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Emergency declared  
Floodwaters threatening Lincoln County

By Karma M. Fitzgerald  
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Fearing a flood, Lincoln County commissioners declared on Monday an official state of emergency.  
Commissioner Jerry Nance said Magic Reservoir is expected to overflow by Wednesday, sending water south through the Big Wood and Little Wood river channels to both Shoshone and Gooding.

Magic Reservoir was dangerously close to capacity late Monday, with spring runoff just beginning, he said.  
"Runoff hasn't hardly begun," Nance said. "It's coming off in a fashion that no one expected."  
In a press release, commissioners told Shoshone residents to use extra caution and prepare for high water. The Big Wood Canal Company also is issuing warnings.  
"If they have anything of

value in a low-lying area, it would be prudent to move it," said Lynn Harmon, Big Wood Canal Company manager.  
Harmon said that as of 3 p.m. Monday, there were 150,699 acre feet of water in the reservoir. The spillway is at 171,000 acre feet. On Sunday, the reservoir took in more than 14,000 acre feet from runoff and the same was expected for Monday and Tuesday.  
"We haven't seen any runoff

from the Big Wood River yet. All of it is from the Camas Prairie," Harmon said. "Just west of Hill City, there's snow that's just starting to melt."  
Once the reservoir tops the spillway, it flows uncontrolled. There's no way to predict exactly what it will do.  
Harmon said county officials will try to divert as much water as possible into the canal and Tuesday.  
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IMMIGRATION REFORM

Plan has Hispanic residents talking

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On Monday, a designated national day of action, Jose Gomez went to work as usual selling long-distance phone cards to bodegas and bakeries.

Despite the appearance he projects of a man following a routine, for the first time in the 14 years, he has spent in the U.S., Gomez's days are shaped by thoughts and discussion about a new bill in Congress that would grant temporary amnesty to illegal aliens.

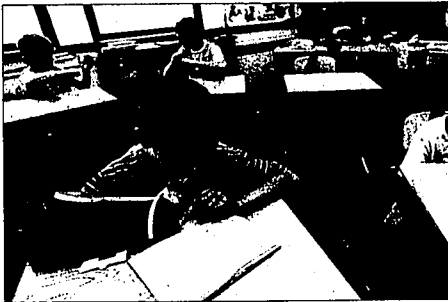
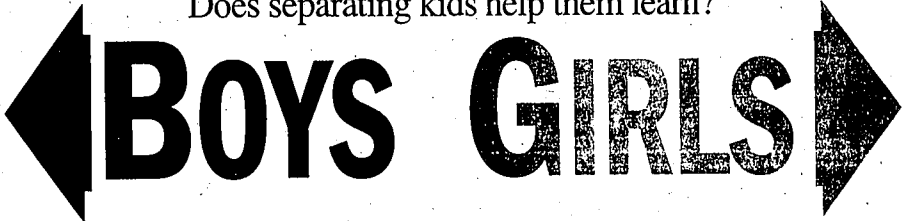
"Talking to friends," he said is how he participated in the national day of action. "My friends all talk about the possibility of the law becoming prosecuted."

"It's been on my mind. My family talks about it. We have many friends who would be affected by the law," he said.  
Gomez first heard about the day of action on Radio Fiesta, the Jerome-based Latin radio station.

The bill has been touted as a bipartisan breakthrough that would open a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants in the country on work permits. But on-air personality Albino Ortega said that when workers permits expire and the workers are removed from the country to await their citizenship, it will tear apart families that have established roots in the U.S. "It's a way to say we know where you're at and we are going to catch you now," Ortega said.

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Does separating kids help them learn?



Cameron Martinez, 12, reads 'Bavee - The Story of a Wolfdog' in the all-boys classroom at Lincoln Elementary School.



Monica Rigdon, 12, a student in an all-girls classroom, reads to her classmates at Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls.

Elementary school divides class into girls and boys

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Beth Olmstead is the type of principal who makes it difficult for superintendents to sleep at night.

And so it did not come as a surprise when she told Terrell Donicht, former superintendent of the Twin Falls School District, that she was dividing the sixth-grade class based on gender.

The program is somewhat of an experiment to see if separating the sexes will help with behavioral problems. Originally planned to last one

year, the program is now in its third year, and Olmstead said she doesn't see the program ending anytime soon.

"I probably should have gone to the board first," said Beth Olmstead, Lincoln Elementary principal. "But I went to the teachers first to see how they felt about it. It was a team decision, and we still sit down each year to see if this is something they still want to do."

She said the greatest benefit that teachers and administrators are seeing from the program is a decline in the number of disciplinary referrals. Teachers say the program makes it

easier to identify some behavioral and learning problems, and fosters an atmosphere where students feel more comfortable about interacting with their peers.

"I think it helps us to try and work with some of those issues that aren't so obvious," said Lea Rogers, who teaches the all-girls class. "For example, girls are a lot more quiet about bullying in school. Although it affects them, they sometimes are less prone to talk about it, or not recognize it."

Rogers also said her students feel less self-conscious in class, so they are more likely to participate in class

discussions and speak in front of other students.

Don Matthews, who teaches the all-boys class, said he has noticed fewer disruptions in his class since the sixth grade was divided.

"I think in your mixed classes, you might have more social disruptions," Matthews said. "Although every class is a little different — I think it was last year when I had a real bummer of a class, but this class is pretty good."  
The students have their own opinion about the divided classes, and how it affects their behavior.

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New property tax plan surfaces

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Some legislators aren't willing to take "no" for an answer.

On Monday, House members came up with yet another plan to provide property tax relief, using rainy day funds and budget surplus dollars. The bill passed 53-16. The Senate could

vote on it as early as today.

"This is a 'meet them halfway' kind of compromise," said Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley. The "compromise" bill wipes out half of the portion of property taxes that pays for the maintenance and operation of local public schools, resulting in about \$104 million in property tax relief for Idahoans. The state would replace the school

funds by using about \$47 million of its budget surplus.

"We have a surplus," said Rep. Ken Roberts, R-McCall, who helped draft the bill. "If we can't find some dollars in there to provide some property tax relief, then we've gone awry."

The rest of the \$104 million will come from the state's rainy day fund.  
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Ex-Boise State player sentenced

The Associated Press

BOISE — A former Boise State University football player was sentenced Monday to six months in jail for leaving the scene of a crash that killed a young Boise family last year.

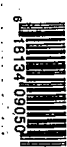
Cam Hall was also placed on five years probation. Fourth District Judge Thomas Neville said the conviction would be

removed from his record if he completed probation successfully.

Mark Lazinka, 46, who had pleaded guilty to three counts of vehicular manslaughter, was sentenced to 30 years in prison, but Neville said he would be eligible for parole after 12 years.

Prosecutors said Lazinka and Hall were racing last May 7

along State Highway 55 when Lazinka's truck collided with a car driven by 23-year-old Tony Perfect. Hall narrowly avoided the car but didn't stop. Lazinka's blood alcohol level was .17 at the time, more than double the legal intoxication threshold. Investigators said, forensic tests showed Tony Perfect had drunk alcohol and used methamphetamine.



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Today: There could be a lingering morning shower otherwise continued mostly cloudy. Highs, 50s. Tonight: Misty to partly cloudy. Lows near 40. Tomorrow: Warming up a bit with variably cloudy skies. Highs, lower 60s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A low light morning shower, then mostly cloudy. Highs, 50s. Tonight: Mostly dry with variably cloudy skies. Lows, mid to upper 30s. Tomorrow: A low degree warmer with mostly cloudy skies. Highs near 60.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. After a low degree warming trend showers of high elevation snow, the latest round of precipitation will move out. In fact, tonight and Wednesday appear dry.

Today Highs 35 to 45. Tonight's Lows 10 to 25. BOISE The clouds will stick around for the next couple of days. They will keep our temperatures from warming up too much. You'll see a better view of the sun on Thursday.

Today Highs/Lows 80 to 80 to 41 to 46. NORTHERN UTAH A low light shower will still be possible mainly in the east today, before conditions start to dry out, clear out and warm up.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 58 at Lower Loo, 27 at Starry weather keys: 1st hazard of cloudy, 2nd to heavy snow, 3rd to heavy snow, 4th to heavy snow, 5th to heavy snow, 6th to heavy snow, 7th to heavy snow, 8th to heavy snow, 9th to heavy snow, 10th to heavy snow.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY "A sense of humor can help you overlook the unattractive, tolerate the annoying, resist the unexpected, and smile through the unbearable."

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Table showing 5-day forecast for Twin Falls with icons for weather conditions and temperature ranges for Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

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Table with columns for Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for April 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

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Table showing regional forecast for various Idaho cities including Boise, Burley, and Pocatello.

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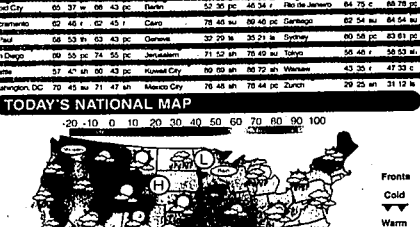
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Gooding County offers sand, help

Gooding County commissioners stopped short of declaring an emergency on Monday, but told people to prepare for the worst. Sand and sandbags are available from Lori Capps, the county's disaster services coordinator. The county also is hosting a class at 2 p.m. today on the proper way to fill and stack sandbags. The class will be at the Gooding County Planning and Zoning meeting room.

Action

Ortega said the issue has gripped the Hispanic community. "The friction and the issues make you step in," he said. "Most of the people that are pushing this are legal—at least 80 percent."

This is a time neighbors need to support each other, said Ortega, noting the recent statements by the Catholic bishop in Boise encouraging neighbors to help each other.

"The kids are concerned," he's going to affect people that they know, he said. "The best way to reach the Hispanic public, said Byrd, is Spanish-language radio. The word of mouth will follow."

Times-News writer Joshua Palmer contributed to this report.

Pro-immigration demonstrators fill streets in cities across nation

NEW YORK (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of people demanding U.S. citizenship for illegal immigrants took to the streets in dozens of cities from New York to San Diego on Monday in some of the most widespread demonstrations since the mass protests began across the country last month.

Monday's demonstrations followed a weekend of rallies in 10 states that drew up to 500,000 people in Dallas and tens of thousands elsewhere. Dozens of other rallies, many organized by Spanish-language radio DJs, have been held nationwide over the past two weeks, including one with more than 500,000 people in Los Angeles.

CORRECTION

Committee won't discuss wind farm at meeting. The Cassia County Public Lands Committee will not discuss at its Wednesday meeting a proposed wind farm on the Cotterell Mountain ridge. A story in Sunday's edition was incorrect. The Times-News regrets the error.

NATION

# Skilling maintains innocence

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Enron Corp. Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling told jurors in his fraud and conspiracy trial Monday that he abruptly resigned from the energy trading company a few months before it collapsed because he was worn out and troubled by its falling share price — not because he knew it was doomed.

"I guess in some ways my life is on the line, so I'm a little nervous."

He testified, he became more relaxed and conversational, with no hint of the swaggering bravado for which he was known when he ran what was once the nation's seventh-largest company. Known for his plainspoken manner as



Skilling

he led Enron's transformation from a steel pipeline company into an energy giant. Skilling addressed jurors directly, his eyebrows raised slightly, to o k i n g earnest and alert.

At times he appeared self-deprecating, even telling jurors that he was admitted to Harvard Business School "by some huge mistake."

He repeated what he said twice before congressional panels in 2002, that Enron was "in very good condition in the middle of August (2001) when I left."

His lawyer, Daniel Petrocelli, asked if he had any clue that Enron would flame out in scandal less than four months later.

"Not in my wildest dreams, no. It's almost inconceivable now what happened," the ex-CEO said.

"Would you have left if you thought the company was going to experience the events that later transpired?" Petrocelli asked.

"No," Skilling replied matter-of-factly.

The 52-year-old ex-CEO's testimony kicked off the 11th week of the federal trial. His co-defendant, Enron founder Kenneth Lay, aims to testify later this month.

Both are accused of repeatedly lying to investors and employees about Enron's financial health when they allegedly kept fraudulent accounting propped up a facade of success. Enron careened into bankruptcy proceedings in December 2001, six weeks after announcing unprecedented losses and a massive equity writedown that

generated intense scrutiny from once-adoring Wall Street and regulators.

The two men say there was no fraud at Enron other than that committed by former Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow and a few others, who skimmed millions from secret schemes, and that bad publicity coupled with lost market confidence sank the company.

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# Bush dismisses Iran reports

President says rumors of attack are 'wild speculation'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush dismissed as "wild speculation" reports that the administration was planning for a military strike against Iran.

Bush did not rule out the use of force, but he said he would continue to use diplomatic pressure to prevent Iran from gaining a nuclear weapon or the know-how and technology to make one.



President Bush participates in a question-and-answer session Monday at John Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies in Washington.

"I know here in Washington prevention means force," Bush said at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. "It doesn't mean force, necessarily. In this case, it means diplomacy."

Several weekend news reports said the administration was studying options for military strikes. The New Yorker magazine raised the possibility of using nuclear bombs against Iran's underground nuclear sites.

"I read the articles in the newspapers this weekend," Bush said. "It was just wild speculation."

"Taking questions from the audience, Bush also said he declassified part of a prewar intelligence report on Iraq in 2003 to show Americans the basis for his statements about the threat posed by Saddam Hussein.

"I wanted people to see the truth," he told a questioner who said there was evidence of a concerted effort by the White House to punish war critic Joseph Wilson. Bush said he could not comment on the CIA leak case because it is under investigation.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., sent a letter to Bush on Monday asking him for details about how the document was declassified. There are many questions that the president must answer so that the American people can understand that this classification was done for national security purposes, not for immediate

political gain."

In Tehran, officials said the media reports about a possible U.S. strike against Iran amounted to psychological warfare from the West.

Iran's hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told Iranians not to be intimidated by other nations' attempts to stifle the country's nuclear ambitions.

"Unfortunately, today some bullying powers are unable to give up their bullying nature," Ahmadinejad said. "The future will prove that our path was a right way."

The U.N. Security Council has demanded that Iran suspend all enrichment of uranium — a key process that can produce either fuel for a reactor or the material for a nuclear warhead. The security council gave Tehran until April 28 to comply before the International Atomic Energy Agency reports back to the council on its inspection progress.

Iran has rejected the demand, saying the small-scale enrichment it began in February was strictly for research and was within its rights under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Bush and other administration officials have said repeatedly that the military option is on the table, and White House officials acknowledge normal military planning is underway.

Defense experts say a military strike on Iran would be risky and complicated, and could aggravate U.S. problems in the Muslim world.



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Russell 2000	-3.10

## Stocks of local interest

Company	Close	Change
Albertsons	\$25.37	▲ .06
Con Agri	\$21.56	▲ .02
Dell Inc.	\$32.72	▲ .04
Idacorp	\$32.68	▲ .25
Micron	\$14.91	▼ .34
SuperValu	\$29.91	▲ .08

## Commodities

Commodity	Close	Change
Oil, by barrel	\$68.74	▲ 1.35
(May, light sweet crude)		
Live cattle	\$80.30	▼ .92
Gold (June)	\$601.8	▲ 9.1

# Hay company calls for better rail service

By Bob Kirkpatrick  
Times-News writer

EDEN — The Standlee Hay company in Eden sells more than \$2 million of hay each season. Company president Mike Standlee says the business could do more, but it's hindered by inadequate railroad freight service. So he has a proposal to change that.

Standlee wants to have a regional container-car facility built on his property to avoid having to truck his hay to Salt Lake City, which is growing in cost. He made the announcement Monday at the company's hay growers appreciation event. More than 400 southern Idaho growers and family members attended.

"It's not just all about us, it's about the state of Idaho," Stand-

lee said. "Idaho is only one of a handful of in-line states in the U.S. without an intermodal yard to load and unload container cars on a major rail service line."

Standlee said during the growing season, his company exports \$1 million of hay per month to the Pacific Rim countries and the United Arab Emirates. But he said the high cost of trucking makes it virtually impossible to compete with the rest of the United States. Once his hay is delivered in Utah, it must be loaded into containers and transported to Oakland, Calif., to be shipped overseas.

Standlee said his company also ships \$1 million of hay a month domestically, but is faced with the same problems of getting his product to market: having one major

**About Standlee Hay**

- Standlee Hay, a family owned company in Eden, has been in business for 25 years.
- Grows alfalfa and timothy grass hay on 8,000 acres
- Exports \$1 million of hay per month during the growing season to Asia and the United Arab Emirates
- Also ships \$1 million of hay per month domestically

rail service. With the deregulation and merger of the Union Pacific, Burlington Northern and Southern Pacific Rail Road, states like Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Kansas, Montana,

Oklahoma and the Dakotas have been left with only one choice to get products to market by rail — the Southern Union Pacific, he said.

One of the biggest obstacles to overcome to get the container car facility is convincing Southern Union Pacific that it would be economically feasible for them to create a partnership with farmers and growers in the southern Idaho. "We'd like to sit down with Southern Union Pacific and discuss a realistic cost to ship agricultural products from our region," Magic Valley Economic Development Director Kelly Bangert said. "Right now the situation amounts to a monopoly and if we don't like their price tag, we can't go to the competition because there isn't any."

can candidate for Idaho governor. Butch Otter attended the event to lend his support to the container car proposal.

"The merger of the railroads created very strong limitations on competition here in Idaho," Otter said. "But I think this could be a good partnership. However, we can have the best product and the best pricing, but if you can't get them to market at a reasonable price, it does no good."

On another front, a bill recently introduced in Congress called the "captive shippers bill" would eliminate isolated rural areas from constantly facing sky-rocketing rail rates, he said.

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# WHERE DEGREES LEAD



Molly Wankel poses for a photo in front of the Library of Congress on Friday, April 11, 2006. Wankel, 54, who has a doctorate in educational administration, said she moved to the Washington area for a job, and the culture of the city pulled her from the suburbs.

## College grads chase jobs, culture to big cities

By Stephen Ohlemacher  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — College graduates are flocking to America's big cities, chasing jobs and culture and driving up home prices.

Through many of the largest cities have lost population in the past three decades, nearly all have added college graduates, an analysis by The Associated Press found.

The findings offer hope for urban areas, many of which have spent decades struggling with financial problems, job losses and high poverty rates. But they also spell trouble for some cities, especially those in the Northeast and Midwest that have fallen behind the South and West in attracting highly educated workers.

"The largest predictor of economic well-being in cities is the percent of college graduates," said Ned Hill, professor of economic development at Cleveland State University. To do well, he said, cities must be attractive to educated people.

Nationally, a little more than one-fourth of people 25 and older had at least bachelor's degrees in 2004. Some 64 percent had high school diplomas or the equivalent.

By comparison, in 1970 only a bit more than one in 10 adults had bachelor's degrees and about half had high school diplomas. Seattle was the best-educated city in 2004 with just over half the adults having bachelor's degrees. Following closely were San Francisco, Raleigh, N.C., Washington and Austin, Texas.

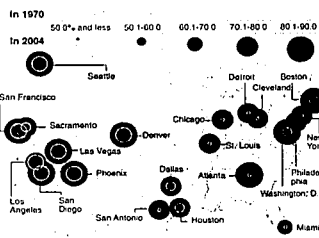
Molly Wankel, who has a doctorate in educational administration, said she moved to the Washington area for a job, and the culture of the city pulled her from the suburbs. Wankel, 54, grew up in eastern Tennessee and works at a company that develops software and training materials. She recently bought a home in the city.

"I just enjoy walking around looking at the architecture and the way people have ren-

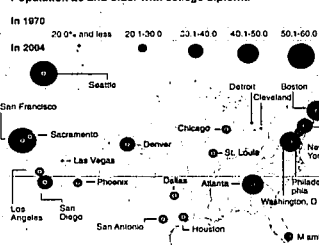
## Graduates have risen across the U.S.

The percentage of Americans 25 and older with college degrees increased from 17 to 27 percent from 1970 to 2004, while the percentage of high school graduates increased from 52 to 84 percent.

Population 25 and older with high school diploma



Population 25 and older with college diploma



Source: Census Bureau

...panded for 2004, the latest year for data, to include all 70 cities with populations of 250,000 or more.

While most states in the Northeast have high percentages of college graduates, their big cities do not.

Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey were among the top five states in the percentage of adults with college degrees in 2004. But the Northeast placed no city among the top five, and only one from the region — Boston — was in the top 20.

Cities with few college graduates have a hard time generating good-paying jobs. That, in turn, makes it hard to attract more college graduates, said Richard Vedder, an economics professor at Ohio University.

Cities such as Newark, N.J.; Detroit and Cleveland have relatively few college graduates, which helps explain why they are struggling to recover from the decline of U.S. manufacturing, Vedder said.

Among the three, Cleveland had the largest share of college graduates in 2004, 14 percent of those 25 and older.

"Society is paying people more for their brains than for their brawn," Vedder said. "The nerds and the wimps and the geeks are ruling the world."

College graduates made about two-thirds more money than high school graduates in 2004, according to the Census Bureau. The median income for those with a college degree was \$42,404. It was \$25,560 for high school graduates.

Adults who did not graduate high school had a median income of \$18,144.

Many cities also have expensive homes, even with the softening real estate market.

San Francisco was the costliest in 2004, with a median home value of \$662,000, according to census data. That was more than four times the national median of \$151,000.

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## Learn how to start a business

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho holds "Business Start Up Boot Camps" twice monthly in Twin Falls and once a month in Burley.

The next classes will be held at 12:30 p.m. today in the Evergreen Building at the CSI campus in Twin Falls and 11 a.m. Wednesday in the conference room at Idaho Commerce and Labor, 127 W. Fifth Street North in Burley.

Sessions are designed for those who would like to start a business but don't know where to begin. Participants learn how to create a business plan, the basics of business regulations, the importance of record-keeping and how to create a personal business survival kit.

Admission is free, but pre-registration is required due to limited seating.

For more information, or to register, contact Sherry Rust, training facilitator for the ISBD, at 732-6455 or at srust@csid.edu.

## Paulos to chair Idaho TechConnect

BOISE — Idaho TechConnect, a newly formed private nonprofit Science and Technology organization has appointed

Magic Valley business analyst and entrepreneur Con Paulos, as its board of directors.

The organization is committed to implementing the Idaho Science and Technology Strategic Plan adopted by Gov. Kempthorne's Science and Technology Advisory Board, said Interim Director of TechConnect, South Region, Rick Ritter.

Ritter said Idaho is the top state in the nation for patents on inventions per capita, but hasn't done very well historically with start up businesses. The group intends to help change that.

## Advertising group to meet Thursday

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Advertising Federation will hold its monthly meeting at the Outback Steakhouse on Blue Lakes Blvd. Thursday at noon to discuss business related development in the Magic Valley. The guest speaker is Shawn Barigat, president and CEO of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce.

The Magic Valley Advertising Federation, founded in November 2004 is the local chapter of the Idaho Advertising Federation. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$10 for chamber members, \$15 for guest of members, and \$25 for non-members.

For more information contact Debbie Currier at 208-736-8623 or by e-mail at dcouriermms@aol.com.

# Micron profits increase

By Christopher Smith  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Micron Technology Inc. reported Monday that profits rose 10 percent even as sales revenue slipped 6 percent due to declines in the average selling price for the company's computer memory chips.

For the fiscal second quarter ended March 2, the largest U.S. chip maker earned \$193.2 million, or 27 cents per share, compared to \$117.9 million, or 17 cents a share, in the same period a year ago.

Sales fell 6 percent to \$1.23 billion from \$1.31 billion in the year-ago period.

In January, Micron and Intel Corp. began operating IM Flash Technologies to manufacture NAND flash chips for products such as Apple Computer Inc.'s iPod digital music players. As part of that joint venture, Micron reported a one-time gain of \$230 million in the quarter for the sale of existing NAND flash memory designs and related technology to Intel.

Under the process, Intel technology sales and licensing to Intel, Micron would have recorded a loss.

"Our partnering efforts are paying off as we continue to have more extensive development across our diversified portfolio yet are able to hold the absolute dollar of expenditures in check," said Micron Chief Financial Officer William G. Stover, Jr. said in a telephone conference call with analysts after the closing bell on the New York Stock Exchange.

Micron shares fell 34 cents, or 2.2 percent, to \$14.91 in trading Monday on the New York Stock Exchange and were unchanged in after-hours trading.

Micron, Idaho's largest private employer with 10,000 of its 18,000 worldwide workers located at its Boise, Idaho, headquarters, said it was continuing to shift its product mix beyond the DRAM memory chips found in personal computers to higher-margin products, such as the CMOS image sensors the company manufactures for applications such as cell phone cameras, medical imaging and video security systems.

Last month, Micron said it would acquire flash memory maker Lexar Media Inc. for about \$688 million in stock in order to distribute its NAND products directly to consumer markets. Billionaire investor Carl Icahn and venture capitalist and Exchange Commission filed Thursday that he believes Micron is paying an insufficient price for the Sunnyvale, Calif.-based Lexar and he may hold discussions with other shareholders and Lexar management to consider alternatives to the takeover.

"We think we've offered a fair price and it's going to be up to Lexar shareholders to decide," said Icahn. "So far, the price is a fair price of worldwide sales." Lexar is one of many alternatives we have of taking our product to the marketplace."



MARKETS

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BPA changes could mean lower electric rates in early 2007

KALISPELL, Mont. (AP) — The Pacific Northwest's wholesale electricity rates could drop by about 5 percent next year because of new rules allowing the Bonneville Power Administration to pay off debt directly.

But some believe the rates should go even lower. They're asking the BPA to find another \$50 million that would push prices to \$27 per megawatt, which is several dollars less than the current price.

"Pacific Northwest customers are saying it's time that power rates come down," said James Sheffer of the Northwest Coalition for Affordable Power.

The drive for lower prices received a considerable boost last week when regional utilities, the U.S. Department of Energy and several senators, including Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., won some changes in the way BPA services its debt.

By making BPA a quasi-governmental agency that markets power generated at the region's many federal hydroelectric dams.

BPA also backs a handful of Energy Northwest bonds, issued in the 1970s and 1980s to fund construction of nuclear power plants.

BPA officials said the change would allow the agency to cut wholesale power prices by up to 5 percent as early as 2007.

The collaborative process between Energy Northwest, BPA and its customers has borne substantial fruit for Northwest ratepayers," said BPA Chief Steve Wright.

Sheffer believes the rates could be even lower. The Northwest Coalition for Affordable Power is a four-state group of utilities, government, labor, education and utility interest lobbying for a cap of \$27 per megawatt hour.

Sheffer and others in the coalition say BPA's own analysis shows how to meet that mark without paying the debt directly.

WALL STREET REPORT Stocks ended mixed before Alcoa earnings report

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks closed narrowly mixed Monday as investors awaited a sampling of prices and looked at rising oil prices.

The Federal Reserve will extend its series of interest rate hikes to fight inflation. Recent trading has been skittish amid investors' quarter earnings.

Alcoa Inc. reported a sharp increase in quarterly profit, which nudged it up for the start of Tuesday's session.

At the close of trading, the Dow Jones Industrial average rose 21.23, or 0.19 percent, to 11,143.33, after gaining as much as 65 points earlier in the day.

LIVESTOCK

INTERMOUNTAIN LIVESTOCK CHICAGO (AP) — Futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Monday...

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FEEDS 50,000 lbs. cents per lb. Apr. 11 24.00 24.50 25.00 25.50

HOGS 50,000 lbs. cents per lb. Apr. 11 60.00 61.00 62.00 63.00

WOOL 50,000 lbs. cents per lb. Apr. 11 1.50 1.60 1.70 1.80

HEAVY 40,000 lbs. cents per lb. Apr. 11 1.20 1.30 1.40 1.50

MEDIUM 40,000 lbs. cents per lb. Apr. 11 1.10 1.20 1.30 1.40

WORLD GOLD PRICES London 1,200.00 1,210.00 1,220.00 1,230.00

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES NY NEW YORK (AP) — Key currency exchange rates Monday...

NON-FERROUS METALS NY NEW YORK (AP) — Spot nonferrous metal prices Monday...

POTATOES CHICAGO (AP) — USDA — Major potato markets...

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

GRAINS

WHEAT 50,000 bushels, cents per bushel. Apr. 11 2.15 2.20 2.25 2.30

BARLEY 50,000 bushels, cents per bushel. Apr. 11 1.80 1.85 1.90 1.95

RYE 50,000 bushels, cents per bushel. Apr. 11 1.50 1.55 1.60 1.65

SOYBEAN MEAL 50,000 lbs., cents per lb. Apr. 11 2.50 2.55 2.60 2.65

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POUNDS 100,000, cents per \$100. Apr. 11 1.20 1.25 1.30 1.35

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TAIWANESE DOLLARS 100,000, cents per \$100. Apr. 11 0.70 0.75 0.80 0.85

HONG KONG DOLLARS 100,000, cents per \$100. Apr. 11 0.60 0.65 0.70 0.75

SINGAPORE DOLLARS 100,000, cents per \$100. Apr. 11 0.50 0.55 0.60 0.65

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BANGLADESHI TAKAS 100,000, cents per \$100. Apr. 11 0.00 0.01 0.02 0.03

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# Legislature's move could force state to address mural of lynching

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

**BOISE** — For 66 years, two murals depicting the lynching of an American Indian have hung in a room above the courtroom in Idaho's capital, monuments to prevailing attitudes that once dominated the West but today have become uncomfortable reminders of America's expansion to the Pacific Ocean.

Starting in 2008, the Idaho Legislature plans to meet in the courthouse as its century-old Statehouse undergoes a \$115 million revamp.

Historic preservationists say they'll fight attempts to remove the murals, products of the Works Progress Administration Artists Project, a federal program that employed jobless artists during the Depression. The 1940 works are part of the building, some historians say.

Still, Indian leaders and many lawmakers say turning the old Ada County Courthouse into Idaho's most public building, even temporarily, will force the state to confront the future of the murals, which one local judge in the 1990s found so offensive he draped an American flag over them. Race relations in Idaho, once home to the white supremacist Aryan Nations group, are a sore spot.

"It's a perfect opportunity to educate the state of Idaho and its citizens on the kind of biases that native people endured," said Chief Allan, chairman of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe in northern Idaho. "If we could sit down with the historical society, and have a sit-down with them, we could help make sure this won't happen again in the future."

Some Shoshone-Bannock tribe members, whose traditional territory included Ada County, say the murals make many Indians uncomfortable.

"As an individual member of the Shoshone-Bannock tribe, these murals do impact people and their feelings," said Claudio Broncho, of Fort Hall. "They should be painted over."

A week ago, the Legislature approved \$5.9 million to begin moving its offices to the Ada County Courthouse, which the state bought five years ago after a new courthouse was built several blocks to the southeast. The 2008 and 2009 sessions will be conducted there while an additional 100,000 square feet of space is added to the existing Capitol. It will be completed by 2010.

Arthur Hart, director emeritus of the Idaho State Historical Society and author of a 2005 book on the courthouse, says removing the murals "would detract from their historical significance. They're among 26 separate paintings that were painted in southern California, then shipped to Boise to be mounted in the courthouse in 1940."

While the lynching murals don't represent a known event in Ada County, they're representative of what might have occurred in Idaho and the rest of the West as settlers descended on the region, Hart said.

For instance, Qualehan, a Palouse Indian, was hanged by Col. George Wright near the Idaho-Washington border along

a tributary of the Spokane River at the conclusion of the Coeur d'Alene War of 1858. And as many as 400 Shoshone Indians were killed by the U.S. Army Cavalry along the Bear River near present-day Preston in 1863.

"I can understand it's not politically correct anymore," Hart said of the paintings, which for eight years were covered by an American flag at the order of District Judge Gerald Schroeder, now the Idaho Supreme Court chief justice. "But the murals are an integral part of the building."

Tim Mason, who oversees the Ada County Courthouse as administrator of Idaho's public works, says pulling them from the staircase wall — they're at-

tached with a six-decade-old adhesive — would be costly and time-consuming.

Nonetheless, some lawmakers say removal to a local museum might be best, since everybody entering the courthouse would be forced to walk past the murals as they climb steps to where the House and Senate will meet.

This year, leaders from Idaho's five American Indian tribes spent much of February inside the Capitol, campaigning on sovereignty issues including gas taxes and tribal gaming rights.

"All of the murals need to be evaluated both for their appropriateness and their artistic value. I find those offensive,"

said Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Lewis-ton, whose district includes the Nez Perce Indian Reservation.

Sen. Mike Jorgenson, R-Hayden Lake and the Senate Indian Affairs Committee chairman, said Idaho should be bold in addressing concerns of minorities. The late Richard Butler operated his Aryan Nations headquarters near Hayden Lake for three decades until his death in 2004. Jorgenson said his constituents know well the power of racist symbols or representations — be they swastikas or pictures of Indians being hanged by armed whites.

"We have rapidly improving relations with the tribes," he said. "It's important that this be dealt with."



A section of a mural depicting the lynching of an Indian is shown inside the abandoned Ada County Courthouse in Boise.

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## Utah man dies after river jump

**LEHI, Utah (AP)** — A Clearfield man died while he and others were jumping from a bridge into the Jordan River west of Lehi, Utah County sheriff's officers said.

The body of Michael Scott Chatwin, 25, was recovered about 4 p.m. Sunday.

Sheriff's Sgt. Spencer Cannon said Chatwin, a teenage boy and one or two other people were jumping from an old iron bridge about 5:30 p.m.

They jumped about 15 to 20 feet into water that was only about 40 to 45 degrees and 8 feet deep, deputies said.

The teenager managed to swim to shore and tell Cannon he crumpled up and was barely able to reach shore.

The victim surfaced once, went back down and was not seen again.

"It's a place where we commonly find people jumping off the bridge into the river, more during the warmer weather. But on a day like today, they get confused — between warm weather and cold water, and the water is still incredibly cold," Cannon said.

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## EDITORIAL

### Sali's antics a sideshow for 1st District campaign

Idaho voters in the 1st and 2nd congressional districts follow a common theme with their national politics. For the most part, they don't tell the other how to vote.

which hasn't passed muster with the attorney general. Idaho's previous attempts to pass parental consent bills have yet to fly in the federal courts. Instead, we now face \$700,000 in legal fees.

**Our view: A certain candidate for Congress in Idaho's 1st District is making political hay to the Legislature's detriment. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

The results are usually civild and productive. With the exception of a George Hargens here, and a Helen Chenoweth there, the north-south dichotomy usually works well in both political regions. Voters frequently boast of representatives who reflect all — or at least most — of Idaho.

But Sali insists on passing the bill without the necessary loopholes to go through the courts. It appears he's even more of the text-book fanatic, one who has lost sight of his goal to represent.

Then on Wednesday, Sali challenged the constitutionality of the three-pronged property tax measure, as well as the leadership of House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley.

Newcomb called Sali's actions an outright rebellion and a total break from protocol.

In other words, anyone other than state Rep. Bill Sali, R-Kuna.

Matters grew worse Friday, during a debate over "prior consent" legislation. Sali defended a questionable link between abortion and breast cancer. Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, a breast cancer survivor, called the data unsubstantiated.

Sali surprisingly leads the way in campaign donations with a large chunk of money from out of state. Sali has boasted of his conservative credentials and his battles for tougher abortion regulations. In a six-year primary in red-state Idaho, that's plenty of ammunition for opponents to fight against.

Sali pressed on, leading Jaquet and the other House Democrats to leave the chamber. Newcomb and other Republicans were left fuming at Sali.

For starters there's his crusade for parental consent abortion legislation

We don't disparage Sali's principles on abortion. But his tactics go beyond determination and resemble more of a switchblade mentality. In his last days as a state legislator, he's not just burning bridges, he's trying to burn the entire village.

Far be it from us to tell 1st District voters how to vote. But sending Sali to Washington could run the risk of embarrassment for all of Idaho.

What 1st District Republican voters should remember, however, are Sali's recent antics. If this is the guy they want in Washington D.C., the Democrats may finally have their day.

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The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, Chris Steinbach, Steve Crump, Tracy Bliss, Bill Bittenburg, Ramona Jones and David Cooper.

### Era of compromise opens with CIEDRA

For 24 years, I've worked to protect wilderness in the Boulder-White Clouds. Like my successful legislation, Rep. Mike Simpson's Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act bill is a compromise. But a compromise that delivers more than 300,000 acres of new wilderness protection.

Unlike any alternative suggested by CIEDRA's opponents, this legislation does not pass Congress this year and, at long last, gives us security for the wilderness of high lake basins like Big Boulder, Chamberlain, O'Connell and Fern Lakes. Future generations will be assured that the pristine alpine vistas of Cascade Peak, Ants Basin, Big Horn Basin and Sheep Mountain will remain unscathed.

The Times-News has revised its policy for letters to the editor. All letters receive 300 words or less. All letters will continue to follow our traditional guidelines and requirements, including name, address and phone number, to verify the authenticity.

the East Fork Salmon River, across the Herd Creek country toward Jerry Peak would also be wilderness. All would be protected from increasing motorized intrusion and development. Traditional human uses such as outfitting, horse packing, hunting and fishing will continue. Agency wildlife management would adhere to strict restrictions spelled out for all to rest in the Wilderness Act and CIEDRA. We stand on the verge of protecting, forever, some of the most spectacular and beautiful rich country left on the planet. It's time to lay down our swords and plan to celebrate the first new wilderness

# What it means to be American

When Latinos are on fire these days, in more ways than one. Immigration protests across the country have reignited the Latino engine but also reflected the opposite side.

Some people think we threaten American identity because we don't assimilate, which I don't get. Heck, even our tortillas assimilate — wheat, spinach or multigrain? By the third generation, most of us will speak only English. Half will marry outside our ethnic box.

Some critics wrote to me upset that so many of you younger ones walked out of school. They buy the perception that Latinos don't value education and, hence, our high dropout rates don't help, that we're "dumbing down" U.S. schools.

I'd argue that the protesters, especially the younger ones, learned more last week than they had all year. A protest is democracy in action, and I can't think of a better way to learn about First Amendment rights — including the right to stage walkouts and wave any flag you like — than firsthand experience.

And the Mexican flags, ay-Dios mio, that has taken on a life of its own. (And if you

### MACARENA HERNANDEZ

haven't seen the memo, organizers of the Sunday protest in Dallas discouraged anything but the Stars and Stripes.)

Symbols mean different things to different people. Many folks who e-mailed me were quite exercised by images of a "Mexican mob" waving its flag, signaling the beginning of the "reconquista." They actually believe Latinos are migrating here because they want to take back what used to be Mexico. Believe me, we Latinos aren't that coordinated; the answer is actually much simpler — a better-paying job.

So many myths to dispel. So I call on my fellow pochos — the culture straddlers — to step it up.

In states like California, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and Florida, we Latinos will soon be the workforce majority. Millions of those workers are first-generation Americans — pochos.

Countries like Canada, England and Ireland actively recruit immigrants because, at their populations age, they

need younger blood to sustain the comfy life retirees worked hard to secure. U.S. politicians and educators realize this, and some are freeing out. They know, for instance, that Texas' economic health depends on how well you first-generation workers do.

It's tough to be a pocho, but there are millions of us now, by instability and America's insatiable appetite for cheap labor. And if we all make a long-term commitment, we can make sure more of our children go to college and never end up in jail.

Demonstrations are valuable and worthy, but ultimately, they are only mileposts along the way. Education is really our only long-term salvation.

On Monday, a national coalition of pro-immigrant groups urges Latinos to take the day off from work, stay home and save their pennies to show the economic impact we have, whether or not here legally.

What about Tuesday, my fellow pochos and sympathizers?

Dolores Huerta, a co-founding member of the United Farm Workers, said at a university rally in California that the marches are great, but we need to vote.

And in Dallas, as in many

other big cities, Spanish surnames dominate the public school roster, so the classroom is another good starting point. Teachers and principals will tell you that their biggest challenge is engaging Latino parents, who aren't as involved as they should be.

Latino students, part of your job is re-educating your parents. What worked at home doesn't necessarily work here. Encourage your parents to take ownership of the schools, just as they did the streets. And you pochos who've beaten the odds, give back — participate in career days, mentor a kid or help fill out college applications.

Protests generate energy, but they are a means, not an end. Sunday's march in Dallas may have been the biggest in the city's history. But do not be fooled. If the symbolism doesn't fuel substance, our efforts will prove empty.

The real work starts Tuesday, with a daily commitment every day thereafter.

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## McKinney should resign from Congress

Dear Rep. McKinney, I realize you must be really busy these days with all that's going on around you, but I hope you have time to hear one more opinion on your little run-in with the Capitol police.

### BILL FERGUSON

First of all, let me tell you a little about myself. I'm a 39-year-old white male from your home state of Georgia. Politically speaking, I consider myself to be a middle-of-the-road independent, so I'm not some Republican hack looking to score some cheap partisan points off of your public relations nightmare.

I also feel that I should tell you that, although I think that we all have our biases whether you admit it to ourselves or not, I don't consider myself to be a racist. Over the years I have voted for both female and non-white candidates and I think it is foolish and shortsighted to discriminate against qualified candidates based on race and gender prejudices.

In fact, I believe that women and ethnic minorities are underrepresented in government and I would like to see that change. Diversity is a good thing.

With that in mind, you might think I'd be hesitant to pile on to all the flak you're getting regarding the little scuffle you were involved in recently. As you've pointed out, there are only a dozen black women serving in Congress right now. Why would I want to pile on to their crash and burn if I'm not a member of the dreaded vast right-wing conspiracy?

I don't take any pleasure in your difficulties, Ms. McKinney. I really don't. But I'm afraid that you may not realize that you're



playing right into the hands of the sickest and raciest out there who would like to keep women and minorities from having a place at the table in Washington.

You've become a poster girl for kookiness and ineptitude. The more enlightened among us realize that your shenanigans have nothing to do with your sex or the color of your skin, but there are a lot of people in America who won't see it that way.

I know you probably like to think of yourself as someone who is breaking down the walls of discrimination, but what you are actually doing is handing bricks and mortar to those who want to see those walls stand forever.

What you fail to realize is that your problems are mostly of your own making. You have

neither the temperament nor the maturity to adequately fulfill a position of great responsibility, and you've demonstrated that fact over and over again.

To paraphrase a recent popular song, you're a hazard to yourself, your own worst enemy. You believe that the word revolves around you, that the rules don't apply to you, and that anyone who dares to suggest that you should act more like an adult and less like a spoiled child is part of a racist plot to bring you down.

It should be telling to you that even members of your own party are refusing to stand behind you this time. It seems that we've all tired of your act. It stopped being funny a long time ago.

The best thing that you can do now, both for that you own

good and for the good of the people you represent, is to step down. The timing couldn't be better. The recent ungraceful exit of Tom DeLay provides you with an excellent opportunity to bow out without affecting the balance between the right wing nut jobs and the liberal wackos in Congress.

So think it over, and do what you feel is right. I'm sure that whatever you decide, I'll be seeing a lot more of you on the evening news. You're the Third Owners of the House of Representatives. America loves a loose cannon.

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## LETTERS

### Change for letters

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love the state of Idaho, he wouldn't have stayed here to raise his family. Everyone in the family works to make their business a success. Is there something wrong with being ambitious?

As far as using overseas connections, Dan's operation is small potatoes compared to the huge businesses and corporations that started this practice. It is time to get new people in Idaho state government instead of the same old faces. Someone with fresh new ideas and determination to make change for the better for the people of Idaho.

Give Dan a chance. EDITH R. OLSEN Twin Falls

### Local senator brays local voters again

Colner crashes again. Sen. Colner voted against an amendment to the Idaho Constitution guaranteeing the right to hunt. He also voted against another amendment which defines marriage in traditional terms (he was one of nine senators to do so). After losing off Idaho hunters and the vast majority of Idahoans who want to preserve the core family, Chuck next voted against Senate Joint Memorial 119 (he was one of only five senators to do so). SJM 119 urges Congress to pass legislation to preserve the

right to display the Ten Commandments on public property, to protect the right to pray and read the Bible openly in public places and at public events, and to protect other rights.

Colner now has set his sights on Christianity and the First Amendment's guarantee of the free exercise of religion. He appears to be intent on political self-destruction.

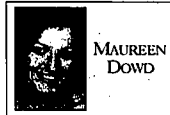
Perhaps Chuck's many years of residence in Sun Valley have clouded his clear vision of what the people in the 24th legislative district expect and are entitled to receive from a state senator — representation of their needs and values. Colner may fit into the San Francisco scene or the Massachusetts mentality, but he isn't southern central Idaho.

If Chuck is so bent on political implosion, we should all accommodate him. CENE STURGILL Twin Falls



# Divine right of the Bushes

So the aide turns out to have been loyally following his leader's dictates, rather than going around the boss' back to peddle secret information.



MAUREEN DOWD

“Scooter is a ‘good Judas,’ as it turns out. Just as Judas himself was, according to a 1,700-year-old Christian manuscript found in the Egyptian desert that asserts that Jesus wanted Judas to betray him, so he entrusted his disciple with special intelligence.

“You can see how early Christians could say if Jesus’ death was all part of God’s plan, then Judas’ betrayal was part of God’s plan.” Dr. Karen King, a professor of the history of early Christianity at Harvard Divinity School, told *The New York Times*.

Since President Bush seems to see his mission in Iraq as part of God’s plan, he must have assumed that getting Scooter Libby to leak parts of a classified document on Iraq to rebut Joe Wilson’s charge about a juiced-up census belli was part of God’s plan.

When other officials leak top-secret stuff — even in cases where the whistle-blowers feel they are illuminating unlawful acts — they are portrayed by the White House as traitors who should be investigated and fired.

After *The New York Times* broke the story about the president allowing unauthorized snooping in America, W. was outraged. The FBI and Justice Department were sicced on the leakers. “Revealing classified information,” W. huffed, “is illegal, alerts our enemies and endangers our country.”

Really, W. should fire himself. He swore to look high and low for the scurriously leaker and, lo and behold, he has himself in custody. Since the Bush administration is basically a monarchy, he should pass the crown to Jehina. She couldn’t do worse than this bunch of airheads and bullies.

Patrick Fitzgerald filed court papers indicating that Scooter testified that in 2003, when the White House was getting rattled by the failure to find WMD and by criticism from a former diplomat on the margins of the war scheme, the president authorized Dick Cheney to authorize Scooter to make a one-sided dump of classified information about Saddam’s arsenal to *The Times*’ Judy Miller.

Scooter was so concerned about the propriety of the deal that he checked with the vice president’s lawyer, David Addington, before he spilled. Addington, whose politics are to the right of Louis XVI, said, go right ahead, New Black-Adder has Scooter’s job.

The Bushes once more showed incompetence by creating this elaborate daisy-chain leak and giving it to the one person in journalism who had been roped off from writing about the prewar intelligence, while her editors sorted out

problems with her past WMD coverage. Judy never authored an article about what Scooter gave her, either that intelligence or the identity of the woman whom she wrote down in her notebook as “Valerie Flame.” (Stripper or spy?)

W. subscribes to the Nixonian theory that when a president does it, it’s not illegal — or maybe it’s the divine right of kings. God has been pretty active in Republican politics lately: Tom DeLay said God told him to drop out of his re-election race.

If the administration were seriously trying to declassify something in the national interest, wouldn’t they have Bush explain his decision or have his Scottish terrier yip it out from the podium, rather than having Scooter whisper it in Judy’s ear?

Instead, sounding very Lewis Carroll, the White House claims that when the president leaks something secret, it’s not secret anymore. It’s the *Immaculate Declassification*: Intelligence is declassified by passing it on to a friendly reporter.

“The president believes the leaking of classified information is a very serious matter,” Scott McClellan said. “And I think that’s why it’s important to draw a distinction here. Declassifying information and providing it to the public, when it is in the public interest, is one thing. But leaking classified information that could compromise our national security is something that is very serious. And there is a distinction.” And thank goodness we have a White House that gets that distinction. Democrats don’t, he sniffed, are guilty of “crass politics.”

If W. wants the information out, it’s good for the country to make it public. If W. doesn’t want the information out, it’s bad for the country to make it public. Letat, c’est moi.

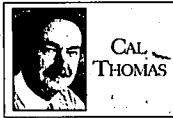
That’s how we got mired in the Iraq war in the first place. The administration ruthlessly held back classified information that contradicted its bogus case for war, and leaked classified information that supported it.

The Bushies keep trying to manipulate reality, but reality bites back. That’s not only crass politics. It’s lethal politics. Letat, c’est mess.

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# Presenting, again, ‘The Gospel of Disbelief’

It happens twice a year, at Christmas and Easter. The newswickers sometimes carry cover stories. The newspapers print items calling the reason for these seasons into question.



CAL THOMAS

This Easter is no exception, but the intensity level seems to have increased.

This year’s first attack came from St. Paul Minnesota where local officials decided to ban the Easter Bunny from City Hall. They said it might offend some non-Christians, as if the Easter Bunny has anything to do with Easter’s real significance. Apparently it escaped the notice of the city council that the Easter Bunny might offend Christians, because, like Santa Claus, it is a counterfeit. If they want to be consistent, perhaps the council should change the name of the city from St. Paul to Paul Bunyan.

Newspapers also carried a story about a Florida State University scientist who speculated that Jesus didn’t really walk on water. He was walked on ice. The scientist theorized there must have been an unusual cold snap 2,000 years ago that froze the Sea of Galilee. This begs the question how Jesus was able to pull off such a stunt when Peter also walked on water, before his lack of faith sank him.

Next was a story on the “Gospel of Judas,” a work written between 130 and 170 C.E., long after the events it purports to describe. In this document, Jesus is revealed as having urged Judas to betray him. That a number of Judas’ contemporaries said otherwise in Scripture matters not to skeptics. Who’s responsible for this, flood of skepticism, heresy and outright denial of the biblical record? Why is there not a similar cultural onslaught against other faiths? Only the suicidal would treat Islam in this way. The skeptics sound like those disclaimers for certain drugs sold on T.V. Side effects may include vomiting, hair loss, bleeding, dizziness and disorientation. The side effects of believing in Jesus may include loss of friends, disrespect by the academic and journalistic communities and damage to one’s career, not to mention a complete change in life to which one has become comfortably accustomed.

The question inherent in all of these challenges to the original story and original cast is this: How could anything like

the resurrection be true? The question is not asked with the intention of getting an answer. It is rhetorical, hostile and unbelieving.

So, how does one know it is true? First, not a single witness of that first Easter morning subsequently denied what he (or she) observed. Human nature tells us that when those who publicly stated Jesus rose from the grave were threatened with death unless they recanted, at least one, and probably more, would have said it never happened. If it didn’t occur, they would have wanted to live. Not one recanted. All of the Apostles died martyr’s deaths, except John, who died in exile.

The second reason is also logical. What kind of loving father would direct his lost children through a bad neighborhood, if he wanted them to get home safely? If no human father would be so cruel, why would God, after giving up His Son to die for humanity, create a flawed road map so they would get lost in their search for Him?

Christians who believe the Bible’s account of Easter believe it because they also believe God’s spirit guarded human hands from making er-

rors in recording these events. Skeptics have no such guide. They should be humbled that God is far wiser than the wisest man.

Before accepting what heretics and unbelievers say, consideration should be given to what is contained in the guidebook.

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# Widespread U.S. intelligence leaks into Afghanistan

By Paul Watson  
Los Angeles Times

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — No more than 200 yards from the main gate to the sprawling U.S. base here, stolen computer drives containing classified military assessments of enemy targets, names, corrupt Afghan officials and describing American defenses are on sale in the local bazaar.

Shop owners at the bazaar say Afghan cleaners, garbage collectors and other workers from the base arrive each

day offering purloined goods, including knives, watches, refrigerators, packets of Viagra and flash memory drives taken from military laptops. The drives, smaller than a pack of chewing gum, are sold as used equipment.

The thefts of computer drives have the potential to expose military secrets as well as Social Security numbers and other identifying information of military personnel.

A reporter recently obtained several drives at the bazaar that contained documents marked "Secret." The contents

included documents that were potentially embarrassing to Pakistan, a U.S. ally, presentations that named suspected militants targeted for "kill or capture" and discussions of U.S. efforts to "remove" or "marginalize" Afghan government officials whom the military considered "problem makers."

The drives also included deployment rosters and other documents that identified nearly 700 U.S. service members and their Social Security numbers.

After choosing the name of an army captain at random, a reporter using the

Internet was able to obtain detailed information on the woman, including her home address in Maryland and the license plate numbers of her 2003 Jeep Liberty sport utility vehicle and 1998 Harley Davidson XL883 Hugger motorcycle.

Troops serving overseas would be particularly vulnerable to attempts to identify them because keeping track of their bank and credit records is difficult, said Jay Foley, co-executive director of the Identity Theft Resource Center in San Diego.

"It's absolutely absurd that this is happening in any way, shape or form," Foley said. "There's absolutely no reason for anyone in the military to have that kind of information on a flash drive and then have it out of their possession."

A flash drive also contained a classified briefing about the capabilities and limitations of a "man portable counter-mortar radar" used to find the source of guerrilla mortar rounds. A map pinpoints the U.S. camps and bases in Iraq where the sophisticated radar was deployed in March 2004.

## Marines involved in raid relieved of command

WASHINGTON — Three Marines have been relieved of their commands in connection with problems during their deployment to Iraq, including their battalion's actions during a firefight that left 15 Iraqi civilians dead.

No charges have been filed against the three officers, who were reassigned to new duties within the division, because of a "lack of confidence in their leadership abilities," said Lt. Lawton

King, a spokesman for the Division at Camp Pendleton in California.

King would not comment on the officers' specific connection to the firefight, which occurred in the western town of Haditha and is being probed by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

About a dozen 3rd Battalion Marines are being investigated for war crimes in connection with the November 2005 incident to determine if they violated the rules of military engagement.

A videotape taken by an Iraqi shows the aftermath of the alleged attack by U.S. troops on civilians in Haditha: a blood-saturated bedroom floor and bits of what appear to be human flesh and bullet holes on the walls.

## Officials link eight deaths in Canada to biker gang

LONDON, Ontario — Canadian police arrested five people on murder charges Monday and said that eight men found stuffed inside vehicles on a farm over the weekend were affiliated with a biker gang.

Police called the killings "an internal cleansing" of the Bandidos motorcycle gang and said that the eight victims suffered gunshot wounds. Their bodies were found Saturday on a farm in Sibleford, Ontario, about 90 miles northwest of Detroit.

Police on Monday searched a modest, two-story farmhouse owned by a gang member near the site where the eight men were found dead, stuffed inside abandoned vehicles in one of Canada's biggest mass murders in a decade.

Police set up a roadblock around the farmhouse, about six miles from where the bodies were found in four vehicles deserted in a farmer's field Saturday morning.

The gangland-style killings are the biggest mass murder in Canada since spurned husband Mark Chahal went on a shooting rampage in Vernon, British Columbia, killing nine people, including his estranged wife and himself in 1996.

## France's Chirac will 'replace' youth worker law

PARIS — After weeks of protests and strikes, President Jacques Chirac announced plans Monday to "replace" a law that would have made it easier for companies to fire workers under age 26.

"The deal represents a defeat for Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin, who had insisted on the law as a means of reducing high unemployment rates among young people. Chirac's office said the president decided to "replace" a key provision of the law with a measure aimed at "youths in difficulty."

Many youths and unions feared the contract would damage covered job security, but Villepin said he had sought a "better balance" between more flexibility for the employer and more security for workers."

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## MORNING LINE

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**High School BASEBALL**  
Burley at Jerome, 4:30 p.m.  
Filer at Wendell, 4 p.m.  
Wood River at Minico, 6:30 p.m.

**GOLF**  
Burley, Minico at Madison Invitational, Teton Lakes, 8:30 a.m.  
MVC, Filer, Gooding at Kimberly, Pleasant Valley, 1 p.m.

**SOFTBALL**  
Burley at Preston, DH, 4 p.m.  
Jerome at Kimberly, DH, 4 p.m.  
Buhl at Wood River, DH, 4 p.m.  
Filer at Wendell, DH, 4 p.m.  
Minico at Century, DH, 4 p.m.

**TENNIS**  
Jerome at Gooding, 3:30 p.m.  
Burley at Pocatello, 3:30 p.m.  
Twin Falls at Wood River, 3:30 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### CSI VB hosts summer camps

**TWIN FALLS** — The defending NCAA Division 1 national champion College of Southern Idaho volleyball program will host four unique summer camps during July and August. A team camp for varsity players will run from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., July 13-15. Teams are required to have a minimum of eight players and a maximum of 14.

An intermediate setter/hitter camp will run from July 6-8, while the varsity setter/hitter camp runs July 10-12. An individual preseason skills camp for players of all skill levels will run July 31-August 2. Camps run from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., each day.

Camps will be led by eight-time NCAA champion coach Ben Stroud and CSI assistant TJ Lopez, along with Florida A&M University coaches Tom and Martin Trivino, Mike King and Dan Sitrer of the Portland Volleyball Club, Jerry Wagner, assistant coach at Gonzaga University, Weber State head coach Glenn and the CSI volleyball team.

Each camp offers basic camp, camp-and-lunch and boarding camp options. For more information and pricing, visit <http://www.csi.edu/athletics/vball.htm> and click on the camp brochures link, or call Stroud at 732-6478 or 734-8583.

#### Oasis Best-ball tournament slated

**TWIN FALLS** — The 21st Annual Oasis Best-ball Golf Tournament benefiting the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley is slated for April 29-30. This tournament is played on three of the area's courses: Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl, Canyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls and Blue Lakes Country Club in Twin Falls. The cost is \$140 per two-person team for a maximum of 250 teams.

The tournament has three divisions: men's, women's and couples. Each player must have a current USGA Handicap Card. Teams may enter at any of the three courses or call 825-4147 for more information.

#### Twin Falls men's softball meets

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls Men's Softball Association will meet at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 19 at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Building at 136 Maxwell Ave. For more information, contact Chris Lewis at 825-4257.

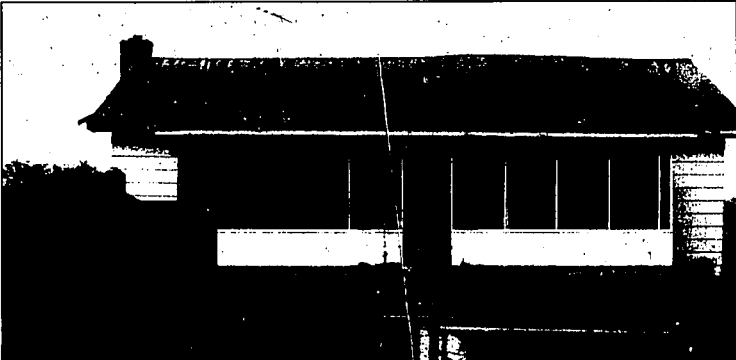
#### Soccer camp planned in Sun Valley

**SUN VALLEY** — PREMIERE Soccer Schools will hold a week-long camp in Sun Valley from 7:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m., June 12-16. The program is for youth ages 10-18 and is intended for skilled players. Participants receive a pro uniform set of a jersey, shorts and socks, along with a backpack and match ball.

For more information or to sign up, visit <http://www.one-soccerschools.com>, e-mail [info@one-soccerschools.com](mailto:info@one-soccerschools.com), or call 885-895-0111. Alternatively, contact Mark Sprague at [suf@gamcna.com](mailto:suf@gamcna.com).

Compiled from staff reports

## Searching for Joe Louis



A small home located some six miles from downtown LaFayette, Ala., with a sign listing it as the birthplace Joe Louis Barrow, better known as boxing legend Joe Louis, is seen Friday April 7.

By Jan Zator  
Associated Press writer

**LA FAYETTE, Ala.** — Down a couple of skinny dirt roads, some six miles from downtown, behind a chain-link fence surrounding a modest clapboard house, a sign notes the "Birthplace of Joe Louis."

You need good directions and some patience to find evidence that the late boxing legend was born in this east Alabama town near the Georgia border.

It's even news to some of the 3,000-plus residents.

"I heard he was from here the other day," 21-year-old Karlo Burton said, "but I didn't believe it."

It's true. He was born here in 1914 — Joe Louis Barrow was his birth name. Joe Louis was born in 1914 in a 24-foot bronze arm and fist, sculpted in Louis' honor in the 1950s.

And in LaFayette, located about 80 miles east of Montgomery? They're working on it. The immediate goal is a statue, then someday perhaps a Joe Louis museum, Milford said.

He said an Alabama sculptor has said the price tag for a Louis sculpture would be \$50,000. In two years, the town has raised



This 1940 handout photo from the Twentieth Century Boxing Club shows heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis.

less than \$10,000, the judge said. The statue would be slightly larger than life size and be erected outside the courthouse on U.S. 431, the main road through town.

Nicknamed the Brown Bomber, Louis' legacy doesn't need much help nationally. He successfully defended his heavyweight championship a record 25 times from 1937-49 before retiring, including a famed victory over German fighter Max Baer in a rematch of an earlier defeat.

Louis is buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., and his son said a wreath-laying ceremony will be held there Wednesday to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the boxer's death.

A memory refresher in Louis' hometown couldn't hurt. Like Burton, Dorothy Bell and several others were unable to answer the question: Do you know where Joe Louis was born?

"I know him, but I didn't know he was born here," said Bell, buying a few groceries before work.

His likely birthplace — not everyone agrees on this — was a ramshackle, four-room sharecropper's house on a parcel of land in decidedly unmountainous Buckalew Mountain. It's not easy to find. And beware the owner's Rotweiler if you do.

Milford is realistic about the site's allure for tourists.

"It's real out of the way," he said. "Even if you're passing through down 431 you're not seeing it."

## Fereti headed to St. Bonaventure

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — It didn't take Zaryon Fereti long to make up his mind.

The 6-foot-4 College of Southern Idaho sophomore guard will head to New York to play for the St. Bonaventure Bombers men's basketball team next season after recently verbally committing to the school. CSI head coach Barrett Peery announced on Monday.

Fereti is the first of this season's sophomore basketball players to commit to an NCAA Division I program. His decision was one of nine recruiting-related announcements the CSI athletic department made on a busy Monday during the NCAA national letter-of-intent signing period.

Fereti averaged 14.3 points and shot 34.1 percent from three-point range during CSI's 25-10 record during his sophomore season. He will play as a junior for 4 Bonnies team that has been very active in pursuing him. St. Bonaventure finished 9-18 and 2-14 in Atlantic 10 Conference play during the 2005-06 season. Fereti's transfer to St. Bonaventure will become official after his paperwork is processed during the April 12-May 17 NCAA Division I national letter-of-intent signing period.

Peery and the Golden Eagles men's basketball program also announced the signing of two players for the coming 2006-07 season. Reggie Layton of Tallahassee High School will join the Golden Eagles after starting on a Spartans team that has historically been one of the top programs in Oregon's Class 4A Metro League. The 6-foot-



College of Southern Idaho sophomore guard Zaryon Fereti (11) dunka past South Mountain Community College (Ariz.) defender Jose Gonzales (21) earlier this season.

11 point guard has a nice balance of quickness and shooting range and will look to compete for CSI's starting point position left open by Jermaine Calvin's graduation.

The Eagles have also signed Moleni Thukuleva, who will join CSI as a sophomore

transfer from Dixie State College. The 6-foot-6 Thukuleva led the Rebels in scoring at 13.1 points per game as a freshman and also averaged 6.1 rebounds per contest.

### Women's basketball

Head coach Randy Rogers is close to finalizing agreements with five incoming freshmen. The paperwork is still going through, but Rogers has received verbal commitments from in-state prospects Kall Hess, a 5-9 senior from American Falls High School, along with 5-11 forward Whitney Thompson of Shelley. Thompson was voted Idaho's Class 3A Player of the Year after leading the Russets to a Class 3A state title, averaging 11.5 points and 6.3 rebounds per game as a senior.

Rogers' out-of-state commits are Maylene Ornelas, a point guard from Mountain View High School in Crem, Utah, Amy Higbee from Alamo, Nev., and Terra Tremayne of Battle Mountain, Nev. The state's all-time leading three-point shooter.

"She can shoot as well as anybody out there," Rogers said on Monday.

### Baseball

CSI pitching coach Dave Carter has already pitched to all the Golden Eagles' bullpen for next year, announcing that Eric Ross, a left-handed pitcher from Billings, Mont., will join CSI for its 2007 campaign.

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## Lacrosse attorney: no DNA match

The Associated Press

**DURHAM, N.C.** — DNA testing failed to connect any members of the Duke University lacrosse team to the alleged rape of a stripper, attorneys for the athletes said Monday.

Citing DNA test results delivered by the state crime lab to police and prosecutors a few hours earlier, the attorneys said the test results prove their clients did not sexually assault or beat a stripper hired to perform at a March 13 team party. No charges had been filed in

the case. The alleged victim, a 27-year-old student at a nearby college, told police she and another woman were hired to dance at the party. The woman told police that three men at the party dragged her into a bathroom, soaked her, raped her and choked her.

Auditors tested 46 of the 47 players, on Duke's lacrosse team to submit DNA samples to investigators. Because the woman said her attackers were white, the team's sole black player was not tested.

District Attorney Mike Nifong stopped speaking with reporters last week after initially talking openly about the case, including stating publicly that he was confident a crime occurred. He went on to say he would have other evidence to make his case should the DNA analysis prove inconclusive or fail to match a member of the team.

Smith said Nifong now has the evidence needed to charge his mind. Nifong's assistant said earlier Monday the prosecutor would not comment on the findings. North Carolina Central University, where the alleged victim is a student, said after the results were released that the prosecutor would appear at a campus forum on Tuesday to discuss the case.

Attorney Joe Cheshire, who represents one of the team's captains, said the report indicated authorities took DNA samples from all over the alleged victim's body, including under her fingernails, and from her possessions, such as her cell phone and her clothes.

## A new Mickelson is winning majors

Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods met in Butler Cabin for the second straight year at the Masters for a role reversal: not seen at Augusta National in more than 40 years.

Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer — rivals briefly, driving forces as long as they played — took turns helping each other into the green jacket for three straight Masters endings in 1985. The scene was replayed Sunday evening when Woods, the defending champion, fit Mickelson into the fabled prize.

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But this role reversal was about more than a green jacket presentation.

Two players separated by everything but raw talent looked strikingly familiar in winning the Masters on a super-sized course.

Augusta National was longer than ever in 2002 when Woods went into the final round tied for the lead with U.S. Open champion Relfe Gossen, two shots clear of Vijay Singh, with Ernie Els, Mickelson and Sergio Garcia another two shots behind. Woods built a lead and knew his challenge would have to make birdsies. They all crashed trying to catch him.

The course was even longer for this year's Masters, softened slightly by rain.

Mickelson was one shot ahead of former Masters champion Fred Couples, with Woods and Singh two shots behind, followed by Gossen and Els. There were 10 players within three shots of the lead, most of whom entered the clubhouse. Mickelson took a two-shot lead and knew par would be his friend. Couples and Woods knew his challenge would have to make birdsies. They all crashed trying to catch him.

Along the way, people had to wonder: Who was this guy? Mickelson carved out a reputation as "Phil the Thrill," a gunslinger whose sole mission was to attack flags and keep everyone entertained with every shot. Even his first two majors kept everyone in suspense to the end — five birdies on the last seven holes to win the '04 Masters, a flop shot from deep rough to tap-in range on the 72nd hole at Baltusrol in the PGA Championship last summer.

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"It had actually been wanting a four or five, even, but there was no OK, too."

For a second — even though he was joking — he sounded like the man who could hardly find his own name. He didn't endear himself to many people five years ago at the PGA Championship in Atlanta when he opened with a 68 and told CBS Sports that he not only wanted to win, but by a certain margin of victory. He was asked later what number he had in mind.

"I'm not going to say. Doesn't sound good," he said with a smile.

He wound up losing by one shot to David Toms, who had led up on the 18th and made a 10-foot par save.

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It's easy to get carried away with whoever just won the last major. Even with his second Masters title, Mickelson still only has as many majors as Els and he still lags seven. Please see FERUGSON, Page B2



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Red Sox, Ortiz agree to extension

BOSTON — Red Sox slugger David Ortiz agreed Monday to a four-year contract extension through 2010, just five months after finishing runner-up for the AL MVP award.

The designated hitter was in the last year of a \$5.5 million, two-year extension he signed in May 2004. That deal called for a \$6.5 million salary this year and gave Boston an option for 2007, currently valued at \$8.4 million with a \$1.4 million buyout.

Ortiz's new deal contains a team option for 2011. "I want to finish my career as a Red Sox player," Ortiz said at a news conference at Fenway Park. "I'm going to be around for a while. I'm pretty sure New England is going to take care of me as good as new."

Peerless Price back with Buffalo Bills

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Peerless Price signed a four-year contract with the Buffalo Bills on Monday, ending his team with which he enjoyed the most success.

A seven-year NFL veteran, the wide receiver returns to the Bills after failed stints with the Atlanta and Dallas — moves that came after he forced a trade from Buffalo to the Falcons three years ago. His new contract is worth \$10 million a year and includes additional incentives should he take over as the Bills No. 1 receiver.

The signing comes a week after the Bills traded veteran tight end starter Eric Moulds to Houston. Price is expected to compete for his former No. 2 spot behind Lee Evans, who became the Bills' practicing A player in Houston.

Robitaille to retire at end of NHL season

LOS ANGELES — Luc Robitaille, the highest scoring left wing in NHL history, will retire at the end of the season, Los Angeles Kings said Monday.

The 40-year-old Robitaille, the Kings' career leader in goals, will have a news conference Tuesday to discuss his decision.

"Tomorrow is the opportunity for the Kings and Luc Robitaille to acknowledge my Hall of Fame-caliber career and give him an opportunity to address his decision to retire from the game of hockey," said Mike Altieri, the Kings' vice president of communications.

Cubs, Lee agree to \$65 million, five-year deal

CHICAGO — NL batting champion Derrek Lee and the Chicago Cubs agreed to a \$65 million, five-year contract, a source close to the deal announced Tuesday.

The deal is \$8 million less than the final season of a \$22.5 million, three-year deal. His new contract includes a \$10 million annual salary with 2006-07 and contains a no-trade clause, one person familiar with the agreement said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Late last week, Lee said he would break off negotiations for the rest of the season if the sides did not reach an agreement, but the deal was tendered Brown a one-year offer for approximately \$720,000 last month.

Brown made his 25 of 25 field goal attempts this season, including game-winning ones against Dallas and the New York Giants. He finished fifth in the NFC in kicker scoring with 110 points. The seventh-round draft choice from Nebraska in 2003 tied Norm Johnson's team record with five field goals made of 50 yards or more.

He is 23-37 on 60 field goals in his three-year career.

Until Monday's signing, the Seahawks had the right to match any offer Brown would receive from other teams during free agency.

Ricky Williams appeals drug suspension

NEW YORK — Ricky Williams and his lawyer met Monday with NFL counsel Jeff Pauer to discuss an appeal of Williams' drug suspension.

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Shaq's fourth grade teacher sees him play

MIAMI — Annette Swann thought the not-so-little four-grader needed more sustenance than the school lunch could provide, so she slipped her growing boy half her meal each day.

Shaqquille O'Neal never forgot his teacher's kindness. Swann and her prized former student reunited over the weekend, when she saw the three-time NBA champion to come through for a moment. In a rare moment of play in person for the first time, Swann and her daughter had eighth-row seats on courtney of Orlando — for Miami's 84-loss to Shaq — on Sunday.

"It's still just Shaq to me," the 76-year-old Swann said after the game, as she wore a blue and white jersey and a bouquet of flowers — also gifts from the Heat center. "It doesn't matter what he has or what he does."

The 6-foot-11 Swann supposed to be a gift from Swann's daughter, Amy, who simply wanted to cheer her mother up from a recent rough patch. In recent years, she has spent 15 days in a hospital with pneumonia, then learned her lifelong home will soon be torn down in a road-widening project, her daughter said.

But for one night, all the problems were forgotten. "Because of his size, the other teachers tended to blame him for any mischief that occurred in his vicinity," Swann's daughter told The Associated Press.

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SPORTS

**FAB**  
Biffle miffed  
by slow start

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Exactly one year ago, Greg Biffle was NASCAR's hottest driver. He had two wins, solid footing in the points standings and was well on his way to becoming a championship contender.

My, how things have changed. Biffle can't seem to catch a break this

year, with his latest bout of bad luck coming Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway. He had led 49 of the first 82 laps and established himself as the driver to beat, only to see his day come to a crashing end when contact with former teammate Kurt Busch wrecked his car.

One of the preseason favorites to win

the Nextel Cup title, "The Biff" is now a big if to even make the playoff race.

"It's a shame ... so many times this year we've had a good car and we just can't complete it," crew chief Doug Richert said. "We certainly don't have the luck going our way this year, but we can turn it around."

This year he's 23rd in the standings and 188 points behind the cutoff for qualifying for the Chase for the championship. Finishes of 31st or worse in four of the first seven races have put him there.

"We can't dwell on the past," Biffle lamented of his latest disappointment.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Teen killer's claims rejected

**HAILLEY** — An investigation into sexual assault claims made by convicted murderer Sarah Johnson has ended.

Blaine County Sheriff Walt Femling and Blaine County Prosecutor Jim Thomas said at a press conference on Monday that there is no evidence Johnson was sexually assaulted while an inmate in the Blaine County Jail.

Johnson was convicted last year of two counts of first-degree murder for shooting her parents in 2003. The sexual assault allegations came forth in January and June 2005. Ten investigators from seven Idaho sheriff's offices interviewed close to 100 people in the course of the investigation, including Johnson.

Johnson told fellow inmates she was having sex with a male inmate, and that she was bribing jail staff to continue the relationship.

She said the other inmate was visiting her cell by climbing through an air duct. Femling said investigators determined that alleged sexual contact between Johnson and inmate Elvis Mahurin could not have taken place due to the physical boundaries that existed between the two at all times, jail staff and other inmates also said the contact would have been impossible.

### Jerome veterans can learn about benefits.

**JEROME** — Jim Kimball, veterans service officer for Jerome County, and Milt Smith, state veterans officer in the Boise office, will be on hand all day Wednesday to discuss veterans' benefits and to help veterans file claims for those benefits.

Veterans can be eligible for a number of benefits, including pensions, medical benefits, educational benefits and low-interest home loans.

Veterans also can get help with finding employment. Widows of veterans may also be eligible for benefits.

"To make an appointment, or for more information, call Kimball at 324-5377."

### Group to sponsor forum for candidates

**JEROME** — Citizens Protecting Resources is holding a forum at 7:30 p.m. today so the public can hear the platforms of candidates running for county commissioner.

The group, which was formed to oppose a coal-fired plant in Jerome County, will give all candidates equal time to present their views, but the group will not take any stand for or against a candidate.

The forum will be at the Jerome Fish and Game Office on U.S. Highway 93.

### Toddler council will convene in Boise

**BOISE** — The Idaho Infant Toddler Interagency Coordinating Council will hold regularly scheduled meetings jointly with the Early Care and Learning Task Force from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Best Western Vista Inn at the Airport, 2645 Airport Way.

The Interagency Coordinating Council provides leadership for implementation of the Idaho Infant Toddler program.

This program offers early intervention services for children from birth through age 3 with developmental disabilities and their families.

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Salmon	124%	122%
Big Wood	147%	132%
Little Wood	152%	146%
Big Lost	140%	137%
Little Lost	121%	119%
Hells Fork/Teton	119%	116%
Upper Snake Basin	113%	110%
Oakley	106%	101%
Salmon Falls	146%	142%

\*A comparison of basin snowpack, on this date, with a 50-year average.  
 \*\*On the day of peak snowpack for the basin.

# Positively Rusty



Since he was 10 years old, Rusty Lowe has been battling brain cancer and leukemia. Lowe, 18, has opted to postpone a bone marrow transplant because it would prevent him from attending the Twin Falls High School graduation on May 25.

## Tumors, transplant won't keep senior from graduation

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Rusty Lowe just wanted to sit with his fellow band members this spring during the state 5A championship game in Boise, but then he heard his name announced on the loudspeaker—Lowe wouldn't be sitting next to the band this time.

It was an unusual sight to those who didn't know him. Although he was only 18 years old, he used a cane to walk down the stairs to the floor of the arena.

His face was covered with a breathing mask to protect him from the common cold — an illness that could kill him. And a baseball hat covered his balding head.

But to the Bruins, he was the strongest man on the court, and he was someone who deserved a seat with the 5A state champions.

Lowe has been fighting a deadly combination of medulloblastoma, a type of brain cancer, and leukemia since he was 10 years old.

For more than eight years, he has traveled to Boise for treatment. When his body couldn't take more radiation, the doctors began using

### Rusty Lowe

**Enjoys Music:** He plays the trombone for the Twin Falls High School band, although his illness has made it difficult for him to participate in concerts. He also helped raise almost \$900 for the school band in the last three years.

**Leathers:** People who do not respect others who have disabilities. When he was in the third grade, he saw some students mocking a girl with a deformity. He said he now knows how the girl felt.



**a slice from local life**

**Plans:** He has applied at various colleges. Depending on the outcome of his bone-marrow transplant, he hopes to pursue a degree in computer technology.

**Advice:** "If you have a positive attitude about something, you will have a positive impact."

chemotherapy. And when his body degenerated to the point where a common cold could kill him, he began avoiding crowds.

But Lowe said everything he has gone through has taught him valuable lessons — the kind you can't learn in the classroom.

"I have learned that when you go through tragedies like this, it ends up softening your heart a little bit," Lowe said. "It definitely altered my life, but like anything else, it is what you make of it."

So Lowe is making the most of what he has.

When doctors told him he would need a bone marrow transplant within a month, he told them it would have to wait because he was planning to attend his graduation in May.

"I didn't go to school for 13 years, for nothing," Lowe said.

"Besides," he said, pointing to pictures of himself standing next to the Bruins with their state championship trophy, "I owe it to those guys, and all the others who have stood by me through all this."

Lowe's positive attitude about his condition — and almost everything

else — is keeping him alive, his mom says.

"He has to be positive," Debi Lowe said. "The fight will be over if he doesn't have a positive attitude."

She knows more than most mothers about caring for the sick and afflicted. Her oldest son was born with cerebral palsy, and she remembers some months when she would drive between two hospitals to care for her sons.

But caring for Lowe is a family affair — albeit a complicated one.

Lowe's mom and stepmother rotate shifts when he is in the hospital. While one stays with Lowe in Boise or Salt Lake City, the other manages responsibilities at home.

"We probably seem like a strange family," said Toni Tyler, Lowe's stepmom. "But we make it work."

In less than two months, they will organize the hospital rotations again. Lowe will receive his bone-marrow transplant in Salt Lake City, where he will be required to stay for almost three months.

"I would have to say I'm a pretty happy child," Lowe said, looking at the poster dedicating the Bruins' championship season to him. "And it's my happiness that keeps me going."

## Buhl residents share ideas for county's future

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**BUHL** — Now 80-something, Shelby Williams has seen his hometown change a lot over the years.

He remembers when the Great Depression hit and the federal government stopped in and gave people work on public projects.

By the time he graduated from high school in 1938, it was a different place still.

Today, the retired farmer and banker cares as much about his town as he always has, so he stopped in at the open house in Buhl to share his thoughts about what Twin Falls County should consider while drafting its comprehensive plan.

Williams said there have been some positive things happening in

Buhl the last few years.

Streets have been improved, there's a new City Hall, and Buhl has not been victim to urban sprawl. Are there any areas that could use improvement?

"All the process you have to go through to get what you want, like a building permit," Williams said.

He said the process could be streamlined a little.

Today, Twin Falls County is in the middle of the long process of rewriting its comprehensive plan — a plan that will look ahead 20 years.

The purpose of the plan, which is required by law, is to give the public, business and government agencies a clear understanding of the county's intentions regarding future development.

It is viewed as the foundation on

which the county's Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee are holding open houses throughout the county to hear what residents have to say about issues such as property rights, population growth, school facilities and land use. An open house will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Hollister School at 2463 Contact Ave.

If you cannot attend an open house, but would like to comment on the plan, call County Commissioners Tom Mikesell, Bill Brockman or Gary Grindstaff at 738-4068.

For more information on the comprehensive plan, go to the county's Web site at <http://www.twinfallscounty.org/> and click on Comprehensive Plan Update.

## Filer considers raising fees for water and sewer

By John E. Swayze  
Times-News correspondent

**FILER** — The cost of connecting to city water and sewer utilities will be going up in the near future.

A rapid expansion in new home construction within the city limits of Filer has pushed sewage treatment lagoons to the edge of capacity. And the City Council is considering an increase in hook up fees.

The current rate is \$500 for water and \$500 for sewer.

Two residential subdivisions — Golden Spur and Pierce — are under construction and others are in the planning stages. Each phase must have a will-serve letter stating that the city can provide sewer utilities.

But letters cannot be issued when city treatment facilities are inadequate or if wastewater pollutants discharged into Cedar Draw and the Snake River exceed standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Filer has a weekly limit of 45 milligrams of suspended solids per liter and 30 milligrams per liter each month.

Once established, the rate increase will help offset a portion of the cost of developing at least two additional settling ponds.

"We have comparisons for cities around the valley, and this is something we'll be working to change over the next few months," Mayor Bob Templeman said.

## Group reports poor conditions at animal shelter

By Marie Mischel  
For The Times-News

**PAUL** — The Minidoka County animal shelter is overcrowded and unsanitary, and euthanizing animals after three days will not address all the problems, representatives from the Humane Society told the animal control board last week.

The board reduced the stay from five days to three days to ease overcrowding and the potential

for disease.

The shelter has 26 kennels. In March, 52 dogs were brought in. Of those, 34 were euthanized, eight were claimed by their owners, five were adopted out and three were released to animal rescues.

The shelter is overcrowded and will continue to be, Animal Control Officer Steve Mann said.

"Warmer days are coming up and we will be filling to the max," he said.

The three-day limit will help con-

trol disease but won't be a cure-all for the shelter's problems, said Vic Watson, chief deputy for the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department. For example, the limit will lessen the dogs' chances of being adopted, he said.

The sheriff's department oversees the county's animal control operations.

Problems at the shelter were discussed at Wednesday's board.

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# MAGIC VALLEY

## OBITUARIES

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### Patrick Alan Webb

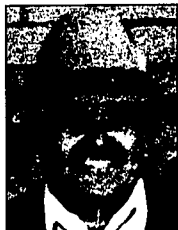


Webb in 1980 to Kimberly, Idaho, and then to Wells, Nev., in 1989.  
Also the avid hunter and fisherman, enjoyed these activities after retiring from Wells Rural Electric Co. in 1997. He received his gunsmith credential and pursued his love of guns in his final years.

LAS VEGAS — Patrick Alan Webb, better known as "Al," passed away Jan. 26, 2006, in Las Vegas, Nev.  
Al was born April 6, 1938, in Georgetown, Ill., to Bert Webb and Marie Taggerty.  
After graduating from Georgetown High School in 1956, he entered the electrician apprentice program.  
He obtained his journeyman's ticket, electrical contractor's license and was able to become a master electrician. Al's trade took him all over the United States, and he loved it.  
He was a member of Local 357.  
On July 4, 1974, Al married Roberta (Beret) Brankamp. From their 30-year loving union, Patrick Charles and Christopher Robert were born.  
Also from a previous marriage came his beautiful daughter, Jackie Sue.  
The family moved from Las

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 45, Scottish Rite of Boise and El Korah Shrine of Boise.  
In his younger years, he loved to fly and was a member of AOPA.  
Al is survived by his wife, Roberta; son, Patrick and partner, Heather Rohrer; daughter, Jackie Mann and her husband, Bob; sister, Kitty Webb; niece, Lory Bland; nephew, Franklin Bland; granddaughter, Arizona Webb; grandson, Lucas Billy Rohrer; and friend, Roger Olson.  
His parents, son, Christopher; and brother, Mel, preceded him in death. The family is planning a memorial gathering for early spring.  
Anyone wishing to remember Al may send a donation to the Shrine Crippled Children's Travel Fund at El Korah, P.O. Box 1127, Boise, ID 83701.  
Al will be missed and loved always and forever.

### Daniel Garza Lopez



Marco Antonio, Gabriel Austin and Robert Alex Mascorro, all of Rupert, Makayla Daniello and Talon Leo Campbell, both of Pocatello, and Jacob Joshua, Madeline Denise and Justin Daniel Lopez, all of Rupert; brothers, Benito (Juanita) Lopez of San Juan, Texas, and Arturo (Jose) Salinas of Amarillo, Texas; and sisters, Elizabeth (Ernesto) Ventura and Maria Anita (Rogelio) Maldonado of Rupert.

RUPERT — Daniel Garza Lopez, 68, of Rupert, died Sunday, April 9, 2006, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital after a long, extended illness.  
Daniel was born March 16, 1938, in Alamo, Texas, to Antonio C. and Paula G. Lopez. He grew up and attended school in Texas.  
As a young adult, he moved to Idaho and settled in Rupert in 1960. He married Celia Alicia Lopez on May 18, 1964. He worked as a truck driver for many years. Daniel was a member of the Spanish Assembly of God.  
He enjoyed being with family and friends, entertaining others with his music by singing and playing the bass guitar, spending time gardening outdoors at his home, and he loved watching the Glaneta Braves play.  
Daniel is survived by his wife, Celia Lopez of Rupert; children, Lettie (David) Campbell of Pocatello, Bobbie (Brook) Lopez of Burien, Naomi Lopez of Hagerman, Janie (Kristine) Lopez of Rupert, and Daniel Lopez Jr. of Twin Falls; eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, two brothers, and nieces and nephews.  
The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 13, 2006, with Pastor Rogelio Maldonado officiating at the Rios de Vida Assembly of God Church, 923 Eighth St. in Rupert. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.  
A viewing for family and friends will be one hour prior to the service on Thursday and 6 to 9 p.m. with an evening service at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church.  
The family would like to thank Country Side Care and Rehab, Minidoka Memorial Hospital and its staff and all friends who have supported him. Thank you, Dr. Liliana Saenz and staff.  
Daniel (Dad), you will be greatly missed by all your friends and family.  
Your grandkids will remember your stories forever! We love you!  
Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

### J. Robert Loveland



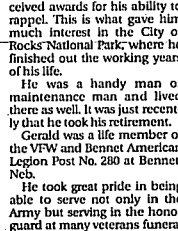
Lake City, Utah; daughters, Hobble Lee Ricks of Pocatello, Idaho, and Cherie McBroome of Salt Lake City, Utah; brothers, Darrell A. Loveland of Brigham City, Utah, and Gary D. Loveland of Brigham City, Utah; sister, Mildred Jean Richardson of Clinton, Utah; along with 20 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.  
A service will be held for Robert at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at the Twin Falls 1st Ward Church of Jesus Christ

TWIN FALLS — J. Robert Loveland, 74, of Twin Falls, died April 9, 2006, at his home in Twin Falls.  
He was born Oct. 13, 1931, in Deweyville, Utah, the son of Doret and Emma Ault Loveland.  
In 1949, he graduated from Bear River High School in Tremonton, Utah.  
Upon his graduation, he went to work for Safeway Foods. On July 21, 1950, he married the love of his life, Shirley Addams, in her family home in Bear River, Utah. During Robert's life, he worked for Safeway Foods for more than 45 years, as well as working for Farmer Jack Food, Lymington IGA and Idaho Frozen Foods.  
He enjoyed people and visiting with his customers.  
Robert also served as an elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He loved guns, dancing and being with his family, which he was always very proud of.  
He grew up in the Denver area and was first married in Denver.  
Two children were born to this union. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Germany. He was married a second time in Denver and had a son, Gerald, "Jerry."  
After his honorable discharge from the Army, he moved to Ogden, Utah, where he was employed in the roofing and sliding business for many years.  
For a period of time in those years, he was the union representative for the National Roofing Industry, Local 91, until he was severely injured in a fall.  
While in the Army, he re-



ceived awards for his ability to rapple. This is what gave him much interest in the City of Rocks National Park, where he finished out the working years of his life.  
He was a handy man and lived there as well. It was just recently that he took his retirement.  
Gerald was a life member of the VFW and Bennet American Legion Post No. 280 at Bennet, Neb.  
He took great pride in being able to serve not only in the Army but serving in the honor guard at many veterans funeral services.  
Because of his high regard for the American Legion, it is the desire of the family for memorials, in lieu of flowers, be sent to Bennet American Legion Post No. 280, in care of Janet Steward, 2127 Sandstone Rd., Lincoln, NE 68512.  
Gerald was preceded in

### Gerald G. Whiting



death by his twin brother, Vernon, who died at an early age of 13 due to kidney failure in 1956; his father in 1948; his mother in 1978; a half-sister, Mildred (Fisher) Wadzinski of Chicago, Ill., in 2002; a half-brother, Donald Fisher of Massachusetts in 1985.  
He leaves to mourn a brother, Larry Whiting of Littleton, Colo.; a half-brother, Fred W. Fisher of Lincoln, Neb.; and his half-sister, Janet (Fisher) Steward of Lincoln, Neb. He also leaves to mourn his Aunt Edith Beckman of Ogden, Utah; many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.  
Interment will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 17, 2006, at Crown Hill Cemetery in Wheatridge, Colo. Gerald will be buried with his twin brother, Vernon.  
Local arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

BURLEY — Gerald G. Whiting died April 6, 2006.  
Gerald was born July 28, 1942, in Pueblo, Colo., to parents Gerald L. and Helen L. Whiting. He was born with his twin brother Vernon in Denver.  
He grew up in the Denver area and was first married in Denver.  
Two children were born to this union. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Germany. He was married a second time in Denver and had a son, Gerald, "Jerry."  
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### Kelly (Kicer) Ensminger

ARIEL, Wash. — Kelly (Kicer) Ensminger, born May 8, 1970, died unexpectedly April 5, 2006, in Ariel, Wash.  
Kelly was born in Denver, Colo., to Joy Kicer and the late Mike Kicer. She was raised in Twin Falls, Idaho, and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1988. She met the love of her life, Jason Ensminger, while in college at Incline Village, Nev. They were married Aug. 11, 1990, and eventually moved to Washington, where Kelly was a flight attendant with Delta for 12 years.  
Kelly is survived by her husband, Jason of Ariel, Wash.; her mother, Joy Kicer of Brighton, Colo.; sister, Kim of Tempo, Ariz.; one niece and three nephews. She also is survived by her grandmother, Marcella Kicer of Denver, Colo.; father-in-law and his wife, Les and Kathy Ensminger of Carson City, Nev., several extended family members in Colorado and her five best friends in high school.  
Kelly will be deeply missed as this is a terrible loss to everyone who knew and loved her.  
A memorial service will take place at 3 p.m. April 28 at Olinger Crown Hill Cemetery in Denver, Colo. Friends can go to [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com) and click on obits and guest book and send condolences to the family or call Heritage Alliance Church at 733-9330.

### DEATH NOTICES

Bonnie Jean Baker Voyle  
SUN CITY, Ariz. — Bonnie Jean Baker Voyle of Sun City, Ariz., and formerly of Burley, died Wednesday, March 22, 2006.  
At her request, no public funeral will be held.

### Isabel Fierman

TWIN FALLS — Isabel Fierman, 91, of Twin Falls, died Monday, April 10, 2006, at Alterra Woodview of Twin Falls.  
Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

### Jennifer Aldrich Seay

BURLEY — Jennifer Lee Aldrich Seay, 32, of Burley, died Monday, April 10, 2006, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.  
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

### Anna Broadie

MERIDIAN — Anna Broadie, 89, died Saturday, April 8, 2006, of natural causes at her daughter's home in Meridian.  
Arrangements are under the direction of Cremation Society of Idaho.

### Agnes Rose Thomas

LONGVIEW, Wash. — Agnes Rose Hocklander Dizmang Thomas, 72, formerly of Wendell, died Saturday, April 8, 2006.  
A graveside service is pending at the Wendell Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Wendell Chapel.

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# SERVICES

Shane Henry Frazier of Filer, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at In His Name Christian Fellowship, 600 Highway 30 in Filer (Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Wayne Gerald Bailey of Rupert/Jackson area, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

United Methodist Church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Ralph W. "Scotty" MacPee Sr. of Wendell, service at 2 p.m. Friday at Demaray's Wendell Chapel, 164 E. Main St. graveside service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Challis Cemetery; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at De-

maray's Wendell Chapel.

Milton Charles Payne of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the View 1st and 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 550 S. 500 E. in Burley; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

## Rates

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Ensuring that city lagoons comply with EPA standards also includes conducting seepage tests on the existing lagoons and updating treatment plant manuals.  
At a cost of \$12,200, the council renewed its contract with J-U-B Engineers in Twin Falls to oversee both projects.  
"We will set up the tests and show city staff how to monitor," said J-U-B Area Manager Iolo Hegstrom. "Everything has to be completed by July 23."  
Also on Tuesday, council members approved section 9-1-5 of city ordinance 558

requiring that residential construction sites have adequate toilet facilities and trash bins.  
In other business, the city of Filer will celebrate Arbor Day on April 29 at the Cedar Drive Park rest area on the south side of U.S. Highway 30.  
Starting at 11 a.m., area experts will explain aspects of tree health.  
Tim Abbott, a certified arborist from Kimberly, will focus on pruning techniques and College of Southern Idaho Horticulture Instructor Dave Klesig will answer questions on basic tree care. The demonstrations will be followed by a barbecue.

## Plan

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which future ordinances and resolutions regarding land use are built.  
Work on the new plan began in May when the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, made up of citizens from throughout the county, began looking at how the county has changed in the last decade.  
Shaun Darrow of Castleford is a member of that committee. And she said Castleford has its own set of challenges.  
"There are no young farmers anymore," Darrow said.  
"How do we keep our agri-

culture base?"  
There are also other challenges.  
"The school in Castleford has fewer students because not as many families are moving there," Darrow said.  
Jerome Mapp, owner of the Boise-based Planning and Facility Management, specializes in helping counties put together their comprehensive plans, and is now helping Twin Falls County with its plan.  
"This is not our plan — it's the community's plan," Mapp said.

## Shelter

**Continued from C1**  
meeting, which was attended by representatives of both the Humane Society of the United States and the Idaho Humane Society.  
Dr. Jeff Rosenthal, executive director of the Idaho Humane Society in Boise, said he became aware of problems at the shelter after a Chesapeake Bay retriever from the shelter was turned over to a member of the American Chesapeake Club Rescue Committee.  
Dr. Bart Gillespie, a Moscow veterinarian who claimed the retriever, wrote a letter Dec. 1 stating that the shelter had "an abnormally malodorous smell of fecal material" and that the dog was housed in a small kennel that hadn't been cleaned.

Rosenthal and Inga Gibson, program coordinator for the Pacific Northwest regional office of The Humane Society of the United States, visited the shelter in March.  
They appeared before the animal control board at the

March meeting and also on Wednesday.  
"The kennels are overcrowded, too small and unsanitary," Rosenthal said in an interview after the meeting. "They're really not acceptable in modern times."

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1990 Case International "1895" diesel tractor, 4x4 front, power steering, cab with air, category II 3 pt. hitch, 16.9 x 38 rubber, dual hydraulic on back - Farmall "200" gas tractor, single front, fast hitch, with cultivator front hangers - International "544" diesel tractor, wide front, power steering, gear drive, category II 3 pt. hitch, 18.4 x 38 rubber, dual hydraulic "200C" hydraulic manure loader mounted that will feed separate - Massey Ferguson "1130" diesel tractor, wide front, power steering, multi power transmission, category II 3 pt. hitch, 18.4 x 38 rubber on power adjust rims

**GROUND WORKING EQUIPMENT**  
Case International "145" hydraulic reset 3 bottom plow, 3 pt. hitch - Rewance 15ft roller harrow, back row feed rollers, inside rubber and spring teeth - John Deere "630" tandem disc, 15ft with dual rubber, hydraulic lift - John Deere AW 16ft tandem disc on rubber - Three section of spring tooth harrows, 3 pt. hitch - John Deere 6 row corn lay by bar, 3 pt. hitch - Alloway 6 row cultivator with shields, 3 pt. hitch - Allstate 20 row rolling cultivator, 3 pt. hitch - John Deere 20 row bar with 3 pt. hitch - Several 5ft metal harrows - 6 row NKO cultivator, 3 pt. hitch - Oliver 11ft tandem disc on rubber - Double bar 12ft 13 shank chisel plow, 3 pt. hitch

**OTHER FARM EQUIPMENT**  
International "510" double disc - 24 hole grain drill, grass seeder, hydraulic lift - Parma 6 row lifter loader beet harvester - Parma 6 row beet toppler with back scalpers - Meyers square nose ditcher, 3 pt. hitch - BBT double blade whipper, 3 pt. hitch - P.T.O. - International 6 row "185" planters on bar, 3 pt. hitch - 10ft pull type cultcher - 6 new Ace beet topplers with scalpers, double drum - Speedy 6 row front mount bean cutter - Two old beet harvesters, parts - Eversman selective row crop beet thinner, P.T.O. - Demco 200 gallon sprayer, 3 pt. hitch - 4ft alfalfa crowder, 3 pt. hitch - Gehl model 53 mixer grinder - 3 augers, P.T.O. driven - 3 pt. hitch corrugator opener, P.T.O. driven - One ton hay fork for loader - Ford 7ft terrace blade, 3 pt. hitch - Service trailer with welder, compressor and tool box

**GROUND WORKING MACHINERY**  
Miller 14ft tandem offset disc on dual rubber, cutouts front, hydraulic lift - IH "475" 20ft tandem disc with hydraulic folding wings, dual rubber, solid discs, hydraulic lift - Eversman "3212" landplane with leveling tail, hydraulic lift - Rewance 15ft roller harrow, dual rubber, crowfoot rollers, hydraulic lift - John Deere "3945" 4 bottom 2 way "switch" plow, trip beams, trash turners, 3pt hitch - Massey Ferguson "57" 3 bottom 2 way plow, trip beams, trash turners, 3 pt hitch - John Deere 6ft roller harrow, solid rollers, outside rubber, hydraulic lift - sections of Acme 5ft metal harrows and drawbars - 6ft alfalfa crowder, 3 pt hitch - Allied 6ft tandem disc with cutouts front, 3pt hitch - Case 3 bottom 2 way disc plow, 3pt hitch

**HAY MACHINERY**  
New Holland "1112" self propelled 14' swath, cab with air, hay conditioner, new diesel motor - Case International "8550" inline baler, hydraulic tension, P.T.O. driven - Old International 201 swathler for parts, motor in OK - Case 4 bar chaff cut type hay rake - Ferguson 6 bar, P.T.O., 3 pt. hitch, hay rake

**PICKUPS - TRUCKS - MOBILE HOME**  
1994 Ford "F-150" 4x4 pickup, 360 gas engine, L.W. box, 4 speed transmission - 1981 Chevrolet 1/2 ton pickup, 4x4, 350 gas engine, short narrow box - 1986 Ford 2 1/2 ton cab over engine, new 48 cubic inch gas engine, 5 + 2 speed, 10,000 x 22 twin screw rubber and has 21" metal grain bed with double ram hoist - Mobile home (12' x 60') with stove, refrigerator and some furniture (to be moved) - 1947 International truck with feed box - Metal potato bed with 22" center belt

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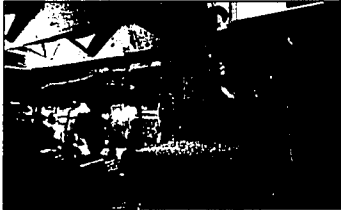




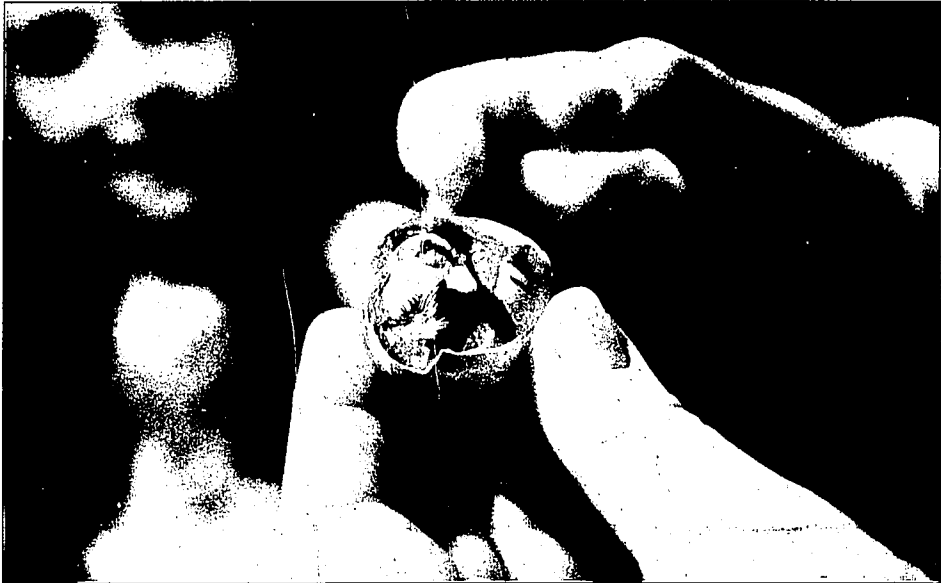




Mitzy, one of the Schroeders' cats, lingers at the top of the staircase as Heidi Schroeder and her daughters gather in the basement hatching area. Last year, another cat was accidentally shut in with the chicks and was found with a chick in its paws. Heidi said the chick wasn't hurt, but the cat caused quite a stir; she could hear the cheeping from upstairs.

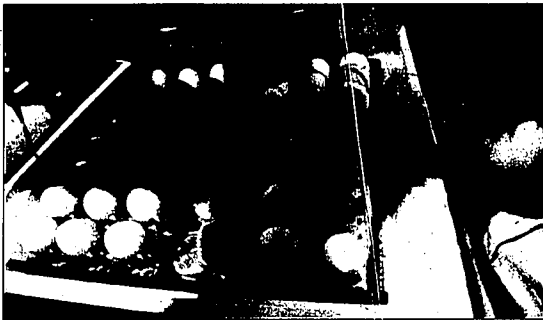


# Fair fowl



Photos by MELISSA THOMPSON/The Times-News

A little antsy for action, Heidi Schroeder helps a chick emerge from its shell March 31 in her Buhl basement. She removed only a couple of shell fragments before putting the bird back in the family's incubator to finish emerging.



Jessica Schroeder peeks over the rim of the incubator before most of the chicks hatch from their eggs on March 31. Her older sister gathers the eggs from the family flock, and in spring some are sorted for incubation.

## Poultry hatching teaches Buhl youngsters of birth and death

**B**UHL — Chicken eggs in the Schroeders' incubators hatch in a predictable 21 days — if at all. And a calendar on the basement wall displays the count for each incubator.

Mysterious no-shows are common enough. But there's little chance of surprise arrivals.

Sill, Mikala Schroeder, 10, couldn't resist. She lifted a foam incubator lid every day to check for tiny holes appearing in the eggshells. She finally spotted one, late on a Friday afternoon. Right on schedule.

By the time I stepped into the Schroeder basement that evening, a broken shell exposed one wet head, and the occupants of a few other eggs had pecked little holes to the outside world.

Heidi and Scott Schroeder



**WEST WIND**  
Virginia S. Hutchins

and their three daughters live on 80 acres near Buhl — farmed by Scott's parents — where fowl, turkeys, geese, guinea hens, ducks, quail.

How many? Heidi laughed. Perhaps 150, she offered tentatively.

"I have never got a true count on them."  
The flock has street smarts; some cross the country road to her in-laws' place during the day. Grandma and Grandpa

chase the turkeys home, Heidi said. "I try keeping the rest fed enough that they stay."

Fowl husbandry is a family hobby, not a commercial operation. Mikala gathers the eggs — small and large; white and brown and faintly green — and she and her little sisters sell some to family friends. Mikala swears that homegrown poultry tastes the best.

Her favorite dish? "Mean roosters," she answered promptly with a grin. Certain nasty ones, she explained, "will look you up every time you go out."

The 10-year-old has learned other harsh realities of life with birds: Chickens fight. Turkeys raise their beaks and drown themselves in rain. Quail turn cannibal if they're too hot. And little sisters sometimes squeeze

Please see CHICKS, Page D4



Jessica Schroeder — just days before her fourth birthday — holds her favorite banty chick, Princess. The banty hatched in February as part of the family's incubator test run.

# COMICS

**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

HOW MANY 'GOLDEN GLOVE' FIELDS DO YOU HAVE, COACH?  
NONE YET, BUT WE'VE ALREADY CLUNCHED THE 'LEADMITT'!

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

QUALITY WORKING, HANNAH?  
YOU SAID I HAD TO CLEAN MY ROOM FIRST THIS MORNING, OR ELSE!  
THAT'S TERRIBLE! IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?  
YOU COULD HELP ME.  
I WANT ANYTHING THAT DOESN'T REQUIRE ANY EFFORT.

**Baldo** By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

MEETINGS TODAY SPANISH CLUB.  
FYI, SUCH A WHAT'S UP?  
OH, CAN WE HELP YOU?  
YES.  
#J. DONEZ?  
WELL, I WANTED TO SEE HOW YOU LIKE IT.

**Bevity** By Guy & Rodd

NINE MOONS? HOW ON EARTH DOES SHE KEEP HER FIGURE?

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

I NEED TO HAVE ONE MORE DIRECT REPORT AND IT WILL TRIGGER AN AUTOMATIC PROMOTION FOR ME.  
YOUR JOB IS TO BE THAT EMPLOYEE.  
HOW'S IT FEEL TO BE PART OF THE TEAM?  
NOT AS SPECIAL AS I'D HOPED.

**Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau

YOU'RE IN!  
Kathryn has love from Al!

**The Elderberles** By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

TALES FROM THE LOWER NINTH WASTELAND.  
Score me, ma'am. That your house?  
Tuesday is street sweeping day. You have to move it or else!  
Or else it'll be loved!  
Oh! That would be wonderful!

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

IT'S DONE! YOU'VE SOLD THE BUSINESS!  
DOES IT FEEL AS THOUGH THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD HAS BEEN LIFTED FROM YOUR SHOULDERS?  
I FEEL ANXIOUS, SCARED, ENERGIZED... AS IF I WAS STARTING A WHOLE NEW LIFE.  
THERE ARE CLASSES TO TAKE, CHALLENGES TO MEET, FRINGS TO ACCOMPLISH... THIS LIFE IS ENDLESS!  
...CLEAN UP THE BASEMENT!

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

UNTOLD LOVE STORIES  
THE PRETZEL AND LOT'S WIFE  
DO YOU BELIEVE IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT?

**Luan** By Greg Evans

THE PLACE MRS. HORNOR MOVED TO WANTS ENTERTAINERS. I'M GOING TO DO A DOG ACT AND I WONDERED IF...  
NO. FORGET IT!  
YOU DIDN'T EVEN HEAR...  
YOU WANT ME TO DRESS IN A DOG SUIT, RIGHT? I KNOW HOW YOU THINK, LUAN. I CAN FINISH YOUR SENTENCES.  
I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU AND KNUTE TO DO YOUR MAGIC ACT, BUT YOU'RE BEING A...  
FINISH MY SENTENCE.

**Mallard Fillmore** By Bruce Tinsley

Because of grade inflation, almost ANYONE can be...  
AN HONOR-ROLL STUDENT AT MY KID'S SCHOOL...

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

ALRIGHT, FARINA I JUST HEARD ON THE NEWS SOMEBODY WHO THINKS YOU WERE SEEN WITH THAT UMBRELLA THAT...  
YOU DON'T OWN IT. THAT IS, IF I WERE SOME OTHER COMIC STRIP CHARACTER, I'D CALL...  
OH! SO IT'S TRUE! YOU ADMIT IT. I KNEW IT. I KNEW IT... TELL ME YOU DIDN'T LET HIM SIT IN YOUR BUBBLE, FARINA AT LEAST TELL ME THAT!  
I DON'T.  
GOOD. AT LEAST I CAN TRUST YOU.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU SERIOUSLY BELIEVE OLD WOMEN ARE GRUMPER THAN OLD MEN?  
OH, YEAH. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.  
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT I'M GRUMPER THAN YOU?  
MAYBE GRUMPY IS THE WRONG WORD. MAYBE CRABBY IS MORE LIKE IT.  
NO. I THINK IT'S STICKY WITH GRUMPY.

**Rose Is Rose** By Pat Brady

ROSE'S TIPS ON HOW TO TELL THAT HE REALLY CARES:  
THEY'RE COMPLETELY DYSAPPOINTED WITH EVERY ANNIVERSARY CARD BECAUSE HE KNOWS HE CAN SAY IT BETTER.

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

HOW ARE YOU SURE THAT YOU WANT TO GET RID OF ALL THESE OLD CLOTHES?  
POSITIVE I'VE BEEN HANGING ON TO THIS STRIP FOR WAY TOO LONG.  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONCERN, MRS. DUNCAN.  
MY PLEASURE.  
HRIFF STORE  
IT'S A BIG RELIEF KNOWING THAT I'LL NEVER SEE ANY OF THOSE SLIMY CLOTHES AGAIN.

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

WHEW... IF IT WASN'T FOR MY DEPARTMENT, THE OVERLOADING UPSHOTS WOULD BE UNBEARABLE! BUT DO YOU EVER SEE ANYTHING POSITIVE LIKE THAT IN THE NEWS? NO... O.O.O...

**Strange Brew** By John Deering

YOU COULD CALL ME AN OUTFASHIONED OPTIMIST.  
I... I LIKE TO THINK THAT HELL IS HALF FULL, RATHER THAN HALF EMPTY.

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## Aquarius to benefit from innocent fun

**IF APRIL 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You can look forward to a year of peace and prosperity. Feel free to take a little time off, as you will be less tied to a grueling schedule. A lucky break or unexpected favor could and in your lap in August, or you could even take a little time off. Don't take vacations in October or start anything new. The boss might be looking over your shoulder and you may need to fight to keep your head above water.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Drive and ambition may be briefly thwarted. Like it easy and don't be overly concerned by small blockages in your path. Don't make a mountain out of a temporarily angry molehill.

**AURUS (April 20-May 20):** Beam with good cheer. Side-step weak at tempt by others to bully or provoke your temper. Good manners and friendliness are key to win the most kudos, admiration and appreciation.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Mine your own business. Ignore emotional squalls outside the door that will blow over

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

quickly. Act like a grownup. Stick to your own precious goals and keep in touch with reliable friends.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You can't sell the cow and expect to keep the milk. You may be frustrated by conditions outside your control or get caught up in illogical sentiment. Luckily, this only lasts a few hours.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Shrink away from unpleasantness. Minor turmoil is best left alone. You will gain more by being a team player and socializing with friends than by playing a cutthroat game and competing.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Stay cool to rule. You don't need to compete to win. With the moon still in your sign, you could be sensitive to outside tensions or gossip. Respect the privacy of others and remain pleasant.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Bubble with fun. You needn't take sides or defend anyone's honor. Small aggravations will recede swiftly. The important thing is to please that special someone or be with

fun loving friends.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Draw a few files into your web. Your best advantage is gained by learning the ins and outs of deep subjects. Because you are more perceptive than usual, you may make an interesting discovery.

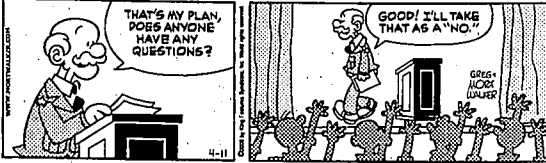
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** It isn't the time to play the bull in the ring. Don't let a red flag waved in your face distract you from success. Stress social functions, friendships, and enthusiastic creativity.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** From small beginnings come great things. Even the might oak tree started out as a humble acorn. To achieve greatness, it is necessary to develop healthy roots and a solid base of operations.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Play footsie under the table. Innocent fun is the best path towards success. But if you have a computer or an engineering plan, you can work wonders in the world of commerce.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** April showers bring May flowers. Minor disagreements or irritations can be safely ignored. Place emphasis on spending your money in the right place and on items of lasting value.

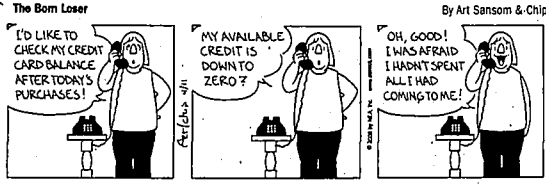
Beetle Bailey



By Mort Walker



By Dean Young & Stan Drake



By Art Sansom & Chip



By Jim Davis



By Chris Browne



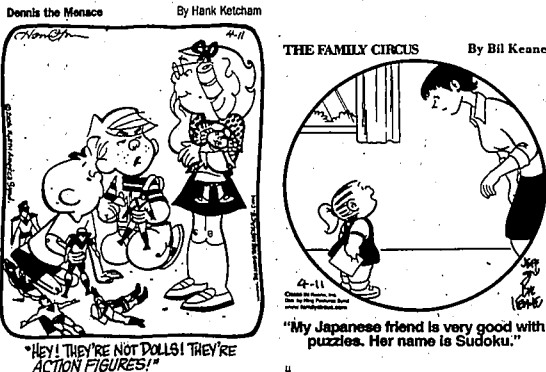
By Chance Browne



By Charles M. Schulz



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Hank Ketcham

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane

# 'Baby talk' is hot topic of debate among adults

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to the letters you printed directing parents not to use "baby talk" with their infants. Some of the writers suggested that research shows that "baby talk" is harmful to a child's language development — and that is patently false.

I am a developmental psychologist and teach about the concept of baby talk as infant-directed speech, so let me clear up what seems to be a misunderstanding.

What research actually shows is that infant-directed speech (which is high-pitched, sing-song, repetitive and drawn out) is the type of speech that infants in their first year of life not only hear better but also the language to which they are most responsive. In the first year, speaking to infants in a way that gets a response is far more important than using "proper" adult grammar and words. It's not so much what parents say as that they say anything at all. So please, encourage parents to use "baby talk" with their infants all they wish in the first year.

Using "baby talk" beyond one year is probably not the best idea, but it's less worrisome than some of your letter writers



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

their language development.  
—DEBRA G.,  
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: As a language teacher, I know the natural importance of baby talk. All languages have a form of "baby talk," and it all serves the same purpose: to help a child correct language patterns. Just because some parents foolishly continue the use of baby talk long after its required time is no reason to "throw out the baby with the bathwater." And language such as "Me talk pretty and 'he go home' are NOT examples of baby talk. They are just poor uses of English grammar.  
—ROBERT RAYMOND,  
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

seem to think.

—DR. SAUNDRA K. CICCARELLI,  
PANAMA CITY, FLA.

DEAR DR. CICCARELLI: Thank you for the professional input, but from the mail I have received since that column ran, I must say that "Abby-wabby" now knows there's no consensus on this subject. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As the mother of three gifted children and a speech/language pathologist, my advice is to stop the baby talk immediately! My children were spoken to in complete sentences and with normal intonation from the time they were born. My son spoke in complete sentences at 10 months. He was a spontaneous reader at 2, and began college at the ripe old age of 14. My 18-year-old daughter is a junior in college. Talking "baby talk" to children can retard

—CONCERNED IN THE EAST

## Apollo 13 launched on this date

This day in history: "Houston, we've had a problem!" On April 11, 1970, NASA launched Apollo 13. Two days later, an exploding oxygen tank would cripple the spacecraft, abort the mission and spawn a pretty good Tom Hanks movie.



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

Literary giant Anthony Trollope (1815-1882) was a "man of letters" in both senses; he worked for the British post office for 33 years, but also wrote four dozen novels during the same time by rising at 5:30 a.m. and putting a thousand words to paper before trudging off to work.

In postal circles, Anthony Trollope is considered a giant not for his novels, but for inventing the street-corner

mailbox. The red boxes he personally designed are still on corners all over England.

Cross-cultural misunderstandings: What we consider a thumbs-up sign, people in the Arabic world see as the vulgar equivalent of our middle finger sign.

A sea turtle can hold its breath for as long as two hours while resting underwater, but for only a few minutes while swimming.

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Failure to Launch 11:30-1:15  
Larry Cable Guy 11:30-1:15  
**Twin 12** 11th Floor  
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Larry Cable Guy 11:30-1:15  
Ice Age 2 1:30-3:45  
Stoney Din 1:30-3:45  
She's the Man 11:30-1:15  
Benchwarmers 11:30-1:15  
Failure to Launch 11:30-1:15  
Inside Man 11:30-1:15  
New World 11:30-1:15  
V for Vendetta 11:30-1:15  
Tight Bottom 11:30-1:15

## COUNTRY ROADS

### Idaho firm pioneers testing for livestock pregnancy

MOSCOW (AP) — Just to the left of the door in the narrow lab at BioTracking is a poster of a cow with a word bubble that reads, "No palpation without representation."

The poster seems to fit with the three treated atmosphere of the Idaho lab, which tested for pregnancy in more than 85,000 cows and other cud-chewing animals throughout the U.S. in 2005.

Garth and Nancy Sasser founded BioTracking in 1994. But they do not spend their time trying to feel a baby cow by traditional rectal palpation in barnyards. Instead, they test blood samples in their 1,000-square-foot lab in Moscow.

Their story starts in 1982, when Garth and his research team at the University of Idaho were searching for a hormone that signals pregnancy in cows and other cud-chewing animals. The team never discovered the hormone, but they did find a protein, PSPB, called the PSPB protein II.

They were the first. UI took out a patent on PSPB in Garth's name and licensed it to him. His team's findings were published in 1985, and in 1991 he and his wife capitalized on the discovery and started marketing the protein.

"We wanted to get this out," he said. "The market was wide open. No one else had the technology or knowledge to do it."

The couple applied for a federal Small Business Innovation Research grant and received \$6,000. During 1994 they tested 3,000 wildlife for private elk ranches, fish and game agencies and universities. In 1995, they got \$30,000 through a small business program grant.

Garth still worked at UI in 1994 and Nancy had a psychology practice. They did not go into BioTracking full time until 1999. They tried to advertise. One featured their son, Alex, wearing a tuxedo and top hat. The text read: "An accurate, easy pregnancy test, even in your Sunday best."

But swarms of cattle raisers did not swamp them with interest. They tried conventions, offering vouchers for 20 free tests. Nancy said they might have had two takers.

I wasn't until articles about their technique were published in trade and veterinary journals that the company's name shot across the industry.

"People want to know it works," Garth said. "After a few people tried it and found it worked, word of mouth started."

The pregnancy test is fast and saves the cow's owner money. A cow can be tested 30 days after conception instead of waiting for a veterinarian to come and manually reach up the rectum of every animal to feel for a

fetus. David Danzinger, a dairyman in Wisconsin, has used BioTracking for a year. Before that he used ultrasound, but in Wisconsin, only a veterinarian can operate the machine.

"With the blood testing, we have full control," Danzinger said. "The vet charges by the hour and often we are at the mercy of his schedule. We have to pen up the cows and if the vet is late, my men just have to stand around. This way, I can operate on my schedule."

Danzinger said he normally sends off his samples on Wednesday, next-day air to Moscow. BioTracking boasts a 27-hour turnover time. Danzinger said his results are e-mailed late Friday or Saturday.

BioTracking has seven affiliated labs that purchase the test kits, and one is as far away as Budapest, Hungary. The Sassers recently traveled to Brazil, which has more than 190 million cattle, to market their service.

The BioPVPY test is unique in a variety of ways. Garth, Nancy, researcher Chuck Passavanti and four college lab technicians never see the animals they test. The farmer or rancher takes the blood sample by lifting the tail of the animal and inserting a needle at the base of the tail, collecting 2 cc's of blood. Then the owner ships the samples to Moscow in a nonrefrigerated container.

"We have received samples in coffee cans and diet-typed cereal boxes," Nancy said. "But most of the time they come in a box. The farmers have a lot vested in seeing the sample results."

PSPB originates in the placenta around the fetus, and is 100 percent present 30 days after conception. The protein then migrates to the uterine surface where it breaks apart and enters the bloodstream. At 26 days, only 60 percent of pregnant animals will test positive for pregnancy.

BioTracking takes the blood serum or plasma and puts the sample in a plate pretreated with an antibody that binds to the protein if present. After adding reagents, the samples go through an optical density test. Yellow indicates pregnancy and clear means the owner has an open or nonpregnant animal.

The test works in all ruminants, or cud-chewing animals, except for pronghorn antelopes.

The company claims a 99.9 percent accuracy in determining open animals and 91.94 percent accuracy for pregnant animals.

"We lost (misread) four out of 53,000 in 2004," Garth said. "Those could be our fault or the cow could just have aborted after the test was completed."

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## Chicks

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too hard.

The latter was the trouble the evening I came.

In the cobweb-festooned back room of the Schroeder basement — past a couple of small incubators and past the pool table, where more racks of eggs await their turn at incubation — tubs hold dozens of tiny turkeys, quail and chickens, imparting that distinctive poultry odor to the basement. A few fluffy fowl are from the family's test-run hatching in February, and the rest from a farm supply store.

Nevada Schroeder, 10, her mother's ditty, had just squeezed a chick. Mikala offered surprisingly cheerful updates on his state.

When it died, Heidi had the body in a bucket and covered it with a paper towel. She sent Mikala to evict a cat that had crept down the basement stairs.

But mortality was at work in another bin, too.

"Mom, a turkey just died," Mikala soon announced.

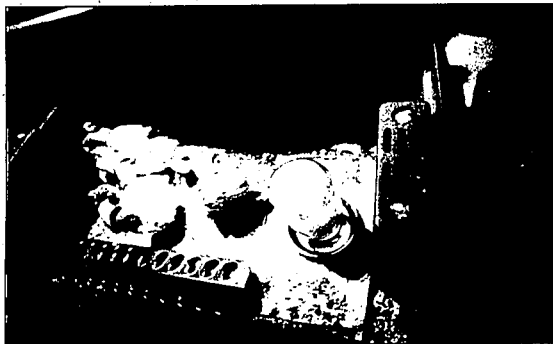
The investigator, decided that the turkey — picked on by its mates — was still breathing and placed it in another bin, alone, to warm up under a lamp.

"You feel awful," she said. She had seen nothing amiss half an hour earlier, when she fed the chicks.

Checking again on the incubator action, Heidi pulled away a few fragments of the first-come's shell, explaining: "I get a little antsy." Then she put the bird back to resume its emergence in the natural way and cleaned her fingers with an antibacterial wipe. (She keeps the wipe container in the back basement room for good reason.)

The turkey with troubles, meanwhile, went still. Heidi slipped its body under the paper towel in the bucket.

The Schroeder flock's free-range lifestyle occasionally results in chicken-bee combinations with strange tufts of feathers and unpredictable coloring. Curious about those possibilities, Mikala kept lifting the incubator lid to inspect the



Chicks mill about in their cage March 31 as Mikala Schroeder, 10, looks on. These chicks were brought rather than hatched in the Schroeder home, but they're destined to roam free on the Schroeder place like the rest.

partly hatched chick, slimy and still but visibly breathing.

"Mike you'll get him cold, and then he's going to croak," Heidi scolded.

Heidi's got to keep an eye on Nevada, too, who like Jessica Schroeder, barely 4, isn't allowed downstairs, alone. Turn your back and Nevada is apt to climb onto a table, pluck a tiny turkey from a bin and kiss it.

"She'll lock it up, give it love and then down it goes," Heidi said.

Jessica whined, "I want my chickie. I want my chickie..."

Heidi deposited her chick in a recliner and curled her body around it. Quite naturally, it popped on the chair. Heidi responded with one of those sanitizing wipes.

"You know," she said, "these were a great invention, weren't they?"



A bucket of eggs that will not be incubated rests on the floor by the hatching area in the basement of the Schroeder home.

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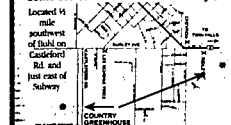
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