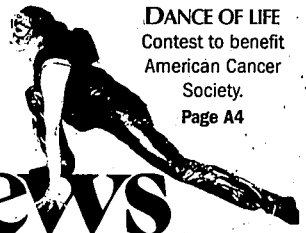




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Counselor uses horses to help her clients.  
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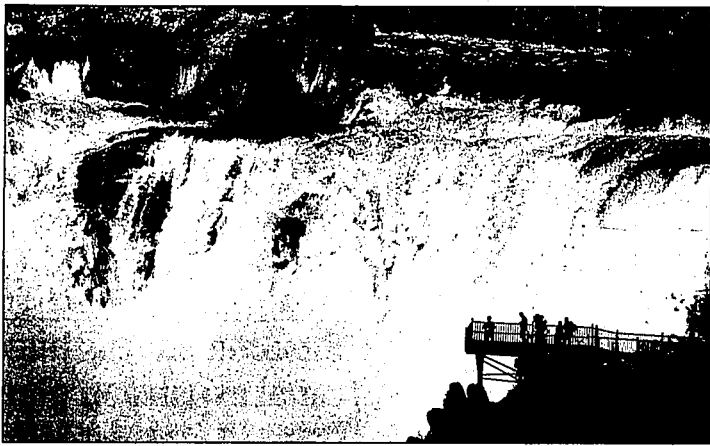
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## In all their glory



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Visitors to Shoshone Falls take in the sights Monday afternoon from a viewing platform as the Snake River passes over the falls at a tremendous rate.

### 'Niagara of West' putting on a rare show

Visitor numbers and water levels expected to remain steady

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Forty minutes. That's how long Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow wanted to see Shoshone Falls on Sunday.

Clow didn't mind the wait, and it didn't seem to bother many of the other visitors who made the pilgrimage to see the "Niagara of the West" at its highest level since 1999.

"It seemed like the mood was pretty upbeat," Clow said.

With roughly 18,000 cubic feet per second of water dropping over the cliffs, the falls lured the second-most visitors on

**Where's the money?**  
The city of Twin Falls collected \$123,000 in Shoshone Falls admission fees in 2004-2005, said Gary Evans, the city's finance director. Money collected goes back into maintenance, capital improvements and summer lifeguards at Shoshone Falls and Dierkes Lake. "Every dollar we collect down there stays down there," Evans said.

**If you go**  
What: Shoshone Falls  
When: Depending on weather, gates are usually open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
How much: Admission is \$3 per car; the city charges admission starting between 8:30 and 9 a.m. and ending about 7:30 or 8 p.m.

record last weekend, said Dennis Boyver, director of the Twin Falls Department of Parks and Recreation. About 2,300 cars came through on Saturday

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and another 2,050 made it on Sunday, Boyver said.

Tim Miller, a hydrologist with the Bureau of Reclamation, doesn't expect the Snake River to drop much over the next week. That means the amount of water pouring over the falls likely will hover around 17,000 to 18,000 cfs this weekend, too.

"We don't have any large diversions planned," Miller said.

Another great shot of the falls.  
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## Now it's time for women to get even

They work more just to make the same pay as men

WHAT THEY SAY IN TOWN



"The pay scale is unfair. We work just as hard as men do. ... If we do the same job, we should get paid the same wages."

— Crystal Cox of Twin Falls



"I think the amount a person makes should be based on performance and not based on gender or race. One thing our society doesn't take into account is women who work at home."

— Janet Renaldi of Twin Falls

— compiled by Bob Kirkpatrick, Times-News writer

By Amy Joyce  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Today marks a very special day: It's Equal Pay Day. Why today, you ask? Because that's how far into the year the average woman must work to earn as much as a man earned by the end of the previous year.

"It is yet another slap-the-hand-against-the-forehead-are-you-kidding-me episode in the saga of 'Is This Really 2006?'"

It is 2006, and as has been true for about a decade, women earn only 77 cents for every dollar men make.

When Evelyn Murphy, an economist and a former lieutenant governor of Massachusetts, graduated "years and years ago," women were earning 59 cents for every male-earned dollar. But as she saw more women moving into the workforce in the 1960s, she assumed it was "just a matter of time till we caught up."

She heard the reasons why women weren't earning as much as men: They weren't as educated. They dropped out of the workforce as soon as they had children and rarely returned. They didn't need the money because they were married and could depend on their spouse for income. "Then I turned around in the '90s and realized we hadn't caught up," said Murphy, who also is author of "Getting Even: Why Women Don't Get Paid Like Men — and What to Do About It." And the reasons were pretty much gone.

So let's just get this straight right now, says Murphy: That 23-cent differential is not because some women take time

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## More than 100 cats have to be put down

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Of the 323 cats removed last week from Rocky Mountain Cat Resort on South Washington Street, 117 have been euthanized.

The 41-year-old cat spay transferred to the Twin Falls Animal Shelter and 171 were taken to the Idaho Humane Society's temporary emergency rescue facility in Boise, said Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

The seizure was called the largest-known cat rescue in state history by the Idaho Humane Society.

"The living conditions were as bad as any I have ever seen," said Idaho Humane Society Director Jeff Rosenthal in the press release.

One woman hired temporarily to work at the boardinghouse said she discovered what she called a "dead room," allegedly containing "many dead cats in various stages of decomposition, as well as some sick and dying cats," according to the sheriff's office.

The investigation last week led by the sheriff's office confirmed that cats suffering from various illnesses were living in unsanitary conditions.

Janet Rasmussen, the owner of the boardinghouse, agreed in court Friday to surrender the cats for medical treatment and

What you can do

Donate to Idaho Humane Society Rescue Fund, 4775 Herman St., Boise, Idaho, 83705  
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quarantine. Many of the cats are nursing and several still need to be groomed before they will be available for sale. No charges have been filed against Rasmussen.

She had been selling cats on the Internet and through magazines.

"Under current law, all commercial breeders of dogs and cats who sell their animals directly to the public avoid USDA licensing and humane handling requirements even when they are selling large numbers of animals," said Inga Gibson, Pacific Northwest program manager for the Humane Society, in the press release. "This is a prime example of the need for regulation of such facilities."

## Twin Falls raises fireworks permit fee

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Fireworks vendor Victor Smith has no problem with the city raising the cost of a fireworks permit.

However, he does have a problem with the money going to the annual Fourth of July fireworks display at the College of Southern Idaho. He said the fireworks for that show are purchased from one of his competitors. So putting his permit fee toward that show is like making the Smith's and Fred

Meyer grocery stores give money to Albertsons.

"It's a beautiful display, but it really cuts into our business," Smith told the City Council on Monday.

Following Monday's public hearing, the council approved raising the fireworks permit fee from \$25 to \$100.

Gary Evans, the city's finance director, said the fee has been \$25 for as long as he can remember.

"It's been a long time since it's been changed," Evans said before the hearing.

Evans said the city sold 19 permits last year, which brought in \$475. With the proposed fee increase, those same 19 permits would bring in \$1,900. The money goes into the city's general fund, and the city earmarks \$5,000 out of its general fund for the annual fireworks display.

The fireworks display costs at least \$15,000 to produce.

Last year, the community stepped up to the plate to make the Fourth of July display sparkle. The nonprofit Southern Idaho Fireworks, John Irwin, a local real estate agent, Olivia Rowe,

executive director of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors, and Karla Cunha, a local radio personality, joined forces to raise about \$26,000 from the community, which included the city's \$5,000 contribution. It left the group with an \$8,000 head start on this year's show.

Mayor Lance Clow said Rowe has tried to contact him about planning for this year's show.

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## Study: Cannibalism may drive Mormon crickets

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The threat of being eaten could drive the march of Mormon crickets as they munch their way across millions of acres in the arid West, new research suggests.

An international group of researchers has been studying the crickets that have invaded much of Nevada, Utah and Idaho in recent years.

They found that the insects that move in large bands survive on salt and protein found in seeds, flowers, dead animals and feces. But when those food

sources are absent, the bugs turn to what's available — each other. The crickets themselves are "walking packages of protein and salt," the study said.

"We suspect that they also move more because of the chance of being eaten," said Patrick Lorch, a research biologist with Kent State University.

"You can imagine that if you are at the back of a band of 1 million marching crickets, there is little food left and the cricket in front of you starts to look mighty tasty," Lorch told the

Reno Gazette-Journal.

Crickets slowed by injury are particularly vulnerable to being eaten by their brethren, researchers found.

Lorch was among researchers from the United States, England and Australia that conducted the study, published recently by the National Academies of Sciences.

Also known as flightless katydids, Mormon crickets can destroy 40 percent to 50 percent of the vegetation in their path. About 12 million acres were in-

fest by the insects last year in Nevada.

Lorch said it's uncertain whether the danger of being eaten from behind motivates the crickets at the head of the column to step up the pace. The insects are not cognizant, but the danger could be hard wired into their tiny brains, he said.

"We don't honestly know if they move faster than they would because of the fear of being eaten," Lorch said. "But that's the sort of thing we imagine is going on."

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Fair to partly cloudy skies. Highs, 60s.
Tonight: Quiet weather conditions with a few clouds. Lows, 40s.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and mainly dry. Highs, upper 60s

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, Hi/Low. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, etc.

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Today: Scattered clouds and quiet weather conditions. Highs, 60s.
Tonight: Continued partly cloudy. Lows, upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Turning warmer with a few clouds and mainly dry weather. Highs, upper 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for various regions like Sun Valley, Boise, and Twin Falls. Includes temperature ranges and weather icons.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

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Table showing moon phases for May 5, 12, 19, 26.

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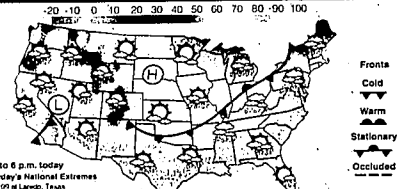
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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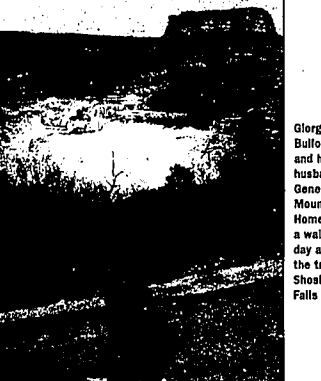
It is no great thing to be humble when you are brought low, but to be humble when you are praised is a great and rare attainment.

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Falls

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From Minidoka to Milner Dam, about 2,500 cfs of water is being diverted out of the river for irrigation, Miller said.



AGENTS TAKE THE TIMES-NEWS

Panama unveils huge canal expansion plan

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Panama's president said a planned expansion of the Panama Canal would define the country's role in the 21st century.

Equal pay

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Off to give birth or raise children. The pay-gap figure measures only women and men who work full time, for a full year.

Equal pay

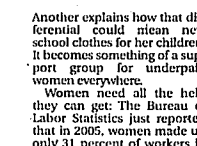
The big question is what can be done about the gap. The solution lies within a company itself and with women.

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for the same type of work. I am an insulation contractor and I have two of my daughters working for me.



There are some jobs that men and women do equally. This country is based upon male leaders and I don't have a problem with that.



Another explains how that differential could mean new school clothes for her children. It becomes something of a support group for underpaid women everywhere.

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to create a sort of localized community where women can comfortably talk about their wages with other women, educate one another and push one another to do something about their situation.

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The idea of wage club is to get to the heart of it, to help a woman understand what the law is, she said. The clubs "form support and training to really help women move to that level where they could either demand a boss or work with compatriots to get what they wanted.

NATION/WORLD

# President calls 'massive deportation' unworkable

By James Gerstenzang  
Los Angeles Times

IRVINE, Calif. — President Bush, seeking to jump-start the stalled congressional debate on immigration, said Monday that "massive deportation" of illegal immigrants would not work and that the United States could remain open to immigrants while controlling its borders.

In an hour-long presentation to an Orange County business group, the president acknowledged the emotions on both sides of the issue. But in a message clearly directed at the harshest critics of illegal immigration, he said: "One thing we cannot lose sight of is that we're talking about human beings, decent human beings that need to be treated with respect."



President Bush speaks to supporters at a fundraising luncheon for U.S. Rep. Jon Porter on Monday at the Venetian Resort Hotel and Casino, in Las Vegas.

The president's speech coincided with the return of Congress from a two-week recess, which began the same day that large rallies supporting immigrant rights were held across the country. New boycotts and protests are planned for May 1.

Short of calling for all illegal immigrants to be sent back to their home countries, Bush offered something for nearly everyone concerned with the issue: He insisted that the borders be protected. He supported something for some here illegally to gain citizenship. He renewed his plea for a guest-worker program, opposed by many Republicans.

But he delivered a reminder of the desperate economic needs — to put food on their families' tables — that prompt some to risk their lives and spend thousands of dollars try-

ing to enter the United States. "You can be a nation of law and a compassionate nation at the same time," the president said.

Noting that the United States had captured 6 million people trying to cross the border since he took office in January 2001, the president addressed, head on, those who want to seize and deport the estimated 12 million people here illegally.

"Massive deportation of the people here is unrealistic," Bush said. "It's just not going to work. You can hear people out there hollering it's going to work. It's not going to work."

But he offered no new ideas to solve the deadlock that has halted congressional efforts to overhaul immigration laws.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said the president plans to discuss immigration Tuesday with a bipartisan group of senators, most of whom support legislation that would create a guest worker program, with a path to citizenship, and would allow many of these now here illegally to work toward citizenship as well. That bill founded on procedural measures earlier this month.

A House bill passed last December concentrates solely on enforcement, an approach that is backed by some Senate conservatives who feel that border security must come first.

House conservatives see any legalization program as a reward for lawbreaking.

"No one in Congress is calling for the mass deportation of 12 million illegal immigrants," said Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas. "But enforcing our current immigration laws will encourage illegal immigrants who are here to leave, and discourage others from entering illegally."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., the chamber's leading liberal on immigration issues, applauded Bush's comments. "Democrats are united behind reform that includes strong border security and work-site enforcement, a path to earned citizenship for undocumented workers who are already here, and a realistic guest worker program for the future," he said in a written statement. "I am encouraged by the president's backing of this approach today and hope that his leadership will help bring more Republicans together behind our tough but fair plan."

# Boy, 12, charged with killing mother, brother

DISTRICT HEIGHTS, Md. (AP) — A 12-year-old boy accused of beating and stabbing to death his mother and younger brother was charged as a juvenile Monday with two counts of first-degree murder.

The boy, whose name was not released because of his age, will remain in custody until his next hearing May 15.

Kathleen Powe, 31, and 9-year-old Mystery Toma Hillman were found dead Sunday in the family's apartment out-

side Washington after police received a 911 call. Authorities have not said who made the call.

Detectives interviewed the boy and arrested him there, said Cpl. Clinton Copeland. He said the boy implicated himself.

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# 22 dead in Sinai resort attacks

Los Angeles Times

CAIRO, Egypt — A series of explosions ripped through the Egyptian resort town of Dahab on Monday night, killing at least 22 people, injuring more than 150 and raising suspicions that Islamist militants had once again taken aim at the tourist-laden Sinai Peninsula.

Three near-simultaneous blasts, which centered on a crowded hotel quarter packed with restaurants, nightclubs and bars, shattered the balmy desert evening just after 7 p.m., when the streets of the seaside town were packed with foreign tourists and Egyptian visitors strolling, shopping and dining.

Witnesses reported chaotic scenes of screaming, bloodied victims, billowing smoke and, in some cases, long waits for emergency help to arrive. Small local hospitals and clinics were quickly overwhelmed with the wounded.

Most of the seriously injured were transported to the larger town of Sharm el-Sheikh, a Red Sea resort that was itself targeted by militants in an attack last July that killed at least 64 people. Nine months prior to that, nearly three dozen people were killed in similar blasts that hit the resorts of Taba and Ras Shaitan, close to the Israeli border.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for Monday's explosions, but Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak described them as an act of terror.

The president stressed the need to ... hunt down those responsible for this wicked terrorist act, so that they pay the penalty by force of law," the state-run Middle East News Agency said.

The attacks also drew condemnation from President Bush, who called them a "heinous act against innocent civilians."

Denunciations came as well from the Hamas-led Palestinian government, which last week refused to condemn a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv, Israel, carried out by the militant group Islamic Jihad. Nine people were

killed in that attack in addition to the bomber.

Dahab, a one-time Bedouin village on the Gulf of Aqaba about 65 miles south of the Israeli border, draws a low-key and eclectic crowd that includes scuba divers, European sun-seekers and backpackers looking to escape the package-tour atmosphere of Sharm el-Sheikh, a short drive to the south.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Man recovering from 80-foot fall

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man who fell more than 80 feet into the canyon Sunday evening did not suffer life-threatening injuries, according to his brother.

Jeremy Hill, 29, was climbing through a crevasse in the cliffs above Centennial Park when he fell 80 feet. He was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Hill fell about 80 feet before hitting anything, said Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls sheriff's office. He bounced or rolled for another 25 feet where the cliff begins to level out.

Hill's brother told her "none of the injuries were life-threatening," she said.

Flood advisory for local counties expires

TWIN FALLS — A flood advisory issued Sunday evening for the northern portions of Camas and Elmore counties has been lifted.

The National Weather Service warned of potential flooding in southwest Idaho after a storm brought heavy rainfall into the area. Small streams and creeks in Camas and Elmore counties already were running high, and officials feared the additional moisture could cause those streams to overflow, said Jay Heidenbach, a hydrologist for the weather service.

Group staying on top of energy issue

TWIN FALLS — Keep Magic Valley Magic, a group against coal-fired electricity generation in Magic Valley, will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. tonight at the Obenchain Building, 264 Main Ave.

One purpose of the meeting is to bring members up to date on the actions of the 2006 legislature on coal-fired plant legislation.

To reach the meeting room, use the rear parking lot door.

CSI to catapult into the Renaissance

TWIN FALLS — This year's Renaissance Faire will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday outside the Student Union Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Events include the coronation of the king and queen at 10:30 a.m., demonstrations and explanations of medieval weapons, music and the performances of Shakespeare's "The Tempest," activities for kids and catapulting demonstrations by CSI students.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Peak
Upper Snake River	111%	104%
Henry Fork/Teton	122%	116%
Big Lost	148%	135%
Little Lost	116%	100%
Salmon	127%	119%
Big Wood	127%	134%
Little Wood	170%	138%
Salmon Falls	148%	125%
Oakley Basin	170%	142%

A comparison of basin snowpack, on the day, with a 30-year average. An indicator of basin snowpack for spring snowmelt season, which opens in May.

Construction crews unearth Idaho time capsule

BURLEY (AP) — A time capsule buried in cement as part of the Idaho territory centennial celebration in 1963 has been opened eight years early after being hauled away as refuse.

"It would have been a tragedy to have lost it," Brian Tibbets, Burley community development director, told the South Idaho Press.

Officials who buried a time capsule in celebration of the Idaho territory centennial in 1963 encased it in cement to protect its contents for future generations, intending that it be opened in 2013.

But the future generation that accidentally dug it up last year while excavating Burley's

Centennial Park didn't know what it was.

"When we were constructing the park, I was the primary tractor driver and dirt mover and I pulled this big chunk of cement out of the ground," said Tibbets, noting there was no plaque marking the area.

The chunk was loaded onto a truck and taken to Evergreen Nursery & Landscaping, where it remained until about two weeks ago.

"It just didn't make any sense to have this lump of concrete in the ground," said Mike Sandmann, owner of the nursery. "It just kind of sat there all winter and I was getting ready to throw it away and started tapping on it. It

sounded hollow, so I broke it open."

Inside, Sandmann found a stainless steel cylinder 3 feet long and 6 inches wide that was soldered shut.

The cylinder contained a list of Idaho pioneers that included where they came from and when they settled in the county, a centennial tie, copies of the official centennial program and pageant, and buttons worn by participants in the pageant that had 400 local actors.

Tibbets said the list of pioneers is in good condition but the rest of the contents had some water damage. They have been taken to the Cassia County Museum.



Many of the mementos contained in the Idaho territory centennial time capsule, buried in 1963, are shown in this April 2006 photo. The capsule was unearthed eight years earlier than planned.

Dancers for cancer

Local competition will benefit American Cancer Society

By Jami Whitte Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Five years ago, young, talented dancers had few places to compete in south-central Idaho. Most dancers had to travel to other cities and other states to show off their skills for judges.

That all changed in 2001 when four dance studios banded together to host a competition here.

Mauldin's Dance Studio — Dance with Shirli, Mauldin's Dance Academy, Julie's Jazzworks and Mountain School of Dance teamed up for the competition and Julie Wright of Julie's Jazzworks thought it would be good to use the competition to benefit the American Cancer Society.

"I'm just so thankful that they were open to the idea of cancer," Wright said. "We all know somebody who's been affected by cancer."

The competition has grown so much that this year, registration filled before the March 25 deadline and organizers had to turn dancers away.

"People fight to get here," Wright said. "And it's very humbling."

This year, about 890 dancers from 23 studios in Utah and Idaho will be competing.

After the dancers and judges' fees, trophies, ribbons and other expenses, all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

"Some people even donate their paychecks back," Wright said.

The event typically raises \$5,000. The money buys wigs for children, transportation to radiation therapy, therapy for men suffering from prostate cancer and more.

For Wright, who lost both her father and stepfather to cancer, it is especially humbling to see how much interest there is.

"It (the competition) has such a great feel to it," she said, watching her girls get ready for a practice. "People know that the money is going to a good thing and not in some director's pocket."

Last year's dance theme was occupational movement and included costumes for scientists, waitresses and tap-dancing flight attendants.

This year, the theme is Fins, Feathers and Fur. Dancers Kenna Austin, 18, and her friend Kristian Garcia,



Dancers from Julie's Jazzworks practice to the song "Eye of the Tiger" as part of Julie Wright's Fins, Feathers and Fur theme that will be a highlight at this year's Dancers for Cancer competition.

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To see a video of the practice performance for "Eye of the Tiger," visit www.magivalley.com.

**Dancers for Cancer**

The Dancers for Cancer competition will be from 2:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium, 315 Falls Ave. The cost is \$4. Those who buy a ticket on Friday can get in Saturday for free. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

For more information, call Julie Wright at 324-6466 or Shirli Mauldin, 734-8630.

20, are excited about this year's competition.

Upton's father has been fighting prostate cancer. She said he thinks it's a great idea to have a competition to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

And while the girls admit they're nervous, they say the best part is being able to show the audience what they can do at the competition, all while helping others.

"It's the best one to go to," Garcia said.

"And it's for a good cause," Upton added.

Jami Whitte can be reached at jwhitte@cabtnews.net.

Larry Rowe keeps on his toes

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Larry Rowe is a man best served running the other direction.

Twenty-six times he has been bitten by Twin Falls dogs, an average of one bite for each year he has worked for the U.S. Postal Service.

"I had my thigh opened up by a dog. It was a puncture wound," Rowe said. "Scars still there."

Since September 1981, he has devoted himself to the thousands of people along his mail routes, storing their personal information in a database in his mind. Through the town's mail, he has learned

some of its peculiarities, which he always keeps to himself. He will soon retire, but not without some memories and a dicey set of scars.

A career replete with so many attacks has taught him to know his territory.

"Dog's first instinct is to protect his territory," he said. "And I'm the guy that comes in his space every day and doesn't have time to get to know you."

For Rowe, delivering mail is a personal public service.

"Nothing makes people happier than delivering a letter from their grandson," he said. "What you best to do for someone, it's a special thing."

Sometimes he can discern an envelope's contents from

the outside.

"Some of them really smell. Very odoriferous, drenched in perfume, addressed to her boyfriend wherever he is at," he said.

Others sent from far-off places with unpronounceable names will pique his interest.

Given his appreciation of mail's personal importance to people, he has at times gone "the extra mile," which is the "difference between a good postal worker and an average one," he said.

When someone misses a package delivery, he will re-deliver it if he sees them driving home.

The kindness is not only on his side.

"Some people have offered a

**MAGIC VALLEY PEOPLE**

a slice from local life

Larry Rowe, of Twin Falls, has been a U.S. Postal service worker for 25 years, and he's had his fair share of run ins with local dogs.



Photo courtesy of the News Bureau

nice cold glass of iced tea when it was hot in the summer time," he said.

Rowe is finishing his last sorter at the Pioneer Station on Fillmore. He misses working outdoors, but said he likes trying new things.

In seven months, he will retire and the vast database of information he cannot share

Larry Rowe and his wife, Olivia, will retire, too.

"The sanctity of the mail is a rule you live by. You don't talk about what kind of stuff people get," he said. "It startles people, that you know things that they don't think you know."

Road construction continues throughout south-central Idaho

SHOSHONE — The following is the construction update for south-central Idaho from the Idaho Transportation Department.

U.S. 93 Twin Falls Alternate Route Stage 1: Construction on U.S. 93 Twin Falls Alternate Route project from Washington Street to Blue Lakes Boulevard is under way.

Work on Washington Street north of Pole Line Road is complete and the street reopened to motorists. The portion of Washington Street from Pole Line Road to North College Road is temporarily closed. This closure is necessary to construct the intersection of Washington Street and Pole Line Road. The closure is expected to be in place until mid-June.

Overnight utility work in the

intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Pole Line Road will take place over the next few weeks. To minimize inconvenience to motorists, work will be performed between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Flagger will direct motorists through the work zone. Lane closures and delays of up to 10 minutes should be expected.

Traffic on Pole Line Road from Grandblair Drive to Blue Lakes Boulevard has been shifted to the westbound lanes. Traffic is reduced from four lanes to two, with one lane open in each direction.

This traffic shift allows crews to prepare for paving the east-bound section of the Twin Falls Alternate Route from Washington Street to the end of the project at Blue Lakes Boulevard. Crews also will do shoulder work and striping on the eastbound lanes from Grandview Drive to Washington Street.

Traffic signals at the intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Washington Street will be controlled by temporary traffic signals. Motorists are urged to use caution as they travel through the intersections because of increased congestion and altered lane configurations. Truck traffic is encouraged to use Blue Lakes Boulevard to Addison Avenue.

This second phase of the U.S. 93 Twin Falls Alternate route is expected to be completed by mid-May.

U.S. 30 Kimberly Road from 3200 East to Red Cap Corner: Rehabilitation work one mile east of Twin Falls on U.S. 30 Kimberly Road from 3200 East to Red Cap Corner (mileposts 221-223), has reduced the route from four lanes to two, with one lane open in each direction. Flagger's direct traffic and delays of up to 10 minutes can be expected. Vehicles are limited to a maximum width of 12 feet throughout the work zone. This phase of the \$3.9 million project is expected to be completed by mid-May.

Albion: Reconstruction of the High Line Canal Bridge on Airport Road. Motorists should expect intermittent delays with brief lane closures.

Idaho 77, Declo to Albion: This resurfacing project begins five miles south of Declo and continues to Albion (mileposts 18-23). Delays of up to 10 minutes are possible.

Construction is expected to be completed by late spring.

U.S. 93, Salmon Falls Creek: Canal Bridge Traffic on U.S. 93 over the Salmon Falls Creek Canal Bridge (milepost 25), two

miles south of Hollister, has been shifted to a new section of bridge. The traffic shift is part of a project to widen around the bridge in preparation for future widening of that segment of U.S. 93. The speed limit will be reduced to 50 mph.

This stage of the \$1.6 million bridge project is expected to be completed by late spring.

Idaho 81, bridge replacements: Crews are replacing existing I&H Canal bridges on Idaho 81 (mileposts 23-25) one mile east of Declo. Vehicles longer than 45 feet will be required to detour around the work areas using Idaho 77 from Idaho 81 to Interstate 84, and I-84 from milepost 216 to 228.

The \$1.4 million project is expected to be completed in late May.

OBITUARIES

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

Corrine Swoyer



of your favorite memories with her beloved family as she is wished a happy farewell journey.

"God gave the joy of being loved here on earth. No other could take the place of the one we have called Mother.

"To her who bore the sweet name of Mother and friend, who shared our joys, who cheered us when sad, who stood beside us when we fell and who encouraged us to take the paths that always led upward.

"We come to celebrate the

passing of our mother on her eternal journey home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ.

"She was ready and prepared to go home. She had the opportunity to give her last words to each of her beloved children and grandchildren and to see the christening of her first great-grandchild. She lay down one night and said goodnight for the last time to the man whom she had shared 50 years. She lay in peace and gave up the ghost and went home.

"She left a heritage of love and faith to her husband and children. She had been the strong shoulder for each to lean on, but now she is willing to let them lean on the shoulders of her Lord. She is at peace and has paved the path for the others to follow as each of their times of passing come. She will be standing and cheering them on as she sees them pass from death to life.

"Mom, we miss you but are looking forward to being reunited in heaven with you."

(Written by the family of Corrine Swoyer).

**TWIN FALLS** — Mr. Wayne Swoyer and children request your presence at a memorial service for his wife, Corrine, on Saturday, May 6, 2006, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Call (208) 421-0175 for details.

Corrine passed away on April 19, 2006, in Las Vegas, Nev. She just lay down and went to sleep to awake in the arms of God. Her passing was very peaceful.

Mrs. Swoyer was born William Corrine Fogerson on Jan. 7, 1939, at Forest Grove, Ore. She was the fourth of five children. She has only one living sibling, a niece, Elaine LaNoue of Washington.

Corrine is survived by her husband, Wayne of Twin Falls; two daughters, Susan (Doug) Holt of Los Altos, Calif., and Sheryl (Burtch) Whitlock of Elko, Nev.; seven grandchildren, Katie and Brian of California, Christina (Tony) Rodriguez of California, and Kennard, Carlee, Stephanie and Bobbi Jean, all of Elko, Nev., and one great-grandchild, Thalia Rodriguez of California.

Please come and share some

Louise Rachel Sabala



She managed Reeves Art store in Ketchum from 1954-1958. She was the woman's accessory buyer at Fargo's Department store for six years. She also worked at Levine's until 1989 in Pocatello. She retired in 1993.

She lived in Pocatello until April 2005, when she moved to Boise to be near her son, Lynn and his wife Ann. Lynn and Ann were grateful for the happy hours they were able to spend with her in Boise. Lou was known for her love of life and wonderful sense of humor, which she kept to the end of her life. She loved popular music, including her favorites, Nat King Cole and Elvis. She will be remembered for her generous heart, her kind ways, her friendship and her devotion to her husband, children, grandchild-

ren, great-grandchildren, extended family and friends. Nieces and nephews fondly remember her as the fun, zany, hilarious aunt.

Louise is survived by her son, Lynn (Ann) of Boise; her grand-children, John, Hillary, Abigail, Elle and David; and two great-grandchildren, Francisco and Isabella. She is also survived by her brother, Billy Givens in Turlock, Calif. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; son, Gary; brothers, Elmer, Earl, Henry and Ken; mother, Rachel; and her father, Henry C. Givens, a Twin Falls deputy sheriff who was tragically killed in the line of duty in November 1935.

We are thankful for the generous love she brought to all of us. She will be missed.

**BOISE** — Louise (Lou) Rachel Sabala passed away April 20, 2006, in Boise, Idaho.

Memorial services will be held at Summers Funeral Home in Boise on Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 11 a.m. Lunch for family and friends will follow at Loku's, 1157 S. Sixth St. (Sixth and Grove) in Boise.

Lou was born July 7, 1922, in Twin Falls, Idaho. She was the only daughter of Henry C. and Rachel Anne Givens. Louise had five brothers, Elmer, Earl, Henry, Ken and Billy. She was raised in Kimberly, Idaho, where she lived until she married Frank X. Sabala on Aug. 10, 1939. They had two sons, who were the love of her life, Gary Franklin and Lynn David. Lou and Frank enjoyed 39 years of marriage before Frank passed away Aug. 17, 1978.

Frank and Lou moved to Ketchum, Idaho in 1946, opening Sabala Cleaners with Frank's brother, John. They had many happy years in Ketchum. Frank and Lou were involved in many community activities, including serving as the volunteer fire department. They also participated in annual Legion Loonies productions sponsored by the American Legion. They moved to Pocatello in 1989 and purchased - the Yellowstone Hotel. Lou was recognized for her style and eye for fashion.

David Denton



He spent a lot of time trying to catch that elusive steelhead up on the Salmon River by Shoup. Magic Dam was another favorite fishing spot. He was a longtime member of the NRA.

David leaves behind his wife, Bev of Kimberly; his mother, Violet Denton of Twin Falls; children, David and Lori Denton Jr. and Susan and Steve Klein, all of Twin Falls;

eight grandchildren, Christina, Ashley, Hannah, Hillary, Amber, Britni, Shannon and Bryan; eight great-grandchildren, Jason, Karesta, Kristin, Brydie, Kady, Talli and Kira; and Mike (Karl); sister and brother-in-law, Sharyl and Roger Reed; brother, Dennis Denton; mother-in-law, Della Brooks; brothers and sister-in-laws, Joe and Deana Brooks and Dennis and Carolyn Brooks; his favorite Aunt Jan and Uncle Ray Strundberg. He was preceded in death by his father.

Cremation services are under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory. A family picnic and scattering of his ashes will take place Memorial Day weekend.

Grandpa, we love you and don't get better soon. You are doing fabulous because you always give 100 percent and never give up. We love you for trying so hard. Love, Amber-Lynn Denton

**KIMBERLY** — David Denton, age 64, of Kimberly, passed away, Saturday, April 22, 2006, surrounded by his beloved family.

David was born Sept. 21, 1941, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of William Dunard Denton and Violet Ann Burt. David lived in California, a region near Modesto before he returned to Twin Falls. He graduated from Twin Falls High School with the class of 1959. David married Beverly Brooks in August of 1959. They moved to Seattle, where he was employed as a jig builder for Boeing Aircraft Company. Their son, David, was born there. They then moved back to Twin Falls, where their daughter, Susan Michele, was born.

David worked as a driver and salesman for Pacific Fruit and Produce for 10 years. For the next 21 years, he was an area sales representative for Boyl Coffee Company. He loved to hunt, fish and travel.

Michael John (Gus) McGraw

and then worked in the construction industry. He loved to travel and experienced life in many locations, the most recent being Mammoth, Ariz., but his heart always remained in the Wood River Valley.

He is survived by his wife, Gail; daughter, Cori; sisters, Sharon and Pat McGraw, Margaret Schoessler, Shirley (Bill) Arnold and Mary (Stella) Carey; his sister-in-law, Bonnie McGraw; and brother-in-law, Tom Lovell, many nieces and nephews, Gary and John (McGraw); Christopher Schoessler; Scott, Paul, Jennifer and Andrew (Lovell); Tracy Horton; Bruce and Aaron (Arnold) and Geoffrey and Stephanie (Carey). He was preceded in

death by his parents; his brothers, Eddie, Bob and Ramon; and his sister, Kathy Lovell.

Mike enjoyed the quiet of the early morning sun and the late night stars. He loved deep-sea fishing, hunting, prospecting for gold and listening around his dad's fire pit telling tales of his adventures. When you remember Mike, you can picture his sparkling blue eyes, his mischievous Irish laugh and know that Mike has taken off on the greatest adventure of his life, "I kid you not."

The family requests memorials be made to the American Legion Post 77, Second Ave., Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98104.

**MARANA, Ariz.** — Michael John (Gus) McGraw, 57, passed away on April 15, 2006. He was currently working in New Orleans for the Hurricane Disaster Relief when he passed from heart failure.

Mike was born in Halley, Idaho, to Oma Ann and Clarence Edger (Tiny) McGraw on Oct. 22, 1948. He graduated from Wood River High School, where he was involved in basketball and football. He obtained his engineering degree from the State University in 1972. Mike married Gail Kathleen Brand on Aug. 21, 1971. He was a loving father to his daughter, Lori Ann. Mike worked in the telephone company for 13 years for

John William Shrum



tion as a businessman with integrity. In 1962, John was elected Elmore County commissioner and proudly served with distinction for 34 continuous years. He was honored to represent his community and was a proud member of the commission and proudly served with distinction for 34 continuous years. He was honored to represent his community and was a proud member of the commission and proudly served with distinction for 34 continuous years. He was honored to represent his community and was a proud member of the commission and proudly served with distinction for 34 continuous years.

**GLENN'S FERRY** — John William Shrum, 72, passed away Friday, April 21, 2006. A viewing will be held at Our Lady of Limerick Catholic Church in Glenn's Ferry on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 5 p.m., with a rosary starting at 6 p.m. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, at Our Lady of Limerick Catholic Church.

John was born Dec. 21, 1933, in Glenn's Ferry, Idaho, to Gertrude and G.E. "Skote" Shrum. He graduated from Glenn's Ferry High School in 1952. He attended the University of Idaho and was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He married Eileen in the Army as an instructor in the Armored Tank Division while stationed in Aberdeen, Md. John met Vanessa Wheatley at the University of Idaho and they were married on Aug. 10, 1954. The couple were blessed with four wonderful children.

John joined his father and brother, Paul, as a partner at Shrum Motor Company, the oldest Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealership in the Portland area. John was recognized repeatedly as one of the top salesmen in the Northwest, receiving many awards and honors. He earned a reputa-

with his brother-in-law, Chris. Blessed with a unique sense of humor, John loved to laugh and took great delight in sharing his laughter with others. Home is where the heart is, and John's heart was always in Glenn's Ferry. He felt fortunate to live his life surrounded by dear friends and family in the area he loved. He leaves a legacy of integrity, loyalty, humor and devotion to his family.

John is survived by Vanessa, his wife of 51 years; a daughter, Susan; and her husband, Randy Reid of Jerome; sons, John and his wife Geniel of Glendale, Ariz., David and his wife Patty of Boise, Dan and his wife Joan of Salt Lake City, Utah; precious grandchildren, Megan, Laura, Molly, Nathan, Amanda, Nicholas, James, Johnny, Patty, Bill and Matt; a sister, Mary and her husband Chris Christoffersen; a brother, Paul and his wife Joan Shrum; and dear Aunt Eileen Laible; and several special nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Our Lady of Limerick Catholic Church, 21 W. Arthur Ave., Glenn's Ferry, ID 83623, or a charity of choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurry-Cheape.

Rhoda Ann Anderson Cox Tibbets



David (Beverly) Tibbets of Stansbury, Utah; daughter-in-law, Shirley A. Cox of Wendell, Idaho; a stepdaughter, Marjean (Orlan) Kidner of Wells, Nev.; his sister, Emma Flowers of Albion, Idaho; 15 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Jean Ann who died in infancy; a son, Earl Gerald "Jerry" Cox a grandson, Daniel Gerald Cox; granddaughter, Kathy Cox; great-grandson, Matthew Hilling; her siblings, Glenn O. Anderson, Elmer William Anderson, Helen Margaret Nielson, twin sisters Susan

and Sarah, who were stillborn. Leland Nathan, Paul Herman and Mildred, who died in infancy.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at Hansen Mortuary (Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Intment will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. A viewing for family and friends will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the funeral on Wednesday at the mortuary.

**RUPERT** — Rhoda Ann Anderson Cox Tibbets, 88, of Rupert, died peacefully Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the Countryside Care & Rehab, where she had resided this past year.

She was born Sept. 16, 1917, in Lund, Idaho, to Ole and Margaret Miller Anderson, the sixth of 10 children. One year later she moved with her family to Rupert, Idaho, where she attended schools. She married Earl Elmer Cox on Dec. 24, 1935, and later moved to Omak, Wash., for a few years. They were later divorced. She returned to Rupert, where she lived until her death. She stayed at home to raise her five children and help take care of her parents.

John Tibbets, she married Frank Tibbets in Virginia City, Mont. She went to work at Rocky Mountain Chevrolet until it closed and later worked at Eastern Idaho Packing in Heyburn. She and Frank later operated the Red and White Cafe in Heyburn for about six years. Her father moved into their home and she took care of him until his death in 1969.

She took pride in raising a garden every summer and canning the harvest. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed the summer picnics and holiday dinners with the family. She enjoyed the few times she traveled - with Frank when he drove for Allied Van Lines. Her grandkids put the sparkle in her eyes. She was proud of each and every one of them and their accomplishments. She was a member of the LDS Church. Although she was not active, she enjoyed the visiting teachers when they came for a visit.

She is survived by her children, Judy Braden of Paul, Bill (Juanita) Cox of Burley, Barbara (Leroy) Klamn of Paul, Karen (Dave) Hickman of Lincoln City, Ore., and

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MAGIC VALLEY

Thelma G. Martin



TWIN FALLS — Thelma G. Martin, 86, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, April 23, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center following a short illness.

She was born Dec. 14, 1919, in Butte, Idaho, the daughter of Robert and Clara DeVees Gay. She attended schools in Jerome, Hagerman and Salmon. She graduated from beauty school in Twin Falls and owned and operated her own beauty shop on Heyburn Avenue West for many years. In 1941, Thelma married Ralph Martin in Boise, and they had two children, Mary and Carol. Thelma and Ralph were later divorced. She enjoyed fishing and traveling, and was a past member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She is survived by her two

daughters, Mary McLaughlin of Olympia, Wash., and Carol (Robert) Hodge of Meridian; one granddaughter, Jeannette Hodge of Bellevue, Wash.; twin sister, Velma Hall of Deming, N.M.; sisters, Nellie

Moore of Twin Falls and Jean Glauner of Hagerman; and by five nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, James.

Gravestone services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 27, 2006, at the Hagerman Cemetery. Friends may call at White Mortuary, "Chapel of the Park," Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

The family would like to express their deep appreciation to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and Bridgeview Estates for the loving care shown to Thelma. In lieu of flowers and in acknowledgement of Thelma's love of animals, the family suggests memorials be given to the Sheena Foundation, 3893 N. 2250 E. Filer, ID 83328.

SERVICES

Lelle E. Poppleton of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Roper Auditorium on the Twin Falls High School campus; reception following at Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N., in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Lola G. Cutler of Centralia, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the First Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls, with a reception following in the church fellowship hall, viewing from 9 a.m. to noon today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls (Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary Inc. in Centralia, Wash.).

Marla D. Arceo of Burley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F. St. in Rupert; viewing one hour before the Mass today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Lyle Lot "Smoke" Udy of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Elba, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends and family may call one hour before the service today at the funeral home.

Lyla Lot "Smoke" Udy of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Elba, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends and family may call one hour before the service today at the funeral home.

DEATH NOTICES

V. Lenore Arnold

TWIN FALLS — V. Lenore Arnold, 97, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at Sunbridge Care Center.

A celebration of Lenore's life will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, April 28, 2006, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2405 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Friday at Reynolds Chapel.

Falls, with Pastor Brian Vriesman officiating. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be given in Ray's name to Hospice Visions or to the CSI Foundation.

Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, R.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

At Ray's request, there will be no public obituary published in The Times-News.

Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Charles "Chuck" Dean Sartin

TWIN FALLS — Charles "Chuck" Dean Sartin, 61, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, April 23, 2006, at his home.

A private, family service will take place at a later date. Cremation is under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory.

of Rupert, died Monday, April 24, 2006, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Harold D. Murphy

TWIN FALLS — Harold D. Murphy, 94, of Twin Falls, died Monday, April 24, 2006, at the Woodstone Retirement Center in Twin Falls.

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

William Joseph Webb Jr.

TWIN FALLS — William Joseph Webb Jr., "Billy Joe," died Saturday, April 22, 2006, in Twin Falls.

Raymond "Ray" W. Roston

TWIN FALLS — Raymond "Ray" W. Roston, 91, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, April 23, 2006, at Heritage Retirement Center in Twin Falls.

A celebration of Ray's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. in Twin

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New Holland "1167" utility tractor with conditioner - New Holland "1036" pull type harrow box, tandem axle, automatic tie, P.T.O. driven - Case International "8555" inline P.T.O. baler, hydraulic transmission - International "275" 14ft self propelled swather, gas motor, cab, hay conditioner, 12ft line profile header - John Deere "11" hanging mower, 7ft, 3 pt. hitch - New Holland "283" baler, P.T.O., hydraulic transmission - Miskin side baled hay loader on rubber - International No.15 chortan type 5 bar hay rake

MANURE & LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT - STRAW

Delaval "1700" gallon liquid spreader manure tank on large tandem rubber, P.T.O. driven - Gorman Rupp liquid manure pump, P.T.O. driven - Manure agitator with 16ft moneller boom, P.T.O. driven, 3 pt. hitch - Large tire manure scraper, 3 pt. hitch - Liquid manure pump, P.T.O. - Maxey Ferguson "205" manure spreader, double beaters, P.T.O. driven, Old John Deere manure spreader with wooden sides, pull type on rubber - 2 Fowler River cattle squeeze chutes - Powder River calf table - 2 Bucko head catches - 12 calf hutches - Approximately 1000 bags of small baled straw

FEED WAGONS - COMBINE

Ezz mix feed wagon with four inside mixing augers, three discharge augers, P.T.O. driven - Gehl feed wagon on single axle, P.T.O. driven - Gehl No.1810 feed wagon on wagon running gear, P.T.O. driven - 4 Allis Chalmers 12ft dump wagons - John Deere "421" self propelled combine, diesel engine, 14ft header, cab, 2500 hours

PICKUP - TRUCKS - TRAILER

2000 Chevrolet 4 x 4 "2500" series pickup, automatic transmission, L.W.B., 350 Vortex gas engine, 22,000 miles, needs some body work done - 1979 International 2 1/2 ton truck, 404 gas engine, 5 x 2 dump transmission, 10:00 x 20 rubber with 16ft combine metal dump bed, 59,000 miles - 1950 International 2 ton truck, gas, 16ft dump bed, doesn't run - 1966 International 5th wheel truck, gas, doesn't run - 1979 Ford 1/2 ton pickup, 351 gas engine, 4 x 4, 4 speed, L.W.B., needs worked on - 2001 C.A. B 16ft stock trailer with tandem rubber

OTHER FARM MACHINERY

Great Plain 26 hole grain drill, double disc, grass teeder, hydraulic lift, on rubber - New House hay chopper, P.T.O. driven with drag platform - New Idea 2 row corn planter, dual tires, P.T.O. driven - Gehl "125" Mixall grinder, P.T.O. driven, auger feed and discharge, on rubber - Gehl pull type chopper with 6ft hay head, P.T.O. driven - Bear Cat "850" grinder with discharge auger, P.T.O. driven - John Deere 4 wheel rubber tired wagon - International 6 row "185" planter unit on 2 1/4" bar, 3 pt. hitch, markers - Alloway 6 row "5" tine cultivator with shelds, 3 pt. hitch - International No.50 two row corn chopper, P.T.O. driven - 10ft chopper hay or corn chopper, P.T.O. driven - Snow Co. 32ft x 6" grain auger on rubber - John Deere post hole digger, 3 pt. hitch, 12" auger - Meyers V ditcher, 3 pt. hitch - Pipe trailer

OLDER ITEMS

Old Towner 6ft pull disc with steel wheels - International 4 bottom one way plow - Box scraper, 3 pt. hitch - Iron wheel disc corn tiller - Gehl chopper, P.T.O. - Chaffin ditcher on steel wheels - 5ft alfalfa crowder, 3 pt. hitch - Belts disc plow, 3 pt. hitch - 1/4 turn 3 pt. hitch plow - NKO cultivator, 3 pt. hitch - 3 row corrugator, 3 pt. hitch - Entis combine pickup, 7ft - Iron wheels - Snow Co hay pilot

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# Attorney disbarred for felony convictions

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho State Bar has disbarred a Boise attorney for forgery, intimidating a witness and other felony convictions. The Idaho Supreme Court approved the bar's request to revoke Jeannie Braun's membership last week. Idaho State Bar officials announced Braun did not immediately return calls from The Associated Press on Monday. She did not attend her disbarment hearing. She was indicted last spring on charges that included forgery, intimidating a witness and destroying evidence. Prosecutors claimed that she forged a judge's signature stamp on a child custody order for a client, and that she later tried to give the client a cash gift to keep the client from testifying against her. Prosecutors also claimed that she destroyed a tape recording of a conversation she had with the client about the forgery, and that she presented falsely dated documents to the court for deceptive purposes.

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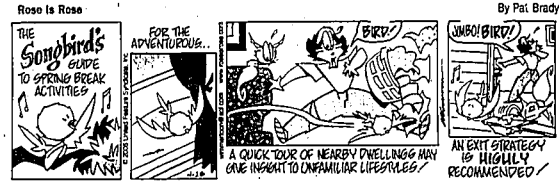
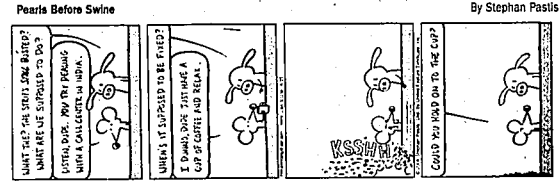
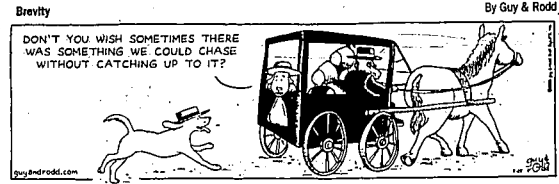
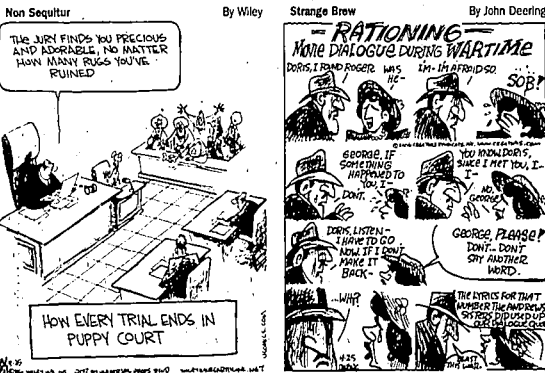
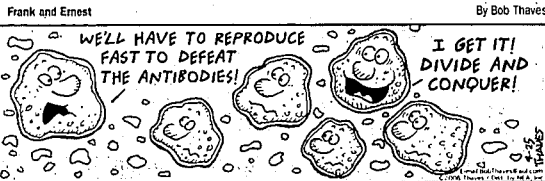
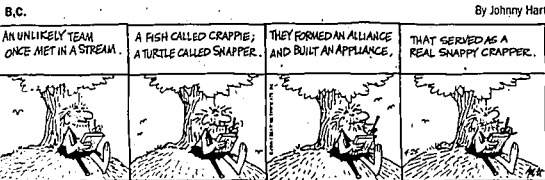
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HOROSCOPE
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Rely on the lessons of experience. Ignore any impulse to stir things up...



# Bride traveling in wedding dress craves the spotlight



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

no regrets. It's her day; let her do what makes her happy.  
— JANELLE IN VALENCIA, CALIF.

**DEAR ABBY:** Allow me to share what occurred while I was part of the crew on a flight from LAX to Miami. We were all delighted when a young bride and groom in full wedding regalia boarded our aircraft. Unfortunately, we lost an engine on takeoff and had to return to LAX, where the passengers and crew waited three hours before another plane was available. By the time we took off again, the bride and groom were more than ready to do something comfortable for the five-hour flight, but their luggage had been checked!

**I would advise the bride to bring along a carry-on with a change of clothes should the unexpected occur.** The couple on my flight got more than their money's worth out of their formal wear.  
— JANE IN MANDEVILLE, LA.

**DEAR ABBY:** Leaving for my honeymoon last summer, I wore a white baseball cap with

a short veil attached to every-one would know I was just married. It paid off with upgrades to first class on our flight, complimentary champagne and many other "perks." I tell that bride-to-be there is an alternative to show that she's just married, and she should preserve her sacred wedding gown for her daughter.  
— STARR IN SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.

**DEAR ABBY:** I just saw the question from the bride-to-be. Please remind her and your readers that it is unsafe to wear anything that bulky—and perhaps not even comfortable—on an airplane. If there was an accident or even a crash landing, she could become a liability to her husband and the other passengers— from catching on fire to getting tangled in the slide to tripping in a dark aisle. This is the reason travelers are advised not to wear clothing made of synthetic material on an airplane.  
— PRACTICAL IN MASSACHUSETTS

**DEAR ABBY:** Tell that bride to call a designer today! I once saw the most wonderful wedding dress, and it could be the perfect solution for her. It was in two pieces, with a full skirt that came off, revealing a beautiful short cocktail dress. Ingenious! The bride said she wore it to dinner several times during her honeymoon.  
— AN OLD BRIDE IN SAN RAMON

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Bom Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



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Hagar the Horrible

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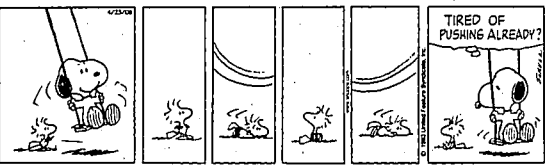
Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



Donnis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"MY MOM LETS ME STAY UP AS LONG AS I BEHAVE, OR UNTIL NINE O'CLOCK...WHICHEVER COMES FIRST."

"My hair is nice and straight. Yours is bumpy."

**DEAR ABBY:** "Bride-to-be" asked if it was common or proper to wear her wedding gown to the airport or on a plane. You advised her that it was impractical, but there's no law against it. By that, I assume your intention was to say that no rule of etiquette specifically forbids it, rather than a criminal statute.

One of the most basic rules of etiquette is that people dress appropriately for their environment. What reason could a person possibly have for wanting to do such a thing except that she is hoping to coerce every casual stranger who crosses her path into having to offer congratulations and ask the obvious questions so that she can extend her fantasy that the entire world revolves around her wedding? To me, this sounds not only improper but self-absorbed.

**DEAR JESSICA IN HOUSTON:** Most of my readers who letter to comment on that letter agreed I was right to discourage the bride-to-be. But not all of them did. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** When I was married, I kept my gown on, even though we were going to Disneyland after the ceremony. It created some of the most memorable moments of the day. Little girls and tourists wanted pictures of my new husband and me, and I got to wear the most expensive and beautiful dress I will ever own for a full day. Carpe diem! I have

# On this day in history, bowling became a non-contact sport

**This day in history:** On April 25, 1952, the American Bowling Congress formally approved the contact rule. Prior to this, bowling alley employees had to sit at the end of the lanes and replace bowling pins manually.

Trans fat from hydrogenated oils not only raises LDLs (the "bad" cholesterol) but lowers HDLs (the "good" stuff). A daily intake of just 5 grams of trans fat, easily consumed in even moderate amounts of junk and fast food, increases your risk of heart disease from 4 to 28 percent. According to the National Academy of Sciences, the only safe amount of trans fat in the diet is 0.

How easy is it to eat five grams of trans fat per day? Well, a large order of McDonald's french fries has almost 6 grams;



**RANDOM FACTS OF INTEREST**  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

a large Chicken McNuggets gives you 4. It doesn't have to be like that — in a McDonald's in Denmark, which limits trans fat, the same meal would give you less than 1 gram.

Hey, newsworld, are you the same religion (including no religion) as your spouse? You have a 24 percent chance of divorce in the next five years. If one of you is a Protestant Christian and the other is a Catholic Christian, the odds go up to 38 percent. And if a Jew is married

to a Christian, make that 42 percent.

Other factors that increase the chance of divorce include interracial couples and couples in which the woman is at least four years older than the man. Strangely, when the man is that much older, the divorce rate isn't affected.

The Arabian Nights stories were written down in about 1300 AD, but they had been in Middle East folk tales for centuries prior.

The United States is responsible for the first bit of space junk. In 1958, NASA launched the Vanguard 1. It quit functioning after six years, but is still in orbit today.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmatters@ningo-barrett.com.

# Family fights to keep Bambi alive

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A family that nursed Bambi, an orphaned fawn, to health three years ago can fight to prevent a state agency from euthanizing the animal, state courts decided.

Michael and Ilene Smith of rural Columbus filed a lawsuit against the Wisconsin Depart-

ment of Natural Resources to halt the execution of the deer.

A judge declined a DNR request to throw out the lawsuit in February, and last week the state Court of Appeals refused to hear the state's appeal. Now the case is expected to be scheduled for an evidentiary hearing in Circuit Court.

The Smiths say the white-tailed deer is like a family pet and kept in a fenced, wooded area on their farm. The Smiths were summoned to a friend's home in the summer of 2003 after the friend found two injured fawns whose mother had apparently been killed by a car, according to court records.

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## EDITORIAL

### Set election policy right for T.F. County workers

If you take a wrong turn, common wisdom says you stop going in that direction.

The same wisdom applies to local government. Revoking a bad policy is much better than leaving a flawed untenable one.

The Twin Falls County commissioners have reason to do the latter with their ordinance restricting who can run for public office.

The ordinance that passed in February ruled county employees could not run for county office against an incumbent, unless the challenger quit his or her job.

Now, one of the members who voted for it, Commissioner Gary Grindstaff, has reversed course.

"I will admit I made a mistake," Grindstaff said Monday in a meeting with *The Times-News* editorial board. "We need to go in and change that policy."

Grindstaff said the ordinance came from a county policy committee that consists of elected officials. He said their decision to restrict how county workers run for political office made sense at the time, because of the inconvenience created in the office ranks.

"It's rough on the department when they run from within," Grindstaff said. "It just upsets the apple cart with these folks."

But something has changed Grindstaff's mind since then. Was it public response? Was it the looming May 23 primary? Or was it a clear recognition that public employees should have the opportunity to challenge their supervisors?

Let's not know, maybe all of the above. The important

thing is that Grindstaff has changed his mind. When elected officials force qualified county workers to choose their jobs over a run for a public seat, it smacks of incumbency protection.

The ordinance, which passed 2-1 with Commissioner Tom Mikseell dissenting, could be discussed again and re-voted by commissioners in coming weeks.

Grindstaff also revisited his stance on local board appointees.

Weeks ago, Fair Board member Jim Barker told this newspaper Grindstaff threatened not to reappoint him if he supported Grindstaff's primary opponent, Terry Kramer.

Grindstaff said at the time he "felt kind of betrayed" by Barker's support for an opponent. But he denied making a threat to Barker's position on the board. "It wasn't at risk; I can't make that decision alone as a commissioner," Grindstaff said.

When asked about board appointees' loyalties, Grindstaff said, "They should feel obligated to the position, not the commissioner."

He got that right. Board positions, including fair board positions, are filled by volunteers who should be considered for their expertise — not their political support.

Grindstaff did county workers right in reversing his election stance. He did himself the favor by read-dressing the board appointee controversy. Only voters will be able to say whether they were genuine movers or not.

For now, however, we're just glad to see a politician admit a mistake and set things right.

**Our view: Twin Falls County commissioners should revisit their election policy restricting county workers.**

**What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

## Mexican hypocrisy over immigration

Denis Alfredo Pineda knew that when it came to leaving Honduras, the hardest part would be saying goodbye to his mother.

So the thin, boyish 18-year-old asked her for her blessing the day before he quietly slipped out one afternoon nearly a month ago to start the journey that hundreds of thousands like him have taken.

Denis Alfredo knew it would cost him his life, but it was a risk he was willing to take, even if only for a promise of something better, anywhere.

It's been walking north ever since.

"Don't worry," he told his mother after she gave him her blessing. "I'll return. God willing."

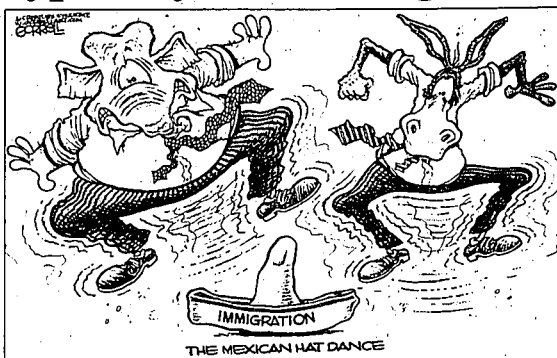
Every day, thousands of migrants, mostly Central Americans, make the trek north through remote jungles and across rivers. The toughest leg is Mexico, where they can fall prey to gang and smuggling rings or Mexican police, immigration officials and landmines who often tell them there is no such thing as human rights.

They are beaten, robbed and raped. Some are even sold into prostitution rings, never to be heard from again.

By comparison, Denis Alfredo was lucky. In the Mexican state of Jalisco, two state police officers assaulted him and stole all he had, the equivalent of \$4.

Esperanza Galeas Cruz, a 32-year-old mother of five, traveled for 22 days from Honduras to the Texas-Mexico border, where she and her husband, Ricardo, wait to cross. She doesn't get being stopped by two police officers, who demanded money. They also threatened to throw her husband from the moving freight train, known as *El Tren de La Muerte*.

The freight trains are overrun with gangs and crooks, but inside the migrants hitch rides instead



### COLUMNIST MACARENA HERNANDEZ

empty boxcars or on top. Those clinging to the top risk falling, losing limbs or lives.

People like Denis Alfredo and Esperanza are reminders of the resilience of the human spirit. They also remind you, sadly, that people are only as good as their governments.

Those in the government are just working for themselves. They're filling up their own pockets," said Esperanza, who left her two boys and three girls with their grandparents. She cries. She had no other choice, she says.

Her government has abandoned them.

Just as Mexican Foreign Relations Secretary Luis Ernesto Derbez has called on Latin American countries to unite against the harsh Senesbrenner bill in the U.S. House, I call on him and other Mexican officials

to unite and fight the terrorists who prey on these migrants, including those whose job it is to protect them.

Just as Mexico asks the United States to treat immigrants with dignity and respect, President Vicente Fox and his government should show the same commitment to migrants in their land, many of them children.

Charity, my mother always told me, begins at home. Or, as the Spanish saying goes, *candide de casa, oscuridad de te casa*. Fox should also make sure that migrants who are detained and waiting to be processed aren't mistreated. Mexico's Human Rights Commission recently reported that most of the country's detention centers are overcrowded, without enough beds, access to water or medical attention. They don't separate those carrying contagious diseases, much less the men from the women and children.

The Mexican government

must commit to treat those crossing its virtually open southern border with respect and dignity, just as we expect the United States to do.

As long as people can find hope at home, they'll keep crossing. As long as they keep crossing, many will die along the way. And as long as the governments in these countries look the other way — enabling the predators — they will be criminal accomplices.

Back home, Denis Alfredo has worked alongside his father, digging irrigation ditches for sugar cane fields. He worked seven days a week, 11 hours a day, for \$50 — a pretty good living by Honduran standards but far from enough to feed a family of six.

By the time you read this, he probably will have tried crossing the border on his way to New Orleans.

Macarena Hernandez is a Dallas Morning News editorial columnist.

## LETTERS

### A 'war' in name and expense only

Osama bin Laden and his followers are not a military threat to our country. But there remains the question, can our military defeat an insurgency? The president and the active duty officers seem to think so. Then again, what else can they say?

It's not likely that high-ranking active duty officers will put their careers on the line. It is clear that the president does not recognize errors. How much of your capital are you willing to continue to spend? Can you afford to lose it?

Bin Laden said he would win, not by arms, but by bankrupting the United States. So far: \$772 billion.

We get all patriotic at the idea of being a war, is this really a war? I don't think the president should decide we have a war just by saying so. Since it involves all of us in some way, I think a "war" should require clear and unequivocal action by the Congress. Bush calls it a war on terror. What is a war on terrorism? Where is the enemy? The problem — there is no nation on the other side of the fight.

Bush is bullheadedly fighting one man and an idea.

And now, with this commitment to Iraq where there were

no weapons of mass destruction, what do we do with North Korea and Iran? If the war is becoming a problem for you, I suggest you get out of the area. As a taxpayer, I would welcome the idea of having an event center large enough to accommodate a wide range of applications. We need a center that business in Twin Falls, Pioneer Event Center is an important investment in the future of an ever-growing Twin Falls County. For this reason, I applaud you on May 23.

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Twin Falls  
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deficiency, Twin Falls is missing the opportunity to capitalize on such events. Potential revenue for Twin Falls is currently being directed out of the area. As a taxpayer, I would welcome the idea of having an event center large enough to accommodate a wide range of applications. We need a center that business in Twin Falls, Pioneer Event Center is an important investment in the future of an ever-growing Twin Falls County. For this reason, I applaud you on May 23.

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was done. I have read the comments that have been posted online and they are really very one-sided. I believe the best way to deal with the being in your article and I would like to stand to his defense.

Dr. Jones has been taking care of my pet for five years. His facility is immaculate, and he truly loves and cares for animals. I have, and would still, trust him with the lives of my family members. He treats animals and their owners with respect and sympathy, and I don't think that you would do a disservice to his facility by not mentioning it.

It is appalling to me that Cassidy Friedman and the editors of this paper would print Dr. Jones' name without doing some actual reporting work. Had he done his job the way a real reporter would have, he might have realized that there were a lot of other veterinarians in the area. Instead, he took the easy way out and could have possibly ruined a good doctor's career and standing in community.

I stand in Dr. Jones' defense and know that others will also. I hope that, in the future, this paper will take the time to report all sides of a situation — instead of just slapping words down to fill space.

HEATHER ALLRED  
Buhl

### County won't capitalize without event center

At this point in time, Twin Falls County does not provide a facility large enough to host significant events. Such events might include indoor concerts, trade shows, regional livestock shows, benefit galas or perhaps graduation events involving immediate and extended families.

More to the point, the examples above are intended to represent a gamut of applications for all different types of activities that many local groups do engage in. The nature of the events may differ, but their basic resource needs remain the same.

Twin Falls needs to strongly consider providing the facilities that adequately satisfy our citizens' needs. As a result of this

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In strong defense of Dr. Jones! I find it absolutely deplorable that something as awful as the situation at Rocky Mountain Cattle Resort was allowed to be knowingly go on as long as it did. I hope that this state actually starts to take a look at people like this and prosecute those who will deter others. I know most people feel the same way.

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### Recharge of aquifer has vanished as a top concern

I am not sure some of our legislators were looking out for the best interests of the state of Idaho. Some legislators voted no to HB 800 (recharge of aquifer) before they thought about the best interests of Idaho.

I attended most of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Interim Legislative Committee meetings. It was a very in-depth study of what has happened to the Eastern Snake Plains Aquifer in the past 100-plus years. It is one of the largest aquifers in the country, a reservoir of the size of Lake Erie. It supplies more than 90 percent of the water for individual domestic water users, on municipalities, commercial, industrial, agriculture and a large portion of irrigation water for southern Idaho. Our communities, our farms, our schools and our families all depend on this water from the aquifer to survive, grow and prosper.



READER COMMENT  
Tom Geary

We super-saturated the ESPA from 1904 to the 1950s with the abundant use of irrigation water per acre, particularly in eastern Idaho, water loss in the canals and running water in the canals all winter for drinking water for livestock. Building canals and reservoirs also caused seepage into the aquifer.

Then things changed. We went to sprinkler irrigation, stopped running water in the canals in the winter and the reservoirs sealed up cracks with silt.

We are not allowing a sufficient supply of water to get

back into the aquifer. We are now taking more out than we are putting in.

In the ESPA Interim Legislative Committee Meetings, hydrologists from both in our state and outside our state said the No. 1 action to restore the health of the aquifer is a recharge program.

There have been several committees and organizations promoting the practice of recharge and setting up sites for recharging. Then when surplus water became available, recharge could be accomplished. This is one of those rare surplus water years and our hands are tied — we can't do what would enhance our water system and benefit all entities in the state.

No question, in 1984 the Swan Falls agreement had provisions to accomplish recharge with surplus water. In 1994, apparently the Legislature created

a cloud to use excess water for recharge. This year, the Legislature had an opportunity to clear that cloud with HB-800 and failed to look out for the best interests of Idaho.

The Swan Falls agreement also calls for zero flow past Miller Dam, so any water going past Miller Dam should be available for recharge.

The governor, on several occasions, has said the No. 1 problem in the state is our water, yet not one dime was made available in his budget for improvements in water management projects. A good, healthy aquifer is beneficial to the state and a great benefit to Idaho Power, which gets a substantial portion of its water from the ESPA.

Tom Geary of Albion, served 10 years as vice president and then 14 years as president of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation.

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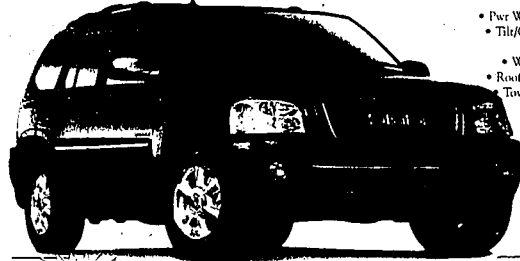
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Section B

## Rogers reloads CSI

### Program builds around All-American Maria Moore

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Here's a scary thought — His team already up an insurmountable 40 points with eight minutes to go. Randy Rogers calls off the dogs, clears his bench, and unleashes a sea of freshmen from Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartan red on the court.

A scary thought, but ultimately, one of the fantasy. Now, a month removed from the completion of his fourth year as the head coach at the College of Southern Idaho — a 25-10 affair — the always entertaining, always quotable Rogers took some time to joke and muse about his future with the Golden Eagles program his name has become synonymous with.

"I always thought I'd like to go coach there," Rogers said of CNCC. "I mean really, I'd be fun to try to turn that program around."

Entering his fifth year at CSI, that's exactly what Rogers has accomplished in Twin Falls, taking a program that finished 11-20 the year before his arrival all the way to last year's NJCAA championship game. It's not only the winning, but the building that Rogers believes.

"I do, so I think it's time to go, time to go," Rogers joked. "This'd be five years and five years is usually my max at one place. No, no. We like it here. Hopefully it's a few more years, but you never know. I'd like to continue to win. CSI's an interesting place where you feel like you're unsuccessful with 25 wins. Wow. But they've been good to us here, so hopefully we can stay around a few more years and get back to nationals."

All levity aside, Rogers has spent the last two months hard on the recruiting trail, seeking out the components he'll need to make it back to Salina, Kan. and the NJCAA National Tournament at the end of the 2006-07 season. One of those components is already in place. After averaging 19.2 points, 7.8 rebounds and 5.1 assists per game, Golden Eagles point guard Maria Moore became one of only two freshmen to be named to the NJCAA Division II Women's Basketball All-American First Team. Despite her listed 5-foot-5 frame, Moore became a bigger force over her first 35 collegiate games.

"She's 5-7," Rogers asked. "She's closer to 5-9. But there's two things you can't teach — heart and all that. But speed — she has quickness and you can accomplish a lot with quickness."

"She has such an advantage, and then she has the ability to get to the ground, which shows by the rebounding totals you have. But all that is secondary to her fundamental basketball skills. There's nobody — I can't rank anybody in the country — that can hang in the ball as well as she can, or has the skills that she does."

Moore will be back, as well as backcourt running-mate Brittany Moore, along with



College of Southern Idaho freshman guard scores toward the hoop during the Golden Eagles' 95-76 victory over the North Idaho Cardinals on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2005 at the CSI gymnasium in Twin Falls.

frontcourt players Ashley Thompson, Amy Brantvold and Alexis Tucker. Rogers said the sophomores Jesse Youros and Tanya Lalkic are currently looking to continue their basketball careers at the NCAA Division II level, while Jalena Williams will likely stick in Twin Falls and continue to play for CSI — on the softball diamond. Rogers says sophomore Cheryl Blazzard is looking toward a church-related mission, while freshmen Clara Christian, Kaylan King and Erica Maldonado will continue their collegiate careers — in basketball or otherwise — elsewhere.

Rogers has already signed four players to add to his solid core of sophomore returnees. Idaho standouts Kal Hess of American Falls and Whitney Thompson of Shelley will be joined by Amy Higbee of Alamo, Nev. and Tori Tremayne of Battle Mountain, Nev.

Rogers received an earlier verbal commitment from crafty guard Maylene Ornelas of Mountain View High School in Orem, Utah. The native of Mexico then drew some interest from a number of Texas junior colleges

and withdrew her commitment before recently reconsidering. She is expected to sign her national letter-of-intent to play for CSI in during a ceremony in Orem today.

"Just a super shooter," Rogers said. "Just love watching her shoot the ball. Handles it well. I'm kind of looking for her to take his spot. She's just a go-getter. Not super-quick, but she handles the ball so well and sees the floor. She's such a good passer."

Rogers has also received a verbal commitment from Anita Burdick, a 6-foot-4 post from North Valleys High School in Reno, Nev. Burdick is expected to deliver her letter-of-intent this week.

"She's a low-post player," Rogers said. "She's not going to score a lot of points from the elbow, she's not going to shoot the three. She's back-to-the-basket, very aggressive."

"We're excited just to have that one solid kid inside. I don't know if she's a starter though, to be honest, but she's a big kid, and around here, they want big kids, so there you go."

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## Bush No. 1 no matter what

By Dave Goldberg  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A week ago, there were rumors out of Houston that had the Texans leaning away from taking Reggie Bush with the No. 1 pick and toward Mario Williams, the North Carolina State defensive end who is supposed to be a cross between Julius Peppers and Lawrence Taylor.

Instead, they even began talking with Williams. Disinformation, perhaps, but standard.

More than any other, this draft has been full of that kind of thing.

On the Web, on talk radio. Everywhere. The NFL draft, which will take place Saturday and Sunday at Radio City Music Hall, has become football's most overanalyzed event, even by the people in charge. What prospective draftees did on the field last fall has been forgotten in the tempest from January through April.

Consider Vince Young's Wonderlic score. LenDale White's weight gain and hamstring injury. Jimmy Williams' supposedly lackadaisical attitude (and the endless debate over whether Jay Cutler, the Vanderbilt quarterback, belongs with Matt Leinart and Young at the top of the quarterback pool.)

Remember that the draft is really a crapshoot. First-rounders often fail, second-rounders and later succeed, as did linebacker Lofa Tatupu, who as a second-round rookie last season led a defense that helped Seattle to an NFC championship.

Remember also that every one lies. Or says nothing.

"You know this is a time when nobody really ever really kind of tells the truth about what they plan to do," Miami coach Nick Saban said last week. "I certainly would never deceive you in anything that I told you, but rather than deceive you I would just rather not tell you certain things."

Certain things' almost surely slip out. But described by some as the next Gale Sayers, or the next Barry Sanders. He's a unique talent who can turn a game on a play.

Remember that the NFL draft is commissioner, HOUSTON will use it on REGGIE BUSH, RB, Southern Cal.

2. NEW ORLEANS: After signing Drew Brees, the Saints brought in Leinart for a workout. Is it because Brees is a New York City kid who might be something special.

3. DETROIT: The Lions have taken Charles Rogers, Roy Williams and Mike Williams the last three years and for a variety of reasons.

D'BRICKASHAW FERGUSON, OT, Virginia.

3. TENNESSEE: Norm Chow, the offensive coordinator, had the same job at Southern Cal and tutored Leinart. The Titans might like Vince Young, but MATT LEINART, QB, Southern Cal, is the safer bet.

4. NEW YORK JETS: They have a sore shouldered Chad Pennington and the newly obtained Patrick Ramsey. Both are ifs, so they could move into second for Leinart — with the 29th and 35th picks as bait. If not, MARIO WILLIAMS, DE, North Carolina State.



No matter what the experts say, there's likely to be a new Bush in Texas, when Houston starts off the draft this weekend at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

Top 10 potential picks

PICK	PLAYER	NFL TEAM
1	R. Bush, RB	Houston
2	J. Cutler, QB	New Orleans
3	M. Leinart, QB	Tennessee
4	M. Williams, DE	N.Y. Jets
5	R. Green, RB	Green Bay
6	V. Davis, TE	San Francisco
7	V. Young, QB	Oakland
8	B. B. B. B. B.	Baltimore
9	M. Huff, CB	Detroit
10	J. Cutler, QB	Arizona

— Dave Goldberg/AP

5. GREEN BAY: One reason Brett Favre keeps putting off his decision on retirement is the sorry state of the Packers. A.J. Hawk, LB, Ohio State, won't turn them around for Favre's position this year in Vegas.

6. SAN FRANCISCO: Another team that needs everything, and could move up using the newly acquired 22nd pick for Williams or Hawk. If not, VILIRNO DAVIS, TE, Maryland, seems to be a special athlete at a position that's in vogue.

7. OAKLAND: The Raiders have Aaron Brooks, who finally wore out the Saints' patience. VINCE YOUNG, QB, Texas, is an Al Davis type who might be something special.

8. BUFFALO: One mistake a year ago was letting Pat Kasperian stay in Vegas. Williams is listed at 320 pounds. Maybe 420? Whatever. BIODRICK BUNKLEY, DT, Florida State is a sweetie 396 — or so they say.

9. DETROIT: The Lions have taken Charles Rogers, Roy Williams and Mike Williams the last three years and for a variety of reasons.

10. PITTSBURGH: The Steelers have taken Charles Rogers, Roy Williams and Mike Williams the last three years and for a variety of reasons.

## Heat stifle Bulls in Game 2

By Tim Reynolds  
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade arrived at the arena Monday night with a freshly shaved head, a first for the dapper superstar.

"It's the playoffs. We got the look of his new 'do.' I don't want to be worried about how I look."

Whatever the reason, Wade looked wonderful again for the Miami Heat.

Playing with a sore calf, Wade hit a spinning jumper with 1:04 left to halt a frantic Chicago rally that blocked Ben Gordon's layup 38 seconds later to help the Heat beat the Bulls 115-108 to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference first-round series.

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Chicago Bulls' guard Kirk Hinrich attempts to work past the Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade (3) during the first quarter at the American Airlines Arena in Miami on Monday.

rest, filling in for the suspended Udonis Haslem — added 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Heat, who also got 12 points from James Posey and 11 from Gary Payton.

Andre Nocioni tied all scorers with 30 points — on 13-for-15 shooting — for Chicago. Kirk Hinrich had 17 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter for the Bulls, who will host Game 3 on Thursday night.

"We made it interesting again at the end," Bulls coach Scott Skiles said, "but pretty much got dominated again from beginning to end."

The Bulls allowed 111 points or more four times in the regular season. The Heat now have done it twice in this series, and shot 52 percent on Monday.

Walker scored off an offensive rebound with 8:12 left, giving Miami a 102-84 lead — and a

two-game series lead seemed "but curtain."

Five minutes later, those prospects were precarious, at best.

"Any team in this league, when they're down 10 or 20, they're going to make a run no matter what time of the game it is," Williams said. "It's just part of their scheme. They never give up."

Hinrich hit three straight jumpers — a personal 7-0 run — to get the Bulls within 102-91 with 4:52 left, and he scored four more points in what was a 13-2 Chicago burst that cut Miami's lead back to 104-97 with 3:00 left.

Wade found Walker for a layup at the 2:46 mark, and hit a jumper 59 seconds later to push Miami's lead back to 102-91. Once again, the Bulls weren't done. Hinrich scored, and after Wade missed from the same spot, he hit from one possession earlier, Nocioni hit a 3-pointer, with 1:15 left that got Chicago within four.

But Wade scored on the next trip, Nocioni threw the ball away on Chicago's next possession, and Miami could soon exhale.

"We're supposed to be a defensive team. We just didn't have it on that end tonight," Hinrich said. "It's not over. They took care of their home court. Now we have to go home and take care of our home court."

## Canadiens win in 2OT

RALPH, N.C. (AP) —

Michael Ryder scored 2:22 into the second overtime to give the Montreal Canadiens a 6-5 victory over the Carolina Hurricanes on Monday night.

With a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference series.

Chris Higgins chased down the puck behind the net, centered it to Ryder, who quickly ended the game with a slap shot.

Chris Kovalev and Richard Zednik scored 36 seconds apart in the third period to give Montreal a 3-4 lead, but Cory Sullivan scored the equalizer with a goal with 90 seconds left in regulation. With goalie Cam Ward on the bench, Brett Hedican sent a pass across the ice to Sullivan, who sent a one-dinger off the right post.

Ryder had two goals, and he and Ryan Whitney scored for Montreal a 3-0 lead, forcing Hurricanes coach Peter Laviolette to bench goalie Martin Gerber. Gerber has allowed nine goals on 34 shots in the two games.

Rob Brind'Amour had two goals and Ryan Whitney scored. Cullen added goals to help Carolina take a 4-3 lead, but Kovalev tied it and Zednik put Montreal back in front.

Game 2 of the first-round series is Wednesday night in Montreal.

The Canadiens opened the series with a 6-1 victory Satur-

day night.

DEVL 4, Rangers 1

— John Madden tied an NHL playoff record with two short-handed goals and finished with his first postseason hat trick for New Jersey.

With the victory, the Devils ran their winning streak to 13 games and took 2-0 lead in first-round Eastern Conference series. Game 3 is Wednesday night in New York.

With a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference series, the Devils' sixth power-play goal of the series. Blair Betts scored for the Rangers in their seventh straight loss.

The Rangers played without leading scorer Jaromir Jagr, defenseman Darius Kasparaitis and goalie Henrik Lundqvist. Jagr, the NHL's second-leading scorer, was forced to miss his first game of the season because of a shoulder injury sustained in a 6-1 loss Saturday.

Williams approved a groin injury during the pregame bench, and Lundqvist was benched in favor of Kevin Weekes.

Sabres 8, Flyers 2

BUFFALO, N.Y. — J.R. Dumont and Jason Pominville each had three goals and an assist to help the Sabres take a 2-0

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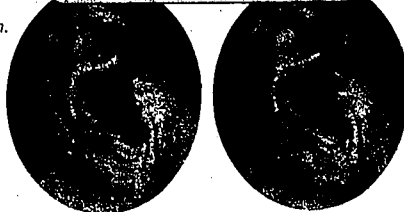
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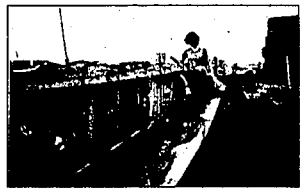
Gelanne Choate, a licensed professional counselor, calms her horse Telko at her home in Castleford. Choate is certified in equine-assisted therapy through the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association. Photos by MEGAN THOMPSON/The Times-News



Counselor Gelanne Choate and client Darren Hager, of Twin Falls, say goodbye at her Castleford home office after a therapy session.



Darren Hager rocks on the porch of his therapist's home office in Castleford. Hager says he enjoys the rural setting and loves to brush the horses.



Gelanne Choate says horses mirror human behavior and are an effective therapy tool.

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By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

**C**ASTLEFORD — Licensed counselor Gelanne Choate's best therapy resource isn't anything from a textbook.  
Heck, it's not even in her Twin Falls office.  
It's a horse named Telko who roams her Castleford farm.  
Choate is an Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association therapist — a certified counselor trained to use horses as therapy tools — who incorporates

Telko into sessions with three of her clients.  
Horses, say Choate, break down barriers, mirror human behavior and are a heck of a lot of fun.  
Her clients agree.  
Darren Hager, who visits Choate in Castleford a few times a month, looks forward to hanging out with Telko. And Choate.  
"It's really quiet out here. You can collect your thoughts better than in an office," Hager said.  
Patients never ride horses as part of EAGALA therapy. Instead, Choate guides them through ground exercises designed

to spark dialogue between her and the patient.  
For example, if Choate is treating someone for an eating disorder, she might have that patient feed the horse.  
Then, Choate and the patient would discuss how important food is — maybe even develop an eating program for the horse.  
By taking control of the animal's behaviors, patients learn to manage their own.  
Sometimes, the therapy is as simple as brushing the horse, which is what Hager enjoys.

"It just helps me feel more calm," he said.  
At a recent session, Hager rocked in a chair on Choate's front porch waiting for her to get back from Twin Falls, where she has a private clinic and works as a counselor in the school system. Hager lives in Twin Falls but makes the drive to Castleford just for the equine therapy and rural setting.  
Choate arrived a few minutes later. Hager hustled to the shed for the brushes while Choate prepared Telko.  
And that's where the session ended.  
Telko was feeling anxious today —  
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## Community gardens offer cheap plots for lease

**The Times-News**  
TWIN FALLS — Want a little dirt under your fingernails but lack the space for a garden at home?  
The College of Southern Idaho Agriculture Department has a few unclaimed community garden spaces available for lease this summer. The 25-by-50-foot spaces are in the college's endowment land north of North College Road near the CSI

Expo Center.  
CSI agriculture professor Jim Wilson said the spaces will lease for \$40 this year and are expected to go quickly. CSI will provide the first soil tillage as well as all the compost and all the water needed.  
Gardeners are responsible for weed control, planting, fertilizing and maintenance. CSI ag faculty members will be available by appointment to help gardeners with

questions throughout the growing season.  
The Twin Falls Farmers' Market will hold its weekly Saturday markets adjacent to the community gardens again this year, starting May 13. Gardeners may participate, if they want, by selling their produce.  
For information about the community garden plots, contact Merry Olson at CSI at 732-6401 or molson@csi.edu.



Florencio Castro Jr. spends an evening gardening in one of his two rented plots at the College of Southern Idaho in late summer 2005. "We wouldn't do without a garden in the summer because of the freshness of the produce," said Castro, who had been harvesting superbly flavorful tomatoes since the third week of June. Times-News file photo

COUNTRY ROADS

# A PET LIKE NO OTHER

## Heifer program gives kids dairy experience

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

HEROME — At the end of the day, speculation was king when it came to choosing a dairy heifer worth her weight in, well, milk.

"My dad said the best thing is milk," said Colton Machado, 8. "The more you can get the better."

As a participant in the Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Program, he spent Saturday in Jerome at Producers Livestock Marketing Association, learning why things like udder placement and body build are important to consider before purchasing a calf.

Colton's dad, Mal Machado, owns Providence Dairy in Castleford, and Colton seemed confident in having the insider's scoop.

"I remembered he said to get the one with the highest milk and my calf had the highest I seen," he explained, pointing to the calf's pedigree information in his handout.

When choosing calves to purchase, the 40 young participants received a pamphlet including the sire and the dam's lactation information, Colton said, identified as "M" by the little blue tag waving in her left ear, weighed in at 570 pounds.

Her mother's last lactation totaled 38,030 pounds, the budding dairyman said, and that's good. Colton is banking on his heifer to have those good milk-producing genes, too. "I didn't even have to see her," he said. "I went in and pointed — that's the one I want."

To take part in the heifer program, youngsters must belong to a 4-H Club or Future Farmers of America chapter. They are chosen through an application process, and some must prove themselves worthy of raising a calf to reach its fullest milk-producing capabilities.

"We make the kids that want to purchase take another animal to the fair the year previous," said Mary Davidson, club leader of the Buhl Ranch Boys 4-H Club.

That way Davidson knows whether they are ready for the responsibility of the two-year project.

Davidson's daughter, Rena, 12, was at the sale — ready to pick out her second program heifer. She knows that when dealing with animals you can't depend on happy endings. Last year she was shocked by the death of her spring heifer, who was ready to calve in a few weeks.

"I was mad and cried," said Rena. "She would have sold at the fair."



Joey Rocha of Wendell separates the calf just chosen by a participant of the Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Program during Saturday's spring sale.

Prompted by the death of heifers like Rena's, the program now offers insurances, at \$50 a year, to protect youngsters and their families from a complete loss.

"We want this experience to be as close to real life as possible," said Davidson. "This way if the animal dies they will get at least what they paid for it."

Buying the animal through the program is also real life, and the calves were going for \$1.60 a pound, said Wendell dairyman Al Rocha. Some of the calves for sale are from his dairy, and he has been a supporter of the heifer program for 10 years, he said.

"Most of them are selling at 450 to 500 pounds," Rocha said.

For Natalie Morse, 8, of Buhl, the size of the animal wasn't too important. This is her first year to take a heifer, and she is "pretty excited."

"My calf has a lot of white on her with tiny black dots," she said. "If she sucks on my hand, I think I'll name her Sucker."

She hopes the two will forge a friendship. Her friend Falen Machado, 10, of Castleford, reassured her they will.

"You get to know each other's personality," Falen said, explaining that once it comes time to sell the heifer, emotions usually bubble to the top.

"I miss her, but I didn't cry,



Heifers wait to be sold at the Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Spring Sale. Behind them, participants watch as their turns arrive for a chance to pick out a calf.

only got watery eyes," she said. [blair\\_20@hotmail.com](mailto:blair_20@hotmail.com) or 316-2607.

Falen has already learned an important lesson this year while picking out her animal: You don't always get what you want.

Before the sale, participants drew for their turns in line to pick an animal. A few calves, in order of their tags, were put into pens, and the youngster picked from the group.

Sometimes having the best animal is luck of the draw. "I wouldn't have picked any of them but had to choose one, so I picked it based on which one had the best face and leg structure," Falen said.

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## Therapy

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perhaps because the farm dogs were resting their legs, dangerous for Hager this time.

But even when there isn't a therapy session with a horse, there is a lesson to be learned simply from its presence.

While Choate stroked Tulko's head, Hager watched his therapist calm the animal. Hager seemed to find serenity merely by observing.

At the Walker Center, an alcoholism and drug addiction treatment center in Gooding, Pat O'Maley uses the same method with the facility's alcohol-tolerant patients.

One favorite exercise is "temptation alley." O'Maley — the center's education director and resident horse expert — places hula hoops, grain bins and hay bales in the 120-foot corral behind the center. Then, patients guide horses through the course, making sure not to let them stray.

After the session, counselors reaffirm the exercises' messages: Temptations are out there, but you decide whether to indulge. O'Maley said equine therapy is all about putting yourself in the horse's shoes. "Horses mirror human behavior," she said. "And when kids see how the horses react, they can better understand their own behaviors."

Both Choate and O'Maley are certified through EGALA — a

nonprofit organization that trains counselors and horse experts in equine-assisted psychotherapy. Choate and O'Maley said EGALA is the authority in this type of treatment.

The notion of using horses in counseling sessions is fairly new. EGALA organized in 1999. Currently, more than half a dozen Idaho counseling services — including Choate's and the Walker Center — are EGALA-certified.

And Choate, who has clients as far away as Boise, expects that number to grow.

"The success of the program is becoming well-known," she said. "It works. I've seen a huge difference in my clients."

Hager also lauds the program. "It just makes me feel better," he said.

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COUNTRY ROADS

# The buds that bridge the seasons

By D'Vera Cohn  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Phil Normandy reached into the foliage of a holly shrub in the Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, Md., and plucked a yellowing leaf from the tree. The color was not a bad sign. On the contrary, it meant the tree was putting out new growth.

On hollies and some other evergreen trees, old leaves — such as the yellowing one — drop when new ones come in. In a month, he said, that holly "will look terrible because half the leaves will be yellow." He could see that its leaf buds were swollen, ready to sprout.

For deciduous trees and shrubs, the unfolding of spring leaves is a change for the better, transforming them from stark and static to festooned and shimmering. April is the peak month for this to happen because it has the right amount of warmth and daylight for leaves to sprout anew.

Trees and shrubs have been preparing for months. Most of their leaf buds formed last fall, their tightly folded leaves and shoots having spent the winter in dormancy, enclosed in a protective covering. During that time, many have to be exposed to a certain level of coldness for a precise number of hours to resume growth in the spring. (The same is true of flower buds.)

Leaves have been called "food factories" because their job is to absorb energy from sunlight, which gets converted into plant sugars. This process, called photosynthesis, depends on chlorophyll, which gives leaves their green color. But when tender leaves first emerge, they often are tinted red.

## Glad tidings of spring

By Scott Aker  
Special to The Washington Post

Question: I have several dozen small corns from gladioli. What's the best way to store bulbs in winter, and what's the procedure for planting in the spring?

Answer: Glads have earned an undeserved reputation as cut flowers for funeral bouquets. They may yet make a comeback in the garden: They are easy to grow, and they offer a wide range of elegant colors in high summer when many gardens are short on blooms. Modern hybrids are more colorful, have thicker petal substance and are shorter than old-fashioned varieties.

Plant gladioli bulbs — botanically a bulblike storage organ called a "corm" — in a well-drained location in good garden soil, between late April and early July. You can extend the blooming season by staggering the planting, with the season running from late June to September.

Plant them six inches deep, and be prepared to stake them if they are a windy location. One method is to put them in stiff, shrublike perennials, which give them something to lean on.

If you stake them, it is better to support a whole group with one frame than to tie each stalk to a stake. The wire grow-through fencing sold for staking perennials and other perennials work well for this purpose, or you can grow them near a fence and tie them to the fence as they grow.

Dig the plants sometime in October. The foliage will still be green, but a plump new corm should have formed on top of the old one. Cut the stem about two inches from the corm and leave the whole thing, roots and all, in a dry, cool location to cure for several days. As the corms dry, the plump new one can be removed for storage. Discard the old corm and throw away any corms that appear to be diseased. Store the cured corms in a cool, dry location until next spring. A storage temperature of 35 to 45 degrees Fahrenheit is ideal, but I have successfully stored my gladioli at 60 degrees.

Your small corms or cormels, which are pea-size and smaller, form on little stalks that grow between the old and new corms. Each of these can be saved and grown on. Store them as you would the larger corms. Later this spring, plant them no more than an inch deep in a row in the vegetable garden to grow them into flowering-size corms. Be patient; some types take a while to germinate. Most varieties need two years to form large, flowering-size corms from small corms.

The reason, according to one theory, is that the new growth is vulnerable to sun damage. The red pigment, called anthocyanin, could function as a sunscreen, according to David Lee, a Florida International University researcher who studies leaf coloration.

But he added, "Some people argue that young leaf color could repel predators, and others have argued that color vision in the higher primates evolved

as a means of detecting the tender young red (and nutritious) foliage in tropical forests. There are more speculative arguments out there than there is evidence."

In addition to their possible use of color as a sunscreen, leaves have other ways of protecting themselves. Their outer skin has a waxy coating called the cuticle. The cells on the skin can open to let water in or close to prevent it from getting out

and causing the plant to dry up. Some leaves have complicated networks of crisscrossing, water-conducting veins that make them harder to tear than leaves with parallel veins.

Trees do have a backup plan if their first set of spring leaves is chewed up by pests such as gypsy moths. They can make another set, but the process takes so much energy that it can kill the tree if it happens several years in a row.

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COUNTRY ROADS

# A pet-friendly yard

Use caution with products, chemicals

By Dr. Tracy Acosta  
Knight Ridder News Service

Spring has arrived and along with the warmer and soon-to-be longer days, out come the gardeners in all of us.

For pet owners, it is also a great time to do a little checking around the house and yard to ensure that your pets will be safe in the yard come the time of year when they are most active and owners are not careful.

Some of the more common hazards are the garden and yard applications ranging from insecticides to fertilizers.

Obviously, veterinarians and lawn maintenance advisers are recommending that pet owners keep their yard free of all kinds of poisons, including those that are a nuisance to pets such as fleas and ticks and those that are bad for your yards such as mole crickets.

Whether you apply these chemicals to your yard or you hire a professional to do it for you, it is imperative that label instructions be followed exactly regarding the safety measures for you and your pets.

Only apply these products in the amounts suggested, and be sure to follow the time frames given regarding when it is safe for pets to return to the yard after application.

I highly recommend alternating the areas that you treat in your yard, so that at any time your pets will have a safe area for exercise and other "duties." It is much better to be safe than sorry.

Remember that your pets can be endangered with yard chemicals of any kind not only through oral ingestion, but also through skin contact.

Last time I checked, most pets do not wear shoes, therefore providing an easy way for them to have chemical risk either through direct contact or through oral ingestion after licking their paws.

So, always follow label instructions as they vary from one product to another. Also, be sure to store these products out of reach when not in use.

Other commonly used products in the yard and home include baits aimed at everything from snails and slugs to moles and gophers.

Of course, rodenticides aimed at mice and rats also fall under this warning category.

These are all potentially fatal if ingested by a pet. Extreme caution is advised.

If you even think your pet has possibly ingested any of these types of products, seek veterinary attention immediately, and bring along labels from the products in question.

An area in which many pet owners may fail to realize can hold danger for their pets is the type of plants in the yard.

This is especially important to review if you have a new puppy or kitten that may have not been around for last year's planting season.

Choose plants, mulch and other ground covers that are non-toxic through either direct contact or consumption.

Obviously, some pets who are older and not in the cut-overlapping-in-sight stage may allow more flexibility in plant choices, but always inquire if a plant is toxic when making additions.

Again, a lot depends on the pet's personality and the amount your pet likes to chew

on things.

Also as a reminder for all of you who own terriers, retrievers and any of the other "landscape architects" remember that a sense of humor and a lot of patience is required! Often, our opinions concerning landscaping can differ widely from those of our pets.

Finally, while working in the yard on these beautiful spring days, it is a great time to spend quality time with your pets outside soaking up the sun.

However, always make sure that your pets are kept far away from any type of

lawn equipment.

Not only can lawn mowers and weed eaters throw debris into your eyes, but they can also seriously injure your pets as well.

Just think about their "sight level" compared to your own. This is especially true for those pets like my Cairn Terrier that go into attack mode over anything from a vacuum cleaner to a lawn mower.

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Dr. Tracy Acosta is a veterinarian at Biloxi Animal Hospital.

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# You can kiss your bugs goodbye

By Michael Judge  
The Washington Post

Creeped out by the crawling in your kitchen but don't have the heart to squash it like, well, a bug?

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The Bug Vacuum is designed to "gently" suck up spiders, ants

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# As anarchy nears, Nepal's king offers peace to protesters

By Tim Sullivan  
Associated Press writer

KATMANDU, Nepal — Nepal's embattled king appeared to defuse weeks of mass protests that have pushed this Himalayan country near the brink of anarchy, reinstating the lower house of parliament on Monday as his opponents had demanded.

With few choices left and hoping to avoid a bloodied showdown between demonstrators and his security forces, Gyanendra's announcement cleared the way for the creation of a new constitution that could leave him largely powerless, or even eliminate the monarchy.

Gyanendra also expressed his sympathies for the 14 demonstrators killed by his security forces nearly three weeks of protests.

"We extend our heartfelt condolences for all those who have lost their lives in the people's movement," Gyanendra said in the address, broadcast on state television and radio.

Nepal's three largest opposition parties welcomed the king's contents, and the sounds of celebratory shouts and whistles could be heard in the streets of Katmandu minutes after the 11:30 p.m. speech.

Gyanendra "has addressed

the spirit of the people's movement" and met the demands of the main opposition seven-party alliance, said Ram Chandra Poudel, general secretary of the Nepali Congress.

The address effectively handed power back to elected politicians hours before the largest planned protest yet, with hundreds of thousands of people expected to attend. The seven parties plan to meet today to call off the protests, party officials said.

From now on, the seven-party opposition alliance would "bear the responsibility of taking the nation on the path of national unity and prosperity," Gyanendra said in his address.

"We are confident the nation will forge ahead toward sustainable peace, progress, full-fledged democracy and national unity," said the king, sitting rigidly in front of a blue backdrop decorated with royal emblems.

For much of the crisis, Gyanendra had remained silent and invisible, hidden behind the walls of his heavily guarded central Katmandu palace. He seized much of the rural heartland in a bloody decade-long quest for power and who had

joined with the alliance to back the protests, remained unknown.

However, their influence has surged with the protests, and they would almost certainly lobby for a role.

In the Chhabahal neighborhood of Katmandu, about 50 people streamed into the street, singing and clapping.

"This is the people's victory! Long live democracy," they chanted.

"The people from every corner are pleased to come and celebrate," said Prakash Nepal, a 40-year-old bank employee among the crowd. Other rallies were reported elsewhere in the city.

The reinstatement of Parliament was a key alliance demand.

The reinstated lower house, which the king called to convene Friday afternoon, was to create an interim government under the alliance's plan, which would then set up special elections for an assembly. That assembly, in turn, would write a new constitution. Parliament's lower house holds real elected power in Nepal's constitution.

The constitution will almost certainly bring dramatic political changes. Most opposition leaders favor a constitution that would give Nepal a ceremonial monarchy, or simply eliminate the royalty completely.



Nepalese celebrate in the street after a television and radio address to the nation by Nepal's King Gyanendra in Katmandu, Nepal, Monday. Nepal's embattled King Gyanendra on Monday reinstated the lower house of parliament and offered solace for those killed in weeks of pro-democracy protests, hoping to avoid a bloody showdown between his security forces and demonstrators.

Countries with strong ties to Nepal were encouraging Gyanendra to give the opposition alliance what it was demanding, including the reinstatement of parliament, and an apology for the killed demonstrators, said a diplomat, speaking on condition of

anonymity because of the sensitivity of the discussions.

Protests have rocked Katmandu and many other towns for nearly three weeks, and police have clashed repeatedly with demonstrators demanding Gyanendra relinquish the absolute power he seized 14

months ago when he dismissed an interim government, saying he needed to bring order to the chaotic political situation and crush the Maoist insurgency.

The interim government was one of many he had named to replace the parliament dissolved in 2002.

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Dated April 19, 2006  
STEVEN C. HUTCHINSON, P.E.  
Chief Engineer

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION**

Richfield School District No. 316  
Lincoln County, Idaho

Public Notice is hereby given according to law, in the election of the Board of Trustees of Richfield School District No. 316, Lincoln County Idaho, that a special supplemental levy election will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote and determination on a supplemental tax levy.

The polls will be open from 12 PM until 8 PM at the following locations:

- Richfield School Cafeteria
- 555 North Tiger Drive
- Richfield, Idaho 83349

An elector must be a registered voter who has resided in this area and in this school district at least thirty (30) days preceding the election. The question submitted will be:

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**ANSWER:**  
 For supplemental levy of \$125,000 YES \_\_\_\_\_  
 For supplemental levy of \$125,000 NO \_\_\_\_\_

The voter may express his/her vote by making an "X" opposite the word on his/her ballot which expresses his/her choice.

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By Order of the Board of Directors  
 David Holland, Clerk

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

T.S. No.: ID-06-57678-DL Loan No.: 8468381461 On 8/10/2006 at 10:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho: in the lobby of Alliance Title & Escrow 1411 Falls Ave, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, on behalf of Washington Mutual Bank F.A. will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 15 in block 1 of Grandview Mesa subdivision No. 1, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in book 15 of plats, page 5. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of this notice, the Beneficiary and American Title Company are being informed that the address of 820 Arrow Wood CT., Twin Falls, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: Diana M. Meltzer, an unmarried person, as Grantor/Trustor, in which M & O 005542 in book --, page -- of Official Records in the office of the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 4/4/2000. The monthly installments of Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$1,041.40, due per month for the months of 11/12/2005, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$ 103,271.20 together with interest then accrued at the current rate of 7.750 per cent ( 7% per annum from 10/1/2005. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, insurance fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: 4/11/2006 By: Fidelity National Title Insurance Company Quality Loan Service Corp., 319 E. Elm Street, 2nd Floor, San Diego, CA 92101 By: Carmen Herrera \*\*\* For Sale Information Call: 714-229-7850 or login to: www.inseas.com if you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ACP#P 76537

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Standard & Poor's 500	-3.17
Russell 2000	-5.96

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## Stocks of local interest

close	change
Albertsons	\$25.28 ▲ .04
Can Agri	\$22.27 ▲ .45
Dell Inc.	\$26.47 ▲ .54
Idacorn	\$33.39 ▲ .04
Micron	\$16.40 ▲ .03
Sony/Valu	\$29.10 ▲ .00

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## Commodities

close	change
Oil, by barrel	\$73.33 ▼1.84
(June, light sweet crude)	
Live cattle	\$79.82 ▼1.57
Gold (April)	\$620.60 ▼11.60

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## McNealy steps down from Sun

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Sun Microsystems announced Monday that longtime Chief Executive Officer Scott McNealy is stepping down from the helm and will be succeeded by the struggling computer and software company's No. 2 executive, Jonathan Schwartz. McNealy, 51, a Silicon Valley luminary for years, will continue as chairman of the company he co-founded in 1982. Schwartz, 40, will keep title of president.

The changes are effective immediately and are the result of Sun's ongoing succession planning process, the company said in a statement.

The shakeup followed rising speculation in recent days that the Santa Clara company, after years of struggling, might announce large-scale layoffs or that McNealy would step down as CEO.

## Judge throws out suit to regain Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY — A judge on Monday dismissed a lawsuit filed by The Salt Lake Tribune's former owners, who have been trying for five years to regain ownership of Utah's largest newspaper.

U.S. District Judge Tena Campbell granted motions by Denver-based MediaNews Group Inc. and others to dismiss the case. MediaNews bought the Tribune for \$200 million in 2001 and shut out a bid by the McCarthey family, which traces part-ownership of the paper back nearly a century.

The family argued it had an option to buy back the paper five years after their shareholders received the family to meet the Tribune's needs. Malone's cable-television company, Telecommunications Inc. in 1997 stock swap.

Campbell spent much of her 47-page opinion rejecting the McCarthey family's claim that it had an unwritten but enforceable agreement with Malone, not just a contract option, to reacquire the paper.

## PC World accused of inflating circulation

PC World Magazine, which bills itself as the "widely read computer or business magazine" with a readership of 5.2 million, engaged in a "check swapping and (magazine) swapping scheme" with a Long Island distributor to inflate its monthly circulation by as many as 20,000 copies, according to a lawsuit filed Friday.

The suit, filed in federal court in Brooklyn on behalf of Boston-based software company TeleType Co. Inc., claims PC World and a top magazine official, Shawne Beker Pecar, conspired with defunct distributor Inflight Newspapers & Magazines and an industry auditing organization — the Audit Bureau of Circulations — to inflate the magazine's paid circulation to charge higher advertising rates.

— compiled from wire reports

# ENRON TRIAL

## Ken Lay on the stand, tells of his personal pain over Enron collapse

By Erin McClam  
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — Enron Corp. founder Kenneth Lay declared his innocence Monday on the witness stand, somberly saying the company's legacy of lost jobs and wrecked retirement savings pained him even more than the loss of a loved one.

Lay blamed the implosion of Enron, once the nation's seventh-largest company, on a series of devastating circumstances that included theft by the chief financial officer, negative press, a bear market and investor anxiety after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I don't think there ever was a conspiracy of any kind," he said.

His testimony, defending against criminal fraud and conspiracy charges that could send him to prison for the rest of his life, represented an extraordinary moment in an era in which Lay and Enron, fairly or not, have come to be seen as symbols of corporate scandal.

Lay, 64, a former chairman and chief executive of the company said he was eager to tell the truth about what happened at Enron, a story he said was distorted by overzealous federal investigators and bad publicity.

Under questioning from a defense lawyer, he made a point of accepting "full responsibility for everything that happened in Enron" and acknowledged the thousands of jobs and billions of investor dollars that were vaporized in its collapse.

"I'm sure there's absolutely nothing in my life, including the loss of life of many of my loved ones, that even comes close to the same level of pain, and the same enduring pain, that has caused," he said.

He explicitly denied committing fraud, participating in a criminal conspiracy or knowingly misleading investors and employees about the health of the company.

Lay spoke in conversational and even folksy terms, appearing more relaxed than his co-defendant, former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling, who testified earlier this month and played the brilliant strategist to Lay's affable visionary.

When his lawyer George Seerst asked Lay what his worst

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— Kenneth Lay  
Enron Corp. founder



Enron founder Kenneth Lay is mobbed by the media as he leaves the federal courthouse for lunch on his first day of testimony in his fraud and conspiracy trial Monday in Houston.

Street Journal in late 2001. Set against an economy already reeling from the bursting of the technology-stock bubble in the late 1990s and the 2001 terror attacks, Enron was faced with "a firestorm that we couldn't stop," Lay told jurors.

Lay compared that firestorm to a classic run on the bank, with investors and creditors pulling out cash. He maintained the company was fundamentally sound as late as six weeks before it entered bankruptcy protection in December 2001.

Outside court, Lay told reporters he was pleased to begin addressing "a lot of the lies about me, about Mr. Skilling and about Enron. And we're going to keep doing that."

Lay's testimony, expected to last at least through Wednesday,

follows two weeks in which Skilling declared his own innocence on the witness stand. Skilling's testimony included some prickly exchanges with a prosecutor on cross-examination.

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## Wal-Mart's efforts to open bank raise profile of ILCs

By Robert Schroeder  
MarketWatch

WASHINGTON — Industrial loan companies, the specialized banks that have experienced huge asset growth in the past two decades, are poised to become a more popular vehicle into the banking business following retailer Wal-Mart's application to own one, analysts believe.

And in the process, the banks may shake up the way banking business is done in the United States, by forcing lawmakers to consider granting ILCs the power to compete head-on with commercial lenders.

Traditional lenders have fought Wal-Mart's application

by arguing that the retailer and other companies shouldn't own banks. But the giant retailer appears likely to win its charter from regulators. In the process, it seems to be laying the groundwork for a challenge to the U.S. banking system.

Industrial loan companies were thrust into the spotlight by Wal-Mart's application to operate one in Utah to process checking and other transactions. But they've existed since the 1960s, and have quietly grown into a big industry unto themselves. ILCs' assets have grown to more than \$140 billion in 2004 from \$3.8 billion in 1987, according to a report by the Government Accountability Office.

Today, in addition to Wal-Mart, at least five other companies are applying to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to operate ILCs. The list includes DaimlerChrysler, Ceridian Corp. and Martin Business Services Corp. Companies including Merrill Lynch, Wal-Mart rival Target and First Data Corp. own them already.

Will that list lengthen? Analysts say it will. "All the publicity will probably suggest to other companies that there's something here they ought to be looking at," says Peter Wallison, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

A lot of companies outside of financial services are finding

out about these things and saying 'we ought to do that,'" says banking consultant Bert Ely.

ILCs, which are state-chartered and state-regulated — but not overseen by the Federal Reserve — differ from commercial banks in important ways. Chiefly, they don't offer checking accounts. But they do collect deposits, and allow their parent companies to issue credit cards. Toyota, for example, is aiming to introduce a credit card to customers next year.

But it's ownership of banks by big commercial firms that makes opponents of Wal-Mart's bid uneasy. Companies are allowed to own industrial banks, thanks to a legal loop-

hole, but they're prohibited from owning commercial banks.

Critics argued during two days of FDIC hearings that Wal-Mart's bid to own an industrial bank was simply a back door into commercial banking. The retailer said it had no such plans.

But analysts and bankers remain skeptical.

"There's no reason why (Wal-Mart) shouldn't start doing banking through their stores," said Punk, Ziegler & Co. analyst Richard Howe. "And it's going to happen," he said in an interview.

CIBC World Markets analysts estimate Wal-Mart could

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## As oil prices continue to soar, talk of economic ruin subsides

By Kevin Q. Hall  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — When oil prices briefly touched \$70 a barrel last August, many experts thought that such high prices, if sustained, would toss the U.S. economy into recession. Oil now hovers around \$75, but this time there isn't much talk of economic ruin.

Economists now expect the high prices to shave the economy's growth rate some, but most think that the U.S. and global economies are resilient enough to weather the rising energy

costs. A national average of \$2.91 per gallon of gasoline provokes grimaces at the pump, but it's not high enough to send the economy into a tailspin.

What price would? Unfortunately, it won't be clear where such a tipping point is until we reach it. "We really don't know the number. We're probably getting close to a point where we might find out," said Phil

### At the pumps

Average price per gallon as of April 24:

REG. PREM DIESEL			
National	\$2.91	\$3.20	\$2.93
Idaho	\$2.61	\$2.83	\$2.92

SOURCE:AAA

Flynn, a vice president and energy analyst at Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago. "We haven't seen any sign that demand is tapering due to these high prices."

Just last year, many economists predicted \$75 to \$80 per barrel as an economy-busting benchmark. But now they've moved the bar higher. "I don't think there's any cliff you

suddenly walk off. I'm not going to worry about a recession until we get up to \$100 a barrel," said David Wynn, chief economist for Standard & Poor's, the credit rating service, in New York.

One reason he's not overly concerned is that energy prices haven't spiked so much as climbed over two years, allowing companies time to adjust.

"The economy is living with it, and corporations are turning in strong profits despite high energy costs," Wynn said. "People forget that energy isn't as big a part of the economy as it was 25 years ago."

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Microsoft begins appeal of European ruling

By Michael Palgo MarketWatch

LOS ANGELES — As Microsoft Corp. began its weeklong appeal of a sweeping European anti-trust ruling handed down against it two years ago, the software giant asserted Monday there's no demand for a version of Windows if it was forced to offer stripped of its media-player software.

There is no demand for a version of Windows without the media functionality at issue, Jean-Francois Bellis, a lawyer representing Microsoft, told a London hearing court. The Commission has therefore failed to demonstrate that Microsoft has unlawfully tied two separate products, and for this reason alone, its decision must be annulled.

Wal-Mart

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generate about \$150 billion in retail deposits. This would be the smaller branch network owned by BancFirst and Wachovia when ranked by deposit size, the analysts said.

Well, who's recently stepped down as chairman of Citicorp, challenged Congress in 1998 by merging Citicorp and Travelers Group — a move that

the copies sold to retailers in Europe — 1,787 out of a total 35.5 million copies, it claimed. Microsoft doesn't know how many of the 1,787 copies of software were ultimately purchased by consumers. "But this cannot be much," Bellis said.

As of Monday, the PC manufacturer has shipped a PC with Windows XP installed, he argued. "Not a single one." Microsoft was ordered in a previous court ruling to offer a version of Windows, the operating system used to power more than 90 percent of the world's computers, without the software used to play back digital music and video files.

The Redmond, Wash., company was also told to provide rivals access to information that would allow their servers to work with Windows.

Under their ruling, that the court could give Microsoft a dominant position in the market, European regulators at the time also fined Microsoft more than \$600 million.

However, in reference to the

stripped-down Windows software, Microsoft's lawyer contended that "the failure to offer a product which nobody wants cannot be an abuse."

Microsoft's lawyer contended that the single biggest order for Windows XP has said it sees no demand among consumers for the product, Microsoft observed.

A lawyer representing the European Commission, Per Hellstrom, said that Microsoft's pleas "must be ignored."

"This is the world according to Microsoft where it decides what is best for consumers," Hellstrom said.

In a statement released as the hearing got under way, Microsoft said the matter would be litigated in court, the way it and other companies go about their business in Europe.

"When companies invest in research and development they need to have confidence that they can protect their intellectual-property rights and use that innovation to offer products," it said.

"At issue in this case is whether companies in Europe can be forced to relinquish their intellectual-property rights so that competitors can create very similar technology and include it in directly competing products," Microsoft declared. "There are very serious issues at stake in this case that could affect innovation in Europe."

Meanwhile, Microsoft said it would do its " utmost " to comply with the European ruling even while it appeals the case. A decision in the appeal isn't expected for at least a year.

In December, EU antitrust chief Nicole Kroes threatened the company with daily fines of up to \$2 million if it failed to comply with the antitrust sanctions handed down against it.

Microsoft has vehemently denied the allegation. The company's stock eased 1.4 percent to close Monday at \$27.11.

was illegal at the time. The court decision forced banks from merging with insurance companies. But Congress balked and changed the law in 1999, passing the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, which allowed broader consolidation in the financial services industry.

It is quite possible that Wal-Mart could, at some point, follow a similar course by simply opening a thousand bank branches in its stores and then

challenging Congress to close them down. "Bove wrote in a recent note, "We think Wal-Mart will do this and that Congress will back down."

"That's not to say every company that opens a bank could seek to challenge industry titans like Bank of America or other outfits like BBK. But Wal-Mart could give the other privatized companies the just that."

Traditional banks would face an unprecedented challenge if

retailers, auto companies or other industrial firms were permitted to own commercial banks. But banks and Congress won't give in easily — and neither will the Federal Reserve.

Following the lead of recently retired Chairman Alan Greenspan, new Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told senators in February he's concerned about commercial companies owning LLCs, and whether they're correctly supervised.

MONEY TIP Using a life insurance trust

By Marshall Lobb MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Life insurance is an important ingredient in making sure your family is taken care of after you die. While income tax does not apply to life insurance payouts, the dreaded estate tax does.

If you have a substantial policy that could push the value of your estate above the tax threshold (currently \$2 million), you can create an irrevocable life-insurance trust, a legal entity that will own the policy while you're alive and pay the proceeds to the beneficiaries you've designated after you die. A trust works with both cash-value (whole, universal) and term policies.

You'll need an experienced attorney to draw up the papers and you must convince the IRS you've given up ownership of the policy. You should be able to alter its provisions, change who the beneficiaries are or pay the premiums yourself. If that's not your goal, you can give a policy outright to your children, but if they're minors a trust probably makes more sense.

The trust must be active three years before you die, so don't

want to set one up. If you're transferring an existing policy, you'll have to pay gift tax on its cash value so it's better to first set up a trust, which can then buy the policy.

If you know you're likely to face the estate tax anyway, your trust can buy a policy just to cover that expense so your heirs won't have to sell off securities, real estate or a family business at distressed prices to cover the estate-tax payments.

You'll want to name someone reliable and, in this case, perhaps 10 years younger than yourself, to act as trustee and also one or more backups.

At least one trustee (you can have more than one) should be independent. That is, not a spouse or child who is also a beneficiary. If your circumstances change — a new child or a divorce — the trustee should be able to change the trust structure according to your wishes.

To ensure that the premiums you've paid, you deposit money annually in an account set up by the trustee.

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Stocks end lower with dollar dipping

By Mark Cotton and Leslie Wines MarketWatch

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks closed lower Monday after positive news from the Fed. Component Caterpillar was overshadowed by dollar weakness and overnight selloffs in Asian markets.

The Dow industrials closed 11.13 points lower at 13,336.32 after ending Friday's session at their best level since January 2000.

The Nasdaq Composite Index dropped 9.48 points to 2,323.58, while the S&P 500 Index finished off 3.17 points at 1,308.11.

Although we had good earnings from Caterpillar, earnings are becoming less of a factor, said Peter Cardillo, chief market analyst at S.W. Bach.

"Dollar weakness and the selloffs in Asian markets are the main factors," Cardillo said, referring to an overnight loss of almost 500 points on the Nikkei 225.

"We were overdue for some profit-taking after a great run," said Alec Young, equity market strategist at Standard & Poor's.

Monday's pullback in oil prices prompted some investors to look for profits in the oil and oil-services sectors.

"What the G7 is saying is that they really need to get more real domestic demand going in Europe and not just rely on keeping their currencies weak against the dollar to drive exports," said Young.

Shares in the heavy-equipment maker fell back and fourth between positive and negative territory, before ending at 77.78 on the New York Stock Exchange and by 19

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# Vodcasts, iPods and downloads: Colleges go high tech

By Howard Cohen  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MIAMI — Stroll onto any college campus and you'll see iPods galore.  
But while many of the students are no doubt cranking Arctic Monkeys, just as many are listening to podcasts of lectures or specially designed video "vodcasts" of supplemental classroom material.

It's education gone high tech. In fact, to be a professor one must be increasingly tech savvy.  
Consider Dr. Iton Clark, the coordinator of the neuroscience module for the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine.  
Among the first to take advantage of the new technology, Clark has developed a number of vodcasts by mixing voice, an-

imation and live action to detail the brain and visual system.  
"I teach about the brain and we learn in different ways," said Clark, who adds background music to his vodcasts. "Some students love to read primarily. Some are good with audio. Some with video. This has both and images are important on the national board exams for students."  
Repetition reinforces learn-

ing. "If this is something they can go over in less time and review a whole subject matter several times, it should be advantageous."  
University of Miami first year medical student Michael Gombosh, 27, thinks it is.  
"You can download to your iPod to watch in a car or while on the Metroliner or take to the gym and watch over there while on breaks," Gombosh

said.  
"Dr Clark has taken a 50-minute material lecture and condensed it down to the most important things in a 15-minute segment. It's a lot faster-paced; you get hammered home the most important things."  
Educuse, a national non-profit association that promotes and tracks the use of information technology within universities, said the use of audio-only podcasts is primed to grow exponentially.  
"It's a phenomenon," said Educuse's director of communications Peter DeBlais from his Colorado office.  
Already on line: Broward Community College, Stanford University of Oregon, University of California-Irvine and Georgia State University.

# ETFs can fill holes in mutual fund portfolio

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CHICAGO — If you are wedded to the same mutual funds you have been using for years, you don't have to think of yourself as an old fuddy-duddy.  
It's true that trendy investors favor technology-related, high-growth change-traded funds, known as ETFs, as substitutes for mutual funds.

But to be in touch with the times, you need to know how and when to blend the new with the old, rather than running full-speed ahead into ETFs.

New ETFs are being churned out at a rapid pace and are giving entrepreneurial investment advisers a marketing edge to distinguish themselves from the competition and attract potential clients.

Yet, while ETFs can be a handy tool for individuals, many long-term investors wouldn't miss much, if anything, by sticking with old-style index mutual funds. And traditional funds can be a better deal for young investors investing small amounts of cash.

In the last five years, the ETF market has grown to about \$113 billion from \$70 billion, and there are now about 200 different ETFs.

The market remains small compared with the \$8.1 trillion mutual fund business, but the annual growth of 29 percent is almost three times faster than that of mutual funds, and even zippier than hedge funds, according to the Financial Research Corp.

With names like Spiders, S&P 500, HOLDRX Viper, streetTRACKS and Powershares, ETFs tend to be a lot like typical index mutual funds, holding a broad collection of stocks for either the entire market, a chunk of the market of a sector.

They can be as simple as an index mutual fund that invests in the stocks that make up the Standard & Poor's 500, or more unique like selecting the full range of the finest micro-cap stocks, or imaginative and very tightly focused. Think Powershares alternative energy ETF which invests in companies like wind technology firms.

Or the newest craze: ETFs that invest in commodities ranging from oil to gold through futures contracts. The same warnings about these very focused investments apply whether an investor is using traditional mutual funds or ETFs.

That is, diversified portfolios of stocks and bonds work best to keep risks at a minimum and increase money over time.

Focusing on a particular subsector like wind energy, or a particular part of the world like Brazil, might sound attractive based on the day's news or your personal values, but being in the right place at the right time with very specific investments is hard to do and risky.

Financial planners tell investors to avoid sector bets. But if investors are adventurous, the rule of thumb is to use small amounts of money they can afford to lose, perhaps no more than 5 percent of an overall portfolio.

The attraction of ETFs is that investors can get in and out of them quickly.

With a traditional mutual fund, investors have to be patient.

If, for example, they invest in a traditional small-cap mutual fund, and start noticing small-company stocks crashing in the market, they must wait until the end of the day to get out of the fund. By that time, they might lose a lot of money.

With an ETF such as the iShares S&P SmallCap 600, they could bolt immediately, because ETFs are bought and sold through a broker all day long, just like stocks.

Of course, timing the market right, even when you have an ETF is hard to do, and most professionals suggest avoiding the temptation. They do, however, use ETFs to quickly fill holes in portfolios.

For example, if an individual had fled all large-cap growth funds after the technology bubble burst in 2000, he might have a significant absence in his portfolio now. Because strategists have been suggesting lately that large, fast-growing companies are relatively cheap and positioned to climb, investors might decide to refill that slot in a portfolio.

Instead of trying to decide which stocks might be the winners, an investor could toss a large-cap growth ETF into a portfolio on a moment's notice, perhaps the Vanguard Growth Viper.

Professionals use this strategy often, picking ETFs for quick broad exposure to a type of investment they think is undervalued, ready to rally or

one that's missing when a client comes to them for the first time.

It's a lot quicker than analyzing and picking stocks. But often the adviser takes his time picking stocks after filling the hole in a portfolio. Then he buys individual stocks and gets rid of some or all of the ETF so the portfolio isn't over-exposed to certain stocks.

Whenever buying an ETF, investors need to check its contents. Some ETFs are heavily dependent on single stocks. For example, the iShares Dow Jones U.S. Energy ETF invests close to 21 percent of its portfolio in Exxon Mobil Corp.

If you were holding the ETF plus the company's stock and another mutual fund containing Exxon, you'd have too much and would get hurt if it fell.

To examine ETFs, www.morningstar.com or www.etfconnect.com can help.

Professionals also use ETFs for more complex maneuvers,

such as shorting, or betting that a certain sector of the market might decline in value rather than rise.

But financial planners such as Mark Thomson of Newport Beach, Calif., use ETFs to provide stability on an ongoing basis for his clients' portfolios. He puts about 40 to 50 percent of a portfolio in four basic indexes using Barclays iShares for the S&P MidCap 400, Russell 2000 (small-cap index), MSCI EAFE International Index and the Russell 1000 (large-cap) index.

That gives clients a diversified portfolio that insulates them from an extraordinary plunge from individual stocks. Then he adds stocks to that solid core and traditional mutual funds known for skilled stock-picking to try to provide extra zip.

The results can go either way. Historically, index funds, which simply hold both winning and losing stocks, have beaten active managers, who try to pick only the winners.

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