob Portman and Mexican Secretary of Economy Sergio Cárdena de la Cruz signed a deal that cuts U.S. anti-dumping duties by 90 percent and allows a one-third boost in Mexican cement exports to the United States.

The deal also allows the U.S. president to let imports from Mexico surge to help areas affected by natural disasters. If all goes well, in three years cement will finally join the vast bulk of goods traded freely between the United States and Mexico.

Builders were happy with the deal.

"We believe that's going to significantly loosen up imports of Mexican cement, which I think will help not only with

construction of hurricane-ravaged parts of the Gulf but also the South and Southeast," said Peter Beck, managing director of the Beck Group in Dallas.

The National Association of Home Builders said the deal would ease cement shortages across much of the nation and take some pressure off home prices.

As part of the deal, Mexico promised to address barriers in its own market. U.S. cement producers such as TXI of Dallas had argued that Mexico's home market was closed, which allowed producers there to realize high profits that then subsidized exports.

Cemex, the Monterrey, Mexico-based cement giant, scoffs at that argument. The United States imports one-fourth of its

requirements. Since the dispute began, Cemex has invested \$500 million in the U.S. market and now is the largest producer in both Mexico and the United States.

"U.S. producers don't have product to export to Mexico," said John Bloom, chief economist of Cemex USA in Houston.

On lumber, there's no peace in sight.

Canada's litigation strategy to end U.S. anti-dumping duties has led to mixed verdicts before the World Trade Organization and the arbitration panels of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Canadians feel they won a sweeping victory with NAFTA arbitrators and want their money back (\$4 billion and counting in duties collected so far).

The U.S. softwood lumber producers say Canadian

provinces are still subsidizing lumber exports. They sued in the Washington, D.C., Federal Court of Appeals to have the NAFTA arbitration process declared unconstitutional.

Helpful to keep the fire hot is a provision of U.S. law written by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., that awards anti-dumping duties to affected industries. The WTO is suing against the Byrd amendment, and Congress repeated it.

But the repeal doesn't take effect until next year, which means Timberland Products of Austin, Texas, and other U.S. lumber producers stand to collect those duties.

Stephen Harper, Canada's newly elected prime minister, has said he hopes to resolve this dispute early in his premiership. U.S. Trade Representative Portman has offered to negotiate.

The two sides have talked informally, but no negotiations are under way.

Consumers for World Trade, a Washington group, worries that the dispute could ultimately be settled in a way that leaves the duties in place but switches payment across the border. An export tax would keep Canadian provinces while keeping Canadian lumber exports paid more in line with U.S. products.

This export tax arrangement was how a truce was reached in 1996.

"It would lead to abnormally high building products prices, which would impact the price of a home by about \$1,000," said Kara Fink, the consumer group's legislative director.

For lower-income households, that \$1,000 really goes a long way on a mortgage. They get approved for a mortgage.

# Wall Street's paused rally fueled by optimism about interest rates

By Michael J. Martinez  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK—Wall Street's four-day rally paused Monday with the major indexes finishing mixed as optimism over a potential end to the Federal Reserve's string of interest rate raises with investors' desire to take profits after the run higher.

With slowing economic growth and little evidence of inflation, the market is getting mixed signals. The Fed's meeting ends next Tuesday, which would set raising rates by May. Investors looked ahead to Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's remarks might signal a shift in the Economic Club of New York for further evidence of a halt to rate

hikes.

However, with stocks up for four straight sessions last week and the Dow Jones Industrial Average and Poor's 500 index at their highest points since May 2001, confidence in the market's ability to keep advancing could be faltering. And the impetus to lock in profits ahead of the Fed meeting could prompt dumping for cautious investors.

There's really not a lot of information there to work with, and it's hard to know what to do," said Jack Abbin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank. "We still a few weeks away from first-quarter earnings, so all you have to focus on is a slowing economy and interest rates."

The Dow fell 5.12, or 0.05 per-

cent rise. The January figure was revised from 2.1 percent as well—a signal that the economy could be slowing down. While a slowing economy, bodies well for lower rate hikes. It also shows that economic growth has already begun to slow, which could affect future corporate earnings.

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Analysts noted that the market's mixed day could be a sign of the market's long-term health, since the indexes were not barreling higher unchecked, and profit-taking after last week's gains was light.

In company news, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. gained \$1.07 to \$47.78 after media reports of the retailer's ambitious plan to add 150,000 new employees in China over the next five years in a push to manage all of its stores that country's rapidly expanding economy.

Fellow Dow industrial General Motors Corp. sold off again as media reports said the company's board of directors was demanding answers from top executives after Friday's disclosure

of a \$2 billion earnings restatement. GM lost 28 cents to \$20.85.

Williams-Sonoma Inc. fell 18 cents to \$42.28 after the home and kitchen retailer reported a rise 6 percent for the fourth quarter, on par with Wall Street's expectations. The owner of The Pottery Barn and West Elm brands also initiated its first quarterly dividend.

Oracle Corp. added 12 cents to \$13.72 ahead of its quarterly earnings report after the session. The software maker cut its price 19 cents per share for the quarter, a penny better than Wall Street's forecasts, though revenues were mainly on-par with analysts' expectations. Oracle dropped 24 cents to \$13.48 in after-hours trading.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Name	Div	OTE	52W	CHG	Yield
AAA					
AES Corp	0.14	4.32	14.90	+0.23	4.32
AFL	0.00	4.14	18.22	-0.07	4.14
AGL Res 14.38	-0.18	4.90	29.77	-0.23	4.90
AGL Res 14.38	-0.18	4.90	29.77	-0.23	4.90
AGL Res 14.38	-0.18	4.90	29.77	-0.23	4.90

## MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
Most Active	Vol	Chg	%Chg	Most Active	Vol	Chg	%Chg	Most Active	Vol	Chg	%Chg
IBM	15,123,456	+1.23	+0.01%	GOOG	1,234,567	+0.45	+0.03%	MSFT	2,345,678	-0.12	-0.01%

## NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Company	Price	Change	% Change
AMZN	23.45	+0.12	+0.5%
GOOG	45.67	+0.34	+0.7%
MSFT	32.10	-0.15	-0.5%

## STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Company	Price	Change	% Change
AMZN	23.45	+0.12	+0.5%
GOOG	45.67	+0.34	+0.7%
MSFT	32.10	-0.15	-0.5%

## INDEXES

Index	Value	Change	% Change
Dow Jones	10,123.45	-5.12	-0.05%
S&P 500	1,234.56	+0.05	+0.00%
NASDAQ	2,345.67	+0.12	+0.01%

## HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 625 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. All share data are in 100 shares. Stocks in bold indicate a dividend or a price increase.

Company names are listed alphabetically by the company's full name. Not all abbreviations. Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.

Five Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual dividend payment, if applicable.

Last Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.

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## AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Company	Price	Change	% Change
AMZN	23.45	+0.12	+0.5%
GOOG	45.67	+0.34	+0.7%
MSFT	32.10	-0.15	-0.5%

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including oil, grain, and metals.

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FOSSIL FUELS

Table of fossil fuel prices including oil, natural gas, and coal.

Radar workers irked by FAA's plans for Boise tower

BOISE (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration's proposal to move an air traffic control system from Boise to Salt Lake City...

BEANS

Table of bean prices for various types like soybeans and beans.

CHEESE

Table of cheese prices for various types like cheddar and mozzarella.

POTATOES

Table of potato prices for various grades and types.

METALS/MONEY

Table of metal and money prices including gold, silver, and various currencies.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices for wheat, corn, and soybeans.

SUGAR

Table of sugar prices for various grades and types.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices for cattle, hogs, and sheep.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund prices for various investment funds.

Global warming plan divides oil companies

Los Angeles Times. SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's pledge to fight global warming...

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Mon.

Table of Minneapolis market data including stock and commodity prices.

CHICAGO (AP) — Futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Sugar futures trading on the New York Board of Trade.

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# What's New?

## Twin Falls School District Facilities Bond Passes!

Kudos to the Twin Falls community — and school district patrons, in particular. Last week's passage of the Twin Falls School District Facilities Bond is a positive investment in our community. The Chamber Board actively supported this bond and encouraged its membership to support the \$49.7 million initiative. Our organization sees the bond as a needed investment in our community's educational infrastructure. Having appropriate facilities for our local school district is critical to the continued economic vitality and positive quality of life for the Twin Falls area.

The Chamber Board voted at its February board meeting to support the bond. If a survey of its membership showed a favorable response. An on-line survey had a 25% response rate from the Chamber's nearly 750 members. Of those responding, 78% supported the bond. Individual comments made by those participating in the survey included an emphasis on the need for quality education, addressing growth and future needs of the School District, and the primary role schools play as a determining factor for economic development.

The Chamber looks forward to the implementation of the projects supported by the bond funds — and the future success of our community.

### Another Election is Just Around the Corner

Last Friday marked the filing deadline for the May Primary Election. Several candidates have stepped up to run for county offices. At the Chamber, we're pleased to see the interest from the candidates. Good government comes from good people serving their communities. In the coming weeks, the Chamber will host candidate forums to give you the opportunity to hear from those who want your vote in May. Watch your Friday Facts for details.

The May 23rd election will also include two other items on the ballot in Twin Falls County. The first will be a question asking voters to approve the partnership between Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and St. Luke's Regional Medical

Center. The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, on behalf of the Chamber's 750 member businesses, offered its support of the proposal back in September and continues to support the partnership.

The proposal will allow a brand new state-of-the-art facility at no cost to taxpayers, expanded healthcare services, maintenance of local decision-making input, and will ensure the availability of high quality and affordable healthcare

well into the future.

Twin Falls County voters are the final step in authorizing this new and exciting partnership, and we encourage a vote in favor of the proposal.

The second issue on the ballot in May will be the proposal for an override levy to fund the initial phase of the new "Pioneer Event Center" at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. The approximate \$1.2 million dollar project will include construction of a 66,000 square foot event center, including lighting, electrical, and restrooms.

The Chamber Board supports this project, as well, and encourages Twin Falls County voters to support the proposal. The "Pioneer Event Center" will allow additional events and activities in our area — including concerts, trade shows, sporting and entertainment activities. People who attend these events will stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants, shop in our stores, and support the local economy.

Beyond the encouragement of the Chamber to support these projects, the best advice is to make sure voters are informed in order to make solid decisions. Please watch future communications from the Chamber to direct you to good information about these proposals — and be sure to vote!

### Legislative Session Heating Up

There aren't too many more days of the

Legislative Session, but the issues are definitely heating up. We're still awaiting resolution on the major issues of the session: property tax reform, highway construction projects, and study of the energy issues. Throughout the session, we've talked with our local legislators to keep them informed of our feelings about these issues and also to hear from them what's happening at the Statehouse.

One issue of particular interest this session has been coal-fired electricity generation facilities. The Chamber Board has appointed an Energy Task Force to review the broader issue of energy needs and potential supplies. The group has been meeting for a couple of months and is gathering factual/unbiased information from government agencies and other organizations. In the coming months, we'll host educational forums for our Chamber members and the community to share what we've learned and help people make informed decisions about their role in energy issues. In the meantime, the Chamber Board has voted to maintain a position of neutrality when it comes to energy issues, particularly specific proposals for construction of facilities in the Magic Valley.

The Chamber's Government Affairs Committee continues to meet through the end of the Legislative Session each Friday morning at 7:00 at the Chamber office. Any Chamber members are welcome and encouraged to attend. ♦

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It is time again for the Future Farmers of America to come to Twin Falls. The State Conference will be held at the College of Southern Idaho April 6-8. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Idaho FFA State Leadership Conference. Be sure to keep an eye out for the "blue coats" as they spend a few days in our community - supporting our local businesses - and be sure to welcome them and thank them for their support of Twin Falls.

The Twin Falls County Fair is seeking sponsors for prizes for the Wrangler Junior High School Rodeo Finals to be held the first weekend in June in Filer. The Chamber's Agribusiness Committee is stepping up as a \$1000 sponsor and challenges other local businesses to help out. Sponsors will be recognized with announcer mentions, in programs and other printed materials, and with banners in the arena. More than 100 participants are expected from around the state - along with their families. Their support for our local economy will be outstanding - and your help to support the event can make it even better. For more info, or to find out where to send your check, contact the Fairgrounds Office at 326-4396.

**Beautification**

*Meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10am at the Chamber office.*

The Beautification Committee has Spring Fever! Why not celebrate the coming of Spring with your sponsorship of a Hanging Basket along Shoshone St. An initial annual investment of \$350 and your 3-year commitment gets you the beautiful flower basket and a "Welcome to Twin Falls" sign complete with your personalized business name. Each year after, your sponsorship is \$275. There are only a handful of sponsorships remaining - so to learn more about sponsorship opportunities for a basket - please contact the Chamber office at 733-3974.



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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 11:00am Ribbon Cutting for Labor Ready (1688 Kimberly Rd. Ste. 1 & 2)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7:00am Government Affairs Omtc (Chamber office)	<b>1</b> 3:00pm Ribbon Cutting Little Red Barn (Magic Valley)
	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Ambassadors Meeting (Chamber office)	<b>4</b> 9:30am Agribusiness Omtc (Chamber office)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 4:00pm Ribbon Cutting for Saratoga Apartments (651 Saratoga Drive)	<b>7</b> 7:00am Government Affairs Omtc (Chamber office)	<b>8</b> April
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# Images of Southern Idaho Honored for Editorial Excellence

Images of Southern Idaho received an award for Editorial Excellence in the Journal Communications annual Quality Awards competition. Images of Southern Idaho and Images of Pueblo, Colorado shared the award.

Images of Southern Idaho, published for the first time in 2005, is an annual publication that is sponsored by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and supported by other chambers in the region.

The magazine was cited for its editorial content and excellent photography throughout. Judges said it represented the best of the nearly 100 community magazines produced by Journal Communications during the year in cooperation with chambers of commerce across the country.

The cover showed a "BASE jumper" gliding in for landing after parachuting from the Perrine Bridge nearly 500 feet above the floor of the Snake River Canyon. Other feature articles were on the region's natural wonders and recreational opportunities; sizable companies moving to the area, the diverse cultures

populating Southern Idaho, and multigenerational family businesses. Other stories covered education, health care, arts and sports.

At the annual awards ceremony held recently in Franklin, Senior Editor Maurice Fleece, who headed the Southern Idaho project, received a "Haley," named for Alex Haley (1921-1992), Journal Communications co-founder and Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Roots.

Founded in 1988, Journal Communications Inc. is a custom publisher that produces community, corporate and travel magazines. Since then, the chamber of commerce publications have become the fastest-growing segment of the business. In 1999, JCI served 25 clients in four states. It now produces magazines for nearly 100 chambers of commerce in 29 states, as well as in Alberta, Canada, and has received numerous state, regional and national awards of excellence. For more information about Images of Southern Idaho, to obtain copies of the magazine, or for details on the planning for the 2007 edition - contact the Chamber office at 733-3974. ♦

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## Is a tax refund always a good thing?

You've waited until the last minute to fill out your income tax return. Instead of owing more taxes to the IRS, as you feared, you discover that you're entitled to a big refund. You breathe a sigh of relief.

What's wrong with this picture?

You're parking your money with the IRS, in effect, you have made an interest-free loan to the U.S. government. Wouldn't you rather have the money yourself, sooner?

It's true that you can't anticipate every facet of your tax return. You may have last-minute medical expenses. You may decide to increase your end-of-the-year charitable giving. You may decide to sell off that investment that's a money-loser. Last-minute actions like these will all reduce your tax liability.

### Over-Withheld?

But if you're getting a sizeable refund, you may want to reduce your income tax withholding this year. You should consider reducing your withholding in the following circumstances:

- You got a big refund and your tax items will be about the same.
  - Your income will remain the same but your adjustments, deductions and credits will increase significantly.
  - You got a refund and you will qualify for one or more tax credits this year that you did not qualify for last year.
- Any of the following common situations during a tax year also can lead to overwithholding:
- You and your spouse both withheld at the individual rate, when one of you could withhold at the lower married rate.
  - You had child care expenses.
  - You bought a home with a higher mortgage.
  - You worked part-time but withheld at the higher annual rate as if you were working full-time.

- You bought a hybrid automobile and can claim a deduction or credit.

### The Unpredictable

Of course, a larger-than-expected refund also can be the result of uncovering "hidden treasures" at tax preparation time - unexpected deductions and other tax benefits that will lower the amount of income taxes that you thought you would have to pay. That's terrific; tax return time often does result in finding" deductions and opportunities for post-year end tax planning as you pour over receipts and other paperwork. However, to what degree could many of these "hidden treasures" be discovered earlier and your tax withholding and estimated tax payments lowered earlier as a result?

Personal and financial factors also might change your tax liability. Lifestyle changes, wage income, decreased income not subject to withholding, increased adjustments to income, and increased itemized deductions or tax credits.

### Taking Action!

If your circumstances change, or you want to make any changes to your withholding allowances, give your employer a new Form W-4. If you're starting a new job and are having trouble determining your withholding amount, you should still submit Form W-4. Otherwise, the employer must withhold at the highest rate.

Please contact this office if you need assistance in determining the right balance of wage withholding and estimated tax payments needed to cover your tax liability while not giving Uncle Sam an interest free loan. Remember, when you get a tax refund you are getting back money that you did not have to pay into the tax system in the first place.

## Ask Ruth

### Question

I recently got married, do I need to change my name with Social Security and get a new card?

### Answer:

Yes, it is very important to contact the Social Security Administration with your new name. This goes for divorce also. By correcting your records with them it means you will get the correct benefits when you apply for Social Security. Also by correcting the information with the Social Security Administration, when you file your tax return your return will not flag an error because of the difference in name and Social Security number. To receive a new Social Security card, you will need identification showing your old name and your new name, such as a marriage certificate or divorce decree. It is a free service.

### Question

I use my computer for both business and pleasure and I am confused about how much I can deduct. Also, how are PDAs such as Palm Pilots, etc. deducted for tax purposes?

Because computers and peripheral equipment are viewed as more susceptible than other business property to "unwarranted" deductions for personal use, they are subject to special scrutiny under the tax law. This scrutiny comes from their classification as "listed property," which limits the amount that may be deducted each year.

A computer as taxpayer's property only becomes an issue if it is not used exclusively in business. If a computer is used exclusively at the taxpayer's regular business establishment or in the taxpayer's principal trade or business, the listed property limitations don't apply at all.

Finally, what about application of these rules to PDAs? The shorter the designated "life" of the property, the faster you can write-off its cost. Cell phones are generally considered 3-year property (the cost is depreciated over seven years). Computers are generally considered 5-year property, and computer software normally is 3-year property. PDAs are generally classified as 5-year property, being considered wireless computers. If a PDA includes a cell phone feature, as long as that feature is not predominant and removable, it continues to fall under the 5-year property rule. Software that you may download to your PDA is 3-year property. Software that you buy already loaded into the PDA, however, is 5-year property. Monthly charges for a wireless service provider are deductible, just as your business would deduct any phone or internet service bill.



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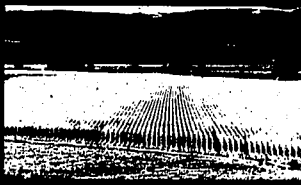
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## HARPER RANCH

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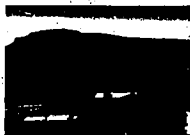
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## CON SHEA RANCH



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Northeast of Murphy, ID with access to Snake River. Mostly pivots. 2 good homes; nice buildings.

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## NORTH POWDER

CROP FARM



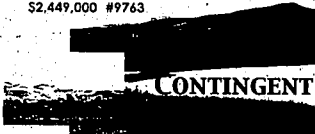
1468+/- acres in Baker Valley west of North Powder, OR. 1367+/- irrigable under pivot-irrigation with 1,000+/- acres in mint. Highly improved with mint still, potato cellar, storage and packing facility, home, and more buildings. May be ideal for a certified seed potato farm due to freight advantages. One of the prettiest areas with deer, elk and wildlife and many recreational opportunities.

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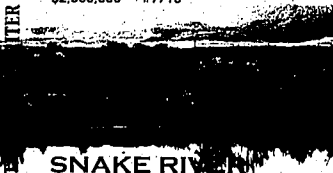
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WATER

Superior river frontage.  
\$2,500,000 #9713

**SOLD**



WATER  
SNAKE RIVER

## Market Analysis

A total of 202 Farms/Ranches sold in 2005\*

Average Price: List- \$639,807  
Sold- \$571,457

Median Price:  
List- \$395,000  
Sold- \$346,750



## CASCADE DEVELOPMENT SITE

Site may offer a wide range of development potential, both residential and commercial.  
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105+/- acres off Hwy. 55 in Round Valley, ID.

## LITTLE CANYON RANCH



## PARMA ACRES



90+/- ac near 1200 acre game preserve with irrigated pasture, live-water, trees and pond. \$1,800,000\*

## EAGLE RIDGE RANCH

480+/- ac ranch west of Hagerman, ID in Snake River Canyon. Homes/Improvements \$1,400,000 #9822



## ELK CANYON

\$1,700,000 #9632



1,025+/- acres near Moscow, ID. 4+/- miles of Polkatch River. Take advantage of the endless recreational opportunities in this private retreat.

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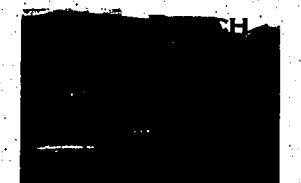
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Pristine river frontage on the Snake River. Great views of mountains and river. \$1,250,000



**SOLD**

## SNAKE RIVER



**SOLD**

Farm and pasture ground with great frontage on the Snake River. Lots of wildlife. Ranch/Farm/Development \$1,500,000

## MOUNTAIN HOME FARM



420+/- ac. 3 miles SE of Mtn. Home, ID with successful variety of crop raising. 2,450 sq ft remodeled home, shed, & shop.

\$1,250,000  
#9699

## VALLEY RANCH



Located 25 minutes from Ontario, OR, this 960+/- acre farm/ranch has a large main home with a second home and home

\$1,450,000  
#9802\*

on the property. A feedlot and other outbuildings are also included.

## DAVIS TIMBER



Crystal clear waters and pristine forests provide endless hunting and recreation opportunities. 448+/- ac. in Orofino, ID.

\$1,250,000 #9707

## HARPER VALLEY

#9805 \$1,325,000



430+/- acres, mostly irrigated, with one main home and three others. Live water runs through the property. May make a nice pasture ranch and/or farm operation. Located in a small Oregon community.



## BOISE DEVELOPMENT SEVERAL PARCELS

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## PAYETTE DEVELOPMENT



17+/- development acres across from Scotch Pine Golf Course in Payette, ID. Large home, indoor pool, 40 x 60 hanger adjoins Payette Airport.



\$1,100,000 for development ground and home, \$699,000 for home, or \$469,000 for development ground. Owner/agent  
CONTINGENT (development ground only)

## DEARDORF CATTLE RANCH



Pasture ranch with 3 homes and improvements. Located near the Idaho/Utah border.

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## BOISE RIVER FRONTAGE



Prettiest farm on the Boise River, 200 acres.

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## HARPER FARM

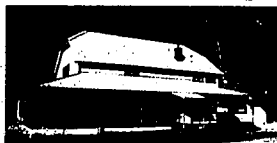


806+/- acres with 294+/- irrigated providing a good mix of range and irrigated

ground for a cattle operation. Improvements include a feedlot and pivots.

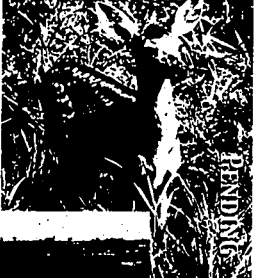
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## HOTEL/RV PARK



36 Unit Hotel, 18 space RV Park and a two level home. Very pretty town in timbered valley setting. May work well for investor or owner/operator. \$1,250,000 #9817

## ADRIAN CATTLE RANCH



\$1,200,000  
#9797\*

1.5+/- miles of Snake River frontage! 193+/- acres of deeded land. Located west of Wilder, ID in Malheur County, 3 bedroom home and outbuildings. Scenic views of the river and mountains. Bird hunter's paradise. A variety of wildlife visit the property.

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## VALLEY CREEK

830+/- acres, mostly range with some irrigated. Historic rock home. Live water runs through the property. Hunting opportunities on the property and adjacent BLM ground. \$695,000 #9804



## SHEA MEADOWS

240+/- acres in Bovill, ID. "Hunter's Paradise"

Secluded & private property with lush meadow, timber, and seasonal creek.

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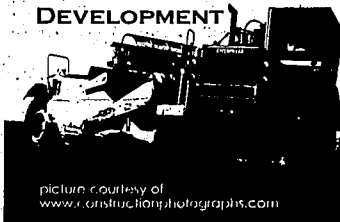
## SNAKE RIVER FARM SOLD



94+/- acres of pristine Snake River frontage and irrigated ground. Exceptional frontage, level ground, wildlife, and much more.

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## CALDWELL DEVELOPMENT



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## BRUNEAU RANCH



SOLD

547+/- acres with breath taking views in Northern Idaho. Potlatch River, and smaller stream frontage. Recreational opportunities include: four-wheeling, hiking, swimming, fishing, hunting and snowmobiling.

\$850,000 #9630

CONTINGENT

## SNAKE RIVER FARM AND RANCH

SOLD

\$946,800 #9668

78+ ac of farm & pasture on the Snake River upstream from Marsing, ID, southwest of Nampa, ID. May work well for developer or river estate. Lots of wildlife.

## BOULDER CREEK



CONTINGENT

478+/- acres, near Marscow, ID. Boulder Creek, Potlatch River and other small streams running through the property. It is

key winter habitat for elk and whitetail deer. Timber harvest activities have opened thick stands of timber providing habitat favored by big game.

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## COUNCIL RECREATIONAL RANCH



101+/- acres NE of Council, ID. A great recreation area. Nestled next to mountains with wonderful views of the valley. Operating as a cat-

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## CANYON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT



**SOLD**

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## CANYON CREEK ACREAGE



Canyon Creek runs through this property.

This 160+/- deeded acre ranch offers all the benefits of seclusion, yet is only 10 miles north of Min. Home. Ranch also has State and BLM leases. \$695,000

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## EAGLE CREEK HORSE RANCH



\$695,000 #9770

100+/- acres with 39+/- irrigated with a 2,512 sq. ft. home, large barn with riding arena and 6 stalls, a small barn and other buildings. Scenic location in Richland, OR. Set up great for horses.

## POWDER RIVER RANCH



Serene 368+/- acre hay & pasture ranch on the North Powder River near Richland, OR. Includes 2 homes.

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\$675,000  
#9819



home sits on the property at Mary's Creek. A variety of wildlife visits this scenic area.

320+/- deeded acres plus BLM and Forest permits. Cattle operation with 325-350 head year round. A 3 bedroom

## PETTERSON FARM



\$795,000 #9807

209+/- acres with two homes, shop and 181+/- irrigable. Property and homes are well maintained. Great farm located South of Ontario, Oregon.

## JOHN DAY RIVER



278+/- acres situated in the Strawberry Mountains between John Day, Sumpter and Unity Oregon surrounded by USFS Land. The headwaters of the John Day River start here. Elk, deer and other large game. 92+/- acres irrigable. This is a very unique quality unmatched by most others.

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CONTINGENT (9 acres)



DIXIE ACREAGE: 19+/- acres with zoning for a homesite near Caldwell and the Boise River. \$399,000 #9782



WARREN CREEK: 52+/- acres north of McCall, ID. Abundance of recreation opportunities. \$335,000 #9800

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160+/- pristine limbered acres in Lewis County, ID. Endless recreational opportunities, variety of wild game.

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## QUARTZBURG TOWNSITE AND LAND



## CONTINGENT

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## PINE VALLEY ESTATE



\$569,000 #9771

## UNITY RANCHES

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Nearby National Forest. Both offer range land with some limber and irrigated fields mostly under pivot.

Raise cattle or crops.  
Ranch one: 356+/- acres \$449,000 #9725 with home, guest house, and other buildings.

Ranch two: 1 is+/- acres \$284,000 #9721

## Legal Help for

**S**tewards of the Range and the American Land Foundation have teamed up to offer a new member benefit called LandGuard. LandGuard is a legal plan designed to help landowners protect their rights and their property.

LandGuard is a new concept for rural landowners. People have health insurance in case they get sick and car insurance in case they have an accident. Now, there is property insurance to protect a person's land or property rights.

Many landowners today face problems never even heard of five years ago. Congress has stepped up its attempt to force more landowners into selling their land or having it placed into wildlife preserves or conservation reserve programs. Environmental groups are filing lawsuits to force government agencies to list species or declare large areas as habitat for endangered species.

Randy Givens has certainly been pleased with the help he got from LandGuard attorneys

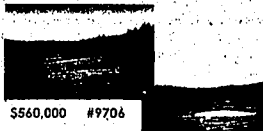
when he had to fight with his local appraisal board. "Without the support of LandGuard, I faced the very real prospect of being taxed off my land in a few years," says Givens, who owns a small ranch in Bastrop County just outside Austin, Texas.

Givens had tried for months to meet with representatives of his appraisal district, but it wasn't until he threatened them with going to his property rights lawyers with LandGuard that they actually listened to him.

It turns out the appraisal district had actually inspected Givens' neighbor's land, but wouldn't produce the photos they had taken, Givens said. "I explained that I needed the photos, and documentation so I could meet with my LandGuard attorney to prepare for the Appraisal Review Board meeting. They asked if I had other business with my attorney and I said no, he's a property rights attorney and the only reason I'm traveling to Austin."

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## ERICKSON MEADOWS



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**BIG SMOXY CABIN:**  
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**THREE RIDGE CABIN:**  
Log home in McCall, ID. Filtered mountain views through limber setting. Close to town. \$450,000 #9741

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## Oregon Supreme Court rules initiative constitutional

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**Real Estate**

The Oregon Supreme Court has ruled that a constitutional initiative, which would allow voters to elect judges, is constitutional. The court's decision, announced Monday, is a landmark ruling that could lead to a new election process for judges in Oregon.

The initiative, known as Measure 5, would allow voters to elect judges to the Oregon Supreme Court, the Oregon Court of Appeals, and the Oregon Circuit Courts. The initiative would also allow voters to elect judges to the Oregon State Bar.

The court's decision is a landmark ruling because it is the first time the court has ruled on the constitutionality of a constitutional initiative. The court's decision is a landmark ruling because it is the first time the court has ruled on the constitutionality of a constitutional initiative.

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